



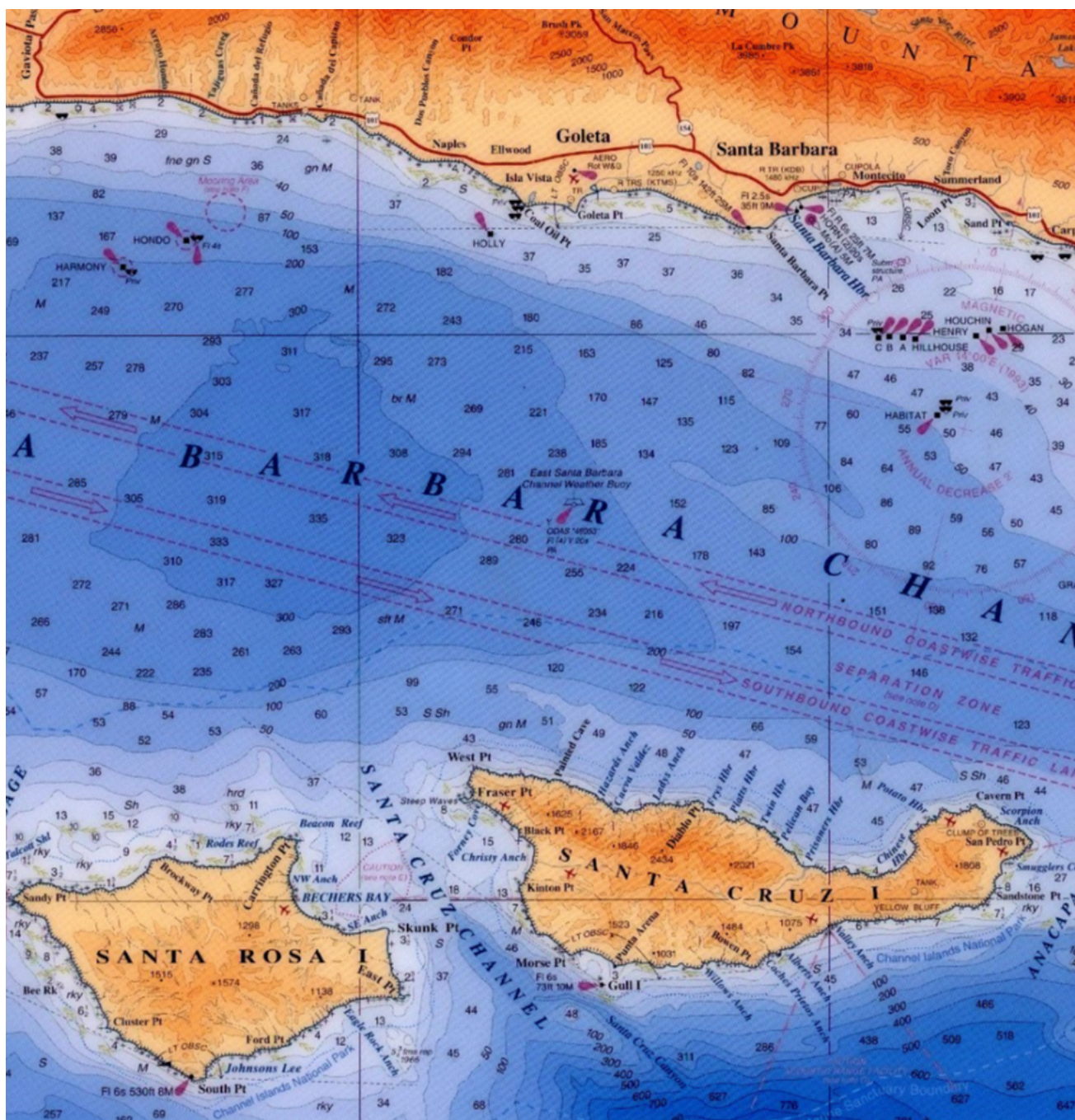
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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Virginia Johns, P

July

Our annual squadron event at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club was a lot of fun, as usual. Thanks go to our point person, P/C Tom Koch for all the planning, arranging, and rearranging he did to make it so successful. Make sure to read Tom's article in this newsletter for a rundown on the event. In summary: three boats cruised down (many more by car and a few by plane), we had some visitors from other squadrons (including some of the members of the current District 13 Bridge), we had the traditional dock party which included the Slocum's famous Pain Killers, the dinner was substantial and delicious, and PCYC was a very gracious and accommodating host.

It is the season where the weather encourages us to get out, enjoy, and mingle. Glad we have some opportunities to do just that!

August

- **Member Fun and Entertainment Meeting:**

Thu Aug 4, 7:30 pm Waterfront Classroom

This month we will have a guest speaker: Dr. Milton Love

What Role Do California Offshore Platforms Play as Fish Habitat?

Dr. Milton Love is a research biologist at the Marine Science Institute, University of California, Santa Barbara. He has conducted research on the marine fishes of California for over 40 years and is the author of over 90 publications on the fishes of the Pacific Coast and has written such books *Certainly More Than You Want to Know About the Fishes of the Pacific Coast*, *A Guide to the Rockfishes, Thornyheads, and Scorpionfishes of the Northeast*

Pacific, and The Rockfishes of the Northeast Pacific. For the past 18 years, and using a manned research submersible, Dr. Love has carried out surveys of the fish populations living around natural reefs and oil/gas platforms throughout the Southern California Bight.

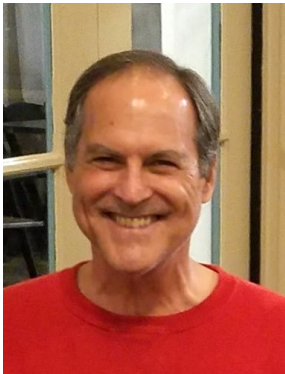
Since it is Fiesta week, we will have some churros for you to enjoy.

- **Catalina Cruise:** the dates for our longest cruise of the season have been changed to

Tues Aug 9 – Mon Aug 15 Two Harbors, Catalina

We generally travel as a fleet to Two Harbors early in the week to ensure a mooring spot. Not everyone spends the full week. We hike over to Cat Harbor, snorkel, paddle board, kayak, play Mexican train, potluck together, maybe lunch in Avalon one day, and relax on our boats catching up on our reading. I'd like to say it is a "boat-project-free-zone" but things do happen!

I hope to see you this month in the classroom, on the docks, or out to sea!



SEO'S MESSAGE

Lt/C Dennis Johns, AP

I'm sorry to say we did not have an Engine Maintenance class. Summertime is here and clearly folks have other things to do than take a class or be an instructor for a class.

I'm going to take a new tack (pun intended). This month I'm asking for input both from members who want a specific curriculum and from

instructors who wish to teach a particular course. If I'm lucky, I'll get a class topic and instructors to teach it aligned so we can have a class this fall.

If you need to see a list of the classes available:

Boat Handling

Marine Navigation (Piloting) Navigation

Marine Electrical Systems

Marine Communication Systems

Electronic Navigation

Engine Maintenance

Radar for Boaters

Sail

Weather

It just so happens that the Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron is planning a **Boat Handling** class tentatively scheduled to begin Saturday, August 20th with an in-person Introduction, Lines, & Knots. Following the in-person class, there will be five Monday night virtual meetings (Aug 22, 29, Sep 12, 19, and 26). As this class will be mostly virtual it is being offered to our squadron members from wherever you may be connected to the Internet. SB Sail & Power Squadron will conduct the first in-person Introduction, Lines & Knots section locally. This is logically the next class in sequence to the ABC class we had last Spring. If you are interested in taking this virtual class, please let me know.

Upcoming Activities

Aug 4	Thurs	Fun & Entertainment Meeting	Waterfront
	7:30pm	Dr. Milton Love, Guest Speaker	Classroom
Aug 9 -	Tues	Cruise to Catalina	Harbor
	10:00am -	Point Person - Rich Ciolino	
Aug 16	Tues pm	Approximate Return Day	Harbor
		from Catalina	

Scenes from June Sail to Pelican

*Please enjoy photos below taken by Scott Burns on his June trip to Pelican.
Note the baby seagull in the bottom-right photo.*



July Adventures Asea

Cdr Virginia Johns, P and Lt/C Dennis Johns, AP

We had a chance to get *Libertad* out numerous times in July. It started with a land trip to Ensenada to pick up s/v *Libertad* from the Baja Naval boatyard. We had delivered her down there at the end of May for some TLC – primarily involving varnish and paint. Past experience led us to believe that the work would only take a few weeks. We were shocked that the project manager was hesitant to commit to a delivery at the end of June. COVID has had its impact everywhere as the project manager told us that he only had one varnisher and one painter, and they were the same person! Thus the painting couldn't start until the varnishing was done.

In the June *Signal Hoist* we documented our great crew, enjoyable trip south, but extremely poor timing – choosing Memorial Day weekend for that delivery. With some hesitation, we headed south on Amtrak on Sunday, July 3rd – another holiday weekend. Things went smoothly this time. We arrived at the Baja Naval boatyard midday. We admired the yard's work and started prepping the boat for the return trip (replacing all the equipment we had removed for painting the cockpit).

We ate dinner at the same restaurant as our prior visit and in addition to our delicious dinners ordered two roasted chicken dinners to go for anticipated meals during the passages north. A quick stop at the market for a few items to supplement the chicken made for easy provisioning. We were awakened at 6am on Monday the 4th by movement in the cockpit. The varnisher/painter was in the cockpit sanding and polishing out painting drips! That's how tight our timing was.

While we were at Customs and Immigration being checked out of Mexico (the boatyard assigns a person to help us through that process but it is still painfully slow), the boatyard staff splashed us back into the water and we were headed for San Diego by 10am. As expected we motored against the wind but the seas weren't too wild. Virginia had installed the CBP (Customs and Border Patrol) app on her phone, upon the recommendation of Ed Kaufman, and was able to clear us back into the US while out at sea. We had a slip reserved at the Shelter Island Police Dock in case the app didn't

perform as intended, so we decided to enter the bay and get a few hours of sleep. The sun had set as we entered US waters with the skyscrapers of San Diego in sight. It was dark as we entered San Diego Harbor but we knew the way having been to the Police Dock several times. The San Diego fireworks started as we approached our slip and we had a fantastic view of the show.

Knowing we had a 12+ hour trip to Two Harbors, we were up and headed to Catalina by 4am on the 5th. The holiday traffic had cleared out and we hooked up to a mooring ball just as the sun slipped below the mountain peak. It was a quiet night on the boat. Another early start the following morning got us back to Santa Barbara before dark. The two roasted chicken dinners from Ensenada were readily consumed enroute along with some illegal produce brought into US waters from Mexico. Generally, an eventless trip but lots of motoring. Dennis was concerned that with all those hours on the new engine it would soon be time to change the oil. He was shocked when we read from the manual that the next oil change wasn't until 400 hours. But we plan to double check that.

The next week we had a few day sails with friends and family. The first day sail was on Monday and represented a prize won in an online auction conducted by Dennis' Rotary club last November. For funds donated to his foundation, the winners were treated to a 3 hour sail and an onboard dinner back at the dock. The wind and sea state was perfect for these novice sailors. While they ate dinner in the salon, we provided a PowerPoint presentation of our trip around the world. They exclaimed that the meal and the entertainment were worth every penny of their donation.

Relatives had made vacation plans to be in Carpinteria in July (they had owned a house in Carpinteria for many years and Dennis had been invited to spend many summer weeks with them during his teen years). The Wednesday following that Monday day sail, we had scheduled a day sail for all these relatives and their spouses. We borrowed PFDs from the Slocums in order to have sufficient safety gear for our group of 10. We were worried that seating would be a concern if the weather turned inclement, but we had sunshine, dolphins, calm seas, and great wind that day also – such fun. Ten random people and no one got seasick!



We ended the month with our cruise to PCYC. Lisa and Scott Burns joined us on *Libertad*. We left Santa Barbara Friday morning for Little Scorpion under overcast skies and 5 knots of wind on the nose. We arrived at Santa Cruz Island to clear skies and warm sunshine. We were prepared to use two anchors, but as we cruised the anchorage, we observed that only two of the



six boats in the anchorage had used two and they were both in the NW corner, the rest were swinging on one anchor. We joined the other four with one anchor. For dinner, we enjoyed BBQ'd pork chops with sides contributed by Lisa - baked potatoes and mixed veggies. Dinner was followed by at least two hours of Mexican Train dominos before we all cried "Uncle" and headed



for our bunks. In the morning we were greeted with heavy overcast skies but the Burns were not to be denied their cruising tradition of ocean activity and kayaked around the anchorage visiting the sea caves while we all enjoyed the



standard anchoring entertainment provided by the arriving boats. We did indeed swing a full 360 that night, but no mishaps. Later that morning, we

motor-sailed to the Channel Islands Harbor, enjoying visiting dolphins and an apparent yacht race just outside the breakwater. We entered the harbor with the appropriate pennants flying: SBSPS burgee, Commander's burgee, and finally Bridge Officer (SEO) burgee. The dockside appetizer party was well attended including the District Commander, Ventura Squadron members, and others from the Las Vegas Squadron. Ron & Vicki's Painkillers were a big hit for all again. After two years of absence it was a shock to see that huge slab of prime rib covering $\frac{3}{4}$'s of the PCYC dinner plate. One of Virginia's college roommates joined us for the PCYC dinner, spent the night aboard *Libertad* and made it a crew of 5 that headed back to Santa Barbara Sunday morning on a route that took us out around Platform Grace to allow us to set up for an afternoon sail. Unfortunately the wind did not fill in until we were only about mile outside the harbor, so more hours on the engine. We arrived at the slip shortly after 3pm and Lisa and Scott were off to another event –they are a busy couple. These trips always end with a list of maintenance issues, leaving us with plenty of things to do on the boat before the next trip which will be the traditional Two Harbors cruise. Hope many of you will join us.



Announcing our Annual Catalina Two Harbors Cruise

Schedule: Tuesday, August 9 — Wednesday, August 17

Dates are flexible of course as long as we can spend some time together.



Plan: Depart Santa Barbara on Tuesday, August 9, and sail to Smuggler's Cove anchorage on Santa Cruz Island or Channel Islands Marina for the night — about a 5-hour trip.

Depart Smuggler's or Channel Islands early on Wednesday, August 10, for arrival at Two Harbors around 16:00 hrs — about a 10 hour trip.



Activities: Group dinner(s), cocktails and snacks, hiking, Mexican Train dominoes; rent or bring your own kayak, SUP, snorkeling, and biking.



Contact: Please contact Rich Ciolino for more information and if you're planning on participating.

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Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club Cruise & Dinner

P/C Tom Koch, SN



In April's Signal Hoist, we sent you all the following message announcing the *Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (PCYC) Cruise and Banquet for 2022*:

Hear Ye, Hear Ye... We are now getting back to reality and attempting to recover from the past (and ongoing) pandemic. So...

Come one and all... come by bike, car, boat, train or plane, but bring a friend and take a quick trip to Oxnard!

Well, the PCYC Cruise and Dinner took place this last weekend from 22-24 July 2022. And, you did come. You came by Boat, By Car and By Plane. Shucks, no Bikes.



We had 29 souls join together for the renewed cruise. In addition to 21 members of Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron, we had the new District 13 Commander, Dave Smith and his wife, Linda. They drove over from Las Vegas. The new D13 Executive Officer, Keith Nunnary and his wife Chandra came by plane from Las Vegas to SBA, then by car to PCYC. In addition, Past USPS Assistant National Educational Officer, Ken Griffing and wife, Judy drove in from the LA area.





The 21 SBSPS members and guests came by car and for the first time ever for a PCYC Cruise, only one Boat, *Libertad*, Commanded by P/C Dennis and present Commander, Virginia Johns was tied up to the PCYC dock. Other members, Will Goodale and his son John, and Joan Kent and John Bridgewater cruised down on their respective boats, *Jewel* and *Sea and Ski*, but they had acquired slips in the nearby Safe Harbor Marina.

As the representative from the National Office, Ken Griffing presented Dave Smith his new D13 Commander's Flag. The D13 Commander Flag and Burgee were then flown from the mast of *Libertad* along with the Las Vegas Squadron burgee, SBSPS burgee, Commander and SEO Officer Flags.



As is the custom, the group met on the PCYC Dock in the afternoon of 23 July for appetizers and the Slocum's famous *PainKillers*. The Ventura Power Squadron Commander Dan Cahn, and wife Carolyn Cahn, joined us for the Dock gathering and all had a good time renewing old friendships and just getting together for a change.







In the evening, most went into the PCYC Crow's Nest for one of the incredible Pistachio Encrusted Salmon or Prime Rib dinners. After dessert, we all said our goodbyes and left via our various methods of travel back home. Thus we completed a very enjoyable getaway from the lives that have kept us cooped up for the past three years.





New Free Whale Alert App

<https://www.whalealert.org/>

About 18 months ago Callie Steffen, UCSB Project Scientist, spoke to us about their Whale Safe Technology project. The Whale Safe System, the first near real-time whale detection system, uses AI-powered ocean sensors, big data models, and citizen science data to help reduce lethal collisions between endangered whales and large ships in Southern California.

Recently you may have seen the ads for a related tool where boaters can make (and view) real-time reports on whale sightings.

Boaters, whale watchers and ocean enthusiasts download the free [Whale Alert app](#). This easy-to-use app (using NOAA nautical maps), will allow you to instantly report whale sightings and navigate heavily trafficked whale alert areas. All data from reported sightings saves whales by alerting rescue teams to injured or entangled whale locations and helps prevent ship strikes.

Submitted by Cdr Virginia Johns, P



Ratchet up your deep-sea fishing skills with a class from SBCC

Captain David Bacon of WaveWalker Charters and Hook, Line & Sinker fishing center background is teaching classes about fishing, for SBCC's Extended Learning Program. The first of a series of classes begins 6:00pm – 7:30 Tuesday, August 30th and the term runs each week until Tuesday, October 18th. The class title is "Experience Deep Sea Fishing" and teaches boat-based fishing. Subsequent optional terms will teach shore-based fishing and freshwater fishing.



Here is how to sign up for this fee-based class:

Go to **<https://sbcc.augusoft.net/>** and click on "Click to Register". Registering will give you a student ID number. Keep that number because it will allow you to register for the class. After registering, find the Search box and enter **24330** which is the class ID. The search takes you to a page where you can sign up. If you are already registered in the system, just login and search for the class ID, 24330.



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