

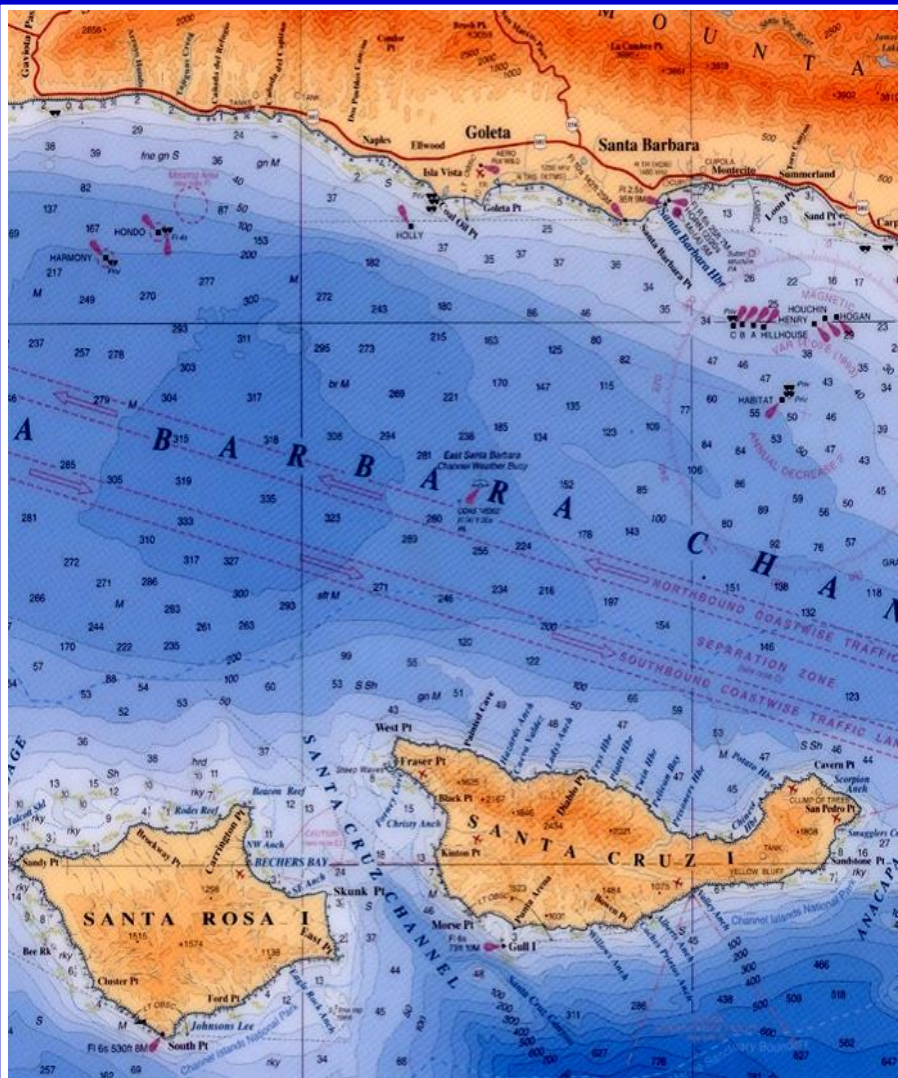
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2017 Calendar of Events



October

- 5 Business Meeting, 7:30pm, Waterfront Classroom
 14 Harbor & Seafood Festival
 Tbd Goleta Beach Cruise

November

- 2 Membership Meeting, Speaker (s) tbd, 7:30pm,
 Waterfront Classroom
 15 Maritime Museum Mixer

December

- 7 Business Meeting, 7:30pm, Waterfront Classroom
 10 Parade of Lights, Holiday Party

January 2018

- 4 Business Meeting, 7:30pm, Waterfront Classroom

**Cruise locations and dates are subject to weather conditions. Alternate locations and dates will be considered if other 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



SBSPS NOVEMBER COMMANDER'S MESSAGE Cdr. Susan S. Hodges, P

Greetings,

Thanks to all the members who volunteered at the Squadron's booth at the Harbor and Seafood Festival. Besides helping to spread the word about boating safety, we were able to showcase our education program and show off our friendly and knowledgeable ambassadors. In particular, we could promote the fall Basic Boating class that SEO Rich Ciolino has organized. Spread the word to your boating friends—the Squadron offers this course twice a year, providing an excellent way to fulfill the new CA safety requirement, and a great opportunity to meet some of our talented teachers. And it's only the beginning of our coarse offerings—if you'd like to take any course in particular—from sailing to marine electronics, from cruise planning to piloting—let us know and we'll do our best to organize a class! For a complete list, check out our website, SBSPS.net.

Besides showcasing our wonderful harbor-front, the City's Seafood Festival helps mark the opening of lobster season—which is a great reminder that the Dive Dave Trophy, newly named in honor of past Commander Marcia Rowland, is still up for grabs...but no fair visiting the Shellfish Company first!

I hope you've all penciled in the Maritime Museum Mixer on Wednesday November 15, 5-7pm—Virginia Johns' has organized another great event—a chance to tour our wonderful museum while meeting new members and reconnecting with old ones—and there's free wine and snacks—what's not to like?

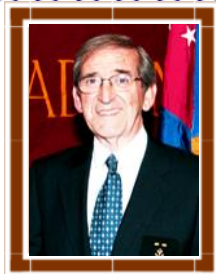
And another save-the-date: the Squadron's Parade of Lights Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10. Betty Koch and Peggy Ciolino have reserved Moby Dick's for what should be a great venue for celebrating the holidays while enjoying the City's boat parade—all in the confines of a warm atmosphere among friends. Space will be limited, so be sure to make your reservations early!

Lots to celebrate here in Santa Barbara—come join us!

Cheers,
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SEO NOVEMBER MESSAGE Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN



Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN

With Summer officially over we got back into the swing of educational things with a seminar on Celestial Navigation on Saturday October 7. Steve Hodges prepared a special set of information for the seminar that covered the basics of celestial navigation with an emphasis on using the sun in the noon day sky to determine one's location. Some of the 16 students in attendance brought along their own sextants for the noon sight portion of the seminar and the squadron provided 12 of our own sextants. Steve did a great job getting the students comfortable with the theory behind celestial navigation before getting into how to use the sextant and using it for a noon site, and finally calculating their location. The class took about four and a half hours to complete and everyone thought it was a lot of fun. Here are a few pictures taken during the event.



On October 24, we will start our five week "America's Boating Course" class that focuses on boating basics and safety. This class qualifies for California's Boating Card law that goes into effect on January 1, 2018. Check our website at sbsps.net for more information. Our final class offering for 2017 is scheduled for December 5. This will be a three hour evening seminar on Weather Forecasting presented by Steve Hodges, N, and Mike Pyzel. If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to contact me at rdciolino@cox.net or 805-682-4543. Sail safely!



In Memory of Frederick K. Boutwell, JN

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform you of the passing of a long time member of the Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron (50 plus years).

P/C Fred Boutwell, JN. Has embarked on his last voyage. 20 August 2017

The tides of Life have ebbed for our shipmate, and WE his fellow members, should stop for a few minutes and honor his memory.

P/C Fred Boutwell, JN joined our Squadron in 1966, taking our Education classes and achieving the grade of Junior Navigator.

Also serving as a Bridge Officer and then as Commander for The 1972-1973 Watch.

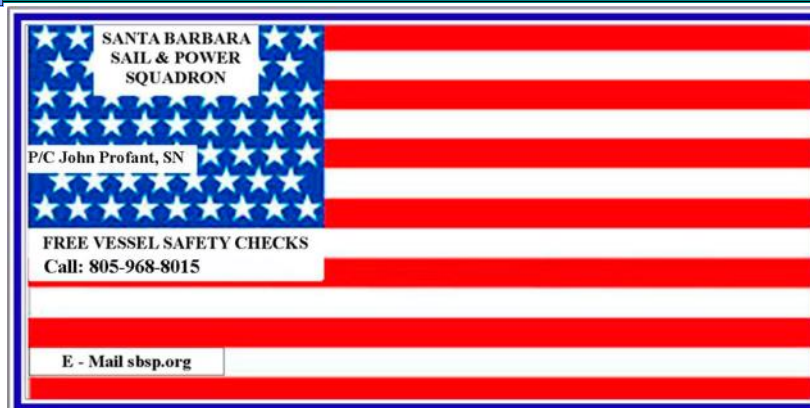
Fred along with his Wife Betty (who predeceased him).

Both were active in the Squadron, Fred in the Educational Program and Betty with the Channel Bell's.

Fred, I know you will continue your expertise for our Supreme Commander. Farewell shipmate and may a fair wind and calm sea's be with you always.

Fred truly was a great shipmate as he sailed with me on Teddy Bear over countless sea miles, Fred was the sailor you could depend on-his knowledge of sailing and boats was invaluable. When Fred was on watch the Captain could sleep sound. And I did.

By P/D/C Don Crowder, SN.





SAVE THE DATE

Mixer for members and students of our courses

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Free Wine and Appetizers

SB Maritime Museum

We will have the Museum all to ourselves.

Join us for two short hours of comradery

sharing nautical knowledge, boating stories, and friendship.

Hosted by Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron

RSVP to Virginia Johns

sbmesafirstmate@gmail.com or 805 770-0611



You are Invited

Easy Holiday Recipe

Mix loads of Friends and fulsome cups of Cheer with Dinner in a warm Moby Dick Restaurant. Let it rise for several hours, surrounded by the Santa Barbara Parade of Lights. When done, you will have had the best SBSPS Holiday Party ever!!

(See enclosed flyer for details)

Submitted

By Lt/C Peggy Ciolino, P



THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE 2017 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS® GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

A REPORT BY ATTENDEES:

PDEO TOM KOCH SN & PDS BETTY KOCH, P



Tom and Betty Koch joined with several other members of District 13 to attend the 2017 United States Power Squadrons® Governing Board Meeting held at the Dallas Hilton Lincoln Center in Dallas, TX on 16 September 2017.

For the purposes of the remainder of this report, the name “*United States Power Squadrons®*” will be shortened to *USPS®*. Three hundred six USPS® voting members, in addition to many other members and guests attended the GBM. On the agenda were talks by each of the USPS® National Bridge Officers, General Committees and Standing Committees, plus representatives from the United States Coast Guard, USCG Auxiliary, Canadian Power Squadrons®, USPS® Boat Insurance Program, Sea Scout Program, and Sail Angle. In addition to talks and presentations, members were presented with several motions and resolutions to be discussed and voted upon. We will discuss a few of the highlights as they will directly impact each USPS® member in the near future.

The USCG representative emphasized improved coordination of the Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) program among all boating safety organizations, and that they emphasize the following:

- Persuade all boaters to wear Life Jackets
- Zero alcohol consumption underway
- Promote boating safety education to all boaters



Use the correct equipment (Note: Vessel Safety Checks are a primary means to get this word out!)

Work with community businesses that sell boating equipment to promote the purchase of all safety gear when a boating vessel is purchased. Some “Big Box” or non-boater dealers have been found to sell Kayaks and have no safety gear (Life Jackets or paddles!) available for purchase.

Emphasize that “Paddlers” must follow the same rules as all other boaters.

The USCG representative emphasized that in 2016, 80% of all boating deaths were due to drowning without the use of a Life Jacket. He further stated that the consumption of alcohol is the #1 cause of all boating accidents and that 77% of all deaths are due to the boat operator having no boating safety education. In addition, there were 171 propeller strikes in 2016, of which 24 individuals were killed by propellers as the boat was circling, which was directly related to the operator falling overboard and not wearing a Cutoff Switch. Directly related to these, the USCG is proposing the following National regulations:

Mandatory use of Life Jackets

All boat operators have boating safety education

No alcohol allowed on a boat

Mandatory use of Cutoff Switches

The USPS® Boat Insurance representative emphasized that their insurance covers 100% of the costs for “Haul-out” for storms, i.e., Hurricanes. Most insurance companies only pay 50% of those costs. USPS® Boat Insurance also provides \$5,000 Towing coverage for each and every event. USPS® members save \$\$ over all other insurance providers. See:



uspsboatinsurance.com.

Sail Angle has established a blog that can be used by all boaters to pass information and knowledge to all. There are over 11,000 members of

the Blog that are not USPS® members. (Provides the possibility to bring in new members.) There is a step-by-step Users Guide available.

The USPS® has received \$770K in Grants for boating improvements and to update and improve the USPS®’ public image; namely, to rebrand USPS® as “*America’s Boating Club*”. Of note, the name, United States



USPS acronym as that is the acronym for the United States Postal Service. New videos and logos have been designed and implemented which represent all methods of boating activities, i.e., power, sail, and paddle in motion. The new logos must be used for imprinting on new USPS® gear. Specific branding information on these can be found on the USPS® Ships Store website. The new videos can be found on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vk2FkhHJxNo>

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For Boaters, By Boaters

The USPS® Administrative Committee stated there were 27,814 members on 1 Jan 2017. On 31 Jul, there were 28,139 members, an increase of 325 members. But, after the 1 Aug Renewal drive, only 26,860 renewed (-1,279). All squadrons need to contact their non-renewals to see if they will re-up!

Then the “fun” began...

The Rules Committee proposed several wording changes to Sections 6.1, 6.10, 6.11, and 9.5.5 of the National Bylaws, which gives individual districts flexibility in maintaining District Councils. The motion “Passed”!

The Rules Committee proposed wording changes to Sections 9.4.4 of the National Bylaws allowing fewer voting members to fulfill a quorum at National meetings. The motion “Passed”!

The Rules Committee submitted a proposed Section 6.2.2 of the National Bylaws to form District 50 and will consist of squadrons not affiliated with existing districts because of distance or other necessity. This may directly impact District 13 as the Las Vegas, Hawaii and Tokyo squadrons fall into this category. The Motion will be further discussed and voted on at the National meeting in February 2018.

District 15 had submitted a Resolution to the USPS® National Bridge that was forwarded on to the Planning Committee. The District Resolution resolves that:

A resolution to add a formal and alternate squadron classification of “**INACTIVE SQUADRON**” to preserve our weaker more vulnerable squadrons, their membership and decades-long relationships.

As explained to the authors, this meant that squadrons with membership difficulties could continue to exist without Bridge Officers and



without providing boating education courses.

The Resolution was Moved and Seconded, then Voted NO! It is expected this resolution or some form of it will be submitted to the Rules Committee and further addressed at the February 2018 National Meeting, as this is an organizational wide problem that is impacting many squadrons.

The Finance Committee recommended: *A \$2.00 dues increase effective 1 December 2017.* The dues will be set at \$55.00 for regular Active members and Family units will be assessed \$82.50. The rate for Family units headed by a Life or Sustaining member will be \$27.50. The authors were informed this increase is to cover the costs related to re-branding USPS®. The motion "Passed".

A safety issue was announced that many personal "Inflatables" have exceeded their lifetime and must be tested. The inflatable should be inflated and left over-night. If it deflates, it must be replaced.

It was noted that several squadrons and districts have been using "**GoToMeeting**" to conduct their squadron and district meetings. This has proved to be a successful means to spread the USPS® message, in addition to retaining and increasing membership.

Finally, a Lifesaving Award was presented to a member of Belleview Squadron as he came upon a 70-year old man that was in the water hanging onto dock chains.

He had been in the 55° water for over one hour. The USPS® member notified 911 and jumped into the water to assist the individual that was failing due to Hypothermia. The USPS® member assisted the drowning man to shore and passed him off to Emergency personnel that had arrived. A note to all in the Santa Barbara area, our channel waters are generally sufficient to cause Hypothermia in a short time.

WEAR A LIFE PRESERVER!



Please Mark your Calendar!
Sunday December 10, 2017
SBSPS Holiday Party.



Harbor Festival by Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN



We participated again in the annual Santa Barbara Harbor and Seafood Festival on Saturday October 14. Thanks to Dennis and Virginia Johns for organizing our booth and to those supporting setup, teardown, and manning of the booth during the event that began at 10:00 and ran until 17:00 hrs. As usual the event was incredibly busy with thousands of visitors filling the city pier (where our booth was located) and the area at the foot of the pier all the way to the parking lot entrance. In addition to booths like ours that have a connection to the sea, there was plenty of seafood to sample and trinkets to buy. We had many visitors stop by and had seven people sign up for our upcoming ABC Class this month and five people request further information about our squadron. One highlight was the Spirit of Dana Point tall ship that was docked at the pier for tours.



SAFETY TIP FOR NOVEMBER 2017

By. P/C Richard Ciolino, JN



What are these boaters doing? They are boating safely!



Having a beer after a time on the water, with some snacks, when safely tucked into a slip, or on a mooring, whether it be on a sailboat, a power boat, or a kayak, is the safest way to consume alcohol when boating. Our squadron education teaches it and the U.S. Coast Guard enforces it.

Every boater needs to understand the risks of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs (BUI). It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs in every state. The Coast Guard also enforces a federal law that prohibits BUI. This law pertains to ALL boats (from canoes and rowboats to the largest ships) and includes foreign vessels that operate in U.S. waters, as well as U.S. vessels on the high seas. The use of alcohol is involved in about a third of all recreational boating fatalities. U.S. Coast Guard data shows that in boating deaths involving alcohol use, over half the victims capsized their boats and/or fell overboard.

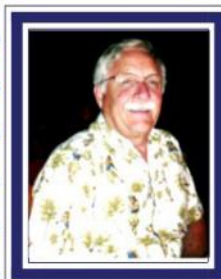
Alcohol is even more hazardous on the water than on land. The marine environment motion, vibration, engine noise, sun, wind and spray accelerates a drinker's impairment. These stressors cause fatigue that makes a boat operator's coordination, judgment and reaction time decline even faster when using alcohol.

Alcohol can also be more dangerous to boaters because boat operators are often less experienced and less confident on the water than on the highway. Recreational boaters don't have the benefit of experiencing daily boat operation. In fact, boaters average only 110 hours on the water per year.

(Information for this article was provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division website)



Your SBSPPS Nautical Store is open



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 most of our 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.contpanycamals.chazsportswear.com then contact me at ipseagoe@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 the T-shirt runs about \$10.00 a item and is done by another vendor. The pictured bur-gee 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

Smells Proven Repulsive or Attractive to Fish

By: Capt. David Bacon

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Scents make fish bite better... or wrinkle their noses and swim for cover. After all, there are good scents and bad scents. Great work has been done to find fish-attracting scents and market them. For example, Berkeley's R&D to develop their ultra-successful Gulp! baits. Fish love it and many professional anglers (including myself and my crew) use Gulp! regularly and liberally.

Sadly, we know precious little about what smells make fish lose their appetite. Other than shark repellent, we have a dearth of available research on the repulsive side of our smelly equation. The best we have are observations and opinions of charter captains, fishing guides and professional anglers.

An observant angler or crew member can find plenty of ongoing research aboard fishing boats. I'm happy to share some of my thoughts, and those of my crew member, Capt. Tiffany Vague, based upon decades of experience as charter captains. For one, I cover up and hide from the sun rather than smear on sun screen. Sun screen wearers catch plenty fish and certainly all sun screen products are not created equal. Yet I have watched good bites suddenly shut off for people who just slathered on copious quantities of sun screen, picked up their lure or grabbed a piece of bait and sent it down to tickle the nose of an unsuspecting fish who evidently went cross-eyed and scurried away.

Let's be scentably sensible... can someone handle a salad or sandwich drenched in vinegar and expect a fish to not notice? Is it reasonable to hope a fish fails to notice that an angler grabbed and devoured four big handfuls of fiery habanero chips before handling a bait or lure? What else? Well, fuel and oil don't exactly put fish into a feeding frenzy. I'm even wondering if hand sanitizer is yucky to fish.

We do not yet have adequate research available to us to plumb the smelly depths of this onerous issue, but fortunately research continues both in laboratories and aboard serious fishing boats like my charter boat, *WaveWalker*.



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