

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

October Monthly Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2011

Cdr. Fred Bowen called the October Monthly Meeting to order at 1830 at the Friday Harbor Grange. Thirty-six members were in attendance.

P/C Virgil Boyt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Percer led the invocation.

The minutes of the Fall Picnic General Meeting held on September 1, 2011 were approved as posted.

Introduction of Guests – Bruce Galton introduced the evening speakers – Mike Jonas and Carrie Weaver Newbury. P/C Travis Smith introduced prospective members, Ted and Terry Kruth. Dan and Mary Watson introduced prospective member, Cheryl Herndon.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Marc Forlenza deferred his report to old business.

SEO Travis Smith commended Cdr. Fred Bowen, Dave Good, Mike Clark, Phil Coose, and Peg Gerlock for their work in the Junior Navigation Class. They are the first FHPS members to go through this hardest of the advance classes.

Marc Forlenza will teach Seamanship beginning November 1st.

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

Mike Close will teach Marine Electrical Systems starting October 11. This class is filled with ten students. Dave Cable will conduct a two hour Basic Weather Seminar on Dec. 3rd. SJIYC members are invited to participate in the seminar. Travis circulated a class sign up sheet.

AO Bruce Galton announced that the speaker for the November Monthly Meeting is Mike Vouri, with the National Park Service, presenting "Images of San Juan." The Holiday Party is in December. The January program will be given by David Hyde. In February Terry and Linda Lush will share recent boating adventures. Bruce asked members to inform him regarding future potential programs.

Treasurer Dan Watson reported that the checking account balance is \$5,489.84. Last year at this time the balance was \$3,923.25. The savings account balance is \$2,665.73.

Secretary Carolyn Haugen had nothing to report.

At 1836 there was a dinner recess. The business meeting resumed at 1910.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson reported that FHPS is strong and growing with 180 members. Cdr. Fred Bowen inducted Ted and Terry Kruth and Cheryl Herndon as FHPS members.

Membership Involvement—While the emphasis of the USPS is to add members, Cdr. Fred Bowen reminded us that FHPS's emphasis is involving members. He encouraged us all to bring quality members into FHPS who would attend meetings and serve on committees.

VSC—Burke Critchfield shared that the FHPS VSC team has completed over 500 vessel inspections this year. Leading all was Virgil Boyt with 361 inspections. Virgil will receive special recognition at the D16 Spring Conference as he has earned the Millennium Award for completing 1000 inspections. Burke commended Dave Good, Ann Einboden and Ed Ferro for their dedication to the VSC program. Cdr. Fred Bowen announced that out of the 450 power squadrons nation wide FHPS ranks third in the nation and that Virgil ranks second nationwide for the vessel checks completed in a year.

Safety Officer—Burke Critchfield The safety report was given by Ed Ferro who reminded everyone that it is time to winterize your boat and then plan to get a VSC in the spring. Cdr. Fred Bowen cautioned all who do winter boating to be especially careful to monitor for Carbon Monoxide poisoning – the second biggest cause of boating fatality.

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden announced that the Fall ABC Class was about half way finished. Out of the twenty seven students, several are planning to become trial members of FHPS.

Old Business:

- **Derelict Vessel Program** – P/C Marc Forlenza announced that according to Milene Henley and Joanruth Baumann the program is up and running. Marc urged all FHPS members to contact Joanruth regarding any vessel that should be tagged.
- **Visit to IOS** – P/C Carolyn Bowen related the highlights of this experience that was well worth the two years in the making. Thirty -one members and guests enjoyed Brentwood Bay PS hospitality as they toured the IOS facility and Canadian Coast Guard Marine Traffic Communications Center for Victoria traffic. All expressed awe and respect for the facility and the Canadian Coast Guard. Channel 11 is a contact for shipping traffic -especially helpful as you go around Turn Point!

New Business:

- **Election of Mike Clark as AAO** - P/C Carolyn Bowen, Nominating Committee Chair, recommended that Mike Clark be elected to serve as AAO working with AO Bruce Galton. Dan Watson so moved. Tom Huse seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Celebration of Life for P/C Fred Hoepfner, SJIYC, October 22nd** -Burke Critchfield shared that he would be sending notices out. Cdr. Fred Bowen said that XO Marc

Forlenza would represent FHPS. Also he said that he had contacted Bill Waxman asking him to put together a 5 minute clip from the video tape made of the FHPS celebration of Fred's 90th birthday two years ago.

- D 16 Fall Council/Conference, Bellevue, October 21-23 -P/C Travis Smith reported that the D16 Fall Council/Conference meetings will be held at the Red Lion Inn in Bellevue. Let Travis know if you would like to attend. Plan now to attend the D16 Spring Conference March 30 – April 1 when Virgil Boyt will receive the Millennium Award; he is the first D16 member to meet this 1000 VSC goal.
AO Bruce and Kim Galton will attend the D16 AO training on October 8th in Federal Way.

Other Business:

- FHPS Gear – Please contact Toni Bailey should you have a preference on FHPS logo clothing. She is getting ready to place an order.
- Next Monthly Meeting - Thursday, November 3 – 1730 at The Grange

The meeting was adjourned by Cdr. Fred Bowen at 1950.

Carolyn Haugen, S
FHPS Secretary

Following the meeting Mike Jonas and Carrie Weaver Newbury gave an informative program on the Turn Point Lighthouse Preservation Society and the history of the Turn Point Lighthouse – “Turning Ships and Heads since 1893.”