

# Bos'n's Pipe



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## Calendar

October  
4-8 D/28 Fall  
Conference,  
San Diego  
10 Executive  
committee  
Meeting  
25-27 Hallow-  
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## October 26 General Member- ship Meeting Halloween Party-Meeting- Weekend at Lake Pleasant

By Terry Gray

The time is at hand for boats, ghosts, animals, and campers to the wagons and celebrate early Halloween at Lake Pleasant.

The event will be on the Pleasant Harbor side overlooking the marina near a ramada between the North ramp and the South ramp. The exact location is Ramada 16 (see satellite photo provided by Bill Johnson).

The weather this time of year is just about as good as it gets.

The combination of boating, camping, cooking and my favorite, eating, should get us all together.

Seven parties so far are staying to camp Friday night through Sunday.

Come early, come late, bring a friend to mingle with our scary members.

The main event will be Saturday evening Pot Luck Dinner followed by short meeting, time to enjoy adult beverages and outdoor movie. Wear a costume or mask if you like and item to pass for potluck. Saturday evening attitude adjustment at 51730 and dinner at 1830. The meeting will begin at 2000.

Sunday morning those managing to survive listed ordeals to be rewarded

by Jerry Anderson's Famous French Toast & bacon. Juice and coffee to be provided. Bring a breakfast item to share if you like. Mid-morning should provide wind, waves and the water if you feel inclined.

If you intend to camp, call 602-269-0077 for reservation and mention either USPS or "the Bill Johnson group." If wet slip needed call 928-501 5269.

Camping is 28 per night which covers your entrance for boat or camper and vehicle. Items to bring per usual, chairs, plates silverware, byob, warm



jacket. small grill if you need to cook your item to share.

If you think you can sacrifice football for the weekend come join us.

## Squadron Happenings

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

### 2013

#### October

- 4-8 D/28 Fall Conference, San Diego
- 10 Executive committee Meeting
- 25-27 Halloween Rendezvous-General Membership meeting

#### November

- 1-3 South of the Border Rendezvous, Rocky Point, Mexico
- 7 Executive Committee Meeting
- 15-17 Turkey Fry/General Membership Meeting

#### October

- 4-5 D/28 Fall Conference, San Diego
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting
- 25-27 Halloween Rendezvous, general meeting

#### November

- 1-3 South of the Border Rendezvous
- 7 Executive Committee Meeting
- 15-17 Thanksgiving Turkey Fry/General Membership Meeting

#### December

- 7 D/28 Winter Council, San Diego
- 13 Executive Committee Meeting
- 14 Christmas Party and general membership meeting

### 2013

#### January

- 9 Executive Committee Meeting
- 16 Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron Annual Meeting
- 18 Snow Cruise, Lake Pleasant

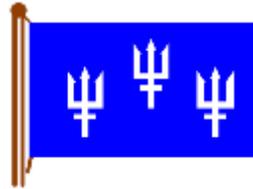
Note: Some dates are proposed and subject to change. All Executive Committee meetings begin at System-Aire Office, 7136 W. Frier Dr., Glendale. General Membership Meetings are at various locations. Attitude adjustment, 1730; dinner, 1830; meeting and program, 1930. Locations are subject to change

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 Dan Sheen, P

The Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron has had an eventful summer and it was fun to attend some great events. As I write this I'm nursing a sunburn from attending the Lake Powell event that Art Ashton organizes not once but twice



every year.

This year we had the summer event that was hot-hot-hot with awesome fishing (thanks to Chuck for putting us on the fish!) but did I mention it was hot. In the event this past week it was cold—barely break-



The highlight of the general membership meeting at Lussons' was awarding Lee Whitehead a distinguished communicator award for the *Bos'n's Pipe*. A photo of Lee accepting the award is attached. The "*Pipe*" sure has been critical to keeping the squadron together and thanks again to Lee!

ing 70. That killed the fish bite but  
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See this month's **Bos'n's Pipe** in color on the Squadron's web site at

[www.sailangle.com](http://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-

several in the group did the hole-in-the-wall hike and the low temperatures made the strenuous hike pleasant (still very hard work though).



Hole-in-the-Rock—Art Ashton and Dan Sheen pose beside the commemorative plaque marking the location of the Hole-in-the-Rock historic location at Lake Powell.

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Also, In November is the Mexico event that Paul Schoonover organizes. Paul stressed at the Lusson's that no one has ever had issues in Mexico and much of what you read is exaggerated. I will always remember being worried immediately prior to a business trip to a potentially violent country. The trip was pleasant and a wonderful experience, but when I returned home in Phoenix I heard a lunatic had killed a few people in a local Walmart parking lot.

Part of being in an organization like the squadron is being prepared but also brave enough to get out and live life. I would encourage anyone to reach out to Paul and get South for what promises to be a nice party in a country with lots of good people.

This will be a short article. I'm composing on a plane during a business trip so unless Kim ghost-writes some additions I hope to talk more at an event. Everyone really reach out to friends and try to drag a few guests to our events. We need new members!

## *Educational Officer's Report*

*By Lt/C Ron McNeil, AP*

Currently we have the first of a three parts of the Marine Electronics going on. Ron Werner is the instructor and we have 6 people taking the class including myself. We are also looking to offer one more ABC class this year, but we have not settled on the date or

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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.



Kathy Anderson, Sidney Corde-  
man, John Friedman, Dustin  
Joedicker, Robin Levene, Winnie  
Meinert, Thomas Noss, David  
Staples, Ed Wojcik

## Many Happy Returns

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location yet. Looking ahead we are considering a dock-side learning event to take place in January. You may of seen the article in the summer addition of the *Ensign* where the Seattle Power Squadron has been running a very successful event called Sea Skills.

We are considering a similar event but we need to find out if there is enough interest first. How the event will work is that we will get some slips, probably at the Harbor Marina at Lake Pleasant for the day. You can arrive at the event via car or boat. We would have a couple designated boats there that we would teach some seminars from. We are considering offering the Weather and VHF seminars where we can maybe see some cloud formations in the sky and actually use the marine radio.

We are also thinking of making up an intro to power boats and an intro to sailboats seminars to familiarize people to the part of these types of boats and safety considerations. The event would run from about 9 until noon, we would have coffee and donuts on

the dock in the morning and have a group lunch in the restaurant afterwards for those wanting to socialize. Nothing is written in stone yet. The actual seminars to offer and the venue are up for suggestions.

Most importantly we need to find out quickly if we have enough interest in the group to host this event. So please send me a note or give me a call if you have any interest or suggestions.

## Graydon Peoples presented with 50-year award

P/Lt/C Gradon Peoples, a long-time member of the Phoenix Sail and Power Squadron, has been presented with **recognition of 50 years' membership in the United States Power Squadron**. The



**Graydon and Lorraine Peoples** were photographed at the September Potluck meeting. Graydon, who served several terms as SEO reflected on his membership and some memories he's gathered along the way.

presentation was made by D/C Richard Cross at the D/28 Fall Conference in San Diego. Graydon and Lorraine has spent the past several years traveling throughout the U.S. *(continued on next page)*

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### **Graydon Peoples remembers**

I have a confession to make. Many of you remember *Beachnut*, the boat we had when we lived in Scottsdale. Some of you may have thought we had sold it. In a sense we did. We sold its mangled wreckage to our insurance company.

While we were towing the boat with our RV on a two-lane highway in Texas, we hit a bump in the road. I felt a jerk in the RV and heard a banging sound behind.

I started to slow down to investigate when **Lorraine gasped "Our boat just passed us!"**

It shot by just off the right shoulder, then swung right over a grassy area and then hit a big tree dead on at about 30 miles per hour.

We had our bicycles mounted ahead of the winch stand: they were a complete wreck including the boat. In every sense of the word, **our boat was 'truncated.'** We figured out **how it came loose. But that's a whole other story.**

Our other boat, *Snoopy*, was rear-ended by a semi on I-10. Reparable damage: **\$25,000. That's yet another story.**

## Snippets of Squadron History Spraymates Captain's night

By Graydon Peoples

*(Editor's note: Once upon a time there was a rule that women could not belong to the U.S. Power Squadrons. In place of membership was the women's auxiliary, in the case of the Phoenix squadron, the Spraymates.)*

Each year the Spraymates put on a program for the Squadron. It was done in secret so no squadron member knew what was afoot until that night.

**KING NEPTUNE:** One Captain's Night the girls tapped John Yount to become King Neptune who with his crown and pitch fork



sat on his Porta-Potti throne and reigned over squadron members. He was flanked by mermaids Lorraine Peoples on the left and Marjorie March on the right.

One by one he called up members who had transgressed his domain in some manner. Here Stan Aungst was called before him for an infraction and sentenced to wear an octopus around his neck for the rest of the evening. Another poor member was sentenced to wear the *papier mâché* anchor, shown by Mermaid Marjorie. There were others whose crimes were publicly expressed before the rest of the seafarers. (Marjorie and Stan have arrived at the grand marina in the sky.)

## 2013 California Convergence

by Joe Warren, JN

Three sail boats participated in the 2013 California Convergence. We had two trailer sailboats from Phoenix, *Gypsea Dream* and *Saguaro Breeze*. From Marina del Rey *Felicita* joined the event.

For the two trailer sailboats the trip began Thursday morning, August 22nd in Phoenix with the long drive, mostly on I-10, to Marina del Rey (MdR) in Los Angeles.

*Gypsea Dream* and *Saguaro Breeze* arrived in MdR at mid afternoon, in time to set



**Route of the boats**—This Google Earth representation shows the route of the vessels participating in the 2013 California Convergence.

up the boats for sailing to Catalina on Friday. The trip to LA was long but uneventful. On board *Saguaro Breeze* was Joe Warren and Randy La Roche. On board *Gypsea Dream* was Dave Brickner and his son Mike.

That evening we had dinner at the California Pizza Kitchen, visited the nearby West Marine store then picked up final supplies at **Ralph's Supermarket**, all across the street from the Marina. Friday breakfast was aboard our boats then launch and begin our sail to Catalina. *Gypsea Dream* and *Saguaro Breeze* motor sailed some of  
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the way but had great sailing wind for much of the crossing.

On this trip we encountered dense fog in patches, something we had not encountered



in other trips, although fog is to be expected in Southern California this time of the year. *Felicita*, starting later in the day and almost overtaking the two smaller boats, reported making 8-to-10 knots while crossing and having a great sailing experience. We wound



**Solitude of Cat Harbor**—Dave Brickner takes a moment to relax and contemplate the non-hurried life in Catalina Harbor, across the isthmus from Two Harbors.

up in Emerald Bay about the same time and managed to get three adjacent moorings. On board *Felicita* were Perry Peters and

**Wayne.** Wayne is Perry's dock neighbor at MdR. *Felicita* invited the crews onboard for drinks and dinner. We brought our own drinks and dinner and had a fun evening reliving the days trip and prior trips and experiences.

Emerald Bay is a lovely place with about 100 mooring balls, administered by the Two Harbors crew, and only a few miles from Two Harbors.



**Avalon Harbor**—The iconic Casino in Avalon Harbor is the landmark that many seek on weekends on Santa Catalina Island.

Saturday was a brief sail to Two Harbors. Arriving in time for lunch ashore and a shower. We also walked over to Catalina Harbor and enjoyed the afternoon. For 50 cents I got a plastic bushing for my Nissan outboard shift lever. While it was used (the mechanic robbed a Nissan motor just like it under repair) it was hard to believe he only wanted 50 cents in Two Harbors! Of course the shift lever broke just as we were going to pick up the mooring ball.

Randy, being the experienced and capable sailor he is, handled the mooring like a pro. And fortunately for me there were no **“broken propeller “ award opportunities**

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arising from the excitement. Moreover, no other boaters were entertained by our handling of this mooring event.



**Departing Avalon—Joe Warren, author of this article, is at the helm of *Saguro Breeze* as it departs Avalon Harbor.**

Saturday evening the three crews gathered for dinner at the restaurant. We had a nice dinner and evening. As usual we turned in early after dinner. Sunday morning was the annual paddle board event from Two Harbors to Long Beach. The event is an annual one that brings many people into town.

Each participant has a chase boat to monitor the participant. There were many participants but not as many as 2012 (about 200 in 2012). After a false start they got underway in earnest about 6:20 am. It was calm in Two Harbors after the participants and chase crews left. With other obligations *Felicitita* headed back to MdR Sunday morning. *Gypsea Dream* and *Saguro Breeze* headed to Avalon seeking new adventures and entertainment.

We were not disappointed in Avalon. We enjoyed tourist activities (shopping) and,

sampling the restaurants fare and microbrew specialties. I even tried a buffalo milk for the first time. While it was OK, one was enough for me. Monday morning saw the two boats loose their moorings, head to the fuel dock (top off for safety) and set sail for LA. From Avalon it is almost due north to LA (or 350°M for nautically inclined).

On the trip back we caught much splash and some fog. We usually make this trip with paper chart kits and computer created routes with reference to the latest Coast Guard updates and this trip was no exception. But this trip highlighted another useful tool in the navigation/decision making process. Randy had a cell phone app called Marine Traffic. This app shows AIS boats the world over. We found there were six AIS ships approaching the LA area shipping lanes around the time we were in the shipping lanes. Because of fog we could not see any of the six ships, all large cargo vessels.

We were way clear of the shipping lanes by the time they arrived and the fog lifted. It is a useful tool to add to your collection but recognize the limitation that it will only operate when there is a cell signal.

I have a canned air horn and a manual air horn on board *Saguro Breeze*, but after the fog we experienced this trip, I think it would be prudent to get an auto fog horn for next year. So far I have managed to avoid the **John Yount “Sheer Genius” award and I hope to keep it that way.**

All in all we could have hardly asked for nicer weather. Our trip back to Phoenix on Tuesday was also long but again, uneventful. I think I can say for all those participating that a safe and fun time was had by all.

# Paper or Online?



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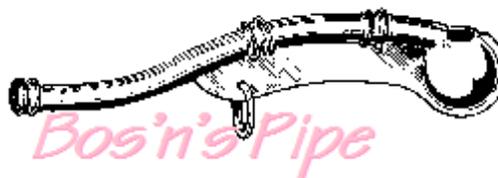
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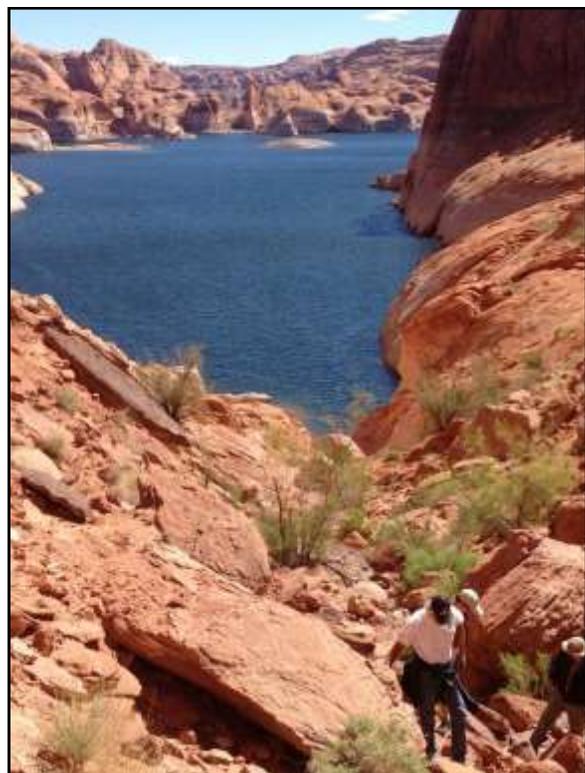
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# Online Bonus Page

## Photos from Lake Powell



**Lake Powell Photos**—Members of the party that visited Lake Powell in the Rendezvous organized by Art Ashton explore some of the more picturesque areas of the massive lake. Apparently, from the perspective these photos, the weather could not have been nicer. More photos on the next page.



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