

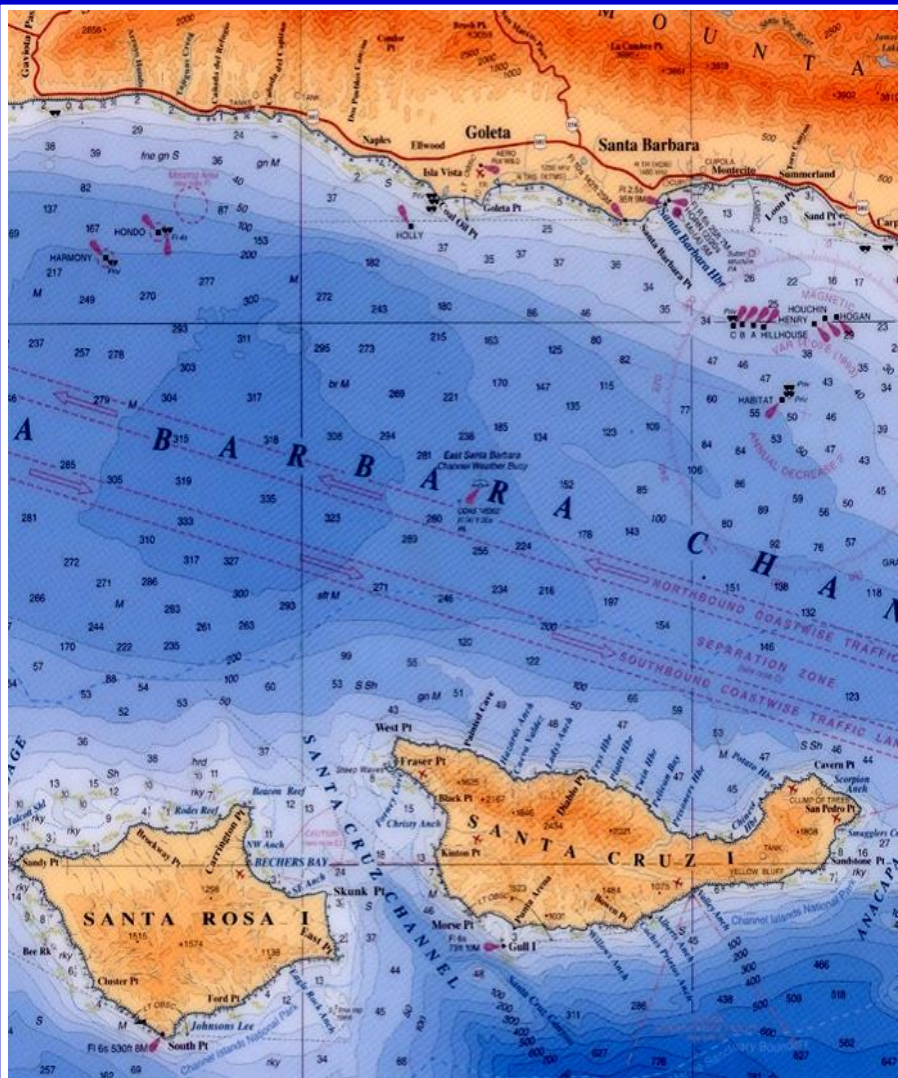
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2017 Calendar of Events



May

- 6 Operation Clean Sweep, Marina 3, 8am-11am, Marina 3 Business Meeting, Noon, Waterfront Classroom ***
- 13 Nautical Swap-Meet, 7am-Noon, Harbor Parking Lot ***
- 20-26 North American Safe Boating Campaign***
- 25 Summer Evening Cruise, 4-7pm ***
- 31 SoCal300 Racing Fleet/Walk-the-Docks, 3-6pm, Marina 1 ***

*** Commander's Updates

June

- 1 Membership Meeting, Speaker(s) tbd, 7:30pm, Waterfront Classroom
- 10 Rally Just for Fun, ~Noon
- 16-17 Ventura Squadron Cruise to SB, Welcome/Meet-and-Greet host Ventura Squadron
- 29 Summer Evening Cruise, ~4pm

July

- 6 Business Meeting, 7:30pm, Waterfront Classroom
- 7 Cruise to Channel Islands Harbor
- 8. PCYC Dinner
- 27 Summer Evening Cruise, ~4pm

**Cruise locations and dates are subject to weather conditions. Alternate locations and dates will be considered if ather interferes with a planned cruise.*

Notice

“The Executive Committee and Member Monthly Business Meeting” Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron meets the first Thursday of the month at the **Waterfront Classroom** at 1930. District 13 Council Meetings are usually held on the fourth Thursday of each month, except during March, October and December, **at Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, 211 W. 22nd Street, San Pedro, CA** Take the 110 Fwy. South to the Vincent Thomas Bridge/Terminal Island exit. Get in the right lane and take Harbor Blvd. Exit. Turn right on Harbor Blvd. And right on 22nd St. CBYC is the bldg. Past the 22nd St. Landing Restaurant. All Squadron Bridge officers are urged to attend. Squadron members are welcome to participate in District 13 activities. Ride sharing is available. **Contact, Cdr. Susan Hodges, 805 845-4149**



Cdr. Susan S. Hodges, P

Santa Barbara California

MAY COMMANDER'S MESSAGE, Cdr. Susan S. Hodges, P



Greetings,

Thanks to the Swallings for hosting the **Spring Brunch** the Squadron has enjoyed their hospitality for many years—huzzahs and cheers to Doris and Will!

Coming up, please consider volunteering for **Operation Clean Sweep**, Saturday, May 6, 8-11am. The Squadron will join other community volunteers to help clean the seafloor of Marina 3. Now in its 11th year, OCS has removed nearly 18 tons of “stuff” from our harbor. The Waterfront Department will provide donuts & coffee at 8am, and lunch at 11am—what’s not to like? Join us—and wear your SBSPS hat or polo proudly! The organizers have asked for a head count, so if you’re interested, please email me at commander@sbps.net. After lunch, we’ll hold a **Business Meeting** (optional for everyone but the Bridge) in the Harbor’s Community Room next to the Valet Parking Lot.

The following weekend is the **Nautical Swap Meet**, Saturday, May 13, 8am-Noon, in the Harbor parking lot. SBSPS will again host a booth—set-up is 6-7:30am, and we’ve reserved spaces 4 and 5 near the check-in desk. Bring your nautical items to sell, or shop for that oh-so-appropriate Mother’s Day gift!

Also in May, we’ll kick off our **Summer Evening Cruise** series on Thursday, May 25. Contact me (commander@sbps.net) if you’d like to join us, on your own boat or if you’d like a ride on someone else’s boat. We’ll head out of the harbor about 4pm, deciding our course depending on conditions.

On Wednesday, May 31, **Walk-the-Docks** (and gawk) at the SoCal300 racing fleet. We’ll meet at the Marina 1 Gate at 3pm to begin our tour. Some of these racers are above and beyond—it should be fun to see how the other half sails!

And we’re planning activities to help promote boating safety and education during the **North American Safe Boating Campaign**, May 20-26. More on these activities closer to the date.

For information on these or any of our classes or activities, please visit our website, **sbps.net**.

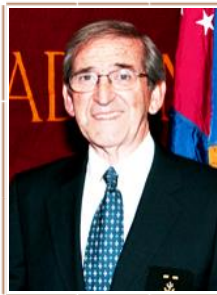
Hope to see you at one of our events—Cheers!
Susan H

Flyer of event May 6, on Page # 4



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SEO MAY MESSAGE Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN



Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN

Is it coming up on May already? Although we are lucky to have summer for most of the year the official summer season is going to be here before we know it. Summer is the time for travel, vacations, boating, picnics, and generally having fun and relaxing times – so our education plans will be limited to a basic boating class (short and not much homework), and a seminar. The plan is to present a five week America's Boating Course (ABC) class starting on June 13, right after our current Advanced Piloting class ends. As you might recall from my previous message our ABC class satisfies the new California Vessel Operator Card requirement that goes into effect in January of 2018.

The week of May 20 to 26 is National Safe Boating Week and we will be presenting a safety related seminar (exact topic - to be determined) during this time. Seminars typically run about 4 hours so they are easier to take and are quite useful for boaters.

As for our current and recent classes, the Piloting class completed and we had 15 students take the final exam that were submitted to National for grading. Those results are expected around mid-May. John Profant began teaching the Advanced Piloting class on April 4 with 15 students – the class runs for nine weeks.

As for upcoming plans we will be having another ABC class starting in October, and two more seminars in the Fall, presented by Steve Hodges – one on Weather and the other on “an introduction to celestial navigation”.

If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to contact me at rdciolino@cox.net or 805-682-4543. Sail safely!



ELECTRIC TROLLING MOTOR (Circa 1934)

The electric trolling motor as we know it was developed also invented, produced and sold a copper soldering torch from his ed around 1934 by inventor O. G. Schmidt. A man of many ideas, Schmidt had home in Wheatland, North Dakota. Schmidt decided to move his growing manufacturing operations to Fargo. Because of its proximity to the Minnesota-North Dakota border, Schmidt named the business Minn Kota Manufacturing Co., and that's how the Minn Kota trolling motor got its name.

Santa Barbara California



Calling All Squadron Members..

Operation Clean Sweep Saturday,

May 6, 8am-11am Marina 3

0800. coffee & donuts, and 1100, lunch, provided by the Waterfront Department: and in between, help sort flotsam and jetsam that divers fish out of Marina 3.

SBSPS is joining other community volunteers to help with the Harbor's annual clean-up effort. All ages are welcome, and supplies are provided.

Join us, and to make sure there are enough donuts, please RSVP, hodgmojo@cox.net

Save -the -Date

Nautical Swap Meet

Saturday, May 13, 9am-Noon

Squadron's Booth/Harbor Parking Lot

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Sun Shines on Ships...and Dips by Betty Koch and Peggy Ciolino

Ships and Dips was a bit of a cliff-hanger this year. Unlike the past five years or so, when we could feel pretty certain that it wouldn't rain on our annual event whenever we had it, this year was different. A series of spring storms kept Betty and me on edge until Saturday morning when the sun shone through. As it turned out, the weather cooperated fully and it was even quite warm and even hot at times on Marina 1 Saturday afternoon. The appetizers and desserts were plentiful and yummy (thanks to all the provisioners), viewing several members' boats was interesting and informative, and last but not the best was just the warm camaraderie of getting together with about 30 other Squadron members. A big thank-you to members June and Art Aldritt (*Revelation III*), Judith Muller (*Sea Note*), Vicki and Ron Slocum (*Bobcat*), and Cyndee Bryant Quinn and Patrick Quinn (*Sea Horse*) for opening your boats to us for the event. We also want to thank Helene Webb and Jean DeBettignies for sharing two of their three boats in the harbor later in the afternoon. They have all the bases covered with a power boat, sail boat and a houseboat. It was particularly interesting to see the inside of the houseboat *Barj Ma-hal*. When we owned our previous boat, *Va Bene*, we had a slip in Marina 1, and would cruise by *Barj Ma-hal* on the other side of the fairway leaving and returning to our slip. I always had wondered what it was like inside. So, it was fun to finally be invited in and find that it's just the coziest of abodes with even a glass bottom!! Kudos also to Llad Phillips for inviting us all aboard his sailboat (*Gypsea*), which had been put back into the water the previous evening, after an extensive overhaul.







AN ENJOYABLE DISTRICT 13 SPRING CONFERENCE

Prepared by: P/C Tom Koch, SN and Lt/C Betty Koch, P

Seven members of the Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron joined with approximately 45 other District 13 United States Power Squadrons® members to attend the recent District 13 Spring Conference. SBSPS attendees included: P/C Tom Koch, SN, Lt/C Betty Koch, P, P/D/C Don Crowder, SN, and Inge, P/C Richard Rowland, SN and P/C Marcia Rowland, JN, and now P/D/C Llad Phillips, SN.

Normally these conferences are carried out at a hotel with a day of “Meet and Greet”, a morning of boating seminars, an afternoon of meetings and award presentations, followed by a formal dinner. But, this year’s conference broke tradition. This year’s D13 Conference began with an early Sunday Morning Brunch at the *Ports of Call* restaurant in San Pedro, CA. After Brunch, D/C Llad Phillips called the meeting To Order, conducted introductions and logistics and introduced the USPS Chief Commander’s representative, Chief Executive Officer, Vice Commander (V/C) Gary Cheney, SN. The conference was then recessed with plans to re-convene the following day. The reason for the Recess... all attendees were directed to board the Carnival Cruise Liner, “*Imagination*”, and set out on a four-day Lower California / Upper Baja Mexico cruise.

The *Imagination* spent Monday cruising along the Lower-California coast. This was followed by anchoring in Avalon on Catalina Island for Tuesday and docking at the port in Ensenada, Baja Mexico on Wednesday. The ship then returned to the port of Long Beach to disembark passengers on Thursday.

While the ship was cruising the Pacific on Monday afternoon, the D13 attendees re-convened the Spring Conference. During this session, awards to various squadrons were announced and V/C Cheney presented the USPS Chief Commander’s message.

The highlight of the C/C’s message is: USPS is in the process of developing a new title. It will remain as the United States Power Squadrons®, but may add the additional title of “*America’s Boating Club*”. It was noted that several squadrons are in the process of registering their squadron title with the name: “the ... *squadron Boating Club*”. *It was suggested that any squadron desiring such a change should begin the process to register their squadron title. (i.e., SBSPS might become the “the Santa Barbara Boating Club (SBBC)”.* Note: Such a change may not happen overnight.

This was followed by the annual D13 Change of Watch ceremony. During the COW, Commander Phillips was relieved of his District Commander duties and returning District Commander D/C Veronica (Ronnie) Mann, SN was sworn in for the 2017-18 Watch. D/C Mann presented her comments and plans for the 2017-18 Watch, and the Spring Conference was adjourned.



Photos of some D13 attendees and activities



V/C Gary Cheney, SN and wife, Ann look on as
D/C Llad Phillips calls the D13 Spring Conference to order.



Lt/C Betty Koch and P/C Tom Koch board the Carnival
Cruise Liner “Imagination” for a Getaway Cruise.



V/C Cheney swears-in D/C Ronnie Mann



V/C Cheney swears-in the new D13 Bridge officers



D/C Ronnie Mann awards P/D/C Phillips his P/D/C flag.



P/C Tom Koch, P/D/C Mike Mann, D/C Ronnie Mann,
P/R/C Darrell Allison, Lt/C Betty Koch and P/D/C Llad
Phillips enjoying the day.



SBSPS Spring Brunch

By Lt/C Betty Koch, P and Lt/C Peggy Ciolino, P

Photos by Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN

Spring was in full bloom Saturday, April 22, in time for the Spring Brunch prepared by the past commanders. Mimosas and coffee started the event off as members and guests started arriving. We had a small contingent attending, but all were mightily well fed as the buffet unfolded with pancakes, egg/veggie casserole, fruit, bacon, sausage/peppers/potatoes, hash browns, muffins and fruit. No one went away hungry. We had the most beautiful day with plenty of sunshine, surrounded by the Swallings' rose garden and plenty of wonderful comradery.

We want to thank Will and Doris Swalling for hosting and opening their beautiful home and gardens for our event. It is always a special place to have our gatherings. Thanks also go to the Swallings' daughter, Rosemary, and her husband Joe for all the work they did for us. Thanks to Rich Ciolino for orchestrating the brunch and to all past commanders and spouses who cooked the delicious feast.







SAFETY TIP FOR OCTOBER 2017

Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN



Recreational Boating Safety Facts How important is boating seamanship and safety education?



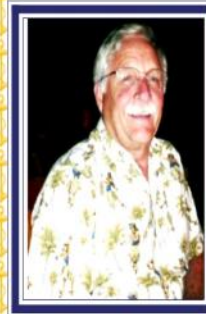
Just have a look at the following U.S. Coast Guard's 2015 Recreational Boating Safety Statistics, the latest official record of reported recreational boating accidents, as published in the North American Safe Boating Campaign 2015 Resource Kit:

- Drowning was reported as the cause of death in three-fourths of all fatalities.
- Approximately 85 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets.
- In 2015, the Coast Guard counted 4,158 accidents that involved 626 deaths, 2,613 injuries and approximately \$42 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.
- Only 15 percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction.
- Operator inattention, operator inexperience, improper lookout, machinery failure and excessive speed as the top 5 primary contributing factors in accidents.
- Where the primary cause was known, alcohol was listed as the leading factor in 17% of deaths.
- Where data was known, the most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (45%), personal watercraft (19%), and cabin motorboats (17%).

The annual North American Safe Boating Campaign is a yearlong effort in the U.S. and Canada focused on spreading the message of boating safety and the critical importance of always wearing a life jacket each and every time on the water. The campaign also reminds boaters of the importance of boating responsibly, such as taking a boating safety course, never boating under the influence, using an engine cut-off device and knowing navigational rules. The campaign kicks off the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend with National Safe Boating Week and continues throughout the year. For further information visit safeboatingcampaign.com.



Your SBSPPS Nautical Store is open



Lt. J. Peter Seagoe

Greetings fellow Squadron members, I am our assistant to the Treasurer in charge of ships stores and I want to share some information with you about our logo wear. We purchase articles of clothing from Chaz sportswear in Santa Barbara. We can purchase anything from their catalog and have our squadron logo along with your name or your boat name embroidered on the item. Please peruse their whole inventory

www.companycasuals.chazsportswear.com then contact me at jipseagoe@cox.net and I will order your items for you. It usually takes approximately 3 weeks for delivery.

We have a few hats in inventory (see picture) as we have to order them a dozen at a time. All other orders can be single items. That being said, we get a better price when we have a larger order. The lettering SBSPPS on a T shirt runs about \$10.00 a item and is done by another vendor. The pictured burgee represents our 50 years in existence and we have a few left in inventory. So, if you are a member in good standing and wish to purchase any of our logo wear please contact me.



At your service,
Lt. J Peter Seagoe, P



The Fishing Corner

This is shaping up to be the mother of all halibut seasons. Males are already holding just outside the surf zone and the big ladies are sure to arrive soon. So a halibut fishing primer is in order.

This is shaping up

By: Capt. David Bacon

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Look for halibut where there are darned good reasons for them to be there. After all, halibut themselves are just looking for reasons to be someplace. Those reasons are spawning activity, food, water clarity, temperatures, and safety. Learning to find the right combinations of reasons is what allows me to give my charter passengers an honest good shot at taking home a keeper halibut.

Simply put, I fish where I believe a halibut's opportunities outweigh its risks. From a halibut's perspective, an area rife with opportunities has plenty of food, the clarity is sufficient to spot and chase food, and temperatures are comfortable enough to induce active metabolism.

Halibut are absolute masters of ambush. They lay half buried in the sand and wait for forage fish to swim close enough to allow the halibut to blast up off the ocean floor and capture the prey with its sharp teeth. Often I find them lying in the sand adjacent to some type of break zone, such as a pipeline covered with rocks, a rocky ledge, or a current break. Those are great default ambush spots where they can wait for small fish to swim just far enough away from the safety of the structure to be an easy catch.

When fishing these spots, I like to begin a drift within a few feet of the structure. When the drift is along the spot, we can drift for quite a while. When the drift is away from the structure, however, it is necessary to bring up the lines frequently and make repeated drifts beginning right next to the break. The important thing is to spend as much time as possible in their default ambush zone.

Another prime area would be anywhere I can find huge concentrations of baitballs milling about. It is common at this time of year to find tonnage of baitfish in relatively shallow water. That's right where a hungry halibut wants to be, and will readily leave those default ambush spots to chase huge baitballs. Just recently, baitfish have been massing off of Goleta Beach, off of Montecito and Summerland, below Rincon Point, on the Ventura Flats, and the stretch below Port Hueneme.

Those huge schools of baitfish are the key to many targeted species. When salmon fishing, I troll right through the baitballs. When drifting for thresher shark I soak baits just above the baitballs. When I'm barracuda fishing, I fish live baits and jigs right on the surface above the baitballs. When I'm drifting for halibut I drag a live bait along the bottom right below the baitballs. Most predators out there are searching for concentrations of baitfish. By doing the same thing, we are sure to find the predators we want to catch.



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