

Bos'n's Pipe



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Dan Sheen is new commander of Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron

Calendar

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7 Executive Committee Meeting
22-23 D/28 Spring Conference, Sheraton Crescent Hotel, Phoenix

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It's official—Outgoing squadron commander Rob Anderson presents Cdr Dan Sheen with his new officer's signal and the squadron charter.

Dan Sheen was installed as the newest squadron commander of the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron at the annual Change of Watch Ceremony in February. He previously served as the squadron's executive officer.

Also installed was Lt/C Ron McNeil, AP, who continues as squadron educational officer; Lt/C John Schmelzeis, who is the new squadron Administrative officer; Lt/C Dave Brickner, JN, who is the

squadron's new secretary, and Lt/C Jackie Wanta, S, who continues as squadron Treasurer. The position of executive officer remains unfilled as this is written. Candidate will be elected at some future date.

The change of watch took place at the Palmcroft Country Club in Sun City for the second consecutive year.

Wilma Burgeson, who everyone knows



Willie Burgeson

as Willie, was awarded the squadron's Thunderbird Award, which is given to the individual who serves the squadron in many ways. Willie was unable to attend the change of watch because she was recovering in a hospital room of dog bites she had received earlier.

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General Membership Meeting
The next general membership meeting will be: P/C BBQ; 09 March, Details TBD

Squadron Happenings

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

2013

February

- 2 Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch
- 7 Executive Committee Meeting
- 22-23 D/28 Spring Conference, Sheraton Crescent (All Members Invited, Contact Bill Johnson)

March

- 7 Executive Committee
- 9 Past Commander's BBQ and general membership meeting
- 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

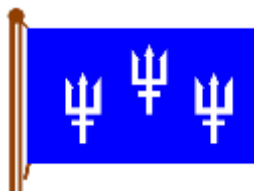
Thanks to Veronica Anderson and Rose Werner for the photos in this edition of the *Bos'n's Pipe*.

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.

Commander's Report

By Cdr Rob Anderson, P

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I was able to present the gavel of office to Cdr Dan Sheen at the change of watch earlier this month. Although it has been a genuine pleasure to be commander this past year, it is time to step aside and let others enjoy all the "perks" that come with the office—and there are many.



Dan Sheen receives the gavel of office from me as he becomes the newest commander

One of my first obligations upon returning from my several years working in China was to resume active participation in the Phoenix Squadron.

There are many close friends in the squadron, and it meant a lot to me to see so many pitch in and make our work successful. I plan to do what I can to make the coming years as successful.

Thank you all.

Executive Officer's Report

By Lt/C Dan Sheen , P

Kim and I successfully survived the holidays with two teenagers:

Emily, our college freshman, returned home to join Peter our high school junior. Christmas vacation was hectic at work and I worked on a proposal some on Christmas day while Peter worked a double shift at the Harkins Theater to earn holiday premium pay.

While the men diligently worked, Kim and Emily abandoned us and went skiing at Snowbowl. Not exactly a traditional holiday but everyone kept busy, and we did sneak in a bit of family time.

The year 2013 is shaping up to be a challenging one for the squadron. We must continue to focus on gaining new members, which may be difficult in the current demographic economic climate.

While it is important to do what we can for the health of the organization, I also think one of the best things we can do is to have fun and participate in the squadron activities. I know Kim is really looking forward to the cruise planning course and I'm hoping she will drag me away soon to somewhere tropical, maybe the BVI's or even Catalina Island.

The other upcoming events we were planning to attend are the annual meeting and the change of watch. Neither disappointed. I'm also really looking forward to the D/28 Spring Conference. Now if only I could find the time to take out the boat.. .



Administrative Officer's Report

By Lt/C Chuck Davis, P

As we bring to a close another year of Squadron events and activities, a quick review of 2012 is probably in order.

We had another year of extensive on-the-water activities. There were six local one-day raft-up gatherings, three extended out-of-town trips, two to Lake Powell and one to Lake Mohave, and five salt water excursions including two to Santa Catalina Island.

The Squadron represented itself to the community at two special events. The first was the Arizona Fish and Game Expo held each year at the Ben Avery facility in North Phoenix. The second was our annual Squadron presence to offer boat inspections offered by our team of 10 Safety inspectors to all boaters at the 10-lane launch facility at Lake Pleasant.

We also enjoyed four General Meeting presentations throughout the year which covered the subjects Lake Powell, Katherine Landing, Tonto National Forest, and cruising Alaska waters.

Last but not least were our special annual social events; the Change of Watch banquet, the Cholla Bay/Rocky Point Rendezvous, the Turkey Fry at Lake Bartlett, and the Christmas Party.

All in all, a very full, fun and interesting time as the Phoenix Sail and Power

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See this month's *Bos'n's Pipe* in color on the Squadron's web site at 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 procure. You'll sharpen your boating skills with some very nice

Happy Birthday

The following members are celebrating birthdays this month.



Elizabeth Arnow, Barb Davis, Frank Fitzgerald, Elaine Keller, Paul Love, Andy Pensavalle, Jeannine Quagliara, Howard Rumph, Patricia Tyler, Chet White.

Many Happy Returns

Educational Officer's Report

By Lt/C Ron McNeil, AP

First I would like to summarize our 2012 accomplishments. Early in 2012 we held an Instructor Development class. Coming out of this class we had 5 new members who were trained and certified to teach the courses we offer. Lee Whitehead was the instructor and did a wonderful job teaching this class. We are also looking to offer this class again soon, so if you are interested in becoming an instructor or need to renew your certification please let me know.



Last year we held 2 ABC classes in the spring with a total attendance of seven people. That was below my expectation of 10 students per class. Now I see how hard it is to fill these classes, but this is still where my heart is. I really feel that offering this class and the vessel inspection we perform have a direct impact on the safety of our waterways. It also serves as an ideal opportunity to

introduce people to the club and solicit for membership.

Also last year we had five members who received the Educational Proficiency Award. This award is given to individuals after completing a grade level of AP (Advanced Piloting) and three elective courses. The recipients included Larry Knowles, Danny Friend, Dan Rye, Chris Lockyer-Bratton, and Mike Pavsek.

Last spring we ran the JN class, which started with six students, including myself and finished with three students who met all the requirements and passed the exam, not including me. Some day when I don't have so many commitments I will try again. David Brickner, Larry Knowles and Joel Lieberman all met the requirements and deserve a sincere congratulations. This class was primarily coordinated by Joe Warren who put an amazing amount of time and effort to make this happen. The instructors, Lee Whitehead, David Allocco, Chuck Peterson and Ron Werner also deserve another round of recognition for their great job instructing the class.

Last year the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron also nominated Chuck Peterson for the prestigious USPS Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. This Award is one of the most distinguished awards given by the USPS. His nomination was then picked at the district level and submitted to national. At this time we are awaiting to hear the national winners.

In current events, the On-The-Water Training was, in many folk's perspective, a huge success. During February we held four sessions on the water and certified 13 students. David Allocco was the instructor/certifier and did a great job as always. Ron Werner was in charge of the boat logistics, including the receipt and delivery to the next squadron, storage, maintenance and insuring

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the boat was ready and legal for the events.

Cruise Planning started on February 29th with seven students. This is an 8-9 week course focused on planning and preparation necessary for a safe and enjoyable cruise. Perry Peters and Dan Rye are pairing up to teach this class. Our first of four ABC classes started on February 6th.

Administrative Officer's Report

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Squadron provided it's membership with a wide variety to involve themselves.

Starting the new Squadron year following the Change of Watch Banquet February 2 is the Pocket Cruisers Convention Feb 12-18 at Lake Havasu that has become a favorite of the sailors in the Squadron. Feb 22-23 is our chance to show off a little to the rest of the district while we host the D/28 Winter Conference at the Phoenix Sheraton Hotel on I-17 and Dunlap. Please respond to the calls from the coordinators to provide any help you can. Finally, our on the water activities will start with a raft-up on Feb 16 at Lake Pleasant with more details to come out by email.

So be sure to do a little pre-planning for the upcoming year with the annual activity calendar that appears in your copy of the Squadron Directory so the you will be available to take advantage of some of these truly great activities always available to you and your family as a member of the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron.

Joe Warren is Educator of the Year

Perhaps the only person present at the 2013 Change of Watch who was surprised by an award given was Joe Warren, who served a number of years as squadron educational officer.

Joe made the educational program come alive during his tenure as educational officer, but he continued to participate in meaningful ways as

a squadron member. He organized the most recent JN program, and continued to participate



Award presented—P/D/C Charles Peterson, SN presents the Educator of the Year award to P/Lt/C Joe Warren, JN at the 2013 Change of Watch.

in other educational activities.

He has remained active in squadron activities, and is always available when needed for other duties.



The new bridge—P/D/C Connie Johnson administers the oath of office to the new bridge (from left) Dave Brickner, secretary, Ron McNeil, educational officer, John Schmelzeis, administrative officer, and Jackie Wanta, treasurer.

Letter to the BOC participants

By P/C David Allocco, SN

Congratulations to each of the thirteen people who participated in the Boat Operation Certification activities conducted in February while the USPS boat, Water Trainer, was in Phoenix. They are John Schmelzeis, Dave Brickner, Rose Werner, Bill Johnson, Danny Friend, Doug Stewart, Dan Rye, Mike Downie, Kathy Abbott, Joel Schraan, Terry Gray, Jackie Wanta, and Mike Pavsek.

Each of you held up well under the daunting task of operating an unfamiliar boat, and performing unusual maneuvers under the critical observation of certifiers and other operators. The program presented a variety of challenges, not the least of which involved surviving cold weather, and shifting winds.

In conducting this activity I learned that no matter how much, or how little, boating experience a person has the BOC activity presents new learning opportunities. The most experienced operators found that slow speed maneuvers can be tricky, even humbling, and that there is always more that can be learned. The least experienced operators came away with a sense of confidence derived from having completed all of the challenges, and with the knowledge that they can be successful operators. In this regard, the BOC program serves the entire organization well.

The Inland Navigator on-the-water activity concentrates on minimum control speed operation. Slow speed maneuvers simulate operations

is a crowded seaway, or marina. The “go fast” operations of collision avoidance and recovering overboard crew are very valuable, but it is the slow speed operation that defines the most capable operator. In a crowded marina, with boats all around and people watching from the shore, the prudent operator will proceed slowly and will overcome the type of stresses that may otherwise lead to mistakes and accidents. The BOC activities expose the candidates to a series of exercises that instill confidence in the operator to

boat safely in a confined or slow speed environment. We are fortunate to have a venue at Honeymoon Cove that is uniquely suited to conduct on-the-water activities for the Inland Navigator. It is close to the Pleasant Harbor launch ramps. It has examples of each type of buoy found on the lake. It has a variety of shore line slopes and locations that allow anchoring regardless of the wind direction. It has a perfect setup for following a range. It has a facility that allows docking practice under any of four wind directions.

The depth allows easy setting of a slalom course. If you boat on Lake Pleasant you might consider spending some time in Honeymoon Cove occasionally to practice the exercises that you so ably demonstrated in February.

From my perspective, the Phoenix Water Trainer activity was a success. A great deal of credit for putting this activity together goes to Ron McNeil who solicited participation, set the schedules and drafted a number of e-mails to keep the program on track.

Special credit goes to Ron Werner, who did an awesome job with the boat logistics, as well as observing its operation and offering guidance as needed. His expertise was invaluable.



BOC—Among those participating in the exercise were (from left) Ron Werner, Mike Pavsek, Jackie Wanta and David Allocco.

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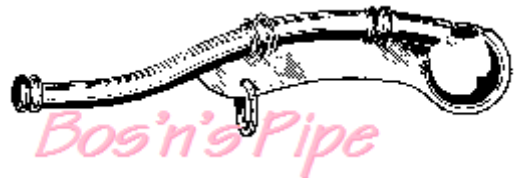
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Over the past few years, many members have opted to receive the publication by computer instead of "snail mail." Increasing the number of online-only readers has a significant influence on the squadron's budget. Postage accounts for 46¢ per copy. The February 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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