

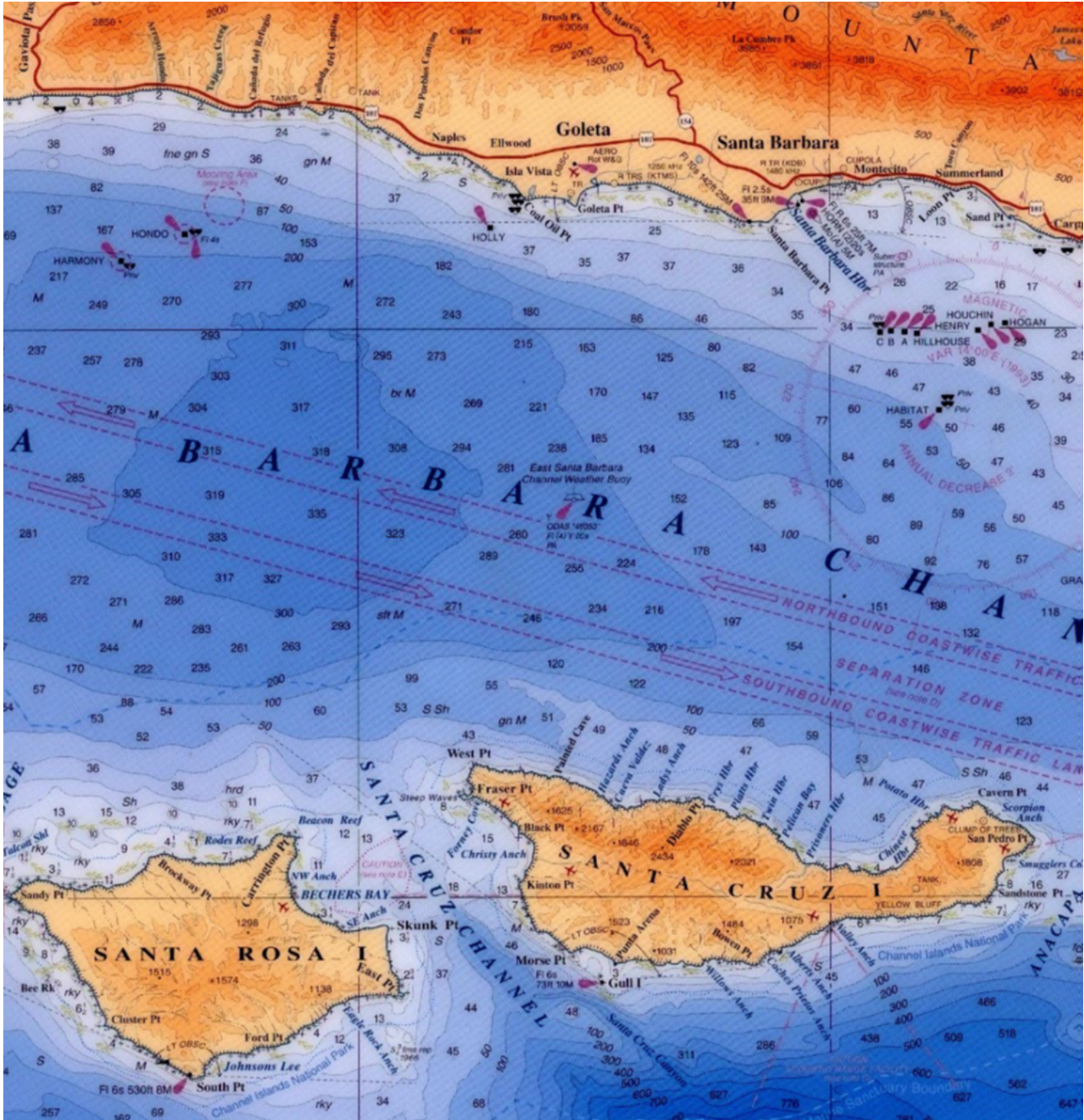


Signal Hoist

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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Monthly Newsletter September 2024





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Virginia Johns, P

What's happening this month?

Our education program's **summer seminar series** will continue in September with one for Weather and another on Using a Sextant. See the details in Rich's SEO message.

Thursday September 5th at 7:30pm Fun and Entertainment Meeting
Harbor Marine Center Classroom - refreshments

Sailing Around the World One Week at a Time (Exotic Bareboat Charter Vacations)

Tom Farr joined NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in 1975 and has helped develop the first geologic applications of imaging radar using aircraft, satellites, and the Space Shuttle. He has taught a class on planetary exploration at Santa Barbara City College for more than 10 years. He is a member of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club and enjoys sailing our local Channel Islands. He has sailed far beyond our local waters through extensive use of bareboat chartering. You will enjoy his photo log as much as his tips on bareboating.

Sunday September 15th 10:00am: Annual BBQ We have a new location from past years and a redesigned auction activity. A few of our talented musical members might bring along their instruments for a sing-a-long. See the details in the flyer further on in this newsletter so you know where to meet us and what to bring to the party.

At the national level of our organization, the Fall Governing Board meeting is being held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania the last week of September. Tom Koch will be our voting delegate attending virtually – thank you Tom. There aren't many items on the ballot. Of more interest will be the update on the

iMIS system – the new Member Portal. Functions on the current/aging usps.org Member Site are being migrated. There are a few functions available to members now on the Member Portal:

- Pay your dues – you can now pay online and optionally set up auto-renewal
- Update your member information, including street addresses and email addresses
- Change your password (PIN) (Your PIN will remain the same as it has been for now, on the member website.)

With our summer seminars, great speaker for our monthly meeting, and a BBQ social event, we have a full schedule again.



SEO'S MESSAGE

Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN

We had two Summer Seminars this past month. The first one on August 17, was Knots and Line Handling – Ed Kaufman was set to reprise last year's session, but came down with COVID so I stepped in to lead the session for two students who got to practice 10 essential knots.

Knots and Line Handling class >



Next was a two-part Diesel Engine Maintenance seminar consisting of an introduction to diesel engine maintenance on Tuesday night the 20th of August, followed by a hands-on demonstration on the following Saturday morning. We had eight attendees and the hands-on demo was extremely well received.



Outdoor classroom students

As seen in the following photos the center of attraction was a



working diesel engine we borrowed from the Ventura Sail and Power Squadron (VSPS) that we set up in the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) parking lot. Many thanks to both the VSPS for allowing us to borrow their mobile diesel demonstrator and the SBYC for the use of their parking lot.



Instructor Pete Seagoe



Students gathered around engine demo

And special thanks to Pete Seagoe for pulling this together, transporting the engine back and forth from Ventura, and leading the discussions.



Demonstrating how to bleed air after fuel filter change



Illustrating how a starter motor works

Thanks also to Virginia Johns for providing refreshments for all of our seminars and for Dennis Johns for providing additional commentary during the engine demo.

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

Seminar 4: *Weather for Boaters* – Basic weather including fronts, winds, fog, clouds, forecasting and local weather – Steve Young and Mike Pyzel

Sat, September 7, 9:00AM – 12:00PM Cost: \$15.00

Seminar 5: *Sextant Use and the Noon Sight* – Learn how to use a sextant.

George Poe and Steve Hodges

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

Sept 5	Thurs 7:30pm	Members' Fun & Entertainment Meeting Tom Farr on "Exotic Bare-boat Charter Vacations	Harbor Marine Classroom Refreshments
Sept 15	Sunday 10:00am-3:00pm	Annual BBQ & Meeting	Tucker's Grove

The following is an email sent to Neil Ablitt and John Profant from former Squadron participants and students, Janet & Joe Mortorana. Just goes to show how important the Squadron's classes are!!



Hi Neil and John,
You might not remember us, Joe and Janet Martorana, but we had taken SBSPS classes over several years, back in 2015-2017, I think it was. Anyway, those classes opened up a whole new life for us and you both were

a big part of that so we wanted to let you know, we did it! Covid delayed it for a couple of years, but last year, it was now or never so we took the plunge, and bought our 44' Kadey Kroger, Tarka, and got lucky with finding her a permanent slip in our ideal location, Coal Harbour, Vancouver.



And now, we've been living on the boat since April (until October), exploring Vancouver and cruising the San Juans, the Gulf Islands and Desolation Wilderness, taking our time and savoring each place we go. So many wonderful anchorages and marinas, each with their own local flavor and beauty. What an experience!

We're finally getting more comfortable with this so called boating life - now when we disembark, it's the land that keeps rolling! Landsick, landsick! A few mistakes have been made but as of yet, nothing critical. I've learned not to call the Coast Guard by mistake when hailing for a marina slip. And when the entire navigation panel goes out without warning, we now know that the breaker switch is way down in the engine room in a place no one would ever look. Anchoring we're now comfortable with, but oh those stern ties! The first time can be difficult, that I can understand, but humiliating? Oh sure, why not. Let's just say we provided great entertainment for so many boaters. But you gotta give it to them: they may enjoy watching the fumbling attempts of other boaters but are always the most willing to jump in and help out. Well, once they've stopped laughing, that is. Ah well, we did take up boating to get us out of our comfort zone, keep our minds engaged and focused.

Ok ok, enough, we're engaged already!!

Hahaha

We're loving it, being on the water, meeting great people, seeing amazing new places, yet always at home. So thanks again for the boating education that we needed to get us started. It's been quite the journey!

-Janet and Joe



The Safety Tip this month is to remind all of us that soon, everyone will be required to obtain a California Boater Card if we want to operate a boat with a motor.

The phase-in schedule based on operator age began in 2018

- January 1, 2018 Persons 20 years of age or younger

Now we are approaching the completion of the phase-in

- January 1, 2024 Persons 60 years of age or younger
- **January 1, 2025 All persons regardless of age.**

Use www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com for:

- Instructions on how to apply for your California Boater Card
- A list of organizations offering courses
- Extensive FAQ lists for the regulation

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron Annual BBQ/Meeting

When: Sunday, September 15
1000 to 1500 hours

Where: Tucker's Grove, Picnic Area 4

Please bring an accompaniment for BBQ chicken. Some suggestions are:

garlic bread
chips and dip/salsa
beans
salad
dessert

Plates, cutlery, napkins will be provided.

Please bring your own beer or wine or other beverage.

White Elephant Auction-after meal

Bring a wrapped item (new or lightly used)

The auction will be different this year, with participants buying raffle tickets for \$5 each and placing them in a collection bag next to the item that they're interested in. Tickets will be drawn from the bag to determine the lucky winner.

Please RSVP by September 9, to John Profant at johnprofant@cox.net or (805) 455-9173.





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