

# Lead Line

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Fall 2007

## District 28 Fall Conference filled with a fun agenda

*By D/Lt/C Van Diehl, SN*

The Olympic Resort Hotel and Spa will be the site for the annual D /28 Fall Conference, 12 and 13 October.

The Olympic Resort is located in Carlsbad. Tennis, golf practice tee stations, lap and recreational pools, fitness center, and saunas are some



**The Olympic Resort**—The hotel is the site of the 2007 Fall Conference. It has been a favorite location for past D/28 events.

of the attractions of the resort.

The Olympic is situated near the corner of El Camino and Palomar Airport Rd., next to Legoland and to the beautiful Carlsbad Outlet Stores complex. The beautiful Carlsbad beaches are just three miles away.

The hotel rate is \$99 per night plus tax for single and \$109 for double rooms. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel at (760) 438-8330. Identify yourself as with the United States Power Squadron.

San Luis Rey will host a hospitality suite, at the hotel Friday from 1800 to 2200. A continental breakfast will also be served there Saturday, starting at 0700. A spouse event is being also organized. Sites that are being considered are the Carlsbad Gemology Institute, the Carlsbad Museum of Making Music, and the Carlsbad Outlet Stores. A reservation form for the conference luncheon, dinner, and spouse event is included in this issue. Please note there are no restaurants nearby the Olympic Hotel. If you have any questions please contact the Conference organizer D/Lt/C Van Diehl, SN at 760-942-0870 or email [dbftour@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbftour@sbcglobal.net)

Representing the Chief Commander will be V/C Creighton Maynard, Jr., SN, of Ft Worth. He currently serves as USPS ExO, and has served as AO on the national

bridge. He has 23 merit marks, and he has served on many committees. He is also P/D/C for D/21.

He has skippered both sail and power boats since 1951, and currently has a 29-foot Sea Ray. He'll be joined by his wife, Glenda, who is a former elementary school teacher. She currently is active with the National Ship's Store and the Social Activities Committee.



## **District Commander's Report**



*DC Charles E. Peterson, SN*

For many of us, our kids (or wives) have gone back to school, and our summer activities are largely over. Many of us are gearing up for Fall

squadron classes, both public and member. Coming immediately after Labor Day is the Fall Governing Board in Norfolk, VA 5-9 September. Shortly thereafter is the D/28 Fall Conference on 12-13 October at the Olympic Resort Hotel & Spa in Carlsbad, CA, hosted by San Luis Rey Squadron. Jane and I look forward to meeting you at the Hospitality Room Friday night and at the Continental Breakfast Saturday, both in our room at the Olympic.

The Chief Commander's representative for our conference is the National Executive Officer, Creighton Maynard. He's one of several REALLY fun, interesting and approachable people from National. Hopefully you'll COME talk to him. He and the C/C hosted a Town Hall meeting at the Tri-Conference in Phoenix a year ago. Every question from the audience got a thorough and honest answer, regardless of subject.

For any Commander's watch, a great achievement is the creation of a new Squadron. It is my pleasure to announce that San Diego South Bay is now an official Provisional Squadron and has been assigned to D/28. The name "South Bay" was chosen with its geographical area to include San Diego [south of the city], northern Baja California, and the area East of San Diego to the Arizona border.

This new provisional squadron comes as a result of the work of P/C Earl Rose, AP, & P/R/C Marilyn Rose, P, of the USPS Squadron Development Committee, and San Diego members CDR Ted Bowler and Lt/C Claudia Bowler, P/R/C Ed Mraz and Pauline Mraz, Lt Ed and Lily Brunjes,

P/C Elaine Townsend and D/Lt/C Katie Law, SN.

The officers for South Bay are: Miguel Ramirez-Williams, Commander; Ed Brunjes, SEO; Marie Bennett, Treasurer; Katie Law, Secretary; and Elaine Townsend, Tom Bennett, and Barbara Ramirez-Williams as Members-at-Large.

Please welcome these new members to our District when you meet them at the Fall Conference.

And while we're talking about new Squadrons, our 2<sup>nd</sup> newest squadron, Lake Mohave, achieved a great honor which was presented at the Spring Conference. In only their 2<sup>nd</sup> year, they achieved TWO STARS (out of a possible 3) in the STAR Award program! The award is based on accomplishments in each of the 6 Bridge officer's departments.

Recently, I received a call from an aide to Creighton Maynard. The aide indicated that D/28 was one of only THREE Districts in the nation to achieve positive growth for the year ended May 2007. And how did YOU do that? Well, YOU staffed booths at Boat Shows, Day at the Docks, and other public events, and passed out literature at boat and marine dealers; YOU provided quality instructors and proctors for Public Boating classes, and YOU taught the new USPS University seminars to increase interest in USPS. YOU also taught member classes with the incredible new material created by National, and those people told their friends; you talked to your boating friends that aren't members (yet), and...All these efforts put students in the seats at our Public Boating classes. And those hard-working instructors recruit as many as 95% of a class!!

If you've never been to a District Conference (or haven't been in a while), please come, make some new friends, hear some special seminars, meet our National Executive Officer, and see what USPS is up to in our many areas of effort.

## Executive Officer's Report



*By D/Lt/C Katharine Law, SN*

Welcome aboard to the newest group in our district—the South Bay Provisional Squadron!

The official recognition of this new squadron, which took place at the June 2007 USPS

O/Comm meeting brings us to six D/28 squadrons in all. The people in South Bay, which runs from the southern part of coastal California to Ensenada, Baja CA, and east to the Arizona border, are an enthusiastic group of boaters—including several live-aboards—who are anxious to promote safe boating and boating education in their area of growing interest in on-the-water activities.

If you want to know exactly how enthusiastic they are, perhaps you can get an indication from the fact that a number of them actually gave up their Saturday, on 4 August 2007, to sit in the West Marine store in Chula Vista to take the USPS Operations Training course! Some members are already taking courses (graciously offered to them by the San Diego squadron), and others are transfers from the USCG Auxiliary, who are well qualified to give advanced grades and elective courses to their fellow squadron members. We're hoping we can entice some of them to the D/28 District Fall Conference. So, if you run into Cdr Miguel Ramirez-Williams and his very competent bridge and crew, do extend the hand of friendship to them.

The District 28 Squadrons have been busy, busy since the Spring Conference, and that makes my job a lot easier. Apart from their boat show participations (Lake Mohave at Lake Havasu and the Laughlin Bay Marina), Phoenix (at Lake Havasu and Lake Pleasant), San Diego, San Luis Rey and South Bay (Harbor Island

Sheridan Marina Summer Big Boat Show), and San Diego and South Bay (California Yacht Marina), our gang have initiated and enjoyed many cruises and shared many of "cup of kindness" (or other appropriate beverages) at meetings at the squadron level.

Balboa has been busy with nautical Coop Charting activities with 122 to its credit by early August. Congratulations to all who have participated, including especially Wolfgang Cutter, SN, who writes a monthly Coop Charting column for the BPS Trident. Phoenix and San Luis Rey, which were active in the geodetic marker recovery program last year, have been stymied by the fact that reports of land-based recoveries are no longer being accepted. Balboa, Phoenix and San Diego have also been busy with vessel safety checks, with our trusty vessel examiners performing almost 500 VSCs by mid-August. Way to go, gang!

Lastly, most of our squadrons are enjoying monthly cruises and rendezvous. Squadron members from around the district have especially to thank the Lake Mohave people for their generous hosting of the April Inland Rendezvous at Lake Katherine, AZ, on the Colorado River; San Luis Rey for inviting D/28 cruisers to attend their summer barbecue at Oceanside, CA; and San Diego for hosting the D/28 Coastal Rendezvous in Mission Bay, CA. Thanks to Boating Activities chair, Marie Baer, for all her hard work in setting up the arrangements. If you were there, you KNOW what fun we had. If you weren't there, we hope to see you next time. In the meantime, we'll hope to see you in Carlsbad!

## District 28 Calendar

**12-13 Oct—D/28 Fall Conference, Oceanside, CA**

**1 Dec—D/28 Winter Council, San Diego, CA**

**19-24 Feb—USPS Annual Meeting, Dallay Hyatt, Dallas, TX**

**7-8 Mar—D/28 Spring Conference, Thunderbird Executive Inn and Conference Center, Glendale, AZ Hosted by Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron**

## Educational Officer's Report

By D/Lt/C William D. Bridge, SN



USPS Boat Operator Certification is commencing. There will be four (4) levels: Inland Navigator, Coastal Navigator, Advanced Coastal Navigator, and Offshore Navigator. Each level will require some amount of advanced, elective and seminar

courses.

Right now, there is a problem getting a qualified member from our region (D/13, D/25 and D/28) who will certify District members who will, in turn, certify a Squadron member. If you or anyone you know are interested and meet the qualifications, please have them contact me, so the proper forms can be submitted.

A local certifier must:

1. Be a USPS member and have completed either SN or AP plus all electives
2. Have completed the Certifier Seminar.
3. Have substantial and verifiable "on-the-water" experience
4. Have some boating experience with night time or restricted visibility operations.
5. Have knowledge of the subject matter they are certifying.
6. Be familiar with the requirements and procedures to certify the skill they are certifying.
7. Be willing and able to observe on-water demonstrations and document them.
8. Having experience with both power and sail is an asset.

Regional Certifiers must qualify as local certifiers plus:

1. Hold the grade of SN
2. Be proven leaders and have strong presentation skills.
3. Be able to exercise good judgment, especially in evaluation of waivers.
4. Be willing to train other certifiers.
5. Be willing to hold the position for 3 years.
6. Be willing to travel for training and to train others.

Seminars – Two new seminars are available: Boat Handling Under Power and Sail Trim. While these seminars are good for public recruitment, with the CD and other material they are also good for members. The four prior seminars are GPS, VHF, How Read a Chart, and Weather. to

### **D/28 FALL CONFERENCE October 12 and 13, 2007 Olympic Resort Hotel and Spa 6111 EI Camino Real Carlsbad, CA 92009**

## Conference Schedule

### **Friday, October 12**

1800 – 2200 Social at the hotel

Hospitality Room

### **Saturday, October 13**

0600-0800

Co-op Charting - TBA

0700 –0830

Continental Breakfast –

Hospitality room

0830 -1200

District Program – TBA

1200-1300

Lunch

1300-1700

District Program – TBA

1700-1930

Free time

1900-2030

Banquet

2030-2130

Bridge Presentation

2130

Raffle

2200

Close

# 2007 District 28 Fall Conference

## Call to Meeting

To the: **District 28 Bridge Officers**  
**Past District Commanders**  
**Chairmen, General Committees**  
**Chairman, Planning Committee**  
**Squadron Commanders**  
**All Other Interested Parties**

By order of the District Commander, notice is hereby given that the Fall Conference will be held at the following time and place.

**Date:** 12-13 October 2007, at 0900

**Place:** Olympic Resort Hotel & Spa, 6111 El Camino Real, Carlsbad,  
CA

**Purpose:** To hear and consider all matters pertaining to District 28, USPS;  
To receive and act upon all reports of District Officers and District  
Committees;  
To fill any vacancy in any elective office, to hold office until the  
next Spring Conference; and  
To conduct all other business of the District which may properly  
come before the Conference.

Doug Frazier

D/Lt/C Doug Frazier, AP

Secretary

District 28

# DISTRICT 28 FALL CONFERENCE

## 12 and 13 October 2007

### Hospitality, Conference and Banquet:

Olympic Resort Hotel and Spa  
6111 EI Camino Real-  
Carlsbad CA 92009

### RSVP by October 3rd, 2007

Please mail with your payment to D/Lt/C Van Diehl, SN  
2183 Corte Mango, Carlsbad, CA 92009

Make check payable to **San Luis Rey Power Squadron.**

**Info for place cards:**

**Rank, Name, Grade, Squadron** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Guest (full name)** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Events</b>	<b>Number attending</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
<b>Friday Social</b>	_____	\$0	
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**Spouses Tour/Lunch** \_\_\_\_\_ \$20

**Full name of person attending tour:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Luncheon** (Please show names by selection)

Teriyaki Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Taco Salad \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

**Dinner Banquet** (Please show names by selection)

Apple Almond Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Filet of Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian Meal \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of check: \_\_\_\_\_

# The 2007 Mission Bay Rendezvous adds new meaning to "Power"

By Marie Baer

The 2007 District 28 Rendezvous was held on Friday through Sunday, August 3-5. Friday, there were four boats—*Casamar*, *Bàtà Mor*,



**Beauty afloat**—Six sailboats representing four squadrons demonstrate why the words "Sail and..." have been added to the traditional name of squadrons.

make it a quick trip. Anchors were set, dinghy's launched, cushions came out, and the R&R began.

A great gourmet potluck dinner was hosted aboard *Bàtà Mor* for 10 members followed by the most incredible chocolate cake baked by Claudia Bowler. Everyone poured their choice of an after dinner drink, and viewed SeaWorld's firework display at 9:50 p.m.

There were lots of comments of not being able to stay awake, but everyone made it! Saturday morning brought everyone out to the cockpits with various kinds of breakfasts, and the tough duty of "rafting up" began.

Dinghy's were out cruising, books were read, some knitting was going on, with everyone enjoying another perfect sunny day. We still want to see Tim's Dinosaur sweater....

Guests began to arrive, as well as two more boats (*Wind Tree and L'Esprit*) around lunch-

*Dreamquest*, *Fiddler's Green*.

The sail up from San Diego Bay to Mission bay was incredible. We all commented on how perfect the day was with winds to



**Aboard *L'Esprit***—P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen provided a standing-room only tour of his new boat.

time. Good timing Captains.

We now have a total of six boats and 19 members. From shore, there were nine members that came out to join in the festivities. Visiting the various style vessels was on the agenda along with a vessel safety check on *Casamar*. *Fiddler's Green* hosted a piloting/navigation conference which was well attended



**Where photos come from**—Bob Schloeman, source of some of the photos accompanying this article, dinged out to take the group shot above.

enjoyed. The singing wasn't bad either.

by all with their sundry of plotting tools. A belated July Birthday celebration went on at *L'Esprit* for three members from the three different Squadrons in attendance. Mini cakes and champagne were en-

Speaking of which, it was determined upon *Wind Tree's* arrival that we need a district raft up song. We have a professional singer working on that now, right Pauline?

As guests continued to arrive, Dave, Van & William jumped to the opportunity to get them all picked up and delivered safely.



**Aboard Dreamquest**—Van and Cida Diehl posed for the camera-man Sunday morning.

Attitude Adjustment began while the various chefs began meal preparation in the respective galleys. Dave was facing the task of grilling 28 brats. Cida volunteered, just as Harold happily agreed to take Dave on for competition, then was happy to just lend her grill.

Kudos to both Dave and Harold for some perfectly cooked brats.

*Wind Tree* hosted the Saturday night potluck for 28, followed by desserts onboard *L'Esprit*.

The food, drink, and conversation was fantastic from one end of the raft to the other. Also, it



Bratmaster relaxes—Dave Baer relaxes with Claudia and Ted Bowler.

looks like San Luis Rey had some prospective



**Bridgfull**—It may not be a word, but Katie Law, Exo; Doug Frazier, secretary; Bill Bridge, DEO; all join Cida Diehl.

members ready to sign up as a result. Great membership work Loie. The dinghy launches began and most members headed back to



**Aboard Bata Mor**—Doug Frazier joins Sally and Tim Harrington aboard the Island Packet.

shore. The few that stayed were happy to help with some after dinner drinks and the viewing of the second evening's fireworks. Hazelnut Kahlua was voted pretty tasty. Early Sunday, folks dropped lines, pulled up anchors, and bolted for home port leaving three boats to re-anchor.

There's nothing to prevent a well educated Squadron member from dealing with the unexpected! Great work Adriaan, Van, and Dave.



**Wind Tree departs**—It was one of the more strenuous departures as the windlass, which normally would weigh anchor and chain with no effort, wasn't turned on. Crew Lee Whitehead horsed the anchor aboard by hand while other crew member Norene Schloeman stows the fenders used in the raft up.

The weather back on Sunday was perfect, again. Approaches were made into San Diego bay, while spotting *Wind Tree* heading back out for SD1. So much for the early departure, right Frank? He claims he had something" to take care of. A great time was had by all.

Those who joined from shore got to partake in the fun as well. If you weren't there, you missed a perfect opportunity to get in some quality time on the water.

The cast of characters, in order of appearance:

*Casamar* (Dave & Marie Baer) SD

*Bàtà Mor*(Tim & Sally Harrington, Doug & Nancy Frasier) PSPS

*Dreamquest* (Van & Cida Diehl) SLR

*Fiddler's Green* (Ted & Claudia Bowler) SD

*Wind Tree* (Frank Fitzgerald, Lee Whitehead, Bob & Norene Schloeman) PSPS

*L'Esprit* (Adriaan, Cheryl, Harold, and William Veldhuisen) SLR

With guest appearances by:

Loie Powell , Bob Hubbard (SD), Bill Bridge (SD), Katie Law (SD), and Shaun McArdle (SD).

As a member of USPS, how many times have you heard this question: "Why are you in the POWER Squadron if you have a sailboat?" The District Raft up, represented by three of the six squadrons, were all sailboats. Too bad we didn't have a banner for advertising!

This year, no one fell off a boat or out of a dinghy. Van has a Tom Cod award idea in mind, but it's not required to be an SLR member. You'll need to attend their change of watch to see what he does and who it involves. Seems the more SUPS classes our district members take, the safer the raft ups get. Again this year, we had a stray dinghy join our raft up. Cida jumped in her dinghy to assist a guy actually swimming to get this boat moving fast and away from him. He was very thankful for her rendering assistance. Good job, Cida.



**Bàtà Mor departs without incident**—Crew member Doug Frazier observes the electric windlass operate like a charm.

Note: a Volunteer is needed to host next year's raft up. If you're interested, contact Van Diehl or Chuck Peterson. Notes on the process have been written up, so it'll be a piece of cake. The first weekend of August seems to be favored, so the date's nearly set in stone. It's a fund way to work towards your merit mark.