

# THE TRIDENT

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## Commander's Log

*Cdr Boris Buzan, AP*

It has been a couple of months since I last updated you on the Balboa Sail and Power Squadron's activities. We are just finishing up the Weather class, all the classwork is done and we are waiting on the tests to come in from National. It is my expectation everyone will pass based on the great instruction of our Education Officer Lt/C Peter Barbour.



Cdr Boris Buzan, AP

The weekend of 20 August the Squadron conducted its first cruise outside the jetty with a three-day weekend cruise down to Dana Point: a full account, with photographs, is available in the *Off the Dock* article in this month's Trident. A great time was had by all, including those that joined us by car. The next cruise event (and the last for this year) is coming up in

September, a dinghy cruise through Newport Harbor. The Spring Dinghy cruise was a great success and I expect the fall cruise to top that. We will have two Duffys available as well as dinghies, so contact me if you would like to join in.

In mid-September we will be again manning an information booth at the Lido Boat Show. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow boaters and inform them about our organization, our classes and to promote safe boating. Volunteers are always needed for a few hours each day and you get to tour the big boats for free! Give Wes or me a call if you are interested.

In October your Squadron will be hosting the Fall District 28 Conference. Besides the meetings our conference coordinator Lou Loth has many social activities planned. The BSPS conferences are the best by far, and a registration form is included in this month's Trident.

Finally, two of our members, James Anderson and David Hull, have passed an important milestone this year, 50 years membership in USPS. Congratulations to both members.

## Off the Dock

*Lt/C Peter Barbour and Cdr Boris Buzan*

The Balboa Sail and Power Squadron Dana Point cruise was a great success. Friday afternoon John McDonald single handed "*Quiet Therapy*" down to Dana Point to kick off the cruise, followed by Debbie and Ted aboard "*What the Duck was I Thinking*" and Larry and Melinda Michaels aboard their almost new and very pretty green Nordic Tug 32 named *Nordic Sun*. Dinner that evening was at the Dana Point Yacht club.



Lt/C Peter Barbour, JN  
SEO

Saturday Morning the cruisers had an early breakfast at 0930 and were joined by Commander Boris for a surprise inspection of the AM dock side party. It was a cooperative affair, with all the cruisers contributing to either the meal or the facilities. John introduced us all to his now famous "5-minute breakfast" of fresh grilled pancakes and grilled bacon. You will have to corner him to learn his secret on how it is done. After breakfast Commander Boris departed for Newport Beach with Peter Barbour's parents to join "*La Belle Lu*" for the Saturday cruise down the coast.

Lunch was hosted by Debbie and her *small* BBQ at the seawall park next to the guest docks for all those who remained at the dock after the departure of the Commander.

Saturday afternoon "*La Belle Lu*" had a wonderful sail down the coast on a close reach as far as the Scripps wave buoy Y FL (5) 20S "S96" 33° 27.500' N 117° 46.000' W where the wind clocked just as the easterly turn was made allowing the asymmetrical cruising spinnaker to be set for the last half hour. Arriving fashionably late the *Lu* crew of Peter Barbour, Peter's parents, Boris, and Greg were met by the Friday cruisers as well as John and Patricia Tarlos who dinghied over from "*Current Affair*" which had arrived earlier on Saturday and was berthed in the East Basin as she is too big for

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## Mark Your Calendar

September 8 Bridge Meeting at 1900 at Headquarters  
September 15 GMM at Golden Dragon  
September 22-25 Lido Yacht Expo, Lido Marina Village  
September 24 Dinghy Cruise Newport Harbor at 1000  
October 5 ABC Class at 1900 at Headquarters  
with Wolfgang Kutter (4 weeks)  
October 7-8 District Conference - Lou Loth  
October 15 Radar Seminar with Boris Buzan  
Time and place TBD

## Historian's Log

Lt Robert L. Faley, AP

Everyone in the Squadron knows, or should know, the name Charles F. Chapman. He is best known to us for two accomplishments, namely: he was instrumental in the founding of the USPS and served as its Chief Commander (his certificate carried the Number 1); and his very important publication now named "Piloting", in its 67th printing, is the bible for seamen world wide.

However, he also accomplished another important milestone that lives on today and is ever growing stronger. He jointly established a school of seamanship in Stuart, Florida, now appropriately named "Chapman School of Seamanship." It is now in its fortieth year and growing bigger annually. The school emphasizes both professional and recreational boating and seamanship. There are courses for the youth to prepare them for college studies leading to a maritime career. Chapman School is well known throughout the professional maritime community for providing training to captains and crewmen at the highest level. It has even trained crews for corporations such as Disney Cruise lines. Charles Chapman would be extremely proud of this achievement if he was around today.



Lt Robert Faley, AP

## Past Commander's Corner

P/C Wes Heusser, JN

### DANA POINT CRUISE

Well, Hi again. What a great time we had in Dana Point 19-21 August! John McDonald outdid himself this time. So thank you John, and all who came. We had a fine Saturday lunch - courtesy of John's sister Debbi. However . . . fourteen of us made a big mistake going to the Jolly Roger. I don't know how anyone can mess up a turkey sandwich, but they did. Still, the good company made up for this unfortunate experience.



P/C Wes Heusser, JN

I managed to get a VSC out of Larry Michaels's new 32-foot Nordic Tug, *Nordic Sun*. Larry's wife Melina was running the boat practicing docking and undocking, and a fine job she did.

At the end of the cruise everyone got back safely to their home ports without help from *Vessel Assist*.

### FALL LIDO BOAT SHOW

Just a reminder; we will need help at the Fall Lido Boat Show, 22-25 September at Lido Marina Village. This is a good source of students for our classes as well as for new members. Lend a hand if you can.

### VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINATIONS

The VSC count is 550 as of 23 August, about the same as last year at this time. Thanks to all of you for your participation, especially Dave Uggen who brings them six at a shot. On the whole, USPS has about 100 fewer examiners and has done about 1,100 less inspections than last year.

### D/28 CONFERENCE

The D/28 Conference is coming up in October. This event is a good money maker for the Squadron. We are looking for good quality raffle prizes including, if you can get them, dinner vouchers. Call Dave Thomas, Lou Loth or me if you can help.

### SEA SCOUTS

Our Sea Scouts are holding a big fund raiser in Tustin. I don't know the details, but give me a call and I'll find out. And, once again, I ask you to support our fine Sea Scouts.

Hope to see you all at the 15 September GMM at the Golden Dragon.

### 2011 CRUISE SCHEDULE

24 September - Dinghy Rally



We're on the web at:  
[www.balboapowersquadron.org](http://www.balboapowersquadron.org)

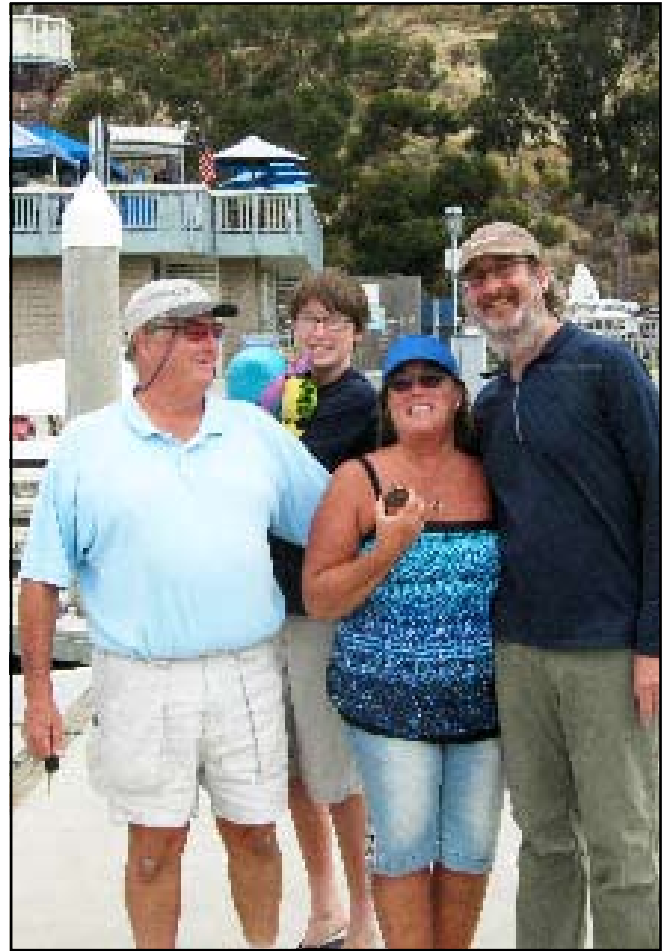
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the “regular” West Basin guest docks. We were soon joined by Eric Gritzmacher of “*Cool Man Cool*” (home port Dana Point) and drive down members Wes, Chris, Karl (carburetor trouble prevented his boat’s cruising down), Dave Thomas, and Leonard and Connie James.

The extraordinary attendance both in visiting boats and drive down guests had the group scrambling to find restaurant space for our impromptu Saturday night dinner. Two locations were chosen; the *Chart House* up on the west bluff overlooking the harbor and the *Jolly Roger*, dock side at the east end of the harbor. A group of nine car-pooled with drive in guests to get up the hill to the *Chart House* restaurant (John & Kathy & Mark of *Quiet Therapy*, John and Patricia of *Current Affair*, Larry and Melinda of *Nordic Tug* and John and Barbara (drive down guests of *Quiet Therapy*). The remainder of the cruisers and guests walked the seawall to the *Jolly Roger* Restaurant. There were 14 lining the banquet table in the upstairs dinning room of the J.R. Great views were enjoyed out the window and great stories were told at the table at both venues. The only disappointment was that our Commander was not thrilled that the bartender at the J.R. did not know what a Vesper cocktail was, and then when told how to make it was informed that the necessary ingredients were not at hand. At the J.R. were Deb & Ted (*What the Duck was I Thinking*), Karl, James Beech and Cindy Lambrich (friends of Deb who have a nice 24-foot fishing boat in Dana Point), Dave Thomas, Wes, Chris and Leonard and Connie James who all drove down to the harbor. Boris, Peter and Greg (*La Belle Lu*) along with Eric (*Cool Man Cool*) joined the group that night.

Sunday morning prior to departures another “famous John the Griddle Mon” dock side griddle breakfast was served, this time with his quick cooking sausage links. Dana Point locals Eric and his wife Terry, and James came back to the guest dock for more breakfast and more fun with the group and John and Patricia arrived by dinghy from the “big boat” side of the harbor. The enormous Sea Ray in which they navigate our coastal waters was berthed with the heavy iron over by the *Nordhavn* HQ. Larry and Melinda hosted tours of their *Nordic Tug* including opening up the immaculate and well laid out engine room for all the boys to crawl around in and ask questions about. The morning hours flew by and as the sun burnt off the grey skies boats began leaving the harbor and heading back home.

It was a great cruise, with great camaraderie and fun was had by all. Counting home ported vessels we had three sail and five power boats ranging from 24 to 56 feet and with crews, guests and day-sailors about 25 members, relatives and friends participating. If these numbers don’t add up by those who comb the above text for head count, as our Commander is wont to say, “It’s a Fluid and Dynamic Situation and the Only Thing We Know for Sure is Nothing is for Sure”. We will do this again!



- At the Dana Point Cruise -



- Spinnaker Time -



*Dana Point Cruise  
At left; Commander and SEO relax  
Above: Nordic Star*



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**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 2011 Conference Update**  
*Stf/C Lou Loth, AP - Conference Chair*

The team is moving to accomplish the pre-event tasks so that the activities on 7 & 8 October are seamless. This would be a good time to collect “White Elephants”. If your closets have items that you never use, and never will, please add them to our raffle. Bring them to a GMM or call Dave or Lou for pick-up.

And please – if you plan to stay one or two nights at the Hilton, make your reservations NOW (*note the corrected telephone number: 800-445-8667*). The hotel is filling fast . . . it is easier to cancel than to try to book later.

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**DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!-**



## District 28 2011 Fall Conference Schedule and Registration

Rank	First Name	M.I.	Last Name	Grade
Address		City	State	Zip
District No.	Squadron	Telephone	Email	

Date:		Number	Cost ea.	Total
Friday, 7 October	Pot Luck and Cruise at the bayside home of Joan Williams		\$5.00	
Saturday, 8 October	Continental Breakfast (hotel)		\$12.00	
	Spouse Activity (transportation provided)		On your own	
	Member Lunch (Local Restaurants)		On your own	
	Conference Dinner (hotel)			
	Pre-dinner hospitality (hosted)			
	Dinner			
	Chicken Picatta		\$44.00	
	Grilled Salmon		\$44.00	
	Post-dinner hospitality (hosted)			
	Raffle Ticket Books (12 tickets for \$10)		\$10.00	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			

Please make checks payable to: **Balboa Sail & Power Squadron**

Send check and Registration form to:

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