

## FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

September Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, September 1, 2011

Cdr. Fred Bowen called the September Monthly Meeting to order at 1812 at the home of Dave and Jane Cable. Forty-nine members were in attendance.

P/C Virgil Boyt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our invocation was led by Bill Wertz who performed the Eight Bells Ceremony in honor of members Dr. John Aberle and Ann Walbert Yelverton crossing the bar.

The minutes of the May Monthly Meeting held on May 5, 2011 were approved as posted.

### **Squadron Officer's Reports:**

XO Marc Forlenza provided update on the Derelict Vessel program. The program did not begin as planned on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Auditor Milene Henley has assured Marc that the program would move forward. JoanRuth Baumann will begin vessel identification. Marc will provide further updates at our October meeting.

SEO Travis Smith announced that five squadron members have completed 60% of the Junior Navigation Course after only three class meetings and should finish the class early October. Cdr. Fred Bowen, Dave Good, Mike Clark, Phil Coose, and Peg Gerlock are currently in the process of obtaining their upper and lower limb sun sights to complete their Sight Folders. Marc Forlenza will teach Seamanship beginning November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Piloting will follow in mid January. Mike Clark will assist in this class.

Mike Close will teach Module 1- Marine Electronics with classes starting October 4<sup>th</sup>

Two additional USPS Courses – Instructor Development taught by Ann Einboden and Operations Training presented by the Ex/Com for all squadron members will be offered in January. Actual dates have not yet been determined.

All class information is posted on FHPS web page.

AO Bruce Galton reported that Mike Jonas, curator of the Stuart Island Lighthouse, would present the program at the October 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting. The speaker for the November Monthly Meeting is Mike Vouri, with the National Park Service, presenting “Images of San Juan.”

Bruce shared that Mike Clark has agreed to assist him as AO during this year and will take over the post next year.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that the checking account balance is \$4,996; the savings account balance is \$2,659, with a 1.5% interest rate; and the Derelict Vessel program's balance is \$6,009.

Secretary Carolyn Haugen had nothing to report.

At 1825 there was a dinner recess. The business meeting resumed at 1910.

### Committee Reports:

**Membership Committee**—John Towson reported that FHPS currently has 177 members. Dave Vandever was recognized as a twenty year member. New member Jim Dunn was introduced. Cdr. Fred Bowen shared a letter from USPS Nat'l Secretary recognizing Ron Einboden's twenty-five year membership. Fred presented Ron with a special twenty-five year pin.

**Membership Involvement**—Steve Percer asked all members to enthusiastically talk about FHPS – spread the word. FHPS is educational and FUN! For any current member who brings in a new dues-paying member, Steve promised that he will buy you lunch at Haleys!

**VSC**—Burke Critchfield received a round of applause when he announced that FHPS is now third in the nation with 475 inspections! Over half of these have been thanks to P/C Virgil Boyt's dedication. Virgil needs only thirty-six more inspections to reach his goal of 1000. Only nine other inspectors countywide have ever reached the 1000 mark. Way to go Virgil!

**Safety Officer**—Burke Critchfield The safety report was given by Ed Ferro who reminded everyone to get a VSC – kayaks and dinghies count too.

**Public Boating Chair**—Ann Einboden announced that the Fall Class would start on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Skagit Valley College.

Also Ann mentioned software discounts through [TechSoup.org/stock](http://TechSoup.org/stock) Check out the website and let Ann know by early October if there are any products you would like to order.

### Old Business:

**National Safe Boating Week, May, SJIYC**—Burke Critchfield reported that FHPS joined with the SJIYC to foster safe boating. The SJIYC's monthly meeting's theme was May Day/May Day/ May Day. VSC sign ups, FHPS members, and USPS boating safety material were available.

**Predicted Log Event, June**—P/C Travis Smith as reported by Cdr. Fred Bowen who encouraged members to participate in the June 2012 event. The March program will provide information.

**D16 Rendezvous, June**—P/C Travis Smith as reported by Cdr. Fred Bowen who acknowledged Travis' work as chair of this event. In particular the on-the-water training was outstanding (both scary and fun). It would be terrific to offer this training in Friday Harbor.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, July**—P/C Marc Forlenza as reported by Cdr. Fred Bowen who thanked Marc for his work in having FHPS's presence be part of the parade.

**Pig War, July**—P/C Carolyn Bowen as reported by Cdr. Fred Bowen who shared that sixty-five people attended this very successful event.

New Business:

P/C Travis Smith reviewed the logistics for the upcoming FHPS visit to the Institute of Ocean Sciences, Saturday, September 10, Sidney, BC. Attendees will take the 0940 ferry to Sidney, BC and will return on the 1755 ferry back to Friday Harbor arriving at 1920. Key things to remember are: US Passport and a sack lunch and beverage. The round trip ferry adult fare is \$22.95. The round trip ferry senior (65+) fare is \$8.55 (65+). Bus transportation from the Sidney Ferry Terminal to IOS and return will be paid by FHPS. So far thirty-two have confirmed their participation.

P/C Travis Smith reported that the D16 Fall Council/Conference meetings are being hosted by the Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron October 21-23. Information regarding registration and program is in the Harbor Lights.

Other Business:

Cdr. Fred Bowen commented that at the 2012 D16 Spring Conference in Ocean Shores our own SEO and P/C Travis Smith would be inducted as D16 Commander.

FHPS Past Commanders who were in attendance were recognized: Virgil Boyt, Ron Crenshaw, Travis Smith, Marc Forlenza, and Carolyn Bowen.

Cdr. Fred Bowen thanked our evening's host and hostess, Dave and Jane Cable. Each were presented with a Commander's Coin.

Next Monthly Meeting - Thursday, October 6 – 1730 at The Grange

The meeting was adjourned by Cdr. Fred Bowen at 1946.

Carolyn Haugen, S  
FHPS Secretary