

FRIDAY HARBOR POWER SQUADRON

January General Meeting Thursday, January 5, 2012

Cdr Fred Bowen called the January Monthly meeting to order at 1825 at the Friday Harbor Grange. Forty-eight members were in attendance.

P/Lt/C Sammy Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Percer led the invocation.

The minutes of the December Holiday Meeting held on December 8, 2011 were approved as posted.

Introduction of Guests – Al and Kristi Thomason from D32 Beaverton, Oregon, were welcomed back. Debbie Dickinson, guest of Dave and Jane Cable, was introduced.

At 1830 there was a dinner recess. The business meeting resumed at 1907.

Squadron Officer's Reports:

XO Marc Forlenza gave a Derelict Vessel Program update. The program is in operation. Marc complimented Joanruth Baumann for her diligence and commitment to the program.

SEO Travis Smith recognized Woody Morf for his “highest in the class score” in the recent Marine Electrical Systems class taught by Mike Close. All students in the class received passing grades.

Travis explained the process that FHPS members could follow to get a gratis pass for volunteering at the USPS/D16 Booth at the up-coming Seattle Boat Show. AO Bruce Galton will post a squadron schedule for FHPS members to contact for volunteer times. All volunteers must participate in an “On-the –Water- Training” briefing. Travis is hopeful that FHPS will have a designated slot for the booth at the 2013 Seattle Boat Show.

AO Bruce Galton announced that the February speakers are Terry and Linda Lush who will share their recent boating adventures on their cruise to the Broughton Islands. March will feature information on the Predicted Log.

In the absence of **Treasurer Dan Watson**, **Cdr Fred Bowen** reported that the checking account balance is \$8,814.03. The Derelict Vessel savings account has a balance of \$6,011.64. The savings certificate balance is \$2,744.24.

Secretary Carolyn Haugen had no report.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—**John Towson** inducted David Hyde as a FHPS member. Also he reported that Len and Debra Bruels submitted membership papers.

Membership Involvement – Steve Percer encouraged each member present to consider bringing a guest to the February meeting. Not only will Steve buy the guest a glass of wine but he will follow-up with information about joining FHPS.

VSC/Safety - Burke Critchfield gave kudos to the VSC Team of 7! The team completed 545 vessel inspections this year - the goal was 250. FHPS ranks fourth nationally out of the 450 national power squadrons. Burke brought an Orion recall alert to member attention. It is for Orion XLT (with expiration dates between November 2011 and December 2011) and 12 Gauge Aerial Signals (with expiration dates between November 2011 and March 2012). Bruce will send a copy of the recall notice and product replacement to FHPS members.

As a safety check – make sure that propane tanks are stored outside and not in your boat's cabin.

Old Business:

- **Derelict Vessel Program Status – P/C Marc Forlenza** is proud of FHPS's leadership role in making this program operational.
- **December Holiday Meeting– P/C Carolyn Bowen and P/C Marc Forlenza** were delighted to report that on the success of the Holiday gathering. It was a fantastic event and the \$4,591.57 raised was about \$1,000 more than last year. Thanks were given to all who came, who donated, and who purchased. The quality of the auction items made a BIG difference.

New Business:

- **D16 Spring Council, Saturday, February 11 – Cdr. Fred Bowen** encouraged members to attend. It will be hosted by Skagit Bay Sail & Power Squadron and held at the Farmhouse Restaurant on Rte. 20. The \$20 registration fee includes breakfast and lunch.
- **D16 Spring Conference, March 30-31 – P/C Travis Smith** gave updates on the conference to be held at the Ocean Shores Shilo Inn. Cdr Fred Bowen reminded all that FHPS is the host squadron for this event as P/C Travis Smith will be inducted as District 16 Commander. A block of 50 rooms at \$99/room has been reserved. The registration form is on-line.
- **Grant proposal, San Juan Action Oversight Group – P/C Marc Forlenza** reported that a January 2nd submission deadline was met in submitting a grant that, if funded, would support the Derelict Vessel Program.
- **Website Course Sign-up – Dave Good/ Mike Clark** reported that participants now may register for FHPS sponsored classes and seminars on-line. Members are encouraged to make this service known to all boaters. The key to successful registration is a correct answer to the math question listed at the bottom of the registration form. The instructor will contact registered participants prior to the class or seminar.

Cdr Fred Bowen concluded the business meeting at 1933, and AO Bruce Galton introduced our evening's speaker, Dr. David Hyde, who presented a most informative program on "Waters of the Salish Sea – oceanography boaters can use." In his presentation Dr. Hyde emphasized the San Juans as unique and amid an high energy marine setting. "We are not alone – cannot treat SJI as isolates." Following his power-point presentation, he took time to respond to member questions. Websites that Dr. Hyde included in his presentation can be accessed using a FHPS webpage link.

Other Business:

- **Next Monthly Meeting - Thursday, February 2, 2012 at the Grange.**

The meeting concluded at 2041.

Carolyn Haugen, S
FHPS Secretary