

Bos'n's Pipe



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Calendar

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23 Past Commander's BBQ and general membership meeting, Lake Pleasant
22-24 AZ Game and Fish Expo & Boat Show, Ben Avery shooting facility

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Past Commanders meet, plan barbeque at Lake Pleasant

By P/C Rob Anderson

The Past Commanders' Bar-B-Q will be held this year at Lake Pleasant and a number of facilities have been reserved for our use.

Mark your calendars for March 23, which is a couple of weeks later than that shown on the calendar.

Many of your past commanders met recently to plan this weekend of fun and celebration.

Thanks to Paul Schoonover and daughters Paula and Anne for hosting the planning meeting, where we were entertained in customary fine style as we put the details of the barbecue together.

Here are specific details: The event will be at the Pleasant Harbor RV park Ramadas 11-15. The directions are enter Pleasant Harbor Marina. After passing the entrance station turn right and head toward the North Ramp. We will have a sign

there. You can dry camp for the entrance fee. We have six spaces reserved with electricity and water these are \$28. They are reserved under my name.

We will be asked to contribute just \$8 per head for the awesome feast that is promised to be served by your loyal past Commanders. We already have commitments for BBQ chicken, brisket, brownies, cole slaw, ice cream and many other

wonderful victuals. Soft drinks and water will be supplied, adult beverages are left to the choice of the individual attendees. Please help us make this event a celebration of past, present



Past Commanders meet—Planning for the barbecue are (from left) Chuck and Jane Peterson, David Allocco, Lee Whitehead, John Lussion, Paul Schoonover and Ron Werner

and future for our squadron.

Date of BBQ:

Saturday, March 23. Food preparation 2:00 p.m.

Social hour 3:00 p.m.

Dinner 4:00 p.m. meeting to follow.

(Note, the location is reserved for Friday and Saturday)

General Membership Meeting

The next general membership meeting will be: P/C BBQ; 23 March, at Lake Pleasant

Squadron Happenings

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

2013

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.

March	
7	Executive Committee
23	Past Commander's BBQ and general membership meeting, Lake Pleasant
22-24	AZ Game and Fish Expo & Boat Show, Ben Avery shooting facility
April	
5-7	Roosevelt Lake Rendezvous
9-18	Havasu Pocket Cruisers' Convention, Lake Havasu City
11	Executive Committee Meeting
TBD	D/28 Inland Rendezvous Katherine Landing
19-21	Lake Havasu Boat Show—Lake Havasu City
TBD	Sportsman's Warehouse Expo
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

Roy Wahlberg passed away January 13, 2013 after a short illness.

Roy left a Commander's uniform, two hats, a USPS star finder and numerous other items that may be of use to someone within the Squadron. Roy's widow, Mary Lou will make arrangements to have any items shipped to anyone who can use any/all of them.

Phone 480-807-1298.

Commander's Report

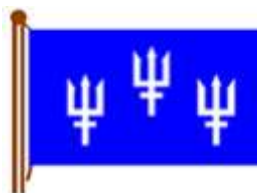
By Cdr Dan Sheen, P

As memories of the Change of Watch fade, I'm a little nervous to begin my term as your commander. First, I'll get my main excuse out of the way; work in the defense industry has been stressful and I worry that I won't be able to devote enough time to fulfill my squadron responsibilities. I have learned the squadron is a complex machine with the majority of the members trying to contribute in whatever way they think important. What this means is that if you "go with the flow", gaps are filled, things tend to get done, and the squadron muddles through. As volunteers we get to pick what is important to us and concentrate on that. With your help I hope we can keep the squadron moving forward this year.

The first thing on the commander checklist I'm supposed to do is establish five goals for the squadron. Here goes:

1. Increase the membership! This is the big one so we all need to be on the look out for new members.
2. Increase the number of students that take the basic boating course. (We had 7 last year, so hopefully this will be easy)
3. Help find my successor. I want to get an Executive Officer in place.
4. Establish the relationship with Complete Marine to help get basic boating courses going there.

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- 5. Get a vessel safety check for my boat. I probably shouldn't confess this but I've gone two years without the official check and I want to have one extremely easy goal.

Kim has sure been enjoying the Cruise planning course. I remain hopeful that we'll get away sometime soon.

As part of my duties I've started to look around Sail Angle and the USPS.org web site. Lots of information and I encourage everyone to take a look. I had to update the committee chairmen and officers in the OD-2 database tool and it wasn't too hard once I got the account number and password info. Also, documents for things like the district meetings are stored in "file cabinet" link on the left side of the district 28 web page.

Hope to see you at some of our upcoming events- particularly the Potluck at my house on April 27.

squadron activities from me. Proactive communication is very much welcomed and appreciated, too. Please email me at: admin@phx-usps.org

Anchors aweigh....and welcome to the

"Lubber 's Line"

We have a number of exciting events in the offing, so please note updates on page two of this issue.

General Membership meetings

- Would you be interested in training programs integrated into an up-

coming General Membership meeting (s)? For example, let me know what you think about a Red Cross or American Heart Association



CPR/First Aid training program?

- Have an additional program idea?

Let me know your thoughts and ideas at: admin@phx-usps.org

Squadron Operations Training....hmmm... a.k.a "how to derive the most benefit from your Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron membership!" training....that's better.

The Nat'l Leadership Development Committee recommends that all Squadron & District Bridge Officers complete the Operations Training Program and that all members re-take the Operations Training Program at least once every 5 years. Still not "feelin' it"....I hear ya....OK, what are you going to get out of it?

On a personal level, this "how to derive the most benefit from your Phoenix

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

www.sailangle.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

Administrative Officer's Report

By Lt/C John Schmelzeis

As I get underway in my new role as the Administrative Officer for the Squadron, my first order of business was to fathom out my role and responsibilities. Doing so has been simplified since a good number of copper-

bottomed folks stepped forward with information and resources for which I am very grateful.

Membership participation is the key to our success and you'll be seeing a lot of solicitations for input regarding locations, events, timing, etc. for internal



Happy Birthday

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month.



Amy Ashton, Angela Ashton,
John Griffoul, Larry Knowles,
Frank Rickey, Lannie Scott,
Joe Warren, Ron Werner.

Many Happy Returns

Educational Officer's Report

By Lt/C Ron McNeil, AP

Well we have two classes going on right now. The **Cruise Planning and our first ABC (America's Boating Course)** of the year. This is the earliest ABC I recall us running. It started the first week of March, which is well before the boating season gets under way but we were still able to get 3 people in the class. Of course this is not an impressive number, but we are starting early and



have high hopes for the season. This year we are starting to participate in the Brunswick Dealer Advantage program, where boat dealers are encouraged to work with their local Power Squadron to offer ABC classes to their customers. This is a great opportunity for us to build the enrollment in our ABC classes and ideally increase membership. Our first referral is Complete Marine, located at 4551 E. University Drive in Phoenix. Locat-

ed just west of Rt. 143. The Manager, John Kelly at Complete Marine is excited to work with us. He gave me a tour of their facility, which was very impressive. They have a large inventory of new boats and they also sell very nice used boats. They have a large service area and sell supplies in their showroom. I encourage our members to stop in and check out their showroom. While there be sure to mention that you are a Power Squadron member and thank them for their support. This year I would like to focus on offering several seminars to our member. These would include; How to use a chart, Using GPS, Using VHF and Onboard Weather Forecasting. Several folks are in the process of achieving their Inland BOC (Boat Operator Certification) and are required to take these seminars, therefore I expect to have a good turnout for these seminars.

Administrative Officer's Report

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Sail and Power Squadron membership" as the training will better acquaint you with the organization of USPS, the advantages of membership and the opportunities membership provides for self-fulfillment through civic service, self-education and fellowship.

Operations Training will provide you with the following

- Understand how the organization is structured, operates and goals/objectives
- Understand the relationship among squadron, district and national levels
- Discuss available courses to improve your sailing and/or power boating skills
- Leadership development and teambuilding through committees

When and where: next couple of months and location TBA. If this sounds interesting and you'd like to participate in the "how to derive

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Rendezvous at Roosevelt Lake planned

How about a boating and camping event at Roosevelt Lake April 5, 6 and 7, 2013? Here's the plan:

Lets stay at the Windy Hill Campground Friday night and Saturday night. You can arrive earlier or stay longer if you wish. There are a number of camp spaces in several loops. Unfortunately there are no group spaces and the spaces can not be reserved. Each space includes a ramada, a table, a grill, and a fire pit (bring wood). There is no electricity or RV hookup so you must be self contained. There are restrooms in the campground. The campground also has an amphitheater in case we want to show a movie.

As of the end of March Roosevelt Lake was at 46 percent full and rising. There were several launch ramps with plenty of water under them, including Badger and Ringtail near the campground. The Windy Hill Campground has no overhead lines so that sailboats can go from camp to ramp with the mast up.

TONTO PASS REQUIRED:

Roosevelt Lake is in the Tonto National Forest. A Tonto Pass is required for each vehicle, each day you spend at the lake. The Pass is good for 24 hours and allows you to stay overnight in the campground. The Tonto Pass is \$6.00 and if you bring a boat you must also buy a \$4.00 Watercraft Sticker for each day. Folks who have an Interagency Access Pass, or Senior Pass may buy the Tonto Pass and the Watercraft Sticker for half price. The Tonto Passes are available at various outdoor stores and on line, or at the Tonto National Forest headquarters on McDowell Rd. at 23rd Street, or the Tonto Basin Ranger Station 28079 N. AZ Highway 188,

Roosevelt, Arizona 85545, Phone: (928) 467-3200, Fax: (928) 467-3239. The half price passes are available at locations such as Cabela's in Glendale,

Bass Pro Shop in Mesa, and at both West Marine Stores, and at a few other locations as well as at the Tonto offices and on line.

DIRECTIONS TO ROOSEVELT LAKE:

The Windy Hill Campground can be reached from the north via State Route 87. Turn south on 188 and drive approximately 40 miles. Access is also from the Globe /Miami area. Go north on State Route 88 approximately 25 miles.



Roosevelt Rendezvous—Stepping the mast preparing for a cruise on Roosevelt Lake (above) and P/C Rob Anderson and Joe Warren apparently already enjoying one.



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the most benefit from your Phoenix Sale and Power Squadron membership" training please email Chuck Peterson at: chuck7173@gmail.com to sign up.

Membership

YAW....it's a quartering sea.

- Do you have ideas for Membership outreach?
- Boater outreach events held by local areas stores such as Cabelas and Bass Pro shops?

Let me know your thoughts and ideas at: admin@phx-usps.org

Fair winds and following seas.

Pocket Cruisers Invade Lake Havasu City

by Event Coordinator, P/L/C Joe Warren, JN

The annual Havasu Pocket Cruisers Convention in Lake Havasu City has reached national attention through articles in several boating magazines and mention in widely read boating blogs and continues to gain momentum as the premier trailer sailor event in the nation. Justifiably so, with picture perfect weather in mid-February a midwinter break for those from chillier climates is welcome. Those of us living in Arizona recognize it as "another day in paradise". And Lake Havasu is boat friendly this time of the year. Spring Break activities are still a month away. Lake Havasu City offers much this time of year for residents and visitors alike. There was a fireworks convention in town with demonstrations every night. Also in town during the HPCC was a Rockabilly music event and a car show. The weather was a little cold for the first few days during the campout then warmed to perfect Arizona spring weather, with 70 degree days and blue skies for the week. The 2013 HPCC hosted 227 sail boats from the USA, Canada and Mexico. Accompanying the boats were about 439 boaters. Most were from California,

Arizona and Colorado. With a good showing from Utah, New Mexico and Oregon and Washington. Forty participants drove more than 1000 miles to get to participate. It is a week full of sailing activities focusing on safety, fun and sharing. Many sailors arrive early such that organized unofficial activities begin two days before the official start of the event. The early arrival tradition has come to include a weekend campout and BBQ at Steamboat Cove, approximately 6.5 nautical miles down lake from Lake Havasu City.

It is fun group of people with a spectrum of experience from zero to infinity all here for the sailing, camaraderie, and fun times with fellow boaters. A big crowd pleaser of the HPCC is the parade of sail through the channel and under the London Bridge following the Boat Show. It makes for a spectacular sight when about 200 sail boats, many in parade dress, sail in the channel, under the London Bridge and out into Thompson Bay. Boating handling skills in tight quarters are a big plus for this event. Evening activities alternated between social events and presentations. Evening presentations included: "Nefarious Sailing Tales", "One Simple Question", and "Water Safety and Survival". Evening social events included the "Opening evening Meet & Greet", RudderCraft North vs. South Grudge Match at Mudshark Brewery, an evening of fun, food and play and a closing evening Banquet Dinner. A week long poker run provided a great opportunity for participants to use their handheld GPS instruments to match photos of sites with their latitude and longitude. The lat and lon clues were presented in various formats (DMS, D.dddd, DM.m). The challenge and lesson was to recognize and translate into appropriate units for your GPS, then use your GPS to find the sites. Those who matched the most sites (there were 30 sites) got to draw the most cards and make their best poker hand. It was a fun challenge which our own David and Janet Allocco came in third place, receiving a \$50 gift

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certificate from West Marine for their effort. Rob Anderson placed just out of the awards.

Other interesting presentations included: Why not more women sailors?, Sailing around the race course, One simple question, GPS basics and Sail and Rig tuning. All fascinating and practical presentations. An extremely popular segment called "sailing gems" highlights favorite or notable trailer sailing destinations that may not be widely known, like sailing out of Ucluelet, British Columbia. Imagine, trailer sailing in the islands off the west coast of Vancouver Island. You don't read about that in Cruising World. These sailing gems are 15 minute presentations by HPCC participants and are very interesting and informative. One characteristic of the HPCC is the full calendar of scheduled activities. Each day activities begin around 8 am and continue till 9pm. Event proceeds benefit the local Sea Scouts, who are always around to help or participate in various events.

Event founder and organizer, Sean Mulligan, together with wife Jo and companion dog Bosun, and a cadre of volunteers put in hundreds of hours to make it a success. A vibrant community of friendships has sprung up around the event evi-

denced by year 'round activity on the site's message board filled with discussions about trailer sailor events, boat talk in general, and personal and family events. The web site is at sailhavas.com There you can also see and download some great photos taken by participants. While it is a sailing event, power boaters were in attendance and offered key support services as needed. There was a rescue towing service provided, and the race committee used several power boats to support race day activities. Volunteers on power boats are always welcome and recognized as key participants in the event.

With 4 PSPS Member boats participating in

the 2013 HPCC our boat presence here doubled over last year. Representing the Squadron this year were Dave Brickner sailing Gypsea Dream, Joe Warren and Rob Anderson sailing Saguario Breeze, Ron McNeil and father-in-law Frank sailing Ron's brand new Montgomery 17, Jackpot, and David and Janet Allocco sailing Summer Nights. Barb and Chuck Davis were in town for the weekend and they joined us at the boat show on Saturday. Throughout the week sailing was fantastic. We sailed in three races and had a grand time. The Long Distance Race, the Cruiser Cup Race and the Manufacturers Cup Race. The Manufacturers Cup Race pits like boats against each other. There were enough McGregors, Catalinas, Montgomerys and West Wight Potters in attendance to make for interesting racing, except that day, Sunday, the wind chose to lay low till after the race finished. Rob and I crewed with Dave on Gypsea Dream in the



Manufacturers Cup Race. During the race we hailed another boat to alert him that he was drifting behind a vertically striped obstruction buoy, his reply: "too late, over". Since it was shallow the sailor jumped out and pushed the boat to

deeper water (you can do that with a trailer sailor). The race committee did not disqualify him for leaving the boat since it was a fun race. We had a great time in the other races also. At the recent District Conference in Phoenix, P/D/C Connie Johnson pointed out to me that Lake Havasu City would be a natural location for a USPS Squadron, with so many boaters living there full time and so many winter visitors with boats there for much of the year. A great idea. You know it is a successful event when you are driving home and already thinking about attending next years event. A safe and fun time was had by all.

D - 28 Conference in Phoenix
I want to thank Diane and Art Ashton, Tim and Sally Harrington, and John for taking a very involved part in the hospitality night. Additionally, thank you to all Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron members who came with your donations of the wonderful food that was furnished for the enjoyment of all. I know you hit the top of the barometer with your generous donations. Many expressed their pleasure and mentioned that Phoenix does it well. Diane Ashton took the left overs to a church and Jane Peterson also donated some to a needy group.
Janet Allocco showed up Saturday morning to help drive ladies to the Musical Instrument Museum and also led us to the different areas of interest. I can recommend the museum to everyone. What a day. Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron always comes through when I call.

Donors of door prizes at D/28 Spring Conference

Action Watersports 5 Action Watersports T-Shirts
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Mesa, AZ 85202
480-844-5180

Bergeron Engineering Perko Battery Selector Switch
1559 N. Country Club Drive SeaChoice Bilge Pump
Mesa, AZ 85201 SeaChoice Float Switch
480-834-1531

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Phoenix, AZ 85034
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Phoenix, AZ 85003
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Chandler, AZ 85225
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Paradise Valley, AZ 85253 Set of 4 Nautical Placemats
480-991-3780

MarineMax 6 MarineMax Key Floats
1840 E. Broadway Road
Tempe, AZ 85282
480-967-4141

Props Plus 30' X ½" 3-Strand Twist Line
6825 E. McDowell Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85257
480-949-0840

Sportsman's Warehouse 4 ea. \$25.00 Gift Certificates
19205 N. 27th Avenue

Phoenix, AZ 85027
623-516-1400

West Marine 6 West Marine Bottle Openers
1628-1 E. Southern Ave. 5 West Marine Lanyards
Tempe, AZ 85282
480-897-6633



Bob Schloeman honored — Norene Schloeman accepts the first member-of-the-year award presented posthumously presented to P/R/C Robert Schloeman, JN. The newly created award was presented to Norene Schloeman on behalf of Bob, "...as a service award for outstanding work and service to the D/28 Squadrons above and beyond the expected responsibilities of the average member or elected officer. Also pictured is P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald, JN, who serves as D/28 parliamentarian.

Online bonus page



Enjoying the District 28 Spring Conference—These photos, provided by Rose Werner, show members enjoying themselves at the Friday night social. They are (clockwise from upper left) Sally and Tim Harrington, Barb Lusson, Jane Peterson, Diane Ashton and Jackie Wanta; Rose and Ron Werner, Wilkie Burgeson and Sam Whitehead, and lifting a toast to the weekend, John Lusson and Ron Werner.

Online bonus page



More D/28 photos from the Friday night social— (clockwise from upper left) Dan and Kim Sheen, Art Ashton and Jane Peterson, Rochelle and Dale Taylor and Jull and Loie Powell from the San Luis Rey Sail and Power Squadron, visitors from Oceanside, CA

Paper or Online?

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 46¢ per copy. The March edition was typical, so it cost about 68¢ per copy. The number of mailed copies has been reduced by more than 60 households last year, saving postage and printing of about \$51 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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If at some later time you wish to reconsider and resume receiving a paper copy, just let us know, and we'll restore your address to the mailing list.



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