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Hey, Peralta!
Summer's Here!
*Let's have some fun
on the water.*



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Administrative Officer's Report

LT/C JOHN FELLOWS

Returning members are **P/Lt/C Lee Stevens, AP** of San Mateo, **Fritz Berzales** and his wife **Krystal Nekudova** adding their son **Aiden Nekudova-Berzales** from Livermore. Two additional members added to Lt/C John Fellows are his wife **Doreen** and their younger son **Michael** from San Leandro. One additional member added to P/C Melba Hale is **Larry Gertz** from Bethel Island. **Transferring** from the former Marin Sail and Power Squadron is **P/C Nick Tarson, AP** of San Francisco.

**Welcome
returning,
transferring
and new
members.**

New members from the America's Boating Course class held by Lt/C Ricardo Mares, P at the Benicia Yacht Club are **Robert Ritter, Roger Shields** and **Robert Webber**, all from Benicia, **Casimir Karbo** and **Nicholas Sinosky**, both from Martinez, **William Ritter** from Pleasanton, **Clarence Smith** from Sacramento, **Mark Connors** from Suisun, and **Robert Andrews** and **Kristian Mullins**, both from Vallejo, and lastly, Ricardo's grandson **Roman Spinale** from Lincoln.

We welcome back returning members, and new and transferring members. We hope to see all of you at upcoming events and of course, classes and seminars that we and other squadrons offer.

2015 District 25 Rendezvous

To be held at Rio Vista Marina July 10, 11, and 12. You don't need to bring your boat, there is plenty of parking and spaces for RV's with hook-ups, and several hotels close by. Be prepared for a great time, good food, and informative seminars. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Peralta Squadron June 20th Barbeque

The Peralta Squadron will be holding its summer Barbeque on Saturday, June 20th at the San Leandro Yacht Club. We are planning some delicious food and drink, and hope that members will be able to join us for a great time. Please refer to the flyer included in this issue of the Helmsman for more information.

Smooth Sailing on the Bay and Delta waters.



Executive Officer's Report

BY P/C RICARDO MARES, P



Recent and Current Activities

Safe Boating Week May 16 – 23: BYC members and I passed out flyers to families promoting the use of PFDs while boating.

Vivian Matuk of Cal Boating and Waterways is presenting a seminar on Boating Clean and Green at Benicia Yacht Club on Wednesday, June 10, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Members of the Youth Sailing Club at Benicia High School and their families were invited to attend the Boating Clean & Green seminar. In addition, they received a flyer from Recreational Boaters of California that explains the new Vessel Operator Certification law and a description of age requirements and dates when they go into effect.

Vessel Safety Checks

Vessel Safety Checks have been underway. Rick Ericson and Norm Pennington have been active for the past two months. If you need to have your boat examined, contact Rick Ericson.

ABC3 Course at Bridge Marina YC, Antioch will be held on two Saturdays - July 11 and July 25. Possibly 20 to 30 BMYC members are interested in taking the course. Members of Peralta Sail & Power Squadron and Diablo Sail & Power Squadron will coordinate to teach the class. If anyone knows of someone interested that's in the Antioch area, have them contact Bridge Marina Yacht Club to reserve a space in the class.

Boating season is here. Like I've mentioned in the past, a good place to become familiar with your boat is on a predetermined course with someone assisting you. NCPCA (Northern California Power Cruisers Association) has a structured contest coming up on Saturday, July 18. This first contest of the year will be held out near Antioch. The course time is approximately 2 hours depending on the speed of your boat. NCPCA has opened this up to Novice boaters to come along and participate with one experienced person on board from NCPCA Club. This gives you an opportunity to practice your seamanship at the helm at low speed. There are other boats in the contest, but the main purpose of this is for you to become more familiar in the operation of your own vessel. This will be open to power boats only. For more information, contact me, Ricardo Mares.



Squadron Educational Officer's Report

D/LT/C NORMAN W. PENNINGTON, SN

Courses completed!

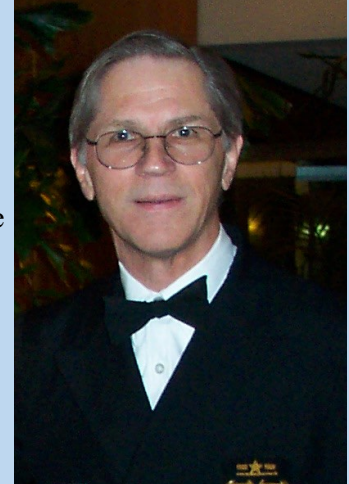
Since my last report we have completed two courses. The first is the American's Boating Course (ABC3) that was presented by Lt/C Ricardo L. Mares, P at the Benicia Yacht Club. Those taking and passing the final examination were offered and accepted a six-month free membership in the Peralta Sail and Power Squadron. In a few months Ricardo will be offering the Piloting course to these new members. Meanwhile, Ricardo is working with Diablo Sail and Power Squadron to put on a joint Peralta-Diablo ABC3 course over two week-ends at the Bridge Marina Yacht Club in Antioch. This course will be presented on two Saturdays in July with materials distributed in advance of the first course session. Early indications suggest that this may be a well attended course.

Meanwhile, I have been presenting the Seamanship Course at the San Leandro Yacht Club with eight students, two of which are non-members who have had to drop the course due to family obligations, two more from the Santa Clara Power Squadron, one from the Ventura Power Squadron, and Lt/C John Fellows, Darren Chambers and Steve Reuveni from Peralta. By the time you read this report we will have administered the final examination and will be waiting for the results. I'm confident that all will pass with "flying colors".

Coming up in the next few months a Piloting will be offered at the Benicia Yacht Club and in September we are planning on offering Advanced Piloting at the San Leandro Yacht Club. I am also looking at offering the America's Boating Course on the Peninsula. Also under consideration is Inland Navigator and/or Coastal Navigator certification for those who desire to start or continue certification in the Boat Operator Certification program.

Courses or seminars under consideration for update or revision are Cruising and Cruise Plan-

ning and Emergencies on Board to better align them with the Boat Operator Certification Program. Also under revision is the America's Boating Course Third Edition (ABC3) to be a major update to conform to new NASBLA (National Association State Boating Law Administrators) compliance and will be released as ABC4. Included will be changes to Section 8 that will reference law specific to California. The National Educational Department is still working on the Marine Navigation Systems course, with the CPS version in current use so that the Marine Electronics ME103 can be retired.



Getting out and meeting boaters is one of my goals this year. To that end I participated at the South Bay Opening Day at the Sequoia and Peninsula Yacht Clubs in Redwood City. There was not much traffic at our booth, however I did manage to conduct surveys and distribute Clean and Green Boating kits to visitors for the California State Boating and Waterways Dock-Walker program. In case you have not heard of the DockWalker program, it is a program of educating the boating public to be responsible for the environment by choosing cleaning products that are not harmful to the environment, to recognize and utilize disposal facilities for waste petroleum products including used oil and filters, and pump out facilities. Boaters are provided with a Clean and Green kit after taking a short survey. Along with Lu Abel from the Santa Clara Squadron I stood in the Cal Boating and Waterways booth at the Strictly Sail Show back in April.

I am also involved in another program called the California Coastal Cleanup Day in September 2015. I would like to see the Peralta Squadron team up with the San Leandro Marina, The Spinnaker Yacht Club and the San Leandro Yacht club to pick up trash in and about the Marina on Saturday, September 19th.



Vessel Operator Card (SB941)

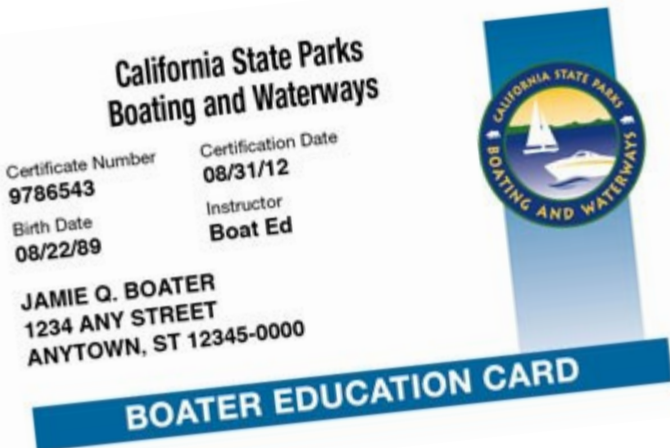
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is SB 941?

A: On September 18, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed Senate Bill 941, authored by Senators Bill Monning (D-Carmel) and Mark DeSaulnier (D-Concord), promoting boating safety education for California boat operators. The new law will require the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to develop the California Vessel Operator Cards (CVOC) and issue those cards to persons who provide proof that a vessel operator examination has been taken and passed beginning in January 2018. The new law was widely supported throughout the Legislative process by the Recreational Boaters of California, marine law enforcement and other marine organizations.

Q: When will boaters need to have a CVOC?

A: The new law will be phased in for the next several years. While the law goes into effect on January 1, 2015, the CVOC requirement will begin on January 1, 2018 for certain groups, and phased in through January 1, 2025, when all persons will be required to have the Card. The Division of Boating and Waterways will begin evaluating implementation, and setting up frameworks to comply with SB 941 beginning in 2015.



Q: Who will be required to have a California Vessel Operator Card (CVOC)?

A: The CVOC requirement will be phased in. On January 1, 2018, all persons 20 years of age and younger who operate any motorized vessel on waterways subject to the jurisdiction of the state of California must have in his or her posses-

sion a vessel operator card issued by California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW), unless they meet certain exemptions. (Age restrictions for operating a recreational vessel in California still apply. See Harbors and Navigation Code Section 658.5) Each year thereafter, a new age group will be added to those who are required to possess a valid vessel operator card in order to operate a motorized vessel on California waters. In 2025, all persons who operate a vessel on California waters must possess a valid vessel operator card. Once issued, a CVOC remains valid for a boat operator's lifetime.

Q: How will the CVOC be phased in?

A: The new California Harbors and Navigation Code Section 678.11(b) contains the following schedule to have a CVOC based on operator age by the following dates:

January 1, 2018 Persons 20 years of age or younger
January 1, 2019 Persons 25 years of age or younger
January 1, 2020 Persons 35 years of age or younger
January 1, 2021 Persons 40 years of age or younger
January 1, 2022 Persons 45 years of age or younger
January 1, 2023 Persons 50 years of age or younger
January 1, 2024 Persons 60 years of age or younger
January 1, 2025 All persons regardless of age

Q: Who will be exempt from the having an operator card?

A: Per the language included in SB 941, the following persons will not be required to have a CVOC to operate a motorized vessel on California waterways when the requirements go into effect beginning in January 2018:

- A person who is a resident of a state other than California who is temporarily operating a vessel in California for less than 60 days and meets the boating requirements, if any of his/her state.
- A person who is a resident of a country other than the United States who is temporarily operating a vessel in California for less than 90 days and meets the boating requirements, if any of his/her country.
- A person operating a vessel while under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older who is in possession of a CVOC issued by DBW.
- A person operating a vessel in an organized regatta or vessel race, or water ski race.
- A person operating a rental vessel.
- A person who is in possession of a current commercial fishing license.
- A person who is in possession of a valid marine operator license, for the waters upon which the licensee is operating, issued by the United State Coast Guard, or who is in possession of a valid certificate issued pursuant to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended.
- A person who has successfully completed a boating course approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Q: What if I have already taken a boater education course or take one before 2018? Will it take the place of the new CVOC requirement when it goes into effect?

A: DBW is reviewing the newly adopted law to determine whether we will accept proof of passing a boater education course that was taken prior to the requirement being phased in beginning in January 2018. DBW always recommends that boaters take safety courses for boating. Boat operators may take a course now, but there is no guarantee that it will be accepted by DBW in order to receive a CVOC when the CVOC requirement goes into effect January 1, 2018.

Q: What courses will be approved to receive an operator card, and how will I find them?

A: DBW is currently reviewing the newly adopted law, and this information will be provided prior to the roll out in 2018. However, DBW strongly recommends that all persons that operate a boat take a safety course. Some safety courses can be found on www.dbw.parks.ca.gov.



Peralta Sail and Power Squadron

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Peralta

Sail & Power Squadron's

Kickoff to

Summer BBQ



WHERE: San Leandro Yacht Club -

20 Mulford Point Drive , San Leandro

WHEN: Saturday, June 20, 2015

TIME: 1730 Hours (5:30 p.m.)

MENU: BBQ Burgers, Hot Dogs,

Green Salad, Potato Salad, Beans

Coffee & Dessert

PER PERSON: \$10.00

Please mail reservations to:

Judy Pennington

16 Cobblestone Lane

Belmont, Ca. 94002-2310

Tel. 650-595-2169

E-mail judypenn@sbcglobal.net

Name _____

Adults \$10.00/Each _____

Children _____

Under 12 Years \$ 5.00/Each _____

TOTAL _____

Please R.S.V.P BY Thursday, June 18



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The Commander's Report

BY CDR BARBARA WALDSTREICHER, AP

Greetings,

I hope to find you all well and excited for the upcoming boating season. I hope this season brings you many happy and safe experiences and beautiful days on the water. We are welcoming in, and back, 12 new and renewing members. It is exciting to be increasing our members when many squadrons are losing members.

I, along with several of the bridge members, have been active attending many activities and events in our area. SBOD festivities were held on May 1-2 with SLYC hosting dinner on Friday night with several surrounding yacht clubs represented. Saturday activities on the other side of the bay with Sequoia Yacht club hosting, had a parade and information booths in which Norm Pennington attended and manned a booth passing out info regarding the USPS and Peralta Power Squadron. Norm and Judy Pennington and I attended the dinner at the Peninsula Yacht Club which was fun and delicious. A good time was had by all that weekend.

At our monthly Executive Committee meeting we were honored to have out District Commander, Hal Morris attend to listen and give input. He had mentioned that he wanted to attend one of every squadron's board meetings while he is in office. It was fun having him there and seeing how we run our meeting. I think he enjoyed himself.

Norm, Judy, John Fellows, Ricardo Mares and I attended the Sail Angle Seminar in which we learned much information and how to navigate Sail Angle. If you are interested, there is information you can get online or attend the seminar when it is offered again.

Ricardo and Josette Mares, Norm and Judy and I attended the Opening Day on the Carquinez Straits which was hosted by the Benicia Yacht Club, in congruence with Safe Boating Week (May 16-22).

I will be on the District Feasibility Study com-

mittee which will be looking into streamlining the squadrons in our district. I will report back to you with the information I gain.

I am proud to report that we now have two Official Dock Walkers now in our squadron-- Norm and Ricardo. They have attended

the Dock Walkers Program and now can incorporate that information into their courses and Norm's vessel safety checks. Congrats and thanks.....

Also, a shout out to Ricardo as he gave a talk at the District25 Council Meeting in May on Publicizing Courses. There were several questions at the end and I think many came away with some helpful information.

As you can see, we have been a busy board so far and hope that many of you can join us in the upcoming scheduled events. The BBQ and General Membership Meeting will be held this month and the District Rendezvous in Rio Vista is next month. It seems like a long time away but it will be here before you know it. You still have time to schedule for it. You don't have to have a boat and can drive there.

Hope to see you soon..



Commander Barbara Waldstreicher