



NEWSLETTER FOR SECOND QUARTER-2007

The following are your Squadron officers for 2007 – 2008:

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Squadron Administrative Officer:	Des P. Wytmans
Squadron Secretary:	Peggy Shirrel
Squadron Treasurer:	Robert Y. Jackson
Squadron Educational Officer:	Milton R. Entwistle

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Assistant Secretary:	Lavon Tripp
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Port Captain – Moss Landing	Annie Schnorf
Port Captain – Santa Cruz	Milton R. Entwistle

If you need to contact any of these individuals, a contact list will be provided later in this newsletter. As usual, we ask you not to publish or share contact information outside of the squadron in order to protect everyone's privacy.....Thank you.

SQUADRON BUSINESS MEETING

A general business meeting was held on June 13th at the Santa Cruz Nautical Classroom. These meetings are open to all squadron members and we encourage you all to attend so you can contribute to the direction of your squadron.

Those from the southern Monterey Bay Area met at the Elkhorn Yacht Club in Moss Landing before the meeting and carpoled up to Santa Cruz. Remember that carpooling is always an option in attending our meetings and if you are currently without transportation you can request a ride from some other member. Just let it be known that you will need a ride.

EMAIL.....EMAIL.....EMAIL....EMAIL

We still don't have everyone's email address and some of the ones we do have get "bounced". Please contact Jim Tripp, Squadron IT Officer, and provide him with your latest contact information. You can email Jim at wa6dj@razzolink.com or phone at 831-633-3755. Using email is the fastest way to inform those of you who have email of something happening on short notice.

EDUCATION UPDATE

The squadron continues to hold classes at the Moss Landing Nautical Classroom adjacent to the Harbor Office and will be offering classes at Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) sometime this coming fall. If you are a student at MPC you may even qualify for credit by taking one of our classes. The college is currently evaluating the class material in Power Boating to be offered for credit.

We encourage you to sign up for classes you may not have yet taken and to inform your friends, neighbors and work colleagues of these classes. We will send out notices to inform you when classes are available at MPC or other venues.

We are currently teaching every third (3rd) Saturday at the Moss Landing facility. Our next offering is our Boating Safety class, titled "Boat Smart", on Saturday, July 21st starting at 10:00 a.m. For further information please contact Walt Schillinger in Santa Cruz at 831-423-0810 or Bob Aurner in Monterey at 831-624-3333.

This class will be followed three-weeks later by "Practical GPS"—a hands-on training course for marine-users of this navigational device that tells you where you are at all times.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE AVAILABLE:

Test your knowledge of safe boating practices. The Squadron has several copies of a DVD from Headquarters titled “2nd National Safe Boating Test”. Since we only have a few copies of this, they are available for loan to anyone who wants to check their current understand of safe boating rules and regulations. The DVD comes with an answer sheet (all questions are multiple choice) that you can use as you watch the video. They will ask a question and pause very briefly while you mark your paper. Then the video will show you the correct answer.



Here is an example question: Is it permissible to approach a military vessel at high speed? You can imagine that with our heightened state of tension regarding terrorist attacks that it would NOT be a good idea to approach any military vessel at high speed.

The DVD “Includes many safety tips and 27 boating safety questions to test your knowledge on such topics as: Homeland Security, Rules of the Road, Aids to Navigation, Carbon Monoxide, Small Boat Safety, and more...”

Just contact Jim Tripp, Bob Aurner, or Jim Bosso if you would like to borrow one of these DVD’s. They are available for purchase, also, for \$5.00 from National Headquarters.

CRUISE ON MONTEREY BAY

Our squadron was invited aboard the S.S.S. Steeves for a cruise on Monterey Bay on July 8th. This was a really great event and we had a good turnout, but we had room for many, many more. The SSS stands for Sea Scout Ship and the Steeves is skippered by our very own Squadron Commander, Ships Captain James Bosso, the Commander of the Sea Scout contingent in Santa Cruz.

This photo shows a very important part of taking people out on your boats. This is the skipper giving instructions for donning a life jacket and telling the importance of wearing one at all times while underway. Be sure to do this every time you venture out.



The ship was built in 1962 and is 65 feet in length and displaces 85 tons. She is still running her original two German built diesel engines which get a combined fuel consumption of just 8 GPH at 8 knots. Most of us wish we had that kind of economy with the current fuel prices. To learn more about this vessel, go to <http://www.solopublications.com/scouthom.html>

Commander Bosso and his crew brought us smoothly out of the Santa Cruz Small Craft Harbor and after exiting the “jaws” at the harbor entrance he turned to starboard and gave us a great view of the Beach Boardwalk area.



Then he made a port jibe and brought us around the end of The Wharf at Santa Cruz where all those great seafood restaurants are located. People on the Wharf were happy to see this classic vessel and lined the edges to wave and take pictures.

Then we sailed out around the 1 mile buoy and down towards Capitola. The skipper brought us “up close and personal” to the Cement Ship just south of Capitola. We were told that in recent years some oil had started leaking out of the old cement ship and some form of corrective action had to be taken.





As we re-entered the harbor breakwater we were treated with the sight of sail boats and kayaks going by at the same time. You could see the Beach Boardwalk area to the right of the lighthouse and the wharf to its left. A very pleasant site welcomed us back from our cruise.

The squadron would like to thank Jim Bosso and the Sea Scouts for inviting our squadron for this wonderful outing. It will most likely be the highlight of the year.



We were pleased to have our newest member, David Norris, from Hollister join us on this cruise. This is a different David Norris than our Associate Member (from Santa Clara Squadron) who is a retired IBM'er living in Los Gatos. This Dave brought along a friend, Rick Maltone and their wives.

Here you see Walter Schillinger talking to Dave Norris from Hollister about a GPS problem. I guess Dave was a good student when he took the GPS class from Walter.



Here is Des Wytmans, the Squadron Administrative Officer, with a couple of the ladies who accompanied us on the cruise. Des resides in Carmel Valley.

All aboard found the SSS Steeves to be a stable vessel and the ride was very smooth. The Sea Scouts, with Capt. Bosso at the helm have sailed this vessel all the way to Hawaii and back. The skipper says the ship sails just fine under the power of only one engine, so one engine could fail and they would still be able to navigate safely. Other vessels are difficult to handle under these conditions.



There were people scattered all over the ship as we were underway. Those in the galley were enjoying Pepperoni and Hawaiian Pizza with soft drinks and some were on the forward deck, while others were on the aft deck. It made it difficult to get photos of people because of the



way everyone moved around so they could size up the layout of the vessel and view the points of interest. It was such a glorious tour of the Pacific Ocean and Monterey Bay, viewing points of interest along the shoreline. It was unbelievable as to how stable the ship was.....as smooth as on a cruise ship.

The only “real” concern on the cruise was when returning to the ship’s berth. It was feared that we had stayed out a little too long and the tide had risen to a point where the top of the ship would hit a bridge we had to pass under. A marker lamp hung down to where it would certainly hit the superstructure. However, a crewman was “Johnny on the spot” and was able to pivot the lamp out of the way just in time!



Here is the SSS Steeve’s berth. It is a nice end-tie which is donated to the Sea Scouts for free and which would cost over \$20K per year if they had to pay the going rate. As nice as this dock is, the ship still must negotiate a 180 degree turn in a very tight channel.

Things for the future:

This has been a great quarter and we look forward to the next quarter being as exciting as this one has been.

We are pleased to have a mixture of both men and women on the list of officers and encourage the women to continue to be involved. We know the importance women play in our daily lives and that goes for the governing of the power squadron as well. It would be nice if our membership as well as

our leadership could reach a 50/50 ratio between men and women. So, come on ladies, we have opportunities available for all of you.

We thank you all for your continued support of the Monterey Bay Sail and Power Squadron and hope you are taking full advantage of all the squadron has to offer in the way of classes, service, outings, and so on.

Here are some contact numbers you may need from time to time.

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THANKS TO OUR MEMBERSHIP

The Monterey Bay Sail and Power Squadron wishes to thank all those who have “re-upped” with us for the coming 2007-2008 membership year and for those who have as yet not paid their dues (just a few) please send them in right away so that we can get you on the official roster to enjoy the exciting activities planned for the future: Tours of the Bay and the Ocean, Rendezvous, Bar-B –Ques, Special Visitations of Guest Speakers at Meetings, Personal Activities Sessions for members, Out of-town trips to other Harbors for Boating Excursions including “Fleet Week” and the “Tall Ships” on San Francisco Bay.

We are **THE SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON OF MONTEREY BAY** and **DARN PROUD OF IT.** Our parent organization enjoys over 50,000 members and 450 squadrons around the world. It has taken Monterey Bay Squadron several years to get off the ground but we are up and running, thanks to those who have given us a boost over the past several years since our chartering.

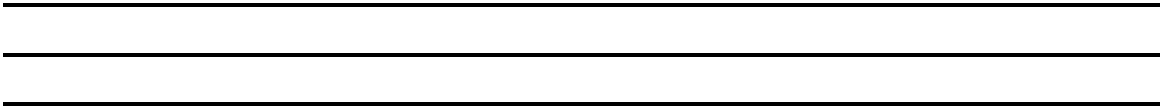
WE SINCERELY THANK YOU ALL

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