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A National Meeting

By Cdr Ted Bowler, AP



Commander Ted

The United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) has two national meetings a year. The national leadership tries to vary the location, so every couple of years a national meeting will be close to your own backyard. This is so that every one of us can participate in the national meeting.

In February, 2007 my wife, Claudia and I attended the National Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. Upcoming meetings will be held in Norfolk, VA, Dallas, TX and Anaheim, CA. This was our first national meeting. We were pleasantly surprised at a number of things at the meeting:

1. **FRIENDLINESS:** Everywhere we went people said "hello" to us and asked how we were enjoying the meeting. They wanted to know our names and how long we have been in our squadron. We met all the national officers and their wives. Each officer gave us their card and asked us to email them on how they could better serve the local squadrons. We arrived in Florida as a "newcomer" and left Jacksonville feeling we had dozens of new friends and were a real part of the national leadership.
2. **DEDICATED AND HARDWORKING NATIONAL OFFICERS:** As we met the national officers and their wives we understood how seriously these people took their jobs. They arose early in the morning and worked late into the night making sure all the meetings and workings of the national organization were running smoothly. We found out they not only worked diligently during the meeting, but throughout the year making sure our organization is the best it can be.
3. **QUALITY OF THE LEADERSHIP:** The people we met were not only committee chairman and committee members but were also outstanding leaders in the community and

professional world. They were engineers, scientists, doctors, lawyers, chairman of the board, dean of a university, etc. These people were active in Boating Education and had a passion for life.

4. **INSIGHT INTO THE WORKINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION:** The organization is big. It is complex. It was all new to us. However, after a few days of having things explained the plan started to be understood. Now we have a greater appreciation for all that goes on at the national, district and squadron levels.

What do you think? Will we see you at the next national meeting? Norfolk, VA [4-9 September 2007]? Dallas, TX 19-24 February 2008]? Detroit, MI [2-7 September 2008]? Anaheim, CA [17-22 February 2009]? Come along and join us. You will be glad you did.

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Education Department Report

by Lt/C Mike Fontaine, AP, SEO

Ken Glaze's **SEAMANSHIP CLASS** is underway with 20 students. This class is completely redone with a new student manual and PowerPoint presentation.

Eleven members completed the **CRUISE PLANNING CLASS** taught by the cruising Bowler's. Congratulations to Tim Attwell, Robyn Burns, Jack Chambers, Diann Christensen, John Gaddis, Antoine Morrison, Dan Nephew, Malcolm Robertson, Mike Saad, Tom Stanford and Randy White.

A special edition of the **BOAT SMART CLASS** will be taught by Ed Mraz beginning May 2. The four week class will complete on May 23 during National Safe Boating Week. This class will be followed by the seven session **BOATING CLASS**, taught by the Carlins, beginning June 20. Encourage your boating friends and neighbors to take one of these introductory classes and become involved with safe boating education and the Power Squadron.

WITH SADNESS, we report that **P/C Norman E. Erickson, JN**, passed over the bar on 28 March 2007, just a few weeks after the death of his beloved wife, Lillian. Norm was born in Minneapolis. After service in World War II, he worked for the Mountain Bell Telephone Company in Colorado, where he became Commander of the Mile High Squadron (then attached to District 28). He later moved to San Diego as a microwave systems engineer for Qualcomm. P/C Erickson was a Port Captain for the San Diego Power Squadron for many years. He was a Life Member of United States Power Squadrons (having joined in 1968) and had 33 merit marks upon his death. A contribution to the USPS Education Fund in his memory has been made by squadron. [Information contributed by P/D/C Bill Bridge and P/D/C Elaine Keller.]

Have You Been Slighted by San Diego Sail & Power Squadron?

Have you not been sworn in as a member of the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron? Have you not received your Official Membership Certificate? Your membership Pin? Official membership decal? Membership name tag? Your bimonthly copy of *The Ship's Mail*? Senior Membership Award? Life Membership Award? Invitation to join the Sail Fleet? Invitation to participate in the Predicted Log Races? Invitation to just "ride along" in the Sail Fleet, or Predicted Log Races? Invitation to the General Membership Meetings with important speakers? Are you not receiving regular e-mails of squadron activities, or some other benefit of membership?

**WE ARE TRULY SORRY!
AND WE AIM TO RECTIFY THIS SITUATION.**
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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

by Lt/C Michael Collins, AP

Last year, many members of the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron participated in the local filming of the United States Power Squadrons® "**2nd National Safe Boating Test.**" The footage made here on San Diego Bay, combined with segments from other parts of the country, has been combined to produce a 50-minute videotape which will be released to television stations nation-wide, to publicize National Safe Boating Week [May 19-25].

Because of our local participation (coordinated by P/C Dave Baer, SN, assisted by many other SDSPS members), our squadron has obtained an advance copy of this film, which will be featured at our **General Members' Meeting on Friday evening, May 11th.** You won't want to miss this special preview to test your knowledge of safe boating topics, including Homeland Security, Rules of the Road, Aids to Navigation, Carbon Monoxide poisoning potential, and Small Boat Safety!

See if you can spot local landmarks (and water scenes) as well as identifying at least one member of our local squadron who has become a "film star" as the result of appearing in this production.

Produced under a grant from the Aquatic Resources (Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund) administered by the U. S. Coast Guard, this is film is not to be missed.

Because of a catering conflict at Southwestern Yacht Club, we will not be meeting for the usual cocktails and a meal, so have dinner or a light

snack before coming to the meeting at 6:30 pm in the Staff Commodore's room. But do save room for the great desserts we will be serving, along with coffee, tea, or a soft drink, all for the nominal price of \$7.00! [Please help us out by bringing a check payable to "SDSPS" or exact change, to be collected at the door.] Reservations should be made to me by Thursday noon, May 10th, either by phone (619 440-4038) or e-mail to ao@sdsp.org.

Commander Bowler has promised that the business part of the meeting will be brief, so don't take the chance that you will just happen to see this video on one of our local stations during NSBW. Be a part of the "Opening Night" crowd and help us roll out the red carpet for this special event!



Nautical Terminology, by Ye Olde Salt

One of the occasional definitions or derivations of a nautical term by an SDSPS member known only as "Ye Olde Salt."

This issue's phrase is "...under the weather...."

A phrase that has evolved to indicate someone who is feeling ill in today's lingo. The bow of a ship is usually the roughest riding in a heavy sea and comes under the constant beating or pounding of the sea, or "under the weather," and is where the sailors below deck are most likely to become seasick.



Photo by John Centorbi

Clockwise from top left, Shaun McArdle, Diann Nephew, Dan Nephew and Bill Bridge seemed to be enjoying the day.

28th Annual DAY AT THE DOCKS Port Of San Diego

On Sunday, 22 April 2007, the San Diego squadron had a booth at the S.D. Sportfishing Council's annual "Day at the Docks." P/C Shaun McArdle, boat show chairman, was ably assisted by the following watch-standing members: P/D/C Bill Bridge, Cdr Ted and Lt/C Claudia Bowler, Lt Bob Gibbs, P/C Bob Hubbard, P/D/C Duane Leathers, P/C Katie Law, Lt Dan and Lt/C Diann Nephew (the newly weds, see below). Thanks to all the staffers!

D/28 Summer Council To Be Held in San Diego Saturday, 2 June 2007

This year's District 28 Summer Council will be held at Southwestern Yacht Club on the first Saturday in June.

A cooperative charting event will be held at 0630 on Saturday morning (meet at Denny's, Rosecrans Street). The Council will convene at 0900 and will feature a program on recruiting, involving and retaining members.

Why should you come to a District Council meeting? Because you will meet USPS members from Southern California and Arizona and learn of current programs being offered in other squadrons.

Squadron Members "Tie the Knot"

On Saturday evening, March 24th in Marina Village, Mission Bay, two San Diego Sail & Power Squadron members made it official, becoming husband and wife! In a ceremony performed by P/D/C Elaine C. Keller, AP, of the Balboa Squadron, Lt/C Diann Christensen became Mrs. Daniel Nephew.

When Diann, whose mom is Nadine Christensen, a former Commander of the Helix Squadron, met Dan, who owns *both* a power boat [a 35-ft Chriscraft] and a sail boat [a 27-ft. Coronado], she knew they were fated to be together. They joined the San Diego squadron in 2006 and have been active ever since.

Dan is an avid photographer and has put his skills to work by becoming our squadron photographer. Diann was elected squadron secretary at our annual meeting in January. The couple have already taken several classes and have volunteered at boat shows. They also participate in Sail Fleet regattas on an occasional basis. So, for them, SDSPS is truly a family affair. We wish them well as they begin their life voyage together!



Lt Dan Nephew, SDSPS photographer, and his glowing bride, Lt/C Diann Christensen Nephew, bracket the bride's mother, P/C Nadine Christensen.

San Diego Sail and Power Squadron Class Schedule 2007 (rev. 3/8/07)

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 10 – Feb 21	SWYC
		Jun 20 – Aug 8	SWYC
		Oct 3 – Nov 14	SWYC
Boat Smart (Ed Mraz)	Wednesdays	Mar 7 – Mar 28	SWYC
	Wednesdays	May 2 – May 23	SWYC
	Tues-Thursdays	Sept 18,20,25,27	SWYC
Seamanship (Ken Glaze)	Tuesdays	April 3 – June 19	SWYC
Piloting (Dave Baer)	Tuesdays	July 10 – Sept 25	SWYC
Advanced Piloting (Mike Sampsel/Shelly Bakalis)	Mondays	Oct 15 – Dec 17	SWYC
Junior Navigation (Steve Bakalis)	TBD*		SWYC
Navigation (Steve Bakalis)	TBD*		SWYC
Marine Electronics (TBD*)	TBD*		SWYC
Sail (Tom Stanford)	Wednesdays	Apr 11 – June 13	Inst home
Weather (Bill Bridge)	Mondays	June 4 – Aug 27	SWYC
Instructor Development (Karen Glaze)	Wednesdays	Jul 11 – Aug 22	SWYC
Engine Maintenance (Mike Fontaine)	TBD*		SWYC
Cruise Planning (Ted and Claudia Bowler)	Tuesdays	Jan 16 –Mar 20	SWYC
Operations Training (Katie Law)	Saturday	April 21	SWYC

* Classes to be scheduled when new course materials (currently in revision) become available from USPS.

Sail Fleet Regattas

by Lt/C Don Litzenberg, AP

MARCH: Thanks to Global Warming the weather for our March race to the South Bay was beautiful! There were six boats participating in the SDSPS sail fleet. The start was mixed with four starting from the buoy side of the starting line on starboard tack and two boats, *Casamar* and *Jandon* starting from the FM 19 side of the line on port tack. *Casamar* made a clean start and quickly took a comfortable lead.

Jandon was too early and too far along the line to avoid the boats on the starboard tack. *Jandon* jibed and circled around trying to stay close to the FM19 buoy end of the line. To close! Bump, bump restart!

Giving the fleet several minutes

head start allowed the *Jandon* crew to take some pictures of the rest of the fleet while catching up. *Jandon* trailed the fleet to the first mark, buoy 20 about halfway down the length of Harbor Island on the North Island side of the bay. After rounding 20 the fleet separated on the downwind leg to 23 by Seaport Village and on toward Coronado bridge.

Most of the fleet stayed on the North Island side of the bay on the way down to buoy 23. *Jandon* struck out toward the San Diego side of the bay, picked up a little more wind and took the lead but couldn't shake *Casamar* off her tail. The expected sudden wind shift after passing under the bridge didn't. Rather the wind gradually

built in speed up to about 14 knots true, a mild day in the South Bay. *Casamar* and *Jandon* traded places at least twice during the 26, 28, 26 28 jousts. *Jandon* finally pulled away but couldn't catch *Sand Dollar* sailing the short course just down to 26 and back. Another duel in the South bay was between *Marilee* and *Julieta*, helmed by her new owner John Isaksen. *Julieta* dogged *Marilee* all the way down to South Bay and around the 26, 28, 26, 28 do-si-do. *Marilee* made an error on the last rounding of 28 and headed too far toward Coronado before heading back under the bridge to the finish line at FM19. *Julieta* crossed the finish line just ahead of *Marilee*.

San Diego Sail Fleet Results for March 2007 Regatta

Boat	Sail	Dis- tance	Finish	Elapsed	Race	Cum	New				
Name	Skipper	#	NM	Time	Time	Handi- cap	Delta	Position	Points	Points	Handi- cap
Sand Dollar	Nancy Renzi	0	9.25	14:30:39	2:30:39	934	0.00	1	0.75	4.75	924
Sicilian Sea	Ron Bush	0	10.68	15:15.46	3.15.46	2043	2.42	2	2	2.75	993
Casamar	Dave Baer	57789	10.68	14:42:04	2.42.04	798	12.34	3	3	9	799
Marilee	Mike Collins	7473	10.68	14:50:10	2:50:10	834	13.98	4	4	7	829
Julieta	John Isaksen	5027	10.68	14.48.48	2.48.48	815	16.02	5	5	12	810
Jandon	Don Litzenberg	7266	10.68	14.36.25	2.36.25	738	17.30	6	6	11	733

APRIL: It was going to be a great day for racing! The wind was blowing a pleasant 8-10 knots, the sun was bright and warm as we left the dock and headed to the start. Five boats gathered at FM 19 for a bay race rounding 12 marks for the larger boats and eight for the boats under 27 feet. At our 1200 start however, we made our way to the first mark, G21, in a dying wind. *Marilee* took the lead, rounded G21 first and headed for G1. As the rest of the fleet rounded the mark the

wind died completely. For the next 40 minutes it was a contest to see who could drift faster toward G1 in the weakening outgoing tide. At one point *Fiddler's Green* was turned around by the wake of a passing power boat and pointed back toward the start.

The new *His Knot Hers* (formerly *Julieta*) bobbed in frustration as *Marilee* and *Jandon* reached G1 on a zephyr filling in from the west. *Marilee* and *Jandon* were able to round R20 and head back to G1 before the

wind reached down the bay to the rest of the fleet.

Marilee forced *Jandon* to bear away a couple times as she rounded marks but *Jandon* was able to round inside *Marilee's* track on a jibe at G20 and led *Marilee* for the rest of the race. *Sand Dollar* however quietly sailed the short course and was first across the finish line eight minutes ahead of *Jandon*. *Marilee* followed by four minutes. *Fiddler's Green* was (Con'd on p.7).

April regatta (con'd)

able to turn around, get back on course and made her way to the finish line five minutes behind *Marilee* in a building breeze and almost 20 minutes ahead of *His Knot Hers*. That building breeze [18-20 knots] hit *His Know Hers*,

right on the nose as they fought their way back up from G21 to G1 before the final leg back to the finish.

So, who won?

Congratulations go to Mike Collins and crew on *Marilee* for first place on handicap! Second

goes to Nancy Renzi and crew on *Sand Dollar*. *Jandon* squeaked by with a third, followed by--blame the wind gods!-- John Isaksen and crew on *His Knot Hers* and Cdr Ted Bowler and crew on *Fiddler's Green*.

San Diego Sail Fleet Results for April 2007 Regatta											
Boat	Sail	Dis-	Finish	Elapsed		Race	Cum	New			
Name	Skipper	#	NM	Time	Time	Handi-	Delta	Position	Points	Points	Handi-
						cap					cap
Marilee	Mike Collins	7473	10.35	14:37:00	2:37:00	829	0.00	1	0.75	7.75	824
Sand Dollar	Nancy Renzi	0	8.25	14:24:50	2:24:50	924	8.32	2	2	6.75	942
Jandon	Don Litzenberg	7266	10.35	14.32.46	2.32.46	733	12.32	3	3	14	733
His Knot Hers	John Isaksen	5027	10.35	14.32.46	2.32.46	810	28.18	4	4	16	815
Fiddler's Green	Ed Bowler	0	8.25	14:42:08	2.42.08	930	29.02	5	5	19	1062

SDSPS CALENDAR – May/June/July 2007

Day/Date/Time	Activity	Site	Contact
May			
Weds/02-23	Boat Smart classes [4 Wednesdays]	SWYC	Ed Mraz
Tues/08 1900	ExCom meeting	Commander's home	Ted Bowler
Fri/11 1830	General Members' Meeting	SWYC	Mike Collins
Sat/12 1200	Sail Fleet Race	San Diego Bay	Don Litzenberg
Sat/19	SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest	KKIYC	Dave Weimer
Sat-Fri/19-25	National Safe Boating Week	nationwide	
June			
Sat/2 0620-0800	Co-op Charting outing	Pt Loma area	coopcharting@sdsps.org
Sat/2 0830-1400	D/28 Summer Council meeting	SWYC	Ted Bowler
Mon/04 1900	Weather [Mondays thru 8/27]	SWYC	Bill Bridge
Tues/05 1900	ExCom meeting	Commander's home	Ted Bowler
Sat/09 1200	Sail Fleet Race	San Diego Harbor	Don Litzenberg
Sat/16 0900-1430	Vessel Safety Check Day	Sun Road Marina	Ed Brunjes
Wed/20 1900	Boating Course [7 Wednesdays]	SWYC	Dan Carlin
Sat/23	SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest	SWYC	Dave Weimer
July			
Tues/03 1900	ExCom meeting	Commander's home	Ted Bowler
Sat/07 1200	Sail Fleet Race	San Diego Bay	Don Litzenberg
Sat/07 1200	San Luis Rey SPS annual BBQ	Oceanside	Katie Law
Sun/08 1400-1900	Annual Picnic/GMM	USCG station [No Harbor Dr]	Mike Collins
Tues/10 1900	Piloting [Tuesdays thru 9/25]	SWYC	Dave Baer
Wed/11 1900	Instructor Dev't [Wednesdays thru 8/22]	SWYC	Karen Glaze
Sat/21	SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest	SWYC/MBYC	Dave Weimer

Join us for our next **General Members' Meeting** (Friday, May 11th)
at the Southwestern Yacht Club (2702 Qualtrough St, SD)
to enjoy a preview of the video:

2nd USPS National Safe Boating Test

[See details in AO's Report on page 3.]

Great desserts, coffee, tea or sodas: 1830 (6:30 pm)

Brief meeting: 1900 (7:00 pm)

Program: 1915 (7:15 pm)

Cost: \$7.00. Pay at the door by cash or check.

[Exact change will be appreciated.]

RSVP by 12 noon on Thursday, May 10th for Reservations:

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