



SOUNDING BOARD

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April 14, 2025



Cmdr. Jill Stevenson

Commander: Jill Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was led Doug Sherman

We have a quorum.

Motion was made by Gary Rogers and 2nd by Doug Sherman to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

Our newest member Gary Barlow was introduced and sworn in. Gary gave a brief talk about his boating on the delta with his daughter over the years and finally bought a boat. He will be an asset to the squadron.

Treasurer: Doug Sherman reported that we have money. All bills are paid. He is working with the state for the renewal of the land lease and should be done next month. Contact Doug if you would like more information on the finances.

Executive Officer: Yvonne de a Pena

Legislative: Several bills proposed by the legislature involving boating.

1. Increase the % of ethanol in gasoline. Being opposed by National.
2. Disposal of marine flares, test program being suggested.
3. Use of copper base paint in bottom paint. Suspended until enforcement plan can be approved.
4. Bill introduced to inventory abandoned vessels.
5. Increase of boater fees.
Yvonne will keep us informed as to results.



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Next Meeting

May 12, 2025, 7:00PM

Executive Meeting

6:45 PM

Port Captain: Gerrit Dyke reported on Current fuel prices on the delta.

Village West Marina: Gas \$5.97 Diesel \$5.41

River Point Marina: Gas \$5.64 Diesel \$4.89

Public Relations: Jill Stevenson attended the District 25 Zoom meeting on Saturday April 12th. Insurance was a main topic and National is still trying to work something out.

Safety: Ray dela Pena emphasized the importance of always being aware of you surroundings, even while on the dock. File a travel plan with your spouse, neighbor or friend and keep them informed of your plans. Offer assistance whenever possible.

Boating Activities: Ray de la Pena He is planning several cruises this year and will be sending out flyers as he puts the cruises together.

Vessel Safety Checks: Pete McCoy 25 given to date.

Education Officer: Doug Sherman gave an ABC course to 47 boaters on April 12th. Also, a reminder that everyone operating a boat MUST have a Boaters Card this year.

Membership Involvement: Susan Bod
Cinco De Mayo flyer out soon. Weather permitting.

Membership: Doug Sherman 109 Members

Island Report: Roland Bod Island Clean Up will be held on April 26th and 27th. Sign up with Roland (209) 361-7690 so he can have lunch for all.

Secretary: Bonnie Rogers

Website: Doug Sherman Website is up and running.

Historian: Jill Stevenson... No report

Roster: Doug Sherman ... up to date

Social Media: Everyone

Old Business:

New Business: Golden Mussels are becoming a major invasive species problem in the delta. Tracie Glaves will be a guest speaker at our May 12th meeting, regarding the infestation. PLEASE try and attend. This concerns all boaters.

Meeting adjourned: 7:58 PM



To all the members celebrating birthdays this month!

Please keep special thoughts and prayers for those members who are having health issues, facing surgeries and in need of special attention.



New Member Gary Barlow



Donna Castleman's Weed Pile GREAT JOB!
Thanks for stepping up.

NEW ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS as of APRIL 1, 2025

San Joaquin Delta Power Squadron is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82394973976?pwd=Ctsy8JrCRqaQzRV8c8HSDGtWHXzSml.1>

Meeting ID: 823 9497 3976

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