

# *The Ship's Mail*

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## **2006 SDSPS Numbers Up by 40 Percent! USPS Membership Policy Changes for 2007**

2006 was the year for new members. As of the end of 2006, the San Diego Squadron had recruited 49 new members. The lion's share of the credit goes to four people: our Membership Chairman, John Isaksen, and our three Boating and BoatSmart instructors: Dan and Trish Carlin, and Ed Mraz.

Dan, Trish and Ed made recruiting simple. John Isaksen reported that he had to do almost nothing to sign up members at the conclusion of each class, as the ground work had already been laid. Having enthusiastic instructors teaching the public Boating classes transmitted excitement to the students, who needed little prodding to join. In past years, the interest level was nowhere near so strong.

John Isaksen created a USPS membership information packet which was handed out to each class member the week before the exam and made a brief presentation about the Squadron. In this way, students had information to review at home.

A discount for signing up on graduation night helped sway a number of those who otherwise would have offered to send in the application later (this rarely results in a new member). Basically, the squadron waived local dues for the first year in order to provide this incentive. And, although only used at the end of the November Boating class, the ability to accept credit cards allowed us to some members who did not have cash or a checkbook with them.

### **New USPS Membership Policy**

Effective 27 December 2006, Dick Kyle, the USPS National Educational Officer, notified the District Educational Officers that USPS membership will be extended to members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and those holding Coast Guard licenses. At the September and December USPS Operating Committee (OCOM)

meetings the following additions were approved as meeting the exam requirements for USPS membership:

1. Members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary who have successfully completed any CGAUX course or certification program; and
2. Any one who has passed the following US Coast Guard license programs: Launch Operator; OUPV ("Six-pack"); and Master's license.

In addition, to aid the transition, USPS will award basic and advanced grades for successful completion of the following CGAUX courses and CG licensing programs:

- CGAUX Boating Skills and Seamanship or Sailing Skills and Seamanship will receive credit for the USPS Seamanship course.
- CGAUX Basic Coastal Navigation will receive credit for the USPS Piloting course.
- CGAUX Advanced Coastal Navigation will receive credit for USPS Advanced Piloting course.
- Coast Guard Launch Operator will receive credit for the USPS Boat Smart course.
- Coast Guard OUPV (Six-pack) will receive credit for the USPS Seamanship course.
- Coast Guard Master's license (up to 50 tons) will receive credit for USPS Seamanship, Piloting and Advanced Piloting.

Credit for any other exams will be based on the documentation and experience provided to the National Educational Officer for review and approval.

This policy change allows squadron members to encourage their Auxiliarist and other friends holding USCG certificates to become USPS members, while acknowledging the skills and education they bring with them.

**So let's get out there and reel in more of those new members in 2007!**

## “Power of One” Campaign

The **Power of One** is a USPS® wide initiative aimed at accelerating membership growth through a two pronged approach that will enable squadrons to increase recruitment dramatically, while concurrently addressing the need to involve and retain existing members.

The **2006-2007 Power of One (POO)** program runs from 1 October 2006 to 20 September 2007. POO pins will continue to be presented to USPS members who bring one new member into our organization. Dangle pins will be presented to members who bring in 10, 20 or 30 new members over the four-year program. Squadrons which increase their membership by 25% from 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2007 will receive special recognition at the 2008 Annual meeting.

These members have earned “Power of One” campaign recognition for having brought at least one new member into USPS and the San Diego Squadron: John L. Alger, David Baer, Steven G. Bakalis, Dan A. Carlin, Trish A. Carlin, Nadine J. Christensen, Michael W. Fontaine, Kenneth L. Glaze Jr., John D. Isaksen, Katharine S. Law, Shaun McArdle

Is your name on this list? Why not share a “good thing” with your boating friends by introducing them to our club and earn a “Power of One” pin for yourself. You will be doing them a favor too!



## FREE ADMISSION—S. D. Boat Show

By Lt/C Edward C. Bowler, AP  
Executive Officer

Looking for a new boat? Looking for the latest and greatest boating equipment? Plan on standing a “watch” for a few hours with your friends at the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron booth. Once the “watch” is over spend the rest of the day visiting the boat show. Shaun McArdle is arranging the booth and the watch schedule for the upcoming show. There will be a sign up sheet on the web site ([www.sdsp.org](http://www.sdsp.org)) so sign up for when you would like to help. The Boat Show is January 4-7, 2007 at the San Diego Convention Center. Hours are: Thursday, January 4 [Noon-8PM]; Friday, January 5 [Noon-8PM]; Saturday, January 6 [10 AM-8PM]; and Sunday, January 7 [11 AM-6PM].

We hope to see you all there to spread the word about Safe Boating and the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron. Come out and meet some of the new members and renew acquaintances with the older members. If you have any questions, call: Shaun McArdle (858-571-5602), or Ed Bowler (619-334-7150).

## WOW! Free Admission to the Boat Show!

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## 2007 Ed Schedule Announced



The 2006 Cruise Planning class with their instructors

Lt/C Mike Fontaine, Squadron Educational Officer, has announced the 2007 preliminary schedule of courses for the calendar year. [See p.4.] The schedule features a number of public Boating and Boat Smart courses to promote safety on the water, as well as a series of Advanced Grade and Elective courses for members. Our public classes are free, although a nominal charge for instructional materials is charged to cover costs. [A schedule of the newly created "USPS University®" seminars--open to both USPS members and the general public--will be released later.]

As in past years, the majority of classes will be held at [Southwestern Yacht Club](#). Most courses are taught with PowerPoint presentations, using notebook and video projector technology as well as hands-on instruction. The schedule is subject to change due to unavailability of facilities or instructors. Please contact SEO [Mike Fontaine](#) by e-mail--[seo@sdsp.org](mailto:seo@sdsp.org) --or phone at 858-793-1268 for current information.

### **Nautical Terminology, by Ye Olde Salt**

Beginning this year, *The Ship's Mail* will feature an occasional definition or derivation of a nautical term by an SDSPS member who prefers to be known only as "Ye Olde Salt."

This issue's phrase is "... *three sheets to the wind* ...."

Generally in reference to a drunk (sailor) stumbling down the street. Sheets are the lines used to control or trim the sails. If the sheets are not properly tended or "let fly" the vessel will not sail properly and will aimlessly float downwind in a staggering or drunken fashion. (If you have a nautical phrase about which you have wondered, please submit it to [killawyer@msn.com](mailto:killawyer@msn.com).)

## *The Ship's Store*

### Logo Items for Sale

<b>SDSPS Burgee</b>	\$26.00
(with 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary gold braid)	
<b>Hats</b> (navy blue, tan, grey)	\$12.00
<b>Men's Pique Knit Sport Shirt</b>	\$28.00
(M-XXL navy blue, hunter green, light blue)	
<b>Women's Pique Knit Sport Shirt</b>	\$26.00
(S-XXL light blue, pink)	
<b>Sweatshirt</b> ¼ zipper style with collar	\$32.00
(Men's S-XXL) grey or navy blue	
<b>Polar Fleece Vest</b> with full zipper	\$35.00
<b>SDPS T-shirts</b> <i>Discounted to sell</i>	<b>\$10.00</b>
(XL only)	

Contact Lt Kathleen Romero, 619 465-8633, or [khromero@cox.net](mailto:khromero@cox.net)



**The Public Boating Courses** - These classes are free [charge for materials only] to the boating public.

Courses	Dates	Instructor(s)	Location
The Boating Course	<u>Wednesdays</u> Jan 10 - Feb 21 Jun 20 - Aug 8 Oct 3 - Nov 21	Dan & Trish Carlin	Southwestern Yacht Club
Boat Smart Course	<u>Wednesdays</u> Mar 7 - Mar 25 Sep 5 - Sep 26	Ed Mraz	Southwestern Yacht Club

**Advanced Grade Courses** - These courses are for USPS members only and a fee for materials is charged.

Courses	Dates	Instructor(s)	Location
Seamanship	<u>Wednesdays</u> Mar 7 - May 23	Ken Glaze	Southwestern Yacht Club
Piloting	<u>Wednesdays</u> Jun 6 - Aug 29	Dave Baer	Southwestern Yacht Club
Advanced Piloting	<u>Mondays</u> Sep 10 - Nov 16	Mike Sampsel Shelley Bakalis	Southwestern Yacht Club
Junior Navigation	To be announced	TBA	Southwestern Yacht Club
Navigation	To be announced	TBA	Southwestern Yacht Club

**Elective Courses** - These courses are for USPS members only and a fee for materials is charged.

Courses	Dates	Instructor(s)	Location
Cruise Planning	<u>Tuesdays</u> Jan 7 - Mar 20	Ed & Claudia Bowler	Southwestern Yacht Club
Engine Maintenance	To be announced	Mike Fontaine	Southwestern Yacht Club
Instructor Development	<u>Tuesdays</u> July 10 - Aug 21	Karen Glaze	Southwestern Yacht Club
Marine Electronics	To be announced	TBA	Southwestern Yacht Club
Sail	<u>Tuesdays</u> Apr 10 - Jun 12	Tom Stanford	Instructor's home
Weather	<u>Mondays</u> Jun 4 - Aug 27	Bill Bridge	Southwestern Yacht Club

## SDSPS CALENDAR –Jan/Feb/Mar 2007

<u>Day/Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<b>January 2007</b>			
Thur-Sun/4-7	San Diego Boat Show [Staff our booth!]	S.D. Convention Center	Shaun McArdle
Wed/10 1900	Public Boating Course begins	Southwestern YC	Dan Carlin
Fri/12 1730	ExCom meeting	Southwestern YC	Tom Fota
Fri/12 1900	<b>SDSPS Annual Meeting</b>	Southwestern YC	Barbara Goddard
Tues/16 1900	Cruise Planning begins	Southwestern YC	Mike Fontaine
Sat/20 1800	<b>Change of Watch Dinner</b>	Southwestern YC	Barbara Goddard
<b>February 2007</b>			
Mon/5 1900	ExCom meeting	Commander's home	Ted Bowler
Wed/21-Sun/25	USPS Annual Meeting/ Jacksonville, FL	Hyatt Regency Riverfront	See "The Ensign"
<b>March 2007</b>			
Fri/02-Sat/03	District 28 Spring Conference	Holiday Inn/Bayside	Katie Law
Mon/05 1900	ExCom meeting	Commander's home	Ted Bowler
Wed/07 1900	Seamanship Course begins	Southwestern YC	Mike Fontaine
Fri/09 1900	<b>General Members' Meeting</b>	Southwestern YC	Mike Collins

## NOVEMBER SAIL FLEET

*by Lt/C Don Litzenberg, AP*

2006 has been a great year for the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron Sail Fleet. Only one race was cancelled due to weather. (I think it rained that day.) But in the last race of the year, **Mike Collins** and crew on Marilee sailed merrily away from the fleet to take first place both in first over the finish line and on handicap.

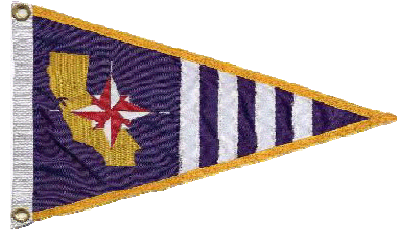
But sweet consistency pays off! **Ted Umland** and crew on Julieta took the Gold on cumulative

points for the year! Julieta raced in all nine races for the year and, with Ted's careful coaching, his crew chalked up one 1st place, five 2nd places, two 3rds, and one 4<sup>th</sup> to finish with 20.75 cumulative points. **Dave Baer** on Casamar garnered Silver with 25.75 cumulative points and **Mike Collins** captured the Bronze with 27 cumulative points.

Well done all! Let's get more boats out racing in 2007!

### San Diego Sail Fleet Results for November 2006 Regatta

Boat		Sail	Dis- tance	Finish	Elapsed				Race	Cum	New
Name	Skipper	#	NM	Time	Time	Handi- cap	Delta	Posi- tion	Points	Points	Handi- cap
Julieta	Ted Umland	5027	10.00	14:29:45	2:29:45	811	23.37	2	2	20.75	815
Casamar	Dave Baer	57789	10.00	14:29:29	2:29:29	800	24.97	3	3	25.75	793
His Knot Hers	John Isaksen	3028	10.00	14:28:48	2:28:48	782	27.25	4	4	39	809
Fiddler's Green	Ed Bowler	0	0.00	0:00:00	dns	892	dns	0	5	41.75	930
Jandon	Don Litzenberg	7266	0.00	0:00:00	dns	728	dns	0	5	28.5	743
Marilee	Mike Collins	7473	10.00	14:08:40	2:08:36	824	0.00	1	0.75	27	839



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## Join Us for the Annual Meeting Dinner

All members of the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron  
and their guests are invited  
to attend the pre-meeting Dinner.  
with no-host cocktails at 1800, dinner at 1830,  
and the business meeting to begin at 1930.

**Date:** Friday, 12 January 2007

**Place:** Southwestern Yacht Club,  
2702 Qualtrough Street, San Diego, CA

**Purpose:** To conduct an **election of officers for the year 2007-2008**; to consider  
and **vote upon the 2007-2008 budget** proposed for adoption by the  
Executive Committee; to hear reports of outgoing officers and committee  
chairmen; and to accomplish such other business as may properly come  
before the assembly.

**And to enjoy the company of your fellow squadron members!**

**Cost:** \$25 per person [cash bar]

**Dress:** Business casual attire

**RSVP by: 1200 on Wednesday, 10 January**

the Administrative Officer,

Lt/C Barbara A. Goddard, P  
by phone (619-281-3410) or  
by e-mail to [ao@sdsp.com](mailto:ao@sdsp.com).

**Choice of:** *Prime Rib* with roast  
potatoes, or  
*Grilled Salmon* with a dill  
cream sauce, and rice,  
Harvest salad, fresh vegetables, to  
warm rolls & butter, and  
brownies and cookies

***Please specify meal option when responding to this invitation!***

**USPS District 28  
SPRING CONFERENCE MEETING  
2-3 March 2007**



**Holiday Inn/Bayside  
4875 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106**

Delegates and guests from all five squadrons in District 28 will meet in San Diego on the first weekend in March to attend the 2007 Spring Conference. San Diego Sail & Power Squadron is hosting the conference on Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, at the Holiday Inn/Bayside. P/D/C Bill Bridge and Stf/C Chet White are the conference co-chairmen, and they will be assisted by P/C Marie Baer, who is coordinating the Friday night hospitality event and by P/Lt/C Barbara A. Goddard, who will again assist Bill Bridge with the raffle.

***Your squadron needs your help to make this event a Big Success!*** First, plan to attend the Friday night social and contribute to the hospitality by bringing a covered dish or dessert (details available on the squadron website--[www.sdsp.org](http://www.sdsp.org)-- after 15 February). Our out-of-town guests from the Balboa, San Luis Rey, Lake Mohave and Phoenix Squadrons are a bunch of wild and crazy guys and gals--just like our members--who love boating and have dedicated themselves to boating safety and education, while having fun on the water. Your presence at this event will make them feel welcome.

Second, come to the meeting on Saturday morning to see what goes on at a District Conference (hint: the election of district officers and reports on how the various squadrons are doing in USPS activities, plus an interesting assortment of activities). And don't forget to sign up for the annual District Change of Watch dinner on Saturday night, where USPS members from all over the district will celebrate another successful year and turn over command to the new District Bridge.

If you would like to participate in all the activities by staying at the hotel, Bill and Chet have negotiated special room rates at the conference site: single or double occupancy \$105 plus tax per night. Just call the hotel at 800-662-8899. **NB:** The reservations cutoff date is 9 February 2007. Still have questions? Call Bill Bridge at 858-277-2916, or e-mail him at [mandbbridge@earthlink.net](mailto:mandbbridge@earthlink.net).

## BOATERS MUST NOT OPERATE 121.5/243 MHZ EPIRBs AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2006

The U.S. Coast Guard has reminded all boaters that, beginning 1 Jan 2007, both 121.5 and 243 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRBs) are prohibited from use in both commercial and recreational watercraft. Boaters wishing to have an emergency rescue beacon aboard their vessel must have a digital 406 MHz model.

The 1 Jan 2007 date to stop using 121.5 MHz EPIRBs is preparatory for 1 Feb 2009, when satellite processing of distress signals from all 121.5/243 MHz beacons will end. Following the termination date, only 406 MHz beacons will be detected by the International Cospas-Sarsat Satellite System that provides distress alert and location

data for search & rescue operations world-wide.

The regulation applies to all Class A, B, and S 121.5/243 MHz EPIRBs. It does not affect 121.5/243 MHz man overboard devices which are designed to work directly with a base alerting unit only, not with a satellite system.

This change was driven by the unreliability of 121.5/243 MHz beacons. Data revealed that, with a 121.5 MHz beacon, only one alert out of every 50 is a genuine distress situation. This places an unreasonable burden on search and rescue resources and personnel.

With 406 MHz beacons, false alerts have been reduced significantly and can usually

be resolved with a telephone call to the registered owner.

When a 406 MHz beacon signal is received, search & rescue personnel retrieve information from a registration database, including the beacon owner's contact information, emergency contact information, and vessel/aircraft identifying characteristics.

Having this information allows the Coast Guard, or other rescue body, to respond appropriately.

U.S. users are required by law to register their beacon directly in the 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database at: <http://www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov/> or by calling 1-888-212-SAVE.

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