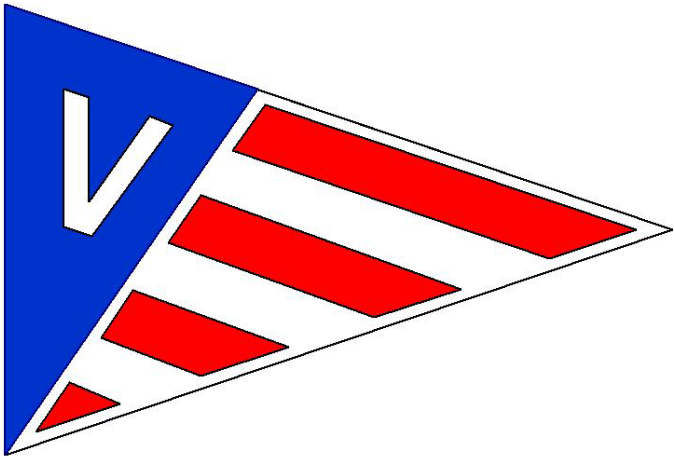


The Valley

Sail and Power Squadron



The Full Deck

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Bridge Officers and Committee Chairs

Commander	J. Michael Kabo, JN
Executive Officer	Nat Goldberg, AP
Administrative Officer	John Mayhue, AP
Education Officer	Ray Paul, AP
Asst. Education Officer	Steve Dunn, AP
Treasurer	Hal Hoadley, AP
Secretary	Allan Lakin, SN
Executive Committee At Large	Bob Ricketts, SN Ken Henry, SN J. Selmer Robertson, SN
Rules Committee	Kristi Hoadley, S (Chair) Hal Hoadley, AP
Nominating Committee	Richard Gleason, SN Richard Cattermole, N Kristi Hoadley, S John Mayhue, AP
Financial Review Committee	Millie Hess, AP Kayenta Young, S
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Commander's Message

Dear Santa,

I know that you are very busy this time of year but I wanted to give you a brief update on the Squadron. 18 of our members were awarded merit marks for the past year. If you would be so kind would you please double check your "MCE" list to make sure all of the following were included: Ken and Reyna, Al, Don and Cheryl, Nat, Bob R., Kayenta, Millie, Hal, Deborah and Kristi, Maru, Jay, Stephen, George, John and Ray.

Since you have some time off coming up I would like to invite you and Mrs. Claus to be my guest at our Annual Meeting on January 23 and our Change of Watch on February 20. Since both will be held at the DeBell golf course starting at noon you can bring the reindeer as well to forage on the beautiful grounds and start training for next year. Since we live in California please ask Jack Frost to stay home at the North Pole to keep tabs on things there while you are away.

Ray is still working to get his Sea Scout ship up and running. He is looking for new members to form the nucleus of the group. This would be a perfect opportunity for some of your elves to improve their nautical expertise. It could come in hand one day

to help you with your travels or start a whole new line of toys in your shop. All they need to do is contact Ray to sign up.

One final note – we are having a bit of trouble finding members to fill a few of our leadership positions in the squadron for the upcoming watch year. We have several excellent candidates among our membership but they need a little prodding from you to take that first step and say yes. These would include all of those on the above "MCE" list. In particular, Cheryl, Kayenta, Deborah, and Reyna might give the nod if you were treat them with a few extra sugar plums in their stockings this year. All of these individuals would be superb in the capacity of leaders of the squadron!

Best wishes and continued good health for the New Year!

Mike

J. Michael Kabo, JN

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Passings

It is with deep sorrow that I report the passing of beloved family members of members of our squadron.

Winifred Hoadley passed away on Friday December 11th, her 94th Birthday. She was the mother of Hal Hoadley, mother-in-law of Deborah and grandmother to Kristi.

Herbert Breitling passed in November. He was the husband of Sharon Breitling.

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to all.

USPS D13 Spring Conference Information

"Boating is fun...we'll show you how"

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DISTRICT 13 SPRING CONFERENCE

Join us MARCH 19th & 20th, 2010...

Alongside the blue waters and gleaming boats of

Marina del Rey Hotel

13534 Bali Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

(800) 882-4000

ROOMS \$ 89



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United States
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Be Your Guiding Light



Friday Casino Night

Lots of fun, lots of great prizes
\$ 22 per person buys you food and
\$ 100 in gambling tickets!



Shipmates Social Saturday Morning

Games, games and more games.
Come join your friends and make new
ones. Lots of lovely prizes!

Saturday Night

Dance to the wonderful band of
Tommy Tassi and the Authentics



*If you would like to bring your boat
let us know as soon as possible,
so we can reserve a slip.*

“Boating is fun...we’ll show you how

Meal Registration Form
 Makes checks payable to: District 13, Spring Conference
 Mail To: Cdr. Mike Voigt, P
 2120 245th Street, Lomita, CA 90717-1139
 Please include a check with this form.
 Prices are per person.

SQUADRON: _____

MEMBER: _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

MEMBER: _____ RANK _____ GRADE _____

SPOUSE/GUEST: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

	PRIOR TO: 03/01/10 \$26.00	AFTER: 03/01/10 \$30.00	NUMBER	TOTAL
LUNCHEON: Croissant Sandwich Turkey Breast & Swiss Cheese Pasta Salad, Coffee, Tea Ice Cream			_____	\$ _____
DINNER: Fillet Mignon & Scampi Beef tenderloin Steak with Marinated Mushrooms and Four Jumbo Shrimp, Salad, Potato, Dessert, Coffee & Tea.	\$55.00	\$60.00	_____	\$ _____
CASINO TICKETS:	\$22.00		_____	\$ _____
DONATION TICKETS:	\$10.00 A BOOK		_____	\$ _____

GRAND PRIZE: 7 DAYS AT BONNET CREEK IN ORLANDO, ACROSS FROM DISNEY WORLD

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 800-882-400

Executive Department

The (Real) Perfect Storm

It was Christmas day 1945 as the members of the 590 field artillery battalion (yours truly included) prepared to board the liberty ship "SS Lownsdale". Excitement was high as we were finally on our way home, and we all looked forward to an enjoyable voyage. Of course, we had heard the stories of these liberty ships, which were built on an assembly line, in great haste, had a history of cracking in half, but we did not let it bother us too much. We left the port of Bremerhaven, Germany and proceeded out to the infamous north Atlantic at the rip-roaring speed of 9 knots.

After we were out about a day there was a speck on the horizon, which rapidly overtook us, and left us in its wake. It was the aircraft carrier WASP which had been converted to a troop transport, and would probably make the crossing in about 3 days. Those on board the liberty ship had no such hope of such a speedy trip. Our only hope was for a safe voyage.

Well - - the next day we ran into one of those storms for which the North Atlantic was famous. When

I say there were 30 – 40 foot waves I'm not exaggerating! We plodded along, at times making 2-3 knots. The rails were almost dipping in the water as the spunky little ship wallowed in the trough. Other times it buried its bow in the waves and the prop would rise completely out of the water. Needless to say, it was an exciting trip. After about a day of this pounding the seas calmed down, and we proceeded at our cruising speed with no apparent damage to the ship, and no injuries to the passengers and crew.

The kicker is that it was reported to us that the "WASP" limped into New York harbor with the bow smashed in and the flight deck peeled back from the combination of speed and waves. We arrived in New York harbor on January 10, 1946..

It was probably the slowest crossing I could have imagined – 15 days seemed like an eternity. However, when we made landfall and saw the Statue of Liberty, you never saw a happier bunch of warriors. Slow and steady finished the race!

LtC Nat Goldberg, AP

Education Officer

The public boating class is currently ongoing on Tuesday evenings at 7PM throughout December at the Reseda United Methodist Church. At last report the class had 10 students. I encourage members to attend one of the remaining class sessions to recruit these students as members into the squadron.

Be sure to check the schedule for upcoming classes and seminars.

The SEO can be reached in any of the following ways:

Cell: 818-462-6479

Home: 818-996-0243

Email: cscout01@earthlink.net

Mailing Address: 17216 Saticoy St. # 373, Van Nuys, CA 91406

Actual Address: 7439 Genesta Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91406

Ray Paul, AP

Treasurer's Department

At the December Bridge Meeting, the Executive Committee discussed a budget for the 2010 Fiscal Year (2010 – 2011 Watch) with those Members who were in attendance. Following the discussion, the Executive Committee voted to present the enclosed Budget for your approval at the Annual Meeting.

Please note that the Budget does not include a Dues Increase as it was felt that the Squadron Dues Income would be sufficient for continuing operations. Should it become necessary to purchase items such as Teaching Aids or other durable goods, we have sufficient resources that upon approval of the Executive Committee, we can acquire them “off Budget”.

We did not budget either Income or Expenses for the Education Department's boating classes and seminars. These activities are self supporting and do not rely on Dues income to pay for them. The same is true for the Dinner Meetings that we hold.

Lt/C Harold W Hoadley, AP
Treasurer

Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Summary

Income:

Dues	\$810.00
Dinners	75.00
Donations	230.00
Class Fees	200.00
Total	<u>\$1,315.00</u>

Expenses:

Commander	\$25.00
Education	150.00
Executive	25.00
Administrative	225.00
Secretary	805.00
Treasurer	85.00
Total:	<u>\$1,315.00</u>

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 22

7:00pm

Boating Class (ABC
3rd Edition)

Thursday, December 24

7:00pm

Piloting

Tuesday, December 29

7:00pm

Boating Class (ABC
3rd Edition)

Thursday, December 31

7:00pm

Piloting

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

7:00pm

Boating Class (ABC
3rd Edition)

Thursday, January 7, 2010

7:00pm

Piloting

7:30pm

Executive Board
Meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

7:00pm

Boating Class

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

7:00pm

OnBoard Weather
Forecasting Seminar
(ABC 3rd Edition)

**Saturday, January 23,
2010**

12:00pm

Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 28,
2010

6:30pm

District 13 Council
Meeting

February 1 - 6, 2010

USPS Annual
Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

7:00pm

Seamanship Class

Thursday, February 4,
2010

7:30pm

Executive Board
Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

7:00pm

Seamanship Class

**Saturday, February 20,
2010**

12:00pm

Change of Watch

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of The Valley Sail and Power Squadron will be held on January 23, 2010

The following business will be conducted:

1. Approval of the operating budget for the 2010 Watch Year
2. Election of Officers for the 2010 Watch Year

The nominating committee has identified the following candidates for squadron officer positions:

Al Lakin, SN – Secretary
Hal Hoadley, AP – Treasurer
Ray Paul, AP – Education Officer
Steve Dunn, AP – Assistant Education Officer

The following positions will be filled by nominations from the floor:

Commander (1), Executive Officer (1), Administrative Officer (1), Executive board members at large (5), Nominating committee (3), Financial review committee (2)

When: 23 January, 2010 @ 1200 (Noon)

Where: DeBell Golf Course Clubhouse
1500 Walnut Avenue

Burbank, CA 91501

Price: \$20 per person (includes lunch and non-alcoholic beverage)

Dress: Business casual – uniform optional

RSVP to Marv Nelson before 1/18/2010

818-886-8725

DIRECTIONS:

From the North on I-5, exit Burbank Blvd and turn left, continue towards the mountains to Third Street and turn right. First left is Harvard, continue up Harvard to Sunset Canyon, turn left. Next right is Walnut.

From the Ventura Freeway: continue on the 134 to Buena Vista street, turn right to Riverside Drive and then turn left. Continue back under the Freeway to the first light, turn slightly left onto Buena Vista. Proceed to Olive Avenue and turn right. Follow Olive Avenue a couple of miles up to Sunset Canyon Blvd at the base of the hills, turn left to Walnut, then right.