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Peralta Commander Waldstreicher, P/C Folger and San Leandro Yacht Club member Fran Moon prepare to explore Hanauma Bay in Hawaii as part of a four week Pacific Ocean tour of Australia, New Zealand and French Polynesia.



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What's ahead for Peralta Squadron?



2016 Calendar of Events

Monday, 13 June -- Peralta Squadron Executive Committee Meeting. All Members Welcome - San Leandro Yacht Club

Saturday, 25 June -- Peralta Squadron Barbecue and General Meeting. San Leandro Yacht Club. Starts at 5:30. Dinner only \$10 per person.

Monday, 11 July -- Peralta Squadron Executive Committee Meeting. No Meeting in July 2016

Friday-Sunday, 22-24 July -- USPS District 25 Summer Rendezvous, Delta Marina - Rio Vista

Saturday, 6 August -- Peralta Squadron Fun Cruise and Picnic, Stockton River Point Marina

Monday, 15 August -- Peralta Squadron Executive Committee Meeting. All Members Welcome - San Leandro Yacht Club

Monday, 15 Aug.-- Helmsman Articles Due to Newsletter Editor

Sun – Sat., 21-28 Aug. -- USPS Governing Board Meet-



Peralta mourns the loss of **P/C Arthur L. Dwyer, Jr., AP**

Members of Peralta Sail and Power Squadron mourn the passing of Past Commander Arthur L. Dwyer, Jr., AP. He died on April 27. Arthur was a dedicated member of the Peralta Squadron since 1962. He served two terms as commander in 1989 and 1990. He was a member of the Merit Mark Honor Roll after earning 21 merit marks for his service. In addition Arthur was given special recognition for his work in cooperative charting. He was a major donor to the Peralta Educational Fund.

Arthur L. Dwyer Jr. was born on August 7, 1927 in Alameda. After graduating from high school, he served in the Navy as a Seabee. He married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Joan, who predeceased him after 59 wonderful years of marriage. Arthur retired from the Alameda Naval Air Station after 33 years of dedicated work.

Arthur lived in Hayward, California for 64 years. He was active in Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts. He was a member of the N.C.P.C.A., the San Joaquin Yacht Club, and a 56 year member of the Peralta Power Squadron. He passed peacefully, surrounded by family

Arthur is survived by his loving family, David A. Dwyer (Sherrie), Sharon L. Flores (Refugio), Granddaughter Lindsey R. Flores and Great-Grandson Justin Arthur Moore.

Services were private. Donations on Arthur's behalf can be made to Kaiser Hospice in San Leandro, CA

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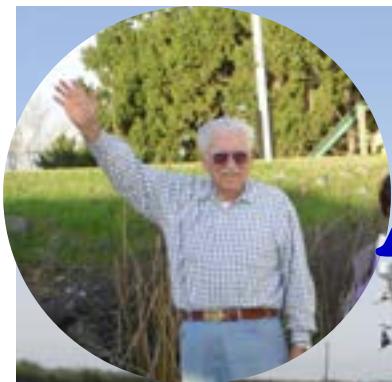
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Remembering Art Dwyer



Tikitu Arrives At Delta Yacht Club





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Executive Officer's Report

P/C RICARDO MARES, P



Memories of Art Dwyer

All the good times and friendship that we shared with Art and Shirley Dwyer will be remembered. We met Art first as an instructor and continued to learn from Art's boating knowledge and experience on the water. Warm and welcoming best describes Art and Shirley when we would meet them on their boat. They showed us what true membership and fellowship in Peralta is all about.

Overloading Large and Small Boats

You don't need to be an engineer to see when overloading a boat increases the chances of capsizing. The center of gravity is raised, and this makes it much harder to recover when or if a large wave unexpectedly comes upon the vessel. Boats under 20 feet have a capacity plate, which outlines how many people and approximately how much weight you can load the boat. This is placed by the manufacturer so it is calculated on an average of 150 lbs. per person – leaves me out. As Skipper, you need to organize and manage your guests and placement of supplies to always maintain a good balance to your vessel.

Power boats with fly bridges have the highest concern. Quite often you see a 34' to 42' boat with a number of people that exceeds safe capacity up top. Each boat is different in construction, and you need to know its capabilities.

Every year there's a story of boaters on the perimeter of an air show or a jet boat race viewing the festivities and having a great time at anchor. Then when the show is over, boats are leaving the area still keeping the heavy top load on the vessel. This is when the danger can occur. Wakes from other boats and the wind building up larger waves starts the action to pitch a boat from side to side, and all it takes is what they call a large wave or a rogue wave to pitch it beyond its ability to right itself, and this is when people go into the water or even worse the boat capsizes. Skippers need to be aware of this unforeseen danger.



Educational Officer's Report

BY D/LT/C NORMAN W. PENNINGTON, SN

The month of April brought the Pennington family along with the Folger's, and Commander Barbara along with San Leandro Yacht Club member, Fran Moon, and Santa Clara Squadron member, Jim and Dee Sadler on a long journey to Australia and back to the Bay Area covering about 14,600 nautical miles.

This journey was primarily on the water; however most of the distance was in the air. The planning for this trip started nearly two years ago as we were wrapping up our trans-Atlantic trip from Ft. Lauderdale to Rome Italy.

For most of us, our trip started at the International Terminal at the San Francisco International Airport. After working our way through the check-in process, the TSA security maze, the boarding area and finally the jet way to the plane, we finally settled in our seats in Boeing's 787 Dreamliner for the 15 hour flight to Sydney Australia. We departed on Monday evening and arrived in Sydney on Wednesday morning, losing Tuesday somewhere over the International Date Line.

Once in Sydney we took an excursion to the Blue Mountains, traveling by bus, tram, cable car and boat. Our tour started with hotel pickup traveling through the city making our way towards the Blue Mountains with a stop at Leura, a village for coffee and cake. Next up was Katoomba, the center of the Blue Mountains where we saw the Three Sisters rock formation from our gondola. Part of the attraction was Scenic World, where we rode Australia's highest and biggest cable car, and the steepest incline passenger carrying railway in the world. Later on our way back to our hotel, we took an afternoon cruise along the Parramatta River (which becomes Sydney Harbor) back to Circular Quay (city center) where our tour ended.

After a few days in Sydney we were able to board the Celebrity Solstice that would become our home for the next 18-days. After departing Sydney, we headed to the Bay of Islands on the east coast of the far north district of the north island of New Zealand. This was followed by sailing to Auckland. Auckland in the North Island of New Zealand is the largest and most populous urban area in the country. The city is very modern city despite its age. In both of these cities there were several tours that provided a taste of the local culture and sights.

Our next ports of call were in the Society Islands starting with Tahiti. Our next stop was Moorea followed by Bora Bora. At each island we took a bus tour around



the island stopping for a photo opportunity or a beverage break. Our visit to Tahiti was a little disappointing considering our visit was on a Sunday with nearly everything closed. Our ship was berthed next to a marina which gave the appearance of a city complete with vehicular traffic. Both Moorea and Bora Bora were more rustic giving the appearance of a more natural Polynesian island setting. At these islands our ship dropped the hook and our transportation was via a tender to the port.

Our last ports of call were in the Hawaiian Islands at the ports of Lahaina and Honolulu. No tours here as we have been on these islands before. We enjoyed a little shopping at Hilo Hattie's in Lahaina and a several day respite at our hotel in Waikiki before heading back to the mainland and home.

While at sea I was the self-appointed navigator. Each day I would check the Latitude and Longitude in my GPS for the next port of call. I would make periodic checks to see how we were progressing and at the evening dinner I would provide our current location and the number of miles to our next port of call, or when we would reach the 180° Meridian, International Date Line, and the Equator. When we crossed the International Date Line, the Tuesday we lost on our way to Australia was found and replaced with a second Thursday. There was a celebration for crossing the International Date Line, which several high-level ships' officers took a dunk in the pool with the crowd cheering them on. We are now recognized as Shellbacks having started the cruise as Pollywogs. The weather was not bad, however it was not great. The forecast was mostly cloudy with occasional breaks of sunny skies, or light drizzle.

Each morning up on the 14th deck were those that were walking the track trying to lose the previous day's weight gain? With all of those days at sea we managed to keep busy with the various activities that were available to us. Often the activities were interrupted by meals, where there were plenty. There was time to lounge around one of the pools, the library or on our private lanai. Each evening there was live entertainment in the theater and gambling in the casino. One of my favorite stops was at the ice cream counter up on the 14th deck.

Several of us signed up for the "Behind the Scenes" tour that took us to places that are not open to passengers. This included the bridge, the anchor locker, back stage in the theater, selected crew areas, the engine control room and the galley. Part of the galley tour took us through the "stores" where a multitude of food stuffs were stored on pallets including refrigerated food stock, dry food such as rice, coffee and canned food and the large liquor cabinet containing all of the wines, beer, hard liquor and soft drinks. We then visited the galley where meals were being prepared according to a precise menu. The ovens were baking cookies, cakes and bread and the stoves were cooking meat and vegetables. Our tour was topped off with a fantastic meal in one of the specialty restaurants. With this being our sixth ocean cruise we are already looking forward to our next cruise in a few years from now. We have done the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans,

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TAHITIAN TREASURES VACATION

By Cdr Barbara Waldstreicher

With the anticipation of a year and a half wait,
The time had finally come to meet at the airport gate.
Andrew picked Barb up on April 4th with Fran in tow,
And we would soon find out if they would become friend or
foe.



The 15 hour flight arrived in Sydney in the morning.....early,
We split up to tour and begin our individual journey.
Botanical Gardens, Opera House, Rocks, Darling Harbor and Circular Quay,
Made for great walks, both night and day, and scenery.

The Blue Mountain Tour and River Cruise was a lot of fun,
With the tram, cable car, wildlife park and scenery not to be outdone.
Dinner at night overlooking the lights of the bridge and bay in Circular Quay,
Was a perfect location and view for Fran and Barb, they did agree.

April 9th, our time in Sydney was done,
And our boarding process had begun.
We toured and became acquainted with the Celebrity Solstice,
Observing and inspecting everything, which was so gorgeous.

The ship took off to begin our much anticipated cruise,
Of fun, relaxation, conversation and lots of booze.
Sea days were fun with so much to do,
From laying out, exercising, cards and lectures to view.

The Bay of Islands and Auckland New Zealand were fun places to visit,
With Maori history, glow worms, dogs and holy rocks on exhibit.
Dick got to take the helm and replace the captain of the sailing boat,
And Fran saw a dog show and sheering of a sheep's coat.

The Backstage Pass Tour took us behind the scenes,
From the bridge, galley, crew's quarters, engine room and all the in-betweens.
We dined in different restaurants to taste different eats,
And night time entertainment in the theatre came in our special seats.

Dinners in the Grand Epernay were filled with plenty of conversations,
And some eagerly waited for Norm's evening navigational calibrations.
The after show routine for Barb and Judy was to frequent the casino,
Where Judy's good luck was increasing her ego.

At the end of pretty much each evening Barb worked on Fran's shoulder range of motion,
The majority of the time in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.
With her increasing range throughout the trip,
Barb was definitely earning her wine and tip.

Dee and Jim spent a lot of time at the glass blower observing and getting handouts,
They eagerly attended and enjoyed watching the frequent workouts.
The anticipation and contemplation of the lotion boy on
the way to Tahiti was eagerly awaited, For Dick to
find his friend and become reacquainted.

After several days at sea, we made it to Papeete and saw land,
And finally got to see the Tahitian sand.

Moorea and Bora Bora had beautiful scenery and crystal clear waters,
And many decided we could easily return as private yachters.

Sailors make a big deal crossing the International Date Line and equator,
With detailed ceremonies and traditions for the navigator.
The International Date Line had a New Year's Eve atmosphere,
And the equator changed us from Pollywogs to Shellbacks in the new year.

During one of the sea days there was a three-card poker lesson to learn the game,
To win lots of money, fortune and fame.
Dick and Pat played a few reality hands but were quickly done,
They built up some confidence to play and had some fun.

We talked about going out on the deck to see the Southern Cross in the night sky,
But too many cloudy days made it impossible with the naked eye.
We saw a great lecture on Steve Irwin's life,
Along with interesting information on his family and wife.

The Folgers, Fran and Barb attended a Passover Seder where they learned a lot,
Barb guided them through the rituals and much was taught.
New and symbolic foods were eaten and tasted,
And it didn't look like much was wasted.

Our sommelier, Randy, was very attentive and had a nice smile,
He gave Fran many glasses of wine to taste and trial.
Our waiters Rogelio and Gillmar were so attentive too,
Anything we asked for or wanted, they came through.



Barb became the sports reporter for the dining room wait staff,
They eagerly crowded around her waiting for the basketball scores.....en masse.
She met an Aussie who asked her to read her story,
And he told her to recognize his rowdy, obnoxious Aussies.....which was mandatory.

Last sea day came with a trip to the shops to check out the final sales,
And look out our balconies for oncoming whales.
Judy came out ahead in the casino,
Now maybe she should consider heading to Reno!!

Murano's was a highlight dinner for Barb and Fran,
We had a great French dinner with the lobster man.
A gourmet meal with tasty wine, so savory and great,
The 4 course servings were completely gone from our plate.

Lahaina, the last stop before the end of our wonderful cruise,
Fran did some snorkeling and saw some awesome views.
A beautiful, enjoyable, relaxing day as we wound down our trip,
On this beautiful Celebrity Solstice ship.

I thank Fran for being a good roommate to the end,
She was fun to pal around with and now a good friend.
She put up with a cold room, Barb's hot flashes and talking all night,
Enduring her nightly rehab sessions before turning out the light.

Another trip of a lifetime has finally come to an end,
With great experiences, friendships and adventures we did spend.
I look forward to future and new destinations,
Where we'll have more exciting times and conversations.





Peralta Sail and Power Squadron
proudly presents our

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP BARBECUE

Saturday, June 25, 2016

No Host Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m.
Complete with Assorted Snackables

Dinner at 6:30 p.m. featuring

*Peralta Barbecued Burgers Nautique
The Great American Hot Dog Extraordinaire
Crisp Green Salad with Dressings Magnifique
Lip-Smacking Potato Salad Elegante
Bubbly Glazed Baked Beans
Dessert so good you may weep with joy*

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San Leandro Yacht Club

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We don't want to run out of food, so help us plan.
Please let us know how many there will be in your party.

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Our travel photo album

Norm and Judy pause on the Blue Mountain nature trail. The *Celebrity Solstice* at anchor. At right, a visit to the bridge. Below, eating at a Belgian restaurant in Sydney, Australia! Barb and Fran visit the bowels of the ship. At the bottom is a typical South Sea view from Moorea. An “island lotion vendor” and some canoes overdue for a haulout.



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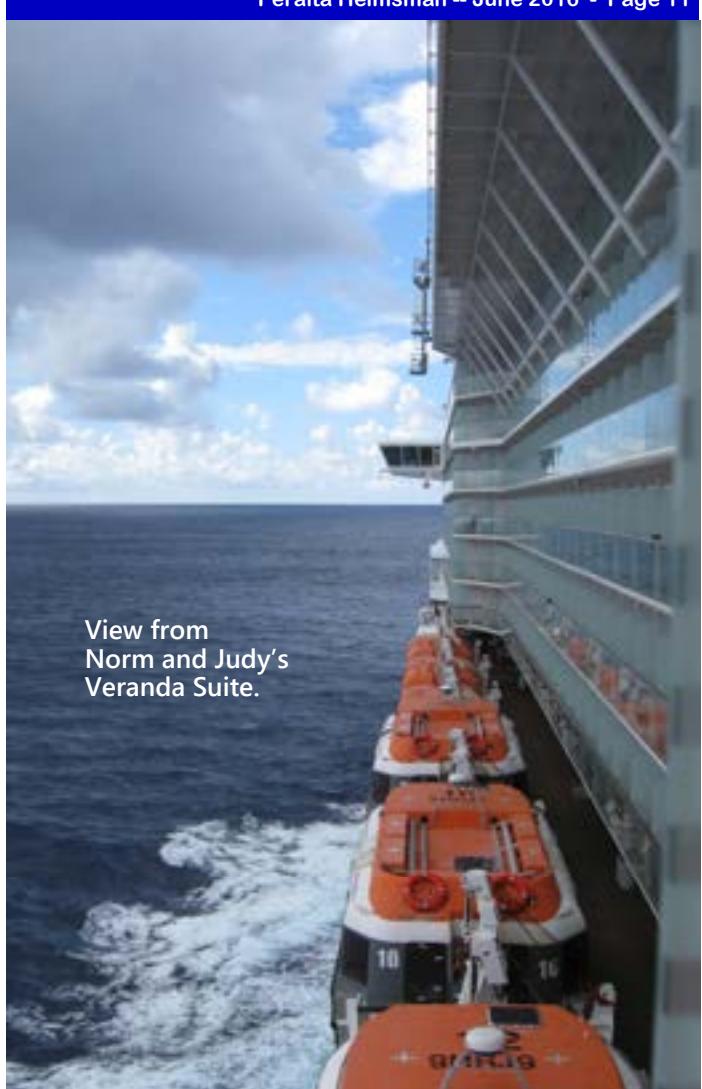
the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and the Panama Canal. So what is next? No plans yet, however we hope to be able to travel with a good size group of friends, and possibly on a smaller ship. Another alternative is to cross North America by rail.

Now, back to the books

Not much new from the Educational Department, however we have started our next America's Boating Course on Wednesday, May 18th at the Mariner Square Drystack and Marina in Alameda. Due to the number of sign-ups, the course will actually be held in the Pasta Pelican Restaurant.

We hope to be able to hold other courses and seminars at the Mariner Square Drystack and Marina. While I was away, our own District Commander, Rick Erickson, AP with members in Santa Clara and Diablo held a vessel safety check day on Saturday, 23 April. A total of 16 vessel safety checks were completed and we expect that we will have another opportunity to do it again. Special THANKS to P/C Melba Hale, P for making all of this happen.

Lastly, I would like to hear from members that would like to get started, or complete their Boat Operator Certification for Inland Navigator and/or Coastal Navigator. I'm also looking for members that would also like to become certifiers.





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Commander's Comments

Greetings,

I hope everyone is excited and looking forward to the upcoming Spring/Summer boating season. I was lucky enough to be on the water on a cruise ship for much of April. There were a total of seven USPS member with five of us from Peralta, Norm and Judy Pennington, Dick and Pat Folger and I along with Santa Clara Power Squadron member Jim Sadler and his wife, Dee.

We started in Sydney, Australia, stopped in two ports in New Zealand, Tahiti, Moreea, Bora Bora, Lahaina and ended up in Honolulu. Norm and I went on a Behind the Scenes tour in which we went up to the bridge, galley, crew galley and gym, main hallway through the length of the ship, behind the main stage, and many other places the public is not allowed. What a great learning experience. At the end, we had lunch at one of the specialty restaurants which was a gourmet meal and very tasty. We crossed the International Dateline and Equator in the same trip. The cruise line made a big deal about both of these events and it was a lot of fun. We talked about looking for the Southern Cross but were unable to see it due to increased clouds. It was a great trip and a trip of a lifetime.

In squadron news, we are proud to welcome in District Commander Rick Erickson, who is a member of Peralta. He is very enthusiastic and motivated for the coming year and we are all looking forward to a great year ahead for District 25. Norm has finally received enough sign-ups for his ABC3 class and will be able to offer it at the Pasta Pelican. I attended the Dock Walker Training in March and am now a certified Dock Walker. I am looking forward to educating the public on maintaining safe and clean bay and waters. The D25 Council Meeting was at Yerba Buena Island and Norm and Judy and I attended along with D/25 Cdr Rick. The guest



Speaker was from the Vessel Traffic Service and Norm gave a talk on "Marketing Your Courses and Seminars to the Boating Public". They also discussed the dissolution of the Marin Squadron and Monterey Squadron on the way to dissolution. D25 Building Bridges Seminars was held at the SLYC with information on Officer and Operations Training.

National Safe Boating Week was observed during the last week of May. I hope many of you were able to get out on the water and enjoy the festivities.

The upcoming Peralta Membership and BBQ Meeting will be June 25th at the SLYC. Please plan on attending and getting together for fun, food and comradery. It is a great time to catch up with friends.

So, here's to a great 2016 boating season with many fun, happy times with family and friends and wonderful weather.

Safe boating and enjoyable times on the water...

Commander Barbara Waldstreicher