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FALL 2007 NEWSLETTER

The holiday season is here. Have you ever noticed that you have better luck controlling your weight in the first half of the year? There is just something about the fall and winter seasons that make all the spring and summer efforts disappear! If you have a sweet tooth, then Halloween is sure to seduce you with countless calories. If you go in for sumptuous meals, then the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinners will do you in. Next comes December with all its corporate, family and organizational Christmas Parties! Which brings us to the point in all of this:

MONTEREY BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON CHRISTMAS PARTY IS ON Sunday Dec. 2ND, 2007 from 1:00 PM until around 5:00 PM.

Once again we will have our annual Christmas party at the Elkhorn Yacht Club in Moss Landing.

**Elkhorn Yacht Club
2370 Highway 1
Moss Landing, CA 95039
Tel 831-724-3875**

The party will start at 1PM but if the schedule is tight for you then please come whenever you can because we know this time of the season we all get busy with lots of activities.

We are looking forward to a number of our District-25 Bridge officers, coming down from all over the San Francisco Bay Region, to join us on this special day. They enjoy it down here where they can get away from the hustle and bustle of the City.

The Elkhorn Yacht Club is located adjacent to Highway-1 as indicated by the red arrow below. It is the first building on the right that you come to in Moss Landing if driving south on Route-1



Once again this year we are fortunate to have Annie Schnorf leading the team, with Jeannie Kester and Peggy Sherril assisting, to handle the setup at the Yacht Club for the party. These ladies always do a wonderful job for their squadron.

There will be presents for the kids and prize drawings for the adults. We will have a buffet style serving with appetizer type of finger foods. And, of course, there will be some sumptuous desserts to complement the meal.

HAPPY 60th ANNIVERSARY, MOSS LANDING HARBOR

On Friday, November 2nd, The Moss Landing Harbor District will celebrate their 60th anniversary! Congratulations to our Squadron member, Annie Schnorf, who is Assistant Harbormaster for the district.

FUTURE EVENTS

The Bridge has already been planning some events for the coming year. Here is just a sample of what to expect in the remainder of 2007 and in 2008.

1. **Squadron meeting – Social gathering, Saturday, November 17th at 6:00 PM.** All are invited to attend. We will have Pizza and soft drinks/ water so you don't have to worry about missing dinner. Hope to see you all there.
2. **National Safe Boating Week and Armed Forces Day** will be marked by a celebration and a BBQ at Moss Landing on **May 18th, 2008** starting at 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. More info will be provided as we get closer to the date.

3. **Our first annual summer picnic** will be held **Sept. 21st, 2008** at Highlands Park in Ben Lomond off of Highway-9. This is a beautiful setting in the Santa Cruz Mountains and a great place to have a good old fashion American BBQ. We will have Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Green Salad, chips and some nice desserts to top it all off. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar. The picnic will run from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. We try to schedule these events in such a way to make it easy for all our families to attend. If the kids are involved in some activity then please come at any time so that we can all enjoy each other's company. To help defray the cost involved with this function we will be asking for \$6 per person, or \$15 for a family of three or more. This is one of the very few times where having a large family can actually save you some money.

4. **Boating Safety classes** will continue to be held on a regular basis at the Moss Landing Nautical Classroom, and other locations as required. The latest schedules will be updated on the squadron website and notices will be sent out. Be sure to consult the Squadron website shown below for the latest schedules.

www.freewebs.com/montereybaypowersquadron/classschedule.htm

1. **Squadron Business Meetings** will be held periodically throughout the year. Notices will be sent out and all are welcome to attend.

2. Other **Rendezvous** will be announced throughout the year with tours on Sea Scouts Ship Steeves. If you have any on-the-water activity you would enjoy doing, then mention it to your squadron officers and we will see if it can be arranged. Remember, this is YOUR squadron and we want to do activities that you enjoy doing!

OTHER SQUADRON NEWS:

The Squadron is looking for an experienced "Grant Writer" who can write grant proposals for the squadron as a true, legal 501-C-3 tax exempt non-profit organization under the umbrella of our National Organization. Donations made to our squadron are fully tax deductible as a charitable contribution. An individual might even consider setting up an estate trust for funds to be donated to the Monterey Bay Sail and Power Squadron in the event the of their death.

We are eligible for grants by law and they would enable us to accomplish many worthy goals and save many lives. There are lots of ways we can support our community, and our community has grant money for those who qualify. We just need someone to write these grant proposals.

If you have experience writing grant proposals then please contact our Exec Officer, Bob Aurner, at 831-624-3333. He is actively searching for such a qualified individual to work with our squadron CPA and legal advisor.

Lavon Tripp has accepted the position of **Membership Chair**, along with her other duties of Assistant Secretary and Newsletter Editor. We are encouraged by the involvement of our ladies in the Monterey Bay Sail and Power Squadron. It is the goal of our squadron to obtain a 50% mix of both male and females in our membership, but also in our leadership positions. We know the importance of women in leadership positions in an organization such as ours.

Jim Tripp has been appointed “webmaster” for the District-25 web pages. He will be doing this in addition to his responsibilities as webmaster for our own squadron. Be watching <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d25/index.html> for changes in the near future.

District 25 Monterey Bay Cruise aboard Sea Scout Ship Steeves under the command of our squadron Commander James Bosso took place on Sept. 8th, 2007. There were a total of 28 people on board the Steeves from the various squadrons composing District-25. Everyone enjoyed a pizza snack with soft drinks around the HUGE crew table in the galley. It was a perfect day with lots of sun and glassy seas. You could not have asked for better weather.

FLEET WEEK on San Francisco Bay took place on October 6-7, 2007. James Bosso, Milt Entwistle and Bob Aurner represented our squadron at the event. Jim was aboard Pep Wardle’s Boat, the “Nor Pep” while Bob and Milt were aboard Ralph Price’s boat, the “Quixotic”, which had Gary Smith, our district commander, alternately driving the boat with Ralph’s wife, Phyllis. Both boats are around 50’ in length and rode well on the choppy seas. Everyone had a great time and the food and camaraderie were at the top of the list. The whole Fleet Week celebration was very impressive with anywhere from 400-500 boats on the water at any one time, of all shapes and sizes.

A BOAT SMART CLASS has just been completed on Oct. 13th under the skillful leadership of Walter Schillinger and Bob Aurner. This class had been preceded by several GPS classes, which had been specifically repeated by popular demand.

Future public classes, in addition to our boating safety and GPS subjects, include VHF Radio, Radar, Knots, Boat Maintenance, and other topics available under our public education program in Monterey Bay. On the water training is available by appointment. If you have a topic you would be interested in then be sure to contact our SEO, Milt Entwistle, or ASEO, Walter Schillinger. They are attuned to

your needs. Be sure to keep an eye on the squadron website listed below for the latest schedule of classes:

www.freewebs.com/montereybaypowersquadron/index.htm

Boating Safety:

Did you know that per the Boat US insurance data that **4 boats sink at their SLIP for every boat that sinks while away from their slip!**

This points to the importance of boating safety, in terms of boat maintenance, even while your vessel is firmly secured in your slip.



To help prevent sinking while at your slip you should do the following: **1)** Check the conditions of all hoses that connect to thru-hull fittings below the water line. **2)** Check your sea-cocks to insure that they have not corroded through and are ready to burst. **3)** Check for water leaks around your prop drive shaft stuffing boxes.

There are many ways water can get into a bilge, including rain water, so the most important thing you need do is to insure your bilge pump is working properly. You can simply switch your instrument panel Bilge Switch to ON and see if the pump runs. However, that is what is referred to as a “necessary, but not sufficient” test. **You must ALWAYS check your bilge pump in the automatic position to insure it will work while you are away.** How do you do that? The bilge pump has a float switch attached to it that rises as the level of water rises until a point where it triggers a switch to start the bilge pump. To check this function, simply lift up the float switch (shown below,) with your hand, while your instrument panel switch is in the AUTOMATIC position. You should hear the pump motor engage. If it does not, then you may have a problem and you should get it checked out.



EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL FLOAT SWITCHES

Remember to leave the Bilge Pump switch on your instrument panel set to AUTOMATIC any time you are away from your boat. **CAUTION:** if you use a battery switch to disconnect your batteries while away, then you may lose power to your bilge pump and you are not protected.

For further cautionary instructions on caring for your vessel, either on a mooring, in a slip, or on a trailer at home, you might call squadron member, Wayne Kelly, at 831-818-8301 (cell) or 831-633-3312 (home). Wayne has operated a successful chartering service for many years and is an international boater.

SQUADRON CONTACTS:

This list is provided in an effort to help you keep in contact with various members of the squadron. We are concerned about your needs and appreciate your involvement in the Squadron. So we encourage you to contact these members if you have any questions about events, classes, feedback on issues, or whatever other information you would like to receive.

Squadron Officers:

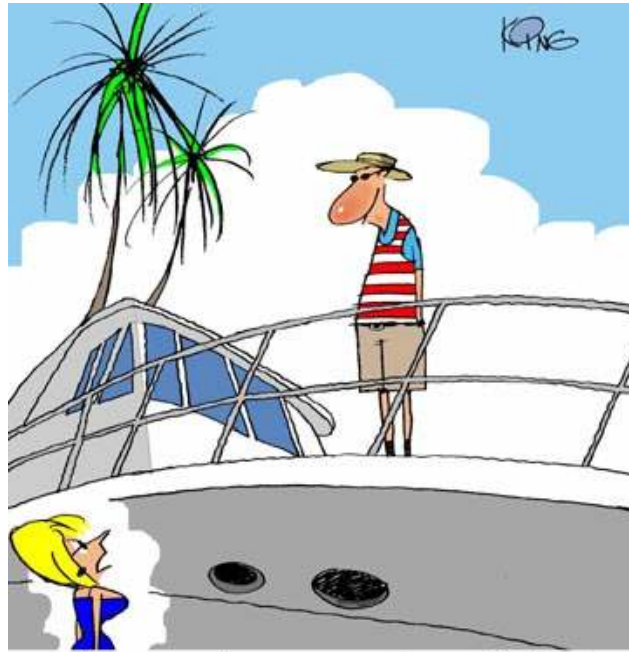
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*"For our anniversary you got yourself a boat,
and me a vacuum cleaner. And you have the nerve
to ask why I'm upset?"*

Abbey, Henry; 1842-1911

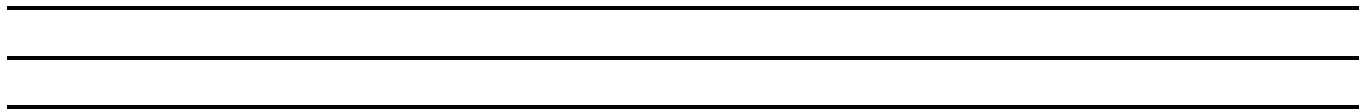
What do we plant when we plant the tree?
We plant the ship that will cross the sea,
We plant the mast to carry the sails,
We plant the planks to withstand the gales-
The keel, the keelson, and beam and knee-
We plant the ship when we plant the tree.

Quote attributed to Henry Abbey



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