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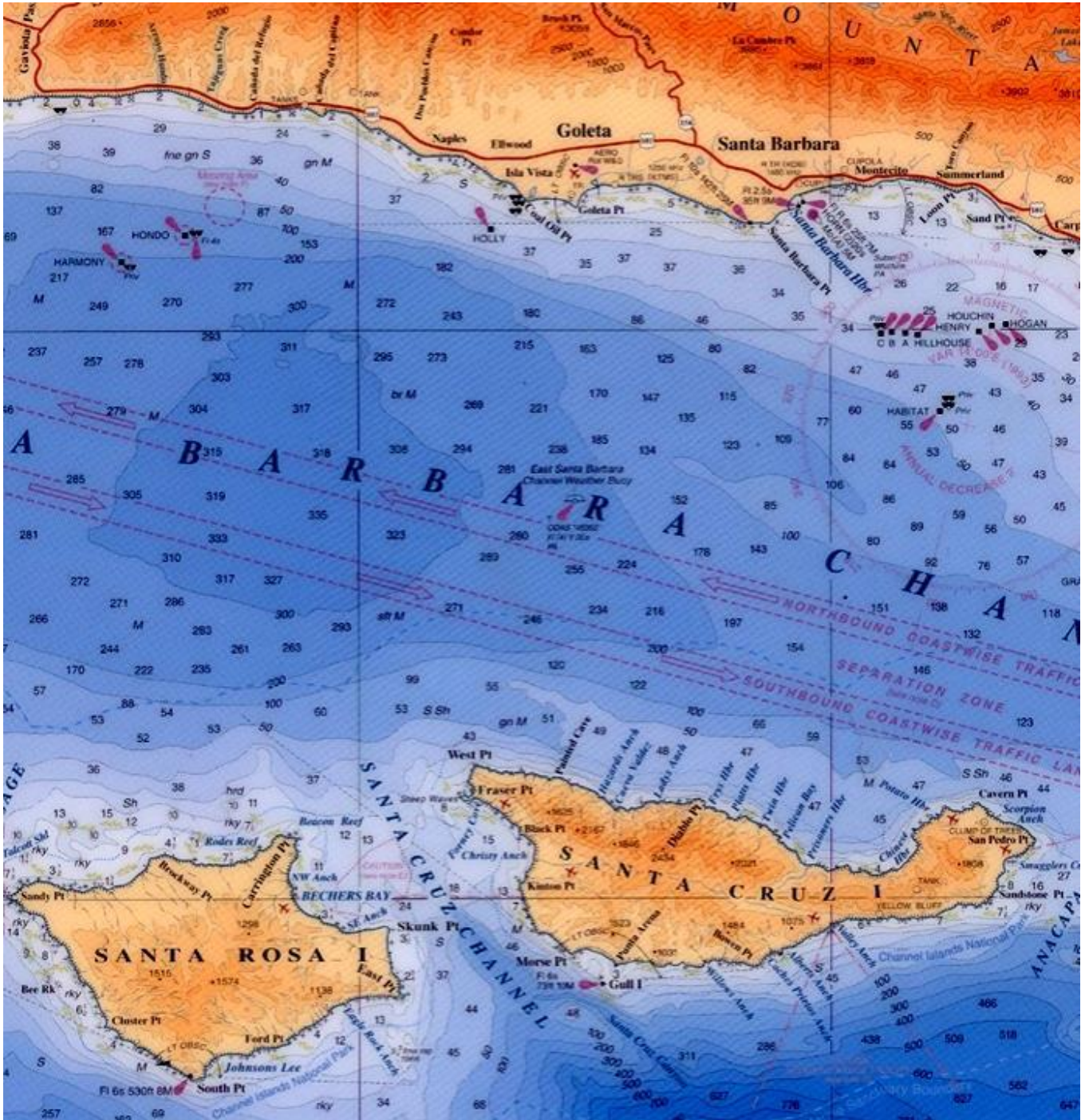


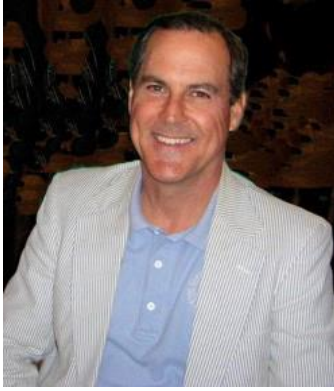
Signal Hoist



Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

Monthly Newsletter June 2019





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Dennis Johns, AP

Gray May threw a real damper on the squadron's activities. The turnout for our May 2 program from Melissa Baffa was not standing room only as I had anticipated. She was presenting at the SB Maritime Museum the following week for \$10 per person and she was doing our program for free. Everyone who attended was overflowing with compliments of the program. If you are not attending our Fun and Entertainment meetings on the first Thursday of selected months, you are missing some very engaging and exciting activities. The upcoming first Thursday, June 6 is a Squadron Business meeting rather than a Fun & Entertainment meeting, so if you are interested in the inner workings of the squadron you are welcome to attend. Our next Fun & Entertainment meeting will be August 1-save the date!



We had about 10 folks sign up for Operation Clean Sweep and that event was cancelled by the Harbor Dept. due to the rain we received Thursday night which silted the harbor so badly that the divers couldn't survey. If that wasn't bad enough, the May 21 Flare Shoot was stymied by high winds. We did have some spaces at the Nautical Swap Meet and it was fun to see those who came out for that. Even with threat of Gloom, surely June will be a better month.

That being said, there were some high points we experienced in May. Member John Profant was specifically invited to the District Conference to receive his Life Membership for receiving 25 Merit Marks –congratulations John. While John was at the conference he was kept busy returning to the dais to receive awards for the SBSPS. We received the Duncan Gleason Award for the Signal Hoist (which we should own because we seem to get it every year thanks to the bar set high by Doris and Will Swalling and now maintained by Virginia Johns). Closely related to that award, the staff of the Signal Hoist received an award for Distinctive Communication.



We also received the Squadron Growth Award which is a direct result of our Education Officer, Rich Ciolino and the instructors who support him. See Rich's report for more on this award.

Because we contribute to the USPS Education Fund annually, we receive recognition for 100% participation in that fund.



Let's have a great June and to start it off get your RSVP to Ron and Vicki for the Progressive Dinner Saturday, June 8. Scott Burns is recovering from a skiing accident but with any luck he will be heading to Fry's on Santa Cruz for our first trip to the islands on June 14-16 (see his article in May's Signal Hoist). Our first evening rally will be this month on Thursday, June 27. As we close in on July, the weather should begin to clear making this date a good bet for a nice trip into the channel. These rally events have been gaining traction as the rally is followed by everyone converging on a happy hour at a nearby watering hole. Stay tuned for details coming from Jim Hirsch.

If you haven't got your vessel ship-shape yet, better get busy as the cruising season is just around the corner and you don't want to miss out on the various events we have coming up.

Upcoming Activities

June 6	Thu	7:30pm	Business Meeting	SB Waterfront classroom
June 8	— Sat	4-7pm	Progressive Dinner (Vicki and Ron Slocum point persons)	SB Harbor
June 27	Thu	4:00pm	Evening Sail (Jim Hirsch point person)	SB Harbor
July 13	Sat	(<i>see below</i>)	Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (Tom Koch point person)	Channel Islands Harbor
July 27	Sat	1:00PM	Rally/Crew Swap (Jim Hirsch point person)	SB Harbor

Progressive Dinner
THIS SATURDAY
June 8

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
or
Phone (805) 685-21 42

Please RSVP by June 1st



5:00 pm Appetizers/Salad - Seahorse 1-H-24
Hosted by Patrick Quinn & Cyndee Bryant-Quinn

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

The Squadron will provide plates and cutlery !!



ADMIN OFFICER'S MESSAGE

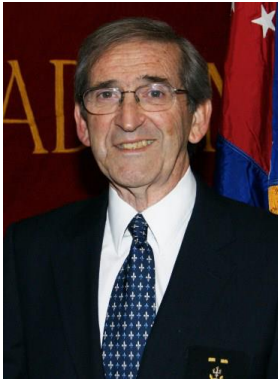
Lt/C Peggy Ciolino, P

The weather surprised us all with its storminess here in CA for the month of May, and several of May's Squadron activities had to be postponed or canceled. The Harbor Clean-Sweep that always is interesting and gives us all a good feeling of contributing to the Harbor community had to be scrubbed, due to murky water conditions for the divers. We'll keep you posted if that is rescheduled. Also, due to the very windy conditions (and also it was so chilly!!), the flare shoot had to be canceled, although the Harbor did hold its informational meeting on flares as planned that was inside the upstairs classroom.

As we hope for better conditions in June for so many of our activities that are outdoors, we have the upcoming Progressive Dinner at 4:00PM, on June 8. Please plan on attending as we amble from boat to boat enjoying our favorite beverages, feasting on delectable appetizers, tri-tip and beans, and desserts. More details and information are included in this Signal Hoist. You may also contact Vicki and Ron Slocum at rslocum@globalisle.com or 805 685-2142.

Later in the month, June 27, we have our first Evening Sail at 4:00PM at the Harbor. Look for more information from Point Person Jim Hirsch.

There will be a Business Meeting Thursday, June 6, at 7:30PM in the upstairs classroom. This is for Bridge Members, but all are welcome.



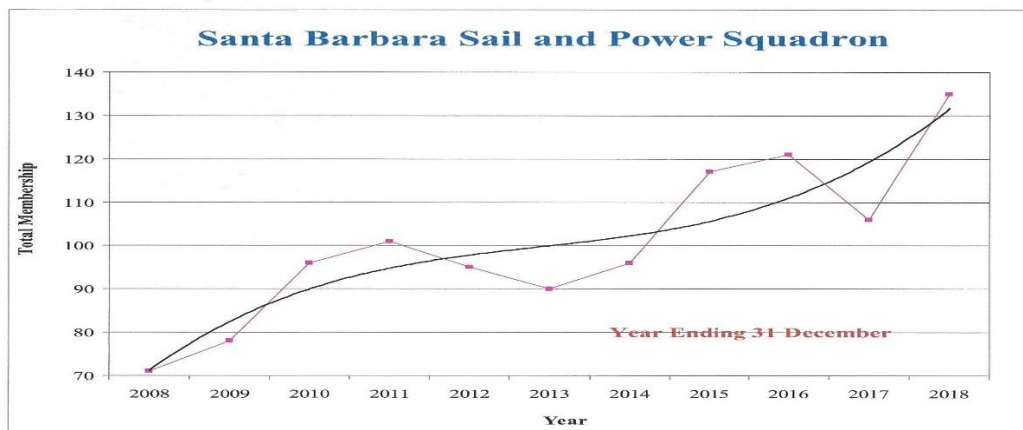
**SEO's Message and
June 2019 Membership
Report
Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN**

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, finished on April 30. We had six students participate and they all found their way home after the class.

Boat Handling & Seamanship class began on May 7 with six students, four of whom are new members. This course continues through June with a final exam on June 25.

We welcome these new members with their enthusiasm for education and their potential to share their love of boating by participating in our social and cruising events.

On a Membership note, despite our District and National long-term trends of declining membership we have experienced a general overall growth trend since 2008, as shown below from National's data:



We've had some ups and downs, as many Squadrons have, and saw a significant increase in 2018. This increase was enough to receive a National award for Squadron Growth for 2018! John Profant accepted the award for us at last month's District

meeting and shared it with members at our May 2nd get-together. As our Membership Chair I got in the picture below of John handing over the award.



A bit about the award: It is given for "Growth and Retention Among All Squadrons in Division 1". Division 1 includes all Squadrons with 114 or more members. Not being aware of this award or its criteria I did a bit of searching on National's website and found data including the graph shown above and definitions of Growth and Retention. To begin with, we had 36 new members for 2018 and 28 of them signed up for classes. In order to qualify for the award a squadron must exceed a minimum Retention goal of 87%. This is calculated by excluding new members to see how many members were retained during 2018 ($135 - 36 = 99$). This number is compared with the previous year's membership ($99 \times 100\% / 106 = 93.4\%$) and if it equals or exceeds 87% while also showing an increase in membership, the squadron qualifies for the award.

The second part of the award is Growth which is simply the membership change from one year to the next ($135 - 106 = 29$) as compared to the previous year's membership ($29 \times 100\% / 106 = 27.36\%$). National then looks at the percentage change in membership for each squadron in Division 1, and our 27.36% was the largest for these squadrons. So, having qualified for the award with an acceptable Retention figure (93.4%) and having the largest Growth figure (27.36%) for Division 1 squadrons, we were given the award. All members, our leaders, and our teachers contribute to our success and they are to be congratulated.

I believe this is the first time we have received this award, although it is possible that we did many years ago. While the award recognizes us for an excellent year it could be fleeting as seen in the graph above that shows the year to year "bumpiness" of a positive trend. Whatever our statistics show, the important thing is that through new

and retained members we are able to provide quality education and enjoyable social activities for members and the boating community.

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



Vessel Safety Examiner Report

**1st 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, or (805) 455-9173.

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 27 June 2019.

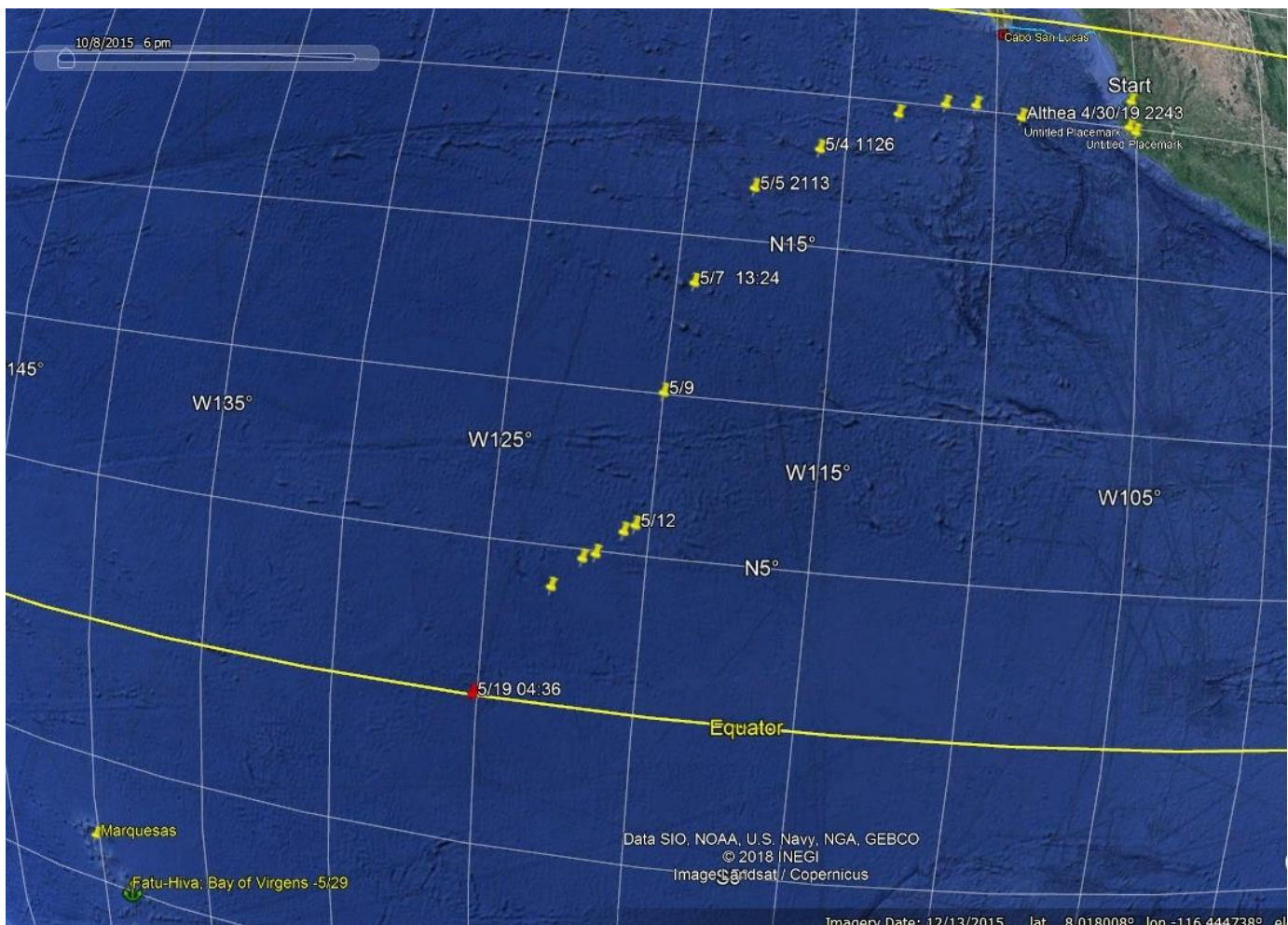
All dinner reservations are required by 4 July 2019.

Thank you,

Tom tbkoch01@gmail.com (805) 729-3385

Where in the World is Althea?

Those of you following Alyssa and Patrick on Althea probably noticed that the last Spot location we reported for them was over 10 days ago, when they had just crossed the equator. It worried us that we were not receiving new location reports and in fact the whole Spot track disappeared from their blog. Rich located someone who had spoken to Alyssa's mother. Apparently Althea's Spot quit working. The good news is that mom learned they have reached the Marquesas! They are on Fatu-Hiva, anchored in Bay of Virgins. Fatu-Hiva is the southernmost island of the Marquesas Islands, in French Polynesia, an overseas territory of France in the Pacific Ocean. Best estimate is they arrived May 29.



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