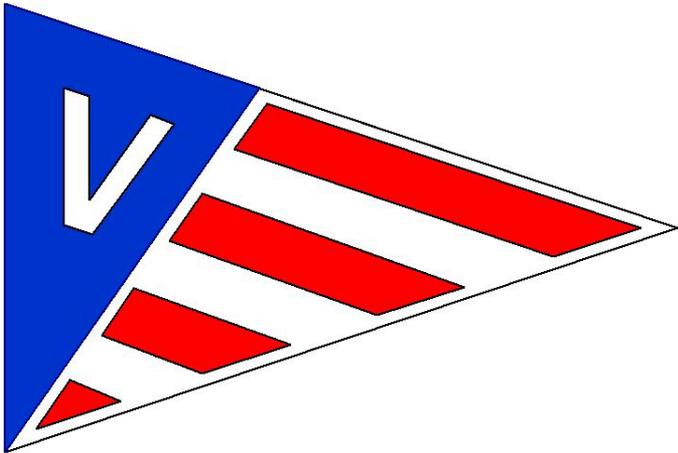


The Valley

Sail and Power Squadron



The Full Deck

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Bridge Officers and Committee Chairs

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| Commander | J. Michael Kabo, JN |
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MEETING DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE

The normal April Bridge Meeting has been changed from the first Thursday to Saturday 18 April. We hope this change will allow everyone to attend. We are looking forward to a great time with all of our Squadron Friends.

The meeting will be held at Abe's Deli on Nordoff just south of the Northridge Fashion Center. This is the same location we have used before. Dinner is an "order off of the menu" affair, not a fixed price. Because we are a group, the restaurant will include not only tax, but a tip amount as well. We hope this will allow everyone to choose exactly what they wish rather than our having to guess.

Cocktails and a Social Hour begin at 1800, Dinner at 1900 followed by a program commencing at 2000. The Bridge invites all to attend!

We would appreciate your contacting P/C Marv Nelson (818) 886-8725 to let him know that you are coming by April 14th so that we can let the restaurant know how many places to set.

Commander's Message

It is hard to believe that almost three years have elapsed since the decision was reached by San Fernando Valley and Valley Ho to join forces and create a new squadron. It involved a significant amount of tireless effort but The Valley is now officially recognized. The photo below shows Chief Commander Maynard presenting the official charter to the members present at the Annual Meeting of USPS held in Garden Grove in February.



Congratulations to the following members on reaching significant milestones in their USPS membership: Sharon Breitling has qualified as a Senior Member by earning 5 merit marks; Richard Cattermole and Steve Dunn are now Life

members by earning 25 merit marks for their service and contributions to USPS activities.

We look forward to a productive year with a focus on growth in our membership.

Treasurer's Department

The Treasurer does more than just keep the check book. We keep all of the financial records for the Squadron, prepare and file when necessary the State and Federal Tax Returns, and handle the Sales Taxes for the Squadron. In addition, we track our income and expenses against the Budget that you, the membership, approved.

In addition to the above, we track all of the Educational Department Inventory, our Ships Store inventory, and the physical property of the Squadron.

The result of this is our monthly report of our Cash position to the members at our monthly meetings. In addition, we create Quarterly financial reports, as well as the Annual Report. These financial statements are available to any member who requests them, just ask!

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
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Lewis Gladser, AP
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Nat Goldberg, AP
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Earl J. Hammond, P
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Mildred A. Hess, AP
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Kristi Ann Hoadley, S
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Michael Nicholson, AP
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Mari B. Riedel
J. Selmer Robertson, SN
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Victor Sam, JN
Howard W. Speer, P
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

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National Membership Committee

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A little about me and USPS. Originally joined the Arrowhead Squadron, D/13 in 1965 completing Seamanship. Changed schools and did not make many meetings, but kept my membership until released from Active Duty with the Navy in 1976. Re-affiliated with USPS in 1998 with the DuPage Sail & Power Squadron, D/20. Started all classes over when I started my first Sea Scout Ship, served as the Squadron Commander 2006. Retired and moved back to the San Fernando Valley in 2008. Affiliated with the new The Valley Sail & Power Squadron, D/13 and accepted the Bridge position as SEO with the 2009 Squadron Year. There are many of you that I do not know very well, but I have worked and

attended as many activities as I could to become acquainted with all of you.

This past month I conducted a survey with the available Seminars that USPS offers and would like to share the results with you. They are listed in the sequence that people wanted them. I will work hard at offering these seminars in this sequence and will repeat with enough interest. These will be offered to the public.

- # 1 Using GPS
- # 2 Marine Radar
- # 3 Boat Handling Under Power
- # 4 Knots, Bends, and Hitches
- # 5 Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio; How to Use a Chart
- # 6 Onboard Weather Forecasting
- # 7 Trailering; Anchoring; Sail Trim
- # 8 Paddle Smart
- # 9 Hurricanes and Boats

More information will be coming out.

Ray Paul, AP

The Squadron Secretary

P/R/C Al Lakin, SN

We're a new Squadron, and the Bridge officers have been asked to write an article. We want to make sure that everyone in the Squadron knows where they can get information and assistance.

I'm the Squadron Secretary. The Secretary's Department serves as "Information Central" for the Squadron.

Record keeping: My department maintains the Squadron's records. That includes the official ones like meeting minutes and membership records, and the unofficial ones like the squadron roster and a written and photographic history of our activities. If you want to know what the Executive Committee has decided, or how to get a copy of a photo you saw in "Full Deck", I'll either have the details or can connect you with the person who has them.

Contact with National: The most important function is maintaining member records at USPS Headquarters. The National web site (<http://www.usps.org>) has tools that allow a member to do this as well, but we'll take care of this for you if you're not comfortable doing it yourself. The squadron roster is integrated with these records, so members can make one call or web visit to

update addresses and phone numbers. We can also check and request correction for things like course completions and merit marks.

Correspondence: I handle the official correspondence for the squadron. When a newly-elected treasurer has to be added to the check signature list, I'm the officer who prepares the letter to the bank. I keep the state of California informed about our activities as a non-profit educational organization. I'm also responsible for notifying members about meetings.

In addition to all of that, I'm a pretty good resource for general information about the squadron and USPS. I have contacts throughout District 13 and the national organization, so if you want to find a source of local information on cruising in the Virgin Islands or buying a new member pin from Ship's Store, I can connect you with the right people.

Golf Tournament

This year we are going to give something a bit different a try. P/C Hal Hoadley, AP, has put together for our Squadron members, D13 Members and our friends (non-USPS are welcome also) a Golf Tournament to be held at Burbank's DeBell Golf Course on 6 June.

The Course is nestled up in the hills, and is in great shape. The city changed contractors two years ago and

they have improved the condition of the course. The Greens have all been aerated, several times, reseeded as needed, and have received all of the TLC that they missed in years gone by. They are now slowly working on upgrading the Tee Boxes. In addition, a brand new Club House has been added.

See the enclosed flyer for full information, Registration form, and the Registration Deadline. The cutoff date of May 1st is a hard date as we have to pay the City in order to hold the starting times.

For those that wish only the Buffet Lunch, that is available also.

Membership Handbook for 2009

Enclosed with this issue of the Full Deck, for those that have not already picked up their Membership Handbook, is a copy of the Handbook.

Our thanks go to CMD Mike Cabo, JN, for the fine work in putting this together.

Please note the Calendar of Events at the front of the booklet for the remainder of the Watch.

Any additions or corrections will be gratefully received.