

**San Diego Sail & Power Squadron
General Membership Meeting – 13 March 2009**

The meeting was held at Point Loma Café, on 13 March 2009, at 19:00. There were 30 members and 6 guests (3 from San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron).

Call to Order: Cdr Allan Bombard called the meeting to order at 19:08. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Litzenberg. Robert Hubbard led the invocation. The secretary confirmed that a quorum was present. Past District Commanders and Past Squadron Commanders were introduced. Special guests Dr. and Mrs. Paul Etzel were also introduced.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 2008 General Membership Meeting were approved as published.

Executive Officer: Lt/C Don Litzenberg asked Shaun McArdle to report on VSC. So far, there are 6 examiners for Vessel Safety Checks and we need more examiners.

Education Officer: Lt/C Katie Law reported that the education calendar is almost finished (a copy was handed out for review). Mike Philbrook's Boating Class had 15 of 15 students passing the exam.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Kathy Romero noted that the General Membership Meeting at the Point Loma Café 16 May 2009 will have a presentation about Medical Emergencies On-Board. 18 July is the Picnic at the Coast Guard Station. 19 September is the Past commander's hosted BBQ. 13 November will be at MCRD Bayview Café. The January Change of Watch may be held at the San Diego Yacht Club. There is also a Raft-up scheduled for the last weekend in June.

Treasurer: Lt/C Bob Gibbs reported that the finances are in good standing and all bills have been paid. Reports were distributed.

Announcements: USPS Annual meeting in February was in Anaheim and several SDSPS members attended. Van Diehl mentioned that the Inland Rendezvous on April 3rd and 4th will be at Catherine's Landing. USPS has new literature coming out for Safe Boating Week. Lt/C Katie Law mentioned the need for Dock Walkers for VSCs. Bill Bridge noted that USPS updated and revamped the education courses. Cdr Bombard noted that at the National meeting, it was discussed to pool resources for education materials. Congratulations to Shaun McArdle a new Life Member with 25 merit marks. Congratulations to Trish Carlin and Lt/C Don Litzenberg who both received the Senior Member Award. Bob Hubbard discussed the SDSPS Bylaws modification so it mirrors the National Bylaws. The proposed changes are on the website for review. The SDSPS membership need to review, discuss and then vote on the proposed changes. Lt/C Don Litzenberg reminded everyone of the Sail Fleet race tomorrow 14 March. Jerry Pokerwinski discussed the Boat Show as well as the upcoming Day at the Docks and the need for more watchstanders. The Summer Boat Show is scheduled to be at the Sheraton.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:48.

Minutes submitted by,

Lt/C Diann Nephew
Secretary