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## Calendar-at-a-Glance

### AUGUST, 2010

- 14 Monterey Bay/Santa Clara Joint Event
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting
- 28 Cruise SS Steeves, Santa Cruz



### SEPTEMBER, 2010

- 6 Labor Day
- 15 Executive Committee Meeting
- 18 Rendezvous – Angel Island
- 28 ABC/3 Basic Boating Course



### OCTOBER, 2010

- 11 Columbus Day
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting
- 22 Pizza Party
- 31 Halloween



### NOVEMBER, 2010

- 11 Veterans Day
- 13 Alcatraz Tour
- 17 Executive Committee Meeting
- 25 Thanksgiving



Each month there is a “First Wednesday Dinner” in which members have a chance to get together and try different restaurants. Watch for info in the Bell and special flyers. The event is easy to plan because it is on the first Wednesday of each month, thus the name.

# Word Jumble

The object of this game is to unscramble the words and use the pointed out letters to solve the puzzle. Good Luck

ATOB                     
          ↑     ↑     ↑

EALTRB                             
                                  ↑     ↑

TLSIE                         
          ↑     ↑     ↑

UCLYHRDA                                     
                  ↑     ↑                    ↑                    ↑

What the skipper said the plan for the day was.

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ANSWERS: In future editions, the answers from previous month will be shown here.



## Commander's Message



When I was a teenager my parents gave me a wall poster that said “Life is like a sewer – what you get out of it is directly related to what you put into it” (sounds exactly what every parent would give every child, doesn’t it?)

Ignoring the yuk factor, I’d like to paraphrase that to note that what we (collectively) get out of Santa Clara Power Squadron is directly related to what we put into it.

I bring this up because in a month or two, SCPS will be coming out of its summer doldrums and embarking on a bunch of fall activities. In addition to our social activities which Tim-the-Admin covers so well, we’ll be starting our fall educational program. And here’s a place I’d especially like to ask for your help.

We’ll be starting an ABC/3 basic boating course on Tuesday, 28 September. ABC/3 directly plays into my “leaky bucket” model of membership.

We gain members different ways. Some existing USPS members move to Silicon Valley and transfer into SCPS. Some people take ABC/3 on-line and then join us. But the principal way SCPS gains members – pours more into the bucket – is through people taking our classroom course, seeing what SCPS has to offer, and then joining us.

Bluntly, it’s a percentage game. A quarter to a third of our ABC/3 attendees decide to join SCPS. So the more people who sign up for ABC/3, the more new members we get and the fuller the bucket becomes.

That’s where I’d like to ask for *your* help. If you know people interested in boating – people at work, in your social circles, or wherever, let them know about the course and encourage them to attend.

You can help another way, too. Your Bridge struggles to figure out ways to get the word out about our courses. John Cassidy is doing a great job of creating eye-catching, informative posters about our courses. He also sends a short news release to every neighborhood newspaper in Santa Clara County. But our “yield” is small. There are roughly 100,000 boat owners in the county but we’re lucky to see a half-dozen of them at one of our courses.

What other ways would effectively reach them?? If you have suggestions or ideas, I’d love to hear them. Again, it’s a percentage game – the more people we tell about our

course, the more people will come. And, as anybody in the advertising business will tell you, reaching a pinpoint audience of customers ready to buy is far better than advertising to an audience that includes mostly people unlikely to be interested in the product. We have a “product” – the best basic boating course by far. How can we specifically target and reach likely “customers?”

We’ll also be starting a member course this fall. We haven’t finalized plans, but we’re hoping it will be Seamanship. If you haven’t taken Seamanship, please join us. Watch for an official announcement soon.

Also USPS “member” courses are now open to non-members. If you know of someone who is not a USPS member and might be interested in Seamanship, please have him or her contact Dave Norris.

Last but not least, please do join us for our remaining summer activities. We have a great Monterey Bay cruise planned for 28 August aboard the Steeves, a 65’ Sea Scout ship run by Jim Bosso, one of Monterey Bay Squadron’s past commanders. We need to know who is going soon, so please sign up ASAP. In addition, Monterey Bay has invited us to join them on 14 August for a picnic in Felton and a ride on the train down to the Santa Cruz boardwalk. If you’d like to join us for that, please sign up immediately!

Have a great summer both on and off the water!

Lu



Help us get the word out about events  
and the Santa Clara Power Squadron.

## Executive Officer



### WEIRD LAWS

**In Alaska – it is illegal to feed alcoholic beverages to a moose.**

Now that makes one asks, why would a person even try to do that and what does a moose do when they're drunk?

Well here we are, more than half way through the summer months and time seems to be flying by. We have already had a couple of very exciting squadron events and just last month was our annual picnic. Speaking of the picnic, I must admit I was a little disappointed in the turnout but I certainly realize how everyone is very busy trying to balance hectic schedules, which is never easy to do. We had some great raffle prizes and we found out that Tim is a ringer at tossing bean bags in little holes. If you don't know what I'm talking about, just ask him. However, I would not recommend taking him in the game. Trust me, you will lose.

As you read this month's Bell, you will notice some small changes that have been made to the format. The Sudoku has been replaced by Word Jumble and there is now a "Calendar-at-a Glance" section which will provide information on upcoming events, meetings and other opportunities to be involved. We have extended the calendar from two months to four months so as to allow people to plan further ahead. You see, we on the Bridge do listen to our members. With that being said, I would greatly appreciate hearing back from you with thoughts on the Bell. Does it cover what it should? Is the format easy to read? Are the articles well written and informative? Let me know – [LindyZink@hotmail.com](mailto:LindyZink@hotmail.com).

Now on to some interesting facts. I have recently been doing some research for my work regarding the topic of boating under the influence and have found some very interesting yet troubling facts. It seems that there has been a huge increase in the number of arrests made for BUI (Boating under the Influence) this year as well as an increased number of related boating accidents due to intoxicated boaters. You would think with all the news articles and some of the more recently published stories that boaters would not be drinking and boating. Maybe it is time that the USPS run some type of advertising campaign targeting this issue. I'm sure the problem is not just in this area but no matter, it needs some attention. Take care and stay safe.

Lindy Zink

## From the Admin



### NEXT OUTING

**What:** SS Steeve's Cruise

**When:** Saturday, 28 August 1000 - ????

**Where:** Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor

*While Tim and Sandy are away in their RV, I'm sure taking in some terrific sights, I thought I would try my hand at writing a short message for him. The hardest part was trying to think of what he would want to say this month and then it hit me. He would probably talk about all the upcoming events, maybe a little blurb about last month's picnic and then I'm sure something about the two joint ventures we have coming up – one with Monterey Squadron and one with the Sea Scouts. So here goes.*

*Ahoy – as we start the month of August we have our First Wednesday Dinner get together planned for Aqui Restaurant in Campbell. For those of you that attended the dinner the last time we were there you know how good the food is. If you didn't make it then, why not try to make it this time. Then later in the month we have a joint venture with Monterey Squadron. The famous train ride to Santa Cruz and a nice picnic lunch. Followed by our Sea Scout excursion aboard the SS Steeves. All of these events are mentioned in this month's Bell as well as several other future events. We even spread them out throughout the month for those of you that have busy schedules or plans that make it difficult to attend all of them. The First Wednesday Dinner is on the 4th followed by the joint venture train ride on the 14<sup>th</sup> and then the SS Steeves on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Busy month? Yes but lots of opportunity to have fun and get out and enjoy life. Speaking of having fun, we all had a great time at the Annual Picnic. The food was terrific and the atmosphere was great. Thanks Zinks.*

*Okay, I know it isn't probably as good as Tim would have written but I hope it got the info out there and that I was able to sell you on at least attending one of the three events this month. Also, the events don't end in August. We have all kinds of plans for the rest of the year. Angel Island tour, the fall pizza party and even a chance to visit Alcatraz.*

*Hope to see you at some of these events.*

*By Lindy for Tim.*

*Tim the Admin  
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## ***Santa Clara Power Squadron 2010 Activities***

***August 14<sup>th</sup>, Santa Cruz Train Ride, Santa Cruz***

***August 28<sup>th</sup>, Cruise on the SS Steeves, Santa Cruz***

***September 18<sup>th</sup>, Rendezvous Angel Island***

***October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Our Fall Pizza Party and Meeting***

***November 13<sup>th</sup>, Alcatraz (we go to the ROCK!)***

***December 11<sup>th</sup>, Squadron Holiday Banquet***

***And most months, please watch your email for an invitation to the Squadron's First Wednesday Dinners. The cost is usually \$15 or less and we visit some of the favorite restaurants that our members recommend. Do you have a place that you've been going to for years and always enjoy? If so, consider hosting a dinner there. Just get in touch with Tim the Admin...[t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t.ellenberger@sbcglobal.net).***

***Get involved.  
Attend an event.***

## Ship's Store

### SQUADRON LOGO CLOTHING NOW AVAILABLE

The Embroidery Factory, which puts the squadron logo on the clothing we choose, has a new website. Members can view the website, without opening an account, and let the squadron Ship's Store place their orders with other orders. The squadron gets a 20% discount from the retail price.

### THE EMBROIDERY FACTORY WEBSITE

[www.embroideryfactory.com](http://www.embroideryfactory.com)

Order that special someone a gift that that they can wear with pride, an embroidered shirt or hat or perhaps a nice warm jacket. All of these items are available in different sizes and colors. Don't keep waiting, order now.

Carrie Fisher  
(408) 723-0619  
Carrie4318@aol.com



## Point of Interest



### What is it?

Prior to about 1890, every patent application had to be accompanied by a model demonstrating how the device worked and that it could be practically built.

Here's one for a "Boat Steering Device" from 1874.

It was intended to allow someone to steer a rowboat (typically, a racing shell) while rowing with both hands. You put your shoe in the shoe plate and you moved the rudder by twisting your ankle.

(The Patent Office cleaned out its attic a few years ago, this model is actually for sale for a mere \$2,595)

## From the Treasurer



### USELESS KNOWLEDGE

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

THE 22' CUTTER CARN DHU, SAMSO

ISLAND, DENMARK, JULY 24, 1933

When under the lee of the island we reduced sail to second jib and main and beat into the little havenlod of Bellen. We strolled ashore, instead of finding a rather deserted island devoted to breeding bacon, the place turned out to be a complete summer holiday resort.

Bacon for the English market is the other industry, but we were unable to obtain any for ourselves. In the evening an ancient Danish one-time mariner, sometimes painter, who had managed to survive 47 years in Chicago, descended on us and derived great pleasure from exercising what he was pleased to call his English. We traded a few ounces of tobacco for two pots of jam. He had returned to Denmark for his health to find all his friends dead and he had forgotten how to speak Danish. We gave him a piece of hard tack for a souvenir. He fingered it lovingly and explaining that he had no hope of eating it, placed it in an inside pocket.

-N. Warrington Smyth

A small anchor on a long rode is more effective than a large anchor on a short rode.

From the Mariner's Book of Days by Peter H. Spectre.

We are solvent.

DeWayn Meek, Treasurer

## From the SEO



### Teaching Opportunity

Our next ABC Boating Course starts on 28 September. This is a great opportunity to teach and provide information to perspective members.

ABC-3 Boating Class starts 28 September. Call Steve Fisher or me to assist.

Seamanship class planning is in the works for a late October start, a holiday break, review, and final prior to mid January 2011. Please reply with your interest.

A few things to do if you are desperate to go sailing

- \* Sleep on the shelf in your closet. Replace the closet door with a curtain. Six hours after you go to sleep, have your mate whip open the curtain, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and mumble "Sorry, wrong rack".
- \* Renovate your bathroom. Build a wall across the middle of your bathtub and move the showerhead down to chest level. When you take showers, make sure you shut off the water while soaping up.
- \* Every time there's a thunderstorm, go sit in a wobbly rocking chair and rock as hard as you can until you're nauseated.
- \* Put lube oil in your humidifier instead of water and set it to "High".
- \* Leave the lawnmower running in your living room six hours a day for proper noise level.
- \* Buy a trash compactor and only use it once a week. Store up garbage in the other side of your bathtub.
- \* Wake up every night at midnight and have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on stale bread, if anything. (Optional: Canned ravioli or cold soup).
- \* Make up your family menu a week ahead of time without looking in your food cabinets or refrigerator.
- \* Set your alarm clock to go off at random times during the night. When it goes off, jump out of bed and get dressed as fast as you can, then run out into your yard and break out the garden hose.
- \* Once a month take every major appliance completely apart and then put them back together.
- \* Use 18 scoops of coffee per pot and allow it to sit for 5 or 6 hours before drinking.
- \* Have a fluorescent lamp installed on the bottom of your coffee table and lie under it to read books.
- \* Lockwire the lug nuts on your car.
- \* When making cakes, prop up one side of the pan while it is baking. Then spread icing really thick on one side to level off the top.

\* Every so often, throw your cat into the swimming pool, shout "Man overboard, ship recovery!", run into the kitchen and sweep all the pots/pans/dishes off of the counter onto the floor, then yell at your mate for not having the place "stowed for sea".

#### Nautical humor for August

Gimbals: Movable mountings often found on shipboard lamps, compasses, etc., which provide dieting passengers an opportunity to observe the true motions of the ship in relation to them, and thus prevent any recently ingested food from remaining in their digestive systems long enough to be converted into unwanted calories.

[http://www.yachting-life.net/new%20index/frames3/jokes\\_frame.htm](http://www.yachting-life.net/new%20index/frames3/jokes_frame.htm)

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# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

21 June 2010

- \* Meeting called to order at 1905 and quorum established
- \* Present: Lu Abel, Al Hughes, Steve Fisher, Dave Norris and Jim Sadler.
- \* Revised minutes of the June meeting, as passed out by Jim Sadler, were approved.
- \* The June Roster has been sent to the members.
- \* The Web Site does not have the 2010-2011 ABC dates on it. Jim Sadler to send dates to Dennis for submission.
- \* We are solvent.
- \* Tim Ellenberger was unable to make the meeting. Commander Lu had questions about the Steeves sunset cruise and stated we need to get the word out to members about both the Felton train event with Monterey Bay Squadron and the Steeves. Lu will contact Tim about adult beverages aboard the Steeves, and ask when the cut-off date for money to Jim Bosso is.
- \* 15 members showed up for the annual picnic.
- \* Lu will email Tim and Lindy about the First Wednesday dinner for August. The September activity is 18 Sep, a rendezvous on Angel Island. It is time to start planning and getting the word out.
- \* Dave Norris reports that the HQ 800 has been filed for all three boating classes. We need to get the class dates into the Bell.
- \* Dave said that Peter Gise might attend the next boating class. Peter had noted that we need more instructors for member classes. Roger Bradley wants to get his instructor recertification before it expires in November.
- \* Dave Norris will ask Roger Bradley to chair the Seamanship course with Commander Abel and Dave Norris. There are new members who would be candidates for this advanced grade course. Dennis Parker will be contacted to see if he wishes to teach knots for this course.
- \* Lindy handed out the PRO report. From John Cassidy but had to leave due to pressing work matters. The PRO sent to members the vessel safety check brochures for July on or about 1 July, 2010. Also to the two local West Marine Stores via email.
- \* The theme for August will be "How to Read a Chart" along with "abbreviations." The PRO sent to committee members two brochures on how to read charts for their suggestions last month on which one to use, made some of the suggested and comments corrections to it. The one preferred is being used.
- \* The PRO sent to committee members on 7/10/2010 the two brochures that will be sent to squadron members and the two West Marine Stores on or about 1 Aug, 2010 for discussion at the meeting. As suggested included the title and date for the Sept boating class on the August brochure.
- \* The PRO sent brochures on 7/3/2010 of "Your Choice, Boating Accident 1, ABC April 10, ABC2 and Canoe" to Steve Fisher, CC'd to Lu Abel. These are updated brochures for the 28 Sep, 2010 boating class. Steve said he might use them all in different places. Made some of the suggestions and comments corrections to "Boating Accident1.
- \* The theme for Sept of course will be for the America's Boating Course.
- \* Regarding VSC's at the new Alviso Marina, Dave Norris is not sure this would be productive as there are only very small boats that can launch here. He thinks during the

next month he will drive his motor home here, take some boxes of brochures with him and take the temperature of the public that uses the launch for interest in VSC's and boating classes.

\* Steve Fisher spoke to the Ranger at the Alviso Marina. They get 8-10 kayakers in the water and the ranger is concerned about inexperienced boaters. The emphasis of the site is back to nature. Small boats would only be used. Steve and Commander Lu are going to visit with the Ranger, show him seminar booklets and posters. We could set up a 10x10 overhead cover and put up a poster. Might visit one weekend or day a month.

\* Commander Lu made a suggestion for an integrated calendar in The Bell that not only covers social activities, but also First Wednesdays, ABC classes and member courses. Dave Norris will send Lu a copy of the San Jose Sailing Club calendar as a reference.

\* The September ExCom meeting will be moved to 22 Sep due to a conflict with the District Council meeting on 15 Sep.

\* Jim Sadler presented the dates of the Fall Tri-District Conference in Marina del Rey, 28-31 Oct.

\* The next ExCom meeting will be held Wednesday, 18 Aug at the Sheriff's Building.

\* Meeting adjourned at 2007.

**A friendly reminder, the Executive Committee meeting takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 1900 hour. The meeting is held at the Sheriff's Office, in a small conference room on the first floor. All members are welcome to attend and if you have any thoughts of joining a committee, becoming a Bridge Officer or just want to get a little more involved, this is a great opportunity to find out what it is all about. The meeting usually last about an hour and a half to two hours but there is always cookies to munch on and you don't have to stay the entire time. Why not give it a try and drop by. Might be interesting.**



## MONTEREY AND SANTA CLARA POWER SQUADRONS SAIL THE TRAIN TO THE BEACH AND BACK!



Alright, we can't really "sail" the train but with the open observation cars you'll feel the wind in your face as you cruise through the redwoods from Felton to the Santa Cruz Boardwalk and back! Yep, it's the first of our two joint summer trips with the Monterey Squadron, those lucky friends of ours who live on the ocean side of the hill.

**The price is just \$38/adult (a 25% group discount), \$15/child 12 and under and free for age 2 or under. Parking...\$4/car**

What do we get...a reserved picnic area at Roaring Camp and a tasty chicken lunch, followed by a scenic and historic train ride down the cool fern lined canyons to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. And yes, it is true that the train stops in right front of the merry-go-round. We will have some time to walk around the boardwalk and then re-board the train for the ride back to Roaring Camp.

**Please RSVP with payment to Jerianne Bosso, 200 Linden St., Santa Cruz, CA 95062-1020 Phone: 831-345-9965, email: [jbosso@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbosso@sbcglobal.net)** Payment needs to be received by August 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest.

- **12:00 Noon**, Picnic in a shady grove at Roaring Camp Railroad in Felton.
- **2:30 PM**, Board the train for the trip through the redwoods to Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.
- **4:30 PM**, Re-board the train for the return trip to Roaring Camp RR in Felton.

<http://montereybaypowersquadron.webs.com/>

## First Wednesday Dinner



**LOCATION:** Aqui Restaurant  
201 E. Campbell Ave  
Campbell

**DATE:** Wednesday 4 August

**TIME:** 1800 hrs.

Back by popular demand we are returning to Aqui Restaurant in Campbell. Last time we were there, everyone enjoyed the fresh food and the nice atmosphere. Aqui is located on the corner of E. Campbell Ave and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in downtown Campbell. There is plenty of parking in the parking structure on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, directly behind the restaurant.

Please RSVP to Lindy at 866-2660 or via email at [LindyZink@hotmail.com](mailto:LindyZink@hotmail.com).

## Puzzle Solution for July

6	5	9	3	8	2	1	7	4
3	7	8	5	1	4	9	6	2
2	1	4	9	6	7	5	3	8
1	6	3	4	2	8	7	5	9
7	4	5	6	9	1	2	8	3
9	8	2	7	5	3	6	4	1
5	3	1	8	7	9	4	2	6
8	9	7	2	4	6	3	1	5
4	2	6	1	3	5	8	9	7

## Monthly Riddle

A woman has seven children, half of them are boys. How can this be possible?



*Answer is located on Editor's page.*

## Just for Fun

This was this guy's first boat and he was taking it to the lake.

He wasn't quite sure of the correct procedure for launching a boat off a ramp. However, he figured it couldn't be that difficult to do, so he stopped by his Union office for advice, and they told him...

"Just don't let the trailer get too deep in the water when you're launching your boat, and you should be fine".

Well later on, he couldn't understand what they meant by that, as he could just barely get his trailer in the water!

Here's a picture worth a "thousand" words! Your gonna love this guy!!!

They walk amongst us, get married, and have children!



## SHOP TIPS



A quick stroke with an old candle can lubricate a wood screw and make driving much easier. If you haven't tried it, you're in for a pleasant surprise. Bar of soap works good also.



Keep a few old candles around the shop for lubricating various sliding surfaces. It's surprising how just a few small waxy marks can make the work slide so much better!



When you get a new supply of sanding belts, don't forget to look to see that you can read the **grit number** on each one. These 1" wide belts needed some reminders written there to avoid future confusion.



These days virtually everyone has a computer and printer. So, take the time to print out neat labels for boxes and drawers. It's worth the extra effort to be able to find things quickly. You don't even have to print them on special label paper - you can glue or tape the labels in place



If you hang extra goggles just above head height near the tools where you'll need them, you might just be more likely to reach for, and use, these eye savers.



Kitchen towels have four lives. First they are towels for drying dishes. When they start to show stains, they become counter and floor wipers. Later on, they're for washing the car and other outdoor activities. Finally, when they look pretty bad, they come to my shop to die:

(Source FRETSCOM READERS & FRIENDS)

**Submitted by John D Cassidy AP**

**The Santa Clara Power Squadron  
invites you to a Monterey Bay Sunset  
Cruise! "All Aboard" the Sea Scout  
Ship Steeves, 5:15 PM, Saturday  
August 28th.**



*Dazzling waves and soft breezes set the mood for our cruise on the Monterey Bay with the Monterey Power Squadron. We'll be out on the blue enjoying friends, light snacks and sodas in pursuit of the perfect sunset. On return to the harbor, join us at La Paloma for a leisurely no-host dinner and margaritas!*

We'll board at the Santa Cruz Harbor fuel dock, located at the foot of the launch ramp, 2222 East Cliff Drive, Santa Cruz. The time for boarding is 5:15 PM but do arrive a bit early to allow time for parking. The cost is just \$37, \$30 per person by check to the Monterey Squadron and Tim the Admin will be collecting \$7 each on-board for the provided snacks and sodas. When we return, plan on margarita's at La Paloma, it's right there!

**To secure your spot call Monterey Past Commander Jim Bosso, Phone: 831-345-9965 and mail a check, \$30 per person payable to the Monterey Power Squadron, to:**

**Jim and Jerianne Bosso, 200 Linden Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95062**

**And do let Commander Lu, 408-448-9250 know that you will be coming aboard! Email: luabel@ymail.com**

## From The Editors



If you have a suggestion or something that you would like to see in The Bell or if you have an article, please send it to us via our e-mail. [Lindyzink@hotmail.com](mailto:Lindyzink@hotmail.com)



### RIDDLE ANSWER

**ALL the children are boys, so half are boys as is the other half.**

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

There is no greater cowardice than knowing what is right and failing to do it.

Confucius