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Commander's Log

Cdr Boris Buzan, AP

WE ARE WRAPPING UP A PRETTY successful 2011 for the Balboa Sail and Power Squadron. Here is a quick synopsis of our accomplishments this year and a look ahead to next year.

Education: We just finished the Weather class and all 12 students who took the test passed. We began the year with the Piloting class, a carryover from 2010, followed that with the Sail class and then Weather. We also conducted two basic boating courses. For next year we are planning Junior Navigation for the winter and two of the new one-evening seminars, Radar and Piloting, which will be held off site to introduce non-members to the Squadron. Our instructor staff is second to none and looks forward to another great year under the leadership of Peter Barbour.



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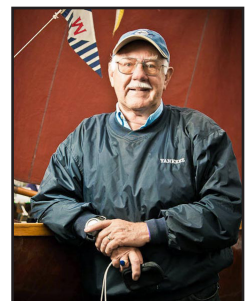
Vessel Safety: We have completed the far side of 600 VSEs this year' all but my five were the product of our diligent "chief" inspector Wes Heusser. If we had to pay this guy for what he does we couldn't afford it! For next year I expect many more as the U.S. Coast Guard has approved a new short form for "Man Powered Craft", paddle-boards, canoes, rowboats, and anything else that doesn't have a motor or a sail. Their goal is to get every one on the water in the Boating Safety mindset and I applaud them for that.

Social: We have had eleven General Membership Meetings this fall at various restaurant and club venues. All of these have been nice social evenings, some with member presentations with one exception, our April meeting at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club where we had an excellent presentation on Anchoring at Catalina from Marc Houghston, a local boating instructor at O.C.C. We see the same familiar faces at these GMMs and I would like to see more of the

American Legion Wooden Boat Festival

P/C Wolfgang Kutter, SN

ON 17 SEPTEMBER, 2011 the American Legion Yacht Club (Newport Beach) held its annual Wooden Boat Festival, where many owners of wooden boats were exhibiting their beautiful watercraft. Boats shown ranged from small kayaks to 50-foot sailboats. The bigger boats were in the water, while the smaller trailer boats could be admired in the parking area. I was invited to show my antique sailing dinghy, which was built in 1982 by a fellow in San Diego (see photograph below). It was constructed of Port Orford Cedar based on plans for a crew tender for the Americas Cup "Columbia": both were designed by Captain Nat Herreshoff in 1899.



P/C Wolfgang Kutter, SN

In case you are interested in more details about my dinghy you can look up my website at:

<http://home.comline.com/~wkrkutter/index.html>.



IN MEMORIAM

We have only just learned of the death of P/C Eugene Yeager, SN on 5 September, 2010. Gene was the Squadron Commander in 1979. He is sorely missed.

Our thoughts and condolences go out his wife Billie, and to his family.

Historian's Log

Lt Robert L. Faley, AP

MOST OF OUR MEMBERS are familiar with the history of the USPS but are unfamiliar with our northern neighbor's Power Squadron .Organization. Its conception started in 1938 after a group of Canadian boaters traveled to Detroit to take a Coastal Navigation Course from the Detroit Power Squadron. Upon completion of their course they returned to Canada and were so impressed with the Detroit Power Squadron that they formed Windsor Power Squadron, closely followed by the formation of similar squadrons throughout Canada. The resulting Canadian Power Squadrons was incorporated in 1947 and now after almost 54 years they have over 166 Squadrons and over 32,000 active members. Their National headquarters is located in Toronto.



Lt Robert Faley, AP

In 1985 the name was changed to Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons to reflect the fact that almost half their members were "ragmen" and the other half were "stink potters". Members can fly the CPS Ensign on their vessels and they receive six issues of the Canadian Yachting Magazine in addition to their local squadron publication.

In Canada, operators of recreational vessels must possess a Pleasure Craft Operators Card, which can be obtained by taking and passing the Power Squadron Qualification course.



Past Commander's Corner

P/C Wes Heusser, JN

LIDO BOAT SHOW

I'M AFRAID THERE'S nothing very positive to say about this year's Show. All days were very slow and volunteers from the Squadron were few and far between: of the eleven shifts we had planned, people showed up for only five of them, so I ended up doing six of them myself. I really can't do this again for the Spring Boat Show unless we can fill all shifts well ahead of time. I'm beginning to think we should drop the Boat Show entirely: we didn't do very well at the last one, and neither did the Coast Guard Auxiliary.



P/C Wes Heusser, JN

VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINATIONS

The VSC count was well over 600 as of the end of September, about the same as last year at this time. Responses from a number of visitors I asked showed that 301 have had no boating classes at all, 188 attended a USPS course, 47 a CGAux course, and 47 attended both USPS and CGAux classes. All in all, it was a good year.

HOLIDAY PARTY

There was a bit of doubt earlier about whether Lu Jenkins would be able to host the party this year, but I'm glad to say she has come through once again. We owe her a great debt for all she has done over the years. And we also owe a debt to Joan Williams, who always shines when the going gets tough. If there were to be a Queen of Newport Beach, it would be a toss-up between Lu and Joan.

Thank you ladies, for all you have done.

Holiday Party

This year's party will be held at Lu Jenkins's home in Newport Beach on Thursday, 15 December: cost \$12 per person. Side dishes will be provided, but bring salads or a dessert. And don't forget a new, unwrapped toy for the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

2012 Bridge Nominations

These are the nominations for the 2012 Bridge and Members-at- Large:

Bridge

Commander	Boris Buzan
Executive Officer	Dave Thomas
Educational Officer	Peter Barbour
AEO	Wes Heusser
Secretary	Renere Lopez
Treasurer	John Tarlos
Administrative Officer	Denise Irwin

Members-at-Large

Wolfgang Kutter
Lou Loth
Craig Smith
Mike Stewart

D/28 Spring Conference

MANY OF OUR SQUADRON MEMBERS are very active at the District and National levels in USPS. They ask you to join them at the District 28 Spring Conference, to be held 2-3 March, 2012 at the Riverside Resort & Casino in Laughlin NV. The Lake Mohave Power Squadron is planning great events over this weekend, at discounted room rates that extend before and after the Conference. You will have the pleasure of talking to, and listening to, a National bridge officer and participating in the Change of Watch wherein one or more of our own takes the pledge as a D/28 bridge officer. All the details, including Activities Registration, will be in Lead Line, the D-28 publication. Look for it in January or early February. Please adhere to the Riverside cut-off dates.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Craig Bluell, Daryl Cousins, Kevin Gore, Nathan Guiles, Andrew Gumbs, Antoine Gumbs, Renere Lopez, Ted McConville, James Nielsen, Shirley Nielsen, Brad Peterson, Daniel Roig, Michele Taylor, Shirlee Ann White

D/28 Conference Wrap-up

Stf/C Lou Loth, Conference Chair

WHAT AN EVENT! The activities started in the afternoon of Friday, 7 October at the home of Balboa member Joan Williams. Sail and Duffy rides were provided, the Duffy piloted by P/C Wes Heusser. Joan was assisted by Balboa member Denise Erwin and Joan's beautiful granddaughter Tifini in the galley. Others helped too, and a thank-you to all. Not a simple task to count the participants . . . We know it was at least 45 and maybe up to 60. Joan's contribution, totally unexpected, and surely appreciated, was when she said, "let's do it again in a couple of years". The registration desk at the Hilton was organized and "staffed" by Joyce.

The Saturday activity began with a Continental Breakfast in our conference meeting room at the Irvine Hilton . . . setup was for 20 attendees. At 0900 the Conference began, as per the Agenda of District Commander Connie Johnson (Phoenix SPS). Forty-four district members logged in, including the Chief Commander's representative, Vice Commander John Alter, SN. John noted that this was the 3rd D/28 event that he attended. John is slated to be the next "Chief" following the USPS Annual Meeting next January.

John's wife, Judy, was accompanied at the "Spouse Activity" by Lynne Keltner and Priscilla Leathers for a wonderful outing to Roger's Gardens and various stops in Corona Del Mar.

The Conference recessed at 1600, exactly per Connie's Agenda, and all were invited to the hosted hospitality at 1630. No headcount here, but no beverages left over either.

The evening activities included the banquet, awards for educational achievement presented by DEO Cida Diehl, and a raffle organized and presented by Dave Thomas. Dance music presented by P/C James Chavez followed (James travelled from New York on this day to DJ our evening!). Fifty members and guests enjoyed the meals and activities.

Change of Watch

The 2012 Change of Watch ceremony will be held at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club on Friday, 20 January, with District Commander Connie Johnson (Phoenix SPS) presiding. Details will follow in the forthcoming invitation..



Lou Loth with P/C James Chavez, DJ



Balboa Sail & Power Squadron

2011 BRIDGE

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membership attend. They are always fun and if any of you have a topic of interest for the club please let us know and we will bring whatever you need to make a presentation. Not that I don't enjoy the "usual suspects" who attend, I would really like to see more of you at these meetings.

These are business meetings and we did conduct one important function this year, the membership approved a District level memorial award to honor Mal Coston's dedication to this squadron over the 45+ years he was a member before he crossed the bar. Mal taught the Basic Boating course I took that introduced me to the Squadron as well as to the Instructor course: if it weren't for Mal I probably wouldn't be your Commander.

District: Once again we hosted a District Meeting this fall and it was a great success due to the efforts of Lou Loth and all those who volunteered their time. A special thanks goes out again to Joan Williams for opening her beautiful home to our District guests.

What's ahead: We will close out 2011 with our Holiday Party and once again Lu Jenkins is opening her home in Balboa for the Squadron. Mark 15 December on your calendar for this event which once again will be topped off with the first night of the Newport Christmas Boat Parade. Peter Barbour's secret "D25" project boat began assembly the Thanksgiving weekend and if you would like a preview give him a call, he can always use volunteers.

We will kick off 2012 with our Change of Watch on Friday, 20 January at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, so mark your calendars; the formal invitation will be in the mail soon. Our first class will be JN, starting in February. As I said, we are planning two Saturday seminars for the spring open to the public, one in Dana Point and one in Newport Beach. The seminars will be on Radar use and will last about two hours. This will be a great opportunity to introduce our Squadron to fellow boaters.

We are putting together a cruise schedule for 2012 coordinated by our new Cruise Chairman Eric Gritzmacher. Eric is an avid cruiser and has some great ideas to expand on the successful events of this year. Look for announcements in late winter.

There will be changes to the Trident as well. We are going to make it a quarterly publication for 2012. The past year it has been difficult to put together the quality publication that we have had in the past with the few contributors we have had in last couple of years. Our editor Peter ↗

Redwood has done a great job of publishing when he had information and articles in a timely manner, but if you look at last year's Tridents just about all the articles are written by the "usual suspects". We need members to submit articles of interest to bring the Trident back as an award-winning publication. There is a lot of experience and knowledge in our squadron and the Trident can become a venue to share it with your fellow members, so write something up and send it in!

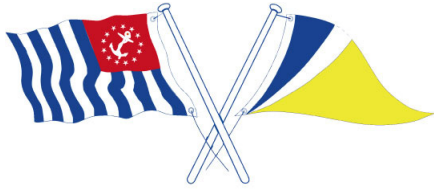
Let's make next year a great year, building on the successes of 2011. I am looking forward to being your Commander for another year..



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Christopher Belanger, Daniel Brown, Richard Cuciti, Mark Keltner, Wolfgang Kutter, Karen Reynolds, Sheryl Uggem



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