



# The Full Deck

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## Commander's Message

We had a great time on Castaic. The Lake was absolutely beautiful, full of Power Boats, Jet Ski's and some adventurous Water Skiers. Just in case there are a few of you that do not know, they are now conducting Vessel Checks upon entering the grounds. The Vessel Checks are not like the Vessel Safety Checks done by our Squadron. Vessels are checked for standing water in/on the vessel and for mussels or any type of parasitic marine life that might damage the lake. After passing inspection and upon leaving the lake a secure band is put on where the Vessel hooks to the trailer so that the Vessel may re-enter Pyramid Lake, Lake Castaic and Lake Pyru without being re-checked.



The Financial Seminar presented by the two Merrill Lynch Advisors, Joshua Steen and Andrew Stout was excellent. The information presented furthered my understanding of bonds as well as gave me more insight on stocks. I also picked up tips on how my portfolio might need to change a little due to no longer being single and now having a family.

The Governing Board was definitely very eventful. Between all the seminars, dinners, social gatherings, parties and light touring of Detroit I did manage to get some sleep. But in all seriousness, it was one of the best conferences I have ever been to in USPS. The seminars ranged in various subjects and appealed to various peo-



ple. There was so much to learn that I found myself having to make a list of all the seminars I wanted to attend then having to rank each one by its level of importance. D/S Officers and General Membership, Marketing and Public Relations, Education Department Open Meeting, Membership Involvement, Retention and Recruiting and Government and Partner Relations to name a few. Although I have been in USPS for over 8 years the experience and knowledge I gained at the Governing Board surpassed all my former ways of thinking. My mind is now inundated with more ideas of how our Squadron should be and the steps we need to take in order to be a successful, thriving Squadron. Most importantly we need Positive Active Participation. Whether it is from being part of the planning committee, activities committee, member recruiting, involvement, retention committee, marketing/public relations committee, education committee or the historical committee (submitting articles for our newsletter) there is a place for everyone. Regardless of whether you have a boat or not, young or old, Positive Active Participation is the most important thing needed to keep our Squadron alive. I challenge every member to step up and Positively and Actively Participate throughout the upcoming year.

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to attend our Jazz event on November 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.(social hour). Jazz band and dinner begin at 6:00 p.m. Classy Black Attire is the dress code and the cost is \$20 pp (Alcohol is extra). Please specify Pork, Chicken or Beef Enchiladas with rsvp to Cdr Kayenta George at 818-884-7922. Event location is 7415 Lurline Ave Winnetka CA 91306. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming event.

Smooth Waters,  
Cdr Kayenta George, S

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One of the most important jobs in USPS is Public Relations. P/C Mike Kabo, JN, is in charge of our Web Page which is our window to the public through the Internet. Our Website is used to capture the public's attention and inform them of upcoming classes / Seminars available through our Education Department. Lt/Cdr Ray Paul, AP, our SEO is scheduling classes and seminars as often as possible to help educate the public in safe boating. This is also one or best chances to recruit new members. Lt/Cdr, Hal Hoadley, AP, our Public Relations Officer as well as being our Treasurer, along with Steve Dunn, AP, our Boat Show Chairman are working hard to plan for participation in the upcoming Boat Shows. We need to take an active role in promoting USPS to the public. The Boat Shows for the next calendar year are the Los Angeles Boat Show in February, the Fred Hall Long Beach show in March, the Antelope Valley Poppy Festival in late April, and potentially the Antelope Valley Fair in early August and the Long Beach in the Water Boat Show in early Fall of 2013. These shows are an excellent opportunity to participate, while having a great time with your fellow boaters.

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## **Squadron Secretary's Report**

### **Al Lakin, SN**

No update for this publication



# Administrative Officer

## Brian Krasnoff, S



No update for this publication

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## Calendar of Events

Saturday, November 10

5:00pm: An Evening of Jazz

Thursday, November 22

6:30pm: District 13 Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 28

6:30pm: Vessel Examiner Training and Exam

Wednesday, December 5

6:30pm: Instructor Development

Wednesday, December 12

6:30pm: Instructor Development

Wednesday, December 19

6:30pm: Instructor Development

Thursday, December 27

6:30pm: District 13 Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

6:30pm: Anchoring Seminar

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

6:30pm: USPS America's Safe Boating Course, 3rd edition

Thursday, January 24, 2013

6:30pm: District 13 Council Meeting

# Squadron Educational Officer

Ray Paul, AP

## *The Valley Sail & Power Squadron Education Opportunities 2012*



The United States Power Squadrons through its local unit The Valley Sail & Power Squadron is offering the following courses this Winter.

- Vessel Safety Examiner Training and Exam is being offered to Squadron Members ONLY on Wednesday, November 28, 2012 only at the First United Methodist Church of Reseda at 18120 Saticoy St. R00m # 10, Reseda, CA 91335. This will include instruction and a test. Practice vessel checking will occur starting in late winter. Cost of materials is \$10. Other materials will be offered upon successful completion. Please register by contacting the Squadron VSE Chair, Raymond Paul at Cell # 818 – 462 – 6479.
- USPS Anchoring Seminar, 1 Session, Wednesday January 09, 2013, Class will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Reseda, 18120 Saticoy St. Reseda, CA at the intersection of Lindley Ave. & Saticoy St., Parking Lot entrance on west side of Lindley, just south of Saticoy. The Class will be held in Room # 10 just off the Parking Lot. The Class will start at 6:30 PM on that Tuesday Evening. Cost of the Seminar to the Public is \$80, there is a discount of 50% to USPS members. This seminar covers selection of anchor, rode and components; anchor selection for sea conditions and bottom characteristics; deployment and recovery of anchors. It also includes tables for sizing and an anchor and components, and information for determining loads under various conditions. Contact the Squadron Education Officer Raymond Paul to enroll in the seminar by December 12, 2012. Cell: 818-462-6479 Email: cscout01@earthlink.net
- USPS Americas Safe Boating Course 3rd Edition, 5 Sessions starting Wednesday January 23, 30. February 6, 20, with final exam February 27th, 2013. Class will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Reseda, 18120 Saticoy St. Reseda, CA at the intersection of Lindley Ave. & Saticoy St., Parking Lot entrance on west side of Lindley, just south of Saticoy. Classes will be held in Room # 10 just off of the Parking Lot. All classes will start at 6:30 PM on Wednesday Evenings. Cost of the Course is \$50 per person. There are discounts for Couples and Sea Scouts and Families. Contact the Squadron Education Officer Raymond Paul to enroll in the course or online at the National Website by January 9th, 2013. Cell: 818-462-6479 Email: cscout01@earthlink.net

# Sea Gals Cabin

**Hello Everyone.**

Sea Gals, Auxiliary to the Valley Sail and Power Squadron recently held their annual dinner and installation of officers for the next year. Barbara Nelson, President, assisted by Lola Robertson, Vice President and LaMarr Kuhlman, Secretary-Treasurer. Our policy is to assist our Squadron as needed or requested.

Membership is open to members of the USPS, spouses, relatives by blood or marriage and individuals residing in the same household. Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday evening of the month. The May 17 meeting was held at the home of Millie Hess and the June 21 meeting at the home of Betty Allen. An invitation is extended to anyone who may be interested in joining our group.

Sea Gals hosted their Fall Party to be held at the home of Cheryl and Don Dellepiane on Saturday, Sept.29th. Our group of 12 enjoyed the great evening with comfortable weather in Saugus.

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## **Boating Safety Tip #19: Stop at all intersections!**



Blue Whale 88+ feet long off the Palos Verdes Peninsula 9/2010

# Squadron Treasurer's Report

## Hal Hoadley, AP

Over the past couple of years we have been working to distribute our cash assets among different accounts to maximize our return while maintaining our liquidity. We have accounts in two banks, with a Savings account in addition to our Checking accounts, and a Certificate of Deposit. Because we have been frugal with our finances, we were able to pay for our Commander's Room at the Detroit Governing Board this Fall. We are in excellent position financially. However, it is again time to begin the Budgeting process for the next fiscal year. The budget and Dues for the Squadron are set at our Annual Meeting in January. Bridge members, send in your requests and I will put them all together for the Executive Committee to approve and then we can submit them to you, the members, for adoption in January.



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### *Celebrating 50 Years of Membership in USPS!*

Our own Jack B. Wadsworth JN was recognized at the D13 Fall conference for 50 years of membership. He has 25 MM, became a Senior member in 1973 and a Life member in 1995. He now resides in Naches, Washington.

*Congratulations Jack!*



The Valley Sail and Power Squadron  
presents

*An Evening of Comeraderie to the Sounds of Jazz*

When: November 10, 2012

Where: 7415 Lurline Ave  
Winnetka, CA 91306

Time: 5:00 p.m. Cocktail/Social Hour (No Host Bar).  
6:00 p.m. Live Jazz Band and Dinner

Price: \$20 (Includes entry, Mexican food and dessert).

Dress: Classy Black Attire

RSVP: Pre-payment is required by October 28th (checks can be made out to TVSPS and mailed to event location. Money will not be collected at the event)

Entrée Selection: Mexican Food - Please specify Pork, Chicken or Beef Enchiladas with your RSVP to Kayenta @ 818-884-7922.

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## NEWS From the Webmaster

The Valley Sail and Power Squadron just received notice that its website: [www.usps.org/thevalley](http://www.usps.org/thevalley) is being recommended for the Distinguished Communicator Award by USPS. Only a small fraction of all of the squadrons in USPS nationwide have achieved this distinction. If you have not had the opportunity so far please visit the site so that you can provide your input on additional content and information you would like to see.

# Marlinespike of the month

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knots#Components>

**Bight** - A Bight is any curved section, slack part, or loop between the ends of a rope, string, or yarn

**Bitter end** - More a ropeworker's term than a knot term, it refers to the end of a rope that is tied off, hence the expression "hanging on to the bitter end". A bitt is a metal block with a crosspin used for tying lines to, found on piers. In fact the bitter end is the end of the anchor

"cable" that connects to the anchor bitts in the cable locker under the forecastle or poop using the bitter pin. (British nautical usage). Other uses may be borrowed from this derivation.

**Loop** - A full circle formed by passing the working end over itself

**Elbow** - Two crossing points created by an extra twist in a loop

**Standing end** - The standing end is the longer end of the rope not involved in the knot, often shown as unfinished. It is often (but not always) the end of the rope under load after the knot is complete. For example, when a clove hitch ties a boat to a pier, the end going to the boat is the standing end.

**Standing part** - Section of line between knot and the standing end (seen above)

**Turn** - A turn or single turn is a single pass behind or through an object.

A round turn is the complete encirclement of an object; requires two passes.

Two round turns circles the object twice; requires three passes.

**Working end** - The active end of a line used in making the knot. May also be called the 'running end', 'live end', or 'tag end'.

**Working part** - Section of line between knot and the working end

