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FIRST CLASS

**SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, July 13, 2009**

1. Call to order

Mike Wolfe called to order the regular meeting of the San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron at **7:30pm** on, **July 13, 2009** in **Stockton, CA**.

2. Roll call

A quorum was present.

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of June 8, 2009 were approved.

4. Speaker

Blair Hake introduced **Sue Schaber**, Program Manager and **Amy Rhodes**, Accounting Manager of the "Discover the Delta Foundation". Sue updated the group on the progress of the foundation. To volunteer or for more information contact Sue at (916) 777-4442; email: info@discoverthedelta.org; website: www.discoverthedelta.org.

5. New Members

Mike Wolfe administered the San Joaquin Power Squadron oath to three new members; **John Read**, **Doug Sherman** and **Gary Steere**.

6. Reports of Officers and Committees

1. **Gary Grinstead**, Treasurer, membership dues continue to come in, we had a positive cash flow in June of \$1221.18.
2. **Harriet Pierce**, Ships Store, has burgees for sale @\$15.00 and two sizes of Ensigns, \$25.00 and \$12.00.
3. **Roger Reimer**, Newsletter, reported 6 more members have signed up to receive the Sounding Board via email.
4. **Debbie Grinstead**, Education, asked for volunteers to man the SJDPS Information Table at Buckley Cove on August 8, 2009. Please come out and enjoy a free BBQ and promote the SJDPS. The next boating class will be Sept 8, 2009 at Tully Knoles School. Please come and help proctor. Teachers are needed. The only requirement is you must have previously taken the course and you would like to teach. Please contact Debbie at (209) 466-3048 or garyg@inreach.com.
5. **Jerry Kosmala**, Boating Activities, reported there are 14 boats signed up for the Discovery Bay Cruise. Please do not arrive before 12:00 PM; there is another group there that will be leaving in the AM. The sign-up sheet for the San Joaquin Yacht Club Cruise has been emailed. It is also on our website <http://www.sjdps.org> and in this newsletter.

Docking locations on SJDPS Cruises are assigned on a first come basis. The early reservations get the best spots, so sign up early. There are only 3 cruise locations that have no refund policies, so don't be afraid to sign-up. For more information contact Jerry at home (408) 281-4663, email: jkosm@sbcglobal.net
6. **Candace Blue**, Member Involvement, reported she is working on a cruise aboard the USS Potomac.

7. **Scott Wiesemann**, Membership, expressed thanks to Skipper Saver and Vessel Safety Inspectors for a fine job of recruiting new members.
8. **Michael Haverty**, Island, asked everyone to be sure and fly your burgee when going to the Island. Only members are allowed to use the Island. Flying your burgee is the best way to be identified as a member and avoid a potentially embarrassing moment.
Reminder; Generators cannot be operated between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM for safety reasons per the "Island Rules".
Please review the emergency plan posted at the Island. Write the numbers down and keep them on your boat. The phone numbers listed could save a life, maybe yours. Those phone numbers will get a much faster response than calling 911.
Michael can be contacted at (209) 473-3304 or email:mshaverty@hotmail.com.
9. **Don Webb**, Vessel Safety Check, reported that Dist 25 has completed 249 safety checks and SJDPS 150 of those. We have the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place examiners; Joe (Guido) Pustizzi, Don Webb and Lynn Anderson.
10. **Lynn Pierce**, District Commander, reported the District Cruise to Rio Vista was a lot of fun. There were model boat races, Jeopardy game with only boat questions; only fun, no meetings. Lynn said he was disappointed that he was the only attendee from the SJDPS. He reminded everyone all members are welcome at District functions and would like to see more participation.
11. **Mike Wolfe**, Commander, reported 15 boats were at the Island on July 4th. It was a quiet, fun, safe July 4th.
Mike reminded everyone to carry your membership card when visiting the Island.
Members must be present when guests are at the Island.

7. **Adjournment:** Mike Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 8:40PM

Lt/C Robert Burk, AP, Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE:

However you look at it, July 13 was a good meeting and potluck. The presentation by the "**Discover the Delta**" folks was very informative, and they are doing an excellent job of building awareness of the Delta vis-a-vis agriculture, recreation and the environment. In addition to placing "**Welcome to the Delta**" and "**Entering California Delta**" signs at strategic locations throughout five counties, the *Discover the Delta Foundation* is developing a major site at the intersection of Highways 12 and 160 just east of Rio Vista. When completed, this location will have an observation tower, a Delta Discovery Center (cultural, historical and environmental information and artifacts and a delta "tour center"). There will also be a "Delta market" reflecting products of the delta and surrounding areas. This is a great effort and worthy of our support. Although I recognize the political realities, I am disappointed that this foundation has not joined "**Restore the Delta**" in working more rigorously to protect the delta. They appear reluctant to speak up on issues, such as the peripheral canal, that may very well destroy exactly what they are promoting. Make no mistake, the canal is on the drawing board....

FROM THE COMMANDER...

Hello Squadron Members. I trust July is being kind to you? Seems un-commonly cool this year? Guess that means a nice and hot summer - fall. With the hot weather comes the danger of dehydration. Please be sure to pack and drink plenty of water. Don't forget the sun screen either.

I was lucky enough to be able to be at the island for the 4th of July. We had a count of 12 or 13 boats during the weekend. The weather was fantastic, as was the company. We managed to put the picnic tables and BBQ to good use. There never seems to be a shortage of good conversation, good food and good napping opportunities.

Welcome new members **Gary Steere, John Read** and **Doug Sherman!** We are all looking forward to getting to know you better. The best way to get to know everyone, is to volunteer for hard labor under the shadow Island Chairperson **Michael Haverly**, of course you can also join in by coming to our meetings, attending some of our organized events, perhaps signing up for a cruise or even better finding a club position in need and getting involved.

On your next visit to our Island Training Facility, please take a moment to read and review the island rules and safety information posted topside. Note in particular the display of your SJDPS Burgee while docked there. Also a reminder that generator hours of operation are only between the hours of 7:AM to 10:PM.

I would like to finish up by saying thank you to the Stockton Yacht Club for allowing us to host our monthly meeting in their wonderful clubhouse. It is appreciated.

Boat safe, boat smart, boat often! Wear your PFD's **Cdr. Mike Wolfe P**

THIS AND THAT...

- That **Anita Saucier** is still pushing all of us to use the "Shares Card." Selected stores will give us a percentage of their sales to members at NO CHARGE TO ANYONE WHO USES THE CARD. The amount we have been receiving continues to edge up as more people use the card. As Anita says, "**free money.**" See her for a card or email her at asaucier234@hotmail.com

CRUISIN NEWS...(by Karen Kosmola, First Mate of the Cruise Chair)

Golly, it has been a windy boating season so far this year, and it turned out to be no different when we cruised to Antioch on June 12. Fortunately seven of the boats got into our assigned spots before the wind really picked up. Once the wind picked up on Friday afternoon, it remained with us the rest of the weekend. **Scott and Candace**, who joined us on Saturday, said they had a real wild ride down the San Joaquin after leaving False River. Trying to find a less windy venue for our appetizer lunch proved almost impossible. We ended up in a park adjacent to the marina which afforded us some protection. I always thought that Pittsburg (our home port) had the windiest marina, but now I think Antioch owns the title. Once we left on Sunday and got on the river, it didn't seem so bad and getting into Pittsburg was pretty normal.

Donna Davis earned the distinction of "white wine expert." Donna first named her favorite white wine and then proceeded to pick her favorite out of four different disguised bottles. The group then did a blind tasting of four different varietals from one of the wineries in Washington State. Once again Donna was the only one who identified each correctly. So, PS members, if you have questions about wine, Donna is the one to see. (Editor's note: And I thought all Donna drank was Tequila). Everyone had fun with the contest except the editor who grumbled that he had just finished a half-bottle of red wine which influenced his taste buds, **Jim Davis** who wanted to taste Brandies and **Scott Wiesemann** who wanted to sample different kinds of gin.)

Bill Kinsinger won the 18-question trivia contest. A sample from the test is a True or False statement. "The restaurant at the Antioch Marina is named 'Humphrey's' after the whale swam into the San Joaquin River in 1985." The answer can be found at the end of the calendar page.

If you have cruised with us, you have no doubt noticed **Diane Jones** out on the docks with her fishing rod. She has been largely unsuccessful until this trip when she caught a 28 foot-dirty-old cabin cruiser. Ultimately it was Ralph to the rescue who is just as happy to not have fish to clean. No cameras were around so we missed recording the event.

Discovery Bay is next...the sign-up for the San Joaquin Cruise, August 21-23, is in this newsletter...Try and join us.

EVENTS CALENDAR UPDATED MONTHLY

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month and generally start at 7:30 P.M. at the Stockton Yacht Club. (I-5 to Alpine west on Alpine to Wisconsin, right on Wisconsin to the end of the road...can't miss it.) Cruise questions?? Call **Jerry Kosmala** (408) 281-4663(H) or (408) 966-9234 (C)

July

04-July 4th at the Island (No formal activities planned)
13-General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club **6:30 POT LUCK**
24-26 Cruise to Discovery Bay

August

01-02 Skipper Saver Class @ the Island
10-General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
21-23 Cruise to the San Joaquin Yacht Club

September

12-13 Skipper Saver Class @ the Island
14-General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
18-20 Cruise to Willow Berm

October

12-General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
16-24 Cruise to the Bay area (Vallejo, South Beach, Berkeley, San Rafael and Pittsburg (Join us for all or just selected dates)

November

09-General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club

December

12-Holiday Party
14-General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club

FALSE...Wrong river and wrong restaurant.

SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON
ISLAND TRAINING FACILITY RULES
(REVISED: 8 JULY 1996)

1) WHO MAY USE THE FACILITY:

A) FIRST PRIORITY IS FOR SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON MEMBERS.

B) NEXT PRIORITY IS FOR GUESTS OF SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON MEMBERS. A GUEST MAY USE THE FACILITY ONLY WHILE THE SPONSORING MEMBER IS PRESENT, AND ONLY WHILE SPACE AVAILABLE. IF THE DOCK BECOMES CROWDED, THE GUEST MAY BE ASKED TO RAFT-OFF OR ANCHOR OUT.

C) WHEN THE FACILITY IS BEING UTILIZED FOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES (SUCH AS SKIPPER SAVER), SPACE MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS. OTHERS MUST LEAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR THE TRAINING OPERATION.

D) WHEN THE FACILITY IS BEING UTILIZED FOR A SQUADRON SPONSORED FUNCTION FOR WHICH RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED (SUCH AS MEMORIAL WEEKEND, FOURTH OF JULY, LABOR DAY WEEKEND) FIRST PRIORITY FOR DOCKING SPACE WILL BE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS. RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF THE DOCKS HAS BEEN REACHED. THOSE WHO SIGN UP AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE PLACED ON A "SPACE AVAILABLE" LIST AND WILL HAVE SECOND PRIORITY FOR DOCK SPACE. MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT SIGNED UP WILL HAVE THIRD PRIORITY. IF NO SPACE REMAINS FOR THOSE WITH RESERVATIONS, THIRD PRIORITY, AND THEN SECOND PRIORITY MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO RAFT-OFF OR ANCHOR-OUT. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL MEMBERS. POSITIONING OF BOATS AT THE DOCK WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE CRUISE CHAIR OR HIS DESIGNEE.

E) INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON MAY USE THE FACILITY ONLY WITH THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMANDER AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THIS INCLUDES MEMBERS OF OTHER POWER SQUADRONS. SHOULD THERE BE A REQUEST FOR A SINGLE BOAT TO USE THE FACILITY AND THERE IS NOT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE REQUESTED USE DATE, THE COMMANDER MAY GRANT APPROVAL FOR USE. APPROVALS SHALL BE PUBLISHED IN ALL ISSUES OF THE SOUNDING BOARD CALENDAR OF EVENTS UNTIL THE EVENT HAS OCCURRED.

2) STERN-IN-IN:

ALL BOATS SHALL STERN-IN WHENEVER SPACE IS LIMITED.

3) GENERATORS:

AS A COURTESY TO ALL MEMBERS USING THE FACILITY, GENERATORS SHALL NOT BE OPERATED BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2200 AND 0700.

4) TRASH:

THERE ARE NO FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND FOR DISPOSAL OF TRASH. EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING HIS OWN TRASH.

5) PETS:

PETS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ROAM FREELY. PETS WILL BE LEASHED AND UNDER CONSTANT AND DIRECT CONTROL BY THEIR OWNERS AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN ABOARD THE OWNERS BOAT. OWNERS WILL IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ANY DROPPINGS AND RINSE ANY MARKINGS LEFT BY THEIR PETS.

6) SAFETY:

SAFETY IS ALWAYS A MAJOR CONSIDERATION ON THE WATER. CHILDREN SHALL NOT RUN ON THE DOCKS AND SHALL BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES. SMALL CHILDREN SHALL WEAR PFD'S WHEN ON THE DOCK OR RAMP.

7) SPEED LIMIT:

FIVE MILE SPEED LIMIT SHALL BE OBSERVED WHEN APPROACHING OR DEPARTING THE DOCK AREA

SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON

San Joaquin Yacht Club Cruise Out

August 21,22,23, 2009



There are several restaurants near by.
They serve breakfast, lunch, & dinner.

Yacht club serves Friday night dinner.



Docking fees payable with your reservation.

Your Name _____ Cell Phone # _____

Boat Name _____ E-mail address _____

Length _____ Width _____ Where do you berth your boat

Plan to arrive on: Friday _____ Saturday _____

Berthing Fees: = \$10/night = _____

Friday night dinner : # _____ at \$12 = _____

Total enclosed: _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS Aug. 9, 2009

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