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Boats patiently waiting for the Blue Angels during Fleet Week Photo Courtesy [www.sftourismtips.com](http://www.sftourismtips.com)

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# Opening Day on the Bay and Fleet Week Adventure

D/Lt/C NORM PENNINGTON, SN

baseball. But how did Opening Day on the Bay come about?



Mike & Janis aboard Fresh Start, D25 Picket Chase Boat  
Photo by Norm Pennington

As our membership base is, well aging, fewer get out on and enjoy the water for all of the enjoyment it has to offer. In San Francisco Bay we have a unique opportunity to see two landmark expositions each year. The first is known as Opening Day on the Bay and the other is known as Fleet Week.

### Event Timeline:

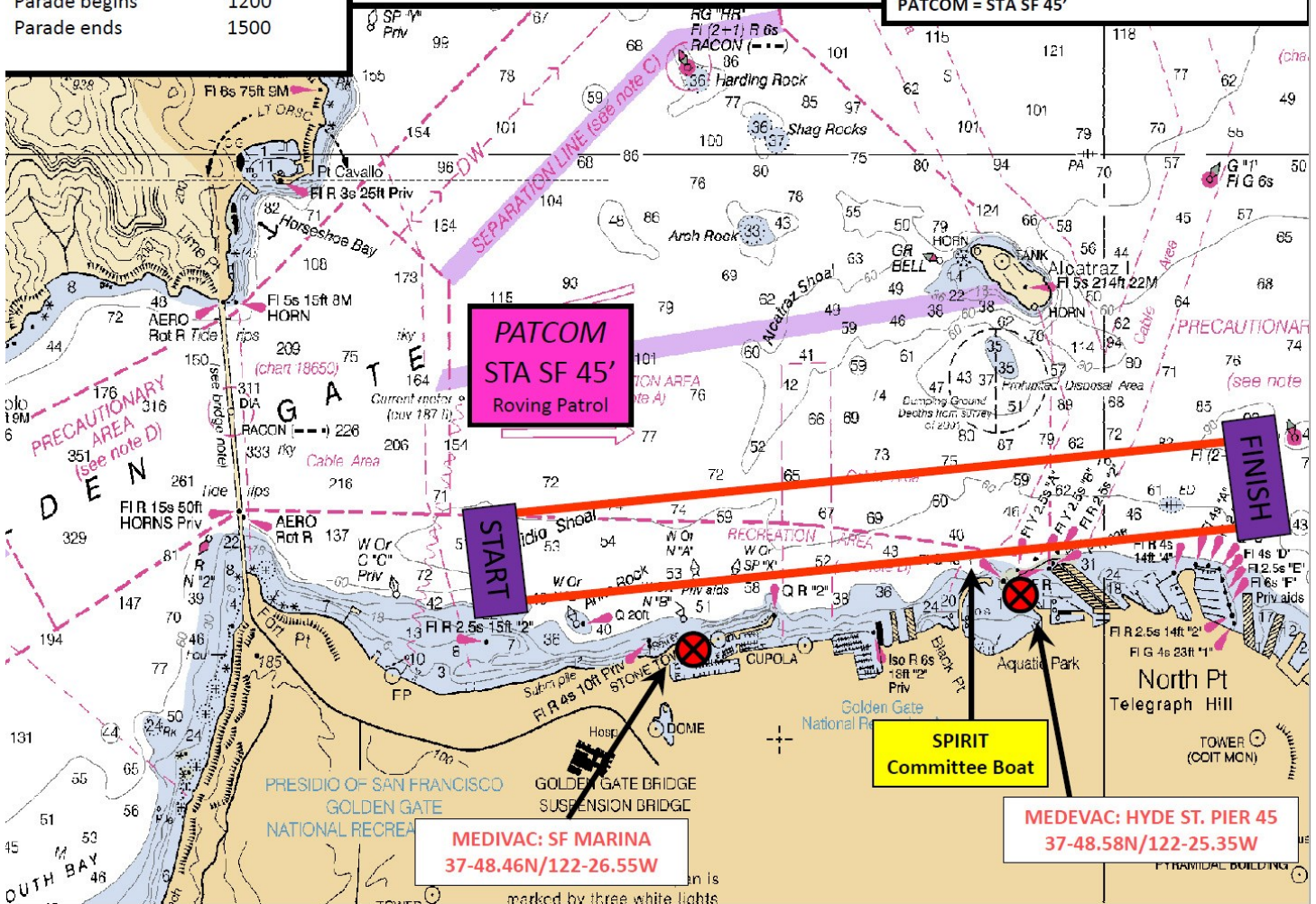
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Parade begins	1200
Parade ends	1500

### Opening Day on the Bay 24APR16

Force Lay Down

### Comms Plan:

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PATCOM = STA SF 45'



When I heard Opening Day I would immediately think of how Opening Day related to

The traditional Opening Day ceremony can be traced to the 1800s with the opening of the

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## Opening Day on the Bay Fleet Week Adventure

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drawbridge at Beach Road and Main Street in Belvedere to allow arks and boats back into the bay after wintering in the Belvedere Lagoon. The Pacific Inter Club Yachting Association has been holding Opening Day on the Bay the past 100 years usually on the last Sunday in April. Each year a different theme is chosen with the 100<sup>th</sup> marking Cruising the Century and this year, the 101<sup>st</sup>, Nations on the Bay. This event can be enjoyed by participating in the parade with your yacht club, riding along in the Commodore Cruise's Committee Boat, the USS Potomac, or simply watching the parade from Pier 39 or the Marina Green in San Francisco. For more information, visit <http://picya.org/event/april-28-2019-opening-day-on-the-bay/>.



USS Potomac Passing in Review—Norm Pennington Photo

A lesser known Opening Days is Opening Day on the Straight that is generally hosted by the Benicia Yacht Club, and South Bay Opening Day hosted by the Sequoia and South Bay Yacht Clubs. Our squadron has participated in South Bay Opening Day with an informational



Blue Angels Racing Towards the Golden Gate  
Photo by Hilary Goldschlager

booth or the boating skills virtual trainer at the Sequoia Yacht Club. Whichever way you choose to watch the festivities; it can be a great time on or next to the water.

Fleet Week is the first week of October and often the last time to enjoy the festivities on or next to the water. This year, Peralta Members, Arnold Goldschlager and his daughter and son in law and I went out early on Sunday to watch the big show.



Arnold and Norm relaxing at the Con while the kids were watching the show. Photo by Hilary Goldschlager

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I have been warned many times that Fleet Week can be a real zoo with lots of crazy people on the water.

Actually we found by staying on the side lines that we were able to see the show without any interference and found it to be very enjoyable.



**Blue Angels in formation over the bay**  
Photo by Hilary Goldschlager

The spot we choose was about ¼ mile off Treasure Island and an equal distance north from Clipper Cove. Rather than anchor, we simply hovered in place. This gave us a fantastic view of the Blue Angels as they flew past our location. I think next year I'll consider attending some of the ship tours. For more information, visit [www.fleetweeksf.org](http://www.fleetweeksf.org).



Photo Courtesy [www.sftourismtips.com](http://www.sftourismtips.com)

## Travelling America's Backroads

P/C ALAN SMITH, P

With winter coming fast it might be time to look into boating related activities indoors.

One place that I recently visited was the Haggin Museum in Stockton. Inside there is a nice display of the history of the Steven's Brothers Boat Works. During World War II this boat company like others went into overdrive to build wooden boats for the war effort. After the war they went back to producing wooden pleasure power boats.

Years ago I saw a Stevens Brothers Boat. At the time I did not really appreciate it. After visiting the museum display I can admire such classic wooden boats more.

The Haggin Museum can be found at:  
1201 N Pershing Ave, Stockton, CA 95203



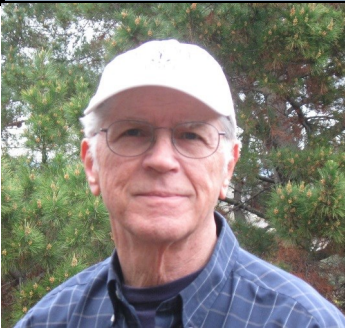
Photo by Alan Smith

Another place to visit is the Sierra Boat Company. I would call it a working museum. The old classic wooden speed boats are serviced, re-

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# Squadron Educational Officer's Report

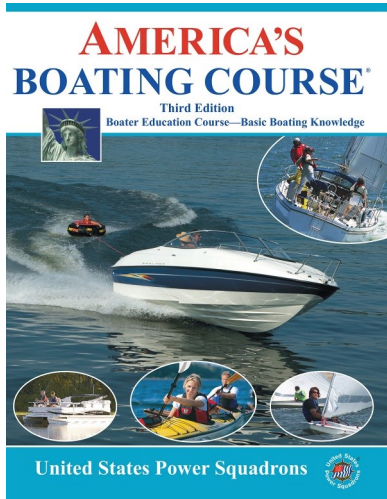
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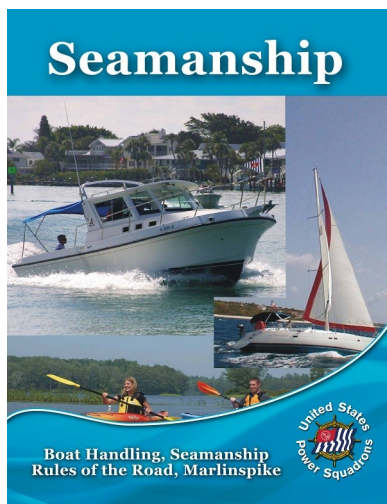
The educational program is well underway with the Junior Navigation course coming to a close with examinations being graded. The

*America's Boating Course* is scheduled to run over the Martin Luther King Birthday week end at the Emery Cove Marina, hosted by the Emeryville Yacht Club.



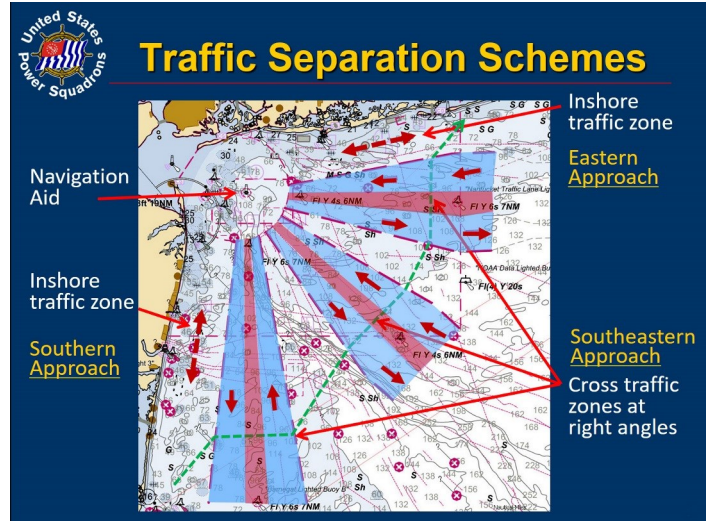
*Seamanship* is scheduled to start Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at the San Leandro Yacht Club.

A shorter version of Seamanship is the new **Boat Handling** course, said to be equivalent to Seamanship that is only offered in the eBook format. Successful completion of the Boat Handling course will earn the



student the grade as S for Seamanship.

The Boat Handling course is only 7-weekly class meetings as opposed to 9 or 10 weekly meetings

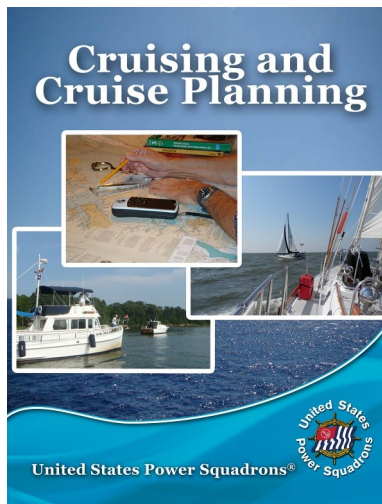


Sample Screen from Boat Handling

with the legacy Seamanship course. Based on student registration feedback we will decide on which course to present. E-Book material will be in PDF format and can be on a phone, tablet or personal computer.

Following Seamanship is *Cruising and Cruise Planning* to start Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the San Leandro Yacht Club.

The **Cruising and Cruise Planning** course focuses on the planning and preparation necessary for safe enjoyable extended cruises on both inland and coastal waters.



# 2017-18 Bridge

**Commander:**

Cdr Barbara Waldstreicher, AP

**Executive Officer:**

Lt/C Rick Erickson, AP

**Educational Officer:**

D/Lt C Norm Pennington, SN

**Administrative Officer:**

Lt/C Vickie Erickson, AP

**Secretary:**

Cdr Barbara Waldstreicher, AP

**Treasurer:**

D/ Lt C Judy Pennington, P

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P/C Janis K. Chapman, AP

Susan Ann Holmes, S

**Nominating**

Vickie Erickson, P

P/C Melba J. K. Hale, P

P/Lt/C Josette Mares, S

**Rules**

Larry Gertz

P/C Ricardo L. Mares, P

D/Lt/C Norman W. Pennington, SN

stored, sold, and stored there.

The Sierra Boat Company has a nice showroom floor. In back you can see these old boats being restored or serviced.

Years ago I talked to an owner of one of these classic wooden speed boats. The more affordable boats were 14-foot or shorter. Longer than 16-feet and they start getting expensive.



Alan Smith Photo

This is not a poor man's hobby. If I remember correctly there is a classic speed boat show held there once a year during the summer months. The Sierra Boat Company can be found at: 5146 N Lake Blvd, Carnelian Bay, CA 96140

**Editors Note:**

Starting with the last issue of the Peralta Helmsman you will begin to see changes in the format of this newsletter. The United States Power Squadrons® is changing their name to America's Boating Club® and along with it have established new branding standards for material that is published at the National, District and Squadron levels. The biggest change has already occurred with a new front page masthead showing our national identity, what is inside the publication, and all of the necessary fine print. We hope that you will like the new format and continue to enjoy the articles that your officers have prepared, and we hope that you will reach out to us for suggestions on how we can make the Peralta Helmsman better. Our next issue will be in March 2019.



Victor Maylon with Commander Barb  
Alan Smith Photo

## What's ahead for Peralta Squadron?



**December**

Sat, 8 December Combined SLYC—Peralta Holiday Party, San Leandro Yacht Club

Mon, 10 December Executive Committee Meeting, Electronic Conference Call

**January**

Monday, 14 January Executive Committee Meeting, via Free Conference Calling

Sat, 26 January Peralta Annual Crab Feed, San Leandro Yacht Club

**February**

Mon, 11 February Executive Committee Meeting, Electronic Conference Call

Sat, 16 February Peralta Annual Crab Feed, San Leandro Yacht Club



## Executive Officer's Report

By Lt/C Rick Erickson, AP

*Ahoy,  
Shipmates!*

Greetings and Happiest of Holidays to All of Our Shipmates!!

The holidays are upon us once again, with all of the hustle and bustle, parties, gatherings, shopping and decorations. I really love this time of year. The weather is colder and the rains are frequent visitors. There is barely any time to go boating, although I admit I still try. I sail with a friend on Wednesday afternoons, which has turned into sailing after dark. Who knew there would be such adventures?? But the training I have received through the United States Power Squadrons – America's Boating Club! – has made me a more confident boater.

This time of year also lends itself to reflection on the past year and plans for the New Year. Our Squadron has been active this year both socially and educationally. Norm Pennington taught several classes, including the most recent Junior Navigation course. (There are a few of us waiting anxiously for the results of our exams, some with trepidation.....) We've even added a few new folks to our ranks! And we are planning another great year for 2019, most notably our annual Crab Feed which is fast approaching. The Bridge has scheduled a planning meeting to continue to refine the calendar, and everyone's input is valued and welcome. Got an idea? Let's make it a reality!! If you can, come and participate – the more, the merrier!

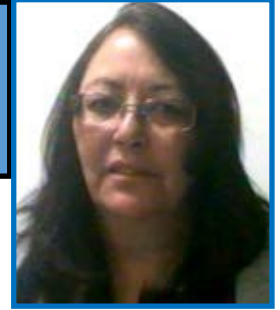
I want to thank all of you who have taken the time to be involved this past year, and especially to all who can help out. I also want to call out the exceptionally fine work that Norm Pennington has done to re-shape and re-brand our Peralta Helmsman newsletter during this past year. Norm has brought our publication up to the new standards outlined by National. My prediction is that we will again be recipients of awards.

Both Vickie and I wish each of you all the best this holiday season, and into the New Year.

Rick, Executive Officer

## Administrative Officer's Report

By Lt/C VICKIE ERICKSON, AP



*Happy Days  
Matte's:*

Happy Holidays to All:

Once again, the holidays have come upon us. One of my favorites (Thanksgiving) has come and gone now we can all look forward to Christmas. With the Holiday party happening this weekend I hope to see you all there.

I know this is a time for celebrations and rejoicing, but I have been humbled the last few days as I have watched the celebration of life for our 41<sup>st</sup> president George H. W. Bush. The accomplishments he made for our country was beyond amazing. He lived a long life and we are very lucky to have had him as our leader.

Again, I would like to invite all of you to our monthly meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month; we would like all the members to give us some input on what we should do throughout the year with your input it can be very productive. We are setting up a conference call so if you cannot physically get there contact Norm Pennington and he can give you the call-in information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call any of the board members for information.

Happy Holidays to all;

Vickie, Administrative Officer

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# Peralta Sail and Power Squadron Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, January 26, 2019

San Leandro Yacht Club  
20 Mulford Point Dr.  
San Leandro, Ca. 94577



Attitude Adjustment 1800 Hours  
Dinner 1900Hours



### Menu:

Salad, Pasta,  
**Fresh Crab**  
French Bread  
Dessert, Coffee

Cost: \$45.00 Per Person / Children 12Yrs & younger \$20.00

**Pasta Only Dinner \$15.00**

Please mail your reservations with check *Payable to the Peralta Power Squadron – **Deadline Wednesday January 23*** Space is limited so please reserve early.

TO: P/C Judy Pennington  
16 Cobblestone Lane  
Belmont, Ca. 94002-2310  
Telephone: 650-595-2169  
E-mail: judypenn@sbcglobal.net

Number of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45.00 Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00..Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Pasta Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 Amount \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_



## Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with Article 11, of the Peralta Squadron Bylaws the Nominating Committee presents the following list of Candidates for the 2019 – 2020 Bridge:

<b>Commander</b>	Cdr. Barbara A. Waldstreicher, AP
<b>Executive Officer</b>	Lt/C Rick Erickson, AP
<b>Educational Officer</b>	D/Lt/C Norman W. Pennington, SN
<b>Assistant Educational Officer</b>	P/C Ricardo L. Mares, P
<b>Administrative Officer</b>	Lt/C Vickie Erickson, AP
<b>Assistant Administrative Officer</b>	Nick Pack, P
<b>Secretary</b>	Open Position
<b>Treasurer</b>	D/Lt/C Judith A. Pennington, P

### Executive Committee

Cdr. Barbara A. Waldstreicher, AP	D/Lt/C Judith A. Pennington, P
Lt/C Rick Erickson, AP	P/C Ricardo L. Mares, P
D/Lt/C Norman W. Pennington, SN	P/C Alan Smith, P
Lt/C Vickie Erickson, AP	P/C Melba J.K. Hale, P
P/C Dick Folger, AP	

### Audit Committee

P/C Janis Chapman, AP  
Susan Ann Holmes, S  
P/Lt/C Fred Holmes, AP

### Rules Committee

P/C Ricardo L. Mares, P  
D/Lt/C Norman W. Pennington, SN  
Larry Gertz

### Nominating Committee

P/C Melba J.K. Hale, P  
P/Lt/C Josette Mares, P  
Lt/C Vickie Erickson, AP

**Respectively submitted,**

P/Lt/C Josette Mares, P Chair  
P/C Melba J.K. Hale, P  
Lt/C Vickie Erickson, AP

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**Cruising and Cruise Planning** designed for members who cruise on either a sail or powerboat (owned or chartered)—this course covers the following topics:

- Cruise preparation and planning - General
- Boat and Equipment
- Anchors and Anchoring
- Security
- Chartering
- Cruising Outside the United States
- Crew and Provisioning
- Voyage Management
- Communications
- Navigation
- Weather
- Emergencies

**Jump Start** is our program to help new boat owners or experienced boat owners with a new boat develop essential skills for easier handling and safer operation of your new vessel.

- Highly-customized for your individual needs
- Hands-on training right on your own boat
- Up to 2 hours
- Available to members and non-members at no cost
- Conducted by certified, experienced instructors
- A great way to become acquainted with our club, our members, and additional training available



- Follow-up recommendations may include:
- Training Exercises
- Courses
- Boating Aids, Checklists, Safety Materials
- Other On-the-water Training Opportunities

**Typical Topics:**

- Boat Handling
- Understanding Navigational Aids
- Boating Courtesy
- Docking
- Close Quarters Maneuvering
- Open Water Maneuvering
- Currents/Wind/Tides
- Basic GPS
- Radio Protocol
- Safety Equipment

Contact our Educational Officer to schedule your Jump Start training session.

In my next report I expect to be able to make an exciting announcement about a new program that will be coming to our area. Until then, calm winds and fair seas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Years.

## **Commander's Comments**

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go. We may be going as a group land activity in the future. We have few options that we are thinking about so keep your eyes out and plan on joining us next year. We have the 2019 Calendar Planning Meeting in January at the SLYC so if you are interested in giving input into next year's activities, come and join us. Also, our annual Crab Feed, which is our only fundraiser, will be at the end of January. You should come and join us if you want to have a good time, good food and good company. We always have a good time and the cost is comparable to other crab feeds.

I hope everyone has wonderful holiday times and memories and plans to join us in the many upcoming activities and enjoy the boating camaraderie, meeting new members and getting together with old friends.



Jack Kern's "Stormy Gal" in the Lighted Boat Parade on the Estuary



Members are always welcome to attend the monthly Peralta Executive Committee Meeting that is held the second Tuesday of each month except July. We have now made it easier as you can attend meetings from home via Free Conference Calling.

To receive signup instructions , contact:  
Norm Pennington @ [nwpenn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nwpenn@sbcglobal.net)



**\*\*\* ALERT \*\*\***  
**SECRETARY WANTED**



We need your participation: Peralta Nominating Committee is seeking a candidate for Secretary of the Executive Committee for the 2018-2019 term. Taking minutes at the monthly meetings gives you an opportunity to learn how the Squadron operates.

The Calendar Planning Meeting is held in January, and candidate will be part of planning the educational courses and activities for the coming year. We need your fresh ideas and support as Peralta Sail and Power Squadron navigates into the future.

Contact: Josette Mares, P, Chairman, Nominating Committee @ [rjmares@comcast.net](mailto:rjmares@comcast.net).

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# Commander's Comments

## Happy Holidays

Commander Barbara Waldstreicher

I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends and heading into the holiday season with good health and much to be thankful for. We just had our annual Holiday Party which was attended very well. A good time was had by all as evidenced by the noise level in the club. We did not leave the club until after 11:00. I always cherish the get together's we have to catch up and enjoy each other's company. Peralta has a lot to be thankful for, especially two awards we won at the District 25 Conference/Council Meeting. The first is the P/D/C Leroy McKissick Overall Educational Achievement Award for overall educational achievement by a squadron, with their members having passed the most courses within the year and the P/D/C E. Bateson Birkett Advanced Grade / Elective Course Educational Award for achievement of having the most members complete the Advanced Grade or Elective Course selected by the DEO for the year, which was Engine Maintenance. Our squadron has added 2 new members, Jay and Maria Spracklen and welcome them into our Peralta family. We also are honoring Ricardo Mares and Janice Chapman for their longevity in USPS for 25 years and now lifetime members.

Norm has been working very hard getting the



Helmsman updated with appropriate criteria to have our newsletter up for nomination for Distinction in Communication award. I want to formally thank him for all of his work, support, advice and effort that he puts into our squadron.

The District 25 Council/Conference Meeting was held at the SLYC and the guest speaker was a docent on the USS Potomac. It is docked at Jack London Square, was FDR's "Floating White House" and he showed a very interesting video. If you have a chance to visit this landmark, you should definitely

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