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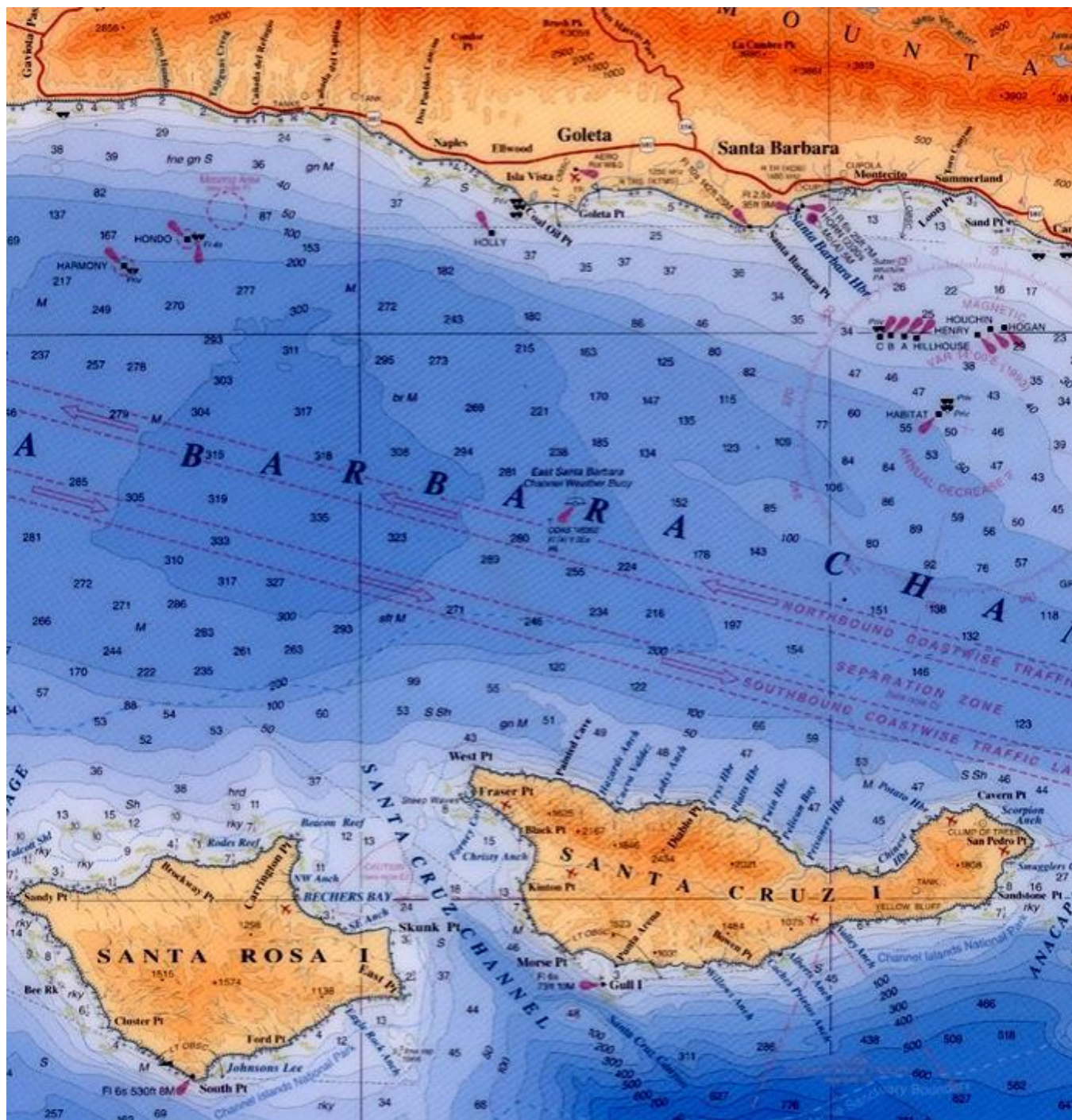


Signal Hoist



Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

Monthly Newsletter January 2018



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Susan S. Hodges, P

Hello,

The past couple of months have brought horrific tragedy and sorrow to our community. Our hearts go out to those who've lost so much. We celebrate the work of the heroic first responders and the many volunteers who've opened their hearts and offered a hand, demonstrating the meaning of community.

At the **Change of Watch** next month, besides welcoming a new Commander and Bridge, we'll have a chance to acknowledge the work done by our volunteers—those who have taught classes, manned information tables, made phone calls, and shared salads—all the small and large efforts that keep the Squadron running. We will also be honoring P/C Will Swalling for achieving lifetime membership status and for publishing our Signal Hoist newsletter with Doris for many years.

Please join us as we celebrate our community in the Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron.

Cheers,

Susanh

Nominations for 2018 Bridge

So, who are the nominees that will be voted on and sworn in at the Change of Watch that Cdr. Susan referred to in her message above?

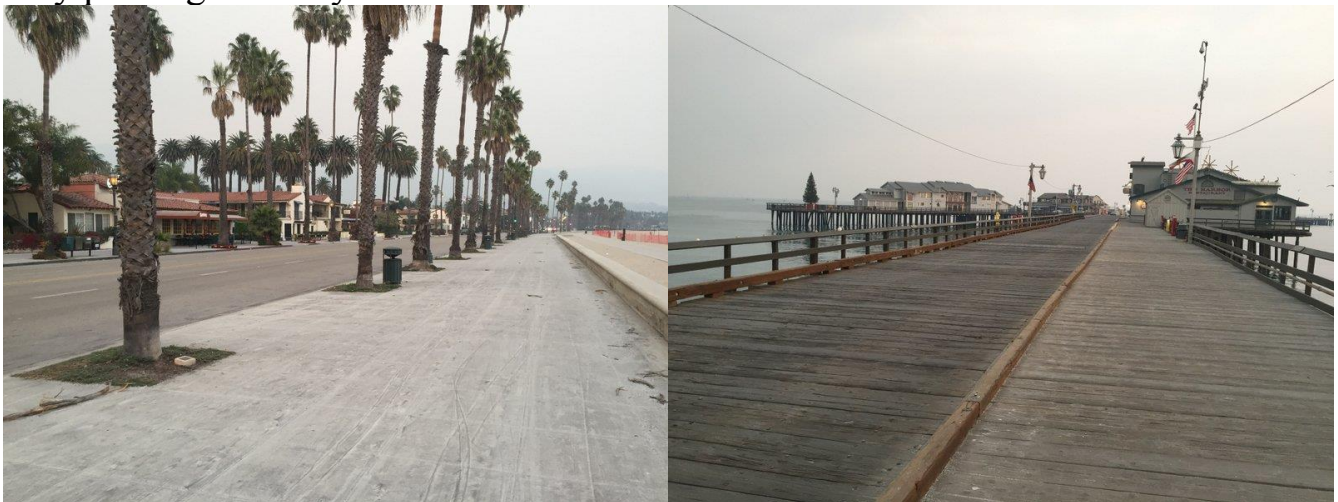
The following list of nominees to the bridge was agreed to by the current bridge and is presented to membership for their review and to be voted on for approval at the Change of Watch on February 18, 2018.

Commander	Dennis Johns, AP
Executive Officer	Open
Education Officer	Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN
Assistant Education Officer	1 st Lt. John Profant, SN
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Peggy Ciolino, P
Secretary	Lt/C Ronald C. Slocum, AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Steve York, P
Assistant Treasurer	1 st Lt. Peter Seagoe

2018 SBSPS Holiday Dinner Peggy Ciolino and Betty Koch

With many of our members and guests scrambling to escape the raging *Thomas Fire*, and find lodging further North or South of Santa Barbara, we had a small, but mighty, group of members attend the annual Holiday Dinner held at Moby Dick Restaurant. Our thoughts are with the many folks that had to be evacuated due to the Thomas Fire and hope they have remained safe after the deluge and consequent mud slides of January 9.

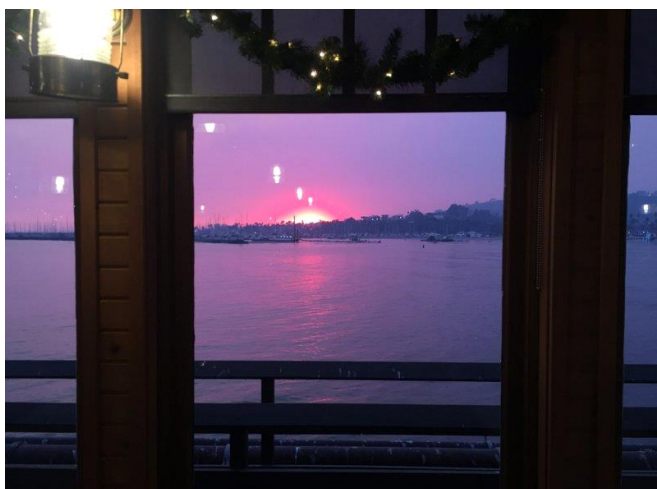
Another result of the fire was that the harbor area was not very busy resulting in easy parking at Moby Dick's.



As you know, the annual Parade of Lights was cancelled. However, we were witness to an impromptu mini-parade as the *Channel Cat* took some guests out of the harbor with lights ablaze. Here we are checking out the one-boat parade!



That led the way to a delicious meal and camaraderie. Our Emcee Extraordinaire, Peggy Ciolino, entertained us with the always fun “See’s Candy Night Before Christmas Story.” Our entertainment continued by being led in Christmas Carols by our very own *Three Schooners*, Art Aldritt, Tom Koch and Pete Seagoe. We ended the evening festivities with Neil Ablitt gifting door prizes. It was a lovely party and a bit of a respite from the stress of dealing with the fire, but we missed all of our members and friends that were unable to attend. The following pictures capture the evening – thanks to Ron and Vicki Slocum and Peggy and Rich Ciolino for the pictures.







Secretary's Report

Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron Business Meeting January 4, 2018

Commander's Report

Cdr. Susan Hodges, called the meeting to order at 1935. Quorum established.
P/C Wil Swalling in hospital – Secretary Ron will send flowers.
Signal Hoist - Doris Swalling will be unable to do the Signal Hoist. For the interim, P/C Rich Ciolino will take on the publication - need to advertise next month's COW.
This may be the time to move the newsletter to Mail Chimp, a template for e-newsletters, utilizing our web-site (under 300 addresses free)
The upcoming monthly District Meeting will use the Go-To-Meeting program.
P/C Don Crowder will join in on the remote meeting.

Education Officer's Report – P/C Richard Ciolino

ABC Class concluded with 16 passing the test, making a total of 26 for the year.
Rich sent emails to students to tell them how to get their CA Boater Card. Graduate must go on-line to the CA web-site, send \$10 along with a PDF of their ABC certificate of completion.
Suggestion was made to offer a refresher seminar and conduct test for current members of the Squadron in order to obtain their CA Boater Card.
Finished up year with 2 seminars, Celestial Navigation Primer and Forecasting Weather Basics. Both seminars were very successful with 18 students at the Weather class.
SEO Rich is developing a class schedule and education budget for 2018. Will sit down with instructors and come up with a firm plan for the year. Most likely all instructors need to be re-certified this year.

Vessel Safety Check – P/C John Profant

Two vessel safety checks were conducted recently. John has now attained the qualification threshold.

Administrative Officer's Report – Lt/C Betty Koch

Lt/C Virginia Johns – report on November's Maritime Museum event. Had 60 attendees. This year expanded evening with story telling. Everyone had a great time. Maritime Museum is very accommodating to us.

Lt/C Peggy Ciolino – report on recent Holiday Party. 40 booked, but due to Thomas Fire, only 20 were able to attend. Fortunately, Moby Dick only charged us per dinner eaten along with a room charge. Peggy has contacted all people who paid and could not attend to inform them she is tearing up their checks. A couple of people generously donated their dinner payment to the Squadron.

Change of Watch – February 17 Yacht Club

Discussion of dinner pricing. Virginia has 20 bottles of wine left over from Maritime Museum event. Yacht Club charges corkage fee of \$15/bottle. Will place 2 bottles of wine on each table.

Peggy Ciolino accepted the position of Administrative Officer for the coming year. There will be a 2018 planning meeting at Ciolino's home on Thursday January 18 at 7:30pm. Thank you Peggy!

Secretary's Report – Lt/C Ron Slocum - no report

Treasurer's Report – Lt/C Steve York

P/C Rich Ciolino presented the 2018 Budget Assumptions report as Steve York was unable to attend meeting. Steve has submitted the 2017 financials to the Audit Committee for audit and approval – the committee needs to complete the audit and sign off before the upcoming COW. Motion carried to accept the budget as presented.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Honorary Members for COW - Motion carried to accept list of honorary members: Dave Bacon, Inge Crowder, Michelle Profant, Vicki Slocum and Doris Swalling.

Dive Day Award – Motion carried to rename Dive Day trophy to the Marcia Rowland Award and add sentence to the current stipulation: "If the previous winner is unavailable, the Bridge will name the recipient and stipulate the award criteria."

Lt/C Pete Segoe – Ships Store

Discussion of new SBSPS logo. Propose SBPSP have a special jacket for bridge members that have served 1 year. Could also be given as special awards. Pete brought an example of jacket and described Logo placement. 24 jackets would be \$82.00 each. Pete, Peggy & Betty will visit vendor to take a look at jacket styles and make recommendation at January 18th planning meeting.

P/C Don Crowder – Sextant Inventory

Currently have 13 sextants including 2 plastic & 3 USN. Steve Hodges willing to sell some of the sextants and give proceeds to Squadron. Motion carried to sell 5 sextants (2 plastic & 3 USN).

P/C Neil Ablitt – Harbor Festival T-Shirts

Neil proposed selling t-shirts at our booth at the Harbor Festival. He would be willing to get a local artist to make design for the shirts. We are currently classified as a “free” stand at the festival and may have to change to a concession status to sell shirts. Dennis Johns will pursue this issue with Harbor Dept.

P/C Don Crowder – Nominating Committee

Don reminded Nominating Committee that the nomination list needs to be published to all members 30 days prior to the COW.
The meeting adjourned at 2130

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Ronald Slocum, Secretary

Now is the Perfect Time to get your Vessel Safety Check!

John Profant, our Vessel Safety Check officer is ready to conduct vessel safety checks for the new year, so contact John to set up a complementary inspection of your vessel for 2018. Remember, this is a United States Coast Guard approved safety check and they love to see boats with a current Safety Check sticker attached to them.

