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## Commander's Log

*By Eric Gritzmacher*

### FALL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

BSPS hosted the Fall District 28 conference in Newport Beach on Friday September 30 and Saturday October 1.

For those of you who are not aware, we are one of four Squadrons in the district, the others being Phoenix, San Diego, and San Luis Rey, just outside of Oceanside.

The District is responsible for overseeing and coordinating various activities with and between the Squadrons. Twice a year the District Bridge along with the officers and members of the Squadrons get together to conduct business as well as sharing experiences in order to make us better at what we do.

We had a wonderful time at Joan Williams house - thank you Joan - on Friday. Boris Buzan provided Duffy rides around Newport harbor.



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On Saturday morning, there was a fascinating presentation by Leslie Nack (a member of the San Luis Rey Squadron) who shared her experiences of sailing around the world as a teenager. I'm sure you all would have enjoyed it. Visit her website at [www.lesliejohannsonnack.com](http://www.lesliejohannsonnack.com) to read about her amazing story.

Throughout the day, other District business was conducted, as seen in the photo below:



The meeting concluded with a banquet dinner that evening.

Thanks so much to all who helped, in particular Lou Loth, Veronica, Wes Heusser, Debbie McDonald, Ken and Pat Diehl, Dave Stencil, and of course my amazing wife Terri. It was a great event although I wish a few more members of Balboa could have attended.

### **EVENTS**

On July 23, a dinghy cruise was held in Newport Harbor. If my count is right, we had 8, possibly 9 vessels and 25 people which might be a record. We attempted to anchor in Linda Isle but couldn't manage to stay in one place. And this is a boating organization with supposedly experienced sailors! The day ended at the American Legion YC where we cooked burgers and enjoyed the afternoon.



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## ***Safe these Dates!***

**October 20th**

**GMM at Newport Tennis Club**

**October 22nd**

**End of Summer BBQ  
Newport Dunes 1400**

**November 17th**

**GMM and Thanksgiving Pot  
Luck  
Newport Dunes**

**December 16th**

**Holiday Party & GMM**

**January 27th, 2017**

**Change of Watch  
BCYC**

***Don't Miss Out!***

From the Editor.....Dave Stancil



I wanted to let all of you know that this issue of the *Trident* will be my last as the Editor.

Since I took over this job , it has been very rewarding to share with all of you the fun activities and boating educational efforts of our Squadron. I want to thank Boris Buzan who was my instructor in a Electronic Navigation class for getting me involved in the BSPS.

During my time as the Editor, my boating skills have increased and my wife, Tami, and I have added basic sailing skills to our powerboat ownership experiences. I sincerely credit my time as Editor to making me a better and safer boater.

As you will read later, our Squadron is in the need of a new Editor. The job is not difficult and all is needed is some basic computer skills with the ability to use Microsoft Publisher (it is part of Microsoft Office).

With the advances in digital media, I know that the Bridge will be evaluating the best methods of communication with our members. Our new web site is awesome. Log on today and bookmark the site.

If you are interested, the Squadron will purchase the software for you and training will be provided. All of the old files and photos will be made available to set you up to “plug and play” as the new Editor.

*Fair winds and following seas, but keep the sails full....*

Dave Stancil

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Our cruise to Dana Point August 19 - 21 was also a success with five (or was it six?) boats coming down. Our BBQ dinner on Saturday was impaired by really strong winds but we managed to make it happen. This is the second year we have had a good turnout so it will definitely be on the calendar next year.



### GMM'S

Our July GMM was at the Spaghetti Factory in Newport. It is one of our favorite places so we hope to do it there again soon. On September 15, we held our GMM at Mimi's, another great place for us, especially because we get our own room which allows us to carry on with no distractions.

As is our policy, we were "dark" in August.

Unfortunately, neither of the dinner meetings were very well attended. It is the best way to find out what is going on and interact with other Squadron members, so I hope to see more of you in the future.

### BSPS HATS and BAGS

Our own Tricia Warren is an expert at making hats, bags, whatever, with our logo on them. We have supply of them for a very reasonable price which we will be bringing to our upcoming GMM's and events. Please think about purchasing one - they are not only attractive, it is a cool way to let the community know about the BSPS.

Our new hat will be available for purchase at the next GMM.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 20th** our GMM will be at the Newport Tennis Club, another great place to have our meetings. We will have a speaker, Adriaan Veldhuisen, who is our District Education officer. Having access to the great classes and seminars at a discount is one of the benefits of being a member so I encourage you to attend if possible, and learn what is happening in the education program. You all should have received a notice about this.

**October 22nd** will be our End of Summer BBQ at the Dunes. See page 6.

**November 17th**, our GMM will be held at the Dunes where we will be having our annual Thanksgiving dinner. The Squadron provides the turkey and trimmings, and soft drinks. We also will be holding a best dessert contest which was a big hit the last few years. Keep an eye out for more information.

**December 16th** will be the annual Christmas party at Lu Jenkins house on the Peninsula. As most of you know, it is a perfect place to view the Newport Christmas boat parade so, a not to be missed event. Details to follow.

**January 27th**, Change of Watch. As in the past, our COW will be held at BCYC. This is an important event for the Squadron so try and attend. We will be sending out invitations with more details in December.

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### **BRIDGE POSITIONS-Important Message**

The Bridge, and the BSPS itself, are in need of your help. We will be selecting our Bridge members for next year as well as appointing officer/Chair positions. Many of the current members of the Bridge have been serving the Squadron faithfully for a number of years. We cannot ask them to continue to bear all of the responsibilities of running the organization.

We have unfilled positions in areas like webmaster, boating activities, membership, **Trident** editor, vessel examiners, and photographer. Without someone to fill these important functions, our ability to effectively function as a Squadron may be seriously impaired.

I ask that you consider taking a position on the Bridge or as an appointed Officer. So please contact myself or Wes Heusser, our Nominating Committee member, if you are willing to serve.

### **Balboa Sail & Power Squadron at the USPS meeting in Pittsburg**

BSPS Treasurer Lou Loth and Veronica attended the USPS Governing Board meeting in Pittsburgh last August. They are pictured here at the "Falling Waters" house designed by noted architect Frank L. Wright. Lou also visited the UA 93 Memorial in Shanksville PA. He is active at all levels of USPS: Squadron, District and National. In keeping with Lou's penchant for travel, this trip was combined with an East Coast cruise and a visit to Niagara Falls.



The next USPS National event is the Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL next February (immediately followed by an optional Panama or Caribbean Cruise). The AM always has an agenda with highlights for "First Timers". Our District has some reimbursement funds set aside to encourage attendance. Contact Lou for more info. (Photo courtesy of USPS National Photographer, Steve Erickson)

## **IN MEMORANDUM**

### **David William Lester**

One of our longest serving member, David Lester, passed away on September 17th at the age of 97. David served as a combat engineer in WWII and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star and received France's highest award, The Legion of Honor. David joined the BPS in 1972 and was active in educating the public on boating and safety on the water. His memorial was held at Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Costa Mesa on October 15.

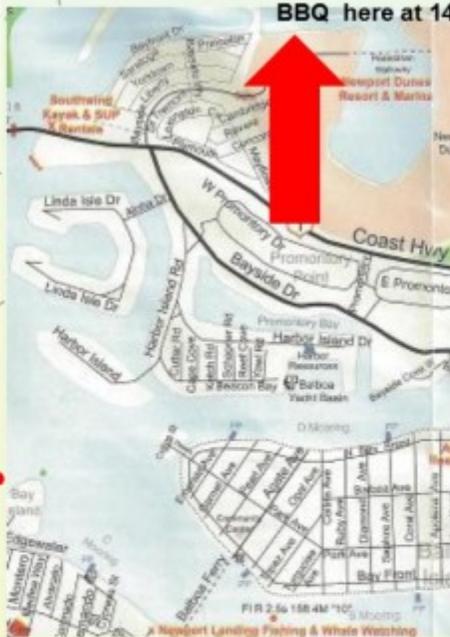


Saturday, October 22, 2016



*Balboa Sail  
and Power  
Squadron  
End of Summer  
BBQ*

BBQ here at 1400



**SCHEDULE**

**1400 Meet for BBQ harbor side at the Dunes**

**BSPS is providing burgers, dogs, and soft drinks**

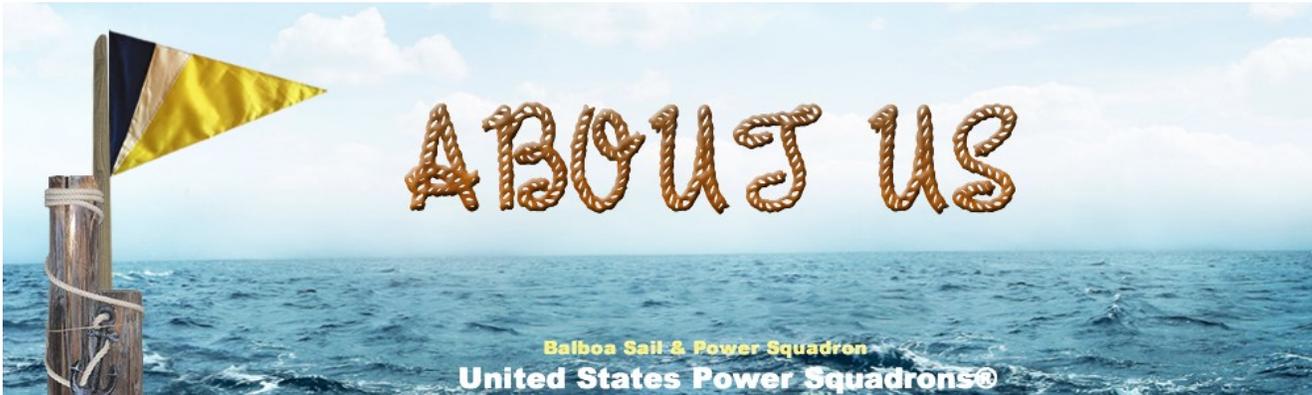
**Please bring a salad or dessert to share**

**Bring a lawn chair**

**BYOB**



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