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Ongoing "Engine Maintenance" Class

29th

Shrimp Feed

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Safety Day on lake Sonoma

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Rio Vista

Delta Cruise

22th

Cruise on the Delta

Welcome everyone.

We're getting very close to the mandated boater safety card that every boat operator with a motor, including jet skis, will be required to have starting at the beginning of 2018.

Now that the holidays have passed us and some of us, like myself, are itching for the warm weather. Unfortunately, as new boat owners of a 38-foot Downeaster sailboat "Freedom", Dave and I have to make many repairs before our second voyage out to the Delta this summer in July.

Mark your calendars for July 22 for a cruise on the Delta. For those who have never been

there, it is a beautiful place. There is an RV park and campground right on the Delta. This cruise is put on by the Petaluma Yacht Club and they have invited us to join them. They will cruise for approximately one week on the Delta including five days at the Delta Yacht Club which is an island on the Delta privately owned. Anyone interested in boating to the island must notify me to get a reservation. The cost is \$50 a night with full hookups at the dock including a BBQ area, gaming room and swimming pool. More news and information to come as the year progresses.

Many of us have been attending the monthly meetings and discussing many things for the new year.

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2016-2017

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Events 2017

March

**8th –Engine Maintenance
Course Starts**

April

**29th–Shrimp Feed
Fundraiser**

**29th –Petaluma
Butter & Eggs Day**

Parade

May

June

Lake Sonoma Safety Day

July

21-23rd

**District 25 Delta
Cruise**

22nd

Delta Cruise

Start at: Oxbow

Marina

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We have our annual fundraiser shrimp feed planned for April 29th. Tickets are almost all gone, so call me and make sure you get yours.

We have started the "Engine Maintenance" course in March and there are 3 instructor's headed by Earl Walters.

Hope to see new faces.
EXO Debbie

Oh, by the way, don't forget to check out the new Boater Card information on page 6.





District 25 Summer Cruise & Rendezvous



July 21-23 2017

Hosted by Diablo Squadron



Friday July 21

The cruise officially begins on Saturday, but if you are free on Friday, we will be having an informal get together at the barbecue area of Delta Marina, for all us early arrivers – come join us at 1800.

Delta Marina Harbor is located in Rio Vista on the Sacramento River just south of the Rio Vista Bridge. From the river, look for "The Point" restaurant sign. Marina is tucked in behind it.

There will be burgers and hotdogs, with all the fixin's, macaroni salad & cookies, bottled water and soda.

Skippers, call 'Buoyan-Sea' on VHF channel 71 before entering marina, for docking instructions/position. Be sure to include your boat's vital stats (length and beam) on the sign-in reservation form - attached.

At your option, join us Friday by car, then cruise your boat over the next day.

Saturday July 22

Diablo Squadron will be the host squadron and has planned an exciting and enjoyable weekend for us. Those who are cruising in on Saturday should plan to arrive by 1200 (noon). At 1300, the squadron competition gets underway. You'll want to form your squadron teams and compete for the pride of your squadron, and the highly coveted prize to be awarded after dinner. What's the squadron completion? Come and find out.

Games, time-honored favorites and new will also be available. Want to know which new games? Come and find out.

Cocktail hour begins at 1700 (bring your own). Dinner at 1800 will be BBQ chicken, Tina's World Famous Beans, Corn on the Cob, Rolls/butter White & Red wine AND cake.

Once the highly prized squadron competition award is announced and presented, there will follow much rejoicing and general celebration for and by all.

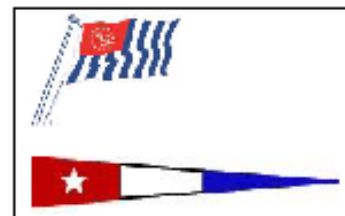
Sunday July 23

We will have a pot luck breakfast in the barbeque area, at 0900, so please bring a dish to share.

Smooth Fizzes will be provided

At your leisure, head on back to your home port, practicing smart and safe boating all the way, of course.

While you are cruising to and from the rendezvous, fly the USPS ensign proudly, and if you have a Cruise Pennant, go ahead, fly that as well.



RESERVATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY - JULY 17th



Dave Powell



Kathy Iorg



Pearl & Fred Mehrtens



Past members Bud & Norma Lipman



Tom Harrison



Jan Greene



Ernie Urton



Earl Walters



Mildred Harrison & Roy Johnston

California Requires a Boater Card

Do you operate a motorized vessel on California waterways? Take note: beginning January 1, 2018, boaters 20 years of age and younger are the first group that must carry a California Boater Card when on state waterways. These lifetime cards will be issued by California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways after you pass an approved boating safety exam and apply for the card.

Are you a boater that has already passed a state approved boating safety exam since 2015? If yes, you may be pre-qualified for a California Boater Card! To learn more about getting your Boater Card and the phase-in schedule, please see the Frequently Asked Ques-

Q: Am I pre-qualified for a Boater Card if I have already taken a boater education course or will take one before 2018?

A: DBW has determined that it will accept proof of passing a National Association of State Boating Law Administration (NASBLA) and California Division of Boating and Waterways approved-boater education course taken between Jan. 1, 2015 and Dec. 31, 2017. Persons who have passed an approved examination during this timeframe will have 1 year from the effective January 1, 2018 implementation date to apply for their California Boater Card to receive the

Q: Who will be exempt from needing a Boater Card? A: According to California law the following persons will not be required to have a boater card to operate a motorized vessel on California waterways when the requirements go into effect beginning in January 2018: • A person operating a rental vessel. • A person operating a vessel while under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older who is in possession of a California Boater Card. • A person who is a resident of a state other than California who is temporarily operating a vessel in California for less than 60 days and meets the boating requirements, if any, of his/her state. • A person who is a resident of a country other than the United States who is temporarily operating a vessel in California for less than 90 days and meets the boating requirements, if any, of his/her country. • A person operating a vessel in an organized regatta or vessel race, or water ski race. • A person who is in possession of a current commercial fishing license. • A person who is in possession of a valid marine

Q: Is there a fine for violating the requirement to carry a California Boater Card? A: Yes. A violation of this article (Harbors and Navigation Code Section 678.15) is an infraction. According to the person convicted of an infraction for a violation of this article shall be fined as follows: • For an initial conviction, by a fine of not more than \$100. • For a second conviction, by a fine of not more than \$250. • For a third or subsequent conviction, by a fine of not more \$500. • A fine imposed on a vessel operator pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be waived, if the vessel operator provides proof that

Other questions & answers can be found at:

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The Powell's Bring "Freedom" Home

So Dave and I got in our car and headed for Southern California to look at a few boats last July. We had been looking at boats online for the past two or three years and finally decided it was time to get on board and really check them out. We had three boats in mind to look at and on the last boat that we boarded, "Freedom", a 38' Downeaster sailboat, Dave didn't take too much time to decide that's the boat he wanted. We sat down on the bench in the boat and Dave asked the owner, "How much will you take for this boat? Then Dave told me to make him an offer and I did and it was accepted. She was inspected, inside & out, pulled out of the water & inspected.

So Dave set up two other guys including Roy Johnston to help him bring freedom home from San Pedro, California. Their beginning adventure started out in the early evening from San Pedro and they motored & sailed day and night for two nights, ending up in Santa Cruz.

From there the next leg of the adventure was from Santa Cruz to San Francisco Bay at Fort Baker. From there she sail from Fort Baker to the Petaluma Marina where she is at this time.

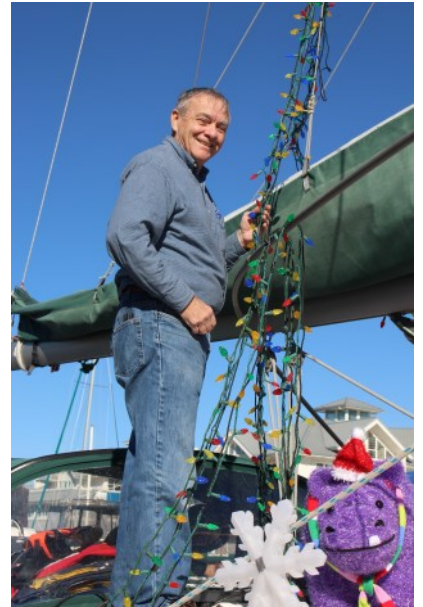
"Freedom" is a 1975, Downeaster, cutter sailboat. (She has 3 sails).





Lt/C Roy Johnston

Lighted Boat Parade Petaluma 2016



Dressing up "Lucy!"



Dave Powell's son helps at the Marina



"Petey" dresses up
for the parade



Heading home



The parade begins under the Smart Train Bridge

Roy Johnson's boat early morning at the Petaluma Yacht Club with frost on her



Dave Powell & his grand daughters





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Christmas Brunch at



Luann Capps & Barbara Johnston



Debbie Powell & Jan Greene



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Paul Auren & Donna

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