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March, 2013



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Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron

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**Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron
Invites You To The March Member Social
(D/13 Spring Conference in Ventura, CA)**

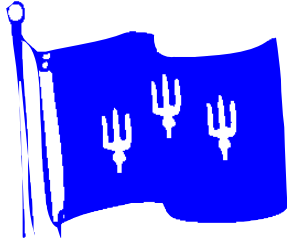
- WHAT:** A member social (D/13 Spring Conference) for ALL our members and friends of the LVS&PS
- WHEN:** 22-24 March 2013
- WHERE:** Four Points Sheraton, Ventura, CA
- TIME:** See info inside
- MENU:** See Info Inside
- DRESS:** Uniform as listed
- PROGRAM:** D/13 Spring Conference
Refer to your Pelorus
- RESERVATIONS:** Reservation sheet inside



**BOAT SMART FROM THE START.
WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKET.**



**Room Reservations:
1-805-658-1212**



Commander's Message Cdr Dave Smith, AP



USPS Mission Statement:

“To promote recreational boating skills and boating safety through education, hands-on training, and civic activities while providing fellowship for members.”

The District 13 Spring Conference will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Ventura, CA, 22-24 March, 2013. All Squadron members who are able to attend will greatly benefit from the educational program and social events at one of the most beautiful marinas on the West coast.

I, P/C Richard Stevens and Ken Kotora, along with five other western state representatives attended the 100th Meridian Initiative at Lake Mead. This program is presented by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The focus of the presentation was watercraft inspection and decontamination training for the zebra / quagga mussels contained in Lake Mead. As all Nevada boaters now understand when registering a boat in Nevada, an invasive species decal

is now required to be placed on the stern area of the boat. The new minimum requirements for boat cleaning are, Clean Drain and Dry, when a boat leaves Lake Mead. If you have your boat in the water at Lake Mead for over five days, then a high water temperature (140 degrees) pressure spray must be completed before leaving the state. The new boat cleaning equipment is still being set up and should be fully operational by Memorial Day weekend.

Boat Safe,
CDR Dave

An ***Educated*** Boater
Is A ***Safer*** Boater

SPRING DISTRICT 13 CONFERENCE

March 22-24, 2013
Ventura Four Points Sheraton
1050 Schooner Drive
Ventura CA 93001
(805) 658-1212

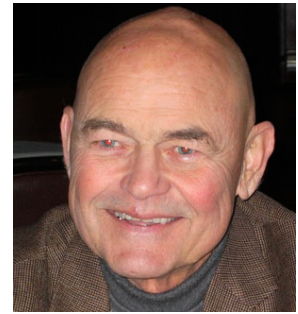
Host Room Theme: Scavenger Hunt
Check your Pelorus for details...



Boating is fun... We'll show you how



Educational Report Lt/C Dick Roush AP Education Officer



March is going to be a combination of not busy for the Squadron and busy for the District.

By the time you receive this our 4 student Seamanship class will be History but the students have shown an interest in a Piloting Class. If you or any other member that you know might be interested please let us know, so we can see if we can get a Piloting Class scheduled in the near future.

Our February ABC-3 class will be history but we have another ABC-3 Class scheduled for Saturday April 27, 2013 at NDOW.

On Saturday March 9th there will be a Breakfast with Boaters at Lake Mead Marina. The topic is being researched.

Also an On the Water Boating Course is in the works. It will be conducted on a Boston Whaler furnished by Brunswick. The boat and trailer for the course is being towed by a pickup furnished by Ford. **Past District Commander Ken Griffing** will be bringing the boat to the lake in a

week or two. We will be certifying members who will then be able to certify more of our members.

Just remember we need students and members to help out with the instructing.

Don't forget the weekend of March 23rd and 24th will be the District 13 Conference in Ventura. It's a good excuse (as if you need one) to get close to salt water.

"What is more pleasant than a friendly little yacht, a long stretch of smooth water, a gentle breeze, the stars"
William Atkin

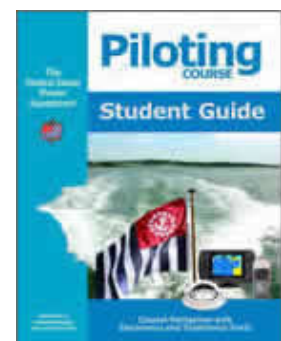
Wishing you fair winds and a following sea.

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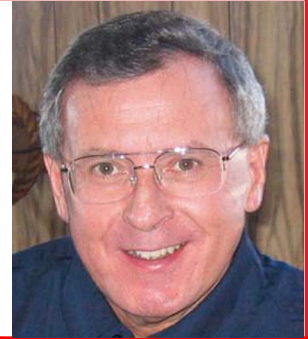


An Educated Boater Is A Safer Boater





Admin Officer's Report Lt/C Greg Link, S Administrative Officer



From the AO,

I thought it would be best to introduce myself to the squadron membership as my first article. First, I want to thank-you for the opportunity and privilege to serve this fine squadron. I'm looking forward to a fantastic year working with all of you and our Officers and members on the Bridge and Executive Committee.

My wife and First Mate, Lisa, and I moved here in late May of last year from Eagan, MN, where I was part of the St. Paul Sail and Power Squadron. I served as the Assistant AO in that organization. Our boat, christened THE HOLIDAY, sat in the beautiful waters of pool 3 of the Upper Mississippi River Valley (just up from Lake City, the birthplace of water skiing). We purchased our Rinker Fiesta Vee 270 brand new and took delivery of her February 14, 2003. Prior to that we piloted a Forester Phantom 160 on the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers for about 7 years.

Lisa is an X-Ray Technologist and has been a practitioner of that craft for over 35 years. I am currently serving as Director of Consulting for Third Sky, an Information Technology Service Management company with focuses on

Consulting, Education and Technology. I've been working in the IT industry for the past 23 years. I have previous experience in the airline industry where I held several management positions over a 10-year career. Aside from boating I am a certified Private Pilot, single-engine land with an instrument rating. Our daughter, Kathryn is now 24 years old and works here in Las Vegas as a Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial. Yes, she is our financial advisor and we are very happy with her performance.

I understand that many of our members are not active boaters, but I am hoping to arrange on-the-water activities throughout the year along with my efforts in new member recruiting, retention and youth activities. I do hope that all will be able to participate in squadron events as much as possible.

See you on the water! Till then, may your flags fly high and your bilge stay dry.

Lt/C Greg Link, S
Administrative Officer
Las Vegas Sail and Power Squadron

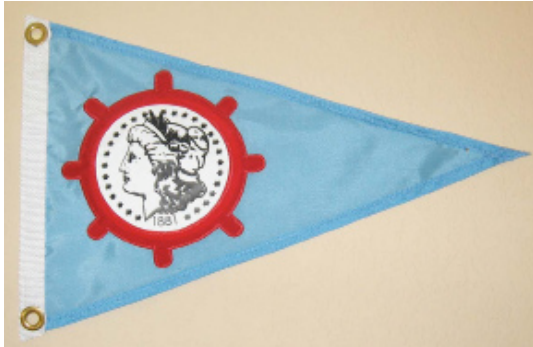


United States Power Squadrons

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Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron

Burgee



OFFICIAL SQUADRON BURGEE

A new shipment of burgees has arrived. This is a chance for our newer members to purchase one of the burgees to fly on your boat or hang proudly in your office.

To order your burgee, e-mail Lt/C Darl Rose, P at Darl@embarqmail.com or call 364-5505

Priced at only \$35.00 each



Have Your Boat Safety Checked.

Contact
P/C Tish Cullen, P - 433-1710 or
Cdr Dave Smith, AP - 239-2066

It's never too early to start thinking about your boating safety.



P/D/C Wade R. Faircloth, SN
Passed away Monday, February 4, 2013

Wade joined the Power Squadron in 1977 and was a member of the Alamitos Power Squadron. Wade served as District Commander in 1996. Our sincere sympathy to Joan and his family.



**United States Power Squadrons®
District 13 Spring Conference
22-24 March 2013**

**Host Room Theme: Boating Education Scavenger Hunt
Hosted by D/13 &
Ventura Sail & Power Squadron**



**Four Points Sheraton, Ventura
1050 Schooner Drive
Ventura, California 93001
For Reservations: Lynn-Anne Greene
805-658-1212
Rooms \$99**

Purposes:

**To pass upon all matters pertaining to District 13, USPS;
To hear and act upon reports of all District Officers;
To hear and act upon reports of all District Committees;**

and

**To conduct such other business of the District as may
properly come before the conference.**

**D/Lt/C Betty Koch, P
Secretary, District 13**

**USPS DISTRICT 13
2013 SPRING CONFERENCE AGENDA
Friday 22 March - Sunday 24 March, 2013**

Friday, March 22, 2013

1900-2200 Host Rooms - (Have fun, relax)

Saturday, March 23, 2013

**Uniform of the day F: White long-sleeve shirt, tie
Black Pants/Skirt**

0700-0900 Breakfast On Your Own

0800-0900 Registration

0830-0900 Opening Ceremonies & Introductions

0900-1200 Shipmate's Boat Tour of the Harbor &
Cooking Workshop

“A” Workshops

0910-1030 1 - Squadron SEOs, AG Chairs, Class Chairs &
Class instructors

2 - Squadron Commanders, XOs, AOs & Treasurers

3 - Squadron Secretaries, Editors and Web Masters

“B” Workshop

1040-1200 NOAA - National Weather, Oxnard

1300-1630 Combined Members' & Shipmates' Lunch & Business
Meeting, Awards, Donation Drawing, Contest Winner
Note: Ending Time is approximate

1900 Saturday Evening Dinner Dance
Formal Wear - Uniform A, Bow Tie, Ladies dress
accordingly.

Registration Form

Make checks payable to USPS District 13

Mail To: Debbie-Braun Lawson

3639 E. Harbor Blvd., #109

Ventura, CA 93001

Please include a check with this form

Prices are per person.

Squadron: _____

Member: _____ **Rank** _____ **Grade** _____

Member: _____ **Rank** _____ **Grade** _____

Spouse/Guest: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

	PRIOR TO: 3/10/13	AFTER: 3/10/13	NUMBER	TOTAL
LUNCHEON:	\$30	\$35	_____	\$ _____

Deli Plate Sandwich

Create your own sandwich with Sliced Smoked Ham, Tuna Salad, Turday Breast, Roast Beef, Pastrami, Swiss and Cheddar Cheese, Sliced Tomatoes, Green Leaf, garnished with Pickle Spear and Fresh Seasonal Fruit, served with Pasta Salad, Assorted Sliced Breads

DINNER:	\$50	\$55	_____	\$ _____
<u>Slow Roasted Tri Tip, Potatoes</u>			_____	\$ _____

Salmon, Atlantic Fillet, Medley Rice _____ **\$** _____

Harbor Boat Tour \$5.00 _____ **\$7.00** _____ **\$** _____

Donation Tickets: 11 for \$10.00 _____ **\$** _____

TOTAL _____ **\$** _____

Special Dietary requests will be available. Please advise down below.

National News

USPS Centennial Celebration gets Underway

Created on 2 Feb. 1914, USPS will mark 100 years of education, fellowship and community service in 2014. Based on the powerboat handling skills programs of businessman Roger Upton at the Boston Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass., USPS offers boating education programs in cities and towns across the U.S., its territories and Japan. The organization has also become an important ally of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Commerce and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Today, nearly 40,000 members in more than 400 squadrons provide boating education in everything from seamanship and celestial navigation to marine electronics and engine maintenance. Several projects are under way to celebrate USPS' centennial. For more information and activity updates, visit usps.org/100. The Ship's Store is adding 100th anniversary logo items, an anniversary commemorative stamp is under discussion, and community activities are being planned at all levels.

During the 2014 Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., the Governing Board will hold a celebration on Saturday, 1 Feb. Our meeting hotel, the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront is planning a party for all members. The city plans to post signs throughout the town and is working with the Jacksonville Sail & Power Squadron to conduct a boat parade on the St. John's River. The USPS Flag and Etiquette Committee has designed an anniversary ensign to be flown on members' vessels in 2013 and 2014, and a new logo is available online at theensign.org/foreditors.htm.

To kickoff the yearlong ceremony, anniversary ensigns will be presented to all 32 districts at the 2013 Annual Meeting. Each squadron will create unique ribbon streamers of specified dimensions to affix to their district's ensign. During the 2014 Annual Meeting, districts will parade their ensigns and streamers in an anniversary flag presentation. All members are encouraged to help plan yearlong celebrations in their communities, including municipal proclamations, appearances at civic and marine organization meetings, and presentations during boating safety equipment demonstration days.

– Greg Scotten





NOAA

**NATIONAL OCEANIC AND
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION**
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NOAA and U.S. Power Squadrons renew cooperative charting program January 18, 2013

This week, NOAA and the U.S. Power Squadrons, a non-profit organization dedicated to safe boating, will renew a 50-year commitment to a cooperative charting program that helps to update the nation's thousands of navigational charts.

Under the voluntary program, formalized by a Memorandum of Agreement, members of the U.S. Power Squadrons scan water and land areas, looking for changing conditions that may not be reflected on NOAA nautical charts. Power Squadrons members submit their reports online, and NOAA cartographers review and incorporate changes to their navigation products.

"The partnership between Coast Survey and the Power Squadrons is a long and successful one, speaking to our shared vision of safety on U.S. waters," said Rear Admiral Gerd Glang, director of NOAA's Office of Coast Survey. "The cooperative charting program, originally formalized in 1963, continues an extremely cost-effective method for correcting chart errors that are the result of constantly changing coastlines and seafloors."

Over the last ten years, Power Squadrons members have submitted more than 28,000 corrections to NOAA's nautical charts and the United States Coast Pilot, a series of nautical books that cover a variety of information important to coastal and Great Lakes navigators. More than 4,000 members have submitted reports, adding their particular local knowledge to NOAA's national effort to keep navigation materials accurate.

"I believe that our cooperative efforts with NOAA represent an ideal partnership between a volunteer organization and a federal agency," says John Alter,

chief commander of the U.S. Power Squadrons. "It gives our members a feeling of accomplishment and pride to see their contributions reflected in the latest nautical chart updates and provides a tangible benefit to being a United States Power Squadrons' member. This cooperative effort has stood the test of time, and we look forward to our continued commitment to this important civic service."

Glang will attend the U.S. Power Squadrons' annual meeting on Saturday. He and John Alter, chief commander of the U.S. Power Squadrons, will sign a new Memorandum of Agreement that updates and improves the cooperative charting program.

In 1963, the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, one of NOAA's predecessor agencies, recognized the challenge of maintaining one thousand U.S. nautical charts - covering 95,000 miles of coastline - with the sparse resources at hand. Many charts would go uninspected by Coast Survey surveyors for decades, agency leaders acknowledged. To help remedy the situation, Coast Survey established the cooperative charting program so local Power Squadron members could check their local charts for accuracy and report discrepancies.

The U.S. Power Squadrons is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects. The organization has nearly 40,000 members, in more than 400 squadrons across the country and in U.S. territories.

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, was originally formed by President Thomas Jefferson in 1807.

LAKE MEAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

News Release

For Immediate Release: February 1, 2013

Contact: Christie Vanover 702-283-2344



MARINA SERVICES TO CONTINUE AT ECHO BAY BEYOND FEB 1

BOULDER CITY, NEV. – Land-based services will remain open at Lake Mead National Recreation Area’s Echo Bay under a contract amendment that was signed Feb. 1.

The trailer village, RV site, land-based fuel, dry boat storage and administrative building were scheduled to close Feb. 1 after the temporary contract they operated under expired. By amending another contract within the park, these services will now remain open.

“We’re very pleased that we’re going to be able to continue operations at Echo Bay. Nearly 200,000 people visit this area of the park every year,” said Bill Dickinson, park superintendent.

The park issued a prospectus for a new contract, seeking a concessioner to operate both the land-based commercial services and the marina and water-based fuel dock, but no proposals were submitted. The newly signed amendment with Forever Resorts allows land-based operations to continue, but the marina docks and water-based fuel services closed Feb. 1.

“Although the marina is closed, the launch ramp and courtesy dock will remain open,” said Dickinson. “Echo Bay is not closed. We encourage people to come on out and enjoy boating and fishing in the peaceful Overton Arm.”

Park officials are working to restore water-based fuel sales, but the process could take a few months.

“Our goal is to have water-based fuel available at Echo Bay before the busy summer season,” said Dickinson. “In the meantime, people are reminded to know their boats’ limits.

“Fill up before you head out on the water and have a communication source like a marine-band radio, in case you need to call for help,” he said.

The National Park Service is currently making \$4.5 million in improvements to the Echo Bay Access Road to make the four-mile road safer. Crews are removing and replacing asphalt, installing new guardrail, extending drainage culverts, adding rip rap and installing new tortoise fencing. The project was funded by the Federal Lands Transportation Program. The contractor is Las Vegas Paving, and improvements are scheduled to be complete in May.

Another \$250,000 in improvements is being made to the water and wastewater system to replace underground piping.

Photos of the facilities at Echo Bay can be viewed and downloaded at <http://flic.kr/s/aHsjDtich1>.

USPS Centennial Cruise

7 day Eastern Caribbean 2 - 9 February 2014

Roundtrip from Ft Lauderdale on Holland America ms Nieuw Amsterdam

Itinerary: Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St Thomas, USVI; Half Moon Cay, Bahamas

SPECIAL PRICING FROM \$819
Inside stateroom from \$819pp
Outside stateroom from \$979pp
Verandah stateroom from \$1099pp
Suite from \$1879pp

Don't miss this fantastic offer! This is Holland's newest ship and the itinerary and date are very popular so inventory is limited. Book now to reserve the best possible stateroom location-final payment is due 19 Nov 2013.

Please email Dawn Eckhart at dawnsdeals@earthlink.net or call (727) 403-0406 to join us on this spectacular celebration cruise!



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Quagga Mussels Invade Lake Mead - War is Declared



Ken Kotora of Las Vegas inspects the bottom of a houseboat covered with quagga mussels at Callville Bay Marina in Lake Mead National Recreation Area on Wednesday. Kotora attended the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission training session, which lasted for two days. Also present were **Cdr Dave Smith** and **P/C Richard Stevens**.



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a squadron member who is ill, hospitalized, or recently lost a loved one, please contact **P/C Tish Cullen, P @ 433-1710** so that proper recognition can be sent.



POP TOPS FOR CANCER RESEARCH



Winter is now here and we are still drinking soda pop and beer and we want you to continue to save those tops. **Hanna Moore** is collecting the pop tops for cancer research. If you think about it when you are ready to throw out your cans to the recycle bin, please pull off the tab and give them to **Julie or Dick Walkow** and they will see that **Hanna** gets them. You never know; these might be the funds that save your life.

Call Hanna at 254-0709.

REMINDER

As a reminder to all Nevada boaters, Nevada mandates that boaters born on or after January 1, 1983 complete a boating education course before operating a motorboat of more than 15 horsepower on Nevada's interstate waters. These waters include lakes Mead and Mohave.



SQUADRON PHONE NUMBER CHANGE

If you need to contact the Squadron,
we have changed our phone number.

The old number was 255-3590. The **NEW** number is 364-5505



Lil' Bitts

By: Admiral Sam Barsky

Membership

Life Members: 7, Active: 41,
Additional Active: 8, Additional Family: 5,
Women Certificate Holders: 2
Total Membership as of 2/7/13 - 63



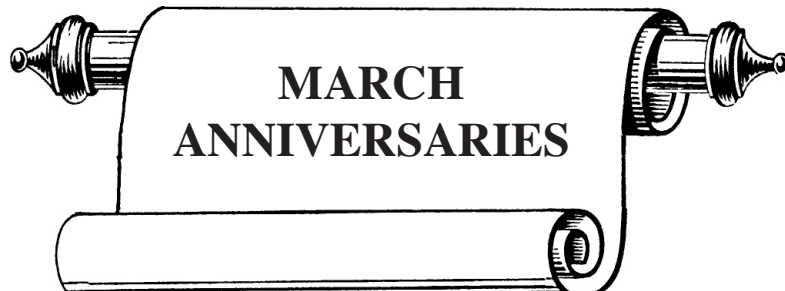
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**The Following Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron Members
are Celebrating Birthdays in MARCH:**

John Higgins	3/1
Victor LaCroix	3/3
Ron Staden	3/4
Bob Reynolds	3/11
Judy Westmoreland	3/11
Clint Moore	3/16
Caroline Brown	3/24



Happy Birthday to you all...



**The following Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron members are celebrating
USPS anniversaries in MARCH:**

The year each joined is indicated:

1978 - Lewis Stone	1978 - Richard Navarro
1986 - Julie Walkow	1991 - Beve Dorrenbacher
1996 - Peter Cichanowicz	2004 - Dave Cabbage
2008 - Bill Rowan	2008 - Renee Brodeen
2012 - Gail McFarlane	

**CONGRATULATE THESE MEMBERS
FOR THEIR USPS SERVICE**

Homemade Pretzels

INGREDIENTS:

1 Tbsp. yeast
1/2 c. warm water
1 tsp. honey
1 1/3 c. flour
1 tsp. salt



DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.
- Put the yeast in a small bowl with the water and honey. Stir a little, then let the mixture sit for 5 minutes.
- Mix the flour and salt together in a medium-size bowl. After the 5 minutes is up, check on the yeast mixture. It should be bigger than before and a little bubbly. Add this mixture to the flour and salt mixture.
- Stir everything together. Use a spoon to start. Finish with your hands. The dough is ready when it's still a little crumbly and flaky. Put the dough on the cutting board and knead it like you are playing with clay. Knead it into one big ball. Break off a piece of dough that's about the size of a big gumball or superball. Use your hands to roll it into a skinny snake.
- Twist the snake into a medium-size pretzel shape, and put it on the cookie sheet. Do this with all the dough, making 12 pretzels.
- Bake for 10 minutes and allow to cool slightly before biting in.

Yield: 1 dozen pretzels



Do you want to see some great recipes each month?

Give us a recipe and we'll publish it.

Send to: Dick Walkow

MelodyOp1@aol.com

Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron Important Dates to Remember

DATE

EVENT

09 Mar	Breakfast with Boaters - Lake Mead Marina
10 Mar	Daylight Saving Time Begins
17 Mar	St. Patrick's Day
20 Mar	First Day of Spring
22-24 Mar	D/13 Spring Conference Four Points Sheraton, Ventura, CA
24 Mar	Palm Sunday
25 Mar	Passover Begins
27 Mar	Full Moon
29 Mar	Good Friday
31 Mar	Easter



USPS Ship's Store Inventory Marked Down

To make room for new 100th anniversary merchandise, the Ship's Store has marked down a lot of items. Check them out!

READ MORE <http://www.shopusps.org/clear.html> http://theensign.org/graphics/uspslogo_3dissue.gif



- Many boaters take their family pets on board their boats. You have your PFD in the event of an emergency - why not have a PFD for each of your pets. It only makes sense.

- Show your dog or cat that you love them and keep them safe with their own flotation device.

- Check with your favorite marina store or check online for a retailer near you.