

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

October Monthly Meeting Thursday, November 3, 2011

Cdr Fred Bowen called the November Monthly Meeting to order at 1828 at the Friday Harbor Grange. Thirty-eight members were in attendance.

AO Bruce Galton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Percer led the invocation.

The minutes of the General Meeting held on October 6, 2011 were approved as posted.

Introduction of Guests – Bruce Galton introduced, Mike Vouri, the evening's speaker and Kevin Loftus, Director of the SJ Historical Museum. Libby Thompson introduced her neighbor, Janet Tong. Cdr Fred Bowen introduced Al and Kristi Thomason from D32 – Beaverton, Oregon. Al will assist in teaching the Piloting Class in mid January.

At 1833 there was a dinner recess. The business meeting resumed at 1907.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Marc Forlenza reported that the Derelict Vessel program is officially in operation. What started with a FHPS program a year ago is now working! Jane Cable shared that the November 2nd *Journal* had a legal notice about a derelict vessel in Fisherman's Bay on Lopez being taken into custody by San Juan County. Marc encouraged everyone to report any derelict vessel to Joanruth Baumann so the vessel could be tagged.

Cdr Fred Bowen reported for SEO Travis Smith

The Marine Electrical Systems class with Mike Close as teacher is at the half -way point. Dave Cable will conduct a two -hour Basic Weather Seminar in December. Let Travis know if you are interested in participating. The JN class is in the take-home exam phase. Practical-on-the-water training will be held in the spring - this should be an outstanding class.

AO Bruce Galton announced that the Holiday Party is in December. David Hyde will be January's speaker.. In February Terry and Linda Lush will share recent boating adventures.

Asst. Treasurer Rebbie Bates reported for treasurer Dan Watson. The checking account balance is \$4,088.10. The Derelict Vessel savings account has a balance of \$6,011.64.

Secretary Carolyn Haugen had nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—John Towson reported that FHPS has 180 members. Twenty-three graduates from the Fall ABC opted to be trial six month members of FHPS.

Membership Involvement – Steve Percer challenged all members present to bring a club member not at the November meeting to the December Holiday Party/Auction. The member roster is available on the FHPS webpage. **Cdr Fred Bowen** mentioned an all member survey which soon will be sent to all squadron members.

VSC—Burke Critchfield shared that the FHPS VSC team has completed 527 vessel inspections this year. This places FHPS third nationally. Dave Good, Ann Einboden, Burke Critchfield and Ed Ferro will receive VSC certificates at the Spring D16 Conference and Virgil Boyt will be especially honored for his 1,000 VSC achievement. **Virgil Boyt** reported that there is a new VSC form for paddle -boats (rowboats, canoes, kayaks, etc.). Members are asked to call Virgil to schedule a check for a vessel in the paddle -boat category.

Safety Officer—Burke Critchfield - No report this month.

Public Boating Chair—Ann Einboden announced that the Fall ABC Class concluded. Twenty-three of the twenty-six participants took the exam and all passed several with 100%. Seven teens were in the class – a record number.

Ann reported that the TechSoup order has been shipped. Please check the next *Harbor Lights* for the full list of Microsoft and Adobe software available for member use. DVD/CD check out is coordinated through Travis Smith. Check out the full list of products at www.TechSoup.org/stock and let Ann know ASAP should you be interested in any Adobe products. Microscope can now be ordered throughout the year. Contact Ann at ein@rockisland.com to purchase an item through TechSoup.

Old Business:

- **D16 Fall Council/Conference – Cdr Fred Bowen** reviewed the October 21-23 event attended by Cdr Fred Bowen, P/C Carolyn Bowen, SEO Travis Smith and Lizz Smith. It was a positive conference. FHPS is well thought of in D16!

New Business:

- **December Holiday Meeting/Auction – P/C Carolyn Bowen & P/C Marc Forlenza** reported on this annual “fun” raising event. Carolyn distributed a sign up sheet to help out with party and food logistics. Main dishes will be provided. Marc will be collecting the auction items. Carol Good and Penny Woodall will assist. Marc volunteered to pick up auction items. Please donate quality items. The special goal this year is in part to “Send Virgil to Camp” at the Spring D16 Conference in Ocean Shores where he will be honored as a 1,000 VSC recipient..

- **Preliminary Nominating Committee Report – P/C Carolyn Bowen** told members that he proposed slate will be published in the *Harbor Lights*. Two positions are open – secretary and Asst AO. Election of officers will be at the December meeting.

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Other Business:

- P/C Carolyn Bowen thanked Maria Wertz for the festive harvest table decorations.
- FHPS Gear – Toni Bailey had a catalog available to order FHPS logo clothing. Contact Toni should you be interested in purchasing any FHPS logo vests and shirts.
- **Next Monthly Meeting - Thursday, December 38– 1730 at San Juan Island Yacht Club (Please note that this is the 2nd Thursday!)**

Cdr. Fred Bowen adjourned the business meeting at 1925.

Carolyn Haugen, S
FHPS Secretary

Following the meeting Mike Vouri from the National Park Service shared a fascinating photo essay of Images of San Juan. His pictures and stories focused on the island's countryside history and island names were made "real" in memorable ways. Kevin Loftus, Director of the SJ Historical Museum had copies of Mike's book *Images of San Juan* available for purchase.