

**SDSPS ExCom Meeting  
6 November 2007**

Meeting commenced at 19:03. A quorum was present.

Attendees:

Cdr Ted Bowler  
ExO Nancy Renzi  
AO Mike Collins  
SEO Mike Fontaine  
Treas. Claudia Bowler  
Sec'y Diann Nephew  
Mbr-at-Large John Anderson

Guests:

John Centorbi  
Kent Hildreth  
Bob Hubbard  
Katie Law  
Ed Mraz

A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 2007 Executive Committee meeting as published was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Announcements:**

**Officer's Reports:**

Commander's Department

Commander Ted Bowler discussed the following items:

General Membership Meeting – November 9, Friday

Sail Fleet – November 10, Saturday

Predicted Log – November 17, Saturday, Squadron members came in 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

District 28 Winter Council – December 1, SWYC – SDSPS gets STAR points for attending.

Parade of Lights BBQ – December 9, Sunday – need flyers to hand out at GMM

Articles for Ship's Mail due December 15

San Diego Boat Show – January 3-6 Thurs-Sun

District 28 Awards – SDSPS won the Shockey Trophy for elective courses, Membership Growth award (15.75% growth!), Bowspirit Award, and John Isaksen received a Power of One award. At the National Meeting we won an award for Child's Poster (2<sup>nd</sup> place, Katie's granddaughter) and San Diego had the only submission for Teaching Aids.

Executive Department

Nancy Renzi reported on Vessel Safety Checks: Katie Law conducted the most VSCs in October. Shaun McArdle conducted the most VSCs in August.

### Education Department

Mike Fontaine reported that seventeen students took the Piloting exam.

Three JN exams have been completed. Sight folders were also completed. The JN class started with 12 students. This was the first time the new JN has been taught. Advanced Piloting is underway with 10 students.

The 2008 class schedule needs to be developed. The question is where to hold classes during the SWYC remodel. Possibly have some classes at the instructor's homes. Ed Mraz suggested having Boat Smart class at West Marine. Nancy Renzi will look into Health and Human Services building as a possible location for classes. An announcement could be made at the GMM about ideas for class locations.

The new N course, Nav 08, is in development and will be ready for beta testing after the Annual meeting in March/April. Nav 99/02 will no longer be available after November 19, 2007.

John Centorbi expressed interest in teaching a HAM Radio class.

Kent Hildreth asked about the USPS University classes. There are additional modules coming out. Bill Bridge will give a presentation on the new seminars at the Nov. GMM.

### Administrative Department

Mike Collins reported that 20 people have signed up for the GMM. Claudia said she will have a red-white-and-blue ribbon for the badges of veterans and yellow ribbons for everyone else to wear.

### Secretary's Department

Diann Nephew again made a request for suggestions or changes to the website. An online sign up was made for the November GMM meeting.

### Treasurer's Department

Claudia Bowler reported that squadron finances were in good order. All bills are paid and receipts collected. A Statement of Information for California is filed every 2 years. Currently the address for the Squadron is John Isaksen's. Ed Mraz suggested using Tom Stanford, the Law Officer, as the Squadron address.

### **Old Business:**

Advertising Ships Mail – this topic will be discussed next year, waiting for enough advertising to fill a full page before it is implemented.

Membership Retention Person – Ted Bowler has volunteered.

Lifetime Achievement Awards – Irwin Pascoe and Tom Swift were both mentioned as candidates. Chester White, Dave & Marie Baer, and J. Brockway Clark will coordinate a presentation and award at the Change of Watch.

New Membership Pamphlet – Still a work in progress by Katie Law.

USPS University – Bob Gibbs needs to schedule a date with West Marine as soon as possible for the GPS class. Bob has 20 copies of the GPS course.

Website – Develop a button or sidebar link to Membership Chair's number to call for membership information.

**New Business:**

Squadron Benevolence – Bob Macomber \$100 and have a card for members to sign at the GMM.

New member – Mike Philbrook is with the Sea Scouts.

Ship's Mail – Need a new editor as of February 2008. Katie will no longer be available.

Squadron's Karaoke Machine was found and is now at Ted Bowler's. It will be brought to the Nov. GMM for use.

Nominating Committee is finished and a letter was given to Diann to copy and mail to the membership.

**BRING YOUR FLAG TO THE NEXT EXCOM MEETING!!!**

Meeting adjourned at 20:30. Next ExCom meeting will be 11 December 2007.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diann Nephew, Secretary