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## THE TRIDENT

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***District 28***

### **Commander's Log**

By Eric Gritzmacher

Most of you have met me by now, but as your new Commander, I wanted to formally introduce myself and let you know what I would like the Squadron to accomplish this year.

First, I must thank all those who have contributed so much to making this a vital and effective organization, in particular the past Commanders and Bridge Officers.

As far as my objectives, I would really like to see us hold more events this year. I understand how busy people are but, nothing

seems to bring us together more than getting out on the water and having fun.

To that end, we are scheduling raft-ups in Newport harbor on May 3/4 and Dana Point on June 21/22. In addition, I am hoping we can get enough boats to make a trip to Catalina later in the year. Stand by for more information.

In addition, I want to continue to expand our public education. The Power Squadron has many excellent classes.

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As a member, you have the opportunity to increase your knowledge of all things boating related so be sure to check out the classes being offered this year. In addition, we are also exploring ways to increase the participation in classes to non-members. Thanks to the efforts of Peter Barbour and Boris Buzan, West Marine is willing to allow us to hold classes at the Newport Beach store.

Finally, like many volunteer organizations, we can only thrive if we continue to increase our membership. While your Bridge is giving it some thought, everyone can be an ambassador for the BS&PS by making people aware of who we are and what we offer. We can only be an effective organization with everyone's participation. I look forward to serving you and seeing as many of you as possible.

**Save These Dates for Raft-Ups/Cruises!**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 3/4	Newport Bay
June 21/22	Dana Point



Be on the lookout for more details!

**GMM Upcoming Calendar**

**April 17**

**Mimi's Cafe**

1835 Newport Blvd, Costa Mesa  
Raffle

**May 15**

**Golden Dragon**

2023 Harbor Blvd, Costa Mesa  
Speaker

**June 19**

**Avila's El Ranchito**

2515 East Coast Hwy  
Corona del Mar  
50/50 Drawing

**New Members**

January—March 2014

**Name**                      **Home Port**

No new members

## From the Editor.....Dave Stancil



As most of you know, we just completed hosting the Spring District 28 Conference. Although we had some frustrating issues caused by lower than anticipated attendance, the take-a-ways were many.

I believe that the working team from Balboa did a stand-up job and we put our Squadron in a good light. As members, you should be aware we did not meet our anticipated revenue and had a budget shortfall of just under \$700. This shortfall was due to less than anticipated attendance from the District members and our own Squadron members.

Also, we should be proud that a long term member of our Squadron, Kenneth Smith is the new District Commander. Not that Balboa will get any special handling due to this, but we should be proud that one of our members is on the District Bridge. Ken, thanks for your devotion to District 28, and to Balboa!

Finally, we should all be grateful that one of our members, Joan Williams, graciously opened up her bay-side home in Newport for the hosting of the District social on Friday night. When you see Joan next, please thank her for this un-selfish act of Squadron spirit.

*Dave Stancil*

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**Balboa Sail and Power Squadron  
January GMM and  
Change of Watch  
January 23, 2014  
Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club**



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## District 28 Spring Conference Report

One of our Squadron's responsibilities is to host one of the two District 28 Conferences on about an every two year basis. These conferences are an integral part of USPS District activities.

This year, it was Balboa's turn and we were the host conference for the Spring Conference that was held on Friday, February 28th and Saturday March 1st.

One of the highlights was the Friday night Social that was held at Joan William's beautiful bayside home. The rain put a little damper on the planned Duffy rides, but otherwise, we had great food and conversation. Many thanks to all of the help we got for putting the food together, and especially to Veronica de Grosse who helped guide the menu.

On Saturday , we had some informative District business meetings and the day was capped off with a great hospitality event, raffle, and banquet at the Hilton Hotel.



## Off the Dock

By P/Cdr. Boris Buzan, AP

On a Saturday evening in January I got a call from Dave Stancil inviting us to go whale watching the next day. Unfortunately Lesley had to work at her gallery Coastal Eddy in Laguna Beach but I was footloose and fancy free so after dropping her off at the gallery I met Dave and Tami in Dana Point and along with their neighbors, Rich and Diana Wood. We set off for the wide Pacific aboard Dave and Tami's coastal cruiser, *Juliet*.

The conditions were about as perfect as they could be for whale watching, light breeze out of the southwest, ocean flat as an inland lake and temperature in the low 70's. Dave let me in on his secret for successful whale watching, monitor VHF channels 68 and 69 for the chatter between the commercial charter boats.

With Dave at the helm we proceeded south out of the harbor as Tami broke out a "light lunch" of build your own Dagwood sandwiches. Within 15 minutes we sighted our first pod, grays I think (I am not much of an oceanographer, fish is fish, the pink ones are salmon and the white ones are something else), and I mounted my 400mm zoom on my trusty Canon and started shooting from the cockpit. This first pod had been sighted by boaters in a RIB so they were easy to find.

After following this pod for a few minutes Dave swung wide to the southwest to jump ahead to the next potential sighting which turned out to be a pod about three miles off the defunct San Onofre power plant. Along with two charter boats we monitored this pod from a distance of about 200 yards and got to see lots of flukes from this active pod heading south.

After our two successful intercepts we headed back to Dana Point and I drove back to Laguna Beach to pick up Lesley. She and I finished the day at K'ya Bistro just one block from the gallery at the corner of Cress Street and South Coast Highway in the historic La Casa del Camino Hotel. This place has a great Happy Hour, 4:30 to 5:30 everyday. \$5.00 drinks and appetizers and if you have a beverage you get half off on any dinner entree, TWIST MY ARM! The drinks are great the food is to die for and the servers are really helpful. When you go finish with the cream brûlé.

Another great day on the water finished off with a great Southern California meal. In January. No ice, no snow, no N'oreasters, just fun, food and friends.



## Sea Scouting Reports

By: Denise Erwin

Spring is here and the Sea Scouts are starting their training season for Ancient Mariner Regatta on the USS Hornet in Alameda this coming Memorial Day weekend. A visit to the Sea Base on any Wednesday evening will find Sea Scouts studying navigation, compass and relative bearing, rules of the road, practicing close order drill, and knots, just to name a few of the many skills they will be competing in at the regatta. Saturday's will soon be filled with practicing the "big events", scuttlebutt, bosons chair and rope climb, at Newport Aquatics Center. The Sea Scouts take this competition very seriously and take the long trek to the Bay Area with the thought in mind of winning or achieving their personal best in as many events as possible. A full report of the regatta with photos will come your way in June.

Del Mar has been working hard on rank advancements with their boys and are proud to announce they have two new Apprentice scouts, Sean and Daylan. These two boys are on their way to becoming Ordinary rank, not an easy achievement. Congratulations boys and congratulations Del Mar. Working on rank advancement requirements is an ongoing process for Sea Scout Ships.



Sea Scout Ship Triton just got back from a spring overnight cruise to Dana Point. The weather was beautiful, warm and sunny. Light breezes on Saturday made sailing challenging on Saturday, but Sunday the wind picked up and *Windward Spirit*, Triton's 41 foot Formosa ketch, zipped along at 5.6 knots but it felt like flying! Saturday evening the crew of 7 scouts and 3 adults walked to Beach Cities Pizza and consumed about 40 pounds of pizza, then walked to Coffee Importers for ice cream. On the walk back to the boat the crew was full, tired and happy. During the Sunday sail back to Newport all on board were treated to several hours of humpback whales breaching, spouting and swimming along side the boat. At one point there were two whale watching boats and half a dozen other sailboats and power boats along side *Windward Spirit* floating quietly amongst the whales, including two babies. It was spectacular!



On another front, Del Mar's beautiful 43 foot Columbia sloop, *Del Mar*, was recently hauled out for their three year inspection and they had the bottom painted and surveyed. She is back in the water, safe and ready for sailing and cruising.

On Saturday, March 8 team "Newport", comprised of Sea Scouts from Del Mar, Triton and Renegades, attended and competed at the Long Beach Sea Base in the Long Beach Invitational Regatta. Seeing Sea Scout friends from other ships is always fun for our scouts and competing in games adds excitement and challenge to the program. Mid way through the day everyone enjoyed BBQ hamburgers with all the fixings and then returned to the games for the afternoon. Team "Newport" earned a 1st place out of 12 teams from around the SoCal area. Bravo Zulu team "Newport".



Sea Scouts from Del Mar and Renegades at the Newport Sea Base just finished the USPS ABC course. There were 10 sea scouts and all 10 of them passed the final test. Of the 10 scouts, 5 were from Del Mar. A big thank you goes to Wolfgang for a great course.

# USPS Centennial Cruise,

by P/D/C Lou Loth, AP



Founded in 1914, USPS began its 100<sup>th</sup> year with a celebration cruise aboard Holland America Line's newest ship, the New Amsterdam. 369 members, spouses and guests boarded this luxury vessel immediately following the 1 February 2014 Annual Meeting for a one week round trip passage to and through the Eastern Caribbean.

Nothing short of fabulous! Some of you will remember the cruises that Balboa and friends enjoyed to the Mexican Riviera and to Alaska many years ago.....this trip brought back many of those memories....parties, more parties, and still more. Maybe not so raunchy, but some of us are older now.

The travel agency (First Travel Alliance in FL), HAL, and USPS combined to provide us with accommodations and activities that were absolutely first class. Balboa was represented by the Keltner's, me with guest Veronica, Associate Members Leathers' and past members John and Claire Robert. More friends were from our district, D/28, the Chief Commander, and a host of Past C/C's.



# Opening Day / Open House

## Newport Sea Base



1931 West Coast Highway  
Newport Beach, CA 92663  
Phone: 949.642.5031  
www.newportseabase.org



Saturday, April 12, 2014  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join us for a free fun-filled community event chock-full of activities and free food. Bring your friends and family to the Newport Sea Base and discover the exciting opportunities available to girls and boys on the waterfront.



Sailboat Tours  
Pontoon Boat Tours  
"Coastie" the Talking Tugboat  
Sea Scout Ships are Open for Viewing  
Newport Beach Firefighters Grill Lunch  
Licorice Knot Tying  
Lawn Games  
Origami Sailboats  
Face Painting  
Andy Fitzpatrick Regatta



*Thanks to Smart & Final for providing the day's free lunch  
and to Newport Beach Firefighters for preparing it!!!*



FREE PARKING and SHUTTLE  
Shuttle runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from the  
Newport Harbor High School  
16th Parking Lot

\*\*\*There is no public parking on site.\*\*\*



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April 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Newport Boat Show INFO: Call Wes Heusser 714-651-4328	7	8	9	10 EXCOM 1900 Location:HHQ	11	12 Newport Sea Base Opening Day
13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17 GMM Mimi's Café 1835 Newport Blvd Costa Mesa	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter	21 ABC Class West Marine Newport Beach	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26
27	28 ABC Class West Marine Newport Beach	29	30			

May 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Newport Bay Raft-UP
4 Newport Bay Raft-UP	5 ABC Class West Marine Newport Beach	6	7	8 EXCOM 1900 Location TBD	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 ABC Class West Marine Newport Beach	13	14	15 GMM 1800 Golden Dragon 2023 Harbor Blvd Costa Mesa	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19 ABC Class West Marine Newport Beach	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 Dana Point Boat Show- No BSPS Exhibit	30 Dana Point Boat Show- No BSPS Exhibit	31 Dana Point Boat Show- No BSPS Exhibit

## June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Dana Point Boat Show- No BSPS Exhibit	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 EXCOM 1900 Location TBD	13	14
15 <b>Father's Day</b>	16	17	18	19 GMM 1800 Avila's El Ranchito 2515 East Coast Hwy	20	21 Dana Point Raft-Up
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