

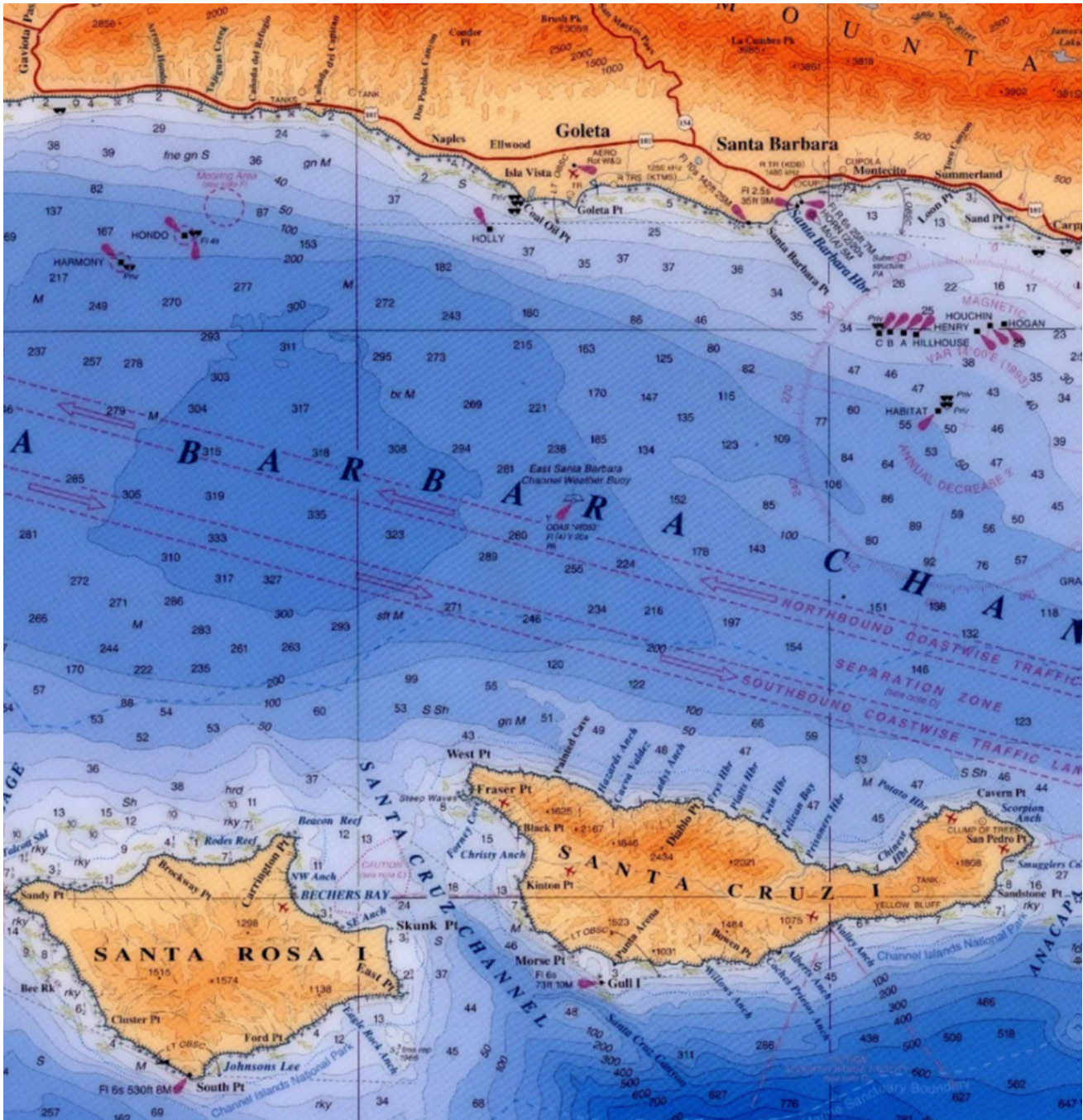


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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Virginia Johns, P

Last month our speaker at the Fun and Entertainment meeting was Christopher Bell, Public Information Officer for the Santa Barbara City Waterfront. He addressed the making of his video *Santa Barbara and the Sea - 13,000 Years of Maritime History*. A number of local celebrities appear in the film. We did not have time for a full viewing. Sometimes it is playing in the SB Maritime Museum theater. It can also be found here: [SB and the Sea](#).

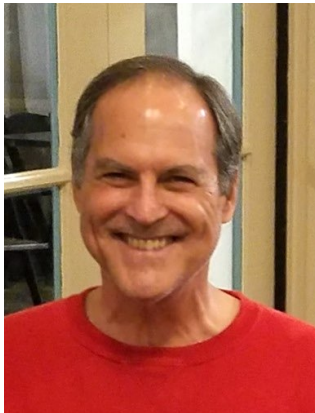
In March we have just one event, our annual Change of Watch and Awards Celebration where we install our officers for the upcoming year and recognize our club's members who stood out this past year in some aspect of boating. We have numerous categories that we recognize, from a distinguished instructor to the most memorable/entertaining mistake. It is always enjoyable. This year we are trying a new timing (lunch) and a new venue (The Anchor Rose). You can register and pay with a credit card on our website at: [Tickets for Luncheon](#) **It is on Saturday, March 4th at noon.**

As I mentioned last month, we have made some changes to our standard calendar design this year so make sure you take a look at the schedule and mark the dates for your favorite events. Our planned calendar is included further on in this newsletter. And you can always access it on our website [sbsps.net](#) under "Activities".

Hoping to see you on March 4th at our kickoff party for the year!

Upcoming Activities

**Mar 4 Sat Change of Watch (COW) Anchor Rose
12 Noon (Above Maritime
Museum)**



SEO'S MESSAGE

Lt/C Dennis Johns, AP

We seem to do the ABC Course pretty well, so let's continue to do what we do well. A new ABC course will begin on Tuesday, March 14 at the Waterfront Classroom beginning as usual at 7pm. We will try to finish the class in fewer than eight weeks utilizing Thursday nights when we can get the room. This course was requested by the Sea Shells organization so the parents of the student sailors can be properly licensed (California Boater's Card) when operating the support vessels. We may have some of the young Sea Shell sailors attending as well, so we've invited young sailors from the SB Youth Sailing Foundation (SB Yacht Club) and the SB Sea Scouts. The following is the proposed class schedule. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may wish to attend.

CLASS 1:

- Welcome – Class Materials
- Section 1 – Getting Started

CLASS 2:

- Section 2 – Required Safety Equipment
- Section 3 – Going Boating

CLASS 3:

- Section 4 – Navigation Rules
- Section 5 – Navigation Aids
- Section 6 – Lights and Sound Signals

CLASS 4:

- Section 7 – Government Regulations
- Section 8 – State and Local Regulations

CLASS 5:

- Section 9 – Finding Your Way
- Section 10 – Anchoring

CLASS 6:

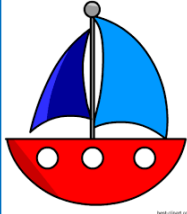
- Section 11 – Adverse Conditions and Emergencies
- Section 12 – Communications Afloat

CLASS 7:

- Section 13 – Water Sports Safety
- Section 14 – Trailering
- Section 15 – PWC Operation

CLASS 8:

- Section 16 – Knots and Lines
- CA ABC's of Boating
- Exam – 50 question NASBLA approved examination



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***Santa Barbara Sail and Power Squadron
Change of Watch and Annual Awards
Celebration***

Saturday, March 4

Noon-2pm

\$45

Anchor Rose in the SB Harbor

Menu

(make your selection at the luncheon)

Atlantic Salmon-Charbroiled served with a green papaya slaw

Trip-Tip Sandwich-Santa Maria style

or

Chicken Sandwich-With Jack Cheese, lettuce, onions and Tomatoes

Served with your choice of Shoe-String Fries or Fresh Fruit

Fish&Chips-Served with Beach Fries and Cole Slaw

Chicken Caesar Salad

Register and pay online with a credit card at:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Or RSVP to Virginia at sbmesafirstmate@gmail.com

and mail check to 353 Cooper Road SB 93109

2023 SBSPS Calendar 02/22/23

Feb 2	Members' Meeting (Speaker/Skills/Seminar)	7:30pm	
March 4	Change of Watch and Annual Awards	6-8pm	Point Virginia & Seagoes
April 6	Business Meeting (all members welcome)	7:30pm	
April 15	Dockside Spring Brunch (organized by past commanders)		Point Dennis Johns
May 6	Harbor Clean Sweep	8am-noon	Point
May 19-21	Weekend Cruise: Santa Cruz Is., Fry's	TBD	Point Scott
	Burns		
May 20	Nautical Swap Meet	8am-noon	Point
May 25	Safe Boating Week: Flares/Fire Ext Shoot	evening	Point
June 1	Members' Meeting (Speaker/Skills/Seminar)	7:30pm	
June 10	Progressive Dinner	TBD	Point
June 23-25	Weekend Cruise	TBD	Point Scott
	Burns		
July 14-16	PCYC Cruise/Dinner Channel Islands Harbor		Point Tom
	Koch		
July 21-23	Weekend Cruise	TBD	Point Scott
	Burns		
July 29	Afternoon Open Boat Skills practice	4-6pm	
Aug 3	Business Meeting (all members welcome)	7:30pm	
Aug 14-20	Catalina Cruise: Two Harbors, Catalina Island		Point
Sept 9	Annual BBQ	TBD	Point Tom & Betty Koch

Sept 22-24	Weekend Cruise	TBD	Point Scott
Burns			
Oct 5	Members' Meeting (Speaker/Skills/Seminar)	7:30pm	
Oct 15	Harbor & Seafood Fest/dockside lunch for workers	10am-5pm	Point Rich and
Virginia			
Nov 15?	Maritime Museum Mixer	5-7pm	Point
Dec 9	Holiday Activity	6-9pm	Point
Jan 4 2024	Business Meeting (all members welcome)	7:30pm	

Key: meeting community service social cruise Skills practice and Awards





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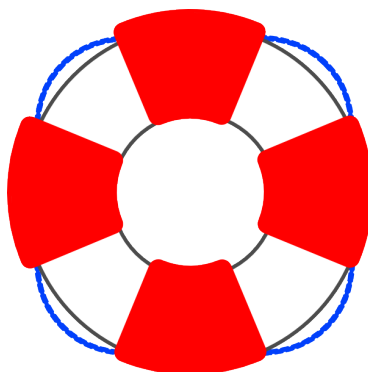
Weather: If you are a boater, this is a topic that interests you. Our weather classes and seminars are always well attended. And it is a very important safety topic.

One of the electronic publications our national organization produces is *Compass*. This past month one article was on "How to predict the weather onboard". Give it a read.

If you are a member you should have received it automatically, but for our non-member friends reading this, you can subscribe for free at the top of the page on their website: <https://boatingcompass.org/>

Basic Marine Communications

Another resource of our organization is America's Boating Channel on Youtube. Check out the Basic Marine Communications video; it covers the evolution of boat-to-boat and boat-to-shore communications. Viewers will learn about VHF-DSC marine radios, EPIRBs, PLBs, and the new I-911 system. I had not heard about the smart phone I-911 system, very interesting! [America's Boating Channel - Youtube](#)





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