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## THE TRIDENT

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### Commander's Log

**By Eric Gritzmacher**

Well, it happened again. We are into fall and Christmas stuff is starting to show up in stores. Geez, why does it seem time moves faster as I get older? Who made that rule?

On August 5th, my wife Terri and I went down to Del Mar basin in Oceanside for the annual District raft-up. It was a great turnout with seven or eight boats rafted up for the weekend. A great event to rub shoulders with members of the other Squadrons (I'm sure I took a bunch of photos but can't find them. How does that happen?). These District events are an opportunity to socialize with our fellow Power Squadron members. It is a reminder of what the USPS is all about and I always come away with a better appreciation of why we do what we do. I will be sure to let everyone know when next year's event takes place.

We are planning on holding our annual Christmas party and boat parade viewing on Friday December 15th at Lu Jenkins house as we have done for so many years. Given the low turnout last year - 15 or so - we are seriously considering changing the event. Historically, the Squadron supplies ham, turkey, and some side dishes while members bring dishes and deserts to share. It turns out that it is not only expensive (we lost quite a bit of money last year), but creates a lot of work for people.

This year, we are planning on keeping it simple with members bringing some hors d'oeuvres and small dishes to share, along with their liquids of choice. Be aware the parade route has changed and the boats will be going by approximately 7:00pm so you will need to get there early. That way after the parade goes by people can leave for dinner or stay around and enjoy the view. I will get out more information as it becomes available.

Change of Watch. The date has not been confirmed but at this point thinking of Friday January 26th. Wes's AO report is below and I suggest you read what he has to say. In addition to the Commander position, there are a number of other Bridge Officer spots that may need to be filled such as

### 2017 Bridge

#### Commander

Eric Gritzmacher

#### Executive Officer

Tara Keebaugh

#### Educational Officer

Eric Gritzmacher

#### Treasurer

Lou Loth

#### Secretary

Ken Warren

#### Admin. Officer

Wes Heusser

#### Members at Large

Glen Hulett

Mike Stewart

Ted Woodmas

Al Gussin

## Commander's Log (cont.)

### Change of Watch.

Administrative Officer, Executive Officer, as well as other non-elected positions that we could sure use some help with.

Merit Marks: Merit Marks are our way of recognizing your contributions to the Squadron. So, if you assisted, advised, or helped out in any way, we need to know. Examples include helping with GMM's, events such as BBQ's or dinghy cruises, or assisting Wes at the boat show. Perhaps you made food for an event or helped with setting up.

As the cutoff for last year was the end of September, include anything you did for the 2016 October GMM, November Thanksgiving event at the Dunes, the Fall District Conference, or last year's Christmas party. Send me what it is you did and a best guess as to the number of hours you spent. Typically, they want to see 15 hours or so but that is not set in stone. If you are in doubt, send to me anyway and we will consider you for a mark. It is a great way to get recognition for your efforts. I need to submit this to National by the end of October so get it to me as soon as you can. Anyone with 25 or more Merit Marks gets you designated as a Life Member (we have a few).

### New members

I would like all of you to welcome Grant and Jessie Bullis our newest members. They own a 22ft Duffy called Rubber Duffy (very clever name I would say). They seem like really wonderful people - do we have anyone who isn't? Be sure to make a point of introducing yourselves at the next opportunity.

## CALENDAR

### Save these dates:

#### October:

ExCom

12th 7:00pm BCYC

GMM

19th 6:00pm Newport

Tennis Club

#### November:

ExCom

9th 7:00pm BCYC

16th 6:00pm Newport Dunes

GMM & Thanksgiving Dinner

#### December:

ExCom

914h 7:00pm BCYC

15th Christmas Party & Boat  
Parade - (details to follow)

(The calendar may change, keep an eye on our website for announcements)

### USPS Governing Board Meeting

This semi-annual event was held in Dallas, TX on September 16th. Balboa was represented by Ken Smith (with Pat) and Lou Loth (with Veronica).



Both Ken and Lou are members of National Committees.

Highlights of GB reports and current achievements of various Committees can be found on the USPS website, USPS.org. You will soon see a product of the Marketing Committee which is shown here. You can see the connection with Sail, Power, and Paddle cleverly incorporated in the logo design.



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON FLARES**

No longer available through the Coast Guard Auxiliary was an annual **FLARE** shoot which gave boaters the opportunity to learn and watch demonstrations. One big take-away—never light a flare on or near water unless it is a true emergency. The Coast Guard will take their appropriate action and you'll be in line for a hefty fine if not legitimate.

Use of a **FLARE** may vary and basically one removes the plastic lid to expose the scratch surface cap; follow that with removing the surface cap to expose the black button of the flare, similar to a match. Remember to point it away from the body and do not hold in an upright position as molten residue from the lighting process will burn. We recommend reading all instruction prior to lighting a flare.

Common mistakes when using **FLARES** - be aware of the following: striking the ignitor button too hard, improper positioning, i.e. near the body, carrying the lighted flare improperly, remember to place the flare on the ground, not to "drop" it—dropping can cause the burning portion to break off and thereby extinguishing the flare and since flares are designed to produce oxygen independent of the outside air, always allow flares to burn completely, thereby consuming all chemicals within the flare.

Emergency **FLARE** safe storage and handling procedures. Flares are a safe and stable item to store. The USDT classifies flares as a flammable solid and they are not sensitive to initiation. This means that you would not need to be concerned of a mass explosion or of an individual flare exploding. Remember to store away from flame and heat, preferably in a sealed bag

**SEA SCOUT UPDATE**

According to Eben Schwartz, the Marine Debris Program Manager for the CCC, Ship 711, along with over 54,000 volunteers picked up 510,000 of debris from California waterways during Coastal Clean Up Day on September 16th, 2017! SS 711 joined in the fun and pulled out of NBB everything from car tires to a recliner. Our 5 youths and 3 adults also assisted in transporting canoes, paddles and PFDs so boy scouts and volunteers could get out on the water and access those hard to reach places. Not only did we better the environment, we spent time with friends and saw 1st hand the impact trash has on our environment. And, what guy doesn't like to get a little muddy? We look forward to volunteering again in 2018! (Photo, page 2; Chris Shintani)



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District 28: [www.usps.org/localusps/d28/](http://www.usps.org/localusps/d28/)

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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT**

Well, summer is over. On September 24th we had our end of summer BBQ. Picture perfect day with a good turnout - 30+ people. A big thanks to Debbie, Ted, Tricia, and Ken for all of their help. And thanks to all who brought such great food to share. A number of Sea Scouts from our Sea Scout Ship 711 Del Mar showed up to do a knot tying demonstration. I was asked if I could tie all of the knots and said yes, but not in one minute! They are so good, they often win in National competitions.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our cruise to Dana Point as a number of the boats were having mechanical issues. Instead, we are thinking of having a "cruise" to Newport. One idea is to dock our boats at the Newport Marina Park Community center for the day. As winter is getting close, we hope to do it soon so keep an eye out for updates.

Our next GMM will be on Thursday October 19th at the Newport Beach Tennis club. More information to follow. November 19th we will be having our annual Thanksgiving dinner and desert contest at the Dunes. Always fun.

In addition, our Change of Watch will take place in January, of next year. As you know, the COW is very important. Eric has been holding us together for the past 4 years and Boris 3 years before that. We have many people who help out but few who are willing to help lead the Squadron. We need leaders and teachers. Peter is one of our best instructors over the years but we may have over-worked him. It is a shame that we only have one person doing vessel safety checks. It is not that difficult and a great deal of fun getting on so many boats. Take the online test and join me.

**Mark and Lynne's Alaska fishing adventure**

We flew to Sitka Alaska and stayed a couple of days there before going on our fishing trip, which was nice as it got rid of that awful jet lag we do experience now and then. We then were picked up by an employee of the Wild Strawberry Lodge and taken all of our instructions gear that we had to as you can see, the



We were lucky had John, the owner our Captain every great as he's been last 28 yrs. and great fishing sites to all of them. What to catch that day is When we got our move on to catch one of the other fish we were able to keep.

there and given and foul weather wear every day, yellow slicker. enough that we of the lodge as day which was doing this for the knows all the and he took us ever we wanted where we went. quota, we'd

We caught King Salmon, Halibut, Lingcod, Silver Salmon, Black bass and red snapper. They are a bright Red fish and really beautiful and fun to catch as they are real fighters.

We were there for 4 days and we enjoyed every minute of it. The Lodge is clean with bathrooms in every room, which I insisted on as we went fishing there at another lodge about 10 yrs. ago and they had one bathroom for me and 25 guys, which of course didn't work out very well to say the least. The breakfast, lunch and dinners were wonderful. One of the cooks came in at 2:00am and made fresh pastries' and breads every day and it was delicious. Our lunches were made up by the Captain while we were fishing and they were always great sandwiches with several kinds of meat, lettuce, tomato and pickles, chips and coolers full of water, sodas and beer (if you brought your own).