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Thank You, Friends!

by Cdr Edward C. Bowler, AP



A few years ago, we sailed our 28-foot sailboat from San Diego to Canada. Arriving home after two years friends asked us what we enjoyed most about our two year adventure. Our quick and ready reply: “the people we met along the way.”

And so it is with my one year as commander of the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron. As my year comes to a close, people ask me what is the highlight during my tenure, again my instant reply is “the friends I made along the way”. These people started out as just names, but working with them throughout the year they became fast friends who take time out of their busy schedules to make the Power Squadron grow, function and prosper.

First and foremost I would like to thank the recent veteran past commanders who helped guide me through all the protocols of the squadron and helped solve all the questions that arose over the year. Thank you, Katie Law, Bob Hubbard, Shaun McArdle and Chester White.

My Bridge and Executive Committee was outstanding. Thank you Nancy Renzi, Executive Officer; Mike Fontaine, Educational Officer; Mike Collins, Administrative Officer; Diann Nephew, Secretary; and Claudia Bowler, Treasurer. Members-at-Large Bob Gibbs, John Anderson, John Isaksen, Ron Weiner and Kent Hildreth did a fine job attending all the meetings and adding valuable insight to our discussions of squadron activities.

J. Brockway Clark attended numerous Ex Com meetings and helped us do all things correctly according to “Roberts’ Rules”. Thank you, J. Brockway. Getting to know you better, I am not as much afraid of you as I once was.

We would not be where we are as squadron today if it were not for our excellent instructors. Dan and Trish Carlin, Ed Mraz, Ken Glaze, Dave Baer, Mike Sampsel, Shelley Bakalis, Steven

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Bakalis, Tom Stanford, Bill Bridge, Karen Glaze and Katie Law. Thank you all for the time you spend preparing and teaching your courses. And thanks to Dave Baer & Steven Bakalis for chef services at the Holiday gathering.

Ed Brunjes, our leader in charge Vessel Safety Checks, has done an outstanding job creating safer boats. Don Litzenberg, working with the Sail Fleet activities, has kept our sailors in line during all the events. David Weimer has done an outstanding job with the predicted log races. Kathy Romero has ordered fashionable supplies keeping all of us outfitted in the latest style. Dan Nephew has taken pictures making our "Ship's Mail" newsletter much more interesting. Thank you one and all for your service.

Each old member and new member who paid their dues, attended a General Membership Meeting, went to a picnic, participated in a Boat Show, attended a party, took part in a raft up, or cruise, or took a class I appreciate the efforts of all of you.

Thank you all for the memories and the service. Safer Boating is a fine cause. The friendships I have developed over the year I will cherish. I could not have accomplished anything without help from each one of you. Thank you.

...Commander Ted

Nautical Terminology

by Ye Olde Salt

This issue's term is "...wallop..."

... Wallop - to strike a mighty and resounding blow ...
Admiral Wallop of King Henry VIII's Navy gained notoriety after he and his ships were sent to the French coast to retaliate for the burning of the town of Brighton, England. He so thoroughly destroyed his enemies that his name now indicates a mighty blow.

Education Department Report

by Lt/C Mike Fontaine, AP, SEO

Results for the 17 members taking the **PILOTING** final exam were excellent. Scores ranged 88 to 99. This was a great job by the students and instructor Dave Baer.

The **BOATING** class which finished up November 14 was unfortunately affected by the October fires in San Diego County. Eleven of the 20 students who started the class took and passed the final.

CRUISE PLANNING will begin on Tuesday, 15 January 2008 at Southwestern Yacht Club. We are trying to keep as many classes as possible at **SWYC** pending the remodel of the club facilities.

Congratulations to Kent Hildreth and Katie Law who passed **JUNIOR NAVIGATION** Results of the **AP** course are not available as of this writing.

The Squadron is still looking for places to hold classes during the **SWYC** remodel, which will take approximately one year. The activities are anticipated to start in June of 2008.

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San Diego Sail and Power Squadron Class Schedule 2008 (Rev. 18 Dec 2007)

Note: Although every effort is made at the beginning of each year to provide an accurate calendar of events, dates may be subject to change. When updates are made, they are posted to the Squadron web site www.sdsps.org. Please verify schedules through the web site or the Squadron newsletter, the Ship's Mail, to confirm date, time and place.

Most classes are taught one evening per week for approximately 10 weeks, 7-9 pm. Operations Training is a one day course generally taught on a Saturday. Course fees are nominal to cover the cost of text books and required materials.

Boating (Dan and Trish Carlin)	Wednesdays	Jan 9 – Feb 20 Jun18 – Aug 6 Oct 1– Nov 12	SWYC
Boat Smart (Ed Mraz)	Wednesdays Wednesdays Tues-Thursdays	Mar 12 – Apr 2 May 7 – May 28 Sept 16,18,23,25	SWYC SWYC
Seamanship (Ken Glaze)	Tuesdays	Mar 4– May 27	SWYC
Piloting (Dave Baer)	Tuesdays	June 17 – Sept 2	
Advanced Piloting (Mike Sampsel/Shelly Bakalis)	Mondays	Sept 22 – Nov 24	
Junior Navigation (Steven Bakalis)	Tuesdays	Feb 12- May 13	SWYC
Navigation (Steven Bakalis)	Tuesdays	June 3- Sept. 2	
Marine Electronics (TBD*)			
Sail (Tom Stanford)	Wednesdays	Apr 09 – June 11	Inst home
Weather (Bill Bridge)	Mondays	June 2 – Aug 25	
Instructor Development (Karen Glaze)	Wednesdays	October 8- Nov 19	
Engine Maintenance (Mike Fontaine)	Thursdays	Sept 18- Nov 20	
Cruise Planning (Ted and Claudia Bowler)	Tuesdays	Jan 15 –Mar 18	SWYC
Operations Training (Katie Law)	Saturday	April 19	SWYC

* Class to be scheduled when new course materials (currently in development) become available from USPS. This class is being expanded into three separate classes.

DISTRICT 28 SPRING CONFERENCE To Be Held in Phoenix on 7-9 March 2008

by Cdr Bill Johnson, Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron



Thunderbird Executive Inn and Conference Center

The Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron is proudly hosting the 2008 District 28 Spring Conference in Phoenix, AZ. We have navigated throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area for the perfect location to hold this prestigious event. Where better than at an educational based facility named the Thunderbird Executive Inn and Conference Center? Located on a converted World War II Air Corp Training base in Glendale AZ (northwest of Phoenix), the hotel & conference center have new rooms and conference facilities that rival any available. The date is set [7-9 March 2008], activities are planned, the welcome mat will be rolled out for you to join the District for a wonderful weekend of hospitality, information, thanking Chuck Peterson, the outgoing District Commander for service well done and welcoming the incoming District Commander at the Change of Watch dinner.

The weekend starts with welcoming hospitality on Friday evening. On Saturday, the spousal event is a trip to the Horse Track for a meal and racing. The conference will be held during the day with an open luncheon available on-site. And finally, a cash bar prior to the Change of Watch dinner in the evening. Many valuable prizes, including a beautiful hand stitched quilt wall hanging,, will be available for the price of a raffle ticket. [You need not be present to win.]

Further information is available on the District Website District website: www.usps.org/lc/d28/d28memberinfo.html or via the links given on that page. The 2008 Spring Conference activities registration is also available on the District 28 website. [If you have no access to the web, call Katie Law at 619-281-3410 and ask that a form be mailed to you.]

The Thunderbird Executive Inn rooms are available at the reduced rate of \$95 for those that make room reservations by 31 January 2008. Reservations after that date may be available, but at a higher rate. Call by telephone at 602-978-7987 and request Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron rates. Or make reservations online via a secure link at https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=83249&hotelID=14461 An online tour of the Thunderbird Executive Inn and Conference Center facilities can be found at: <http://www.thunderbirdexecutiveinn.com/>.

We look forward to seeing a record turnout for this awesome event.

THE SAN DIEGO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Announces these special January events

The SDSPS Annual Meeting & Pre-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 beverages at 1800, dinner at 1830, and the business meeting to begin at 1915.

Date: Friday, 11 January 2008

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 meeting.

And to enjoy the company of your fellow squadron members!

RSVP by 1200 on Wednesday, January 9th

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The 55th Annual SDSPS Change of Watch

All members of the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron and their guests are invited to attend the 2008 Change of Watch dinner, with no-host beverages at 1800, and dinner at 1900.

Date: Saturday, 19 January 2008

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

Purpose: *To install the 2008-09 Bridge Officers and Elected Committee Chairmen, and to enjoy the fellowship of other squadron members.*

Details to follow: Watch for details of this special event, which is the highlight of the squadron's social year!

SDSPS CALENDAR –Jan/Feb/Mar 2008

<u>Day/Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Contact</u>
January 2008			
Thur-Sun/3-6	SD Boat Show [Help staff our booth!]	Convention Center	Shaun McArdle
Wed/9 1900	Public Boating course begins	Southwestern YC	Dan Carlin
Fri/11 1730	ExCom meeting	SWYC	Ted Bowler
Fri/11 1900	SDSPS Annual Meeting	SWYC	Mike Collins
Tues/15 1900	Cruise Planning course begins	Southwestern YC	Mike Fontaine
Sat/19 1000	SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest	Host: CCYC	Dave Weimer
Sat/19 1800	2008 Change of Watch Dinner	SWYC	Mike Collins
February 2008			
Tues/05 1900	ExCom meeting	SWYC	Commander
Sat/09	Sail Fleet - 1st race of the year`	San Diego Bay	Don Litzenberg
Tues/12 1900	Junior Navigation course begins	SWYC	Steven Bakalis
Sat/16	SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest	Host: CYC	Dave Weimer
Wed/20-Sun/24	USPS Annual Meeting	Dallas, TX	See "The Ensign"
March 2008			
Tues/04 1900	ExCom meeting	SWYC	Commander
Tues/04 1900	Seamanship course begins	Southwestern YC	Mike Fontaine
Fri/07 1900	General Members' Meeting	Southwestern YC	Admin. Officer
Fri/07-Sat/08	District 28 Spring Conference	Thunderbird Ctr/Glendale, AZ	Katie Law
Sat/08	Sail Fleet race	San Diego Bay	Don Litzenberg
Wed/12 1900	Boat Smart course begins	SWYC	Ed Mraz
Sat/15	SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest	Host: SWYC	Dave Weimer

The deadline for the Mar-Apr 2008 issue of *The Ship's Mail* is 15 Feb 2008. All articles are gratefully considered. *The Ship's Mail* is available in color on the squadron website: www.sdsp.org.

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Save these Dates!

Friday, 11 Jan 08
2008 Annual Meeting

Saturday, 19 Jan 08
55th Change of Watch