

San Diego Sail & Power Squadron Change of Watch – 19 January 2008

The 2008 Change of Watch Dinner was held at Southwestern Yacht Club, on 19 January 2008, at 19:04. There were 52 attendees (41 members and 11 guests).

Call to Dinner: Cdr Edward Bowler issued the call to dinner at 19:04 and welcomed all to the Change of Watch. Bob Hubbard led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nancy Renzi. The secretary, Diann Nephew, confirmed that a quorum was present.

Introductions: Commander Bowler introduced the squadron bridge officers present as well as past commanders, past district commanders, and special guests from other squadrons.

Call to Order: Following dinner, Commander Bowler called the meeting to order at 20:30. The secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.

Recognitions and Awards:

Don Litzenberg presented the **Sail Fleet trophies:**

1st place was awarded to Mike Collins, who also was awarded the perpetual trophy; 2nd place was awarded to Nancy Renzi; and 3rd place was awarded to Ron Bush.

Commander Bowler presented the following:

Senior Member Recognition (5 merit marks): Claudia Bowler, Ken Glaze, and Pauline Mraz.

25-year pin was presented to Shelly Bakalis.

Member of the Year award was presented to John Isaksen.

Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Tom Swift

Departing Commander's Remarks: Ted Bowler thanked all who helped him have “a good year.” He noted that the squadron had done well over the past year and had increases in membership, Vessel Safety Checks and had a great presence at the Boat Shows. Mike Collins did a wonderful job having 100+, the largest attendance for a GMM, at the September General Membership Meeting with Capt. Pat Rains. The South Bay provisional squadron started with 18 members and was growing. The USPS University courses were implemented. And the Bare Boat Charter during the summer was a success with numerous members of the squadron having a great time sailing in the British Virgin Islands.

* Nancy Renzi presented “thank you” gifts to Claudia Bowler for being hostess during the ExCom meetings, and also presented “thank you” gifts to Ted Bowler.

Closing of the 2007 Watch: D/C Chuck Peterson announced the closing of the 2007 Watch and dismissed the Bridge except for the secretary. He then called the incoming Bridge and Committee Members-elect to come forward.

Administration of Oaths: D/C Chuck Peterson administered the oath of office to Commander-Elect Edwin Mraz and then administered the oaths to the 2008 Bridge

Officers, Members at Large, and Elected Committee Members. He congratulated the new officers.

Presentations: Commander Mraz presented P/C Ted Bowler with a Past Commander name tag, plaque, and Past Commander burgee. Commander Mraz also presented new name tags and officer flags to the new bridge officers.

Incoming Commander's Remarks: Commander Mraz began by saying that he looked forward to next year and to the next 10 years working toward attracting members that are younger, as this is an aging organization. He also stated the need for additional teachers and aides for existing classes and new USPS University programs. The need for locations for upcoming meetings and classes is very important as SWYC is being remodeled. Commander Mraz has been a member of USPS for 37 years spending 2 of those years with SDSPS, 2 years with the Chicago Power Squadron and also has 9 years experience at National. Commander Mraz will be implementing the "Commander's Roundtable" meetings every other month (opposite the GMMs) to get involvement from the general membership. He thanked D/C Peterson for swearing in the new Bridge and also thanked the guests and members in attendance.

P/C Bowler passed the gavel to Commander Mraz.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Diann Nephew
Secretary