

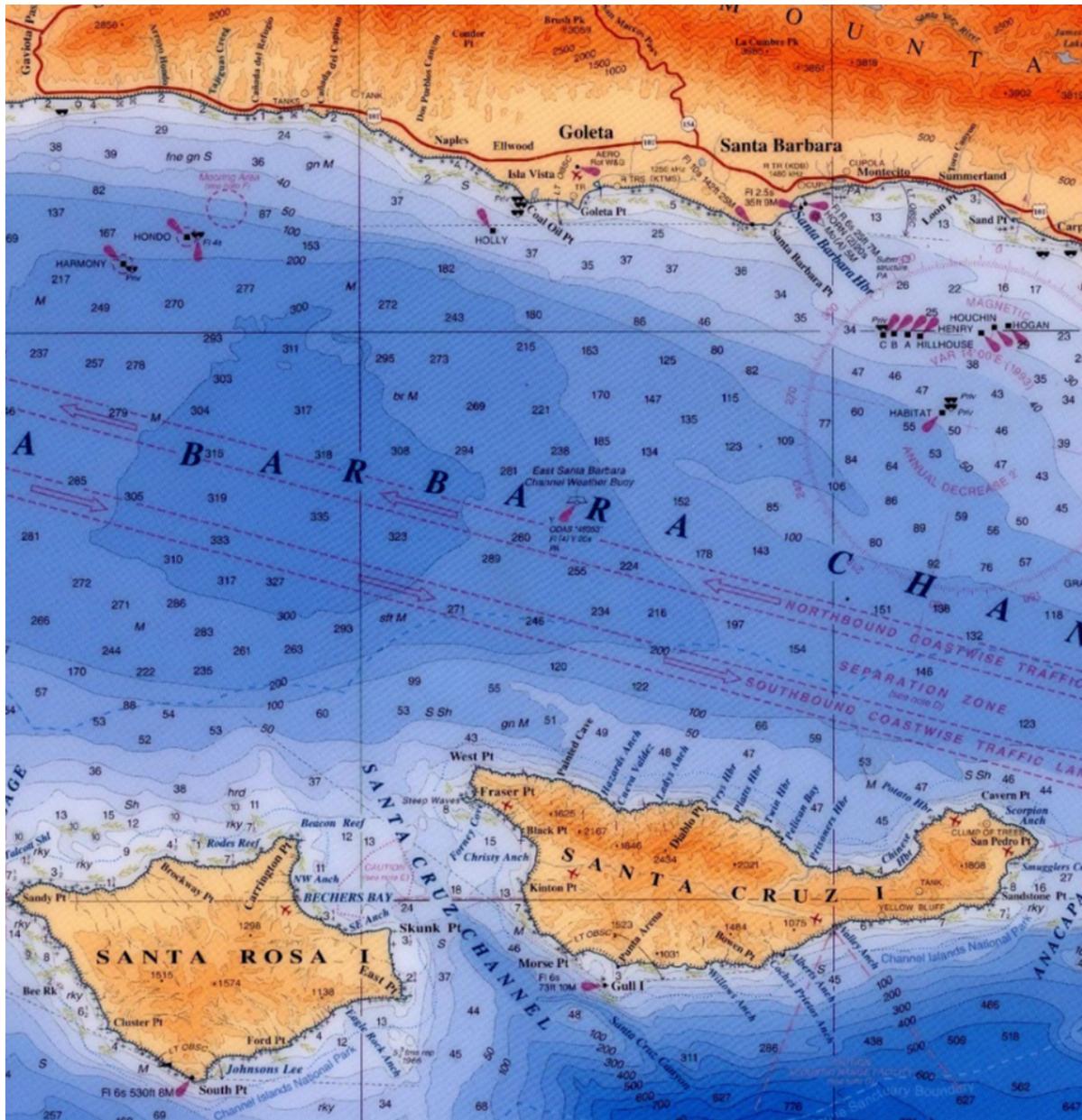


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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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Monthly Newsletter March 2026





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Alec Hardy

Dear Squadron Members,

I hope you are all doing well as we move into an exciting season for our squadron.

Please watch for Change of Watch details. Date, and location details are still being finalized and will be shared soon. This is always a special event as we recognize our outgoing bridge, install new officers, and celebrate our fellowship. I hope you'll plan to attend.

As we finalize our calendar, we are also looking to expand our training program. I would like to change things up a bit and have instructors tell the Education committee what and when they would like to teach. If you would like to teach a class this year, please send me the topic you'd like to present along with a few possible dates. Our members bring tremendous knowledge and experience, and your participation makes our educational offerings strong.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support. I look forward to seeing you at our Change of Watch later this spring, and to another great year together.

Respectfully,
Alec Hardy
Commander
805-453-0437



**SECRETARY'S MESSAGE
&
ACTIVITIES
COORDINATOR
MESSAGE**

As squadron Secretary I have passed on several announcements from our District 13 Secretary further on in this newsletter.

- three squadrons in the Newport Beach/San Diego area are joining our district
- District 13 Spring Conference and Change of Watch to be held in the San Diego area
- the nominations slate for District 13 officers and committees for 2026

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We have two activities scheduled for this month:

**➤ March 13-14 Fri/Sat      Spring Conference and  
Change of Watch for District 13**

- Friday      5:30pm-8:00pm      Retirement Celebration for District 28  
at Mimi's Cafe
- Saturday 8:00am-8:30pm      Conference: at the Southwestern  
Yacht Club, San Diego
  - Continental breakfast, snacks, BBQ lunch & dinner
  - Agenda for conference morning and afternoon activities TBA

- 6:00pm No host cocktails
- 6:30pm Dinner will be served. Entrees must be ordered in advance
- 7:15pm The Business Meeting, including election and installation of officers
- **Registration form for the conference included in this Newsletter** (or contact me for a copy: [sbmesafirstmate@gmail.com](mailto:sbmesafirstmate@gmail.com))

➤ **March 19 Thursday 7:00pm SB Maritime Museum Distinguished Speaker**

- “Shared Waters: How Fishermen and Offshore Oil Work Together”
- Mary Nishimoto, PhD (JO/FLO liaison; UCSB affiliate)
- See more details further on in this newsletter

*Ahoy, Santa Barbara squadron members!*

*We're looking for enthusiastic crew members to step up and help. Whether you have a passion for organizing events, sharing your boating knowledge, or serving in a support role, there's a spot for YOU!*

*Your contributions will keep our organization cruising smoothly. Let's set sail together!*

If you have questions or want to raise your hand, please contact your nominations committee:

John Profant [johnprofant@cox.net](mailto:johnprofant@cox.net)  
Virginia Johns [sbmesafirstmate@gmail.com](mailto:sbmesafirstmate@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Activities

|                  |                        |                                                         |                                          |
|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Mar 13-14</b> | <b>Friday-Saturday</b> | <b>District 13/28 Conference</b>                        | <b>Southwestern Yacht Club San Diego</b> |
| <b>Mar 19</b>    | <b>Thursday 7:00pm</b> | <b>SB Maritime Museum Distinguished Speakers Series</b> | <b>SB Maritime Museum</b>                |



## REGISTRATION FOR D28/D13 SPRING CONFERENCE AND CHANGE OF WATCH

**SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB, 2702 QUALTROUGH STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA. 92106**

Purpose of the Meeting: To conduct an election of District Officers for the year 2026; to hear reports of outgoing officers and committee chairs, and to accomplish such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Guest Speaker planned.

Join us Saturday for no host cocktails at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. The Business Meeting, including election and installation of officers will begin at 7:15pm

Name/Rank/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending Friday Evening Mimi's Cafe, Mission Valley\*: YES / NO On own cost

Will you be attending Saturday Conference (BBQ Lunch included): YES / NO \$10pp  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending Saturday Dinner\*\* and Change of Watch: YES / NO \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Entrée choices:\*\***

**Portobello Caprese, Toasted Focaccia, Fresh Mozzarella, Tomato, Basil, Balsamic, Lettuce - \$30**  
**Jidori Airline Chicken Breast, Red Potatoes, Bacon, Spinach, Tarragon Cream Sauce – \$52**

**Pan Roasted Salmon, Tomato Risotto, Haricots Verts, Lemon Beurre Blanc - \$71**

Dinner price includes salad, meal, dessert, coffee, tea or water, service charge, and sales tax.

RSVP is required for dinner. Please reply with your MENU CHOICE as soon as possible, but no later than March 4th. Reply to [PeterObergA@gmail.com](mailto:PeterObergA@gmail.com) or text 858-883-3735 to leave your menu choice(s) for each person.

USPS District 28/13 Annual Meeting



Please complete this form and pay in advance (*online preferred method*). Use this link for PayPal / CC payment: [America's Boating Club District 28](#) Make check out to SDSPS. And mail to: Pete Oberg, 2577 Melbourne Drive, San Diego, CA. 92123.

\* **Friday 1730—2030:** Mimi's Café, 5180 Mission Center Road, San Diego, CA. 92108. Free Parking.

**Saturday 0800—2100** Continental breakfast, Snacks, Conference, & Lunch. Dinner—Menu pre-orders required (**1830**).

**Sunday:** Day Sailing TBA



# **Report of D13 Nominating Committee for 2026 Change of Watch**

Commander - D/Lt/C Harold W. Hoadley, AP  
The Valley Sail and Power Squadron

Executive Officer - Stf/C Shawn Goit, SN-ON  
San Luis Rey Power Squadron

Administrative Officer - D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP  
San Luis Rey Power Squadron

Assistant Administrative Officer – Lt/C Carole Hallock, AP  
San Diego Sail and Power Squadron

District Education Officer – D/Lt/C Jay Higgins SN-IN  
Las Vegas Sail and Power Squadron

Assistant Education Officer – D/1st Lt Ken Griffing, SN-ON  
Arrowhead Sail and Power Squadron

Secretary - D/Lt/C Paula J. Vance, P  
San Diego Sail and Power Squadron

Treasurer - R/C Darryel D. Simmons, JN  
San Luis Rey Power Squadron

Assistant Treasurer - D/Lt/C William M. Bradley, AP  
Las Vegas Sail and Power Squadron

## Nomination Committee

P/D/C Ken Voight, AP-IN Tres  
Rios Power Squadron

P/D/C Doug Bass, SN-ON San  
Diego Sail and Power Squadron

P/D/C Barry Bean, SN-ON San Diego Sail and Power Squadron

*Squadron Members of Nominations:*

CDR John B. Brewington Jr., AP  
Arrowhead Sail and Power Squadron  
CDR Kirsty Mackintosh  
Balboa Sail and Power Squadron  
CDR Keith Nunnery, N  
Las Vegas Sail and Power Squadron  
  
CDR Doug Dworski, AP  
Long Beach Power Squadron  
CDR Alec S. Hardy  
Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron  
CDR Gerald S. Murphy, Jr. JN  
San Diego Sail and Power Squadron  
CDR Shawn Goit, SN-ON  
San Luis Rey Power Squadron  
CDR Sandra F. Lakin  
The Valley Sail and Power Squadron  
CDR William Van Alstine, AP  
Tokyo Sail and Power Squadron

CDR Ken Voight, AP-IN  
Tres Rios Power Squadron  
CDR Dan Cahn, JN  
Ventura Power Squadron

Respectively submitted,  
District 13 Nomination Committee  
CDR Doug Dworski, AP  
Lt/C Virginia Johns, P  
P/D/C Davd Smith, SN-IN

Rules Committee

D/Lt Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON San Diego  
Sail and Power Squadron  
P/R/C Allan Bombard, SN-ON San Diego  
Sail and Power Squadron  
P/D/C Mike Mann, SN  
Arrowhead Sail and Power Squadron

Finance Committee

R/C Cathy Anderson, AP  
Las Vegas Sail and Power Squadron  
P/R/C Ken Henry, SN  
Arrowhead Sail and Power Squadron  
P/D/Lt/C Sue Ann Bean, AP  
San Luis Rey Power Squadron



## **Santa Barbara Maritime Museum’s Maritime Distinguished Speaker Series Explores 40 Years of Collaboration Between Fishermen and Offshore Oil**

**Mary Nishimoto, PhD shares the little-known story of the Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office and how communication has minimized conflict in shared offshore waters**

**Santa Barbara, CA** — The Santa Barbara Maritime Museum (SBMM) is pleased to welcome Mary Nishimoto, PhD, liaison for the Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office (JO/FLO) of South/Central California, for a timely Maritime Distinguished Speaker Series presentation exploring a unique, four-decade model of collaboration between commercial fishermen and the offshore oil industry. The talk will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at SBMM. SBMM members are invited to a pre-lecture reception from 6:15–6:45 p.m.

In her talk “Shared Waters: How Fishermen and Offshore Oil Work Together,” Nishimoto will highlight the history and role of JO/FLO — an often-unseen but essential channel of communication created through direct negotiations between fishing and oil company representatives in 1983. JO/FLO has helped reduce work disruptions and minimize the risk of conflict in shared offshore spaces for 40 years, offering a framework for practical problem-solving at sea.

Nishimoto will provide background on commercial fishing and the history of offshore oil development in the Santa Barbara Channel region, along with insights into the ecology of offshore platforms and natural reefs. She will also discuss how longstanding agreements and liaison engagement continue to guide both industries today, particularly as platform decommissioning

moves forward in the channel and stakeholders weigh considerations such as partial versus full removal.

“Not many people in our coastal community know JO/FLO exists, yet it has quietly helped to keep working waterfronts working,” said Nishimoto. “At its core, it’s about building trust, sharing accurate information, and finding workable solutions so both industries can operate safely and respectfully in the same ocean space.”

“SBMM is proud to bring conversations like this into the museum—stories that reveal how our channel’s working ocean is shaped not only by nature, but by relationships, communication, and hard-earned cooperation,” said Education Coordinator Jason Statucki. “This is a fascinating look at how people with very different livelihoods have reduced conflict and kept the focus on safety, access, and shared responsibility.”

The Maritime Distinguished Speaker Series is sponsored by Marie L Morrisro

**Tickets:** Free for Navigators Circle members, \$10 for SBMM members, \$20 for the general public, and \$5 for students and educators with a valid school ID or email. Purchase tickets [here](#) or by emailing [reservations@sbmm.org](mailto:reservations@sbmm.org) or call (805) 456-8750.

Mary Nishimoto, PhD is the liaison for the Joint Oil/Fisheries Liaison Office of South/Central California and an affiliate at the University of California, Santa Barbara. With three decades of regional marine research experience—much of it focused on the ecology of offshore oil platforms and natural reefs—she works at the intersection of science, industry, and communication. She is honored to serve as an alternate representative for commercial fishing on the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, and her professional relationships with fishermen, oil company representatives, and offshore workers are grounded in impartiality and trust.



Mary Nishimoto in front of Platform Holly aboard M/V Danny C. Photo courtesy.



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