

# The Ship's Mail

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## Education Report

Lt/C Katie Law, SN, Squadron Educational Officer

Hooray! We are back at Southwestern Yacht Club with its excellent new facilities and hospitality. All classes now in progress and scheduled for the fall and winter are being held there.

P/R/C Ed Mraz's early summer *ABC3* course finished in mid-July with seven graduates. Thanks, Ed, for creating seven more people whom we don't need to fear upon meeting them on the Big Bay!

Our fall *ABC3* course, originally set for mid-September, has been rescheduled because of Mike Philbrook's travel commitments. We will try a weekend version of this course [October 22-24], starting Friday evening, continuing all day Saturday and finishing on Sunday [if necessary]. We hope this format will be more convenient. As usual, the cost will be only \$45, including manuals and basic plotting tools. Tell your novice boating friends they need to take this one!

Bill Bridge's four *Weather* students came smiling through their exam, including two students from other squadrons. Congratulations to teacher and students all! And Ken Glaze's *Seamanship* class tests have been forwarded to USPS Headquarters. Results will follow in the next *Ship's Mail*.

The *Piloting* students continue to plot their way around the "Bowditch Bay" training chart, and most plan to go on to *Advanced Piloting* which will start after Columbus Day. An e-mail announcement will precede the class. P/C Shelley Bakalis and Mike Sampsel will teach this one.

The new *Marine Communications Systems* [Marine Electronics, Pt.2] is underway with Instructor P/C Steven Bakalis on Monday evenings. The course should be finished later this fall and Steven has agreed to present the *Marine Navigation Systems* course [ME 3] when it becomes available in 2011. (Cont on page 2)



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After teaching *Engine Maintenance* for the better part of the past decade, Mike Fontaine has asked to be relieved for other duties, and Steven Bakalis (who apparently has an endless capacity for pedagogy) has agreed to step in for him. This course, starting at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 16th, will run to December 9th [cost \$45].

Karen Glaze will teach *Instructor Development* on Wednesday nights (Oct. 6th to Nov. 17th). You don't need a desire to teach to take this one. Karen gives students helpful hints about how to manage a group and engage an audience. So—if you need to run a meeting or make speeches or presentations—this is the course for you [ \$40].

Finally—DRUM ROLL—Ted and Claudia Bowler will present *Cruise Planning* beginning Tuesday, Sept.14th.



**Booth at San Diego Fair**



**July BBQ**

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**July BBQ**

# **THE SAN DIEGO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

*Cordially Invites You and Your Guests to Attend the*

**General Members Meeting and Dinner**

**Saturday - September 11, 2010**

**6 pm: No-Host Cocktails & Dinner orders placed individually  
from menu**

**7 pm: Meeting and Program**

**Southwestern Yacht Club  
2702 Qualtrough Street  
San Diego, CA 92106-3499  
(619) 222-0438**

**We will hold our 50/50 Raffle again this meeting, bring a few  
extra dollars (CASH) to join in the fun and win \$\$\$. Congrats to  
our last winner: Don Litzenberg**

**Members and their guests may attend the meeting and  
presentation free (you don't have to buy dinner)**

**\*\* Please reserve your seats for the Meeting/Dinner via e-mail  
to:**

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Best regards,

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The Boat Operator Certification program is up and running. With the Boat Operator's Certification program, USPS is certifying USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. These certificates are expected to be recognized by the boating community, both domestically and internationally. The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has asked congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. In this case, USPS national certification will be accepted as the required proof, and certificate holders will be recognized as holding the national certificate for the USA.

When fully implemented, *certain* USPS certifications will meet *or exceed* the requirements of UN Resolution 40, *International Certificate for the Operation of Pleasure Craft*, and will entitle boaters with such certification to be recognized for bareboat chartering in other countries, much like licensed drivers can now obtain international drivers licenses

USPS currently has four levels of Boat Operator Certification:

- Inland Navigator
- Coastal Navigator
- Advanced Coastal Navigator
- Offshore Navigator

Requirements for obtaining each of these levels (including USPS courses and/or seminars, demonstrated on-the-water proficiency and familiarity with certain safety procedures) may be found on the USPS national website at:

[http://www.usps.org/eddept/boc/main.htm#Regional\\_Certifiers](http://www.usps.org/eddept/boc/main.htm#Regional_Certifiers).


Members seeking certification will need a "BOC Passport" to record their progress in passing the various requirements. Passports may then be signed by certifiers and instructors as courses, seminars and skill demonstrations are completed. The Squadron Educational Officer or local certifier can also sign endorsements based on national or squadron records. The San Diego squadron has one member, the SEO, already qualified to serve as a certifier for the Inland Navigator level. D/Lt/C Van Diehl of the San Luis Rey squadron is the regional certifier for the Southwest region.

If you would like to begin the process of becoming certified, please e-mail SEO Katie Law at [killawyer@msn.com](mailto:killawyer@msn.com). Passport orders will go in at the end of September and your name will need to be added to the list.

Questions? Call Katie at 619-281-3410 or check the national website.

## Ship's Store

Hello and Welcome. The Ship's Store carries a variety of items on sale which can be purchased during our quarterly meetings. Here are some items in stock and ready for purchase:



<b>SDSPS Ensign (12X18)</b>	\$30
<b>SDSPS Ensign (16X24)</b>	\$35
<b>SDSPS Burgee</b>	\$30
<b>Hats (navy, blue, tan, grey)</b>	\$12
<b>Men's Pique Knit Sport Shirt (navy, green, lt blue in sizes S-XXL)</b>	\$30
<b>Women's Pique Knit Sport Shirt (lt blue, pink in sizes S-XXL)</b>	\$30
<b>Men's Sweatshirt 1/4 Zipper Style with Collar (grey, royal blue, navy S - XXXL)</b>	\$35
<b>Men's Polar Fleece Vest with full zipper (grey, royal blue, navy S-XXXL)</b>	\$35
<b>Coffee Mugs with LOGO (SDSPS w/flags)</b>	\$5
<b>Small Totebags with LOGO (SDSPS w/flags)</b>	\$10

### SDSPS Raft-Up

San Diego Sail & Power Squadron is having a raft-up in La Playa Cove. It will be the weekend of October 15 through 17. Reservations need to be made through the Harbor Police starting September 16, 2010.

Make sure to call in advance to make sure you have a space. Any questions contact Marie Baer.

### Captain Wise...

By the time a man realizes that his father was right, he has a son who thinks he's wrong...

Road maps tell a motorist everything he wants to know, except how to fold them up again...

Joey Bishop

The hardest part of telling young people the facts of life is finding something that they don't already know...

## Happy Birthday!

The following members are celebrating upcoming birthdays. Let's wish them well and many happy returns.

### September Birthday's

Mary Bornt	Ron Wener
Amy Donald	Kristopher Donald
Ann Hornbrook	Michael Jones
Steven Kiss	Wilson S. Leech III
Cheryl Mason	Justin McChesney-Wachs
Glenn Murray	Chris Purcell
Thomas Reneau	Scott Walters

### October Birthday's

Ted Bowler	Jack Chambers
Tim Coury	Gary Edmiston
Susan Henry	John Horst
Robert Jasak	Bill Leslie
Don Litzenberg	Randall Loomis
Dillon Murray	Laura Purcel
Emily Zisser	



## July Race

by Mike Collins  
SDSPS Sail Fleet Chair

The July race is over and it was a race of the heavy-weights in light air. If you ever wanted to win a sailing race, you should have borrowed the lightest boat available, sailed the short course and claimed your rightful position in first place. Because of a lack of wind the 10.03 nautical mile course took twice the normal time, or an average of 4 hours. So plan to sail on the second Saturday of each month and invite your friends.

The only two boats in competition were **Topaz**, with Tom Todd at the helm, and Marilee with Glenn and Dianne Winder and **Captain Mike Collins** taking turns...it was a four hour race! New to the Fleet Race but not new to racing, was Robyn Phelps...a real find as a crew member.

The race began slowly, with a slow windward leg from G 17 to G15 and thence to FM 19. By this time everyone had finished lunch and a nap, and the two boat last sight of each other.

Marilee finished the race at 1536 in first place, and Topaz at 1631, corrected to 1616 in second place...yet it was a fine day for a sail. Next time, I hope you will join us.

The score board is in limbo, complete but awaiting a reload of MS Excel. Casamar, though not racing in July, is in second place for the year with Topaz closing in.

## August Results

Boat		Distance	Finish	Elapsed				Race	Cum	New
Name	Skipper	NM	Time	Time	Handicap	Delta	Position	Points	Points	Handicap
Casamar	Dave Baer	0.00	0:00:00	dns	750	dns	0	2	14.75	750
Serendipity	Lee Hornbrook	0.00	0:00:00	dns	1000	dns	0	2	23	1000
Topaz	Tom Todd	10.04	16:31:00	dns	804	dns	2	2	19.75	804
Jandon	Don Litzenberg	0.00	0:00:00	dns	676	dns	0	2	20	676
Marilee	Mike Collins	12.46	14:34:00	2:34:00	712	0.00	1	0.75	7.75	712

## San Diego Sail and Power Squadron Class Schedule 2010 [revised 6/21/10]

Course times and dates may be changed to accommodate the needs of the instructors. Unless otherwise noted, classes are taught one evening per week for approximately two hours, 7-9 pm. Operations Training [a one-day course] will be taught on a Sunday. Course fees are nominal to members. Courses open to the public will be increased by the cost of an annual membership. ***Some courses require pre-requisites.***

In addition to courses, San Diego Sail & Power Squadron will be offering 2-hour seminars on nautical topics, with dates announced as scheduled.

<b>*America's Boating Course 3ed.</b> <b>(Mike Philbrook/Ed Mraz)</b> <sup>1</sup>	Thursday [4 sessions] Tuesday	June 24-Jul 15 Sept 21 & 28	SWYC SWYC
<b>*Seamanship (Ken Glaze)</b>	Tuesday	June 08– Aug 03	SWYC
<b>*Piloting (Katie Law)</b>	Thursday	Aug 05 – Sept 30	SWYC
<b>Advanced Piloting</b> <b>(Mike Sampsel/Shelley Bakalis)</b>	Tuesday	Oct 12 – Dec 14	SWYC
<b>Navigation (Steven Bakalis)</b>	Monday	June 21- Sept. 13	SWYC
<b>**Marine Electronics (Steven Bakalis)</b>	Monday	Aug 23 – Nov 08	SWYC
<b>Weather (Bill Bridge)</b>	Tuesday	May 18 – Aug 10	MISD
<b>Instructor Development (Karen Glaze)</b>	Wednesday	Oct 06- Nov 17	SWYC
<b>Engine Maintenance (Mike Fontaine)</b>	Thursday	Sept 16- Dec 09	SWYC
<b>*Cruise Planning (E &amp; C Bowler)</b>	Tuesday	Sept 14-Dec 07	SWYC

*\* These classes are open to the public, but will be offered to members at a deeply discounted fee.*

*\*\* The second course in a three-course series; a third course will be scheduled when new course materials (currently in development) become available from USPS.*

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<sup>1</sup> Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough St., San Diego, CA 92106

## Upcoming Events

### September

7	Tuesday	7:00PM	ExCom Meeting	SWYC All Welcome !
11	Saturday	6:00PM	General Membership Meeting	SWYS/To Make Reservations <a href="mailto:ao@sdsps.org">ao@sdsps.org</a>
11	Saturday	12:00PM	Sail Fleet Race	San Diego Bay
25	Saturday	TBD	Cruiser Nav Contest	<a href="mailto:Cruisernav@sdsps.org">Cruisernav@sdsps.org</a>

### October

4	Monday	7:00	ExCom Meeting	SWYC All Welcome !
9	Saturday	12:00PM	Sail Fleet Race	San Diego Bay
16	Saturday	TBD	Cruiser Nav Contest	<a href="mailto:Cruisernav@sdsps.org">Cruisernav@sdsps.org</a>
27-31	Wed-Sun		USPS Districts 13, 25 and 28 Joint Fall Conference	Hosted by District 13, 25, 28 Marina del Rey Hotel

### November

8	Monday	7:30PM	Excom Meeting	SWYC All Welcome !
12	Friday	6:00PM	General Membership	SWYC/To Make Reservations
13	Saturday	12:00	Sail Fleet Race	San Diego Bay
13	Saturday	TBD	Cruiser Nav Contest	<a href="mailto:Cruisernav@sdsps.org">Cruisernav@sdsps.org</a>

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