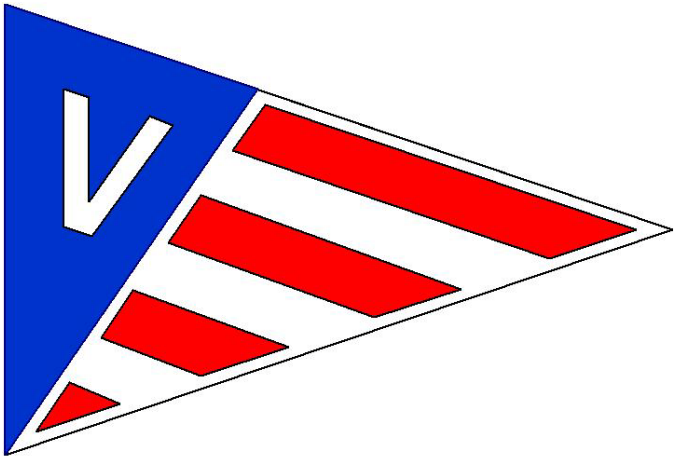


The Valley

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
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Commander's Message

This will be my last message to you as commander of The Valley Sail and Power Squadron. The last two years in that role have been challenging, busy, and yet rewarding and fulfilling. We have successfully merged the two former squadrons and are currently among the strongest and most stable of all the other squadrons in the district. Our membership is strong at 80 and we are fiscally sound. Our attendance at our Basic Boating course is picking up even in these difficult economic times. I thank all of those active members who have worked very hard to make all of this happen. I encourage our newest members to take full advantage of what the squadron has to offer with a reminder that you only get out of it what you put into it.

Our Change of Watch will take place on February 20 at noon at the DeBell Golf Course Club House in Burbank. This is the rite of passage for the squadron where a fresh crew is installed to lead the squadron in its endeavors for the next year. It is filled with pomp, circumstance, great food and most of all, camaraderie. We look forward to having you join us for the festivities.

This year I issue a personal challenge to all of you Tom Cods out there to attend the Change of Watch and renew your vows for this elite group. We intend to include an expanded special program in your honor. Use this opportunity to share your experiences, make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Here are the TOP TEN reasons why you need to attend the TOM COD festivities this year:

10. You want to show off your singing talents
9. You miss the camaraderie
8. You need to eat lunch anyhow
7. You have valuable stories and experiences to share
6. Your TOM COD memorabilia are among your most prized possessions
5. You miss “the good old days”
4. You want to!
3. You forgot the words to the “Three Little Fishes” song
2. You forgot the Rules

And the number one reason you should attend is that you might be selected as Chief Tom Cod for the next year if you do not show up!

See you there.

J. Michael Kabo, JN

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Save the dates for the activities listed below

Change of Watch, 2/20/2010 @ DeBell starts at 1200

**Monthly meeting 3/4/2010 @ Galpin Ford starts @
1930**

District 13 Annual Spring Conference at the Marina Del Rey Hotel March 19-20, 2010
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



Let
United States
Power Squadrons
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:	AFTER:	NUMBER	TOTAL
03/01/10	03/01/10	_____	\$ _____
\$26.00	\$30.00		

LUNCHEON:
 Croissant Sandwich
 Turkey Breast &
 Swiss Cheese
 Pasta Salad, Coffee, Tea
 Ice Cream

DINNER:	\$55.00	\$60.00	_____ \$ _____
Fillet Mignon & Scampi Beef tenderloin Steak with Marinated Mushrooms and Four Jumbo Shrimp, Salad, Potato, Dessert, Coffee & Tea.			

CASINO TICKETS: \$22.00 _____ \$ _____

DONATION TICKETS: \$10.00 A BOOK _____ \$ _____

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

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: BEFORE MARCH FIRST—MAKE SURE YOU TELL THEM YOUR WITH US\$

MARINA DEL REY HOTEL
 800-882-400

Education Officer

The public boating class held in December graduated all 11 students who participated. Congratulations to all of these safer boaters! Three of these students are now members. The piloting course is coming to an end with three students scheduled to take their exam during the next month.

The following courses and seminars are presently scheduled:

Advanced Piloting – starts on Thursday, February 25, 2010

Trailing Seminar – Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Marine Electrical Systems – starts on Tuesday, April 6, 2010

Boating ABC 3rd Edition – starts on June 8, 2010

More details can be found on the squadron website:

<http://www.usps.org/TheValley>

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Ray Paul, AP

Treasurer's Department

We discovered near the first of this calendar year that our friends at the IRS have changed the rules for how we must report our financial information. Our Tax Exempt status means we don't pay Income Taxes, but we do need to do tax forms.

We are in a unique position in that we are not required to File certain tax schedules, but we are required to have a copy of the Tax Schedule on file.

This is especially true since we are a "new" organization and MAY be subject to an IRS audit at the end of our fifth year to show that we did meet all of the requirements for our Tax Exempt Status. The result of having to be prepared for that audit is that we must redo the books for our prior fiscal year and for this fiscal year. This process is now in work, our 2008 – 2009 fiscal year is just about complete, and we will then be changing the way we do the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year.

If you have any expenses for this Fiscal Year, you MUST submit them before 15 April 2010. That way I can make sure that they are properly entered into the Books, and can then prepare the Proper Tax Returns, filing those that must be filed, and preparing the Annual Reports. We plan on presenting these at the May Executive Committee Meeting.

Here is the way the process works, we get and post all of the income and expenses for the Fiscal Year (and pay all the bills), then we “close the books” which gives our year end financial position. This is then used for the Start of the next Year, and the process is repeated year after year. When we “close the books”, we are figuring out our Income & Expense report, along with the Balance Sheet.

This process is all Computerized, which makes this a lot easier. Once the Treasurer has a Trial Balance, all of the information is then bundled up and is taken to our Financial Review Committee who look everything over.

Once they have completed their review, and errors are corrected, the final reports are then prepared for presentation to the Executive Committee and the requisite tax documents are created and filled as and where necessary.

The good old days of just keeping a check book are long gone.

Lt/Cdr Harold W Hoadley, AP
Treasurer.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 20

12:00pm

Change of Watch

Thursday, February 25

6:30pm

District 13 Council
Meeting

7:00pm

Advanced Piloting
Course

Thursday, March 4

7:00pm

Advanced Piloting
Course

7:30pm

Executive Board
Meeting

Thursday, March 11

7:00pm

Advanced Piloting
Course

Thursday, March 18

7:00pm

Advanced Piloting
Course

March 19-21

District 13 Spring
Conference

Thursday, March 25

7:00pm

Advanced Piloting
Course

Tuesday, March 30

7:00pm

Trailing Seminar

Thursday, April 1

7:00pm

Advanced Piloting
Course

Tuesday, April 6

7:00pm

Marine Electrical
Systems

Thursday, April 8

7:00pm

Advanced Piloting
Course

Tuesday, April 13

7:00pm

Marine Electrical
Systems

Thursday, April 15

7:00pm

Advanced Piloting
Course

Change of Watch

The Valley Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch will be held on February 20, 2010

The following business will be conducted:

1. Lunch and refreshments
2. Recognition of the service of the outgoing Bridge Members
3. Installation of Officers
4. Tom Cod Ceremony

Welcome the New Bridge Officers:

Commander	Ken Henry, SN
Education Officer	Ray Paul, AP
Executive Officer	Deborah Hoadley, AP
Administrative Officer	Kayenta George, S
Secretary	Allan Lakin, SN
Treasurer	Hal Hoadley, AP
Assistant Education Officer	Steve Dunn, AP

When: February 20, 2010 at 1200

Where: DeBell Golf Course Clubhouse
1500 Walnut Avenue
Burbank, CA 91501

Price: \$20 per person¹ (includes lunch and non-alcoholic beverage)

Dress: Uniform A with Bow Tie or Business attire

RSVP to Marv Nelson before 2/15/2010 - 818-886-8725

¹ Purchase of lunch not required to attend