

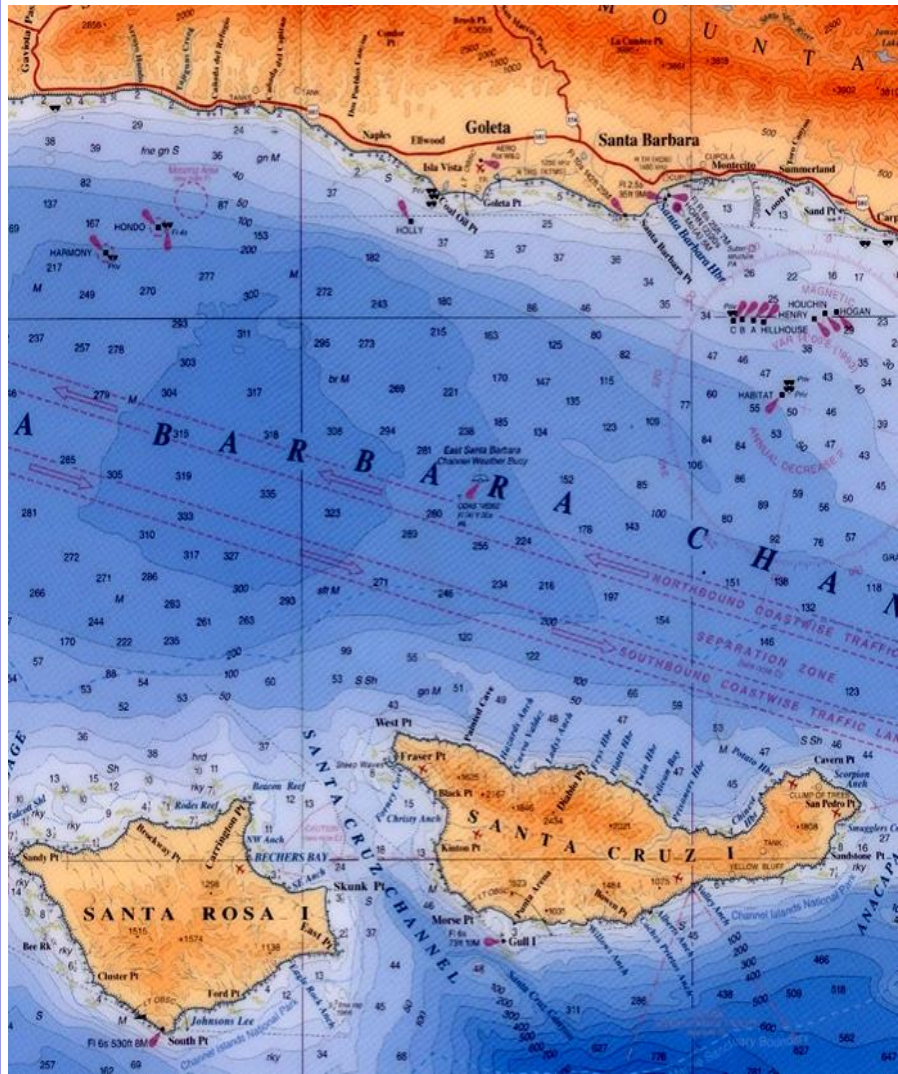
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# 2017 Calendar of Events



## July

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

## August

- 3 Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Marine Center Classroom
- 7 Cruise to Catalina/Isthmus
- 31 Summer Evening Cruise, 4-7pm

## September

- 9 Annual Membership Meeting at Swallings
- tbd Pelican/Prisoners Cruise

## October

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

**The Yorks** will be leaving for Two Harbors on August 8th for two weeks. We will be staying overnight on the 8th at PCYC leaving early the morning of the 9th for the Island. If you want to "buddy boat" with us, please let us know. The island should be great with warm waters and great scenery. It's always fun to make this trip so let us know if can come along. **Steve York Please call 310-408-7204**

*\*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 AUGUST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE Cdr. Susan S. Hodges, P

Greetings,

**I hope you're all enjoying another beautiful summer here in Santa Barbara....**

**Ten students just wrapped up Rich Ciolino's ABC course**—thanks to Rich and his gang of instructors, Dennis Johns, Pete Seago, and Ron Slocum. In the coming months Rich will be announcing the fall course offerings, including another ABC course—be sure to encourage your boating friends to check out this class, as it's a great way to meet the new California boating law scheduled to go into effect January 1.

**Thanks also to Tom Koch for organizing the PCYC dinner** earlier this month and to Ron and Vicki Slocum for organizing the cruise to and docking at Channel Islands Harbor. And congratulations for Duane “Fishing” Felender, the lucky recipient of four tickets to the Coastal Conservation Association's fundraiser on July 30.

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 ★ **Coming up, the Marine Center Classroom is sure to be full for our Membership & Bridge Meeting on August 3**, when we officially welcome back **Virginia and Dennis Johns.**  
 ★ They'll be regaling us with tales of sailing around the world—hope to see you there, 7:30pm in the Marine Center Classroom.  
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**And for you active boaters, consider joining Eleanor and Steve York's Squadron Cruise to the Isthmus on Catalina.** They're showing off on August 8—everyone's welcome—see the website for more details, or contact Steve, [treasurer@sbsps.net](mailto:treasurer@sbsps.net).

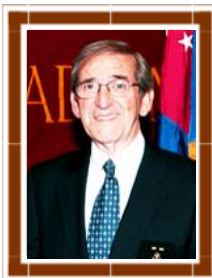
**For information on these or any of our classes or activities, please visit our website, [sbsps.net](http://sbsps.net).**

**Hope to see you at one of our events—cheers!**

Susan H



**SEO AUGUST MESSAGE**  
**Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN**



Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN

The five-week America's Boating Course finished up on July 18 with a brief overview of the California Boating Laws and the final exam. Nine of the 10 students that took the class took the exam and received their certificate and wallet card indicating successful completion of the class. As a result of taking this class they not only are more knowledgeable and safer boaters but are now eligible to apply for their California Boating Card as soon as they are available, which could be later this year or on January 1, 2018. Students can monitor the California Department of Boating and Waterways website for an announcement of the Card's availability and I'll keep tabs on it as well and notify everyone when it happens.

I received the graded exams from National for those students that took the recently completed Advanced Piloting class and passed out some of them at the final ABC class. For those that haven't picked up their test contact me to arrange for pickup.

As mentioned last month the Education Department will be taking a summer hiatus from classes until October 24 when another ABC class will be given. Also, stay tuned for two useful seminars to be given in the Fall by Steve Hodges on Weather and A Primer on Celestial Navigation - dates and times to be announced.

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



**Marcia's Celebration of Life**

There will be a celebration of life for Marcia Rowland on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking around for a boat that will hold up to 15 people to spread Marcia's ashes out at sea. If anyone would like to join us in their own boat to maybe spread some flowers it would be nice. We plan to go

spread her ashes around 1000 hours and have a celebration of Marcia's life at 1300 hours in the Endless Summer. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Sharon Verhasselt at either [sverhasselt@gmail.com](mailto:sverhasselt@gmail.com) or by calling her at (805) 895-9400.



**The Engineer, the Coach, and the Teacher – Rescue at Sea**  
**by Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN**

The Engineer, the Coach, and the Teacher (all retired and able to take a leisurely sail on Wednesday afternoons) were having a pleasant sail. Wind over 10 knots and a pretty flat sea. We sailed offshore about four miles before tacking to head towards shore and noticed a catamaran approaching from the west on our port side. It was moving quickly with two sailors on board and would soon cross ahead of us. The Engineer was at the helm at the time and as it crossed our bow, well ahead of us, the Coach picked them up on the starboard side and commented, "They're getting that windward hull up pretty high and they better be careful – oops, they flipped it over!". The main sail kept it from turning over completely so they had a chance to right it – so they thought.



It appeared that they were OK and each had on a wet suit and life jacket. We sailed by and asked if they needed some help and of course they said "No, we've got it thank you", so, we continued toward shore and watched them from astern. After tacking again to head back offshore we took our time

while keeping an eye on them and then decided to sail by to see how they were doing. They again said they were OK but could we give them a line so that they could lengthen the line they were using to get more leverage on the mast, which they were gallantly trying to lift out of the water to right the cat. I dug a spare line out of the lazarette and the Coach steered us in close enough to pass it to one of the guys. So, off we went again for awhile before checking in on them again.





This time we suggested that if they needed some help we could radio the harbor patrol. They'd been at this for a half hour or more and finally realized they couldn't right the cat by themselves – so, they agreed to have us call the harbor patrol. We circled around again while talking to the harbor patrol and returned to the cat to tell them that help was on its way. I think it was then that one of the guys identified himself as the owner of the cat and said that his buddy was at the “helm” and didn't know he was in any danger as the cat raised up and then flipped over. The Coach offered that “You need to slack off on the main-sheet or release it when you're riding on one hull and a gust of wind hits you”. Lesson learned.

All this was taking place about a mile offshore and we decided to stay close to the cat while awaiting the harbor patrol. The Coach put us in “heave to” mode to hold our position. We remained close until the harbor



patrol arrived then sailed off to give them room to maneuver.

After assessing the situation the harbor patrol crew took a line from the cat (the one we passed to the cat earlier) and secured it to their bow. Both cat sailors jumped into the water in preparation for the righting maneuver.

They then backed down and successfully righted the cat.



I contacted the harbor patrol crew to thank them for a job well done and ask “Who had my line?” They said they'd ask the cat crew and determined that it was on the patrol boat so they came by and passed it to us. The harbor patrol boat hung around the cat while they sorted out their lines and got underway. The last we saw of the cat they were heading towards Leadbetter Beach. All in all it was a great day on the water and we were glad everything turned out fine.

**WATCH YOUR Ps & Bs...**  
**Submitted by P/C Neil R. Ablitt, P**

SBSPS has enjoyed an annual dinner at the **Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club** for at least the past two decades. It's been a great relationship so when PCYC Commodore, Tom Shideler, joined us for Slocum Painkillers at this year's cocktail party on their dock we were pleased to learn the club was coming to Santa Barbara the following weekend. We thought it would be nice to welcome them when they arrived. So on the following Saturday when I saw a group having lunch at the SBYC I checked at the desk and confirmed the group was from **PCYC**. I called Sue to come down so we could both join their lunch meeting with a special SBSPS welcome. It started well, but I knew something was wrong when I asked where Tom was and they said they didn't have a Tom. I asked, "this is the PCYC isn't it?" They answered "**BCYC**" as in **Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club** out of Newport Beach. Over a lot of laughter I could still hear, "*now get the heck out of here*". Later we did run into Commodore Tom and several members from **PCYC** - who got a kick out of the story - and again said SBSPS is always welcome. I'm just not too sure about **BCYC**.



### PCYC Cruise Submitted by

Lt/C Ronald C. Slocum, AP

Early morning, July 7th, 3 boats set out from Santa Barbara for the PCYC cruise.

Sea and Ski, with John Bridgwater and Joan Kent, Benchmark, with Scott Burns and Dennis & Virginia Johns, and Bobcat, with Ron & Vicki Slocum.

The forecast called for west winds 10-15 kts., so we were anticipating a nice sail.

As the winds never materialized we motored all the way.

When we arrived at the PCYC guest dock shortly after noon, we found Sea and Ski already on the dock, having taken about 15 minutes to cruise the 32 miles. Well, maybe a little longer. Benchmark would spend Friday night anchored in Fry's Harbor on Santa Cruz Island, and they would be arriving at PCYC Saturday afternoon.

Saturday the PCYC guest dock filled up early with electric boats and dinghies, so we were a bit concerned that Benchmark wouldn't find room. Fortunately, as they approached the dock, a dinghy and electric boat were leaving it, so Benchmark had no trouble at all fitting in.

The dockside happy hour featured Painkillers and plenty of great food and wine. Thanks to everyone who brought the food and wine! We had many lovely bottles of that wine with dinner as well.

There were 16 in attendance, a bit down from recent years, but everyone had a great time. The weather was warm, the moon full, and there was plenty to do and see, including a floating tiki bar (see pic).

After dinner there was a "competition" to win tickets the squadron had purchased from Dave Bacon. The tickets were for the Coastal Conservation Association Fundraiser on July 30 at the Channel Islands Yacht Club. Duane Felender was the proud winner of four tickets.


The 3 boats all departed by 7:30am Sunday morning to head home. The forecast was for 10-15 kts. of wind on the nose. Once again, the winds never materialized and we ended up motoring the entire way.

Thanks to the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club for their outstanding hospitality!!!

**We are already looking forward to next year's Cruise.**

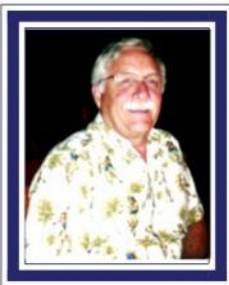




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# Your SBSPS Nautical Store is open



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](http://www.contpanycamals.chazsportswear.com) then contact me at [ipseago@cox.net](mailto:ipseago@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 SBSPS on the 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 Seago, P**



## SAFETY TIP FOR AUGUST 2017

By. P/C Richard Ciolino, JN



### Keeping a Proper Lookout

In September 2015, a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed captain delivering a 60-foot boat from the Newport, Rhode Island, boat show to another boat show in Norwalk, Connecticut, ran over a small fishing boat, killing the lone occupant. After a trial this spring, the captain was found guilty of, among other things, failing to keep a proper lookout. He said at trial that he hadn't seen the 23-foot boat.

Often termed the first rule of seamanship, Rule 5 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) expressly requires that "every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision."

As a practical viewpoint all mariners must monitor the presence and location of other vessels and other hazards to navigation to avoid risk of collision. This includes monitoring the speed of your vessel, other vessels, prevailing weather and sea conditions, visibility, traffic density, as well as proximity of navigational hazards and grounding risks.

For skippers that take to the seas alone there must be an unobstructed view from the steering station, and there should be no conditions that would require a posted lookout, such as restricted visibility or a crowded waterway.

Courts have made it clear that a boat owner cannot turn control of his boat over to someone who may lack experience or may be intoxicated. They have also consistently refused to recognize an exception to the lookout rule on account of size alone.

**NOTE: The content for this article was borrowed from BoatU.S. Magazine June/July 2017.**



# The Fishing Corner

Sail and Power Squadron boat-ers are heading out in good numbers here in the summer season and for many the favored destinations are the Channel Islands or other islands in the SoCal Bight. At some point during an adventure, folks think about fishing... especially when they see a bunch of boats gathered up and it looks like there is a good bite going on.

Chances are at this time of year a major gathering of fishing boats at the islands means white seabass, yellowtail or halibut. When encountering this situation, are you one who goes into the bowels of the boat to resurrect that old fishing rod and turn the handle on the reel gently to see if it still even turns? Maybe take a look at the old fishing line and wonder just how old it really is? Then poke around the back of cabinets and drawers to see if you can find that old bag of remnant fishing tackle?

If that is you, I'm afraid you are ill-prepared to tempt a fish, but if you do manage to hook a 50-pound white seabass, a 30-pound halibut or a 25-pound yellowtail, you have just what you need to create the story of the one that got away. The truth is, these are powerful fish and your old dilapidated gear just can't handle the truth!

Consider this plan of action... have your reel serviced at your local tackle shop, or replace it. Put new fishing line on it (super important). Clean up the rod and make sure it is of sufficient strength to handle a big fish. Then put together a new packet of just basic tackle that will serve you well when you get lucky and encounter a good bite.

Here is what you should have in your tackle pack:

- ~ Squid rig (for catching squid to use for bait)
- ~ Sabiki (for catching mackerel or sardines or squid for bait)
- ~ a pack of Owner Aki Twist size 7/0 hooks
- ~ pack of Mustad hooks in size 1/0
- ~ a couple of dink hooks (same hooks with some lead weight on the shank of the hook)
- ~ Torpedo sinkers in sizes: 4-oz, 6-oz, 8-oz, 10-oz, 12-oz, 16-oz
- ~ white Tady or Salas jig
- ~ scrambled-egg (white, brown, yellow) Tady or Salas jig
- ~ 2 bonito/barracuda feathers (like a bullet-shaped leadhead with feathers tied to it)
- ~ a Rapala trolling plug
- ~ Two 2-hook leaders for catching rockfish and lingcod

Wrap up that packet good and secure, hopefully water tight, too. With a decent rod & reel spooled with fresh line and with this tackle pack aboard, you will be far more prepared to get in on a hot bite and actually stand a fighting chance of enjoying that savory meal of hot fresh fish dinner.



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