

# NO WAKE ZONE



## Lake Mohave Sail and Power Squadron A Unit of the United States Power Squadron® Bullhead City, AZ



October, 2012

General Membership Meetings Are Held The Second Wednesday Of Each Month At A Location To Be Announced. The Meetings Start At 1800.

Executive Committee Meetings Will Be Held At 1730 At The Same Location And Date .



### Commander's Corner

Ahoy Everyone!

#### *Nominations Time*

Each year an announcement for nominations to the Lake Mohave Sail and Power Squadron Bridge is given to you at the November General Membership Meeting. They are then voted upon at the combined Annual Meeting and Christmas Party in December. This year that date is Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Those members voted in as Bridge members or selected as Committee chairpersons at the December meeting will be sworn in and/or accept their chairperson positions at our Change of Watch on January 9, 2013.

All positions on the Bridge are open for nomination. All Committee chairpersons can either continue as the chairperson of their respective committees or "opt out" and hopefully nominate someone to take their place. It is the duty of all members of our squadron to nominate someone for each position. You can even let the Nominating Committee know that you qualify for and wish to hold a particular position. All members will be considered for any position they may be interested in.

This year's Nominating chairperson is Barbara Bramble, who has taken over the duties after Barb Accardo served her two years so well as our previous Nominating chairperson. Thank you, Barb Accardo for a job well done.

Please contact Barbara Bramble if you are interested in a position, or wish to nominate someone for a position. Barbara has the full descriptions for each position and will be contacting you by email to let you know how she would like to have your nominations submitted to her.

In the meantime, following is a listing of the squadron bridge positions that we have filled in the past, along with a brief description of each. As you read through the following, please keep in mind that we are a small squadron, some of our duties have been crossed-over between positions and some have simply not been undertaken.

### **Squadron Commander**

In the role as the principal officer of the squadron, the Commander assumes the ultimate responsibility for leadership and management of the squadron as outlined in the Bylaws of the Squadron and USPS. The Commander is a member of the National Governing Board. Among the duties, but not limited to, are: to read and be familiar with the USPS Operations Manual; to have completed the Operations Training Program; to preside at all regular and executive committee meetings of the Squadron; to appoint, with the approval of the Executive Committee, chairmen for all department committees; to inform all squadron officers and committee chairmen of their duties and review activities of such committees; to serve as an ex-officio member of all squadron committees except as may be provided in the Squadron's Bylaws (usually Nominating, Rules, and Auditing Committees).

In addition, the Commander is to attend, as a Bridge Officer, all district council meetings and conferences; and to express the desires of the squadron at these meetings as well as inform squadron membership of pertinent information; to attend the National Annual and Governing Board Meetings whenever possible, otherwise, arrange for a proxy to vote for the squadron as well as inform squadron membership of pertinent information; to ensure that the squadron does not become officially and improperly involved in legislative matters whether local, state or national; to participate in all squadron functions.

The Commander is also to prepare all reports and answer promptly all correspondence from district and national officers; to conduct all squadron ceremonies in an informed and dignified manner and to ensure that squadron members wear the uniform and insignia correctly; to prepare and submit recommendations for Merit Mark Awards to the area Monitor in a timely manner; or report to The Ensign, "Last Horizon", a member's demise after obtaining permission from the deceased's family; and to pass on to their successor all files concerning squadron business transacted during their term of office.

The Commander will provide squadron leadership, act as a role model and coach to the Bridge, Committee chairmen and membership. The Commander will also assist with the membership recruiting and retention and will help maintain and improve the squadron's financial standing and participate in development of succession planning strategies.

### **Executive Officer**

As an elected Bridge Officer, the Executive Officer is responsible for the functions described as "external affairs". The Executive Officer should be well acquainted with the Operations Manual and have taken Operations Training within the last four years. The Executive Officer's duties include, but are not limited to: and can be assigned other duties by the Commander but primarily supervises the following committees: Boat Show, Liaison, Legislative, Public Relations, Radio Technical Safety and Vessel Safety Check

The Executive Officer is a member, ex-officio, of all committees of the Executive Department and is responsible for seeing that they function properly in accordance with the policy and authority of USPS; the

Executive Officer answers to the membership and the Commander. In the absence or incapacity of the Commander, the Executive Officer temporarily assumes the duties of the Commander;

As a Bridge Officer, the Executive Officer is encouraged to attend all district council meetings and is expected to attend all district conference meetings and any other the Commander may assign. It is also helpful to attend National meetings when possible; the Executive Officer shall, at the end of their term, turn over to the successor all reports, records and communications and documents pertaining to the squadron. The Executive Officer should be able to properly report at meetings, provide leadership, and be prepared to assume the role of Commander and is responsible for making sure merit mark hours are submitted on a timely basis.

### **Educational Officer**

The Educational Officer is elected annually by the members of the squadron upon nomination by the Squadron Nominating Committee and approval by the District Educational Officer acting for the National Educational Officer. The Educational Officer is a member of the District Educational Department, the Squadron Bridge and Squadron Executive Committee and manages all of the educational activities of the squadron including public boating courses and the educational curriculum of the entire squadron membership. The Educational Officer shall encourage the membership to avail themselves of all the courses offered by the squadron' be familiar with Operations Training, Leadership Development and other programs and have taken Operations Training within the past four years. The Educational Officer's duties shall include, but are not limited to:

Regular reporting to the Executive Committee and the membership regarding the educational activities of the squadron; training and retaining Certified Instructor status; making recommendations to the Commander concerning appointments for an Assistant Educational Officer and chairmen of Local Boards, Teaching Aids and Supplemental Programs, and provides leadership to these appointees.

The Educational Officer attends, as a bridge officer, district council meetings and conferences; makes monthly contributions to the Squadron Newsletter; makes certain that all participants in the educational activities of the squadron are properly instructed and are qualified to handle their duties; serves as a member of the District Educational Department and as liaison for all information from and to National and District; cooperates closely with the Public Relations Officer and Editor in promoting educational activities' maintains records needed to supply the Commander with Merit Mark recommendations for all those participating in the squadron educational activities; holds Educational Department organization and planning meetings; ensures that proper USPS examination procedures are followed; ensures that all reports and forms are filed correctly and in a timely manner, specifically statistical information to National; passes on to the successor all pertinent records and course outlines upon completion of their term of office.

Other Duties and Responsibilities include the supervision of and is an ex-officio member of all Squadron Educational Committees, such as: Local Board Committees – Boating, Advanced Grades and Elective Courses, Teaching Aids Committee Supplemental Programs Educational Property Committee. As a Bridge Officer, the Educational Officer is encouraged to attend all district council meetings, and is expected to attend all district conference meetings. It is also expected that the Educational Officer will attend National meetings whenever possible.

### **Administrative Officer**

As an elected Bridge Officer, the Administrative Officer is responsible for the functions described as "internal affairs of the squadron". The Administrative Officer should be well acquainted with the Operations Manual and have taken Operations Training within the past four years. The committees under the Administrative Officer Include: Membership, Member Involvement, Boating Activities, Meetings and Programs, Entertainment and Operations Training.

The Administrative Officer is a member, *ex-officio*, of all committees of the Administrative Department and is responsible for seeing that they function properly and in agreement with policy and authority of USPS. The Administrative Officer may be assigned additional duties by the Squadron Commander to enhance their training for eventual progression. Among these are the requirements to contribute to the Squadron's Newsletter. The Administrative Officer is responsible for leading the chairpersons in their departments and reporting in a professional manner. In the absence or incapacity of the Executive Officer and the Commander, the Administrative Officer will temporarily assume their duties.

As a Bridge Officer, the Administrative Officer is encouraged to attend all district council meetings and is expected to attend all district conferences and any other the Commander may assign. It is helpful to attend National Meetings when possible. The Administrative Officer will track and submit their and the committee chairperson's merit mark recommendations on a timely basis. At the end of the Administrative Officer's all reports, records, communications, awards, and documents pertaining to the squadron will be turned over to the successor..

### **Secretary**

As a Bridge Officer, the Secretary is encouraged to attend district council meetings and is expected to attend all district conferences and to read and be familiar with the applicable section of the Operations Manual and should take Operations Training as soon as practical. The Secretary shall: keep the official squadron log of attendance of General, Executive and Special Meetings; maintain an up-to-date mailing list for meetings notices and squadron communications; have custody of the official copy of the Squadron Bylaws and keep it up-to-date; keep up-to-date Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and have them revised periodically for deletions or additions to Bylaws; maintain a file of all documents, records and communications of the squadron; handle such official correspondence as the Commander designates' report to the National Secretary on forms provided by headquarters, the names and addresses of newly elected squadron officers; and understand the rules for voting and establish a good working relationship with the Rules Committee chairperson.

The Secretary is also accountable for Squadron communications, i.e., calling committee, newsletter, e-mail blasts, etc.; cooperates with the Squadron Treasurer in processing information and forms relating to new members, transferring members and reinstatements; and send the list of delegates and alternatives for council meetings and conferences to the District Secretary at the appropriate time; and submit merit mark hours on a timely basis.

### **Treasurer**

As a Bridge Officer, the Treasurer is encouraged to attend district council meetings and is expected to attend all district conferences and to read and be familiar with the section of the Operations Manual pertaining to the Treasurer's functions and responsibilities. The Treasurer should take Operations Training as soon as practical. The Treasurer is responsible for accurate financial reports and records for policy guidance for the solvent operation of the squadron.

The Treasurer shall: Collect and process all dues from members; transmit proper funds to District and National; notify the commander of membership non-renewals monthly; collect and be responsible for all monies payable to the Squadron; promptly pay all squadron bills which have been approved for payment by proper authority; promptly deposit squadron funds in a bank approved by proper squadron authority.

In addition, the Treasurer shall keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures; advise the Commander/Executive Committee when expenditures are not in conformity with the squadron budget; give a brief financial report in hard copy at each executive committee and squadron meeting and provide a complete financial report at the Annual Meeting; ensure the squadron complies with all sales tax requirements when

applicable; work with the Auditing Committee as required; maintain an up-to-date file of paid-up-members and collaborate with the Secretary in the maintenance of an accurate mailing list and the Roster Committee for an accurate Roster as well as the Newsletter Editor; submit merit mark hours on a timely basis; file appropriate Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 990 form for the squadron as required by IRS and submit TR-1 form to USPS HQ.

**Squadron Committees**

For a complete description of the committee chairperson duties, please contact Barbara Bramble. Currently, we have the following Committees within the squadron:

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| Public Relations    | Information Technologies |
| Safety              | Publications Committee   |
| Vessel Safety Check | Roster                   |
| Boating Activities  | Public Contact           |
| Membership          | Nominating               |
| Operations Training |                          |

I realize this does not make for very exciting reading but it is necessary for all of us to understand that these positions need to be filled. It is our squadron, let's make it the best squadron possible, and expand our expectations and work together to make it successful. We have a lot of work ahead of us to make this happen!

Watch for Member's Choice activities coming up ... fun food and activities. Check your calendar and be ready to sign up for next year. Yes, I am planning the November Member's Choice and hope for a good turnout!

That's it folks, see you Wednesday, 10 October.....Cdr Jo Anne Waller, S



**Administrative Officer's Report**

John and Jean Militello hosted the September "Member's Choice" event at Willow Beach, Mohave Valley, AZ. The afternoon was spent around the grill and under the shade of a tree or under the picnic shelter. John was busy grilling hamburgers and hot dogs and everyone brought a dish to share. Several members tried their luck at the "casting contest" and I never did find out who won. Thanks John and Jean for coordinating this fun event.



**LMS&PS Members Enjoying The Afternoon And Deciding Who Gets To Keep The Bag In The Center....Not Really**



**The USPS Logo Proudly Displayed At Willow Valley Marina**



**(L to R) Norm Dack, Guest Carl Mild And John Militello, S. John Was On His Way To A Willie Nelson Look Alike Contest...Not Really**



**Squadron Member Bruce Dean, JN And His Friend Cat Szymczak**

**Upcoming Events:**

October General Squadron Meeting will be held at the Black Bear Diner, 1751 Highway 95, Bullhead City, AZ 86442 on October 10. The general meeting starts at 6:00 PM and Executive Meeting at 5:30 PM. We will be meeting in a separate room of the diner and we will be able to order from their regular menu. They will provide separate checks and each check will be responsible for a gratuity (they do not automatically add the gratuity) if warranted. Watch for an email.

**October “Member’s Choice” Event:** Saturday, October 20 - Hosted by Pat and Barb Bramble. Watch for an email from Barb detailing the fun filled Mexican Fiesta.

**November “Member’s Choice” Event:** Will be coordinated by Joanne Waller. Details will be provided at a later date.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting and Christmas Party will be held at the Riverside Resort and Casino in the evening of Wednesday, December 12. Again this year, our squadron will be donating children’s toys to the Bullhead City Fire Department’s Holiday Toy Drive. Now is a great time to catch the sales for toys that children can use throughout the year. As in the past, we will have some type of “member gift exchange” and that will be further addressed when we send our invitations to the members. Watch for further information as December approaches but **SAVE THE DATE** of December 12.....Lt/C Sharon Weller

**Birthdays**

Lots of birthdays to celebrate in October. P/C **Pat Bramble** will celebrate a milestone birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup>. I've been asked to not tell which mile it is. The other celebrants are:



Bruce Dean, JN on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
Amber Johnson on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Darlene Merritt on the 25<sup>th</sup>

Vic Kearns on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Betty Payne on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
Bev Kelley on the 25<sup>th</sup>

**A very Happy Birthday to all**

**Editor's Notes**

**Expect Low Water At Lake Mohave:**

Any of you who have boats moored at Katherine Landing or plan to launch sometime this fall should take note of the lowering of the lake for maintenance to the birthing ponds of the razorback sucker.....an endangered species. The ponds need to be "mucked out" (cleared of vegetation). This is an annual event performed about this time of the year.

I talked to the moorage office and they expect the end of November as the target for the largest drop in water levels which this year should be about 14 feet. The launch ramp will be closed for a period and they will be moving any boats that are in danger of bottoming out. They plan on making calls to moorage customers affected. Boats will be moved to the "Jetty" adjacent to Marina 1.

From personal experience last year, I suggest that should you get a call, take a trip out to the marina to check out your boat's condition. Nobody ties your boat up like you do.

By the way, anyone ever seen a razorback sucker? They live up to 40 years and get to be three feet long. When the fish in the ponds grow large enough, they are tagged with a microchip and released into the Colorado River.



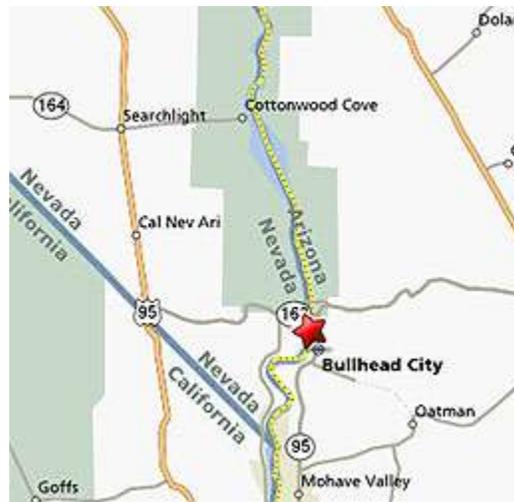
**Razorback Sucker, *Xyrauchen texanus***

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Lake Mohave Sail And Power Squadron was formed in 2006 in response to the needs of area boaters for boating safety education and to enhance their boating experience.



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