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Commanders Message

It's a busy summer for one and all as we go off on our vacations, take our boats out and have fun. This is a great opportunity to get your VSC's done while you're out and about. Remember its five to stay current year by year, and this is when most boaters will be hitting the lakes. So, while you're waiting in line to launch, or just to get into the lakes, take five minutes and give a VSC. At least this way you'll know who to watch out for on the water. In the Squadron not much will be going on overall as we anticipate most of our "members" will be out and about with family and so forth, but there are a few events planned. Remember to check out the calendar section each month to know what's coming up.

We had a very nice get together at the Robinson's home and were sorry to miss some of you. The view was fabulous and the company well worth attending for. I would hope that at the August Round-UP that even more of us can attend. I realize that some of you feel that you have been to these events in the past and why bother coming again, simple, there are new people to meet and converse with. Surely you can't have met every person in attendance. So come on down and do a meet and greet with all the new faces, and a few you might not have seen in a while.

Just a few reminders, there is no meeting of The Valley in July. In order to hold a meeting, with a quorum, the commander and secretary/treasurer needs must be in town, preferably in attendance. Millie is off to Alaska to enjoy the scenery and escape the summer heat. I (and my family) am off to Lake Havasu to enjoy the fireworks, shopping and visiting with friends. We will leave the lake to the drunken power boaters and suicidal jet skiers. Also, there will be a meeting in July of the D13 Council, as always let me know if you plan to attend.

Feeling like a traitor to our own conference, I have for distribution (sale) Fall Conference donation tickets. I don't anticipate selling very many mind you, but you should be made aware that they are available. I will have them at our meeting and dinner in August, and will most likely return them to the council meeting in August so that Santa Barbara can try their luck with the other squadrons. Speaking of D13 events and tickets, the Isthmus cruise 25 August is coming up fast and Ed Wylie would like to hear from you immediately if you are planning on attending.

Mark your calendars for the cardboard boat race 15 September. Look for more information in the next issue.

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Moving? Please notify P/Cdr Harold W. Hoadley, AP, 933 East Olive Ave., Burbank, CA 91501-1427, (818) 843-4930 for mail continuity. The Post Office will not notify us that you moved.

Deadline: All items for publication are due at the combined Bridge and Membership meeting the first Thursday of the month.

Submittals are always welcome. These may be made as hand written notes, via FAX, Diskette, or even E-mail. Heck, you can even stand on a corner and Yell, on second thought, don't do that, one of the other editors may run the article first!

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We now have full color scanning and FAX capability, so don't hesitate to keep those stories coming!

Education Corner

We are putting together a Basic Boating Class, tentatively set for the September time frame. This class will be held up near Lake Castaic through the kind generosity of R/C Al Lakin, N, and his company.

Details are still being worked out, such as student cost, but the class will follow our two consecutive Saturday schedule. Lunch will be included (catered in) since there are not many food places available within a short distance.

The facility is excellent, is in-doors, and is air-conditioned. This will be a vast improvement over the Boat Dealer location, although it was nice having examples of stern drive equipped boats right there in the "class room", or was it the dealer show room?

We will be preparing and distributing Flyers for these classes at the local Boat Dealers in the area. If you have any friends who would like to attend, please have them contact Lt/Cdr Steve Wolf, SN, or Education Officer, or they can contact P/C Harold W Hoadley, AP, the instructor. Phone numbers are in the Masthead at upper left.

The Commander Appoints!

Commander Kristi Hoadley, S, has appointed P/C Harold W Hoadley, AP to the position of Assistant Treasurer for the remainder of this Watch.

When we elected Officers for this watch, Millie indicated that she would be very happy to do the job of Secretary, but was not comfortable with the Treasurer stuff.

P/C Harold W Hoadley, AP, has an extensive background in finance from the practical side. He spent over 25 years writing software for financial applications, preparing budgets, proposals, schedules and reports for major corporations and served as both the Assistant Treasurer and as Treasurer for District 13. He will be doing the leg work under Lt/CDR Millie Hess, AP.

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2008 Spring Conference

Paperwork Update

Your 2008 Spring Conference Committee is in full swing. Thanks to the Nelsons for hosting the meeting, there were 13 of us in attendance. We went over where the paperwork is with regards to the Hotel Contract, and discussed how to handle the Banking end of the project. The complication is whose tax id number to use. We decided to ask District 13 to handle that end of the deal because of the changes in the Squadron makeup.

We also discussed the ever popular Donation Ticket. Prices for pre-printed numbered stock were discussed, and it was decided that it was a touch high, so several volunteers stepped forward to design the graphics and do the type setting, generate the Mail Merge application to merge in the numbers, and do the printing. We got a volunteer to cut them into individual tickets and another to perforate them using her sewing machine. We are planning on generating some 6,000 tickets which will create 545 books of 11 tickets each for the classic sale price of \$10.00 for a book of 11, or \$1.00 each.

The next meeting will be early in July; will keep everybody updated on the progress. If you have never attended a conference, you have missed a lot. For the hosting Squadron (which is us), it requires a lot of people to help out for a short while each day. Don't think that "well, if they just work a bit longer each they won't need me" as an excuse not to help out. That won't work since a number of people are needed all at once in many places at once. This will include a "lick and stick" party to prepare a mailing, probably, with advance hotel registration and meal registration forms to go out right after the Fall Conference. We will be putting up a display at the Fall Conference to get people attending it to register for the Spring Conference right there. The reason for the mailing, rather than waiting for the District and/or putting notices in the District Mail Box is that this watch the District is not meeting every month like they used to.

We will bring this up at the August Executive Board and Membership meeting and will probably start the sign up process there.

I have been informed that the Incorporation paperwork has been submitted, and that the application for Tax Exempt Status is about ready for filling with the State of California. Once we have received those two sets of paperwork back, fully approved (is there any doubt?) we can get on with opening the checking and savings accounts and with applying for our Non Profit Standard Mailing Rate Permit from the US Postal Service.

Sometime this summer we will be sending out a form to every person who is a member of the San Fernando Valley Power Squadron and Valley Ho as a separate mailing from this on which to formally handle the transfer to the new The Valley Sail & Power Squadron affective with our Chartering. Those that indicate a desire to transfer to a different squadron will have a chance to so indicate, and we will generate the required paperwork for that transfer. We are aware of several that wish to transfer to Ventura, and of a couple who are retiring and moving out of state. While we will be sorry to see them go, we understand and will work with them to make the transition as easy as possible.

Calendar

OK, here is a list of the upcoming stuff that the Editor is aware of that affects the general membership of our Squadron. D13 Officer specific events are not included.

Date	Event
4 August	Boating Course Start (tentative)
11 August 2007	Round Up
25 August 2007	Isthmus Cruise
15 September 2007	Cardboard Boat Race
15 September 2007	Boating Course Start (date tentative)
29 Sept 2007	Auxiliary Fall Party (combined Sea Gals and Squadronettes)
19 - 21 October 2007	Fall Conference, Ventura
1 December 2007	Holiday Party, location TBD
January 2008	Annual Meeting
March 2008	Change of Watch
7 - 8 March 2008	Spring Conference, Ventura.

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18 JUNE BBQ & PARTY



Photo by P/C Harold W Hoadley, AP .special effects by Cannon Utilities Zoom EX 4, a composite of 4 photographs.

Thanks to all that attended the 18 June BBQ Event, with a special Thanks to the Robertson's for hosting. Your Editor is allergic to the sun, so spent a considerable amount of time "hiding" in the shade. The above back yard view was shot from the one shady spot he could find with a chair. Your Editor is jealous, there Roses were gorgeous. We got to talking (*which the Commander claims is what I do best, ed.*) and didn't get over to the other side of the pool to shoot some close ups before the sun set and it was time to start cooking.

We are not going to try to name everybody that was there since we would miss somebody and we don't want to get in trouble for that again.

For those of you who did not attend, you missed a marvelous chance to get to know your fellow Squadron members. Your editor had a long conversation with a member from the "other" squadron, and found that we shared more experiences in USPS and boating than we had differences.

The panoramic picture at the top of this page is a composite of several photographs all taken from the same location. The Digital Special Affects program that does the combining is incredible.

By the way, the view of the valley was spectacular. We were very lucky to have had almost perfect weather. If you have never been to this event, shame on you. The food was great, the people were wonderful, and the view was spectacular.



Photo by P/C Harold W Hoadley, AP

Thanks to Lt/CDR Millie Hess, AP, on left above, for all of her help. Sorry, but I forgot to write down the name of her friend who also helped out.

Millie is our Secretary / Treasurer for The Valley Provisional Sail & Power Squadron, is a member of San Fernando Valley, is a member of Valley Ho, is a member of the Sea Gals, as well as a member of The Squadronettes. Good thing she is retired or she would never have enough time for all of the meetings!