

San Diego Sail & Power Squadron General Members' Meeting – 11 May 2007

The meeting was held at the Southwestern Yacht Club, San Diego, on 11 May 2007, at 1830. There were 30 members and 5 guests.

Call to Order: Cdr Edward Bowler called the meeting to order at 1907. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nancy Renzi. The secretary, Diann Nephew, confirmed that a quorum was present. The Minutes from January and March were reviewed and approved.

Introductions: Commander Bowler welcomed all to the meeting, introduced the squadron bridge officers present, and recognized all past commanders and past district commanders. He also asked members present with guests to introduce them.

Announcements: John Isaksen reported that there have been 31 new members this year.

Recognitions and Awards: Commander Bowler extended thanks to several squadron members. John Isaksen was presented with a plaque. Ed Mraz was presented with a gift certificate for Seabreeze. Dan and Trish Carlin were each presented with certificates to West Marine. The members of the bridge were presented with nametags.

Administration of Membership Pledges: New members, Pascale and Frederic Hayem, were asked to stand and asked all members to also stand and renew their membership pledges with the new members. He then administered the USPS membership pledge, in which all present members joined. Commander Bowler then presented the inductees with their certificates and USPS pins and welcomed them to the squadron.

BRIDGE OFFICERS' REPORTS

Executive Officer: Lt/C Nancy Renzi thanked P/C Katie Law and P/C Shaun McArdle for their participation with vessel safety checks. Shaun has conducted 17 and Katie conducted 14. The Day at the Docks event, on 22 April, was a success. National Safe Boating Week begins 19 May and goes through 25 May and all VS Examiners are needed for the event at Marina Cortez. Ed Brunjes has arranged for two days at the Chula Vista Marina for vessel safety checks on 16 June.

Education Officer: Assistant Education Officer Dan Carlin read from Lt/C Mike Fontaine's report. There are 24 students in the Seamanship class. Sail started with 10 students. BoatSmart has 11 students. The JN manual has been received and is being reviewed by Mike Sampsel. Postcards for the Weather class, which starts 4 June, have been mailed and already have 2 students sign up for the class. 20 new sets for the Boating class have been ordered and there are also flyers for the class.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Mike Collins reported that the Annual Picnic/GMM is scheduled for 8 July at the Coast Guard Station. Anyone planning to attend **must** sign-up in advance with Bill Bridge. A Switlik representative is scheduled to give a presentation

on their life rafts. The September GMM will be held at Marina Village and will be catered by Ranch Catering. Capt. Patricia Reins and her husband will give a presentation on Baja and will have books and charts available for purchase.

Treasurer: Lt/C Claudia Bowler reported that the bills have been paid. The Squadron received a teaching aid for the Sail class from a former member, Chuck Snow, which has now been turned over to Tom Stanford.

Property Officer: Lt/C Claudia Bowler is standing in for Lt Kathy Romero and will have merchandise available tonight for purchase.

Misc.: Bob Gibbs reported that West Marine is looking forward to having courses held at their location – hopefully once a month. Bob asked for volunteers. Dan Carlin recognized Bob Gibbs for all of his hard work on publicity for the Squadron.

District 28 Summer Council meeting is scheduled for 2 June starting at 0830. Co-op Charting will meet at Denny's restaurant at 0615. There will be a presentation during the District meeting that will focus on recruiting, involving and maintaining new members. Cdr Bowler will give a presentation about the British Virgin Islands during the dinner.

Old Business: USPS University – Four courses have been purchased: GPS, VHF, Weather, and Charting. Mike Fontaine is reviewing the PowerPoint presentations. Each course is approx. 1.5 hours with ½ hour for questions. Bob Gibbs has coordinated with West Marine to use one of their rooms for one course. There will be a short presentation on USPS University at the June District meeting.

New Business: New Squadron – A provisional squadron has been started in Chula Vista. A representative from National attended a meeting and approx. 12 people attended the meeting. A commander has already been chosen for the new squadron. The area this squadron would cover would be from South Bay down to Ensenada and east to Arizona. Ed Brunjes is their Education Officer. The provisional squadron has 2 years to grow to 25 or more members to obtain a charter. Mel Mones inquired about the stability of an additional squadron in San Diego. Dan Carlin asked if the new squadron is intended on being a bi-national squadron.

Name Tags – Commander Bowler requested that if anyone needs a name tag to please contact him directly.

Member Handbook – P/C Katie Law noted that the handbook is in progress.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1948.

Following a brief recess, the Administrative Officer, Lt/C Mike Collins, presented the United States Power Squadrons® “**2nd National Safe Boating Test.**”

Minutes submitted by

Lt/C Diann Nephew
Secretary

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Member(s) [30]

Lt/C Claudia Bowler, AP
Cdr Ted Bowler, AP
P/D/C William Bridge, SN
Ed Brunjes
1st/Lt Dan Carlin
1st/Lt Trish Carlin
John Centorbi
Lt/C Mike Collins
Lt Bob Gibbs
Frederic Hayem
Pascale Hayem
Kent Hildreth, P
P/C Robert Hubbard, SP
Rosemary Hutzley
Catherine Isakesen, S
P/Lt/C John Isaksen, P
D/Lt/C Katie Law, SN
P/C Shaun McArdle, AP
P/C Mel Mones
Rhoda Mones
P/R/C Edwin Mraz, SN
Pauline Mraz, P
Lt Dan Nephew
Lt/C Diann Nephew
P/Lt/C Gordon Parham
Jerry Pokerwinski
Betty Pokerwinski
Jack Prior
Lt/C Nancy Renzi, AP
P/D/C Thomas Swift, AP

Guests [5]

Helen Collins
Bill Frame, AP
Samantha Hayem
Andrea Lavorgna
Carol Parham