

# SOUNDING BOARD



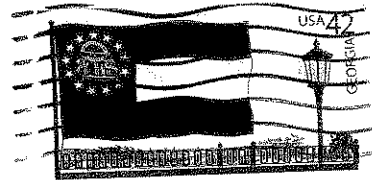
## San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron

Chartered 10 May 1970  
District 25  
USPS\*



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SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON  
USPS DISTRICT 25  
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February, 2009

FIRST CLASS

Mike Wolfe  
1727 Pecos Circle  
Stockton, CA 95209-1342

SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

**I CALL TO ORDER**

Commander **Debbie Grinstead** called to order the regular meeting of The SJDPS at 7:35 PM on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**II ROLL CALL**

The following persons were present: 4 Bridge, 11 Executive & 19 Members.

**III John Taylor** introduced our guest speaker, **Dave Breninger**, **Recreation Boaters of California (RBOC)**. (See article)

**IV REPORTS OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEES**

A. **Gary Grinstead**-Treasurer- reported after expenses, balance of account is \$6,602.86.

B. **John Jones**-Education Officer-reported that Boating Class starts 2-10-09 at Tully Knoles School.

C. **Jerry Kosmala**-Boating Activities-reported that he has 14 boats signed up for the Rio Vista cruise out, with 2 couples driving in. The schedule for the cruising season is posted on our website and in the *Sounding Board*. An aerial view of all marinas is available at [www.marinas.com](http://www.marinas.com)

B. **John Taylor**-Meetings- reported that the May meeting will be a **Potluck dinner**.

B. **Candace Blue**-Member Involvement-reported she is putting together an information packet to be given to new members.

B. **Scott Weisemann**-Membership-reported that we have 180 current members.

B. **Michael Haverly**-Island Chairman-reported that the "Weed Ripper", was fabricated and its initial run was successful. He came in under budget at \$583.62. Next work days for the weeds will be February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call Michael if you can help. **473-0744**

B. **Gary Grinstead**-Legislative-reported visit the websites of *Restore the Delta* and the *Department of Waterways* for updated legislative news.

B. **Don Webb**-Vessel Safety Check- reported that he needs two more vessel safety examiners. One for our area and one for the Bethel Island area. Please contact Don for more information.

B. **Debbie Grinstead** reported on what a terrific job **Mickey Thole** has done as Cruise Director. The Frostbite cruise was great, as always, with wonderful weather.

## V OLD BUSINESS

A. **Anita Saucier** reported that we received a check for \$146.76, for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of last year. This check represents 3% of all monies spent at Lucky, Save Mart, Food Max & S-Mart grocery stores, using our Shares card. Please help raise money for our Squadron by using your card. If you don't have one, please contact Anita, at **473-0744**.

B **Anita Saucier** also reported that advertising space in the *Sounding Board* is for sale. Your business card size ad will be published in the *Sounding Board* for one year for \$100.00. Please contact Anita, if you are interested. Promote yourself or your business.

C. **Ralph Jones** reported that he is taking orders for SJDPS caps (\$18.00) and sweatshirts (\$38.00). Contact Ralph to place order.

D. **Jim Fenelon** reported that the **Don Ford** award given out every year is given to the person who has contributed greatly to our Education department.

## VI NEW BUSINESS

A. **Barbi Carson** invited anyone interested to participate in the "Opening Day on the Delta" parade, on 4-25-09. Decorate your boat in a circus theme. Cost is \$10.00. Contact Barbi for more information. A flyer will be forthcoming.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Anita Saucier for Bob Burk

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

It's February, and this is my last report as commander. I want to thank all of you for your support and hard work. It is the membership that makes an organization great, and you are wonderful! It was a pleasure to serve as your commander. The Change of Watch is the 6th of March. I hope there is a great turn out to welcome and support **Mike Wolfe** as he takes over as commander for the year.

I would like to thank **David and Linda Breninger** for their presentation at the February meeting. They commuted from Auburn in order to do this for us. David and Linda are both very involved with many boating groups to protect recreational boating and both are a wealth of information.

The new boating season is starting. The next cruise is to Rio Vista for the St. Patrick's Day cruise. Jerry tells us 14 boats have signed on. It will be a great time. Check the *Sounding Board* and the website for the upcoming cruise dates and join in on the fun.

## *THIS AND THAT...*

- **Ooops...Jerry Kosmola** called to let me know that I had an error in the Cruise Schedule. We are **NOT** going to the *Stockton Yacht Club* (where we hold our meetings), but rather to the *San Joaquin Yacht Club* located in the delta. I explained to Jerry that those are not errors, but rather a check to see if anyone really reads the newsletter. Jerry passes the test. Please note the change.
- And this from Anita Saucier:

## ***Free Money for Our Squadron***

Please use the **S.H.A.R.E.S. Card**

Did you know that 3% of the money your family spends on groceries will be given back as a donation to our Squadron? That's right!  
Free money for our Squadron!

The **S.H.A.R.E.S. Card** program works at all S-Mart, Save-Mart, Food-Maxx & Lucky grocery stores. Simply hand the cashier your card and they will scan it. When your groceries are totaled up, 3% of what you spent will automatically be credited to the Squadron account. That's all there is to it! **This doesn't cost you anything** and it doesn't cost the Squadron anything. What a great way to help generate funds!!  
**Come to a meeting or call Anita Saucier at (209) 473-0744 to get a card.**

*And the editor says: What an easy, painless way to support YOUR organization...it's kinda like losing weight without exercising. Can't find time for anything else?? Try this!*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN-UP FOR THE CHANGE OF WATCH ON MARCH 6, BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!! CONTACT DEBBY WOLFE ASAP AT (209) 471-3793</b></li></ul>
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- The page that follows is a summary of concerns expressed by Boat US, the Recreational Boaters of California and other organizations devoted to protecting our interests in California boating. As Anita and Debbie noted earlier, **David and Linda Breninger** from RBOC made a presentation to the membership which focused on water issues in California, particularly as they affect the boating public. The document below presents a negative scenario being considered by the Governor and the Legislature. It would be a good time to get involved. **Stand up and be counted. Don't just complain!**

IN THE WORKS...REGISTER YOUR CONCERNS...

Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed to close the CA Dept. of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to save \$600,000 a year. But, DBW is funded solely by your boater fuel tax dollars, registration fees, and interest payments on infrastructure loans not the general fund...and its focus is to help boating be safer, and more accessible. We urge you to contact the Governor and your state legislators regarding the value of DBW and ask that they leave DBW intact.

Worth considering:

...Recreational boating contributes approximately \$16.5 billion to the gross state product and supports more than 8,500 related businesses, and 284,000 direct and indirect jobs. (Source: DBW Boating Needs Assessment Study, 2002)

...DBW provides accountability, transparency, and leadership in its use of boater-derived taxes and fees. This will be lost if the DBW is absorbed into the larger Department of Parks and Recreation.

...DBW invests in boating infrastructure - docks, ramps, and marinas in a revolving fund that pays itself back (with interest!).

...DBW ensures safe boating by supporting local law enforcement agencies, and safety education with curriculum, videos and events.

...DBW works for the boating environment combating non-native, invasive species of plants and animals

For more information:

[http://www.rbo.org/pdf\\_documents/RBOC\\_Save\\_DBW-Call-to-arms\\_1-22-09.pdf](http://www.rbo.org/pdf_documents/RBOC_Save_DBW-Call-to-arms_1-22-09.pdf)

To email the Governor, go to: <http://gov.ca.gov/interact#email> or write him at The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger; Governor, State of California; State Capitol; Sacramento, CA 95814

Write/call your Senator and Assembly Members or email them at:

<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>

California's 3 million recreational boaters need a dedicated department that knows boating and is funded by boaters to represent boating interests, maintain adequate facilities statewide, and keep boaters safe. We have a state department that works...let's keep it that way.

# 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)

## March

06 General Meeting and Change of Watch Dinner at the Stockton Yacht Club  
09 No General Meeting  
13-15 Cruise to Rio Vista

## April

03-05 Cruise to Spindrift Marina  
13 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club  
30 Optional early departure (to Pittsburg for the Solano Yacht Club cruise)

## May

01-03 Cruise to Solano Yacht Club  
02-03 Skipper Saver Class @ the Island  
10 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club **POTLUCK @ 6:30**  
24-25 Memorial Day at the Island (Think about lending a hand...contact the *Sounding Board* editor or call any officer)

## June

08 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club  
06-07 Skipper Saver Class @ the Island (Class full)  
12-14 Cruise to the Antioch Marina

## July

04 July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Island (Think about lending a hand...contact the *Sounding Board* editor or call any officer)  
13 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club  
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 Delta Yacht Club

## September

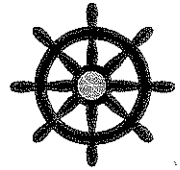
12-13 Skipper Saver Class @ the Island  
14 General Meeting at the Stockton Yacht Club  
18-20 Cruise to Willow Berm

## 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)



# SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON



Spindrift Marina Cruise Out  
April 3, 4, 5, 2009

Spindrift is located on San Joaquin River,  
Northwest of Light 43 at  
Lat 38/6"21'N Long 121/35"56'W  
There are 2 restaurants within a short walk for all meals

**Docking fees payable with your reservation.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

\$5/ night discount for Boat USA members. Your # \_\_\_\_\_

Plan to arrive on: Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Berthing Fees: Boats up to 40' \$20/night  
If member of Boat USA, subtract \$5/night Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Berthing Fees: Boats over 40' (Length X \$.80 X Nights)  
If member of Boat USA, subtract \$5/night Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS March 21, 2009**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JERRY KOSMALA  
6460 STANDRIDGE CRT  
SAN JOSE CA, 95123

Questions call me: Home 408-281-4663 or Cell 408-966-9234

**San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron's :**

# *Skipper Saver Class*

## 2009



Dates:

May 2 & 3

June 6 & 7: Class full

August 1 & 2

September 12 & 13



This weekend class held in the Delta with your boat will teach the First Mate how to handle the boat in an emergency.

Class designed for Power Boats.

Cost for Skipper and First Mate: \$80.

- Free docking for two nights (Friday & Saturday).  
Docking: Stern-in at the SJDPS Island.
- Plan to come on Friday afternoon and get to know the instructors.
- Class starts at 8 A.M. on Saturday. Class covers anchoring, radio procedures, first aid, life jackets, knots & rules of the road on inland waters and at sea.
- Lunch Break
- Hands-on training with an instructor on your boat.
- 5 P.M. cocktails (BYOB) with other classmates and the instructors.
- 6:30 P.M. A great dinner supplied by the instructors.
- Certificates of Completion presented along with Skipper Saver coffee mugs.
- Sunday completion of class, if required.

**Class is limited to the student and Skipper with no additional participants**

Contact People: David or Peggy Sieber

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