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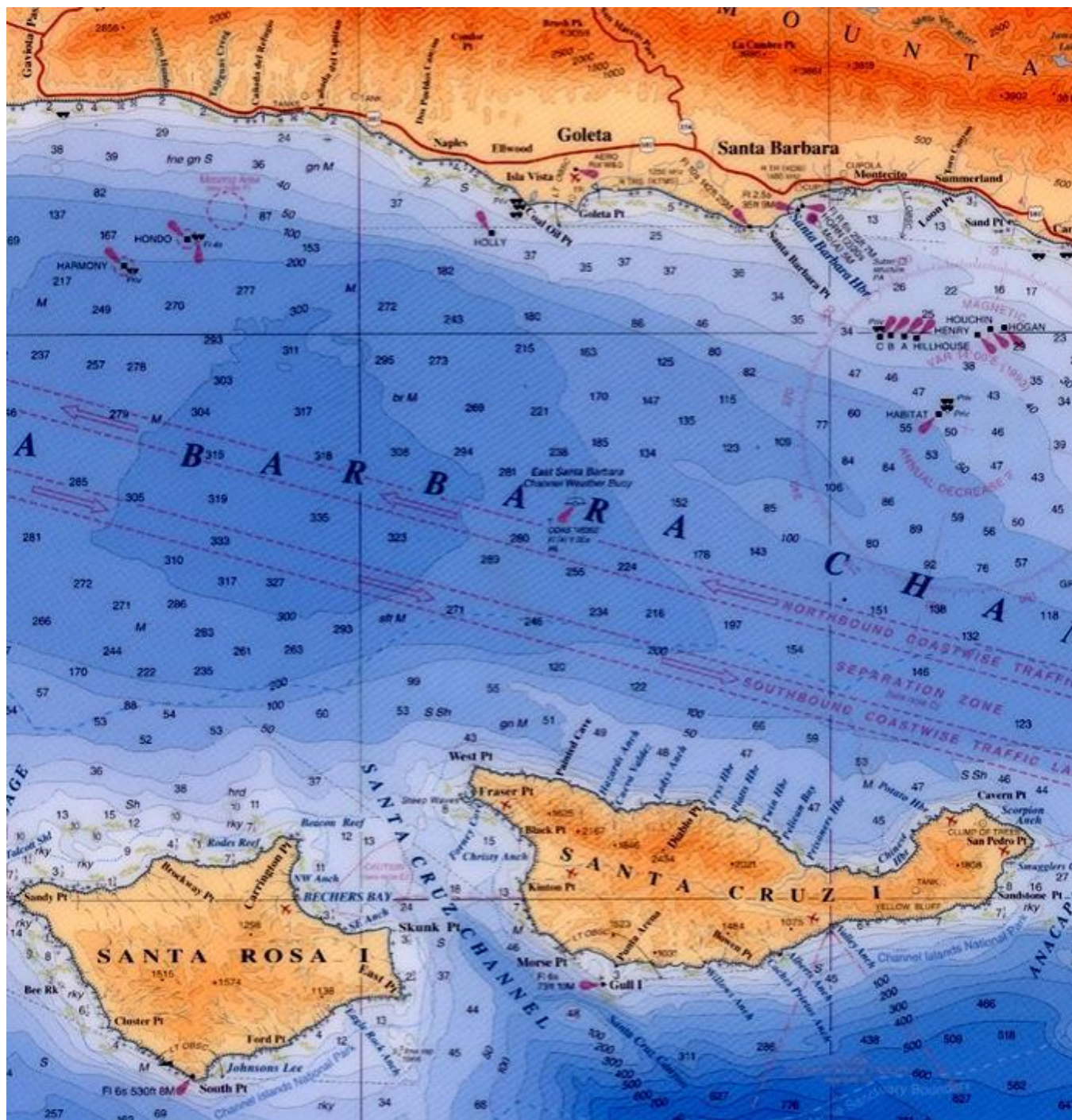


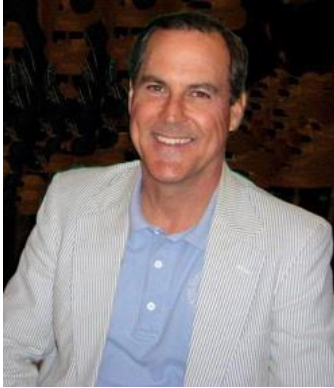
# Signal Hoist



## Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

### Monthly Newsletter May 2019





## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

**Cdr. Dennis Johns, AP**

Many thanks to our Past Commanders for the Spring Brunch held at Will and Doris Swalling's lovely front country hills home. We had perfect weather and excellent attendance –see report and pictures below.

We are expanding a relationship with the Santa Barbara Sailing Club. We have different but compatible missions which can be mutually beneficial. We can provide them boating safety education and a variety of social events and they can provide us low cost racing experiences. They are receiving our newsletters and we are including news from them in ours. They have advised us that one of their main regattas is this weekend (Cinco de Mayo Regatta) and they have requested help with the event. There is more detail on their event later in this publication, let me know if you can help.

MAY IS HUGE! We have three, count 'em, THREE of our most popular events in May. We start off the month with Operation Clean Sweep on May 18. The SBSPS has a reputation for delivering the largest group of volunteers to this effort of keeping the Santa Barbara Harbor one of the most attractive marinas in California. This major effort begins on Friday with divers surveying the harbor floor, identifying items that don't belong there. Then on Saturday, May 18 volunteers gather at the Travel Lift Pier at 8am for free donuts and coffee. We, squadron members, as a group are assigned to a dock to drag up refuse from the bottom. This tends to stir up a lot of bottom mud, so be sure to wear your work clothes and be prepared to get down and dirty. The fun is seeing all the strange things that have "slipped" off the dock and ended up on the bottom. Once the work is done, we are offered lunch from the Waterfront Dept. and we can retire to someone's vessel for an impromptu social hour. Let's keep our reputation intact –let me know if you plan to participate this year.

Safe Boating Week is always the week before Memorial Day (May 19 – 27). We will again have a Beach Flare Shoot on Tuesday, May 21. The event starts in the Waterfront classroom (see flyer below for details). Monitored by the Harbor Patrol and USCG, we bring our expired flares to the beach to fire them off to get the experience of how to



light them and the way to execute for best effect. You will learn how long a flare fires off and you may also discover a new style of flare you'll want to have on your boat.

Finally, the squadron will have two spaces (42 & 43) in the parking lot across from Marina 3 at the Santa Barbara Harbor Nautical Swap Meet, Saturday, May 25. This is one of the squadron's major fundraisers which allow us to subsidize some of our social events. So dig through your boat and garage to find those items that you haven't touched in a year and bring them down to the harbor to see if they might be another man's treasure. You can drive right into the parking lot to unload until 7:30am and the swap meet begins at 8am and goes until noon. After you drop off your items, be sure to give the members at the site an idea of their value, so we can properly price haggle. We encourage you to return to the meet at noon to recover those items that didn't sell.

Let's get out and enjoy a busy May!

Make sure you read this month's report from Captain David Bacon. For many years he has shared with us his expert knowledge on fishing in the local waters, making our fishing adventures more productive and enjoyable. We appreciate his involvement with our squadron for all these years and wish him luck in his next adventure. Fortunately he will still be in town supplying us with fishing gear and tackle.

Present Coupon And Your Marina Slip Number Upon Delivery

 **ADMIT ONE DELIVERY**

**SB Harbor Hazardous Materials Turn-In Day**

**Saturday, May 25, 2019**

 Main Harbor Parking Lot Near Marina 3  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
(See list for acceptable materials)



**Used Oil and  
Used Oil Filters  
Accepted**

The Santa Barbara Harbor  
Hazardous Materials Turn-In Day  
is sponsored by the City of Santa Barbara  
Waterfront Department  
and funded by grants from the  
Department of Resources Recycling  
and Recovery (CalRecycle).

**List of Acceptable Materials**  
for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Acids, Inorganic and Organic	Mercury (mfd Articles)
Aerosols	Oxidizers, Liquid
Ammonium Nitrate, Fertilizers	Oxidizers, Solid
Base, Inorganic and Organic	Paint, Latex
Batteries, Ni-Cad	Paint, Oil Base
Batteries, Alkaline	PCB Waste
Flammable Liquids	Poison, Liquids
Flammable Solids	Poison, Solids
Fluorescent Bulbs	Propane Tanks (BBQ Type)
Labpacks - Reactive	Propane Tanks (Coleman Stove)

## Upcoming Activities

<b>May 2</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	Fun and Entertainment	SB Waterfront classroom
<b>May 7</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>7-9 pm</b>	Boat Handling/Seamanship	SB Waterfront classroom
<b>thru June 25</b>				
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Harbor Clean Sweep (Dennis Johns point person)	SB Harbor Travel Lift Pier
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Flare Shoot  (Virginia Johns point person)	SB Waterfront classroom and nearby Beach
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Nautical Swap Meet (Dennis Johns point person)	SB Harbor
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	Members'/Business Meeting	SB Waterfront classroom
<b>June 8 — Sat</b>	<b>4-7pm</b>		Progressive Dinner (Vicki and Ron Slocum point persons)	SB Harbor
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	Evening Sail (Jim Hirsch point person)	SB Harbor



## **ADMIN OFFICER'S MESSAGE**

**Lt/C Peggy Ciolino, P**

Many thank-yous to the Swallings for the use of their beautiful garden patio for our Annual Spring Brunch put on by the past Squadron Commanders: Neil Ablitt, Rich Ciolino (point person), Tom Koch, John Profant, and Will Swalling. Thank you to Ron and Vicki Slocum for the mimosa treat and Virginia Johns for the fruit platter. The weather was gorgeous and good camaraderie and delicious food was enjoyed by all!! See photos below.

May is going to be a busy month for us, beginning with our monthly meeting on May 2, 7:30pm in the Harbor classroom. This is one of our Fun and Entertainment meetings with Melissa Baffa speaking about her exploration of the seafloor.

I hope everyone can come out for the Harbor Clean Sweep on May 18, where we get to help the Harbor divers after they collect all sorts of odd, and mud and barnacle encrusted objects from just under our boats!!!! It's a fun, surprising and rewarding time as we help dispose of the misbegotten collection of objects accidentally (??) lost in the Harbor.

Coinciding with Safe Boating Week, May 19 - May 25, is our annual flare shoot at Leadbetter Beach on May 21. This is a chance to get rid of your expired flares and practice how they work, since thankfully, not many of us have had to use them before. Come to the Harbor classroom at 6:00PM for a presentation on flares provided by the Harbor staff, followed at about 6:30PM for the flare shoot on the beach.

Get ready for an active boating season by spring cleaning and gathering those boating items that are just dust collectors. Bring them to the Nautical Swap Meet on Saturday, May 25, from 8:00AM to Noon. The Squadron has a spot where they can be offered to the public. Contact Commander Dennis Johns if you have questions.





***SBSPS Spring Brunch***  
***Hosted by your Past Commanders!***





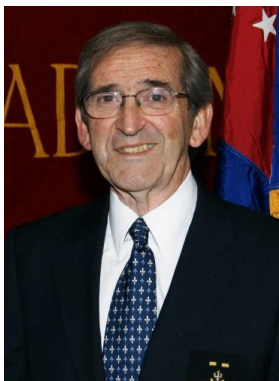












## SEO's Message

### Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN

Our two-session "Introduction to Navigation" seminar that covers chart usage and dead reckoning navigation with hands-on practice, and examples of electronic navigation techniques, got underway on April 23 with six students. The second session is on April 30. Cmdr Dennis Johns is supporting the class by helping students with chart plotting techniques and offering real-world commentary.

We have a Boat Handling & Seamanship class beginning on May 7 and **it's not too late to sign up for it:**

***Boat Handling and Seamanship*** – An **eight session** course that covers Rules of the Road, Maneuvering Under Varied Conditions, Docking, Anchoring, Emergencies on Board, and Knots and Line Handling.

**Schedule:** Eight sessions, Tuesdays, May 7 - June 25,

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Pricing:** Member price is \$55/person

Joining-Member\*: Additional \$77 for one, \$125 for family membership (2 or more)

Additional Family Member is \$25 if sharing material

(\*1<sup>st</sup> year membership in America's Boating Club – Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron)

The course will be taught by our team of experienced boaters including myself, Tom Koch, John Profant, Dennis Johns, Ron Slocum, and Pete Seagoe. Use the contacts below to let me know if you are interested in taking the course.

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!







# HARBOR WATCH MEETING

## May 21, 2019

Waterfront Classroom  
6:00 pm-7:00 pm

- Harbor Patrol Officer Rick Hubbard will discuss law enforcement statistics in the marinas.
- **National Safe Boating Week is May 18-24, 2019**  
We will review boating safety tips before the flare demonstration.
- **Flare Demonstration:** Have you ever wanted to launch a flare but were not in distress? Well, here is your chance! We will review the various types of flares and discuss their advantages and limitations. You will have the opportunity to launch flares from the beach. So bring your expired flares and get some valuable training.

For more information contact the Harbor Patrol at 564-5530.



In case you missed it, the February USPS newsletter noted a new West Marine 10% Discount Coupon for safety related products. The coupon is meant to be printed double-sided to take advantage of all of the information. The expiration date has been extended to the end of 2020. With the Flare Shoot coming up on May 21, this coupon will come in handy replacing those expired flares we'll be firing off.

**[Shortcut: Click here for the the Coupon](#)**



## **Vessel Safety Examiner Report**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt/C John Profant, SN  
Assistant SEO**



For those interested in having their vessel inspected I have stickers. Just contact me for an appointment. We make sure your flares are up to date, your safety equipment is in good working order and that your boat is sea worthy. It is free and takes about an hour. Those who do pass the examination will get a sticker to place on the left side of the boat that lets the Coast Guard know that it is not necessary to board and perform a Vessel Safety Check.

My contact information is [johnprofant@cox.net](mailto:johnprofant@cox.net), or (805) 455-9173.





The Santa Barbara Sailing Club is having their Cinco de Mayo Regatta this upcoming weekend, May 4-5. They have asked if anyone in our squadron would like to join them as a safety/spectator boat. The job is primarily hanging around the race committee boat in case any sailor (usually small boats) gets into trouble or breaks something and needs a tow in. Maybe for 3-4 hours each day.

They would also like someone who would be willing to shoot some video.

If you are interesting in either of these opportunities to help at the Regatta, please contact:

Jerry White

Fleet Captain

(805) 450-1100

## **SBSPS PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

**SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2019**

**SANTA BARBARA HARBOR**

**We hope you can join us for a fun evening!**

**RSVP to Ron Slocum via email  
[rslocum@globalisle.com](mailto:rslocum@globalisle.com)  
or  
Phone (805) 685-2142**



**5:00 pm Appetizers/Salad - Host boat to be determined**

**6:00 pm Main Course - Maude/Bobcat 1-H-3 & 1-H-5  
Hosted by Neil and Sue Ablitt and Ron and Vicki Slocum**

**7:00 pm Dessert and Coffee - Mariposa de la Islas 2-B-26  
Hosted by Mark and Ellie Cooper**

**Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share and  
your own plate/silverware and drinks.**

**Please let Ron know what you'd like to bring .**





**Spring  
shakedown  
cruise will  
be to Fry's  
Harbor**

I plan to sail out to the Channel Islands monthly and have volunteered to be the point person for squadron boats (and their friends) interested in joining these adventures.

Given that it is easier to cancel a trip because of weather than to schedule something on all our calendars, I am proposing we have a few trips planned in advance.

The trips are planned to leave Friday morning and come back Sunday afternoon. Bring your favorite beverages and nibbles for a happy hour gathering on the beach Saturday.

June 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Fry's

July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Yellowbanks- PCYC

August 23<sup>rd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> San Miguel

Sept 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> TBD

*RSVP to me so I can keep interested parties notified of weather forecast and go/no-go decision. [w.scott.burns@cox.net](mailto:w.scott.burns@cox.net) 805-448-8110*

## **Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club Cruise & Dinner** by P/C Tom Koch, SN



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

SBSPS has once again made plans to hold a cruise to, and have dinner at, the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club in Channel Islands Harbor, Oxnard, CA. The gathering of SBSPS members and guests will convene for a Potluck of appetizers and drinks in the afternoon of **13 July 2019**, with PCYC providing a, historically delicious, dinner at 1900 hours. Members and guests are encouraged to make this a weekend cruise. PCYC will allow boats to be tied-up and/or rafted to the PCYC dock from 12 PM Friday (12 July 2019) until early morning Sunday, (11 AM, 14 July 2019). Anyone that wishes, can drive to PCYC for Saturday's activities. The cost for each meal has been set at only \$50, including tax and gratuity. All members are encouraged to make plans to boat or drive to PCYC and join in on this annual Get-Away!

**Right Now... Print and fill-out the PCYC flyer.**

**[PCYC July 2019 Flyer click here](#)**

**Then send it, along with your check made out to SBSPS, to Past Commander Tom Koch at your earliest convenience.**

PLEASE NOTE:

All boat reservations are required by 29 June 2019.

All dinner reservations are required by 6 July 2019.

Thank you,

Tom [tbkoch01@gmail.com](mailto:tbkoch01@gmail.com) (805) 729-3385

# Remembering Former Commanders

by P/D/C Don Crowder, SN

I am sorry to have to report the passing of two long time Squadron members.

The tides of life have ebbed for our ship mates

P/C ED Lewis, SN. 67 years

P/C Carl Pettersen, AP. 38 years

They have crossed the Bar and are sailing to be with the Supreme Commander.

For us, their fellow members, we should stop for a few minutes and honor their memory.

**P/C Ed Lewis, SN** was a founding (Charter) member of the Santa Barbara Power Squadron. The United States Power Squadron issued the charter to Santa Barbara in 1952. He served on the Bridge in all the offices, while at the same time taking all of the classes and achieving the grade of Senior Navigator. He served for many years as the Squadron Educational Officer and become a life member. He was Commander in 1956.

Ed's wife Janice (who preceded him) helped start the Ladies Auxiliary, the Channel Bells, who planned many of the Squadron's activities and social functions.

**P/C Carl Pettersen, AP** joined our Squadron in 1971, taking classes and achieving the grade of Advanced Pilot. He joined the Squadron Bridge as Commander in 1976. He was also very active in the education program, teaching classes.

I would like to add that Inge and I hosted Ed and Janis on Teddy Bear on a cruise to the District 13 Bar-B-Q at two Harbors Catalina Island. But that is a story for another time.



## My Next Adventure

By Capt. David Bacon

[www.hooklineandshooter.com](http://www.hooklineandshooter.com)



After 30 years of building and running WaveWalker Charters, I'm putting the business up for sale. The boat needs repowered and other work, which happens periodically and is to be expected, but my reality is that cumulative back and knee injuries from decades at sea will not allow me to continue chartering at the level needed to repay that investment and return a profit. So, it is time to allow someone else to continue the business in their own way. It comes with existing clientele and revenue stream, ongoing referrals from me, a perfect safety record, rods, reels, tackle, safety gear, optionally the boat and slip and perhaps most importantly, my waypoint list! Genuine offers to buy the business can go to my e-mail address: [captain@wavewalker.com](mailto:captain@wavewalker.com). I will keep my tackle stores (which Tiffany manages), gun business, Expert Witness work, teaching and writing jobs, so I will remain quite busy.



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