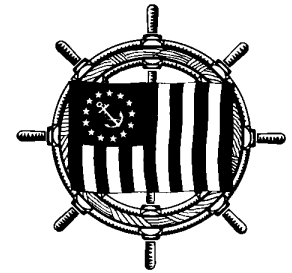




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Commander's Message



This message most likely will be the last one on my watch. Allow me to thank the members of my bridge for their support and outstanding services to our squadron. I would especially like to thank XO Roger Dickey, AP, for chairing a committee to evaluate the needs of our membership. All those that participated provided excellent input and 2009 is off to a great start. National has developed many new seminars which will be introduced this year, among them are Radar, GPS, How to Chart, to name a few.

These seminars are designed to encourage boaters to join the squadron and provide opportunities for our members to increase their boating knowledge.

Thanks go to SEO Ben Smith and P/C Bruce Hennig for the excellent job they did teaching a Squadron Boating class. We are most grateful for Ginny & Eric Ford to take the time out of their busy schedule to provide us with outstanding newsletters.

The Christmas party and planning session for 2009 at P/C Ron and Barbara Johnson's home was an extraordinary event. As usual, Barbara outdid herself with her gourmet cooking. It was wonderful to see new members in attendance and many members we haven't seen for a long time. We had a great turnout! Frank and Linda Szerdahelyi and Ron and Barbara Johnson shared the many experiences they had boating in 2008. We are looking forward to their articles in our newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Maria, who is always diligently by my side giving me encouragement and positive input. Her dedication and support is appreciated beyond words.

Please join me by participating in our squadron's activities this year and giving our new bridge the support they so deservingly require.

Yours in Safe Boating,

Andy Gero, AP

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One of many highlights of the Johnson's 3 month long summer boat trip

Remember the Boat Shows:

- Los Angeles, February 7-15, 2009
- Fred Hall, March 4-8, 2009
- Orange County, April, 2009
- Fairplex, June 2009

Save the Dates:

- January 28th Radar Seminar
Assistance League: 7:00 PM
- February 28th Change of Watch
Brookside Country Club: 1800 hours



Squadron Business

PSPS 2009 Planning Meeting

PSPS held its annual December Planning Meeting December 6, 2008 at the home of Ron and Barbara Johnson prior to their squadron Christmas Party.

Cdr. Andy Gero, AP opened the Planning Meeting at 1940, beginning by thanking the Johnsons' for the use of their home, and then led the membership in a prayer. Dick Cowley led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

Cdr. Gero presented Richard Orcutt with a Certificate of Appreciation for services rendered to our Squadron. Cdr. Gero turned the meeting over to Executive Officer Roger Dickey, AP. Roger stated we need to be more responsive to members request by providing more social activities. Roger offered the following 2009 tentative schedule:

- Jan 28, 2009, a Radar Seminar, at the Assistance League.
- Feb 28, 2009, PSPS Change of Watch (COW)
- Feb.-March and later, the Montclair Street Fair, an event where we could bring a dingy for a photo opportunity for the public, be mindful of other community market days - provide a USPS booth to increase public awareness of our organization.
- April 2009, have a miniature golf outing; a fire boat cruise in San Pedro; a Tall Ship tour in San Pedro; a Navy League day or a Port Hueneme Museum tour
- May 24, 2009, early dinner poker run;
- June, 2009, tour of the Catalina Boats plant;
- July 4, 2009, Backyard Boat Race;
- Sept. 2009, TBA;
- October 2009, Eric & Ginny Ford Mountain Picnic event
- December 2009, our annual Planning Meeting.

Roger reported that Dan Miller and Bill Kummer agreed to provide the necessary PR. He also noted that a prepared booth would be best for USPS displays and handouts at various public events.

Maria announced that we have several 50th Anniversary polo shirts left over for those of you who might be interested at a special Christmas price of \$15.00.

Respectfully submitted, Lt/C Kirk McKay, Secretary

January 9, 2009 Nominating Committee Report

Nominees for Pasadena Sail and Power Squadron Bridge - 2009

The following members have agreed to run for the offices of the Pasadena Sail and Power Squadron 2009 Bridge:

CDR	Roger Dickey, AP
EXO	Richard Cowley, P
ADMIN	Ray Benavides, P
TRES	William Kummer, AP
SEO	Harcourt Hervey-Smith, AP
Asst SEO	Ben Smith, S
SEC	Kirk Mc Kay, S

Rules Committee

P/C Andy Gero, AP, Chair
P/C Merritt Hartman, P
P/C Bruce Hennig, P

Audit Committee

P/C Tom Cotter, S, Chair
P/C Kirk McKay, S
TRES Bill Kummer, AP

Nominating Committee for 2009 Bridge

P/C Merritt Hartman, P, Chair
P/C Bruce Hennig, P
P/C Andy Gero, AP

This information is provided to members as required by Squadron By-Laws. Change of Watch is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2009, at 1800 at Brookside Restaurant in Pasadena.

Yours in Safe Boating,

CDR Merritt Hartman, P

2009 Nominating Committee
P/C Merritt Hartman, P
CDR Bruce Hennig, P



USPS Activities

Squadron Christmas Party at the Johnson's

by
Maria Heckman

What a delightful Christmas dinner squadron members had at the Johnson's on December 6th! Festive decorations, a big, warm fire in the fireplace, good conversation, champagne and cider started the evening.

The newest members and their wives, Hark and Nitcher, Hervey-Smith, Ray and Ann Benavides, and Richard and Anne Cowley, had a chance to meet more squadron members. Tom and Ellen Cotter arrived from their home in Tehachapi, Roger and Sue Dickey, Mary Berglund, Louise and Bob Beggs, Toni and Bruce Hennig, Ginny and Eric Ford, Kirk McKay, Judy and Merritt Hartman, Andy Gero and Maria Heckman, Linda and Frank Szerdahelyi, Richard Orcutt, and Barbara and Ron Johnson enjoyed sharing holiday stories and catching up on our various activities. We missed JoAnn and Vic Stollberg and Adri Ezcurra who at the last minute were unable to attend.

After the blessing led by Cdr. Andy Gero we found our places at the various tables set with lovely Christmas china, candles and flowers to enjoy Barbara's delicious salad, entrée and desserts. When we finished dinner Roger shared with members the plans and activities for 2009. It will be busy with classes, seminars, and social events. Keep your calendars clear!

Everyone had a great time. Judy and Merritt provided some bottles of champagne and cider as gifts for members to take home for their holiday celebrations. Thank you, Merritt and Judy! Thanks to Sue and Roger Dickey's generosity: the Cotter's stayed at "Hotel Dickey" and returned to their home on Saturday.

Thank you again, Barbara and Ron, for hosting a wonderful Christmas dinner. The food was scrumptious. The company could not have been better.

PASADENA SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH

When: Saturday, February 28, 2009
Social Hour: 1800 hours (cash and carry bar)
Dinner: 1845 hour

Installing Officer: D/C Victor Sam, AP & wife Dorothy Sam

Where: Brookside Restaurant @ the Rose Bowl
Madrid Room (626) 795-0631
1133 Rosemont Avenue
Pasadena, CA

MENU SELECTIONS

Entrées:

New York Strip Loin or Chicken Tropicale
Vegetarian is available

All entrees include:

Classic Caesar Salad w/CROUTONS
Red Roasted Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Warm Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Tea and Decaffeinated Coffee
New York Cheese Cake w/ Strawberries

Price: \$42.00/ person (includes tax and gratuity) and guest installing officer. (*Pay night of dinner*)

Dress: Class A Uniform or business attire

RSVP: Merritt Hartman at (626-793-7786) or e-mail hartman1020@yahoo.com by Saturday, February 18th

EDUCATIONAL NOTICE

A Radar Seminar will be given Wednesday January 28, 2009, at the Assistance League in Pasadena, 820 E. California Street, at the corner of Hudson and California, at 7:00 p.m. Due to a limited amount of students early registration is recommended. You may register by calling Cdr. Andy Gero, AP, at 818-957-6357 e-mail ajgero@sbcglobal.net.

Cost: \$50.00/student including manuals and materials.
Instructor: P/C Ron Johnson, AP

Spicing up your holidays is recipe for spicing up Puget Sound as well

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'Tis the season and the waters of Puget Sound are "flush" with holiday spices and flavorings.

Individuals and water managers alike are concerned about the antibiotics, painkillers, hormones and other substances that are swallowed, pass through us and become part of the treated sewage water that flows into Puget Sound. Measuring flavorings is a benign way of learning how substances may circulate, concentrate or dissipate in the Sound.

The sampling also emphasizes just how connected our actions are to Puget Sound, according to Rick Keil, a University of Washington associate professor of oceanography. It's a message worth reinforcing following yesterday's unveiling of Puget Sound Partnership's action agenda for improving the health of the Sound.

Sampling by UW researchers and students around Thanksgiving got a boost this year. In order to enlist the help of citizen scientists, the UW launched a new organization called SoundCitizen in mid-November.

SoundCitizen distributed 215 water-sampling kits to people all around Puget Sound. Volunteers with kits bearing even numbered barcodes were asked to sample streams or the Sound before Thanksgiving. Those having odd numbered barcodes were asked to sample after.

"The SoundCitizen program is totally driven by oceanography undergrads and former students," Keil says. "Brittany Kimball, who graduated in June, is overseeing the day-to-day activity. We have five undergraduates in our aquatic organic chemistry lab working on this. An oceanography grad from 2006, Jaqui Neibauer, is the lab manager."



In addition to the environmental-spices work, the lab also investigates pollutants that make their way into waterways.

The SoundCitizen program builds on two years of UW efforts sampling at the West Point sewage treatment plant in Seattle -- checking what is released into the Sound -- as well as sampling waters from Puget Sound and streams.

At West Point researchers have detected holiday spice-spikes of such things as cinnamon, vanilla and allspice, as well as increases in the herbs thyme and rosemary, starting immediately after Thanksgiving and lasting through the New Year. If one converts the amount of baking spices added to Puget Sound each day into the amount of spice that's needed to make chocolate chip, gingerbread and snicker doodle cookies, it translates into Puget Sound residents eating about 250,000 cookies per day during the holidays. That means the average person in Seattle is eating at least two cookies a day.

Of what's been measured, the most abundant spice in Puget Sound year round is artificial vanilla, or ethyl vanilla.



"It has a much stronger taste than vanilla," Keil says. "It's used both as a flavoring and as a way to cover up things that taste bitter. It's in aspirin, it's in almost all vitamins, it's in almost anything we consume, either covering up a taste or flavoring it."

Other substances being tracked include ones found in waffle cones -- which spikes in the summer -- Kettle Korn and chocolate. The researchers also sample for caffeine, an indicator of how much coffee we're drinking.

In considering how the natural world notices what we eat and drink, Keil asked fisheries experts what salmon might be able to detect.

"There are hundreds and hundreds of compounds that fish can smell," Keil says. "And these spices

are at concentrations that fish can smell. We don't know if they care or not about swimming around in a big, dilute latte."

Along with the environmental spices program, the new SoundCitizen effort offers opportunities for people who'd like to help find out what's in rain water coming out of their roof gutters or about to go into city street drains. Volunteers are welcome to choose what they want to sample according to the Web site at <http://www.soundcitizen.org>. That's also where volunteers will find the data they've helped to collect and perhaps propose additional questions for research. To reach SoundCitizen, call Kimball at (206) 221-6747 or brittanykimball@soundcitizen.org.



Visit Laguna Beach, Calif., during the 2009 USPS Annual Meeting in Anaheim, 17–22 Feb.

Join USPS members from across the country and around the world in Anaheim California, 17 – 22 February for the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Visit the website:

<http://www.usps.org/national/ensign/uspscompass/meeting.htm>

for registration and more detailed information

By the way – we have been unofficially notified that Pasadena Power Squadron will be receiving a website award at this meeting!

Upcoming District 13 Spring Conference

March 13-15, 2009 in Palm Springs California

“Desert Escape”

Location: Doral Resort

<http://www.doralpalm Springs.com/>

Room Rate: \$129 per night

Raffle Prizes:

Honda 2 Hp Outboard Motor

Flat screen television

3-day 2-night Palm Springs Escape

Other Activities available include:

Golf, Spa Facilities, Palm Springs Follies, Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, Museum, Local Indian Casinos, Thursday Palm Springs Village Fest, Desert Jeep Tours, Celebrity Home Tours, Palm Springs Air, Living Desert, Tennis

For more information

Email desert-escape@earthlink.net

Or

Call Wendy Sherwood (790)346-4697



Editor's Locker

Editors note:

Happy New Year to all of you! Eric and I are looking forward to seeing all of you throughout year at the many activities that are planned.

I also look forward to including any contributions you wish to provide. Thanks to you all for providing additions to the Rose! Please send your articles to me and to Eric at our email addresses: vford@dslextreme.com and eidetic@dslextreme.com

Fair boating to you all – Ginny Ford, P



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