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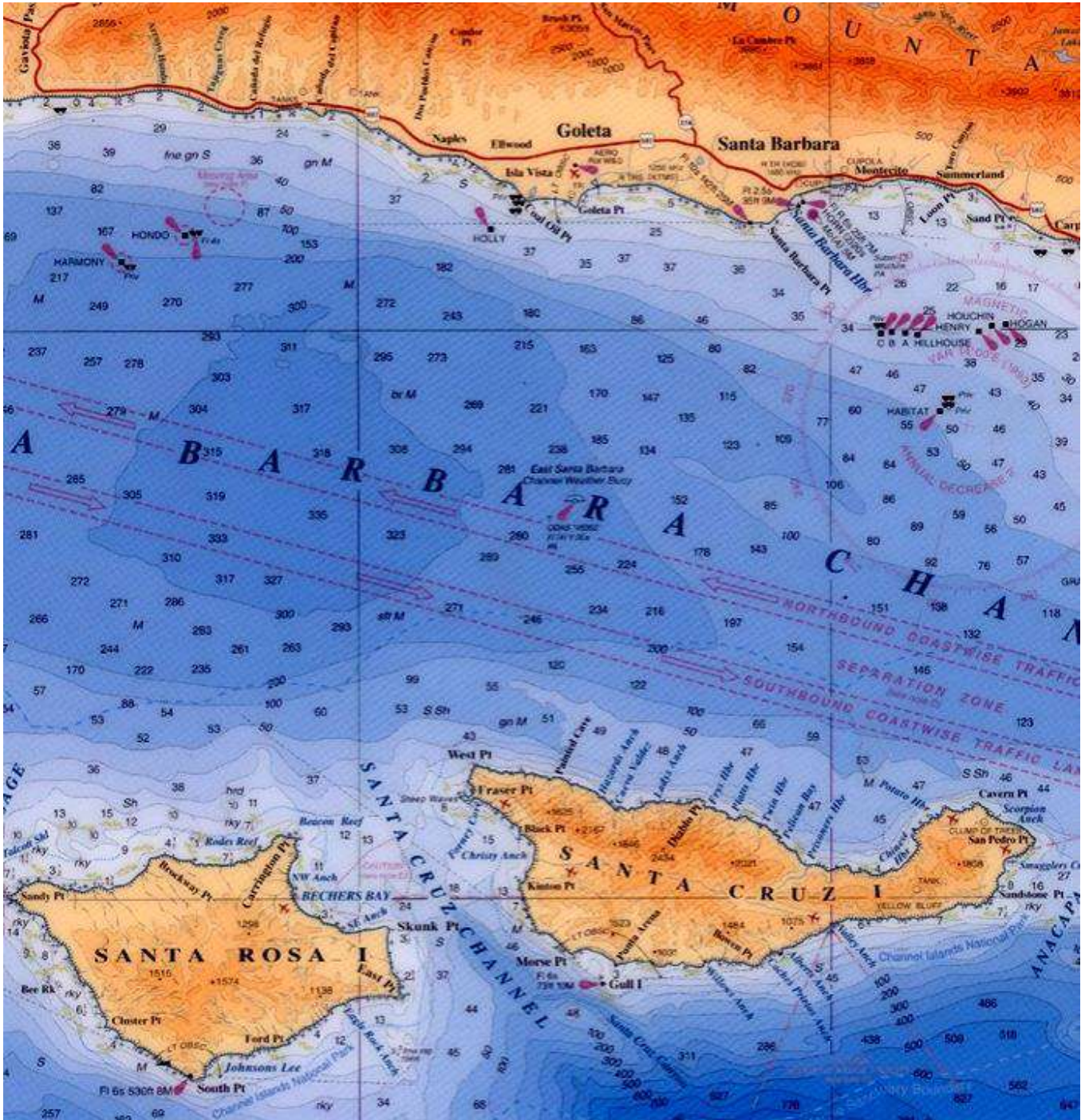


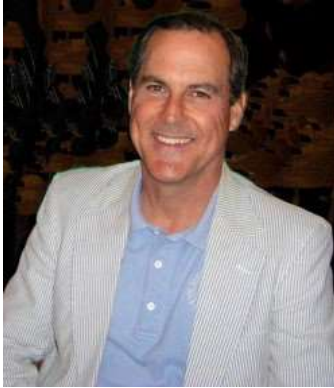
Signal Hoist



Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

Monthly Newsletter April 2019





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Dennis Johns, AP

We have another Members' Meeting on April 4 that is bound to be informative and entertaining. Several members of the squadron will be relating their experiences with maintenance or repairs of their vessel in unusual circumstances. The statement: "Cruising is maintaining or repairing your boat in exotic places" will prove to have some validity based on the stories you will hear. We will have several scheduled presenters but intend to have time for the "spur of the moment" contributions of everyone who attends as well.

As I write this message on a Wednesday morning, I'm struck by the sudden downpour of rain. We can't complain about the rain this winter as it has resulted in the refilling of Lake Cachuma and hopefully in replenishing our water tables. Nevertheless it's been a bit of a reality check after several years of drought which provided beautiful boating weather year-round for us. Many of us are chomping at the bit to get our boats out of the slip and into the channel for one of our favorite pastimes. I hope you are feeling the call of the ocean too.

By one count, we had about 30 people attend the Ships & Dips event last month. The weather was about the best we could have hoped for, so for the future, we'll need to place our order early for a nice Spring afternoon down on the docks. This month we have the Spring Brunch on Saturday, April 13 which is a wonderful way to welcome the boating season and discuss plans with your fellow boaters.

Virginia and I attended the Santa Barbara Sailing Club's Opening Day brunch at Moby Dick on Saturday, March 2. The SBSC exists as a low-cost alternative to sailboat racing. While the SBSPS is primarily focused on cruising (after our main focus of education), if you have a desire to get into the racing side of boating you might want to contact them to get involved: <http://www.sailsbsc.org>. Their racing season begins in May. Several conversations with their members indicated a desire for closer involvement between our two organizations (beyond the Maritime Mixer) and you will be hearing more of those plans and opportunities in the future.

I'm pleased to announce that our squadron is being recognized by District 13 with a "Growth Award" at the upcoming Spring Conference on April 27. We have our Education Officer and his instructors to thank for their exceptional teaching acumen which resulted in students desiring more and becoming members. Of course the growth would not be possible without member retention and we have our Administrative Officer and her "cruise directors" to thank for that. Our newest Lifetime Member, John Profant, will be attending the conference to accept the award.

Upcoming Activities

Apr 4	Thu	7:30pm	Fun and Entertainment	SB Waterfront classroom
April 13	Sat	10:00am	Spring Brunch (Rich Ciolino point person)	Swallings' home
Apr23&30	Tues	7-9 pm	Intro to Navigation, 2 parts	SB Waterfront classroom
May 2	Thu	7:30pm	Fun and Entertainment	SB Waterfront classroom
May 7	Tues	7-9 pm	Boat Handling/Seamanship	SB Waterfront classroom
thru June 25				
May 18	Sat		Harbor Clean Sweep (Dennis Johns point person)	
May 21	Tues		Flare Shoot (Virginia Johns point person)	Leadbetter Beach
May 25	Sat	8:00am	Nautical Swap Meet (Dennis Johns point person)	Harbor



ADMIN OFFICER'S MESSAGE

Lt/C Peggy Ciolino, P

We had the perfect day for our annual Ships and Dips and thank-you Steve Young for organizing that event for us. Thanks to our host boats — Ciolino's S/V Ecco Bella, Slocum's S/V Bobcat, Ablitt's S/V Maude, and Johns' S/V Libertad — as well as to everyone for bringing an abundance of delicious appetizers and desserts.

We'll be having a meeting on Thursday, April 4, in the Harbor Classroom where all are invited to share their experiences.

Please plan on attending the Spring Brunch at the Swalling's beautiful home on Saturday, April 13, at 10:00AM. You don't have to bring a thing!! Brunch is provided by the past Commanders of the Squadron. Thank-you Rich Ciolino for being the point person for this event.

Still looking for someone to be the point person for the Annual Meeting in September and someone else to host our dockside brunch in October. Please consider helping out. It's not a big commitment.



SBSPS Spring Brunch
Hosted by your Past Commanders!
Saturday, April 13, 10:00am
At Swallings Home
2106 Mt. Calvary Road, Santa Barbara

All members, families, and guests welcome!
Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, and more!!!

Please RSVP to P/C Rich Ciolino, JN

By Thursday April 11

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SEO's Message
Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN

I reported last month that our National education department is in the midst of implementing sweeping changes to curriculum and curriculum delivery methods. Here is a brief summary of what the plan is at this time: In order to better serve today's boating public (computer know-how, busy schedules, convenience) National wants to create new avenues to access our educational content by offering on-line access to our courses, including advanced courses. The first major change is to create narrated versions of our traditional PowerPoint® presentations so students can access them on their own schedule rather than attending scheduled classroom time to listen to a live instructor. The idea is that students would receive a downloadable e-book study-guide and access to the on-line PowerPoint® presentation – the study-guide and the presentation material could then be reviewed at their convenience. Additionally, there would be scheduled on-line "class meetings" using a meeting service such as GoToMeeting® led by an instructor(s) to answer questions, facilitate discussions, and add additional information about the material. One aspect of this method is that students could sign-up for a class given by any squadron, anywhere in the country!

It is going to take some time to implement this plan and it doesn't look like our traditional way of conducting classes will go away soon.

One of the first courses to be transitioned into this new technique is Seamanship. It has been renamed Boat Handling and National conducted a pilot run, without narrations, with several squadrons participating last fall. While Seamanship uses a traditional hard copy guide book the new Boat Handling course will only provide an e-book text for each student who will download the e-book using a special key. The plan for Boat Handling was to just update the pilot material and release it in the spring of this year, but that will be delayed since it's been decided to incorporate the narration into the PowerPoint® as well as incorporating comments from the pilot run. As a result of this, we have cancelled the Boat Handling course planned for an April 2 start, and replaced it with the traditional Seamanship course which will begin on May 7.

We will also be offering a two-session seminar on April 23 and 30. It's an "Introduction to Navigation" that covers chart usage and dead reckoning navigation, with hands-on practice, and an example of electronic navigation techniques.

All SBSPS members will receive a notice for the Seamanship and Introduction to Navigation classes via email.

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

SAVE THE DATE !!

PROGRESSIVE DININER Saturday June 8th

Bobcat and Maude will be providing Tri Tip and Neil's Famous Beans

Details to follow



NOTE TO THE FLEET...



We are looking for two boats to volunteer for
Appetizers/Salad and Dessert/Coffee stops

**Volunteers, please contact Ron:
rslocum@globalisle.com or
Call 805.685.2142**



Ships and Dips

Here are some photos from our Ships and Dips social event last month, organized by Steve Young. Photos courtesy of Janis Johnson, Peggy Ciolino, and Betty Koch.













Channel Islands Eagle Watch

(from Edhat)



March 17 at 10:45 AM ·

It's been an exciting week on Santa Cruz Island! Last Saturday (3/9) the first of three bald eagle eggs hatched in the nest at Fraser Point! The other two hatched just a few days later!

These fantastically fluffy little chicks will continue to grow in their nest for the next 10 to 14 weeks under the watchful eye and dedicated care of both parent eagles.

Follow our Instagram and Facebook for updates as they grow and be sure to watch their nest live by tuning into our island webcams

@ <https://www.nps.gov/.../photosmultimedia/bald-eagle-webcam.htm>.

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