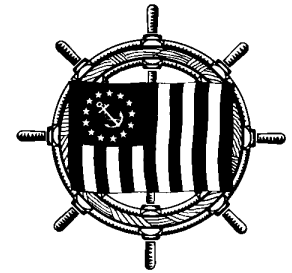




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## Commander's Message



It doesn't seem possible but 2008 is mostly history. It's been a busy year for our squadron, three Squadron Boating courses were given, two were taught by yours truly and one taught by SEO Ben Smith and P/C Bruce Hennig. Lt/C Roger Dickey taught a Piloting Course and presently a Seamanship course is being taught by P/C Merritt Hartman. We increased our membership by three this year and renewals were at an all time low. With the state of affairs, most volunteer organizations throughout our country are suffering a loss in membership. In an attempt to reorganize our annual events and classes a committee was formed and chaired by EXO Roger Dickey to evaluate what was missing. Details of this meeting are published in this edition of the newsletter.

In October, 2008, P/C Maria Heckman, P/C Ron and Barbara Johnson and I attended the Fall Conference in Reno, NV. There were considerable discussions about the future of the USPS. Twelve new seminars are being introduced to encourage members and the public to participate and join our organization. In 2009 these seminars will be offered to our members and the public. It was clear that USPS has a need to increase its visibility publicly. An increase in public relations and social events to stimulate interest within our organization were discussed in detail. Many recommendations were presented to our National Officers for consideration at a town council meeting. The need to increase our public relations and membership involvement is evident if we wish to grow as an organization.

Our nominating committee is successfully finalizing their list for our 2009 bridge. Qualified instructors have agreed to teach the new seminars. Starting in 2009, our National organization has taken sole ownership of the ABC Boating Course taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the California Department of Boating & Waterways. All **basic boating classes** being currently taught by USPS will be discontinued and replaced with the ABC course.

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The Change of Watch for 2009 is scheduled on February 28, 2009, D/C Victor Sam, JN, will officiate. The place and time will be announced by December 31, 2008, please mark your calendar so you may attend this important event.

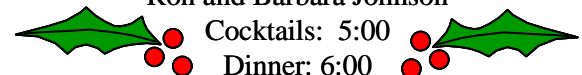
Please allow me this opportunity to wish each member and your family a Joyous Holiday Greeting and may 2009 be a happy, healthy and prosperous year for everyone.

Yours in Safe Boating,

Andy Gero, AP

### Save the Dates

December 6th: Pasadena Sail and Power  
Squadron Christmas Party  
Ron and Barbara Johnson



Cocktails: 5:00

Dinner: 6:00

February 28<sup>th</sup>: Change of Watch Dinner  
Time and Location TBD

Looking for a special gift for that special person?  
We have 7 squadron anniversary polo shirts left!  
Sizes available: 1 small, 2 medium, 2 large, 2 XL  
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## Squadron Business

### **Pasadena Sail and Power Squadron Special Meeting Minutes Thursday, Oct 2, 2008**

Pasadena Assistance League

CDR Andy Gero called a special meeting of the Pasadena Sail and Power Squadron for Oct 2, 2008 at 1900 to discuss the current status, current membership and future direction of the squadron.

Members present: CDR Gero, Maria Heckman, Roger Dickey, Bruce Hennig, Dick Orcutt, Ray Benavides, Merritt Hartman, Ron and Barbara Johnson, Bill Kummer, Eric Ford, Kirk McKay and Harcourt Hervey-Smith.

CDR Gero opened the meeting at 1904 and Rey Benevides led the members in the pledge of allegiance. Andy stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future direction of our squadron. He reviewed the roster and pointed out that we now have 43 members, 6 of whom are life members. Andy noted, all the life members have served our squadron diligently and honorably beyond the call of duty and have earned their retirement from further duties. Adri Ezcurra has agreed to serve as Duncan Gleason Judge.

**Squadron Membership Committee:** CDR Gero then appointed a Squadron Membership Committee Chaired by EXO Roger Dickey, AP, to deal with these issues. The committee consists of Roger Dickey, AP, Bill Kummer, AP, Merritt Hartman, P, Kirk McKay, S, Harcourt Hervey-Smith, AP, and Eric Ford, P. The committee will meet Oct. 23, 2008 at 1930 at Harcourt's office at 2120 Huntington Blvd., So. Pasadena, CA 91030.

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee consists of Merritt Hartman, Kirk McKay and Bruce Hennig. The committee members, all presents agreed to meet in November to finalize the nominees for the 2009 bridge.

**Sea Scout Ship:** CDR Gero read to the members present a letter he wrote to the San Gabriel Boy Scout Council pointing out we had invited two Scout Executives of the Council to our bridge meetings and neither one attended. Moreover, the Scout Council

committee registration documents have expired and we are not inclined to undergo the coasts to renew unless the council will assure us that there are boys ready to join a Sea Scout Ship which is require to Charter.

Lyle Kan, a volunteer member of the Council, agreed to be our ship Advisor and was anxious to get started with the program and attended one of our bridge meetings. It was pointed out that we already have an organized committee and Andy has a great deal of scouting experience. Andy also spoke to a Mr. Jeff Richard, a director of Ability First, an organization for handicapped young people but who are nevertheless capable of participating in scouting and interested. Mr. Richard, an Eagle Scout has considerable experience as both a Cub and Scoutmaster.

Barbara Johnson reminded the members present that the Christmas party is set for December 6, 2008 at her home. It was agreed the December PSPS Planning Meeting will take place prior to the party.

The results of this 10/2/08 meeting are as follows:

- Each person in attendance shall consider how to evaluate and improve our PR
- How to improve and increase our social events
- How to go about sponsoring a Sea Scout Ship
- And the overall possibilities of strengthening our squadron.

Adjourned 2040

Respectfully submitted:

Lt/C Kirk McKay, Secretary

### ***Remember the Boat Shows:***

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



## USPS Activities

### United States Power Squadron Reno Conference

Submitted by Barbara Johnson

The trip from Pasadena to Reno for the USPS west coast conference of three districts was well worth the drive. The events planned for Districts 13, 28, and 25 at the Silver Legacy were both instructive and entertaining. Maria Heckman, Andy Gero and Ron and Barbara Johnson represented our Pasadena Sail and Power Squadron. The first event was a Thursday evening spectacular private guided tour and catered dinner at the Reno Auto Museum.

Since lunch was “on your own”, the Geros and Johnsons joined Dr Gil and Joyce Moe on the free trolley to Truckee River for lunch before returning for the afternoon seminars. The Geros gained many new ideas at the “Marketing/PR” seminar. The Johnsons attended “Paddle Smart” a new seminar system designed to teach basic canoeing and kayaking since they constitute half of all boats currently sold each year. An excellent CD and instructor materials are now available. Following the seminars, District Commander Victor and Dorothy Sam hosted members for happy hour.

Maria organized Friday dinner with the Johnsons and Moe at Andrattis Italian Restaurant in nearby Harahs Casino. Our great Italian dishes, lively conversation, live music and even operatic selections sung by the restaurant owner made for a great evening.

Saturday morning began with an early breakfast with Andy, Ron and Gil departing quickly for the exhibit room to judge the entries in the USPS photographic contest. The general business joint meeting of the three districts then occupied the morning. The joint district luncheon then followed with informative presentations being made by Boats US Speaker Bryan Dove on tips for using their service and by BLS Nevada Fred Messmer on steps being taken to prevent Vaga mussels from being transported from infested waters including Lake Mead.

The afternoon seminars covered radar, global warming, and boat operation certification. Andy, Maria and Ron found the radar presentation to be

excellent and concluded this program should be used by our squadron.

The conference ended with the lovely Saturday night banquet dinner. The Silver Legacy Hotel and the host District 25 did an excellent job of planning and presenting the conference. Attendees had the opportunity to mingle and exchange ideas with the national officers including the National Commander Creyton Maynard. In the planning stages is a west coast joint conference to include five districts. We hope our squadron and district will continue to promote combined district conferences.

### 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

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## FIGURE 8 COILS

The traditional way to coil a line is to make coils of equal length and drop them into the palm of your hand. Hold the end of the line in one hand and use the other hand to lay the coils, one on top of the other, into your palm. The problem is that unless the line is uncoiled very carefully, it often becomes tangled as it runs out; the smaller the line diameter, the greater the chance this will happen.

Years ago I watched a friend coil a long umbilical cable for an experimental underwater vehicle in a figure 8 configuration that made it impossible for the line to become fouled. Since then I coil all my lines—from bow and stern lines to anchor rodes and jib-furling lines—that way. Here's how to do it.

With one end of the line in the palm of one hand, take a section of the line in the other hand and run it down behind the back of the opposite forearm—go from left to right—then under your elbow before coming back up the back of your forearm to cross over the top of your palm right to left. Go back down again under the elbow and continue (go slowly so you don't forget which way to make the coil on the back of your forearm) until you've coiled up nearly all the line. Wrap the tail of the line around the middle where the eights cross; then bring the remaining line up in a loop, and pass the end of the line through the smaller loop you have just made. You can either stow the coil or hitch the end of the line over a cleat or hook. B.B.

(complements District 13 Newsletter)

## How We Selected “Patriot”

By Ron Johnson

For many years I have wanted to take an extended boat trip. There are two choices, passage making to distant countries or travels around the US. There are many reasons for choosing the latter, among them we aren't getting younger and we haven't really seen our own country. The canals, the Great Lakes and coastal routes are abundant sources of history and fascination, so much in fact that no matter what we do, we cannot see it all. The problem then becomes what do we leave out. The answer is we decide on the way with no firm plans. We will make decisions based on weather, time and interest. The logical starting place seemed to be the northeast because of the choice of three starting directions as well as a very large number of premium boat builders.

Our old boat was really old, too much so to be worth shipping cross country and preparing for a trip of many months duration. We selected the “down east” style of the Maine lobster boat heritage. Then a trip was made to Florida to look at a potential choice. After making airline reservations for Tampa and just before leaving California, we discovered the manufacturer was closed because they were attending the Palm Beach boat show and that is where we would have to go if we wanted to see the boat. After doing so and meeting their staff, I developed a very negative feeling toward the company that immediately ended any interest in their boat. We spent two days covering the very large show where we were lucky to find exactly what we had in mind, a few feet longer than he had in mind but that's OK, and its made in the USA. Later in the year we scheduled a trip to Freedom Yachts of Middletown, RI to visit the factory and go for a trial run. Since this style boat is made all along the northeast and Canadian coast we traveled north to have a look at the competition and found some other very worthy builders. The Rhode Island factory's use of the infusion method of construction completed the decision.



### The Johnson's new boat "PATRIOT"

The model choice was Freedom Yacht's Legacy 42. Power is a single 660 HP Cummins turning 30" 5 blade prop through a 2 ½ shaft behind a keel. The layout is galley down with a port seat and chart table opposite the helm seat with doors opposite each and a second small stateroom. The interesting thing is what comes as standard equipment: 6KW generator, two air conditioners, bow thruster, Stidd seats, AGM batteries (one for the thruster/windless, one for the generator, two for the house and two for main engine starting) 4000 W inverter, oil changer, shore power isolator, sound system and even a mattress made from that famous Swedish foam. A standard power panel monitors all systems including separate status for each battery circuit. There is even a gauge for the blackwater holding tank. Electronics selected are a Raymarine E120 Series (plotter, radar, sounder and 4<sup>th</sup> window for anything else), with backup Interphase sounder and Icom VHF. I selected large Toshiba (on sale XP) laptop and added the Nobletech navigation software as backup navigation for the Raymarine. And of course if everything fails we would have paper charts. The laptop doubles as satellite TV as well as everything else a computer does. A cell phone amplifier with an external antenna along with my existing ham radio equipment complete the communications.

The boat was to be delivered in June of last year but was not completed until October so our voyage could not start last year as planned.



## *-----ANAHEIM 2009 National meeting-----*

*----- it's coming far sooner than you think -----*



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!



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

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Fair boating to you all – Ginny Ford, P

**Editors note:**

I am looking forward to sharing holiday spirit with many of you at the upcoming Christmas party at the Johnsons house. For any of you who cannot come, I wish you very happy Holidays. I hope the New Year brings everyone health, happiness and peace.

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