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FIRST CLASS

**SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, August 10, 2009**

1.Call to order

Roland Bod, Executive Officer, called to order the regular meeting of the San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron at **7:30pm** on, **August 10, 2009** in **Stockton, CA**.

2.Roll call

A quorum was present.

3.Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes of July 13, 2009 were approved.

4.New members

Roland Bod welcomed **Guy Prescott** and **Bill Bradley** as new members to the squadron. Roland administered the San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron oath and presented them with their Squadron Burgee and membership kit.

5.Reports of Officers and Committees

a) **Gary Grinstead**, Treasurer, reported that our income for July was \$729.41 expenses \$331.40 for a total positive cash flow of \$398.01.

b) **Harriet Pierce**, Ships Store, displayed the Squadron Ensign available for purchase.

c) **Candace Blue** announced that the next boating class will be September 8, 2009; the boating class cruise to the island will be October 10, 2009. After this boating class, we will change to the new ABC format in February.

d) **Debbie Grinstead** announced that a recertification class for instructors will be held at **John Jones'** house on August 15, 2009.

Walt McGinnis will conduct a Seamanship class on October 14 or 16th 2009. **Scott Wiesemann** informed the group that 105 members have not taken the Seamanship course and suggested that we encourage them to take advanced classes, starting with Seamanship.

e) **Jerry Kosmala**, Boating Activities, Jerry requested that all members who wish to attend the Down Bay cruise reserve by August, 18, 2009 to guarantee themselves a slip in South Beach. After August 18, 2009 South Beach will open up the docks to the general public and Jerry will not be able to guarantee a slip. Full refunds are available any time up to two weeks prior to any cruise; the exception is South Beach, where there is a \$10 registration fee that is not refundable. Jerry has made reservations at Tower Park for the Frostbite Cruise, but suggested that we move the Frostbite Cruise to downtown Stockton on the new guest docks; he can cancel the Tower Park reservation. **Jim Fenelon** moved, seconded by **Anita Saucier**, to not change the frostbite cruise and to leave it at Tower Park. The motion was tabled until the next meeting. Jim will visit Tower Park and have dinner there to see if the new owners are providing a good meal and report back to the membership at the next meeting. For more information contact Jerry at home (408) 281-4663, email: jkosm@sbcglobal.net

f) **Scott Wiesemann** expressed thanks to Skipper Saver Captains, Boating Class Instructors and Vessel Safety Check Examiner's for their continued efforts to get new members.

- g) **Ron Sherman** reported for **John Taylor** that **Don Smail**, Redevelopment Program Manager from the Stockton Redevelopment Division, is going to attend our September meeting; he will bring the new manager with him to answer our questions and discuss their plans for hosting cruise-ins. Don is currently in the process of hiring a new manager.
- h) **Roland** announced that Delta Fest has been canceled at Marine Services on September 18, 2009.
- i) **Gary Grinstead** announced that gates are being installed across Connection Slew and Old River to control the water flow when the pumps are on. These gates will be in operation soon and could prevent boating access to lower Delta.
- j). **Rowland** reminded members of the new USPS SailAngle website. Please sign up and use the program.

Sign-Up Process for [SailAngle.com](http://www.usps.org)

1. Go to: <http://www.usps.org>
2. Click on: Access SailAngle.com button
3. Enter your USPS Certificate number and password or PIN when requested
4. You will be automatically transferred to SailAngle.com
5. Follow the steps to complete your profile (you can skip these steps up to three times)
6. Click on “[Go to my group home page](#)”
- 7---View the SailAngle.com Instructional Slide Show contained in the Group Forum
8. Note: the most recent members to sign-up are listed on the left-hand side of the Group Home Page. You may want to add one or more as a friend. To add a friend, simply click on “[+ add as a friend](#)” and a request will be sent to their private message inbox. When they accept, you are linked as friends.
9. When finished, click on “[My Home](#)” on the silver navigation bar

Resources:

Link to instructional slide show: <http://www.sailangle.com/usps-help>

Frequently Asked Questions: select “More Features” on the silver bar

Technical Support: (858) 229-4169 (Justin McChesney) or (858) 692-1230 (Randy White)

New Business

a) **Anita Saucier** announced that the shares program is doing well. In the first quarter we received \$153.29; in the second quarter \$202.07. Please keep using it.

. b) Anita also announced that there is a **RECALL** on Kidde Fire Extinguishers the affected models are: FX340FC, FX340H, FX340GW, XL5MR, FX210R, FX340SC-2, FX210W, XL2.5TCZ-4, and E-340-3. These fire extinguishers were manufactured between October 2007 and April 2008; for additional information call Kidde at 888-345-4407, Monday – Friday, 8am to 5pm.

. c) **Lynn Pierce**, District Commander brought copies of the district publication “Light 25” and suggested that we pass it out at boating classes or other public events. Lynn is attempting to combine district meetings and reduce the number of meetings. The district cruise will be during Fleet Week; going to Martinez, California. There will be a short meeting on October 9 at the District Conference, October 10 and 11th will be designed for fun. Everyone is welcome at the District 25 events. Please plan to join in.

6.Adjournment

Roland Bod adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM

Lt/C Robert Burk, AP
Secretary

FROM THE COMMANDER...

So now we're in the dog days of summer. As we sit back and soak up sun and fun it's time to start looking forward and start thinking about our fall and winter boating classes. Remember, continued education is what we do. It's one of the very cornerstones of why we are who we are. New members listen up! Be sure to sign up for your next step class "Seamanship" All squadron members should be looking to push the envelope a little and look to your next class and up your grade. With continued education we gain more than knowledge, we gain confidence and experience in our abilities. Its confidence and experience that help keep you and your loved ones safe. Please contact our Squadron Education Officer Debbie Grinstead and talk with her about what you're interested in taking this winter.

S-Mart cards! Thanks to everyone who have been using their S-mart cards. It's definitely paying off! Anita Saucier brought the squadron a check from S-mart for over \$200 this month. It's easy to use and at no extra cost to the user. Please contact Anita if you don't have one, or have any questions on its use.

Labor Day weekend. As far as I know nothing official or organized is planned for the Island Training facility. But there is sure to be a good turn out anyway. Island Chairperson Michael Haverty reports that the island is looking very good and members are doing a very good job keeping things neat and clean. Thank you everyone for doing your part to leave it cleaner than you found it.

My thanks to EXO Roland Bod for taking the helm at the last general meeting as I was under the weather. You had to get your feet wet sooner or later. Good job my friend.

In closing. Please be safe out on the water. Even more so on the holiday weekends.

Lend a helping hand to someone who needs it. Then tell them about SJDPS.
Stay sharp. Wear your PFD's

Cdr Mike Wolfe P.



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

Discovery Bay attracted 13 boats for our cruise out on the lovely weekend of July 24-26. The weather could not have been better. We had a few new attendees to the cruise season and hope they will join us again real soon. Although we were scattered in two places in the marina, everyone was delighted with their berths (least that's what they told me). The Discovery Bay cruise director, Nina Hoffman, and staff were on hand to get everyone into their respective docks without any hitch. She presented each boat with a welcome gift and some really neat goodies.

Saturday morning we were all invited to the home of Lynn and Harriet Pierce. I guess I could call it the tortoise and the hare walk. You see, I was out for exercise and off I raced to get the walk in quickly and burn a few calories before imbibing in those great mimosas and home-made bakeries. After a rather lengthy walk, with nothing seeming familiar from a previous trip, I realized that I must have passed the street. So by the time I back-tracked and got to the Pierce's home I was the LAST person to arrive. Well I did get my exercise! Lynn and Harriet put on quite a spread for all of us and I'm sure no one left hungry. (A big thank you to Harriet and Lynn)!

That afternoon we all met in the lower part of the yacht club for appetizers and libations. It was a great place. They had a pool table, shuffleboard games and a bocce court of which many attendees got a chance to enjoy. I did the usual trivia game which was won by **Sue Engleman**. I think she is studying prior to coming on the cruise. We also had a name that TV tune game. As we started the game, I heard many a groan and wondered if we were wrong to choose this game. But after it was all over, everyone was saying how much they enjoyed it. So who knows TV the best...**Marilyn Anderson** was our winner with 16 correct answers out of 25.

We are off to Willow Berm in September and down to the Bay in October. Be sure to read the following article regarding the Bay cruise.

Editors note: Once again, Jerry and Karen did a superb job with the cruise out. They make it look easy (well Karen does), but both make everyone feel welcome and involved. Everyone knows what is going on, when and where. Whether individuals chooses to participate is up to them. Karen's welcome drink has become a tradition. I'm just wondering if we can work it into a good morning drink, a good afternoon drink and good evening drink...then again probably not.

SAN JOAQUIN DELTA POWER SQUADRON

Willow Berm Marina Cruise Out



Sept. 18, 19, 20, 2009

There are several restaurants near by.

Free Sat. & Sun. Continental Breakfast.



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: = \$1.00 / ft / Night

Fees = \$1.00 x ft. _____ x # nights _____ = _____

I have made arrangements for Friday night dinner at Light House and Saturday night at the Riverboat. Both places will issue separate checks per couple. They will set up tables of 6 to 8 people. Please indicate if you will join us for dinner. Dinner will be for 6:30 p.m.

Fri dinner: # of people _____ Saturday dinner: # of people _____

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS Sept 6, 2009

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JERRY KOSMALA
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SAN JOSE CA, 95123

Any questions, please call me at : Home 408-281-4663 or Cell 408-966-9234

From the SEO...

The public boating class will commence on Tuesday, 9/8/09 at Tully C. Knowles School. We are in need of class proctors and member support. Please come and join us on Tuesdays to help out. A **Seamanship** class will begin on October 14 or 15 (TBD). So for those of you that have not yet started your advance grades, please mark this on your calendar. There are approximately 105 out of 195 members that have not yet taken an advance-grade class. One of the mission statements of the squadron is to promote education. Let's make this year YOUR first step to advancement.

I have received interest in the Engine Maintenance class, however our instructor is busy and is unable to teach it. If you have experience or expertise in engine maintenance and can teach this class please contact me.

National has sent out a flyer promoting drawings for prizes for students who complete certain classes to win neat stuff. I would like to make it possible for our members to be eligible. So there are plans for the Spring to offer additional courses. Dates for these classes will be forthcoming and the flyer explaining the program will be in the next *Sounding Board*.

Debbie Grinstead, SEO

FROM THE CRUISE DIRECTOR...

Please read this information about the Bay Cruise carefully because it contains important information. In November of 2008, I paid to reserve 10 slips at South Beach Marina as part of the "Down Bay" trip. South Beach will take reservations for slips up to 60 days prior to any designated arrival date. We plan to arrive there on Sunday, October 18, staying two nights, and leaving on Tuesday October 20. South Beach will allow any individual boaters to start booking for October 18 on August 18, which follows their "60 day-out policy". If our sign-ups exceed our initial 10 boat reservation, I can reserve more slips for us prior to August 18, 2009. But after August 18, I am booking in competition with the general boating public. Bottom line, it is best if you decide BEFORE AUGUST 18, if you want to go "Down Bay" with SJDPS and stay at South Beach. Fill out the sign up sheet, attach a check today, and I probably can get everyone into South Beach. You can wait and sign up later, before SEPTEMBER 27, but the Harbormaster will not guarantee us additional berths at South Beach after August 18. The good news is that if it is necessary for you to cancel your reservation for any reason prior to October 3rd, you will get a full refund of all monies paid, less the \$10.00 non-refundable fee that I paid to South Beach Harbor. I will be at the general membership meeting on AUGUST 10 if you need more information or call me at the number(s) listed.

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Down Bay Cruise Out

October 16 to 25, 2009



Docking fees payable with your reservation.

Your Name _____ Cell # _____

Boat Name _____ E-mail _____

Length ____ Width ____ Where do you berth your boat _____

Please put a check mark indicating which days you will berth with us.

Vallejo: Fri/Sat--Oct 16/17 (Berth Friday ____ Sat ____)

NOTE: No charge if member of any of the following Yacht clubs: Pittsburg, Stockton, Village West, San Joaquin. (Bring burgee or ID card) Berthing fee: \$15/night = _____

South Beach: Sun/Mon--Oct 18/19 (Berth Sun ____ Monday ____)

Berthing fee: \$1.00/ foot/night + \$10 registration fee. This is Total Length over all.

\$1.00 x length _____ x Night's _____ + \$10 = _____

Berkeley : Tues/Weds--Oct 20/21 (Berth Tues ____ Wed ____)

Berthing fee: \$10/night = _____

San Rafael: Thurs/Fri--Oct 22/23 (Berth Thurs ____ Fri ____)

Club will have Friday night dinner . **Pay at door.** About \$15 Please indicate the number of people who will attend the Yacht Club dinner ____ Berthing fee: 0-

Pittsburg Yacht Club: Saturday, Oct 24 (Berth Sat ____) Berthing fee: = 0

Total \$ enclosed for your selections : _____

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THIS AND THAT...

So I said to myself, “self, do you present a recipe or do you remind your friends and colleagues that the ‘water conveyance system’ continues to move forward.” Obviously I chose the latter. Does it sound rational to you that removing fresh water from the delta estuary is going improve the delta? Is there any way that moving water around the delta will increase the amount of water available to the state or is it only addressing the needs of selected groups at the cost of the environment and the delta community? The facts seem pretty clear to me, i.e., taking the water away in this manner will be a tragedy for the entire region and beyond. Contact your legislators NOW and say “NO WAY...NOT NOW...NOT EVER!” See www.restorethedelta.org for more information.

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)

August

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

I'm looking for events into 1010...there are only a few days left till the holiday season. Does anyone recall the computer scare of 2000? Seems like yesterday.



New members inducted at the July meeting (from left to right)

Gary Steere, Doug Sherman, John Read

(Gary went on the last cruise-out and I managed to alienate him by jumping in front of him while ordering a drink at the bar—oh well.)



And Happiness is....

Your caption here...