

**FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**  
**Change of Watch and General Meeting**  
**April 7, 2011**  
**San Juan Island Yacht Club**

The Friday Harbor Power Squadron members were greeted by David & Penny Woodall beginning at 1715. Caroline & Katherine Close escorted members to their seats. We had 54 members present & 4 guests. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen called the Meeting to Order @ 1800 and thanked the greeters & assistants. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charter Member, P/C Fred Hoepfner. The Invocation was led by Steve Percer.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen introduced the D/16 Bridge members present: D/C Hank Willis, SN, D/L/C Travis Smith, SN, and D/L/C Chris Brown, SN. FHPS members from Orcas, Pat & Linde Irwin, were welcomed as were guests, Wally & Pam Gillette.

Past Commanders present were introduced: D/C Hank Willis SN, Bremerton; D/L/C Chris Brown SN, Bellevue; and FHPS P/Cs, Fred Hoepfner, AP, 1985-86; Virgil Boyt, AP, 2002-2004; Travis Smith, SN, 2004-2006; Marc Forlenza, AP, 2007-2008; and Fred Bowen AP, 2008-2009.

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen gave special thanks to P/C Fred Bowen & a Commander's Coin & thanks to Sharon Towson for her help in setting tables & centerpieces. Cdr. Bowen also thanked all those who brought appetizers and desserts.

Dinner break was @ 1808 with the meeting resuming @ 1909.

**PRESENTATION OF 2010 AWARDS:**

**D/L/C Travis Smith, SN**

Educational Fund Honor Roll – presented to Treasurer Dan Watson (Mary Watson accepted for Dan).

This fund has been awarded to FHPS for the past 27 years. The fund is made up of \$1 from each member's dues per year. It is important to check the Educational Fund box when renewing one's annual membership.

Co-op Charting Recognition was given to: P/C Marc Forlenza & Denece Kost for the Port of Friday Harbor; Bill & Rebbie Bates for Roche Harbor and P/C Travis Smith for Deer Harbor, Orcas Island.

**D/L/C Chris Brown, SN**

Stated "he's been to many squadrons & met a lot of people around the country & rarely has seen such energy and enthusiasm as was in the room that night".

- 1) Distinctive Performance for USPS Publications - to David Good, AP
- 2) Distinctive Performance for USPS Websites – to David Good, AP

**D/C Hank Willis, SN**

District Membership Awards – to John Towson, S

- 1) New Member Award - for 29 new members (we placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in District).
- 2) 2010 Growth Award - for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in Nation in our Division with 6% growth.

Commander's Challenge – to Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, P  
FHPS placed 5<sup>th</sup> in District 16.

**P/C Fred Bowen, AP**

Expanded Horizons Award – to D/L/C Travis Smith, SN, (D16 Executive Officer) for reaching out to greater accomplishments at the District and/or National levels.

Senior Member Award – to John Towson, S  
Time & service to the FHPS--John has earned 5 merit marks.

Century Club Award – to P/C Virgil Boyt, AP

Vessel Safety Inspections – FHPS had 237 last year, 50 more than the next closest squadron. Having completed 113 VSEs in 2010, Virgil is credited with performing 100+ a year for the past 6 years.

“Doing It Right Award” for Squadron Participation – to Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, P

Answering & completing all District forms & questionnaires; one entitled, “What is your Squadron doing?” Upon completing & submitting that questionnaire, she received a “DIR” certificate.

**Cdr Carolyn Bowen, P**

Education Achievement Award, Senior Navigator – to D/L/C Travis Smith, SN

This is the first time this award has been achieved and awarded to a FH Squadron Member. No member has initially joined the FH Squadron and worked through all the required courses while being a FH member to obtain SN.

Special Squadron Awards

Commanders Coins – to: Ron Einboden for revising the FHPS By-Laws; Sharon Towson for helping with table set-up and floral arrangements; Caroline & Katherine Close for seating the members & guests and helping with the door prizes; D/C Hank Willis, SN and D/L/C Chris Brown, SN for representing the D16 Bridge from out of the area.

Special Award –to P/C Marc Forlenza, AP

Cdr Carolyn Bowen’s “wing man” for two years and P/C Fred Bowen’s before that. He introduced this squadron to the Community spearheading the Derelict Vessel Program and our participation in our first Fourth of July Parade entry.

**Cdr Carolyn Bowen, P and PC Marc Forlenza, AP**

Squadron’s 2010-2011 Meritorious Service Award – to P/C Virgil Boyt, AP

Each year, the recipient of the preceding year selects this year’s honoree. This is an individual who has gone over the top with service to the squadron.

**CHANGE OF WATCH**

**Cdr Carolyn Bowen, P**, began this segment of the evening’s program with her departing comments.

**P/C Marc Forlenza, AP**

2010-2011 Executive Committee Presentation – to Cdr. Carolyn Bowen, P

Cdr. Carolyn Bowen was presented with a customized gold pendant with a ship’s wheel and USPS Nat’l Ensign to represent her two years “at the helm” of Friday Harbor Power Squadron. This was a gift from the Executive Committee.

**Cdr Carolyn Bowen, P**

Dismissed the 2010-2011 Squadron Bridge:

X/O Marc Forlenza, A/O Bruce Galton, SEO Travis Smith, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Penny Woodall. Cdr. Carolyn Bowen thanked her bridge & P/C Marc Forlenza thanked Penny Woodall for being secretary for the past 2 years.

**D/C Hank Willis, SN**

Dismissed 2010-2011 Squadron Commander: - Cdr Carolyn Bowen, P

Pledged in 2011-2012 Squadron Commander: - P/C Fred Bowen, AP

**D/C Hank Willis, SN, asked Cdr. Fred Bowen to call up his bridge:**

X/O Marc Forlenza, A/O Bruce Galton, SEO Travis Smith, Treasurer Dan Watson, Secretary Carolyn Haugen

**D/L/C Chris Brown, SN**

Pledged in 2011-2012 Squadron Bridge as listed above

**P/C Carolyn Bowen, P & Cdr. Fred Bowen, AP**

Pins, Flags, Badges, Plaque Exchange

**Cdr. Fred Bowen, AP – Gave his 2011-2012 Commander's Message**

Will put Commander's Message and Goals for the coming year in the next issue of Harbor Lights.

Cdr. Bowen then recognized Port Captain, Steve Percer, and presented him with a patch for his jacket and a new Port Captain's flag.

Cdr. Bowen suggested that you look at the program listing all of the Bridge Officers, Executive Committee, and Appointed Committees & Positions. These are members who all help make this Squadron what it is.

**DOOR PRIZES** were drawn by Caroline and Katherine Close. Lucky recipients were Katherine Close, Bill Wertz, Jan Close and Tom Barrett.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2011 – Cdr. Fred Bowen, AP**

1. Steve Percer confirmed May 5<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Spring Picnic/meeting at Lakedale Resort. Will have BBQ's and look for the flyer coming out soon.
2. May 1<sup>st</sup> is Opening Day & we will join in with the SJIYC for this event.
3. Penny Woodall announced chairing the May 19<sup>th</sup> SJIYC monthly dinner/meeting. Chosen theme is: MAY DAY, MAY DAY, MAY DAY. FHPS members Travis & Lizz Smith and Burke Critchfield are on my committee & I've asked them to round up safety equipment for display & bring FHPS brochures, bookmarks, literature & VSC information. National Safe Boating Week starts 2 days after our meeting, May 21-27.
4. P/C Travis Smith is coordinating the Predicted Log Contest, June 11<sup>th</sup>. P/C Ron Crenshaw (scorer), P/C Fred Hoepfner (course planner) & P/C Travis Smith (paper pusher). Dinner @ the SJIYC chaired by FHPS members, David & Jane Cable. Refer to our Website for more details.
5. P/C Travis Smith, co-hosting the D/16 Rendezvous, Port of Poulsbo, June 24-26. It's a "Rock & Roll 60's" theme. You can download the Registration Form in Harbor Lights.
6. D/C Hank Willis invited us to join up Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, after the Rendezvous is over for their District cruise. 16-17 boats are going to Roche Harbor (26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>) & starting a District cruise for about 2 ½ weeks going to multiple ports and anchorages. Come for the entire cruise or just a couple of days.
7. FHPS is ready to host the Pig War at Roche Harbor July 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN 2011 CHANGE OF WATCH – Cdr. Fred Bowen, AP**

Meeting adjourned @ 2012

Respectfully submitted,  
P/L/C Penny Woodall, Secretary