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# SOUNDING BOARD



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## **San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron**

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USPS DISTRICT 25  
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FIRST CLASS

## ***FROM THE COMMANDER...***

Well our first real meeting was a pleasant and cordial event. This is the way a meeting is supposed to be...FUN!! I particularly enjoyed the pledge of allegiance by the Bod, and Sherman boys. Good job. It is proof positive that if there is a potluck you get more attendance. I think it would be nice to have a pot luck every other meeting. What do you think?

In the matter of our web site, it is under reconstruction, by our very capable Debbie Wolfe. We need to iron out some kinks but I'm sure that in a few days we will have it up and running. Sorry for the inconvenience.

This coming year will present many challenges for us in as much as we have the continuation of our Island restoration project. Bringing in new members is paramount to the ongoing health and welfare of the Squadron and we need to work extra hard to accomplish this difficult task.

Our new D/C Ralph Price is doing a fantastic job of playing catch up as he has taken Milt Enwhistles place as D/C. Hope this meandering has not been too boring. As we move on into the year, more interesting and pointed articles may emanate from this scribe. One can but hope.

In closing I should remind everyone that we ARE ALL FAMILY.

John Stapp. Commander, San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron

### **San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron Meeting Minutes Monday, March 10, 2008**

#### **1. Call to order**

**John Stapp** called to order the regular meeting of the San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron at 7:39pm on, **March 10, 2008** in **Stockton, CA**.

#### **2. Roll call**

The following persons were present: 6 Bridge, 14 Executive Committee and 27 Members. (List Attached)

#### **3. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The executive committee minutes of February 27, 2008 were approved.

#### **4. Reports of Officers and Committees**

1. Hanan Bowman, Treasurer, reported that we had a positive cash flow for the previous month. The Change of Watch dinner had \$800 income and expenses were \$800.80.
2. Mickey Thole, Boating Activities, reported he has eight cruises planned for the year. The upcoming St. Patrick's Day cruise has 12 boats signed up. The cruise to WillowBerm date has been changed, it is now May 2, 3 & 4, 2008.
3. Rita Rubin meetings chairman, reported that Memorial Day at the island will be hosted by John and Carol Taylor.
4. Mike Wolfe membership chairman reported that things are looking good. There is a class in progress and much interest in joining, and there have been several referrals.
5. Michael Haverty passed out a schedule of work dates at the island. Please review it and commit to a date, we need help. The barbecue concrete work is finished. Thanks to everyone that helped. The work dates are March 22 install the flagpole. March 29 and 30th install BBQ grills and fire pans. April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th finish building new benches and countertops. Haul away old barbecues and other miscellaneous junk. April 19 and 20th aquatic weed cutting operation. April 26 and 27th finish aquatic weed cutting operation and all around island cleanup and painting. Call Michael Haverty at 209-473-0744 to volunteer.
6. Mike Wolfe reported that we still need a boat show chairperson. We have been guaranteed that our booth will be in the main aisle and no longer in the back, where no one comes to visit. Please consider volunteering.
7. Safety chairman Rex Adamson, reported that white handheld safety flares have been recalled by the Coast Guard. The recall is for "Pains Wessex White Collision Warning (MK7) Hand Flares – item No 52651. There is a danger that they will explode when lit. For further information, call Rex Adamson, phone number 209-595-4935.
8. John Jones, education officer reported that the class cruise to the island is March 29, 2008. That is also a workday at the island, but Michael Haverty and John have agreed to share the island that day.
9. Skipper saver class has been changed the new date is May 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>.
10. The district will be conducting a training class for officers on March 15, 2008 in Novato California. The afternoon will be devoted to instructor training to recertify current instructors that need certification. The recertification will be between 1:15 and 3:15 p.m.
11. Mike Wolfe announces that the Delta Blades rowing crew will have its third annual regatta April 13, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Stockton. He invited everyone to come and view the races and establish a San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron presence. He would like to have a SJDPS booth and needs volunteers to man the booth. He also needs volunteers with small boats to act as Marshals.

#### **5. New Business**

- a) John Stapp announced that National has proposed to offer one-year free membership to the squadron for graduates of our boating class. The consensus from the membership present was that we did not want to be involved.
- b) John Taylor announced that the Memorial Day festivities will be similar to last year with a potluck on Saturday, and the new barbecue will be initiated on Sunday with barbecued tri-tip. He will also have a book exchange that raises a little money for the squadron.

- c) Jim Davis announced that he will again chair the Christmas party, and it will be at the Elks Lodge.
- d) Anita Saucier announced that Ted Milleman is home with hospice care, and Charlie McNair is also ill and battling cancer, Bob Englehart is also ill.

## 6. Awards

- a) John Jones was awarded certificate of merit, education. John said that the certificate of merit is because the squadron donates one dollar per member to the fund.
- b) Roger Reimer sounding board editor was awarded a certificate of excellence.
- c) Al Rubin was awarded the 2007 webmasters award for excellence.
- d) Lynn Pierce presented past Commander John Taylor, "Commander of the Year" award for 2007 in District 25.

## 7. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting Jim Fenelon, second Michael Haverty

John Stapp adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM

Lt/C Robert Burk, AP  
Secretary

## *THIS AND THAT...*

- Check the following links
  - [www.californiacoastline.org](http://www.californiacoastline.org) (Photographs of the California Coastline)
  - [www.californiadelta.org](http://www.californiadelta.org) (Delta Chamber's guide to Delta fishing and boating)
  - [www.ndbc.noaa.gov/dial.shtml](http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/dial.shtml) (Dial a buoy—that's buoy not "boy")
- Sometimes one gets that strong diesel smell in the engine room or down below, particularly when work is done on the filters or other engine parts. Try Calgon Fabric Softener, or hang a few sheets of Bounce Fabric Softener in the engine room for a day or so. Those who have tried it, swear it works.
- **Leslie Oliver**, Squadron Historian, is yet again asking for pictures that have been taken at events, parties, cruises, meetings, work sessions, etc. "What's a girl to do" if we don't cooperate? Email photos or hard copy can be sent to me and I will see that Leslie gets them. Thank you very much!!

- **John Taylor** sent in the following announcement...(Note the special treatment a former commander's announcement gets).

### **Memorial Day at the Island May 24-26, 2008**

We are again planning a 'Nice & Easy' weekend at the island, with a slightly modified version of what we have done the past two years, which will include "pot lucking." The highlight of the weekend will be using the new BBQ as we plan to cook tri tip on Sunday night. More info will follow. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Questions or want to help us out? Contact **John and Carol Taylor** (jorctaylor@aol.com) or **Mickey Thole and Burgie** (missburgie @att.net).

- **From Al Rubin**

### **SJDPS WEB SITE HISTORY**

by P/Lt/C Allen G. Rubin, AP

Webmaster and Chairman Information Technology Committee

In 2001 at a regular monthly Squadron meeting, I requested and was granted permission to establish a Squadron web site. I then solicited suggestions from the membership regarding preferred content and format, but, since only a few offered any concrete preferences, the design of the web site was left to my discretion. After reviewing National's requirements, I set up our initial web site and assumed all the costs for hosting it so that there would be absolutely no initial or recurring cost to the Squadron. Rita and I have continued to fund the web site to date.

In 2002 our web site received a Web Excellence Award from the USPS National Committee. This is a very prestigious award and is given to those few squadrons whose web sites surpass the highest requirements of the National Committee. A point system is used to determine eligibility for the award. All sites are reviewed with regard to technical aspects, presentation of information, ease of navigation, public appeal, overall appearance, and similar items of interest to the general public. They are also examined to determine the availability of information for squadron members, how well it is presented to the membership, and overall conformance to USPS standards. Our web site has continuously received a Web Excellence Award from the USPS National Committee every year since 2002.

***Editor's Note:*** Mr. Rubin has elected to resign his responsibilities to the Squadron and to close down the web site, thus some of the web-site links he provided for this article are not included. A new site is under construction. It can be found at [www.sjdps.org](http://www.sjdps.org)

**Congratulations to Al for his fine work.**

- **Anita Saucier** reminded me that with boating season around the corner, it's time to:

- \*Check the expiration dates on fire extinguishers and other emergency devices.

- \*Change the batteries in smoke alarms, Carbon Monoxide Detectors and maybe flashlights.

- \*Evaluate your First Aid Kit in terms of your boating plans (long distances or remote areas vs. Delta cruising), expiration dates of supplies, and the potential and unique needs of regular passengers. You might also want to check your comfort level in knowing what to do with the contents if the need arises. One other thing, mark the location of the first aid supplies so that anyone aboard can locate them...YOU may be the one in need.

Check the following sites for ideas:

[www.rescross.org/services/hss/lifeline/fakit.html](http://www.rescross.org/services/hss/lifeline/fakit.html)

[www.first-aid-product.com](http://www.first-aid-product.com)

- With regard to safety issues, our SJDPS Safety Officer, **Rex Adamson** informs us that PAINES WESSEX white collision warning (MK7) handheld flares have been recalled. Apparently they have the potential of exploding rather than igniting properly...see your dealer. Also, consider disposing of expired flares and shells as the material used in their manufacture (gunpowder and magnesium) can become volatile over time creating a fire hazard. Flares, etc. may be disposed of at the Household Toxic Disposal Site Thursday-Saturday 9:00-3:00 at 7850 S. Bridgford Street near the Stockton Airport. (209) 468-3066. There is no charge if you are a Stockton resident (they have never asked me for proof of residence.) Not that I would encourage anyone to slide by, rather than dump them in a landfill.

- **Gary Grinstead**, our legislative guy, reports on **Assembly Bill AB 2110 - California Vessel Operator Cards**

State Assemblyman Mike Duvall has introduced a bill that would require operators of motorized vessels to pass a state-approved test and carry a state-issued vessel operator card when underway. The requirements would take effect January 1, 2012 for persons 20 years of age or less, January 1, 2013 for persons 25 years of age or less and so on until January 1, 2019 when all persons regardless of age would be required to carry the card.

These provisions would not apply to out-of-state boaters who meet their state's requirements and are in California waters for no more than 60 days, foreign boaters who meet their country's requirements and are here for no more than 90 days, or a person operating the vessel under the direct supervision of a person 18 years or older who does meet the requirements.

Persons providing boats for rent would require the renter or operator of the rental vessel to show proof of possession of a vessel operator card. Otherwise the renter may issue a rental vessel operator card valid for 30 days to a person who completes and passes a rental vessel operator course which would be tailored to the type of vessel being rented and the type of waterway being utilized.

This bill was introduced on February 20 and was referred to the Committee on Transportation on March 6 with a hearing scheduled to March 24. A complete copy of the bill may be obtained online at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html> with a search for bill number 2110.

- **Michael Haverty** announces the spring work schedule for the island. Sign up and build some character and a blister or two.

#### March 22nd

Re-install flagpole, install ramp strengthening brackets & safety rails between ramp & benches.

#### March 29th & 30th

Install BBQ grills & fire pans, install pole for light in BBQ area and run electrical down to dock for generator powered patio lighting. Install steel bench supports & steel counter top supports in BBQ area.

#### April 5th & 6th

Finish building benches & counter tops, paint & clean up. Haul away old BBQ's and all the other misc. junk.

#### April 19th & 20th

Aquatic weed cutting operation.

#### April 26th & 27th

Finish Aquatic weed cutting operation  
All around annual Island cleanup & painting. (Last work day)

### **No experience Necessary!**

If you would like to help out on one or more dates, please email or contact me at [mshaverty@hotmail.com](mailto:mshaverty@hotmail.com) or (209) 473 - 0744 . This is your Island. Let's work together to make it a great(er) place.

• **Michael Haverty** reports that **Ted Milleman**, who has been described in the most positive way as a “real character,” passed away after a period of illness. You may recall that it was at the Milleman’s that we fabricated the docks for transport to the island. We used their land, their power, their kitchen, BBQ and often their tools to get the job done. Ted always said he was keeping track of costs and would submit a bill, which of course, he never expected to do. Well Ted, “I guess we still owe you,” and will miss your generous nature.

• **Jim Fenelon** reports that **Ben Mitchell**, a long time member of the Squadron, passed away on February 25 at the age of 96. Active in bay fishing, squadron cruises and other activities, he had SJDPS certificates on his wall till the day he died. He loved the Squadron and truly believed in its mission.

## ***THE RECIPE BOX...***

Devoted to easy recipes for days on the boat & a chance to share...What do YOU have to offer? Send them to me. Address on the cover or to [rogerreimer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rogerreimer@sbcglobal.net)  
Hit the jackpot this month...a dip to start and a noodle entre...both easy to do.

### **Smoked Salmon Dip**

1/2 pound smoked salmon...1/2 pound cream cheese...2 tablespoons sour cream...  
1 tablespoon mayonnaise...juice of one lemon...1 teaspoon Tabasco...1/2 teaspoon  
pepper...1/4 teaspoon dill...pinch paprika

Flake the salmon into a bowl. Add all ingredients. Chill and serve with crackers or rye bread rounds.

### **Sesame Noodles**

One package egg noodles... 3/4 cup sesame seeds...one cube of butter.

Cook egg noodles in salted water al dente. Toast sesame seeds in a dry frying pan. Add butter and melt. Toss all ingredients and serve. Provides one large bowl of noodles. (As an aside, homemade noodles and seeds are available from the Chinese Noodle Factory on Hazelton Street in Stockton and the price is right) Jim Davis

## ***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 **Mickey Thole** (209) 239-1492 or (209) 483-7287

### **APRIL**

- 11-13 Tax Poor Party Cruise to Discovery Bay Yacht Club
- 14 General meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club

### **MAY**

- 02-04 Delta Loop Cruise to Willow Berm
- 12 General meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 17-18 Skipper Saver at the Squadron Island
- 28 Memorial Day at the Island...everyone is welcome

### **JUNE**

- 06-08 Dos Rios Yacht Club at the Island
- 09 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 21-22 Skipper Saver at the Squadron Island
- 19-22 Suisun City Cruise (two nights) via the Pittsburg Yacht Club (one night)

### **JULY**

- 04 July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at the Island...everyone is welcome
- 11-13 In cooperation with District 25, a second cruise to Rio Vista
- 14 General meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club

### **AUGUST**

- 02-03 Skipper Saver at the Squadron Island
- 11 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 14-17 Railroad Cut raft out "The Meadows" Cruise

### **September**

- 08 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 13-14 Skipper Saver at the Squadron Island

### **October**

- 13 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club
- 17-26 Bay Cruise (Glen Cove, Sausalito, SFYC Tiburon, South Beach San Francisco, Benicia).

### **November**

- 10 General Meetings at the Stockton Yacht Club

### **December**

- 08 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club

# *DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS*



Our meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by our young guests, the Bod and Sherman boys.



John Jones, Education Chair accepted an Award of Merit on behalf of the Squadron for support we provided.



Al Rubin was once again recognized for his work with the Squadron web site.



And, best of all, John Taylor received the prestigious award for Commander of the Year for District 25.

And, oh yes, “the staff” of the Sounding Board was recognized for “Distinctive Performance” with the newsletter