

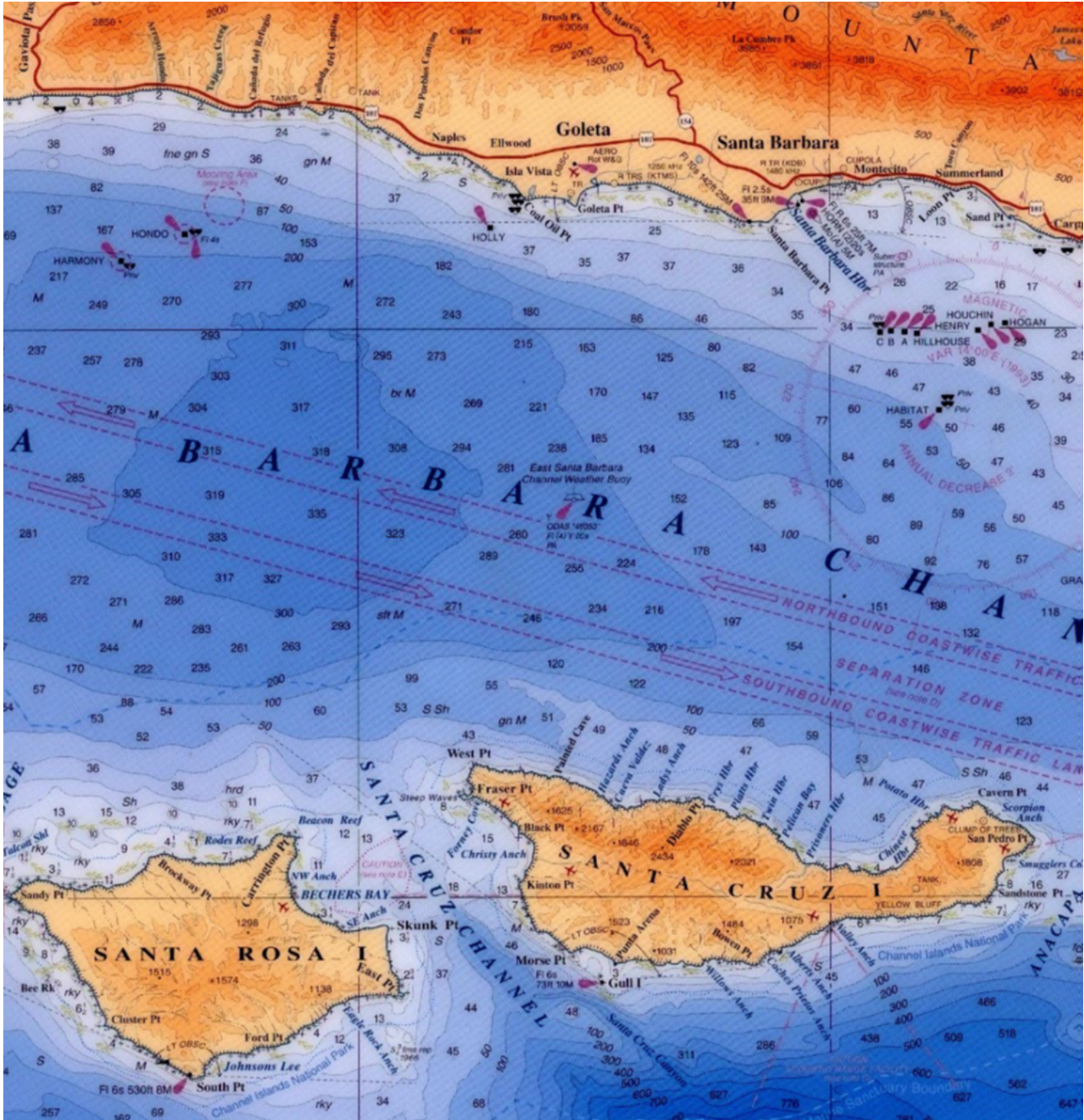


Signal Hoist

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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Monthly Newsletter August 2024





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Virginia Johns, P

Last Month

Our annual PCYC weekend was a big success. Tom Koch served as the Point again this year. We filled our dinner room to capacity. See Tom's article in this newsletter.

This month

- **Tuesday August 6 at 7:30pm via zoom** We have a Business Meeting via zoom. All members are welcome to attend and join in the Executive Committee discussions – contact me for the zoom link.
- **Aug 13 – 18** We usually have a cruise to Catalina Island in August; if you are interested – let me know. We are trying to find a date with at least 3 boats available...it appears to be a busy month! This is our current proposed timing.
- **Aug 30 – Sept 2 (Labor Day Weekend)** Scott and Alec have planned the monthly cruise. Destination is Coches Prietos. Let them know if you plan to join the fleet so they can arrange radio frequency and check in times.
- Rich has planned a number of interesting seminars in July, Aug, and Sept - be sure and read his article for details.

Coming Up

Thursday September 5th 7:30p We have an interesting speaker for our September Members' Fun and Entertainment meeting: Tom Farr will speak on Sailing Around the World One Week at a Time (Exotic Bareboat Charter Vacations). Mark your calendars. It will be in the Harbor Marine Center Classroom with refreshments.

Sunday September 15th Our annual BBQ will be held at Tucker's Grove.
Point person: John Profant.



Our calendar is very full again. My sincere thanks to Rich and all his instructors for the enriching course and seminar offerings, Pete our Activities Coordinator for Social and Community Service events, all of Pete's point persons who agreed to arrange individual events, and Scott and Alec - our Boating Activities Coordinators who get us out on the water.

Thank you



Art Aldritt Embarks on Final Voyage

On Saturday, July 20, sailing vessels *Libertad*, *Maude*, *Quiddity* and *Orient Express* escorted Art Aldritt's treasured *Resurrection III* out of Santa Barbara Harbor's fog and into the sunlight, where his wife June, son Chris and daughter Nancy laid him to rest by scattering his ashes in the sea. RIP Art.





SEO'S MESSAGE
Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN

We had our first Summer Seminar this past week with three attendees. The session was split into two parts with Dennis Johns covering general anchor hardware, anchoring techniques, and personal experiences. This was



followed by Mike Pyzel who talked about local-water anchorages and the techniques necessary for a good anchoring experience.

Picture caption: Dennis Johns sitting in the rear watching as Mike Pyzel discusses anchoring at the mouth of Painted Cave on Santa Cruz Island.

The remaining Summer Seminars schedule is shown below and registration can be made for them at our website, sbsps.net.

Seminar 2: *Knots and Line Handling* – The knots you need to know, line selection, hands on practice –
Sat, August 17, 9:00AM – 12:00PM Cost: \$15.00

Seminar 3: *Diesel Engine Maintenance* – How to maintain and troubleshoot your diesel engine.
Lecture - Tue, August 20, 7:00PM – 9:00PM;
Hands on Demonstration -
Sat, August 24, 10:00AM – 12:00PM. Cost: \$20.00

Seminar 4: *Weather for Boaters* – Basic weather including fronts, winds, fog, clouds, forecasting and local weather –
Sat, September 7, 9:00AM – 12:00PM Cost: \$15.00

Seminar 5: *Sextant Use and the Noon Sight* – Learn how to use a sextant.
Lecture - Tue, September 10, 7:00PM – 9:00PM;
Practice Taking a Noon Sight –
Sat, September 14, 11:00AM – 3:00PM
 Sextants provided or bring your own. **Cost: \$20.00**

Come join us for these seminars to refresh or improve your boating knowledge.

Upcoming Activities

Aug 6	Tues 7:30pm	Business Meeting	Via Zoom
Aug 13 thru 18	Tues - Sun	Catalina Cruise (proposed)	Two Harbors
Aug 30 - thru Sept 2	Fri Early Sun	Monthly cruise –	Harbor – Coches Prietos
Sept 5	Thurs 7:30pm	Members' Fun & Enter- tainment Meeting Tom Farr on "Exotic Bare- boat Charter Vacations	Harbor Marine Classroom Refreshments

July Cruise to Cueva Valdez

Scott Burns

Benchmark started the trip to the islands and then turned back after about 20 minutes after Scott realized that he left his medicine at home. Even after the delayed start, we anchored at Cueva Valdez, had lunch, kayaked and



swam. With the WNW wind we pulled anchor about 2 pm and spent the rest of the trip at Frys. With the wind, we didn't see many other boats, just one power boat from Ventura Friday night and a quiet Saturday. Sunday morning, there was more wind than expected and sailed back for the first couple of hours until the wind died about noon in mid channel.



2024 WEEKEND CRUISE TO PACIFIC CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

Tom & Betty Koch

We announced it, and highly recommended it, and the people came! We had two sailboats, but most came by automobile. All in all, two boats and twenty-seven members and guests of Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron (SBSPS) made the trek to the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (PCYC) for the weekend cruise of 12-14 July 2024.

The Cruisers



Argo heading back to Ventura Harbor

This year, only two boats made the cruise to PCYC. These included a 25' sailboat piloted by Alec Hardy and First Mate, Amber that sailed down on Friday, 12 July, and met our new PCYC host, Gwen Wilvert, General Manager PCYC, who directed them to the dock tie-up locations. On Saturday, Rich and Peggy Ciolino made the sail down on board *Ecco Bella*



Argo & Ecco Bella at dock at PCYC

The Auto Travelers

The remaining twenty-three members and guests joined the *Sailors* by driving to PCYC on Saturday afternoon. These included Neil and Sue Ablitt, John Bridgewater and Joan Kent, Scott and Lisa Burns, Will Goodale and son, John, Dennis and Commander Virginia Johns, Tom and Betty Koch, George and Silvia Poe, Peter and Suzette Seago, Ron and Vicki Slocum, Steve and

Eleanor York, and Steve and Bobby Young. The complement was completed by Brian Krasnoff of the Valley Sail & Power Squadron, who is becoming a regular guest at SBSPS events. We welcome you, Brian and glad to have you back with us.

The Festivities

As is the custom for this annual event, Saturday afternoon provided an excellent opportunity for all to renew old friendships and engage in conversations and appetizers on the dock. This almost didn't happen, as there was a threat of RAIN in the early afternoon, but the sun came out about 3 pm and the tables were brought down by PCYC's waiters.



Alec Hardy & Neil Ablitt



Betty & Tom Koch



George Poe, Steve & Eleanor York



Pete Seagoe & Steve Young



Sue Ablitt



Suzette Seagoe & Peggy Ciolino



Silvia & George Poe



Bobby Young, Tom Koch & Eleanor York



Will Goodale & son John



Joan Kent & John Bridgwater



Vicki & Ron Slocum



Famous Painkillers by Ron

Once again, all were treated with Ron and Vicki Slocum's *Captain Ron's Pusser's PainKillers*, a welcome treat for all! (Possibly the reason some made the trek.)

As evening fell, we all gathered in PCYC's Crow's Nest for evening drinks, followed by the evening fare, of salad, vegetables and either Pistachio Encrusted Salmon or an 8-oz Prime Rib Steak. After all were fully stuffed, the waiters brought each of us a Hot Fudge Sundae sprinkled with miniature sprinkles.



After dinner, Commander Johns called a quick meeting for all to air their appreciation for the event, and wishes that it should continue, even if many are unable to make the journey by boat. Tom Koch noted that he had been



Tom Koch with boat presented to our Squadron upon the anniversary of our 75th year — the second oldest in District 13, after Long Beach.

fortunate to win a VHF Ban Radio at the Spring District 13 Conference, which was promptly bid and sold for enough to cover the event's Liquor License. Afterward, most of the travelers bid adieu and motored their way back to their "Santa Barbara" homes or stayed the night and sailed or motored back on Sunday morning.

Acknowledgements

The author offers a "Special Thank You" to our host, Gwen Wilvert, General Manager of PCYC for, once again, providing excellent service and care of our entourage. Her assistance in setting up this most enjoyable weekend, has us looking forward to enjoying another PCYC Cruise and Banquet Dinner in 2025.

If you, the reader, were not able to join-in and share this adventure, note the photographs of everyone thoroughly enjoying themselves, and make it a point to sign up for the 2025 PCYC Cruise and Banquet.



Electronic Visual Distress Signals

Most of us are familiar with the pyrotechnic handheld flares and flare guns. Some of us even practice using these types of visual distress signals each May when the Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard supervise us on West Beach in Santa Barbara for Safe Boating Week.

Electronic signals have been approved by the Coast Guard for a number of years now but we are not as familiar with this alternative. There is a short (about 6 minutes) video on the America's Boating Channel that I found very informative. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the video.

And if you decide, like I have, to purchase an electronic signal [Click Here to Print WestMarine Coupon for 2024](#) to get a 20% discount on safety

equipment you purchase. I tested it out on westmarine.com and this 20% discount was applicable to some of the brands of electronic signals.



Submitted by Cdr Virginia Johns



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