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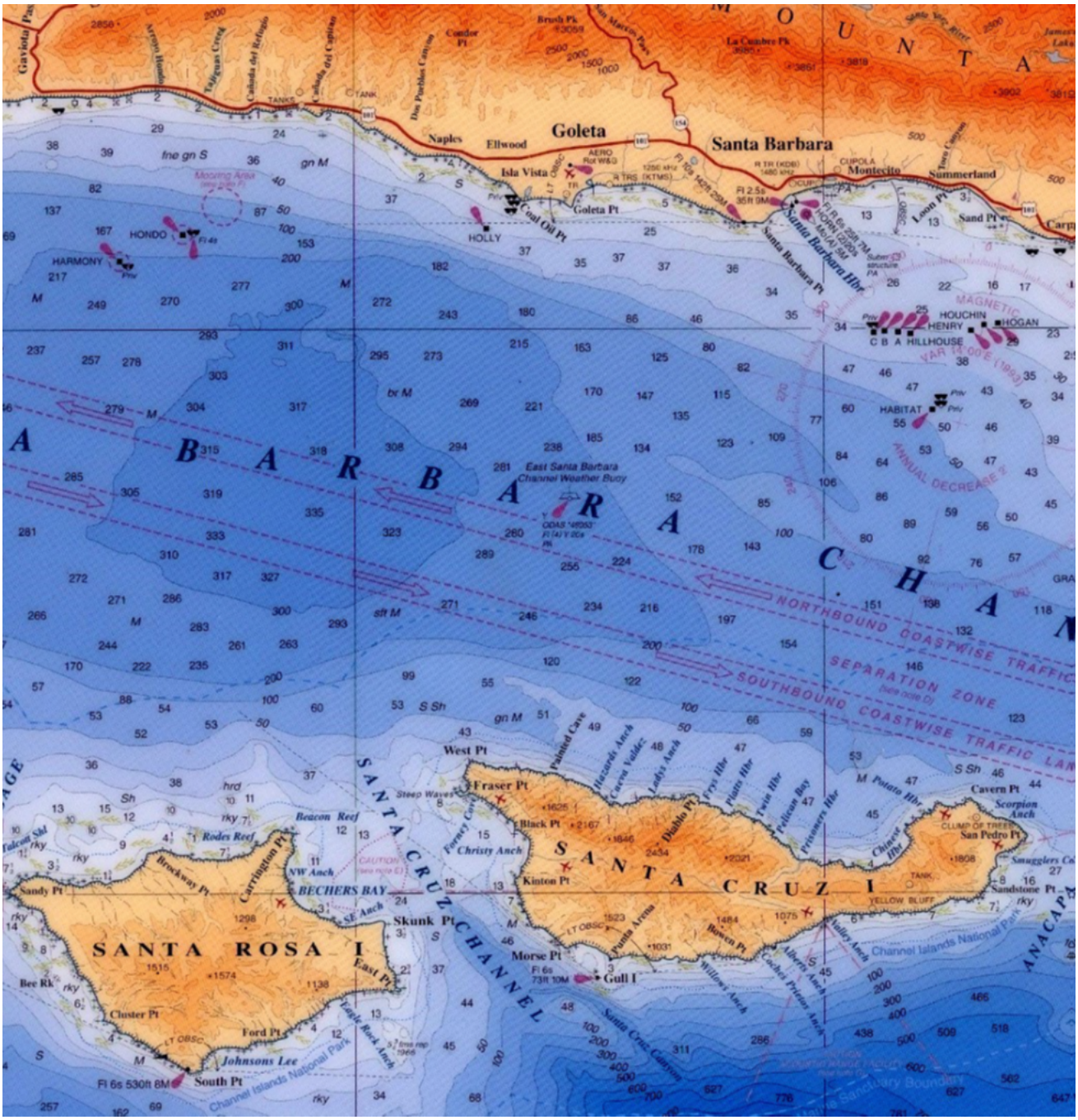

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Virginia Johns, P

May was dedicated to Safe Boating education and community activities. We started out with an educational seminar at our monthly meeting. Pete Seagoe designed and presented a seminar on ropes and knots. He did a nice job prompting us to share entertaining stories about our own realizations of the importance of mastering this skill! He had lines and cleats mounted to boards as educational aids for our practice session. He and Mike Pyzel gave us a demonstration of a few very useful knots not in our common list.

The Santa Barbara Waterfront staff and our local Coast Guard officers held three events. Our squadron was well represented along with other participating community groups. Duane Felender organized our participation in Operation Clean Sweep. John Profant was our point person for the Flare

Shoot. And Dennis Johns gathered treasures and many helpers for our sale at the Nautical Swap Meet. Read on for articles and pictures for these three events.

Our season-opening Weekend Cruise to the Islands was unfortunately impacted by the Nautical Swap Meet scheduled on that Saturday. Our determined Cruise Planner, Scott Burns, did make the trip. Read on for his article. But that was just the start – there is a cruise scheduled in our activity calendar for each month May-September. Save the dates!

We have three activities scheduled for June.

- **Thursday June 2nd at 7:30pm Business Meeting** all members welcome - at the Waterfront Classroom
- **Saturday June 11th Progressive Dinner** read on for the article/flyer with the details; Rich Ciolino is our Point Person for this event - on the docks in the Santa Barbara marina
- **Fri-Sun June 17th-19th Weekend Cruise** to Santa Cruz Is. Anchorage TBD by Point Person Scott Burns

And it's not too early to be thinking about our annual cruise (by boat or by car) to the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club. The squadron is using some of its social budget funds to cover some of the costs so that your meal will be just $50. If you have attended, you know what a substantial, delicious meal they serve! You can easily RSVP online and pay by credit card. Paper order form and check also works. Tom Koch is our Point Person for this event. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

It is the season where the weather encourages us to get out, enjoy, and mingle. Glad we have some opportunities to do just that, safely! I hope to see you this month in the classroom, on the docks, or out to sea!

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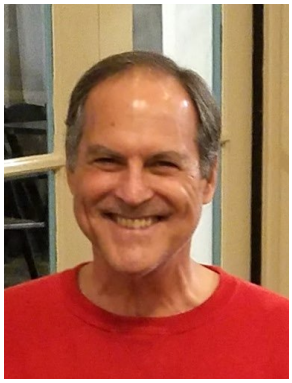

SEO'S MESSAGE

Lt/C Dennis Johns, AP

This month I plan to advertise an Engine Maintenance class. I've heard from two people that are interested in that class and I suspect I can get more as we haven't had that class for quite some time. Obviously I will need a few instructors. Keep in mind that the curriculum is not particularly technical: https://americasboatingclub.org/courses/engine-maintenance. I plan to organize the classes like the ABC class so the class can be concluded in 4-1/2 weeks (normally it would take 10 weeks). I think four instructors would be great as each instructor would only have to teach one class every other week. We all have or had engines in our boats, so you are all qualified instructors. I'd like to have a balanced group of instructors so we can have anecdotes on both gasoline and diesel engines. Please let me know if you can help out.

Upcoming Activities

June 2	**Thurs 7:30pm**	Business Meeting (All Welcome)	Waterfront Classroom
June 11	**Sat 5:00pm - 8:00pm**	Progressive Dinner Point Person - Rich Ciolino	Harbor
June 17 Morning	**Fri - Sun**	Cruise to Santa Cruz Anchorage TBD Point Person - Scott Burns	Harbor

This year all three host boats are berthed in Marinas 2 and 4 with entry close to the parking lot and relatively short walks between boats.

The Squadron will provide cutlery, plates, water, and napkins !!!!

Here's the schedule:

5pm: Appetizers
Sea and Ski, Marina 4 slip B-44
Hosted by John Bridgwater and Joan Kent

6pm: Salads with Main Course of Tri-tip and Beans
Ecco Bella, Marina 4 slip B-57
Hosted by the Ciolinos

7pm: Dessert
Mariposa de la Islas, Marina 2 slip B-26
Hosted by Harrison Heyl

Bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share, and your preferred libation.

Please let me know that you're attending, and what you'd like to bring.

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Benchmark Survives its Shakedown Cruise

Scott Burns

I go to Fry's every May to find out what I've forgotten to bring so I'll be better prepared for the rest of the summer.

Steve Carlson and Boris Alves joined me on the pleasant trip. We left the Harbor at 8am Friday, motoring over. About 8 foot swell's made it interesting, and the sun came out ½ way to the island. One boat from Ventura Harbor was anchored when we arrived and another showed up before dusk.

Normally it takes about a week to get ready for the first trip and only two minor issues: I forgot to recharge the batteries in my handheld Garmin, but handled when we anchored. The other one could have been a lot worse. The knot tying the dinghy rope came undone while we were inside the boat late Saturday afternoon. Another boater had just anchored, noticed it drifting and brought it back, so "Minor Issue". I'll check knots more frequently and learn the eye splice.

Sunday started with me watching the Sun rise over the coastal fog bank, We left the anchorage about 8am, and ½ hour later had the motor off and sailed till the middle of the channel, then motor sailed the rest of the way.

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Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club
Cruise & Dinner

Dinner & Festivities, Saturday,
July 23, 2022

Slips Available Friday & Saturday
12 noon July 22 - 11:00AM July 24

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PACIFIC CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

CRUISE & DINNER - CROW'S NEST

23 JULY 2022

2600 South Harbor Blvd
Channel Islands Harbor

Dock Appetizers and Drinks @ 1600
PCYC Crows Nest No Host Bar @ 1800

Dinner Crow's Nest @ 1900

Pistachio Encrusted Salmon Or
Roasted Prime Rib

Dinner Includes:

Seasonal Mixed Greens Salad
Vegetables
Potatoes/Rice Pilaf, Rolls & Butter
Coffee or Tea, Dessert — Ice Cream Sundae

Price: $50.00 per person
(tax and gratuity included)
Guest dock and rafting available.
After 12n 22 July — 11am 24 July

Coming by boat: take left fork, continue to bridge, on left. By car: 101 S to Seaward, left onto Harbor Blvd. to Channel Islands Harbor (approx. 7 miles after exiting 101). Turn right before the bridge, first left into shopping area and another immediate left. Follow the road to PC Yacht Club.

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME
YOU DO NOT NEED A BOAT TO PARTICIPATE

Make your reservation NOW!
For further information contact
Tom Koch @ 805 729-3385 or
email: tbkoch01@gmail.co

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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

PACIFIC CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

CRUISE & DINNER - CROW'S NEST

RESERVATION FORM

Come by boat or by car, but join us!

NAME_____

SPOUSE/GUEST(S)_____

Coming by Boat: Power_____ **Sail**_____ **Length**_____

Approx. date and time of boat arrival:_____

DINNER CHOICE

Pistachio Encrusted Salmon #:_____

Roasted Prime Rib #:_____

Dinners @ $50 each:_____Total $_____

Two Ways to Make Your Reservation

Make your reservation and pay by credit card at https://www.sbsps.net/boating-event/pcyc-cruise/#tribe-tickets or

Make checks payable to Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron and mail along with your choice of entrée to:

Tom Koch
333 Old Mill Rd. Spc 278
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

DINNER RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 15
BOAT RESERVATION DEADLINE: JULY 8
NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER JULY 15

Libertad to Baja Naval

Lt/C Dennis Johns, AP

Scott Burns, Boris Alves (a friend), Virginia, and I left SB harbor at 9pm Thursday night, May 26. We arrived Avalon, Catalina Island around noon Friday. The main harbor was full so we had to grab a mooring named Dumb Luck in Descanso Bay. We called the shoreboat for a ride into Avalon for dinner, saltwater taffy, and a frozen banana. Any sleep deprivation experienced on the first leg of the journey was corrected with a good night's sleep at Catalina. We left Avalon at first light (6am) and arrived San Diego Saturday, about 5pm after a few hours of spinnaker sailing. After picking up some diesel, we tucked into our slip at the police guest dock on the end of Shelter Island. A short walk to the restaurant at Kona Kai Hotel resulted in a very nice dinner with a view of the marina. Another good night's sleep and we were up at 6:30am for the last leg to Ensenada. Arriving Ensenada Sunday evening we were greeted with loud music and thousands of people walking the waterfront promenade and the downtown streets. The early evening was spent prepping the boat for the haul out the next morning and then we all left for a beer at Hussong's and dinner. Hussong's was too crowded and crazy for us to even reach the bar to order a beer so we scratched that idea and headed to dinner. We stopped at a restaurant grilling chicken over an open fire in the window. We had four different Mexican dishes that were shared among everyone and a pitcher of Margaritas that we had no trouble finishing off. Stumbling back to the boat we easily fell asleep even though the music continued late into the evening. Monday morning we were processed through immigration and customs and the boat was hauled but it took so long that we were worried that taking a bus back to Tijuana would not arrive soon enough for us to catch our train to SB. The boatyard procured a driver to take us to TJ. When we got to TJ we were shocked by the havoc that gripped the city. Police were routing traffic in circles and we spent the next 1-1/2 hours wandering around TJ trying to get close to the border. Eventually we could see the border and we stopped the driver, bailed out of the car and made a run for the unbelievably long line to walk across the border (the end of Memorial Day weekend). By the time we finally entered California, we only had 20 minutes to make the train. We

grabbed a taxi and he got us to the train station just moments before it was scheduled to leave. Boris was trying to pay the confrontational taxi driver while Scott ran for the train and stood in the doorway to prevent the train from leaving while the rest of us tried to catch up. The conductor did not have any sympathy for the desperation of our situation and nearly arrested Scott but instead just kicked him off. At this point we were all exhausted and it was decided that a rented car was the preferred way to get back to SB rather than the last train from San Diego (which wouldn't arrive until after midnight). In conclusion, it was a grand adventure that none of us ever want to do again.

15TH ANNUAL OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP SUPPORTED BY SBSPS

Duane Felender, S and Janis Johnson, S

Fortified by free coffee and donuts, about a dozen Squadron members joined other community volunteers and Santa Barbara Harbor staff on May 7th for the 15th Annual Operation Clean Sweep at the harbor!

Focused on docks A through F in Marina One, the team of divers retrieved all sorts of debris from the sea floor, which they had searched for in advance of Clean Sweep Saturday and pre-marked on a handy chart for the workers.

Retrieving traps and tires; metal crates, poles and cones, teams worked together in designated areas to haul out and transfer debris to wheelbarrows which they pushed all the way to the huge dumpster staged next to the Harbor Office. Volunteers were able to return several octopi and tiny fish caught in the garbage back to their harbor home.

Team members were in constant motion during the trash retrieval process, using buckets of sea water and brushes to clean the black sludge from the docks immediately and repeatedly . . .no small feat

All Volunteers were rewarded for their efforts with sandwiches and sodas for lunch, and the knowledge that they did their part in helping keep our home harbor clean.

Annual Harbor Flare Shoot
Part of Boat Safety Week

P/C John Profant, SN

Tuesday, May 17 at around six, Rick from the Harbor Patrol held a flare shoot west of the Yacht Club on Ledbetter beach. Several of us from the Power Squadron showed up to join in. Rick had a lot of old expired aerial flares and handheld flares that we could set off. He also had an emergency life raft that had expired, so he was able to demonstrate how it works.

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The Coast Guard requires that you have on board at least three handheld flares that are good for both day and night. The orange smoke flares are daytime flares whereas the red flares are good for both day and night. The 12 mm and the 25 mm gun flares get up higher over the waves so they may be seen better but they only last a few seconds. The parachute and aerial flares really shot up high and lingered for a much longer time increasing the chance of being seen. Firing off these flares really gave you a feeling as to what to expect. Since these flares were old, there were a few duds and a couple of aerials didn't eject from the tube you were holding. That made it a little exciting wondering what to do with this flare going off in your hand.

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Just remember when setting off a handheld flare, hold it over the side of the boat so that the slag won't fall on the boat and start a fire, and when shooting off an aerial, make sure it is pointed straight up.

The Harbor Patrol puts this flare shoot on once a year at this time, so I would recommend attending next year when they do this again.

Annual Nautical Swap Meet

Lt/C Dennis Johns, AP

The SB Harbor Dept. hosted the Nautical Swap Meet for the first time in two years. The SB Yacht Club had a swap meet in the interim but it was quite small. In fact, the harbor's organized meet wasn't as big as past years,

which was a little disappointing. On the other hand, we had a very good showing in our little space. We had treasures presented by Dennis & Virginia Johns, Don Crowder, Rich Ciolino, Ed Kaufmann, and Janis Johnson and Duane Felender. Drawing buyers in to have a closer look as though we had really good stuff, we had other SBSPS personnel, Pete Seagoe, Steve Young, Karen and Garrett Osgood, hanging around for quite some time.

Everyone enjoyed the donuts that were delivered about 9am and that sugar rush must have stimulated some purchasing because we made some very good sales -especially Don who sold his compass and wooden blocks that he's been showing for years. Rich sold his battery-powered winch handle which he was happy to get out of his garage. Just goes to show you that if you go to these events often enough, you will eventually score.

Jargon — "Member Benefits"

Cdr Virginia Johns, P

Did you Know……that America's Boating Club® has negotiated discounts at a variety of businesses for their members. To see the complete list, go to the main website: usps.org

- login with your squadron certificate number and password
- choose MEMBER SITE from the top menu
- choose MEMBER BENEFITS from the left hand menu

There are discounts for goods and services, health benefits, insurance, marine services, travel businesses, and more.

Today I want to focus on the Office Depot/Office Max discount, a benefit that I use for print jobs, especially for squadron business like printed flyers and lamination, but also for personal printing needs. I always get more than a 50% discount. We were each sent a plastic card to show when making a purchase in the store to get this discount.

THE PROGRAM HAS CHANGED. The short version is: it has a new name, it is moving away from the plastic card to an online account, and discounts have improved. Read the longer version below for the details of setting up your online account and using the new and improved benefit! They advertise that the card can be used for the next year while we all get around to setting up our online accounts. I, for one, will set up an account, it is a big discount.

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Huge Savings
Using your registered account and ordering online is the best way to take advantage of your full member discounts.
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