

**San Diego Sail & Power Squadron
General Members' Meeting – 17 May 2008**

The meeting was held at Southwestern Yacht Club, on 17 May 2008, at 19:00. There were 27 members and 3 guests.

Call to Order: Cdr Edwin Mraz called the meeting to order at 19:00. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Allan Bombard. Robert Hubbard led the invocation. The acting secretary, Diann Nephew, confirmed that a quorum was present. Past District Commanders and Past Squadron Commanders were introduced.

The meeting was recessed for dinner. The meeting resumed at 19:58.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 11th and March 14th General Membership Meetings, and the January 19th Change of Watch were available for review at the meeting. All were approved as published.

Education Department: So far 4 series of University classes have been completed.

Executive Officer: Lt/C Allan Bombard reported that Bob Gibbs has organized the USPS Seminars to be held at West Marine. There are four classes: GPS, VHF, On-board Weather, and Sail trim. Additional classes available: Marine Radar - Steven Bakalis; Boat Handling under power - Mike Philbrook; Anchoring - Ted Bowler; Paddle - Gordo. The summer boat show is here in San Diego at the end of July. Shaun McArde will send out emails to get watchstanders.

Education Officer: Lt/C Mike Fontaine reported that Boat Smart class started with 15 students. The next Boat Smart class is scheduled for August. Piloting starts June 16. Weather starts June 2. Navigation will be in the fall and there will be a new book that is being beta tested. Marine Electrical Systems new beta book will be available in June. After September 2nd, no more classes can be held at SWYC. Locations are still needed for the remaining classes.

Administrative Officer: Lt/C Diann Nephew asked Don Litzenberg to report on the Sail Fleet Races. He asked that anyone who would like to crew for a race to contact him. Also, if anyone is planning on racing their boat and need crew they should contact Mike Philbrook.

Treasurer: Lt/C Claudia Bowler reported that the finances are in good standing and all bills have been paid. Two new projectors have been purchased. Betty and Jerry Pokerwinski have agreed to be the new Supply/Property Officers.

Announcements: ExComm meeting on June 6th at 7pm and the Commander's Roundtable meeting on June 13th at 7pm will be held at SWYC. The GMM/Picnic at the Coast Guard Station is on July 13th. Katie Law also thanked everyone from San Diego that traveled to Phoenix to see her installed as District Commander. June 7th is the District meeting at Chula Vista Yacht Club, the San Diego Squadron gets "points" for showing up. Cdr Mraz recommended Al Sorkin, the presenter tonight, be voted an honorary member.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:24.

Minutes submitted by

Lt/C Diann Nephew
Acting Secretary