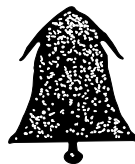


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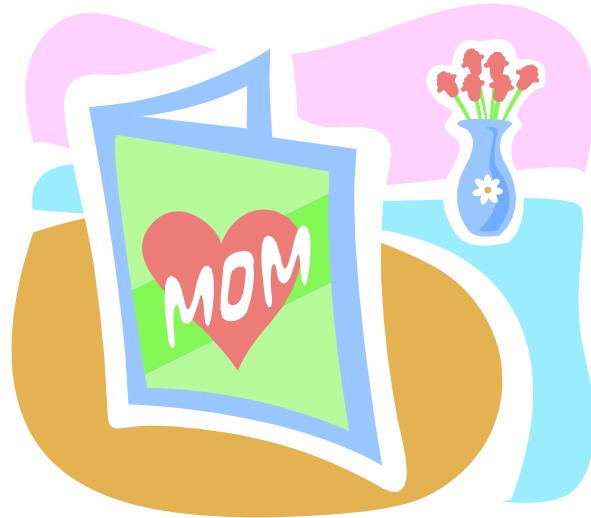
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# Calendar

## MAY, 2008

- 11 Mother's Day
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 21 Executive Committee Meeting
- 26 Memorial Day



## JUNE, 2008

- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting
- 21 Summer Begins

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*Last month's puzzle answer on page 11*

## Commander's Message



**Just as treasures are uncovered from the earth, so virtue appears from good deeds, and wisdom appears from a pure and peaceful mind. To walk safely through the maze of human life, one needs the light of wisdom and the guidance of virtue.**

**Buddha**

SCPS is going to get you out on the water and into this beautiful spring weather. On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, a Hornblower Champagne Brunch and Cruise will load up at 11am on Pier 3 in San Francisco and whisk us out onto the bay where we can soak up the rays of sunshine and the Do Re's of the live band. We will arrange to sit together, but you must make your own reservation by calling 1-888-467-6256 or logging on to Hornblower.com. Click on "make a reservation" then "Less than 20", then "San Francisco", then "May 18" then "Champagne Brunch Cruise" and proceed with the reservation. On April 17<sup>th</sup> Tim Ellenberger sent an email regarding half price on a second person. It's a savings of \$30 from the 55+ rate. Just select the full-fare option and enter the discount code MWF08. Parking on Pier 3 is \$10 per car. If you would like to go but don't have transportation let me know and I will arrange car pooling for you. Let me know if you sign up so we can all sit together.

Speaking of eating and on the water (is there anything finer?) how about a monthly squadron lunch on alternating Saturdays and Sundays that is held at a restaurant on the water? You could drive or boat to the site. Perhaps boaters might want to ask other members to join them on the trip. We would pick restaurants where boaters could dock. This would occur each month. It would be hosted by different members and Dee and I would take at least the first two. If you would like to arrange one just let us know. Look for an announcement regarding the first lunch very soon.

The Executive Committee agreed on April 16<sup>th</sup> to make themselves available to new members who can use a friendly voice, a helping hand and an inviting host to introduce them to the many activities, educational opportunities and other members of the Squadron. Members for less than 24 months will be paired with an experienced member who will be charged with integrating the new member into the Squadron. Members can now join in knowing that their "host" will guide them to a meaningful experience.

What can I do for you? I'm not shy and I know you're not, so let's talk.

The Power is On  
All my best,  
Jim

## Executive Officer



*“Hey, wasn’t that Carly Fionna’s Boat?”  
“You mean that floating mountain of polished fiberglass and steel that just went by?  
Yea!”*

*Well, there you have it in a nutshell, when you take a Sunday afternoon to do Vessel Safety Checks with your Squadron buddies, anything can happen. Not only do you have the privilege of enhancing boating safety but you*

*get invited aboard some great boats, get to enjoy a continental breakfast compliments of the Bair Island Marina and see things that you would never had seen if you hadn’t turned-out to assist.*

*Interested? It is a great program and with thanks to Jim Hooper, Jim Buckley, Dave Norris and Gordon Elliott...a fun and vital one. There is an instruction booklet available and a certification exam that follows. Once you pass the exam, you’ll be teamed with one of our excellent VSC examiners for a bit of on-the-job training. If you try it, I guarantee you’ll like it...I did!*

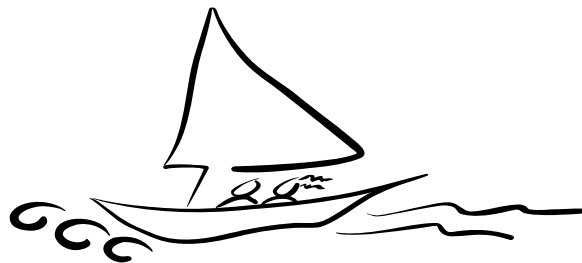
*With summer weather on us, time to think about who you’d like to join you on your next adventure on the water. Hmm...take out that 08 Squadron roster, run your finger down the column and find a friend who can handle the lines for you.*

*And when you pull up to the fuel dock for the first time this summer...remember, SAFETY FIRST...*

- 1. Shut off all electricity and heat sources*
- 2. Check bilges for fuel vapors and ventilate*
- 3. Close all fittings and openings that could allow fuel vapors to enter the boats enclosed spaces.*
- 4. Have all personnel leave the boat except for those handling the fueling*
- 5. Maintain direct nozzle contact with the fill pipe to provide an electrical Ground.*

*And then go have FUN!*

*Tim the XO*



## From the Admin



### Next Outing

### Hornblower Brunch Cruise

Sunday, 18, May 11:00 AM

Pier 3

San Francisco

Ok, tax time has come and gone, in fact my refund came today in the mail. It's always nice to get a small treat back at the end of the tax year, and this is no exception.

Speaking of treats, we had a really swell time at the Fireside Chat with our hosts the Zink family. Yard games, relaxed chatting around the outdoor fireplace, great food and the best of company, made the cool evening most enjoyable. I have been busy working on remodeling and this was a very nice break. If you were there you know what I mean, and if not, well, don't miss the next gathering.

Speaking of which, baseball season is fast upon us, and we are planning to pay the San Jose Giants a visit. They have great seating, you get a chance to see the players up close, and the evening is full of those good ole days at the ball park.

There will be a reminder coming out a couple of weeks before the game with time, location, and driving directions.

We also had a great time at the pizza party, the room was packed, the pizza was mouth watering, plenty of beverage and some great raffle drawing items were handed out. If you have not been to one of our events, please do come. There are plenty of conversations to join in with, it is a good chance to get to know your fellow Power Squadron members, share or listen to some great stories, and it is just a fun time.

Boating –

It is time to dust and wax those boats, get the lines ready, make sure all safety items are up to spec and make those last minuet trips to the marine supply store. I picked up some new flares last week, a new throwable life cushion, some new dock lines and an inflatable vest. It helps to be a Vessel Safety Examiner, but even I had not checked a couple of items yet.

If you have a boat, raft, canoe, kayak, or any type of on the water craft, and have not had a vessel safety check this year, let your in-house team take care of that for you, and issue you your decal for 2008.

One more item that comes to mind..... If you are going out, and need an extra hand, or have some room, maybe toss out an invite for a squadron member to go along. Even if it is just a shakedown cruise I am sure there is someone that would love to go, even to lend a helping hand.

## Activities -

We are still open to some boating activity suggestions as I would like to make sure every member gets out in a boat other than the type they have. Also if you don't have a boat, or it is out of water for a few months, we need to get you on the water and have some fun.

Baseball season is also just around the corner, so don't forget to mark June 6<sup>th</sup> for the San Jose Giants.

Til then  
May the seas be kind to you.

Jim Buckley  
[jlbuck@pacbell.net](mailto:jlbuck@pacbell.net)

## 2008 Activity Calendar

May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hornblower Brunch
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	San Jose <i>Giants</i> – Home Game
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Picnic
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cruise - Chardonnay II - out of Santa Cruz (more to follow)
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Party
October	Open
November	Open
December	Christmas Party ( location to be announced)



## 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.

Carol Munce, P/Stf/C  
Squadron Ship's Store person  
(408-867-0579) cbmunce@aol.com



## Update

### Pay your USPS/Santa Clara Power Squadron dues on-line

Many of you have received or will be receiving your membership dues notice from National. Did you know you can renew directly on-line with a Visa or MasterCard credit card? Go to the USPS web site [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org). In the upper right corner, you'll see a link labeled "How Do I ...". Click on that, and then look for on "Pay my dues" (about the tenth item in the right hand column). Click on that and you'll be led to a page where you can pay your dues on-line. It's easy, it's convenient, it's safe. Please renew today!!

The hidden location was Pier 3 and was correctly guessed by Jim Sadler. No hidden location this month. Watch for new game in next month's edition.

## From the Treasurer



### TRIVIA TIDBIT Word Origin – Mother

**Mother** is one of the surviving words from Anglo-Saxon (starting as *modor*), which are among the most fundamental words in English. *Mother* has many cognates in other languages, including Old High German *muoter*, Dutch *moeder*, Old Norse *mothir*, Latin *mater*, Greek *meter*, and Sanskrit *mat*. These words share an Indo-European root. *Mother* is one of the Anglo-Saxon nouns that has an Anglo-Saxon adjective as well as a Latinate adjective — *motherly* and *maternal* — and *motherly* also came from Old English (*modorlic*).

### THE SHIP ALERT PACIFIC OCEAN NEAR THE EQUATOR. MAY 1836

This day it rained nearly all day, and...we stopped up the scuppers and filled the decks with rain water, bringing all our clothes on deck, had a grand wash, fore and aft. When this was through, we stripped to our drawers, and taking pieces of soap and canvas for towels, we turned-to and soaped, washed and scrubbed one another down, to get off, as we said, the California dust; for the common wash in salt water, which is all the Jack can get, being on an allowance of fresh, had little efficacy, and was more for taste than utility...By unplugging the holes, we let the soap-suds off the decks, and in a short time had a new supply of rain water, in which we had a grand rinsing. It was a surprising how much soap and fresh water did for the completions of many of us, how much of what we supposed to be tan and sea-blackening, we got rid of.

Richard Henry Dana, Jr.

### HIS MAJESTY'S PACKET- LADY HOBART- ON THEE GRAND BANKS, NEWFOUNDLAND, JUNE 22, 1803

Cape Race bearing NNW 1/2 W 123 miles distant, discovered a large schooner under French colours, standing towards us, with her deck full of men. From her manner of bearing down upon us, we concluded she had been apprised of the war, and that she took us for a merchant brig. Cleared ship for action. At eight being within range of our guns, fired a shot at her, when she struck her colours. Sent on board and took possession of the vessel, she proved to be the -L'AIMABLE JULIE, of port LIBERTY, of eighty tons burden, strong built, bound tither from the island of St. PIERRE, laden with salt-fish, and commanded by citizen Charles Roffe.

William Dorset Fellows

DeWayn Meek, Treasurer  
We are solvent

## From the SEO



Our member Piloting class is about to wind down with the weeklong take home final exam scheduled for start on May 8. Lu Abel has done another fine job of controlling this membership class. I wish all participants great success with the outcome of this course.

With a short break I've been thinking of an OT (Operations Training) class to be held sometime between May 22 and June 12. This would be two 2.5 hour sessions on Thursday evening at the S.O. conference room. Please give me your thoughts on this plan. Another idea would be to schedule either a Saturday or Sunday at the Santa Cruz Harbor Community Room between 9 AM and 3 PM with an hour lunch break with both Santa Clara and Monterey Bay Squadron members attending. I will have to negotiate this with P/C Milt Entwistle, AP if feasible. Again, your thoughts for this OT class are welcome.

Now for that nautical humor:

### Berth:

Any horizontal surface whose total area does not exceed one half of the surface area of an average man at rest, onto which at least one liter of some liquid seeps during any 12-hour period and above which there are not less than 10 kilograms of improperly secured objects.

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## Puzzle Solution for February

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6	4	8	1	9	7	5	2	3
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## Monthly Riddle

**A farmer in California owns a beautiful pear tree. He supplies the fruit to a nearby grocery store. The store owner has called the farmer to see how much fruit is available for him to purchase. The farmer knows that the main trunk has 24 branches. Each branch has exactly 12 boughs and each bough has exactly 6 twigs. Since each twig bears one piece of fruit, how many plums will the farmer be able to deliver?**

*Answer:* None. A pear tree does not bear plums.

## Feature Article

Cruising notes from Debi and Paul Shaimas

Here are some thoughts that I have about our life style that I would like to share with you all.

We are well and loving our life. I can not imagine a nicer life style for us. New places, new people ,new ways other people live, crystal clear warm water to swim in, solitude if we want it and it is always warm weather 80's. The last anchorage we were in, we were the only boat. We had a two mile long soft white sandy beach to ourselves. We were anchored in 35 feet of 85 degree water and we could see the anchor on the bottom. Snorkeling in places you can not imagine how beautiful and full of different and varied sea life.

The pups love our life style too. They get to swim for a couple of hours a day, walk a beach for a mile or two almost daily and get to sleep the rest of the day if they want to.

Those are the wonderful parts of our life. There is always the other parts that few talk about. When we are out sailing, we are totally on our own for the most part. We are our own city. We carry three hundred gallons of fresh water, that has to last us until we get back to a port where we can get more. We usually use 5 gal. total a day. Every time you flush your toilet at home you use 3 gal to give you a reference point. We have to carry enough food for how-ever long we plan to be out, usually a month. We produce our own power, by charging our batteries through our two large solar panels or running our engine. We carry 100 gal. of diesel fuel, which has to last us till we get back to a port where fuel is available. We carry spare parts for almost ever thing on board because there is no running to the local parts house. And we need to know how to repair every thing on board because there is no local repair person to come help. We are our own weather people, watching the sky, the water, the birds etc. to try to stay in touch with mother nature. We do receive weather up dates over our ham radio of large storms/ climate changes, but that is about it. Our boat is a very heavy, very wide and very strongly built. SOOOOO she is very slow. we move through the water at a very brisk 5 mph when we have a 18 to 20 MPH wind in the right direction. Which is about the speed you would be doing if you went for a fast walk. It usually takes all day for us to go 30 miles under sail in day light, motoring a little quicker. We do not like to go into anchorages at night, even if we have been there before, Way tooooo scary!!!!

Well that's all for now Please stay in touch

Paul and Debi

Submitted by: Don Hardy

# Sandpaper Nightmare

Do you know what the difference is between sandpapers besides grit?

Let me start from the beginning. I was fortunate to have a neighbor who watched me working on my projects in my garage. Fortunate in the sense that he had a 1950 era Shopsmith and asked if I wanted it, all I had to do was drive to Vallejo and get it, which I did the next day. The company is still in business and I am adding attachments for different projects as time goes by, or Nancy finds something in a book she wants me to build.

Shopsmith not only supplies attachments for their machines but also information for the woodworker. Their latest is a brochure on sanding which I want to share with you “do it yourselfers” over the next several months.

## WHERE DO YOU BEGIN?

First, you need to familiarize yourself with the four most common types of abrasive materials available to the woodworker: Flint, Garnet, Aluminum Oxide, and Silicon Carbide.

**FLINT:** This is the least expensive – and least durable – of all abrasives. It is made from crushed quartz, usually off white in color. This is best used for removing heavy layers of paint, wax or other finishes, or for sanding really resinous or gummy surfaces. When the abrasive “loads up” with these clogging materials, just throw the sheet away and start with a fresh one.

Since FLINT is really dull in comparison to other abrasives and has a tendency to leave lint dust embedded in the grain of the wood that can cause a chemical reaction with certain synthetic finishes, IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR ANY TYPE OF FINISH SANDING.

**ALUMINUM OXIDE:** This is a synthetic abrasive, made from fusing bauxite in an electric furnace. It can be red, brown, gray or black in color and offers very sharp grains that will outwear Garnet abrasives. (See next) For this reason, it is the preferred abrasive for most machine sanding operations and is clearly the most readily available of all abrasive materials.

**GARNET:** An excellent natural abrasive that will leave an extremely smooth finish. For this reason, professional furniture and cabinetmakers prefer it for final finish sanding operations. Although it is not a very hard material, it is probably the sharpest of all abrasives, with particles that have a tendency to fracture during use. This fracturing process is constantly exposing a sharp, new edge and that’s why it cuts so smoothly. Garnet paper is almost always reddish in color.

**SILICON CARBIDE:** This is the hardest and most expensive of all abrasive papers. It is a synthetic product, made by heating silica and carbon to form a crystalline substance that is almost as hard as a diamond and very brittle. It’s usually only available in fine to

ultra-fine grades. For that reason, it is NOT well suited for sanding unfinished woods and is best reserved for wet or dry finish sanding of paints, varnishes, urethanes and lacquers. Charcoal colored silicon carbide paper is used for both wet or dry sanding, while light gray colored papers are for dry sanding only.

## **ALWAYS WEAR A DUST MASK**

**Submitted by  
John Cassidy  
Source Shopsmith**



## Need to Know

The Executive Committee met at the Sheriff's Office at 55 W Younger in San Jose on 16 April at 1900 hours. Present at the meeting was DeWayn Meek, Lu Abel, Jim Sadler, Dave Norris, Jim Buckley, Stan Tice, Steve Fisher, Don Hardy and Al Hughes. Here are some bulleted points of the meeting.

- Quorum present
- Lu Abel volunteered to act as secretary for this meeting. Final version of minutes (after correcting initial version) as sent out by Lu were approved.
- Shortly after the last ExCom meeting Rules Committee member Lu Abel received notification that the approved copy of our new Bylaws sent to the national representative in December had been found and they are now officially approved.
- DeWayn Meek presented the Treasurer's report. We sold our excess inventory of Boat Smart and Boating manuals to Orchard Oak PS (NY) for \$825. Packaging and shipping cost \$151.41
- Expenses for last month's pizza party ran about \$60 over income.
- Dues notices for the majority of our members, who are under the old membership year starting 1 June, have been sent out by National. We should be seeing quite a bit of income in the next 60 days.
- Financially we are in good shape.
- Successful pizza party last month although no newer members attended.
- Lindy Zink is hosting an informal dinner at his house this Friday. Sixteen members have signed up.
- A SCPS get-together on the Hornblower Cruises Sunday Brunch cruise has been set for 18, May. At least six people have signed up.
- Still trying to arrange for a squadron "rendezvous" at the San Jose Giants game on 6 June.
- Steve Fisher volunteered to host a "pool party" at his house on 28 June. While people can certainly swim, the main goal would be to play with the various PFDs and learn how easy (not) they are to put on in the water.
- Last month's discussion on restaurant venues for banquets and parties continued. Several people noted that they were disappointed in the Omega Restaurant (COW). Some food was miss-prepared and the "banquet room" also seems to be used for furniture storage. No specific reports from people on venues and costs, though. Any/all ideas (especially with details like costs, size of room, etc) should be sent to Jim Buckley.
- Piloting started on 6 March with 11 students. It goes well. Exams have arrived.
- Boat Smart starts on 29 April 24, 2008
- Planning for an instructor recertification course and Operations Training after Piloting ends. It was suggested to contact Monterey Bay to see if they'd be interested in joining us for either course and/or hosting it.
- A very successful Vessel Safety Check was held at the Bair Island Marina in Redwood City.
- District 25 was notified that the promised booth at the 16-20 April Jack London Pacific Sail show was unavailable, so USPS will not have a presence at the show. We still have a booth at the Power Boat show 24-27 April. SCPS members have volunteered to help out on both Thursday and Friday.
- District 25 Council meeting is Wed, 7 May at YBI. Jim Sadler and Lu Abel will attend.
- Lu Abel reported that he and John Cassidy had looked into "sandwich board" signs, similar to those used by Realtors to point to open houses, to point the way to Boat Smart classes. Two quotes were obtained, both for around \$75 each. Dave Norris suggested that maybe we could fabricate our own frame and then use a sign from a color laser printer, which would be cheaper. Lu will investigate.
- Jim Sadler received a note from a new member who was confused by various emails, etc, sent out about various squadron activities. In his very polite and constructive note, the

sender pointed out that some of the information was incomplete and confusing. Old-guard members could certainly fill in the blanks but he couldn't which was preventing him from becoming more involved in squadron activities. The ExCom all agreed that this was a good caution for all of us on clear communication and trying to get newer members involved in our activities.

- Continued discussion on effective ways of bringing new members on board and getting them involved with the squadron. Dave and Stan will create a list of all people who have been members for less than 24 months. The goal would be to pair them with an "experienced" squadron member.

Meeting was adjourned at 2018.

Submitted by: Jim Sadler

## Did You Know

On the second Sunday in May, American children of all ages treat their mothers to something special. It is the one day out of the year when children, young and old, try to show in a tangible way how much they appreciate their mothers.

England was one of the first countries to set aside a day to recognize mothers. In the eighteenth century when many people worked as household servants for the rich, "Mothering Sunday" was reserved for them to return home to be with their mothers. Though this custom stopped when the Industrial Revolution altered the working and living patterns of the people, one Sunday for Mothers was established as a holiday in the twentieth century.

In the United States, Mother's Day did not become an official holiday until 1915. Its establishment was due Anna's mother had provided strength and support as the family made their home in West Virginia and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where her father served as a minister. As a girl, Anna had helped her mother take care of her garden, mostly filled with white carnations, her mother's favorite flower. When Mrs. Jarvis died on May 5, 1905, Anna was determined to honor her. She asked the minister at her church in West Virginia to give a sermon in her mother's memory. On the same Sunday in Philadelphia, their minister honored Mrs. Jarvis and all mothers with a special Mother's Day service. Anna Jarvis began writing to congressmen, asking them to set aside a day to honor mothers. In 1910, the governor of West Virginia proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day and a year later every state celebrated it.

On Mother's Day morning some American children follow the tradition of serving their mothers breakfast in bed. Other children will give their mothers gifts which they have made themselves or bought in stores. Adults give their mothers red carnations, the official Mother's Day flower. If their mothers are deceased they may bring white carnations to their grave sites. This is the busiest day of the year for American restaurants. On her special day, family members do not want Mom to cook dinner!

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## 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)



**You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.**

**Mahatma Gandhi**