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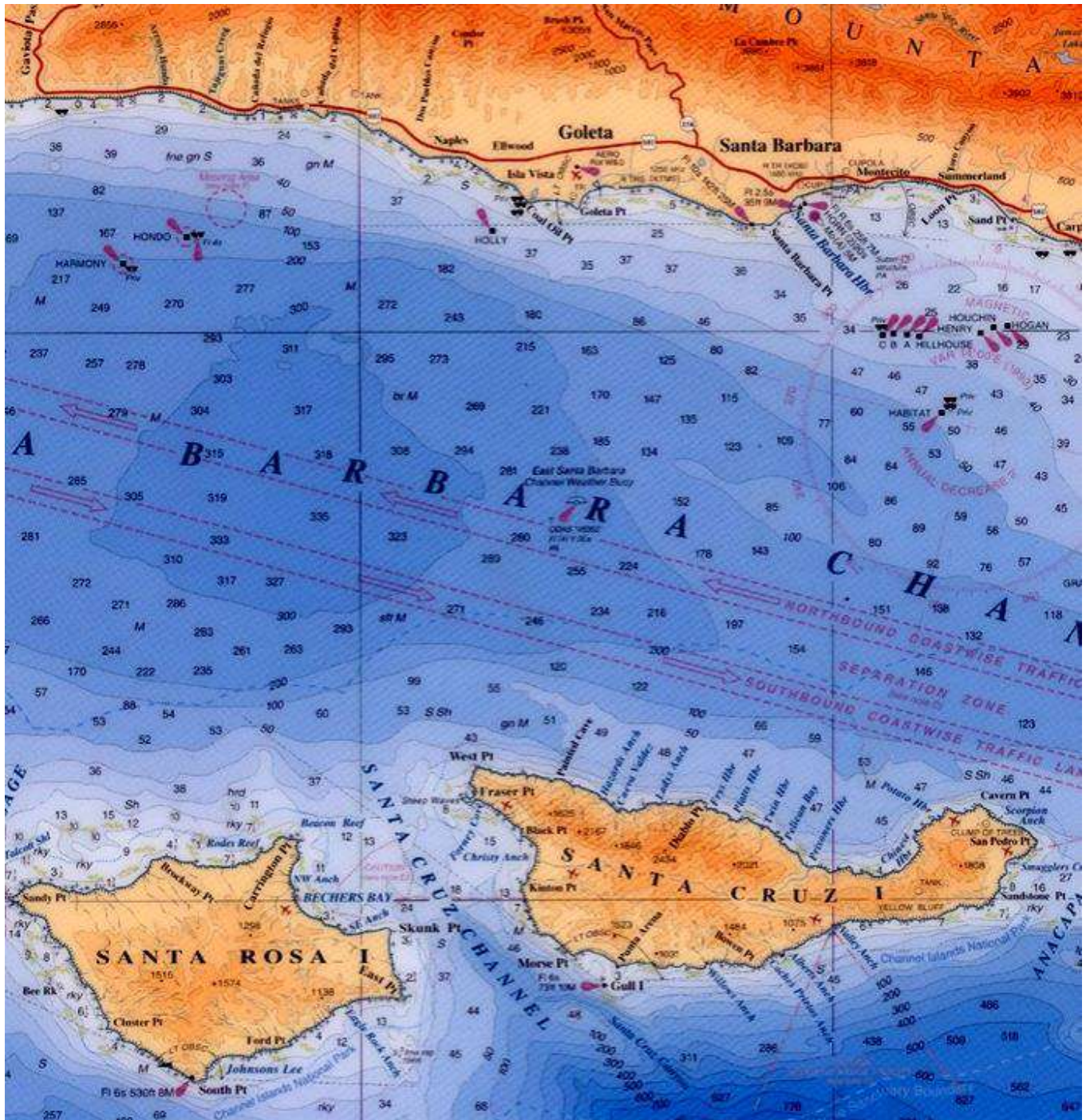


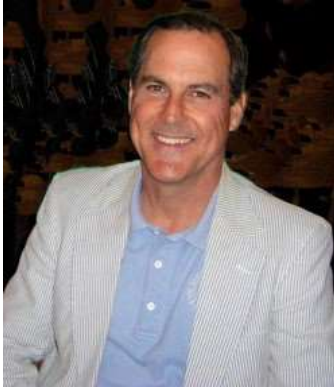
Signal Hoist



Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

Monthly Newsletter February 2019





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Dennis Johns, AP

I'm pleased to report that the excellent support I received from my bridge last year will be repeated again this year. As I head into my second year as your Commander, I am confident that this year will be as successful as last if not more so. When I say successful, I'm referring to the fact that the squadron has grown in membership, our social and educational activities have continued to define our mission, and we are having a lot of fun doing it. That's good news in an era when social and community service clubs in general are struggling to find a way to reach out to the newer generations.

Be sure to review the Schedule of Activities and mark your calendars to save the dates of our meetings and boating fun. "When it ain't broke don't fix it", so we are doing much the same as we did last year with only a few tweaks. In any case, we seem to stuff a lot of education and social events into the year which is why we continue to be rated high as an active squadron by National. That being said we are always open to suggestions for new activities such as one we did in conjunction with the SB Ski & Sports Club for the Graduates (people new to SB who have termed out of the Newcomers).

For those of you who have boats, wintertime in SoCal is the time when we can do those maintenance jobs and repairs to prepare for the boating season -which is incredibly long (March – December). If you have a project that you've been meaning to get to but hesitating because you are not sure you are prepared to deal with the domino effect of most boat projects, please know that we have hundreds of years of experience in our membership and there's probably a member or two that has done what you need to do. They may not roll up their sleeves to get down and dirty but we can certainly get the word out for you for sage advice. Contact me or anyone on the bridge and we'll canvass the group on your behalf. Let's get those boats out of their slips and go boating!

Upcoming Activities

Feb 9	Sat	7:00pm	Change of Watch/Annual Awards (Betty Koch point person)	Mesa Café
Mar 7	Thu	7:30pm	Fun and Entertainment	SB Waterfront classroom
Mar 16	Sat	4:00pm	Ships and Dips (Steve Young point person)	SB Harbor Marina
Apr 4	Thu	7:30pm	Fun and Entertainment	SB Waterfront classroom

**[Click here for the full 2019 calendar of activities for
Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron](#)**



ADMIN OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Lt/C Peggy Ciolino, P

As I've reported elsewhere in the *Signal Hoist*, the Holiday Party at Moby Dick on December 9, was enjoyed by all in attendance.

We have been working on our calendar for 2019. One of our events, the Dockside Brunch, which we have slated for October 5, is still in need of a Point Person. The Dockside Brunch was brought back last year after not being held for several years. In the past, it had been held at the Crowder's boat and surrounding dock area. Bringing it back this past year, we held the event at the same slip, but with *S/V Libertad* as the hosting boat — *S/V Teddy Bear*, the previous host boat, having been sold. If you think you might be interested in being the Point Person for this event, which is a potluck, please let me know.

Our next big event is the Change of Watch, coming up on Saturday, February 9, at the Mesa Cafe, from 7:00PM - 9:00PM, with delicious coffee and desserts served. You'll find more details and an invitation below, but I hope you can make it to this special affair when the new Bridge will be installed, awards will be given, and the new calendar will be officially unveiled.

I know it seems a long way off, but save the date of **March 16**, for our annual Ships and Dips at the Harbor. More details will follow.

**Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron
2019-20 New Year Kick-off Celebration**

Saturday 9 February 2019

7-9pm

Mesa Café

1972 Cliff Drive, Santa Barbara



Change of Watch - Installation

Activities Plan for 2019-2020

Awards Presentation

Come Join Us for Dessert and Coffee With No Host Bar

Another great opportunity to socialize with your fellow squadron members and enjoy the highlight of the evening, the always entertaining Awards Presentations. The venue has plenty of parking and no stairs to negotiate.

You won't find more fun for \$15 per person.

Please RSVP to Betty Koch.

Click on the following link for the details: [Flyer for COW and Awards event](#)



SEO's Message

Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, I know I did, but it is beginning to fade from my memory so it must be time to get on with our educational department plans for the coming year. Before that I'd like to thank our teaching staff for a great job last year in providing professional, lively, entertaining, and educational treatment of topics from basic boating to engine maintenance and electrical systems – **thanks to Steve Young (Marine Electrical Systems), Steve York (Partner in Command Seminar), John Profant (Piloting), Pete Seagoe (Engine Maintenance and ABC Course), Steve Hodges (Celestial Nav basics and Weather Seminars in 2017), Mike Pyzel (Local Weather Conditions in 2017), and the rest of our ABC Course team, Neil Ablitt, Tom Koch, Dennis Johns, and Ron Slocum.** It's encouraging to hear students' compliments about our instructors because what distinguishes us from other sources of boating education, such as on-line classes and searching through the vast on-line collection of nautical information, is being led by experienced boaters with a talent for providing topical boating course information along with personal experiences. The tagline for our newly named "America's Boating Club" is very fitting to our educational philosophy - "for boaters, by boaters" – and it's key to our success as we go forward in this on-line era.

Educational Programs Summary: The past two years have been very successful in fulfilling our mission of educating the boating public and the table below provides a summary of education class data for 2017 and 2018.

2017-2018 Summary of Education Class Data						
Class/Course	Dates Taught	Total Attendees	Took Test	Passed Test	Non-Members	New Members
Piloting	1/31/17 - 3/28/17	24	15	13		10
Adv. Piloting	4/4/17 - 6/6/17	15	8	6		1
PIC Seminar	5/27/2017	7			5	
ABC1	6/13/17 - 7/18/17	9	9	9	7	
Celest Seminar	10/7/2017	16			4	
Seamanship	10/19/2017	1	1	1		
ABC2	10/24/17 - 11/21/17	16	16	16	13	
Wethr Seminar	12/5/2017	18			3	
2017 totals		106	49	45	32	11
ABC1+	2/20/18 - 4/3/18	14	14	14	2	13
Marine ElecSys	4/24/18 - 6/19/18	26	16	13		11
PIC Seminar	5/19/2018	4			1	
Piloting	6/26/18 - 8/21/18	10	6	6		4
EngMaint	9/8/18 - 11/20/18	24	10	8		11
ABC2	10/24/18 - 12/12/18	5	5	5		
2018 totals		83	51	46	3	39
2017 + 2018 totals		189	100	91	35	50
		80	Attendees that took one class			
		40	Attendees that took multiple classes			
		109	Seats taken by multiple class attendees			

Some basic factoids about our courses are:

1. The ABC course is open to members and non-members. It is a good source for attracting new members. This course runs for five weeks including a final exam, but could be extended to seven if the Basic Navigation portion of the text is given. The test also qualifies for the California Boater Card.
2. The seminars are given in one roughly two-hour session and are open to members and non-members, and there is no exam. Students can get a certificate of completion.
3. The advanced grade courses (e.g. Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Seamanship, Electrical Systems, and Engine Maintenance) are given to members only and run about 10 weeks. Non-members can join when they sign up for one of these courses.

From left to right, the table above shows: when the class was given; how many students signed up; how many took the final exam; how many passed the final exam; how many were non-members; and how many joined as new members to take the class or, in the case of some ABC classes, how many joined because they were interested in taking advantage of membership in the future.

We brought in 50 new members from our ABC and Advanced Grade offerings over the past two years.

We had one member request the Seamanship course which was completed in 2017.

Of the 189 total class attendees (seats taken), 80 attended only one class and 109 seats were taken by 40 individuals that attended multiple classes (that is 2 – 6 different classes). So, adding the 80 that took only one class to the 40 that took multiple classes gives 120 individuals, members and non-members, that took our classes in the last two years.

ABC Class Data: USPS National puts out ABC Course data on all squadrons throughout the country. Here are some statistics for the active squadrons in District 13 from July 2017 to January 2019:

2017 – 2019 ABC Class Data for D13 Active Squadrons

				Average
Squadron	Students	Rank	Classes	Class Size
Valley	59	40th	8	7
Ventura	40	63rd	3	13
Santa Barbara	35	71st	3	12
Las Vegas	21	120th	4	5
Long Beach	12	159th	1	12
Arrowhead	6	198th	3	2

Santa Barbara ranked third within D13 for ABC students and 71st out of all 250 active (providing education classes) USPS squadrons. Our average class size is about 12 for the three classes given. To date, 904 students have taken the ABC class throughout the United States.

Plans for 2019: The near-term plan for our class offerings is to offer another ABC class in February and then offer the new and revised Seamanship course, called Boat Handling, immediately after the ABC class. We will see if the low turnout of five in our last ABC offering (October to December 2018) was an anomaly or is it indicating a new normal, perhaps as boaters head to on-line sources or the California State course to qualify for their California Boater Card. The class will start on February 19.

The new Boat Handling course is an updated version of the old Seamanship course that covers anchoring, marlinspike, rules of the road, docking and undocking, emergencies on board, and handling your boat underway. Boat Handling is a good follow-on to the ABC class since some of the same topics covered in the ABC class are given much more attention and detail. Boat Handling is set up as a six-week class of six essentially independent seminars. A final exam will be available.

Boat Handling is also unique as it is the first of newly named courses - all advanced courses will have new names this year that are more descriptive, have updates, and adapt to a seminar format. Additionally, Boat Handling and the other advanced courses are adopting an eBook format and phasing out hard textbooks. Each student will be given an electronic password key to download a .PDF format textbook. Instructor material will be similarly downloaded - no more CDs. The new course was piloted last fall by several squadrons and will be discussed at next month's National Meeting. There might be some changes made to the pilot material but it should be ready for general use early this year - our planned start date is March 26.

As we get these two classes underway I'll be reviewing the results of the Education Program reports from National, talking with our staff and working to plan the rest of the year's offerings.

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



Treasurer's Message

Lt/C Steve York, P

The SBSPS Finance Committee prepared a draft budget for 2019 that was reviewed by the Bridge and approved at the January meeting. Key highlights for 2019 are:

- Dues will be adjusted to stay in synch with National - currently \$77 for single members and \$124.50 for families.
- We will be subsidizing a smaller portion of the cost for the Holiday dinner compared to last year
- The COW and PCYC social events will break even
- We will continue to hold a student and member appreciation event at the Maritime Museum in the Fall
- Ships Store is planned to break even
- Signal Hoist and Roster will be delivered electronically saving postage and printing

Here is a recap of our expected income and expenses for this year.

INCOME

line#	Description	2019 Budget
1	Squadron Dues - Existing Members > 1 year	1185.00
	Squadron Dues - New Members	1125.00
2	Education Department	5445.00
3	Meetings/Social	4600.00
4	Ships Store	500.00
8	Misc Income	200.00
9	Holiday party fund	400.00
10	INCOME TOTALS	13,455.00

EXPENSES

line#	Description	
<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>		
12	National Dues (new members)	1405.00
13	District Dues (new members)	150.00
14	Treasurer Expenses	50.00
15	Squadron Awards	300.00
16	Education Department	4500.00
17	Meeting/Social	4600.00
18	Ship's Store	500.00
18a	Food for Annual Meeting	150.00
19	Signal Hoist and Roster	0.00
20	Misc. Expenses	250.00
21	PR/Squadron Development	1000.00
23	Sales & Use tax paid	300.00
21	Web Site	250.00
	Sub Total Expenses	13,455.00



Ships and Dips

Saturday March 16 1:30-4:30

The squadron has scheduled the Annual Ships & Dips for Saturday, March 16th from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the harbor. Come and mingle, snack on appetizers, see members' boats, and enjoy libations and boating stories. This is a fun event that brings us together with minimal investment.

I am looking for a couple boats to participate as hosts and members to bring appetizers to these host boats for the event.

RSVP to Steve Young @ sck.young@gmail.com.

Thanks for your participation!



Secretary's Message

Lt/C Ron Slocum, AP

The nominating committee has submitted the following slate of officers and committees for 2019:

SANTA BARBARA SAIL and POWER SQUADRON 15 January 2019

To: Lt/C Ronald Slocum, AP
Secretary Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron

From: Nominating Committee
Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron

Recommended for 2019-2020 Bridge Officers and Committees
For Election at upcoming Change of Watch Saturday, February 9th, 2019

Commander	Cdr. Dennis Johns	AP	
Executive Officer	Lt/C Virginia Johns	P	
Educational Officer	Lt/C Richard Ciolino	JN	
Assistant EO	1 st Lt John Profant	SN	
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Peggy Ciolino	P	
Secretary	Lt/C Ronald Slocum	AP	
Treasurer	Lt/C Steven York	P	
Assistant Treasurer	1 st Lt. Peter Seagoe	P	
Members at Large	Jim Hirsch	P	1 year
	Janis Johnson	S	2 years
	P/Lt/C Betty Koch	P	3 years
Auditing Committee	William Goodale	AP	1 year
	P/C Tom Koch	SN	2 years
	P/Lt/C Steve Young	JN	3 years
Rules Committee	P/C Don Crowder	SN	1 year
	P/C Nils Lindman	SN	2 years
	Lt/C Richard Ciolino	JN	3 years
Nominating Committee For 2019-2020	P/C Neil Ablitt	P	1 year
	P/C Susan Hodges	P	2 years
	P/C John Profant	SN	3 years

Nominating Committee 2018-2019

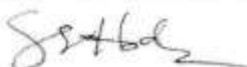
Lt/C Richard Ciolino, JN



P/C Neil Ablitt, P



P/C Susan Hodges, P



2018 Holiday Party

by Lt/C Peggy Ciolino, S

The Moby Dick Restaurant on Stearn's Wharf was again the setting for the Squadron Holiday Party on December 9, 2018. Unlike the 2017 party, we were able to celebrate the Holiday without being under a cloud of smoke and worry about our homes, our friends' homes, and our city.

We enjoyed the hospitality of the Moby Dick staff and had excellent front row warm seats for the always-entertaining Parade of Lights and the sensational fireworks that followed. The dinner was excellent and a few games added to the fun. The only thing that could have made the evening even better would have been if someone from the Squadron had entered the Parade! I don't know if the Waterfront Dept. has decided on a theme for 2019, but maybe whatever it is, one of us will find it compelling!!





















Ratchet up your deep-sea fishing skills with a class from SBCC



Captain David Bacon of WaveWalker Charters is teaching classes about fishing for SBCC's Extended Learning program. So, ratchet up your fish-catching skills and learn more about fish. The first of a series of classes begins on the evening of Monday, March 4th and runs each week until April 29th. The class title is "Experience Deep Sea Fishing" and teaches boat-based fishing.

Capt. Bacon is an expert fisherman with a lifetime of fishing and nearly thirty years of experience as captain of a charter fishing boat for demanding clientele. The Captain also owns Hook, Line & Sinker fishing center at 4010 Calle Real in Santa Barbara. He will teach you about various fish and techniques, rods/reels/tackle and accessories, inshore fishing, deepwater structure fishing, offshore fishing for pelagic fish, knot tying, various fishing lines, lure or bait selection and how to rig up for success.

Here is how to sign up for this fee-based class:

Go to <https://sbcc.augusoft.net/> and click on "Click to Register". Registering will give you a student ID number. Keep that number because it will allow you to register for the class.

After registering, find the Search box and enter **22549** which is the class ID. The search takes you to a page where you can sign up. If you are already registered in the system, just login and search for the class ID, 22549.



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