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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Pernilla Sheehan, JN



I can't believe it is that time again for my monthly report. I would like to start out by saying thank you once again for having faith in me as your Commander. It is truly an honor to be a part of this wonderful squadron.

I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend our COW. Ken Griffing did an outstanding job conducting the swearing in, and it is always such a pleasure to have him and Judy supporting us. Ken and Judy were not the only ones who drove a long distance to support us. I would like to thank Mike and Ronnie Mann from Arrowhead Power Squadron for driving the distance they did to attend our COW. From Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron, I would like to thank Bill and Monica Berry, Don and Inge Crowder, Dick and Marcia Rowland. For those of you who were not able to attend, I am sorry you missed it, but there is always next year.

I would now like to introduce to you my new bridge. Sandy Boyd is our new AO, and Ken Boyd is SEO. John Sheehan and Robert Hinrichsen have willingly agreed to keep their bridge positions. John is once again our Treasurer and Robert is our Secretary. I would like to thank my bridge members for accepting responsibilities which help make our squadron tick. I look forward to working with you. I would also like to encourage our members to attend our bridge meetings. New thoughts and ideas are always welcome. We still meet every second Thursday in Orcutt at Rabobank starting at 1900. Our next Bridge Meeting will be on 13 March. I hope to see you there.

Our goal this year is to do some more water-based activities. With that said, I would like to invite you to join us on 29 March for a whale-watching cruise on the

Sunset Kidd in Santa Barbara. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact me either by email or by calling my cell.

I would like to share a few District events with you. The Spring Conference will be held in Ventura, 7-9 March. If you did not receive a *Pelorus* and are interested in attending the Conference, please contact me ASAP. Sail Race #1 will be held on 15 March. The Anaheim Boat Show will be held 3-6 April. That will keep you caught up for the next two months at least.

Until then, stay safe and take good care of yourselves and each other. I look forward to another year as your Commander. Thank you all for your support.



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Education Report

SEO Ken Boyd, SN



Bob Baker and Hank Johnston are planning a Public Boating Course at the Rabobank on H street in Lompoc starting the 1st of April. The class will meet seven successive Tuesdays with a final exam at the last meeting. The class will be team taught with Bob, Hank and I each doing two classes before the exam. Bob will give the exam with support from Hank and me.

There will be an Instructor Qualification Class for CDO members on two Mondays, March 10th and 17th at Bob Baker's house from 1900 to 2200. All CDO members are welcome to attend. This course is required for Boating instructors but is useful for any teacher or class monitor.

The Engine Maintenance Course is in progress at the Sheehans and Marine Electronics with Bob Baker as instructor and one student is pending.

Hank Johnston's Navigation '99 Sight Folder is in the final stage of review and will go to National for grading later this month. Hank has already passed the Open and Closed book N99 exams, and will be our first new N in quite a while.

I plan to start a Navigation 2008 beta class in April. This course will be based on Electronic Offshore navigation with traditional celestial methods as backup. This class will be open to a limited number of graduates of JN99 or JN07. The fee will be \$120 for the cost of materials, including two Windows software application packages, plus a markup to cover instructor materials. Only a limited number of student kits will be available and there will be only one printing of the beta course. Chapter five on Meridian Diagrams has been removed from the old course, but use of the two electronic navigation programs are an integral part of the new course and their use will be required for the Cruise portion.

The planned courses for the rest of the year are shown in the back of the February 2nd CDO Roster. That schedule will be updated periodically throughout the year.

Phil Dee, of Alamitos Power and Sail, and I will be doing a seminar on the new Seamanship and Engine Maintenance courses at the Spring Conference next Saturday. Ken Griffing will do a seminar on the current and pending USPS Seminars. Mike Mann, Arrowhead, will be sworn in as the new District 13 Education Officer (DEO) at the Change of Watch on Saturday. Hope to see you all there.

That's all the education news for now.

Ken

March Anniversaries and Birthdays

Birthdays:

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| March 11 | Robert Baker |
| March 18 | Blair Sims |

USPS Anniversaries

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| March 19, 1973 | John Zimmerman |
| March 1, 1981 | Ken and Sandra Boyd |
| March 26, 1996 | Kim Mistretta |
| March 31, 1999 | Katherine Garner |
| March 23, 2000 | Kurtis Limbo |

Congratulations!



Five Interesting Facts for March

1. At birth, a Dalmatian is always pure white.
2. Until the nineteenth century, solid blocks of tea were used as money in Siberia.
3. One brow wrinkle is the result of 200,000 frowns.
4. "One thousand" contains the letter A, but none of the words from one to nine hundred ninety-nine has an A.
5. A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child inside.



Admin Officer's Report

Sandy Boyd, JN

As Cdr. Sheehan pointed out in her article, we have arranged to go on a whale-watching tour on 29 March from Santa Barbara. Boarding time is 0930, with the 18-passenger sail boat leaving for the tour at 1000.

If you have not yet made a reservation, please call the Sunset Kidd to see if there is still room. Their phone number is 962-8222. Their address is 125 Harbor Way, and the boat is docked in front of the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.

Driving directions from the north: Take 101 to Castillo in Santa Barbara. Turn right on Castillo. At the stoplight, turn right onto Cabrillo (which quickly turns into Shoreline Drive). Then go left on Harbor Way.

This sailboat, which holds just 18 people, should provide a very peaceful experience on the water. The crew stays in touch with other whale watching boats so that they do their best to show us some of those behemoths. I have been on a whale watching tour on a motor boat. And while it was fun, the constant thrum-thrum of the engine grew old after a couple of hours. And there were a lot of people aboard.

Our next squadron activity after the whale watching tour is VSC Day at Lopez Lake on 17 May. Even if you are not a Vessel Safety Examiner, come on out and help pass out brochures. Talk to boaters about the advantages of having a safety inspection. Then join your fellow squadron members in a delicious bbq at the lake.

See you on the water!



How Boats Float

From *Wikipedia*

A boat stays afloat because its weight is equal to that of the water it [displaces](#). The material of the boat itself may be heavier than water (*per volume*), but it forms only the outer layer. Inside it is air, which is negligible in weight. But it *does* add to the volume. The central term here is [density](#), which is [mass](#) ('weight') per [volume](#). The mass of the boat (plus contents) *as a whole* has to be divided by the volume *below the waterline*. If the boat floats, then that is equal to the density of water (1 kg/l). To the water it is as if there is water there because the *average* density is the same. If weight is added to the boat, the volume below the waterline will have to increase too, to keep the mass/weight balance equal, so the boat sinks a little to compensate.

Banana Boat

From *www.boatsdepot.org*

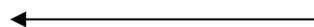
A banana boat (or water sled), often referred to simply as a banana, is an unpowered recreational boat designed to be pulled by a larger boat.

Riders sit astride a large tube which is supported by two smaller tubes which provide balance and foot-rests, allowing them to experience some of the thrill of moving fast and close to the water much more easily and safely than by water skiing or surfing and they are therefore a popular ride for children.

Many large motor yachts have a banana as one of their onboard "toys," but any powered boat can pull a banana; and they are sometimes available as a commercial ride at holiday resorts.

Most models seat between 3 and 10 people. Double models with 2 seating tubes side by side are available.

Banana boats are often yellow and are sometimes actually molded into the shape of a banana.





CDO won the Prince Henry the Navigator Trophy (again)



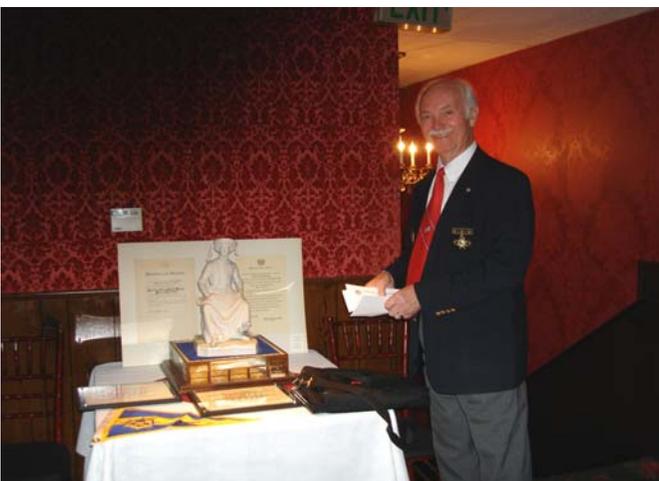
Hank Johnston receives the Distinguished Service Award From Ken Boyd



Robert Hinrichsen receives the Anchor Dragger Award from Cdr. Sheehan



Cdr. Sheehan shows the New Member Achievement Award, given to Brian Jalbert. He was not present, as he is currently working in Iraq.



Jack Cook received the D13 Chapman Award and went on to win one of five National Chapman Awards at the Annual Meeting in Dallas.



Pernilla receives her Commander's gift, a pair of golden hoop earrings programmed with GPS (just kidding!)

**Change of Watch at the Far Western Tavern
2 February 2008**



Pernilla gets sworn in by R/C Ken Griffing



René Aeberhard and John Healy were there.



We were happy to see Joe and Carol McCormick.



The new CDO Bridge for the 2008-09 Watch



The Far Western has gotta replace this carpet!



Robert Hinrichsen in full uniform

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

- 07-08 District 13 Spring Conference, Ventura 4 Points
- 10, 17 IQ class at Bob Baker's house
- 13 Bridge Meeting, Rabobank, Orcutt 1900
- 29 Whale Watching Cruise, Santa Barbara 1000 (board at 0930)

April

- 10 Bridge Meeting, Rabobank in Orcutt 1900

May

- 08 Bridge Meeting, Rabobank in Orcutt 1900
- 17 VSC Day and BBQ, Lake Lopez

June

- 21 Proposed Lake Cauchuma BBQ w/Santa Barbara PS

September

- 13 Cardboard Regatta

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