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District 28 2008 Summer Council

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Chula Vista Yacht Club

Chula Vista, CA

0905 The meeting was called to Order by D/C Katie Law, SN

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by D/Lt/Cdr Van Diehl, SN

The invocation was given by Bob Hubbard, AP.

D/C Law offered welcome remarks to all attendees and referenced the proposed burgee for the South Bay Squadron that was on display. Action on the burgee will come later in the agenda.

D/C Law acknowledged members of the District Bridge; D/Treasurer Dick Tripp, D/XO Van Diehl, SN; D/EO Bill Bridge, SN; D/AO Connie Johnson, JN; D/Sec Doug Frazier, JN.

D/C Law then recognized the Past District Commanders who were present including: P/D/C's Bill Bridge, SN; Frank Fitzgerald, AP; Bill Johnson, JN; Elaine Keller, AP; Duane Leathers, AP; Lou Loth, AP; Robert Newsom, P; Charles Peterson, SN; Bob Schloeman, N; Ken Smith, N; Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN; and Lee Whitehead, SN.

D/C Law then recognized the members serving on National Committees: Van Diehl, Cida Diehl, Elaine Keller, Chester White, Bob Schloeman, Ed Mraz, Lou Loth, Chuck Peterson, Ken Smith, Dave Uggen and Chuck Peterson.

D/C Law also recognized her Staff: Parliamentarian Frank Fitzgerald, Flag Lieutenant Bob Schloeman, Merit Mark Chairman Mark Keltner, Chaplain Bob Hubbard, and Aides: Duane Leathers, Lou Loth, Adriaan Veldhuisen and Lee Whitehead.

D/C Law then announced the unanimous consent motion that, without objection, the chair would vary the order of business to expedite proceedings, which was adopted.

D/C Law reminded the squadron commanders or their representatives to pick up the material in the mailbox. D/C Law requested that all motions for consideration be submitted in writing.

D/C Law then welcomed the members from the provisional "South Bay Squadron" Squadron Commander Ramirez-Williams of South Bay Squadron introduced the squadron members that were in attendance.

Lunch arrangements were discussed as well as the breakout meeting room requirements. Dinner plans were also discussed in order to place reservations.

D/C Law then introduced the squadron commanders that were present:

Cdr. Ed Mraz – San Diego
Cdr. Larry Nelson – San Luis Rey
Cdr. Bill Johnson – Phoenix
Cdr. Miguel Ramirez- Williams

0925 Morning Program – D/C Law introduced Cdr. Mraz for the morning program

Cdr Ed Mraz gave a presentation on "Generation Y" and "10 Ways to get the best out of your Squadron" from the Leadership Development Committee.

1015 Break

1030 Breakout Meetings

1130 Lunch

1300 D/C Law reconvened the meeting.

The Secretary, D/Lt/C Frazier announced that a quorum was present. The minutes from the 2008 Spring Conference were reviewed and minor typographical errors on the spelling of names and the streamlining of the verbiage for page 5, paragraph 3. The corrections to the specific paragraphs were presented to the members. The minutes were approved as amended.

1310 REPORTS OF THE BRIDGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Treasurer: D/Lt/C Dick Tripp – The full report is in the mailbox. The balances for Checking, Money Market and Certificate of Deposit were given.

Administrative: D/Lt/C Connie Johnson called upon her staff for their reports:

Membership/Member Involvement – D/Lt Cida Diehl – the deadline for the MIRA awards was 15 May and she did not receive any submissions from the squadrons. However, the district did participate in the MIRA. The Youth Poster Contest deadline is approaching. The district grew 3% since the last meeting. Since the beginning of the year, 95 new members have joined our squadrons. D/Lt Cida Diehl presented the Power of One recruitment pins to:

San Luis Rey – Cdr. Larry Nelson
Loie Powell
Adriaan Veldhuisen

The other pins will be awarded after National sends the recipient list. The full report is the in the mailbox.

Member Benefits Report – D/Lt Art Ashton – D/Lt/C Connie Johnson gave the report for D/Lt Ashton - No report.

Boating Activities – D/Lt Bill Johnson – Katherine Landing Rendezvous was well attended and organized by Lake Mohave Squadron. The Spring Raft up is being organized for La Playa Cove.

Leadership Development – D/Lt Elaine Keller - National is working on increasing the participation in the Leadership Development program and Operations Training. CD's have been prepared and placed into the squadron's mailbox containing the material seen in the morning program. D/Lt is encouraging all squadrons to provide and present these classes. There was a question from a member on the status of the revised job descriptions and the answer was that the descriptions are in process.

Educational Fund – D/Lt Duane Leathers – The contribution is one dollar per member for the squadron to be on the National Honor Roll. The squadrons have a long history of contributing, but two squadrons did not get their checks into National. D/Lt/C Connie Johnson is requesting that all squadrons participate by the Fall Conference.

Spring Conference – Cdr. Bill Johnson of the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron provided the information on the chairman's behalf. We had 72 people attend the dinner. There was a profit of \$715.74 due in part to contributions and successful ticket sales for the raffle.

Fall Conference – D/Lt/C Connie Johnson provided the report. This will be a joint conference with Districts 13 and 25 and will be held in Reno, NV. The conference dates are 16-19 October. Information is in the mailbox. Everyone is encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible.

Winter Council – D/Lt/C Connie Johnson – Lake Mohave will host the council on 6 December. Lake Mohave Community College will be the location for the meeting. Reserve your rooms early as this area is very busy during the winter season.

Spring Conference – P/D/C Lou Loth – Information will be in the mailbox. Balboa Squadron will host the conference on 6-9 March 2009. Friday welcome activities will be at the house of Ms. Williams located in Newport Harbor. The Hilton by the Orange County Airport will be the location for the conference. Hotel rates will be \$109 a night and parking will be \$6 a day. Use the code: USPS when making your reservations. Spousal activities are

being planned. Lou is requesting a single point of contact from each squadron to facilitate the flow of information.

Secretary: D/Lt/C Doug Frazier called upon his staff for reports.

The District directories have been completed and are located on the table in the corner. Please contact the secretary if you have not received your directory.

The ENSIGN Correspondent – P/D/C Lee Whitehead – no report.

The Lead Line – P/D/C Lee Whitehead – the deadline for articles will be August 1 for the September 1 publication. Send articles and photos to: bosnpipe@aol.com.

Internet - R/C Bob Schloeman - no formal report. There is a new version of DB2000 that was released on February.

Education: D/Lt/C Bill Bridge - The full report is in the mailbox.

Need a nomination for the Charles F. Chapman Award and the deadline is approaching. Boating Course statistics are published on the district web site. Nationally there are about 60 squadrons that are not offering a public boating class. The seminars are progressing well. Need to survey the attendees to see what other classes or seminars have interest. The costs for class materials for several seminars have been reduced from \$25 to \$16. There is a new course available now; Knots, Bends and Hitches.

The Fall conference is the "Education" conference. D/Lt/C is recommending that the squadrons bring an 8 ½ x 11 inch color, framed photograph of the trophies to present in Reno instead of trying to transport the actual trophy. DEO will pay for the frames. Also, update the names on the trophies.

DEO Bridge also recognized Tim Harrington of Phoenix for running the beta version of the new "N" course as well as doing all of the Boat Operator certification items.

Paddle Smart – there were over 20 million paddle boat operators in the country and there is concern for safety across the country.

Executive: D/Lt/C Van Diehl called on his staff for reports.

Safety Officers – D/Lt John Lusson (absent). Comments were given by D/Lt/C Van Diehl. All squadrons now have Safety Officers. The squadrons have participated in the National Boat Safety Week. The Marine Observation Network has partnered with the National Weather Service to improve the data for the computer modeling forecast in an initial program with Districts 3, 8, 9, 16, 22 and 36 participating.

Vessel Safety Checks – D/Lt Ron Werner (absent). D/Lt/C Van Diehl presented his report. Through June 5th, the completed VSC standings are:
Balboa – 164
Phoenix – 33
San Diego - 65
San Luis Rey – 2

Cooperative Charting – D/Lt Rose Werner (absent). Comments were given by D/Lt/C Van Diehl. The National Co-op Charting Committee has inquired about the low activity in regards to the coastal squadrons. There are several programs in which the squadrons can become involved. These programs include:

Nautical Chart corrections
Small craft facilities (marinas, boat yards, etc...)
Coastal Pilot Revisions
Range Line Survey
Depth and Tidal Current Survey
Aid to Navigation Inspection with field guide and summary sheets
Adopt a Chart

For inland waterways, National is negotiating with the Army Corp of Engineers to establish a program for the inland water ways.

The EPA is trying to establish a permit process to control ballast water discharge that would affect all boats, including pleasure boats. Senator Barbara Boxer and other senators are working to exclude pleasure boats from this permitting process.

Arizona Legislative - R/C Bob Schloeman – The Arizona Legislature is working on new Boating Under the Influence (BUI) Laws. Two bills were submitted in committee. One bill is being reworked and has a potential for approval. The first offence will be a fine for \$200 - \$250 plus 10 days in jail.

Radio/Technical – R/C Bob Schloeman – Marine Electronics Module 102 is being rewritten. The European GPS system named Galileo has just launched their second satellite. Full satellite coverage is scheduled for 2013. LORAN has been reassigned from the Coast Guard to Homeland Security. LORAN will be expanded by 19 new stations.

Amateur Radio – R/C Bob Schloeman -

Comments from Lou Loth in regards to Public Relations and the tri-fold brochure based on what San Diego created and Phoenix also used the same format. Balboa was able to produce 350 brochures for \$0.53 cents and they have submitted for reimbursement.

1405 Squadron Commander Reports – All reports had been submitted in writing and placed into the mailbox for distribution. Abbreviated reports were given by the squadron commanders.

Balboa – Cdr. Wes Heusser (absent) – Report was presented by Mark Keltner. As of 5 June, there have been 170 VSC. Two classes are underway. On 10 August, Wes Heusser, will be spending a week on the Coast Guard vessel “Eagle” departing San Diego.

Lake Mohave – Cdr. Pat Bramble (absent) – Lt. Dick Tripp presented the report. Having great success with the ABC classes and recruiting. In August, there is a tube float down the Colorado River on handmade rafts based on a pirate theme. The squadron is entering the event.

Phoenix – Cdr. Bill Johnson – Cdr. Johnson recognized SEO Tim Harrington for offering a complete slate of classes plus the offshore cruise. He and Connie Johnson attended the Tri-State Boating Fair and saw that District 13 had a booth there. Cdr. Johnson would like for District 28 to have a booth there for next year at Lake Havasu. Just completed the 5th Annual Safe Boating Celebration with about 500 – 800 attendees. There were a total of 80 VSC’s completed between the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the squadron. Once again, the squadron received a grant from the National Water Safety Congress for this event.

South Bay – Cdr. Miguel Ramirez-Williams – Currently has 15 members. Education Department is offering Seamanship with 9 members attending. Cdr. Ramirez-Williams expressed his thanks to the support from the members of the San Diego squadron. The burgee is nearing approval and will be on the agenda for the National Governing Board meeting in Detroit. They are currently filling bridge officer positions.

San Diego – Cdr. Ed Mraz - In the public boating class, 11 people took the exam and 10 joined the squadron. Cdr. Mraz covered all of the classes being offered or just completed. The annual picnic will be held at the Coast Guard station and everyone is invited and your name must be on the list for entry into the Coast Guard facility. The sail fleet races the second Saturday of each month. Participation in the races is increasing. The squadron participated in National Safe Boating week and performed VSC. The squadron was asked by Harbor Sailing (local sail boat charter company) to inspect their fleet of 40 sail boats. San Diego squadron has contributed \$100 to the Sea Skill phone number in support of the program.

San Luis Rey – Cdr. Larry Nelson – The squadron has increased by 33 members mainly due to the efforts of Loie Powell the Administrative Officer. Have a full slate of classes underway or just completed. The squadron participated in National Safe Boating week with a “Day on the Ramp” at Oceanside Harbor with the cooperation with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. There are 5 members wanting to become VSE. The squadron has started a mentoring program with 5 long time members to work with the new member.

There is still a challenge with National and the spelling of names on the certificates. The By-Laws have been reviewed and accepted by National.

1430 – Commander’s Report– D/C Law –

She has been very busy since taking office. She had the opportunity to attend the International Boating and Water Safety Summit and had an opportunity to meet many people from around the world involved with safe boating. D/C Law was able to speak with the Assistant National Education Officer, Bob Sweet. D/C Law questioned Mr. Sweet about the Boat Operators Certification Program in regards to having a “passport” that could be stamped with the dates that one completed the required classes. The entire national bridge was at the summit and was escorted around by D/C Law.

1435 - D/C Law then called for the General Committee Reports to be given.

Nominating Committee – P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen - during their breakout meeting, they have a strategy to identify and place members into an assistant position to help learn the positions and see how the district functions.

Rules Committee - P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald – The committee is currently comparing the model District By-Laws for 2008 with the current District By-Laws dated 2005. Progress has been made.

Planning Committee – P/D/C Chuck Peterson – The Planning Committee met with all members present and there are currently not any actions or motions to be presented at this time.

1440 **Unfinished Business** – The burgee design for the South Bay Provisional Squadron was review. Following the Spring Conference, the proposed design was presented to the Flag and Etiquette Committee Staff Commander. Questions and clarifications to the design were addressed with the Flag and Etiquette Committee. The South Bay burgee was presented at the Spring Conference and now it is being brought before the council for a vote.

Motion – D/C Law would entertain a motion to resubmit the South Bay burgee back to the Flag and Etiquette. So moved. Second by Ken Smith. Motion carried.

New Business – None

1455 **Good of the Order** -

Shaun McArdle made the announcement for requesting volunteers to help man the boat show booth.

Duane Leathers informed the council about the Tall Ships Festival in San Diego. The Maritime museum is looking for volunteers for the event.

Mark Keltner is requesting that all district merit marks be submitted to him prior to the conference in Reno. Marks' wife Lynn Keltner had bunion surgery last October that did not go well and she had to have two additional surgeries to correct the problem and have IV. Due to the stresses associated with the situation, Mark came down with shingles. There is now a vaccine to ward off shingles.

DEO Bridge is asking for any comments on education to sent to him to present at the Governing Board meeting in Detroit.

D/C Law gave the standings for the Bowsprit Award and District 28 is ranked number 1 after 10 months. The final date for the award is 31 July.

D/C Law asked for a show of hands for possible attendees for Winter Council in Lake Mohave.

D/C Law expressed her thanks to South Bay for hosting the council meeting.

D/C Law reminded everyone about dinner to be held at the South Bay Fish Company.

D/C Law announced that now there are 6 squadrons, it is time to design a district flag. D/C Law is sponsoring the contest for the district flag.

1505 - D/C Law, without objection, adjourned the 2008 Summer Council.

2008 Summer Council Attendance

Count	Name	Rank	Squadron
1	Elaine Keller	PDC	Balboa
2	Kenneth Smith	PDC	Balboa
3	Lou Loth	P/D/C	Balboa
4	Mark Keltner	P/C	Balboa
5	Dick Tripp	D/Lt/C	Lake Mohave
6	Bill Johnson	Cdr	Phoenix
7	Bob Schloeman	R/C	Phoenix
8	Chuck Peterson	PDC	Phoenix
9	Connie Johnson	D/Lt/C	Phoenix
10	Doug Frazier	D/Lt/C	Phoenix
11	Frank Fitzgerald	PDC	Phoenix
12	Leland Whitehead	PDC	Phoenix
13	Tim Harrington	P/C	Phoenix
14	Bob Hubbard	P/C	San Diego
15	Duane Leathers	PDC	San Diego
16	Edwin Mraz	Cdr	San Diego
17	J. Brockway Clark	P/C	San Diego
18	Katherine Law	D/C	San Diego
19	Shaun McArdle	P/C	San Diego
20	William Bridge	D/Lt/C	San Diego
21	Adriaan Veldhuisen	PDC	San Luis Rey
22	Bob Newsome	PDC	San Luis Rey
23	Cida Diehl	D/Lt	San Luis Rey
24	Larry Nelson	Cdr	San Luis Rey
25	Loie Powell	Lt. Cdr	San Luis Rey
26	Van Diehl	D/Lt/C	San Luis Rey
27	Barbara Ramirez-Williams		South Bay
28	Don Johnson		South Bay
29	John Leonard		South Bay
30	Miguel Ramirez-Williams	Cdr	South Bay
31	Sharon Leonard	Lt. Cdr	South Bay
32	Susan Johnson	Lt. Cdr	South Bay