

# Bos'n's Pipe



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## Calendar

### January

**15 Executive Committee Meeting**

**16-20 USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville**

**24 Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron Annual Meeting**

**26 Snow Cruise, Lake Pleasant**

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## 58 Awarded 2012 Merit Marks

Once again, there's a distinguished list of Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron members who, through hard work and dedication, have been awarded merit marks by the chief commander.

Only one merit mark may be awarded to an individual in a given year, there are many who qualify many times over for such an award.

Earning merit marks are

<b>Kathy Abbott</b>	<b>David Allocco</b>
<b>Art Ashton</b>	<b>Diane Ashton</b>
<b>Bill Belt</b>	<b>David Brickner</b>
<b>Willie Burgeson</b>	<b>Roger Clark*</b>
<b>Chuck Davis</b>	<b>Fred Drawert</b>
<b>Frank Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Bill Friedhoff</b>
<b>Danny Friend</b>	<b>Jean Gray</b>
<b>Terry Gray</b>	<b>Sally Harrington</b>
<b>Tim Harrington</b>	<b>Jim Hill</b>
<b>Bob Hurley</b>	<b>Raoul Jacques</b>
<b>Bill Johnson</b>	<b>Connie Johnson</b>
<b>Larry Knowles</b>	<b>Randy LaRoche</b>
<b>Joel Lieberman</b>	<b>Bernie Lindgren</b>
<b>Chris Lockyer-Bratton</b>	<b>Lynne Lovell</b>
<b>John Lusson</b>	<b>Candace Martin</b>
<b>Ron McNeil</b>	<b>Tom Noss</b>
<b>Les Ormsby</b>	<b>Jose Pallavicini</b>
<b>Janice Park</b>	<b>Michael Pavsek</b>
<b>Perry Peters</b>	<b>Chuck Peterson</b>
<b>Jane Peterson</b>	<b>Dan Rye</b>
<b>John Schmelzels</b>	<b>Bob Schloeman*</b>
<b>Paul Schoonover</b>	<b>Joel Shraan</b>
<b>Tutsie Silapalikitporn</b>	<b>Dan Sheen</b>
<b>Kim Sheen</b>	<b>Dale Taylor</b>
<b>Rochelle Taylor</b>	<b>June Ventzos</b>
<b>Jackie Wanta</b>	<b>Joe Warren</b>
<b>Ron Werner</b>	<b>Rose Werner</b>
<b>Lee Whitehead</b>	<b>BJ Wojcik</b>
<b>Ed Wojcik</b>	<b>John Yount</b>

\* Awarded posthumously

## Bridge and Executive Committee

### Nominations are submitted

The nominating committee recommends the following members as officers for the 2013-2014 Watch Year for the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron.

**Commander: Dan Sheen**

**Executive Officer: open**

**Educational Officer: Ron McNeil**

**Administrative Officer: open**

**Secretary: Dave Brickner**

**Treasurer: Jackie Wanta**

**Executive Committee: Bill Johnson, Art Ashton, Danny Friend**

Respectfully submitted,

PSPS Nominating Committee

P/C David Allocco, SN

SN P/C Chris Lockyer-Bratton, AP

P/L/C Joe Warren, JN



**Santa and friend**—Rose Werner enjoys the company of a momentarily de-bearded Santa Claus at the Squadron Christmas Party.

## General Membership Meeting

The next general membership meeting will be the annual meeting to be held at the Deer Valley Airport Restaurant, 24 January. Attitude adjustment, 1730; dinner, 1830; meeting, 1930.

## Squadron Happenings

A quick look at what's coming up...

The calendar has been updated with this issue. Be sure to check new entries and put them on your calendar. There have been several changes in dates for events and activities.

### 2013

#### January

- 10 Executive Committee Meeting
- 16-20 USPS Annual Meeting, Jacksonville
- 24 Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron Annual Meeting
- 26 Snow Cruise, Lake Pleasant

#### February

- 2 Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch
- 7 Executive Committee Meeting
- 22-23 D/28 Spring Conference, Sheraton Crescent Hotel, Phoenix

The following are proposed dates to be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting.

#### March

- 7 Executive Committee
- 16 Sportsman's Warehouse Expo
- 22-24 AZ Game and Fish Expo

#### April

- 5-7 Roosevelt Lake Rendezvous
- 11 Executive Committee Meeting
- TBD D/28 Inland Rendezvous Katherine Landing

#### May

- 9 Executive Committee Meeting
- 11 Lake Pleasant Raft-up
- 16 General Membership Meeting
- 18 Arizona Safe Boating Celebration

#### June

- 1 D/28 Summer Council, San Diego
- 6 Executive Committee Meeting
- 9-15 OFC off shore cruise
- 12 Lake Powell Summer Cruise
- 22 Lake Pleasant Raft-up

#### July

- 11 Executive Committee Meeting
- 13 D/28 San Luis Rey Raft-up
- 20 Lake Pleasant Soak and Sweat

Note: Some dates are proposed and subject to change. All Executive Committee meetings begin at 1900 at 6433 E. Lincoln Drive in Paradise Valley. General Membership Meetings are at various locations. Attitude adjustment, 1730; dinner, 1830; meeting and program, 1930. Locations are subject to change

## Commander's Report

By Cdr Rob Anderson, P

Thirty members of the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron enjoyed the food and festivities at the Christmas party. The weather cooperated nicely, but the pool-side heaters made the later hours more enjoyable. A skinny but jovial Santa showed up, and he entertained the participants even with a facial hair malfunction.

The December Snow Cruise ended up being a storm non-cruise. Joe Warren and I made it to the lake, but we made a wise decision not to get wet since there wasn't enough wind to sail.

I am sad to report that Jo Gene Hurley, wife of member Bob Hurley, died on January 31. Private services were held.

There are two important events coming up. The annual meeting is the **informal meeting in which the squadron's business is set for the year as well as the election of the 2013-14 squadron bridge.** Any changes to the constitution and by-laws are voted on, and other formal votes are taken.

After a brief explanation some items are brought before the members in **quorum for a vote. That's it.**

The other is the change of watch. This year it is February 2. It is all social with the exception of the installation of the **squadron's officers for the coming year.**

The location is Palmbrook Country Club, 9350 West Greenway Road in Sun City. Thanks to Jim Hill for finding such a nice place. The cost will be \$29.00 per person. Good food and drink is promised. All the details will be mailed to members by the end of the month.



## Executive Officer's Report

By Lt/C Dan Sheen, P

I had the opportunity to attend the District 28 Winter Council and act as our commander's representative. It was a neat experience meeting the folks at district including the district commander Mark Kelter and the San Diego Squadron commander Paula Vance.



As a desert rat, visiting the lush Southwest Yacht Club in San Diego was a real treat. It was difficult to concentrate on

the meeting when the meeting room overlooked the bay, but I muddled through Rob's commander's report and tried to jot down a few notes.

For the meeting, Frank Fitzgerald invited me to stay on his boat, a 45-foot Columbia cutter, that is in a slip at Chula Vista Marina. This was my first time overnighting on a sail boat. Frank familiarized me with the various aspects of the boat and set me up in the plush aft cabin. The weather was a bit drizzly the first night but the boat was a comfortable base of operation while in San Diego. Frank has a great spot on the A-dock of a nice marina.

The night before the meeting P/D/C Katie Law treated Frank, Bill and Connie Johnson, and me to a very nice dinner at local steakhouse named Kelly's. Food and conversation were excellent.

In addition to the nice setting and staying on Frank's boat, the Winter Council meeting had several highlights.

Duane Leathers gave a presentation on the Maritime Museum of San Diego. It sounded very interesting and they are in the midst of a large project of building the *San Salvador*, year 1542. The sign includes white oak structure that is pegged together and it promises to be a tight ship. It might be a good idea to visit quickly to be able to see the ship during construction. They also have a Swift boat.

USPS is looking at combining districts to reduce costs. This puts the pressure on us to maintain our membership. Connie Johnson mentioned in her presentation on Member Recruitment the importance of reaching out to anyone new you see. So for example, introduce yourself if you see a stranger at a meeting and make him or her welcome.

Jill Powell prepares the *Lead Line*, and there is an effort to reduce mailing costs. There is a form in the *Lead Line* to send in to opt out of a hard copy mailing and just get the *Lead Line* via e-mail. There is an effort to embrace the new electronic age while still making sure we keep anyone who doesn't do email informed and active.

Similarly, some meetings may be combined or made electronic to reduce travel costs. Personally I like the idea of fewer but better attended events; however, I also like the fact that most weeks the power squadrons have something happening if we have the time to participate. Bill Johnson presented the plan and budget for the D/28 Spring Conference in Phoenix at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel Feb 22 and 23. It promises to be a great event and I hope we get some good participation.

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See this month's *Bos'n's Pipe* in color on the Squadron's web site at

[www.sailangl.com](http://www.sailangl.com) (That's all one word, no spaces.)

There's a year's worth of "Pipes" there in case you missed something earlier. Remember, there are two additional pages of photos in full color in the online edition of the publi-

Check the squadron's web site for the latest schedule of public boating classes. They are conveniently located on both the east and west sides of the metropolitan area. And volunteer to proctor. You'll sharpen your boating skills with some very nice

# Happy Birthday

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month.



David Allocco, Art Ashton, Margaret Chrisman, Ron Fortin, Connie Johnson, Katie Law, Susan Magaw, Michael Pavsek, Paul Schoonover, Joel Schraan, Kimberly Sheen, Tutsie Silapalikitporn, John Yount.

## Many Happy Returns

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## Educational Officer's Report

By Lt/C Ron McNeil, AP

Happy New Year to everyone. I'm sorry I missed the Christmas party. This was going to be my first one in attendance, and I was looking forward to it. Unfortunately I had a BIG commitment to

**my daughter's dance troupe** that took priority. For their annual Nutcracker Ballet I was tasked with designing, engineering and building the new tree. The challenge was

that the artistic director wanted it to start at 10 feet tall and grow to 22 feet high and 20 feet wide, and of course it had to be decorated and lit. This **was a wish she didn't really think could come true**, especially with only 5 weeks to work with. But with a lot of support and help from my wife Chris we did it, and it came out great. It worked smoothly and looked amazing.

Okay, down to business. On The Water Training is being offered on January 13th, 19th, 20th

and possibly the 26th. All classes will be conducted at Lake Pleasant. This is a great opportunity to earn your Inland BOC (Boat Operator Certification) or just get yourself more familiarized with operating a power boat. There is a lot of interest so most of the time slots are already reserved, but if you are interested please let me know and we will do our best to fit you in.

The Heart Saver CPR AED First Aid class, which I was trying to put together, will be postponed to a future date. I have a couple of people who are interested but we need a minimum of 7 people. I have a feeling there is more interest than what has been expressed, **so I'm pretty confident this will come together** in the near future.

Cruise Planning is still tentatively scheduled to start in late January and is looking more promising. This is an 8-9 week course focused on planning and preparation necessary for a safe and enjoyable cruise. We will cover planning for extended cruises on coastal waters as well as inland waterways. Perry Peters and Dan Rye are pairing up to teach this class. They each have extensive cruising experiences to draw from. With Perry being a sailor and Dan a motor boater, this should be a very well-rounded and informative class. At this time we have a couple of people interested in taking the class but if we **don't get at least a couple more it's not going to be worth hosting the class**. So if you are interested please do not hesitate to contact me.

The N (Navigation) class is hopefully going to start up by late January. Students must achieve the rank of JN (Junior Navigator) before taking this N class, so we are limited in the number of potential students. If you have achieved the ranking of JN, even if it was a while ago, and would like to pursue the rank of N or SN, this is a great time to take the N class.

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Again, please contact me right away if you have an interest in taking this class.

**We've also started putting things in motion** for our 2013 public boating course, which is called **ABC (America's Boating Course)**. We are hoping to run a total of 4 classes this spring. Each class lasts 4 weeks, meeting once a week for 2 hours. This year we are planning to have the classes running consecutively from February through May and we are already working with AZ Game and Fish to help promote the classes. The big difference this year is instead of running two classes and promoting each one separately, we are running four classes and running it as one seasonal advertising campaign. We will be updating the Squadron web site soon with class details.

### *Executive Officer's Report*

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At the end of the meeting several of us moved the bar's patio overlooking the bay and watched the sailboats coming in and discussed how we would solve the world's problems over a beer or two.

In summary, this was my first council meeting, and I enjoyed the meeting as well as the side activities. I look forward to the Spring Conference at the Sheraton Crescent. Also coming up is the change of watch at the Palmbrook Country Club on February 2 which is also USPS Founders Day.

### *Administrative Officer's Report*

By Lt/C Chuck Davis, P

Ah! The quiet of January as the holiday season fades into another year's memory (too Bah Humbug?) We enter the 2013 year with a great list of activities, programs, educa-

tional class opportunities and group celebrations planned.

2012 concluded with the annual Squadron



Christmas Party at Rob Anderson's house. A good time seemed to be had by all. Santa was particularly witty and generous (but humble too.) The Santa Cruise completed the year activities on the water at mid

month.

January begins with the Executive Committee meeting at the System-Aire building in Glendale on January 10th starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome. January 16-20 is the USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL. January 24th is the annual meeting at the Deer Valley Airport featuring a presentation by Doug Stewart titled "Around Vancouver Island," Doug's home waters in the summer months. We will also review the year 2012 in Officer reports. Jan 26th is the annual Snow Cruise out at Lake Pleasant under the auspices of Jackie Wanta.

February begins on the 2nd with the annual Change of Watch. There will be details elsewhere in the *Bos'n's Pipe* along with further communications on this all important event.

Finally, please remember to review your 2013 Squadron Directory when you receive it and pay special attention to the annual events calendar. Note those annual events such as the Lake Powell trips, Rocky Point party, or the Catalina Island trips on your own annual planning calendar so that you can have the time set aside when the event rolls around and can take advantage of some of these wonderful activities as you have probably always hoped.

### *Bos'n's Pipe Honored*

The *Bos'n's Pipe*, the official publication of the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron, has been **honored again with the "Distinguished Communicator" recognition for 2012.**

## Squadron loses

### P/C William O. Jennings, SN

It is with sadness that we report the passing of P/C William O. Jennings, SN, who served as commander on the 1980-81 Phoenix Power Squadron bridge. He died January 3 at the Christian Care facility after a short illness. Bill was the consummate sailor who raced his 22-foot Catalina in the Arizona Yacht Club races for many years in the 1970s and 1980s. He taught your editor to sail, and inspired him to become a life-long sailor. He taught the USPS Sail course for a number of sessions. He is survived by his wife Bernie, and a son and daughter who live in the Seattle area.

A graveside service will be held, Tuesday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 23029 North Cave Creek Road.

## Grace Schoonover services are January 12

Grace Schoonover, considered one of the founding members of the Phoenix Power Squadron, passed away December 28, 2012 after a 2-1/2 month illness. She was the wife of Paul Schoonover, who was named an emeritus member of **the USPS Governing Board at last year's USPS annual meeting.**

She was past president of the Spaymates, the **squadron's former women's auxiliary, and she had earned a full certificate, having taken and successfully completed all USPS courses. She held a women's certificate, the equivalent of membership before women were admitted to full USPS membership more than 30 years ago. Women's certificate members were not eligible to receive merit marks.**

In addition to being a generous hostess at her home in Cave Creek, Grace was one of the first residents of Cholla Bay, Mexico. The Schoonover

home was the site of the many Mexico rendezvous through the years.

Grace had earned a reputation in archeology in Cave Creek, other parts of Arizona, New Mexico and the Baja California peninsula.

**The Celebration of Grace Schoonover's life will be held at 1:00 PM, on January 12th at Cave Creek Community Center, 34308 N. 60th St, Cave Creek, AZ. The Celebration will be followed by a reception.**



Grace Schoonover, seated right, is survived by Paul Schoonover and daughters Paula Scully, (standing left) and Ann Rice. Grace attended many squadron functions and was honored with husband Paul in May 2010 for 50 years' service to the squadron. This photo was taken at the squadron Turkey Fry in November.

# Paper or Online?



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2012-2013 Bridge

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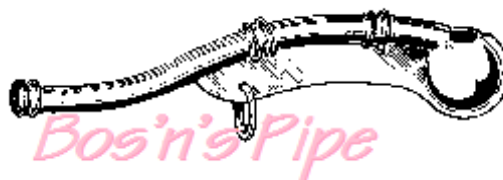
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Over the past few years, many members have opted to receive the publication by computer instead of "snail mail." Increasing the number of online-only readers has a significant influence on the squadron's budget. Postage accounts for 45¢ per copy. The December edition was typical, so it cost about 76¢ per copy. The number of mailed copies has been reduced by more than 60 households last year, saving postage and printing of about \$46 a month.

Most, including the current editor of the publication, believe the *Bos'n's Pipe* is an easily justifiable expense. There are members, however, who would rather have the *Pipe* delivered each month exclusively online. Online distribution saves the squadron money, and the publication is available for use two or three days before it is delivered by mail. And, of course, the online edition is in full color usually with one or two extra pages that the printed version does not contain.

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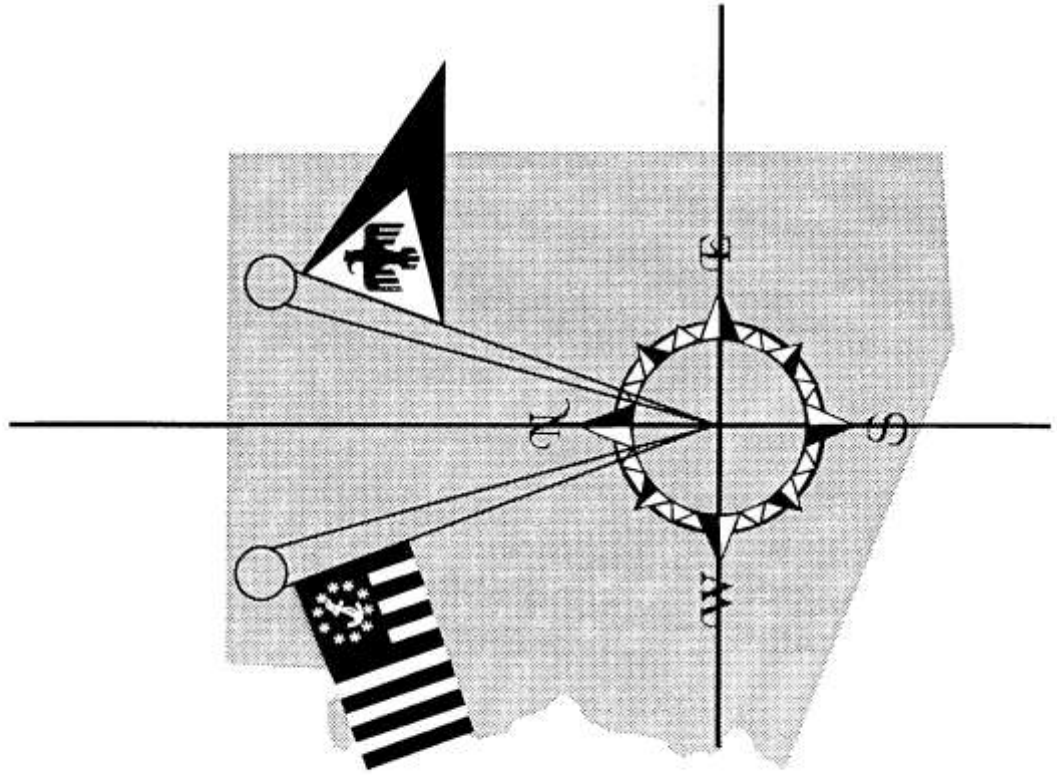
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