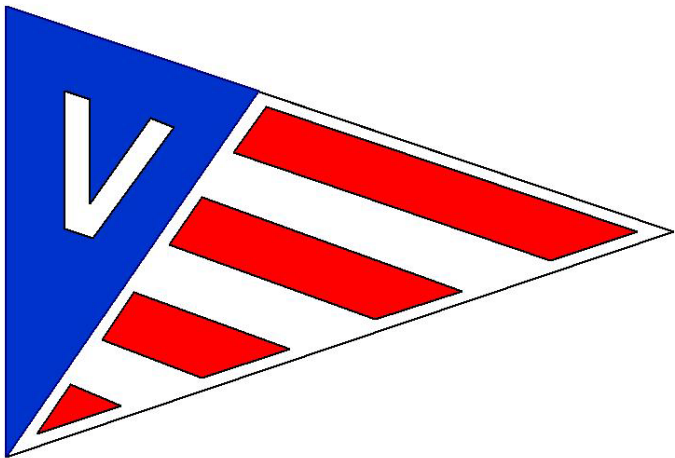


The Valley

Sail and Power Squadron



The Full Deck

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Commander's Message

This month's edition contains several time-sensitive pieces to be addressed. These are listed below.

The Nominating committee will soon be getting down to business to select a slate of officers to guide the squadron during the next watch year. I encourage you to identify yourself as available for that important function.

I invite you to browse and comment on the new website for The Valley. The address is: www.usps.org/TheValley. Your input is greatly appreciated. Include your likes, dislikes, and suggestions for improvement. Please send your comments directly to me.

J. Michael Kabo, JN
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In the meantime, save the dates for the activities listed below

**Conference Call to organize squadron activities, 9/2 @
5PM**

Monthly meeting 9/3 @ Galpin Ford starts @ 1930

Sea Gals Fall Party 9/26 @ Millie Hess home @ 1830

Template provided for submission of merit marks

Register for the USPS D13 Fall Conference

Conference Call

Thanks to Al Lakin for the arranging the details we have scheduled a conference call planning meeting for members to provide input on activities that they would like to participate in. This is your opportunity for direct input into what the squadron should be doing. All members are invited and encouraged to participate. The call is scheduled for 5PM on Wednesday, September 2, 2009

The process is simple. You call the number provided, enter your access code and you will be connected to the rest of the group. It is just that simple.

To join the conference do the following just before 5PM on 9/2:

1. Dial 661-367-9188
2. The system software will ask the caller to punch in an access number (it supports multiple simultaneous conferences and has to direct traffic).
3. Punch in this number for our session: 0147399
4. The system will ask you to say your name so you can be announced to other participants

Merit Marks

It is that time of year for merit mark submission. You may use the template below to facilitate submission of these recommendations for yourself or others that you feel merit such consideration. You will need to submit the form(s) by October 15 to the commander.

The Valley Sail & Power Squadron MERIT MARK RECOMMENDATION	
DATE: _____	
NAME: _____	CERTIFICATE No. _____
SUBMITTED BY: _____	CERTIFICATE No. _____
TITLE: _____	
<u>EDUCATIONAL</u>	
Title of Course: _____	
Hours Taught _____	
Number of Hours Proctoring: _____	
Number of Hours correcting homework: _____	
Number of Hours for travel: _____	
Number of Hours for Preparation: _____	
TOTAL HOURS: _____	
Remarks: _____	

<u>OTHER:</u>	
Activity: _____	
Hours Worked: _____	
Hours for Travel: _____	
Total Hours Other: _____	
TOTAL OVERALL HOURS: _____	
REMARKS FOR OTHER: _____	

SIGNED: _____	

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Or bring to the executive board meeting on 9/3 or 10/1

Secretary's Department

What's In It For Me?

Did that title shock you? I can hear what you're thinking: USPS is dedicated to public service and mutual support in educating ourselves and other boaters. Shouldn't we walk around with little shining haloes (well, merit marks), humbly accepting the thanks of a Grateful Nation for preventing accidents and making the waterways safer?

Um..... probably not. Make that "certainly not" if we're interested in bringing new members into the fold. While public service and education are *absolutely* part of what we do, my Boating class proctors did not open their membership pitch by telling me how much I would enjoy spending an afternoon distributing flyers at a launch ramp or a week night teaching knots to a group of new boaters. Instead they talked about what USPS had done for them, and what it would do for me. Above all else, they talked about boating.

They talked about the good stuff:

Weekend trips to Catalina, and how their Seamanship instructor had taught them about picking up a mooring in a busy anchorage.

Weeklong trips in the Sacramento Delta, or on Lake Powell, or in the San Juan Islands and the fun they had doing it with other USPS members.

Sailing to Hawaii [or cruising the French canals, or making the Great Loop around the eastern United States] and how Cruise Planning, Advanced Piloting, and Navigation gave them the confidence to go.

Let's remember to connect the dots for our students --- being a USPS members will help you be a capable, confident boater.

Lt/C Al Lakin, SN

USPS D13 Fall Conference Information

The 2009 Fall Conference will be held on 23-25 October 2009 in Las Vegas, NV.

Eastside Cannery Hotel and Casino
5255 Boulder Highway
Las Vegas, NV 89141
1-866-999-4899
\$79/night Friday & Saturday; \$49/night Thursday & Sunday

Meals: \$25 – Lunch (chicken entrée); \$45 – Dinner (surf & turf entrée)
(\$5 increase in price after 10/1/2009)

Send check payable to “Las Vegas Sail and Power Squadron” to:

Lt/C Darl D Rose
5935 South Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89118-2517

Optional activities:

Atomic Testing Museum tour on Sunday October 25th, 2009 \$20.00 per person to include transportation to and from casino 1:45pm-3:45pm

and/or

Forever Earth 4 hour lake tour on October 24th, 2009 \$40.00 per person to include transportation, snacks, and beverages pickup: 6:20am drop-off 10:45am.

Please sign-up for these activities in ADVANCE by calling Cheri Boss at 702-539-7448 or email cbboss07@gmail.com by October 15th, 2009. Subject for cancellation if attendee requirement is not met by October 15th, 2009.

More details about the conference are available at: www.usps.org/lvps.

Treasurer's Department

This has been a busy month for the Treasurer's Department.

Due to changes in the bank Service Charges, we have, with Executive Board Approval, began the process of moving all of our Bank Accounts from Bank of America to Wells Fargo, N.A. The process has been started, and we now have checks from Wells Fargo and will begin using them immediately.

I will not be bringing a "check book" to the meetings, so if you need an immediate check, PLEASE CALL ME and or E-Mail me with the amount of the check and what the check is for. Once the Disbursement Voucher has been completed and approved, the check will be given to you. If you just have receipts, bring them along and we will do the Voucher, and a check will be printed and mailed to you next day. The check you get will be computer printed (that also post to our books) and will have a portion for you to keep for your records. While the above process seems "to complicated", we need to have all of this paperwork for financial review and to support expenditures should we ever need to explain something to government agencies.

We utilize a computer software package for handling our books, tax forms, and tracking our Educational Department inventory. These checks continue the process of automating the whole process.

On the plus side, we have received the first disbursement from the old San Fernando Valley Power Squadron.

As a part of the change of Banks, we no longer have a Savings Account. The reason for this is that the banks consider us a Commercial Account, and while they will waive the service charges for Non-Profit organizations on the Checking Account, with a minimum balance, they charge a monthly service charge for Savings Accounts while paying trivial interest. To avoid the Savings Account service charge problem (one months service charges would wipe out YEARS of interest), we opened a 6 month CD. While that pays less than 1% interest, at least there are not service charges.

Lt/Cdr Harold W Hoadley, AP

Treasurer

The Valley Official Charter



Squadron Charter

Be It Known that upon application duly made and pursuant to resolution of the Governing Board of the United States Power Squadrons, a Local Squadron has been constituted, known as the

The Valley Sail & Power Squadron

to consist of

Lonnie Brian Alperson
Elaine S. Attaway, N
Arthur Bocek
Sharon Breiting
William R. Brockway, AP
Robert E. Bruns, SN
Richard F. Cattermole, N
John L. Chase, JN
Cecil F. Click, AP
Charles D. Cooper, SN
William R. G. Cosentino
Reginald Dick Cumming, JN
Cheryl Lynn Dellepiane
Donald Henry Dellepiane
Stephen M. Dunn, AP
Stephen W. Edge, AP
Vernon G. Frith, SN

Michael B. Fuerst, P
James C. Galloway Jr., SN
James William Gaston
Lewis Gladser, AP
Richard O. Gleason, SN
Nat Goldberg, AP
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Earl J. Hammond, P
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Burt Hodge, AP

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John R. Spence
Jack B. Wadsworth, JN
Adorin Ward
Roger David Weisman
Stephen L. Wolfe, SN
Kayenta A. Young, S
Eugene A. Zimmer, AP

and such other members of the United States Power Squadrons, as may be elected to membership therein.

This Charter is granted subject to the provisions of the Bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons, now or hereafter in force.

In Witness Whereof, this Charter is issued under the hand of the Chief Commander and National Secretary this day of 18 July 2008

DAVID HINDERS, SN
National Secretary

Wright Maynard, SN
Chief Commander

From the Desk of the SEO

USPS Member Courses – Advanced Grades and Electives

Seamanship

Building on the basics of recreational boating presented in the public boating courses, Seamanship adds a foundation for continuing boater education. The course contents facilitate knowledge development for increased safe operation of recreational boats.

Piloting Course

The Piloting course is the first in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This course focuses on navigation as it is done on recreational boats today and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool. The course covers enough of the traditional techniques so the student will be able to find his/her way even if their GPS fails. Topics covered include: Charts; navigation aids; plotting courses and determining direction and distance; the mariner's compass; use of GPS; pre-planning safe courses; monitoring progress and determining position.

Advanced Piloting

This course continues to build coastal and inland navigation skill, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chart plotters, and other electronic navigation tools. Topics covered include: advanced positioning techniques; other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart plotters, laptop computer software, etc.; hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., “keep out” zones in GPS); collision avoidance using radar and GPS; working with tides.

Junior Navigation

Junior Navigation is the first in a two-part program of study in offshore navigation, followed by the Navigation course. It is designed as a practical "how to" course. Subject matter includes: Precise time determination; use of the Nautical Almanac; taking sextant sights of the sun; reducing sights to establish lines of position; special charts and plotting sheets for offshore navigation; offshore navigational routines for recreational craft

Navigation

After Junior Navigation, this course is the second part of the study of offshore navigation, further developing the student's understanding of celestial navigation theory. Navigation deals with learning celestial positioning using other bodies, in addition to positioning using the sun. This course also deals with electronic software tools that can be used to plan and execute an offshore voyage.

Cruise Planning

Designed for members who plan to cruise for just a day or for a year—in either a sail or powerboat—this course covers the following topics: Cruise preparation and planning; boat and equipment; anchors and anchoring; security; chartering; cruising outside the United States; crew and provisioning; voyage management; communications; navigation; weather; and emergencies

Engine Maintenance

The Engine Maintenance stresses the diagnosis of modern systems, while also teaching the basics of engine layout and operation. Gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesel engines are taught in a way that reinforces the common aspects of how engines work. Modern engines offer high reliability and good performance through the use of computerized systems for fuel delivery and engine timing. Most of these systems can no longer be serviced by weekend mechanics. The EM course covers those repairs that do-it-yourselfers can still perform, teaches how to diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix, and how to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed. It also covers basic mechanical

systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls.

Instructor Development

The Instructor Development course is not designed to enhance boating skills. Its emphasis is on enhancing instructor skills. The course has been designed to demonstrate interactive teaching methods focused on adult learning. Students are required to prepare lesson plans and give four presentations to their peers utilizing a variety of teaching aids and presentation skills.

Marine Electronics

The Marine Electronics course consists of three modules: ME 101, Boat Electrical Systems, ME 102, Marine Radio Communications, and ME 103, Marine Electronics for Navigation. ME 101 provides information about properties of electricity, electrical power requirements and wiring practices, direct current power, alternating current power, galvanic and stray-current corrosion, lightning protection, and electrical interference. ME 102 delves into radio waves and transmitters, receivers and transceivers, antennas and transmission lines, FCC Rules and Regulations, FCC Frequency Plan, marine radiotelephone operating procedures, and other communication services (EPIRB, DSC, GMDSS, satellites, amateur radio, etc.). ME 103 presents information on depth sounders, RADAR, LORAN-C, GPS Navigation, Electronic Charting, and Computer-Assisted Navigation.

Sail

Sail is a complete sail course beginning with basic boat designs, rigging and sail processes for the nonsailor. The course proceeds into the physical aspects of sailing, sail applications, marlinespike, helmsmanship, and handling of more difficult sailing conditions, navigation rules, and an introduction to heavy weather sailing.

Weather

The mid-latitudes are a weather war zone where enormous air masses battle one another along fronts, and powerful storm systems travel across the continent, lakes and oceans. Mid-latitude weather includes the blizzards of winter, the tornadoes of spring and

summer, and the hurricanes of fall. Seasonal weather cycles produce temperature ranges from hot and humid in the nineties, to freezing in the subzero twenties. For boaters, however, there are dangers even in the relatively benign conditions of everyday weather. Wind, rain, fog, and waves present special challenges to them. The Weather course is a general weather course benefiting those sitting in their living rooms, as much as those standing behind the helm.

I 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

Upcoming Events

September		
3 (Thursday)	Executive/Membership meeting (no program)	Galpin Ford Classroom
9 (Wed) – 12 (Sat)	USPS Governing Board Meeting	Kansas City, MO
19 (Saturday)	Cardboard Boat Regatta	Lake Silverwood
25 (Thursday)	D13 Council Meeting	Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club San Pedro, CA
26 (Saturday)	Sea Gals Fall Party	Home of Millie Hess
October		
8 (Thursday)	Executive/Membership meeting (no program)	Galpin Ford Classroom
29 (Thursday)	Piloting Class	7439 Genesta Ave
November		
5 (Thursday)	Executive/Membership meeting (no program)	Galpin Ford Classroom
December		
3 (Thursday)	Executive/Membership meeting (no program)	Galpin Ford Classroom
5 (Saturday)	Sea Gals Holiday Party	TBA

**September Member Networking
Meeting**

Sea Gals Fall Party

**Join us for an evening of friendship and great
food!**

Saturday September 26, 2009

**at the home of Millie Hess
6727 Shoup Ave
West Hills CA 91307-3740**

THEME: Caribbean Nights

6:00 PM - cocktails

7:00 PM - dinner

Entree: Pork Roast

Cost: \$10 per person

RSVP to:

LaMarr Kuhlman

(818) 363-5102

