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## News from the Bridge



### Commander's Message P/R/C Edwin E.J. Mraz

**Exam Requirement Removed for Joining USPS!** With the removal of the public examination requirement we can

now offer membership to boaters who otherwise may have never considered joining USPS. As you come in contact with non-member boaters who, in your opinion, might benefit from USPS and SDSPS, talk to them about what being a member can do for them to make their boating activities more enjoyable.

**Youth Poster Contest** – each year at the USPS Annual meeting in February a contest is held to pick the best “Poster” on a safe boating subject done by a young boy or girl. Here is an opportunity for your children or grand kids to be involved in safe boating! For details, go to the USPS web site. <http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm> Entries must be into the District no later than June 7<sup>th</sup> which is the date of the District Council (see next item).

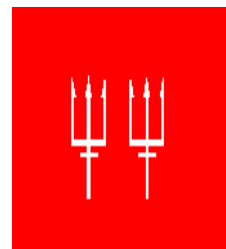
**District-28 Summer Council meeting** is to be held at the Chula Vista Yacht Club on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. All USPS members are invited to this one day meeting which starts at 9 AM. With the District Commander being our own Katie Law it would be nice to show our support by attending this meeting. You also get the chance to meet some of the South Bay “Provisional” Power Squadron members!

**Safe Boating Week May 12 – 23, 2008.** This is a good time for USPS members to be thinking of ways to support this annual event to help make

boating safer for all! If you're a Vessel Safety Check Examiner – this is a great time to “work the docks and launch ramps”! And if you have not gotten around to having your boat examined this year there is no time like the present. Contact the VSC Chairman Ed Brunjes at 619-426-2920.

**Boat Smart Class** is scheduled to start on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> (7 to 9:30 PM) and runs four weeks. It is being conducted at Southwestern Yacht Club. Tell your relatives, friends, and neighbors about the class. Remember each student who completes Boat Smart or the Boating Course – is a safer boater not only to themselves, but to all those onboard and around them!

The **Boating Course** is scheduled to start Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> at Southwestern Yacht Club. The course runs for seven weeks under the very capable hands of Dan and Trish Carlin



### Executive Officer Lt/C Allan Bombard, AP

New members to the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron may be unfamiliar with the roles that their elected leadership plays in our all-voluntary organization. (cont'd on p. 2)

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So what the heck do I do??

The Executive officer assists the squadron Commander, generally supervises the executive department, and stands in for the Commander during his/her temporary incapacity. The Executive Officer provides a focal point for the coordination of several key "external" activities of the squadron.

My team includes the following hard-working volunteers this year: Bob Gibbs (Public Relations Officer); Dick Gaffney (Safety Officer); Ed Brunjes (Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Chair); J. Brockway Clark (Cooperative Charting Chair); and Shaun McArdle (Boat Show Chair). Over the course of the following months I'm hoping to entice each of these dedicated SDSPS volunteers into sharing in this column a few words about what they do and how you can help them get the 'safe-boating word' out to the public.

I encourage all of you to get out on the water, make certain that you have a current VSC for your boat, and speak to Shaun about participating in the upcoming boat shows in July (San Diego Yacht and Boat Show, 24-27 July) and August (Festival of Sail, 20-24 August).

May you have fair winds and following seas!

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### **Education Department** Lt/C Mike Fontaine, AP

The next **BOAT SMART** Class, taught by Commander Ed Mraz, will be held at SWYC starting May 4. This is an excellent introductory class for new boaters

The Squadron is still looking for places to hold classes during the SWYC remodel. The remodel will take approximately one year beginning in June 2008. Please contact SEO Mike Fontaine with any suggestions.

**WEATHER** and **PILOTING** begin in June. Stay tuned for location.

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### **Skipper's Challenge---A "Nauti-bender"** By Ye Olde Salt

You're on a collision course with a boat pulling a waterskier off you port bow. Who has the right-of-way?

Answer on page 4

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## The San Diego Sail & Power Squadron

*Cordially Invites You and Your Guests to Attend the*

### May General Members Meeting, Prime Dinner & Program:

**Speaker:** Al Sorkin from the San Diego Maritime Museum will present a show about the making of the movie "*Master and Commander*". Al was an extra on the set and is also knowledgeable about the history of the HMS Surprise, the ship on which the movie was filmed. The HMS Surprise is now part of the Maritime Museum. We will also learn about the modifications to the ship so that the movie could be filmed on board.

***Saturday, 17 May 2008***

*No-Host Cocktails at 6:00; Dinner, Meeting, and Program from 7 p.m.*

*At the Southwestern Yacht Club*

**Cost:** \$28 per person for members and guests. Members and their guests may attend the meeting and program (no meal) free. The public is welcome. Reservations are required for dinner. Please make payment at the door.

**Prime Rib Buffet:** *Tossed Green Salad with a choice of Ranch or Italian dressing, Prime Rib Carving Station and Turkey Carving Station, fresh seasonal vegetables, baked potatoes (sour cream, chives, butter), homemade popover rolls, fresh fruit salad, and coleslaw. New York Cheesecake with Raspberry sauce for dessert*

**Reservations for dinner are essential by: 1200 on Wednesday, 14 May 2008.**

**Please call today to reserve your place at dinner:** Lt/C Diann Nephew, (619) 692-4482.  
Or reserve your seat(s) by e-mail [sndiann1@yahoo.com](mailto:sndiann1@yahoo.com) . Please make payment at the door.

Port Of San Diego's  
**DAY AT THE DOCKS**  
 29th Annual

(Left to Right: Bob Gibbs, Katie Law,  
 Virgil Pattin, and Ted Bowler)



**Day at the Docks** was Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup>. It was another nice day in San Diego. Numerous people inquired about the classes we offer, and several people signed up for VSC's (vessel safety check). We had 15 members helping staff the booth. Some of the members that took watches were: Ted Bower, Shaun McArdle, Bill Bridge, Ed & Pauline Mraz, Allan Bombard, Dennis Kenneally,

Dan Nephew, Bob Gibbs, Virgil Pattin, and Roya Damsaz. These outreach programs are very important in that they let boaters and future boaters know about USPS and our educational program. All in all it was a beautiful day by the water.

## USPS GPS Seminar

**USPS Seminar Program at West Marine** is going well. On April 14<sup>th</sup> we held the third of a four program series. Attendance has ranged from nine to fourteen people. This "outreach" program allows us to get our name out and show our knowledge to boaters whom we may not otherwise reach.

Our next program is scheduled for Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> which is "**Sail Trim & Rig Tuning**" being conducted by P/C Dave Baer. Cost to SDSPS members is \$30, rather than the advertised public price of \$40.



Answer to the Skippers Challenge:

The rules make no distinction between boats pulling or not pulling skiers...use common sense.

## June Raft-Up La Playa Cove June 27-29

**Mark your calendars** to join the 7 boats currently signed up for the raft-up. Reservations cannot be made with the Harbor Police until 30 days prior to the date, keep your fingers crossed that it works out for us. (If there is a conflict, Mission Bay does not require advanced reservations and may be an alternate destination.) If you were not at the meeting to sign up, be sure to e-mail me with your name and boat details to complete the reservation process. Also, if you're interested in coming from land, let me know that as well. There are three members currently signed up for that. Those that want to join the raft up from land can do so from Bessemer Street. Please contact a member to ensure a dinghy ride out and back. You may get your feet wet, so bring a towel. Once I have the sign ups, you will be contacted by e-mail regarding any details for the weekend. Plan to bring along whatever you need to provision your boat...and items to share for the group gatherings on board. Clear your calendar, notify me by e-mail, and see you On The Water!

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## SDSPS Sail Fleet Races

### March



The weather gods gave us a beautiful day on the San Diego Bay. It was warm and sunny. We had wind, not a lot but more than the February race! With several skippers in Phoenix for the district meeting there were only two boats, Mike Collins on Marilee and Jandon, in the March SDSPS Sail Fleet race. Mike Sampsel joined the Jandon crew and it felt like old times when we both crewed on Ted Umland's boat Julieta. Again our fleet shared the starting line at G17 on the west end of Shelter Island with another fleet, the Ancient Mariners. Their fleet consisting of mostly Kettenberg PC's a few larger old yawls, sloops and ketches numbered about a dozen. We decided to start with them at 1200. Big mistake! I didn't consider that we would all be rounding the same first mark, G15! It was

congested and there were a few comments that we were in the wrong fleet; but there were no collisions and we headed toward G19 as the Ancient Mariners fleet separated and headed on down the bay. Marilee and Jandon traded places twice on the downwind leg to G21. We met up with the Ancient Mariners fleet again and eased around G21 trying to avoid the Kettenberg PC's. We raced back to G19 and returned to G21, trading places again and again with Marilee as we both proceeded on to the last downwind leg at R22. The long leg from R22 back west to FM 19, G1 and finally to finish at G17 allowed Jandon to edge away from Marilee. Marilee took

short tacks, trying to stay to the right side of the bay near Harbor and Shelter Islands. Jandon took a long tack clear across the bay before tacking back to G1. It paid off. Jandon rounded G1 some six minutes ahead and crossed the finish line back at G17 a good nine minutes ahead of Marilee.

So, who won the race? Well, Marilee came in second on handicap and Jandon came in next to last!

The attached excel file will show current standing of the three boats that have raced so far this year and cumulative scores to date.

| San Diego Sail Fleet Results for March 2008 Regatta |                |        |             |             |              |          |         |          |             |            |              |
|---|----------------|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------|---------|----------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Boat Name   | Skipper        | Sail # | Distance NM | Finish Time | Elapsed Time | Handicap | Delta   | Position | Race Points | Cum Points | New Handicap |
| Jandon  | Don Litzenberg | 7266   | 10.21       | 14:55:54    | 2:55:54      | 743      | 0:00:00 | 1        | 0.75        | 3.75       | 743          |
| Marilee   | Mike Collins   | 7473   | 10.21       | 15:05:00    | 3:05:00      | 787      | 0:01:37 | 2        | 2           | 5          | 787          |
| Casamar   | Dave Baer      | 57789  |             | DNS         | DNS          | 847      |         | 3        | 3           | 6          | 847          |

## April

Ho Hum, it was just another beautiful day in paradise (aka San Diego)! The weather was perfect! The sun was shining, the temperature was nearing the mid 70's, the wind was fair; and we had six boats in our fleet for the April race! Nancy Renzi arrived in her new boat, Aeolis to establish her handicap. Dan Nephew sailed over from Mission Bay to participate. Dan had already put in a half-day's sailing just getting to the starting line! And John Isaksen is BAAACK sailing His Knot Hers! Welcome back John! The regulars, Mike Collins on Marilee, Dave Baer on Casamar and, of course, Jandon were also in the fleet.

There were no other racing fleets starting at G17 so we all got off to a good start at 1200 sharp. Jandon led the way around the first mark, R16. As we kept R18 and R20 to port on the North Island side of the bay, Marilee quickly closed the gap and crept into the lead during the long downwind leg toward FM19 at the east end of Harbor Island. The Catalina 30's, Casamar and His Knot Hers vied for third and fourth place (okay, Casamar didn't feel threatened) while Dan Nephew on tiny Bare Necessities II challenged Nancy's much larger 34' Aeolis. After rounding FM 19 it was a long upwind jaunt up to G1 at the east end of Shelter Island and then back to the first rounding of G17. Sailing closer to the wind Jandon rounded G1 and G17 a minute or so ahead of Marilee. Marilee kept up the pace though and closed the gap a bit while Jandon's crew enjoyed lunch during the downwind leg back to FM19. Nancy thought the race was over after rounding G17 so she wandered off toward Point Loma in spite of crew, Ted Bowler's objections that they had to go back to FM 19 again. Nancy, what were you thinking? Dan Nephew was closing on Aeolis when Nancy abandoned the course but he continued on, sailing the short course, and headed back downwind after rounding G17. Jandon led the fleet back to FM 19 but finished the race back at G17 a mere 30 seconds ahead of Marilee. Casamar crossed the line seven seconds ahead of Bare Necessities II followed by His Knot Hers. John claimed he was working the kinks out of his new gear and not concentrating on the race. Ho ho!

So, who won the race?

Congratulations to Dan Nephew in Bare Necessities II who came in first on handicap! Second place goes to John Isaksen on His Knot Hers; and third to Dave Baer on Casamar.

Keep an eye on the new handicapping system for 2008 folks. The handicap is intended compensate for the different sized boats in the fleet and to reflect not only the boat's water line length potential speed but the

skipper's improving skill as well. This year the handicap will only go down, not up. The handicap is now based on a skipper's four fastest races. There may be some pretty hefty changes in handicaps as the season continues. I'm hoping Marilee's handicap dips below mine!

Thanks to all for a great April race. Hope to see you all on the bay again on Fred Astaire's birthday...that's 10 May. The race results are attached and may also be viewed below.

| San Diego Sail Fleet Results for April 2008 Regatta |                |        |             |             |              |          |       |               |             |            |              |
|---|----------------|--------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Boat Name   | Skipper        | Sail # | Distance NM | Finish Time | Elapsed Time | Handicap | Delta | Race Position | Race Points | Cum Points | New Handicap |
| Bare Necessities                                    | Dan Nephew     | 43     | 7.81        | 14:10:50    | 2:10:50      | 1173     | 0.00  | 1             | 0.75        | 7.75       | 1089         |
| His Knot Hers                                       | John Isaksen   | 5027   | 9.67        | 14:12:12    | 2:12:12      | 972      | 2.68  | 2             | 2           | 9          | 887          |
| Casamar   | Dave Baer      | 57789  | 9.67        | 14:10:43    | 2:10:43      | 847      | 21.26 | 3             | 3           | 9          | 803          |
| Marilee   | Mike Collins   | 7473   | 9.67        | 14:02:40    | 2:02:40      | 787      | 22.97 | 4             | 4           | 9          | 755          |
| Jandon  | Don Litzenberg | 7266   | 9.67        | 14:02:07    | 2:02:07      | 743      | 29.51 | 5             | 5           | 8.75       | 719          |
| Aeolis  | Nancy Renzi    | 0      | 5.13        | 13:30:02    | 1:30:02      |          | 44.39 | DNF           | 6           | 13         | 1053         |

Submitted by your humble SDSPS Race Co-chair,  
Don Litzenberg, Jandon skipper

### SDSPS CALENDAR –Mar/Apr/May 2008

| Day/Date/Time      | Activity  | Site  | Contact  |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>May 2008</b>    |   |   |  |
| Tues/06 1930       | ExCom meeting   | SWYC  | Ed Mraz  |
| Wed/07 1900        | Boat Smart course begins (through 5/28)                 | SWYC  | Ed Mraz  |
| Fri/09 1900        | <b>General Members' Meeting</b>                         | SWYC  | Diann Nephew   |
| Sat/17 1200        | Sail Fleet race   | San Diego Bay                               | Don Litzenberg   |
| Sat/17 1000        | SDCA Cruiser Navigation contest                         | Host: CCYC                                  | Dave Weimer  |
| Sat-Fri/17-23      | National Safe Boating Week                              | Nationwide                                  | <a href="http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org">www.safeboatingcouncil.org</a> |
| Fri-Sun/23-25      | Newport to Ensenada Int'l Yacht Race                    | Newport, CA to Mexico                       | <a href="http://www.nosa.org">www.nosa.org</a>                             |
| Thur-Sat/29-31     | PCYA Barusch Cruiser Navigation Regatta                 | San Diego and coastal waters                | Dave Weimer  |
| <b>June 2008</b>   |   |   |  |
| Sat/7 08:30        | District 28 Summer Council                              | Southbay Power Squadron                     |  |
| Tue 10 19:30       | ExCom Meeting   | TBD   | <a href="mailto:commander@sdsp.org">commander@sdsp.org</a>                 |
| Fri 13 15:00       | Commander's Round Table                                 | TBD   | <a href="mailto:commander@sdsp.org">commander@sdsp.org</a>                 |
| Sat 14 12:00       | Sail Fleet Race   | San Diego Bay                               | <a href="mailto:sailfleet@sdsp.org">sailfleet@sdsp.org</a>                 |
| Sat 21 TBD         | Cruiser Nav Contest                                     | Hosted by SDSPS/SWYC                        | <a href="mailto:cruisernav@sdsp.org">cruisernav@sdsp.org</a>               |
| <b>July 2008</b>   |   |   |  |
| Tue 8 19:30        | ExCom Meeting   | TBD   | <a href="mailto:commander@sdsp.org">commander@sdsp.org</a>                 |
| Sat 12 11 am-6pm   | San Louis Rey Annual BBQ                                | Oceanside                                   |  |
| Sat 12 12:00       | Sail Fleet Race   | San Diego Bay                               | <a href="mailto:sailfleet@sdsp.org">sailfleet@sdsp.org</a>                 |
| Sun 13 14:00-19:00 | Annual Squadron BBQ Picnic & General Membership Meeting | USCG Sector San Diego<br>North Harbor Drive | To make Reservations<br><a href="mailto:ao@sdsp.org">ao@sdsp.org</a>       |
| Thu-Sun/24-27      | San Diego Yacht & Boat Show                             | Harbor Island                               |  |
|                    | Thur/Fri 12noon – 8pm; Sat 10am – 8pm; Sun 10am – 6pm   |   |  |
| Sat 26 TBD         | Cruiser Nav Contest                                     |   | <a href="mailto:cruisernav@sdsp.org">cruisernav@sdsp.org</a>               |

## San Diego Sail and Power Squadron Class Schedule 2008

|  |                    |                                  |              |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Boating</b> (Dan and Trish Carlin)                      | Wednesdays         | Jun 18 – Aug 6<br>Oct 1 – Nov 12 | SWYC<br>SWYC |
| <b>Boat Smart</b> (Ed Mraz)                                | Tuesday & Thursday | Sept 16, 18, 23, 25              | SWYC         |
| <b>Piloting</b> (Dave Baer)                                | Tuesday            | Jun 17 – Sept 2                  | TBD          |
| <b>Advanced Piloting</b><br>(Mike Sampsel, Shelly Bakalis) | Mondays            | Sept 22 – Nov 24                 | TBD          |
| <b>Navigation</b> (Steven Bakalis)                         | Tuesday            | Jun 3 – Sept 2                   | TBD          |
| <b>Weather</b> (Bill Bridge)                               | Mondays            | Jun 2 – Aug 25                   | TBD          |
| <b>Instructor Development</b> (Karen Glaze)                | Wednesday          | Oct 8 – Nov 19                   | SWYC         |
| <b>Engine Maintenance</b> (Mike Fontaine)                  | Thursdays          | Sept 18 – Nov 20                 | TBD          |

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