



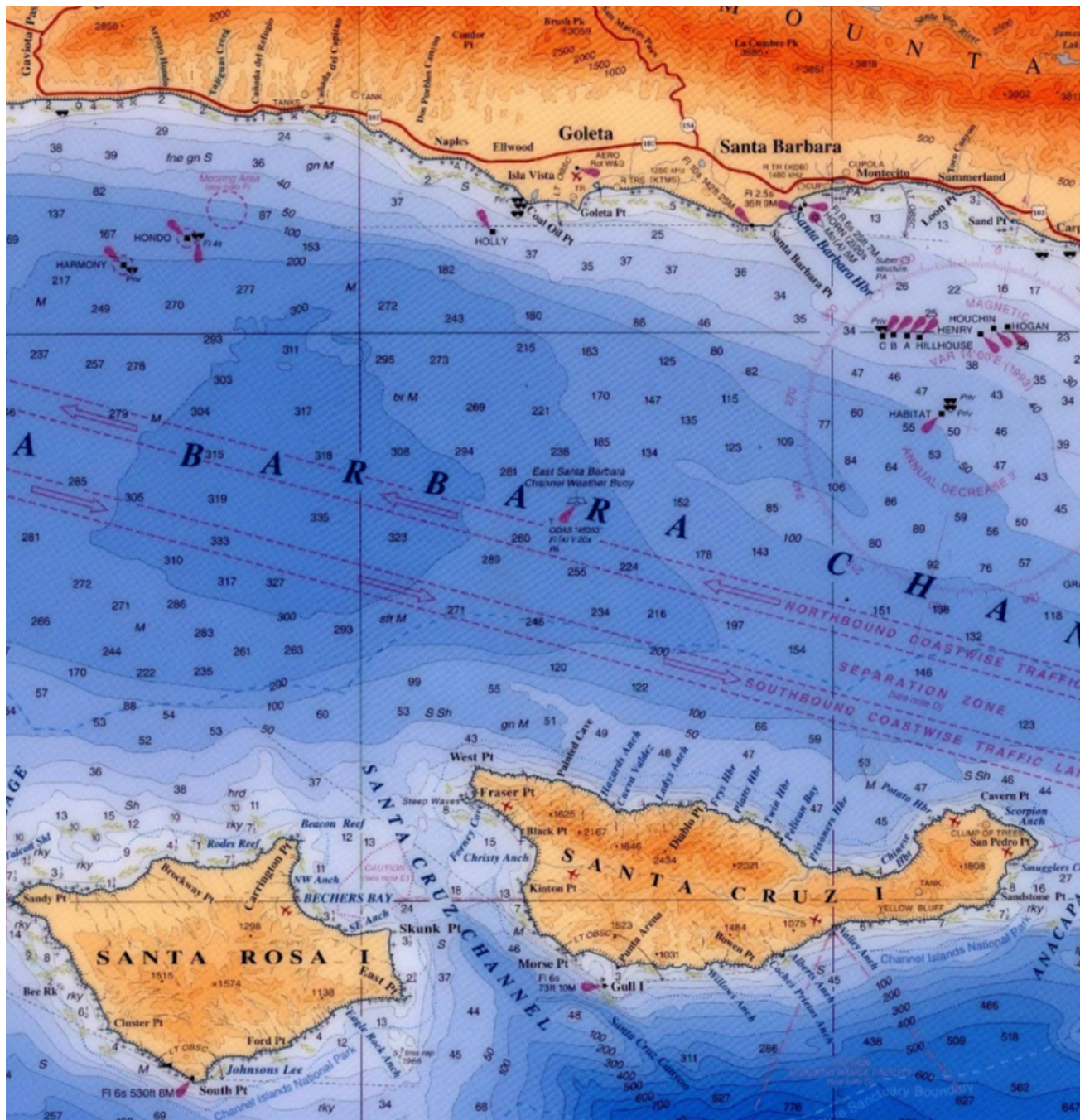
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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Virginia Johns, P

We had an enjoyable Change of Watch and Awards Ceremony via zoom on Saturday, February 12th. But I wanted to give a big thank you to those that made it so special and enjoyable. Goody Bags were delivered to attendees that contained some delectable homemade cookies and some traditional Valentine candy, thanks to the suppliers and delivery crew - Peggy Ciolino, Janis Johnson, Betty Koch, Suzette Seagoe, Vicki and Ron Slocum, and Bobby Young. Squadron member Jim Hirsch started off our celebration with an engaging presentation on his participation in the Baja Haha 2022 rally in their boat Verano. District Commander Ronnie Mann served as our installing officer for the 2022-2023 Executive Committee. It is always a pleasure to have her join us for this event. We announced the winners of our annual awards, thanks to the hard work of Ron and Vicki Slocum who managed the nomination process. Dennis entertained us with a game of Nautical Bingo. **My sincere thanks to all of you that made the evening memorable!** For details, see the article on this event further on in this newsletter.

We plan to continue the same meeting rotation that we used the past few years. We meet the first Thursday of the month. Once a quarter it is a business meeting and the other meetings are for "Fun and Entertainment" – with interesting speakers or other fun activities. If you have ideas for interesting speakers let me know. We have secured two for later this year:

UCSB Ichthyologist (fish expert) **Dr. Milton Love**

- What Role Do California Offshore Platforms Play as Fish Habitat?

Santa Barbara Waterfront Department Public Information Officer **Chris Bell**

- *Santa Barbara and the Sea*, a city-produced program (2012) by Chris Bell focused on our town's connection to the sea, from the 13,000-year-old bones of Arlington Springs man on Santa Rosa Island to shipwrecks, Stearns Wharf, the commercial fishing industry, the Potter Hotel, and almost everything else slightly salty in between.

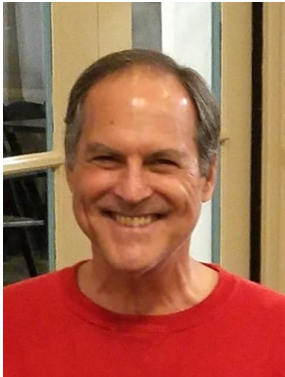
This month on **March 3 is a Business Meeting in the Waterfront Classroom at 7:30pm.** All members are invited to join the Executive Committee in the discussions.

Our first Dockside social activity is **Ships and Dips, Saturday, March 12, 1:30-4:00pm.**

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our March meeting and dockside event!

Upcoming Activities

March 3	Thurs 7:30pm	Business Meeting (all members welcome)	Waterfront Classroom
March 12	Sat 1:30-4:30pm	Ships & Dips	Four host boats (See flyer below)



SEO's MESSAGE

Lt/C Dennis Johns, AP

Below is the preliminary class schedule for 2022. As disruptive as the pandemic was, we can be thankful that we were forced to find ways to continue to meet and be productive in spite of the restrictions imposed.

One solution was of course virtual meetings. Historically, our classes were limited to once a week in the waterfront classroom. This last year we've proven that a lot can be accomplished virtually and this includes instruction. Nevertheless we can all agree that in-person interaction enhances instruction especially for purposes of explaining the finer points of the curriculum.

Clearly some courses are easier to adapt to a virtual classroom than others and I've scheduled those first to allow us to improve our techniques. Holding two sessions a week allows us to significantly reduce the time to deliver the instruction. I believe a 3-1/2 week course will be more attractive than a 6-7 week course. I've scheduled classes so we will have the option of having one in-person session (Tuesdays) and one virtual session (Thursdays). The in-person session can be useful for those areas of instruction that need more detail and interaction.

My intention is to have at least two instructors for each of these classes and the sessions can be divided up to the desires of the instructors. I encourage any squadron members who are even a little curious about being an instructor to contact me. Anyone will tell you, you don't really know a subject until you teach it to someone else, so the classes are as much a benefit to the instructors as they are to the students.

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>
ABC Mar 29 - Apr 19									
Boat Hdling May 3 - 24									
Radar for Boats Jun 14 - Jul 12									
Engine Maint Aug 30 - Sep 20									
Piloting Oct 18 - Nov 22									

Dennis Johns
SEO

Santa Barbra Sail and Power Squadron 2022 Change of Watch

Jim Hirsch, one of our own squadron members opened our event with a presentation on his participation in the 2021 Baja Haha rally. He shared lots of photos and video clips of the rally and enchanted us with the backstory of their purchase of the boat in Croatia, transport home to Santa Barbara, and the renaming of Vera to Verano.



Our Change of Watch followed, with District Commander Ronnie Mann as the installing officer. Your **2022 Executive Committee** is:

Commander	Cdr. Virginia Johns P
Educational Officer	P/C Dennis Johns AP
Secretary	P/C Richard Ciolino JN
Treasurer	Lt/C Steven York P
Members-at-Large	Betty Koch P
	Peter Seagoe P
	Edward Kaufman AP

After the Audit Committee reported that they found our 2021 books in good order, The Annual Squadron Awards were announced- always fun to be reminded of how active our group is on the water and to recognize some of the year's outstanding members who have made unique contributions to our success. The honoree's for 2021 are:

- **Al Lincoln Made a unique contribution to our Education program.**
 - **Steve Hodges** Steve has been a dedicated squadron instructor for many years. This year he participated in the planning meetings regarding teaching in the times of Covid. As someone with a lot of experience working remotely, he brought a perspective to the discussions that was helpful in identifying potential pitfalls to be addressed. Although he and Susan now primarily live in Oregon, he taught the Weather Seminar, in person here in Santa Barbara to a full house of masked students. Thank you Steve!
- **Commander's Trophy In recognition of extraordinary efforts to the Squadron.**
 - **Ron and Vicki Slocum** They manage our squadron email system (mailchimp), maintaining our various mailing lists (members, friends, fleet....), providing templates, and training.

They also managed our prior mailing system so they have been doing this job for many years. They also coordinate our annual awards celebration – putting out the call, collecting nominations, updating and distributing the trophies, etc. etc. Thank you Ron and Vicki for keeping us connected and celebrated! Today we celebrate you.

- **Most Valuable Player Awarded to a member who has provided a valuable service that wouldn't have been done if they didn't do it.**
 - **Eric Peterson and Steve York** This year we enhanced our website to include online registration for classes/events and online payment. We have been considering it for years but what a perfect time to have this tool available. It not only makes registration and payment easy, but refund as well. And with our Covid cancellations this was used. Our web developer, Eric Peterson, and our webmaster/Treasurer, Steve York made it happen and it works beautifully. We even used it for a District 13 event. Thank you Eric Peterson and Steve York!
- **Power Boat Award Made significant use of his/her power boat.**
 - **Will Goodale** Will owned a sailboat for many years but has now made the transition to Power and has spent countless hours refurbishing his new toy to enhance his enjoyment on the water in Pearl. Congratulations Will!
- **Sailing Award Made significant use of his/her sailboat.**
 - **Jim Hirsh** For his adventure taking on crew and sailing with the 2021 Baja Haha rally! (some of the prep: bought the boat in Croatia, sailed that area, COVID, brought it home) Congratulations Jim!
- **Marcia Rowland Watersports Award given to members who have significantly participated in watersports during the past year.**

- **Scott Burns:** Has coordinated our weekend trips to the islands for several years , sailing his Catalina, S/V Benchmark, as part of the fleet. Once the fleet arrives at the anchorage, Mr. Hospitality – gets in his kayak and makes the rounds to all the squadron boats and others in the anchorage to arrange a happy hour on the beach. Taking his dinghy to the beach for the party, he turns the dinghy upside down to use as the cocktail table. He makes use of ALL his boats. Congratulations Scott, you are the recipient of the Marcia Roland Watersports Award!
- **Boner Award With this award we traditionally memorialize the biggest blunder of the year. Actually something to be proud of - if you haven't pulled a boner you haven't been boating enough.**
 - This year's awardee is a self-nominated very good sport. We all know how challenging anchoring, mooring, or entering a marina slip can be in a strange location. The level of stress is often amplified by the entertainment you may be providing for the audience observing from nearby boats. On our squadron cruise to Two Harbors Catalina last year the three boats from Santa Barbara were assigned spots right next to each other. Catalina mooring can be a lot like parallel parking a car as the boats are in very close proximity without much maneuvering room as opposed to anchoring or mooring balls. In fact, most of the time you are guided to your mooring by a harbor patrol boat. When one of our three boats returned to their mooring after a visit to the fuel dock – well let me use the awardee's own words:

"Where did that mooring line go ??"

Although their first ever Catalina mooring upon arrival was accomplished with no drama, the second time around did not go as well. As most of us know, communication between captain and crew is crucial. With Lisa on the helm and Scott on the bow, Lisa was directed to keep speed at a level to maintain steerage. As Scott hauled in the mooring buoy, boat inertia carried them past the mooring ball. Scott instructed Lisa to reverse to prevent further advance. It's a bad idea to keep the engine in reverse while

mooring. Their engine stayed in reverse beyond what would be advisable. It doesn't take a scuba diver to tell them where the aft mooring line went. The good news is they were well secured in their mooring.

Scott and Lisa have been selected for the boner award for backing over their mooring line, thus wrapping the mooring line around their prop shaft. Adding insult to injury, they had to pay a diver at Two Harbors to unwrap it as Scott had damaged his hand. Of course, all the crew of the other two boats were watching!

Congratulations Scott and Lisa Burns!

We have perpetual trophies, engraved with the names of the annual awardees. Ron and Vicki will be delivering the trophies to the winners to proudly display in their home for the next year.

We then enjoyed a fun game of Nautical Bingo organized by Dennis and ended the evening with a short musical video of Sea Shanties by the group Home Free.





SHIPS AND DIPS

Saturday March 12th

1:30pm — 4:00pm

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron
Dockside Progressive appetizer/desserts Party
at the Santa Barbara harbor on squadron host boats

Appetizers:

1:30pm – 2:15pm	Life is Short (George & Silvia Poe) Slip 2-C-3
2:15pm – 3:00pm	Verano (Jim & Sandy Hirsch) Slip 1-O-22

Desserts-shared by two boats:

3:00pm – 4:00pm	Sea Note (Judith Muller)	Slip 1-H-2
	Bobcat (Ron and Vicki Slocum)	Slip 1-H-5

Bring: An appetizer or dessert to share and whatever you fancy to drink
(The Squadron will provide plates and cutlery.)

ENJOY GOOD FOOD, GOOD STORIES, GOOD VIEWS

RSVP to: Virginia by Wednesday March 9

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