

**FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, August 30, 2011**

Cdr Fred Bowen called the meeting to order at 1301 in the Conference Room of the Friday Harbor Library. In attendance were: Cdr. Fred Bowen, P/C Carolyn Bowen, Membership Chair John Towsen, PBC Ann Einboden, VSC Burke Critchfield, SEO Travis Smith, XO Marc Forlenza, Membership Involvement Chair Steve Percer, Treasurer Dan Watson, and Secretary Carolyn Haugen. A Quorum was present

The Minutes of the Ex/Com Meeting for May 3, 2011 were approved as posted.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

**XO - Marc Forlenza** See committee reports

**SEO – Travis Smith**

An exciting fall/winter class schedule includes:

Ann Einboden coordinating America's Boating Course starting Monday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Ed Ferro, Travis Smith, Mike Griffin, Susan Ley, Marc Forlenza and Mike Close will be assisting with the Monday night classes.

Mike Clark has volunteered to assist with a piloting class

Mike Close will teach module 1 Marine Electronics which will start Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Marc Forlenza will coordinate a Seamanship class that will start Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

Ann Einboden was asked to lead an Instructor Development self study two session workshop in January.

Also in January, Cdr. Fred Bowen is hoping to schedule a Saturday Operations Training workshop.

**AO Bruce Galton's report was given by Cdr. Fred Bowen**

As of August 29<sup>th</sup> about 50 members will attend our Fall Picnic at the home of Dave and Jane Cable.

The visit to IOS is confirmed for Saturday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to take the Sidney ferry and then travel by bus to IOS. All attending need to bring passport and a sack lunch. Attendees are responsible for ferry fare; bus costs from the ferry to IOS will be paid by FHPS. So far 20 have confirmed their attendance.

Mike Jonas is our October 6<sup>th</sup> speaker. He is the curator of the Stuart Is. Lighthouse

**Treasurer Dan Watson**

As of 8/29/ 11 the checking account balance is \$4,797.99 and Business Certificate is \$2,658.95 at an 1.5 % interest rate. \$6,009.77 is in our Derelict Vessel Account.

Following a discussion of our 2011 budget, Dan will report back to the Executive Committee with a comparison of 2010 and 2011 membership dues.

**Secretary Carolyn Haugen** asked to have our membership list updated

## Committee Reports:

**Membership Committee—John Towson** reported that ABC members will be billed by National after their six months gratis membership. So far two of the Spring ABC class have paid for squadron membership. John will order name badges following their paid membership status. All ABC members receive Harbor Lights and all squadron communications. Fall ABC class members will be sent an invitation to join the Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> visit to IOS. Current Squadron membership is down ten members – two deceased and eight moving off island. John suggested that an email membership survey be sent to all members seeking input on current satisfaction and suggestions for improvement to encourage new members along with current membership involvement.

**Membership Involvement—Steve Percer** offered a new member challenge- he will buy lunch for any member who promotes a new member to our squadron. Each meeting provides an opportunity to bring a guest. We need to talk to friends about our squadron. Our enthusiasm generates membership momentum. Safe boating is FUN!

**VSC—Burke Critchfield-** reported that so far 450 vessels have undergone Vessel Safety Checks for 2011. P/C Carolyn Bowen's letter to D16 regarding our squadron 2011 400+vessel safety checks had a significant impact! Virgil Boyt is well on his way to reach his 1000 vessel safety check goal. Virgil, Burke and Dave Good's names are listed with Tammy at the Port of Friday Harbor for vessel checks. It is hoped that Virgil will receive special recognition for his dedication and achievement at the D16 2012 Spring Conference.

**Safety Officer—Burke Critchfield** – along with Ann shared the importance of wearing life preservers. The Coast Guard has returned to using life jacket/preserver instead of PFD.

**Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden** - Classes at Skagit Valley College will be held on six consecutive Mondays beginning September 19<sup>th</sup>. The change from a Saturday to a Monday is an attempt to reach more kids. Students get a discount. Currently 8 people have signed up. Class notification will be in September 7<sup>th</sup> Journal.

**XOMarc Forlenza** reported that the Derelict Vessel Program ran into some headwinds when the county lawyers reviewed the paperwork. Milene Henley assured Marc that the program will move forward and she hoped to have word to Marc by the second week in September. Cdr. Fred Bowen reinforced the importance of keeping our stakeholders informed of the program. Marc said that the delay has not had a negative impact on the state money for the program. The Ex/Com would support necessary action to make the program operational. Marc will keep us informed.

## Old Business:

- National Safe Boating Week – May SJIYC **Burke Critchfield** reported that the May SJIYC Monthly Meeting's theme was May Day/May Day and highlighted boating safety. It was well attended and 12 – 15 vessel inspections were scheduled. Boating safety information was available at all tables.
- Predicted Log Event, June - **P/C Travis Smith** reported that participation was disappointing – only four boats, with three finishing. Forty-six attended the

dinner. **Cdr. Fred Bowen** recommended that our March 2012 program highlight this event to encourage greater participation.

- D16 Rendezvous, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - **P/C Travis Smith** reported that there was a good turnout from Friday Harbor. The Docktail party was a positive success. Both the Inland Navigation and the Coastal Navigation training was worth doing.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade - **P/C Marc Forlenza** reported that the participation went well with about 45 people participating. Special thanks to Steve Percer for use of his pick-up and new dinghy. Hopefully this will become an annual tradition.
- Pig War, July - **P/C Carolyn Bowen** reported that this was a wonderful event. With 64 in attendance it was the largest group so far. Roche Harbor's hospitality added to the fun. The docktail barge was a great hit. The good quiz and the water balloons were popular events.

#### **New Business:**

- Fall Picnic, Thursday, **September 1** - At the Cables. **AO Bruce Galton** has made arrangements. 50 people have signed up to enjoy the event.
- Institute of Ocean Sciences, **Saturday, 9/10**, Sidney, BC—**P/C Travis Smith** reviewed the logistics. It should be an exciting visitation.
- Monthly Program Meeting, Thursday, **October 6** – **Cdr. Fred Bowen reported for AO Bruce Galton**. We will meet at the Grange with Mike Jonas providing the program.
- D16 Fall Council/Conference, Bellevue, **October 21-23** – P/C Travis Smith gave an overview. Cdr. Fred and P/C Carolyn will be attending to support Travis.
- P/C Carolyn Bowen announced that the 2012 calendar is on the web page thanks to Dave Good.
- P/C Carolyn Bowen shared that she heard from Fred Hoepfner that Peg broke her femur. Peg will be transferred to our island Life Care Center sometime this week.

#### **Other Business:**

- Next Ex/Com, Tuesday, October 4, 2011

The Meeting was adjourned at 1445.

Carolyn Haugen, S  
FHPS Secretary