

SOUNDING BOARD

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Commander: Jill Stevenson opened the meeting at 7:02pm We have a quorum. Ron Sherman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes were approved by Gary Rogers 1st and Doug Sherman 2nd.



Treasurer: Doug Sherman has paid the bills and we still have money. Anyone wanting to see details may contact him.



October Birthdays

Diane Kinsinger Ken Norvell Yvonne De La Pena Billy Cox Nathaniel Calaway
 Thomas Tonge Bill Kinsinger Warren Wegge Tim Hamill Kathy McCoy Doug
 Sherman Michael Abel Blake Campbell

Please keep special thoughts and prayers for those members who are having health issues, facing surgeries and in need of special attention.

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Next Meeting

November 14

Executive @ 6:45pm
 Regular Meeting @7:00pm



Executive Officer: Bob Miles

Legislative: Yvonne de la Pena; **No report**

Port Captain: open

Public Relations: EVERYONE! Please check our Facebook and Instagram pages for postings

Safety: PFD's. An email was sent to all members in regards to PFD's. Inflatables will sink if thrown in the water. The cord must be pulled to make them work. If assisting someone in the water use one of the orange ones or other forms of PFD's. Inflatables are not required on adults to be worn when under way but if you are pulled over, you better have it near by to be a valid seaman.

Vessel Safety Checks: Pete McCoy reported that 72 were done this year.



Administrative Officer: Karl Keller

Boating Activities:

Membership Involvement: Bonnie Rogers: a big thank you to all who came and brought food for the potluck. Great turnout! Our Holiday Party will be on Dec. 11th from 1-5pm. More information coming soon.

Membership: Kathy McCoy reported we have 124.

Island: Roland Bod: Perfect weather for the Fish Boil. There were 7 boats. New cameras were installed, everything was washed down, the local snake paid a visit and Jill took home a baby mouse! Money was raised from this event for Island repairs.



Secretary Megan Patterson:

Website- Doug Sherman has the website up and running. Please use it!

Roster: updated.

Education: Doug Sherman continues to do individual classes and will be doing one in Fresno and El Dorado Hills.

Old Business: A small group of folks showed up for the coastal clean-up. Great work done! Thanks to the Swartz, Stevenson's and Tim Hamill.

New Business: Commander Jill will be attending the district meeting on Saturday, October 15th, she will see what other groups are doing for ideas and about meeting only a few months out of the year.

Past Commander Bob Miles asked that merit Marks be turned in by the first of November. Each group leader, bridge member is required to do this. Individuals may also submit if they like. To nominate someone, they must have put in a minimum of 12 hours of service.

He also mentioned that it is that time of year when the nominating committee will be asking for help to fill many positions. It's only 1 hour a month at the most!!

Commander Jill asked for thoughts and prayers for our members having medical challenges right now. We ask for their healing.

Good for Squadron:

Adjourn: 7:35pm

Zoom Information for this year's meetings:

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZYqcemprT0oH9EQIwhO5G9HGFMG8AshCslL/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGqqT0qG9eTshyCRpwQB4 oc-vztiFBgvp4rTbyCw8GRVreEcRvFepeA9Dz>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82760136255?pwd=a1JVOWVUTFZEVm5FV3hnR1IYVTdVZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 6013 6255

Passcode: 623435

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kjOtxq0MP>

Holiday Party Planning from membership Involvement Chair Bonnie Rogers:

The membership involvement committee will be having a "planning" meeting for the December Holiday Party. The meeting will be at Garlic Brothers at Village West Marina October 27th at 2:00 PM.

If you can't attend, but would like to help, contact me, Bonnie Rogers 209 351-5170, or email me at bgrogers3@netzero.com.

Any help will be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there. Bonnie

Merit Mark ideas from Bob Miles. **Deadline is November 15th!**

Activity	Hours			
	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	etc
Activity 1	2.5	2.5		
Activity 2	2.5	2.5	2.5	
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	2.5	2.5		
	2.5	2.5		
	3	3		
	2.5	2.5		
	2.5	2.5	2.5	
		2.5		
		2.5		
	2.5	2.5		
	6	6		
Total Hours	29	34	5	

DRAFTING MERIT MARK RECOMMENDATIONS

Hints on What to Say

A Resource for Squadron Commanders

- Estimate hours for each activity and/or total hours worked for USPS. Generally, a total of 12 hours are deemed minimum to qualify for an award. Consider extraordinary travel time expended expressly to accomplish the work described.
- Ranks and titles (including “chairman”) do not in themselves entitle a member to a merit mark. State what was done in that capacity.
- Consider recommending the immediate P/C if he or she was in office early in the year.
- Except in rare circumstances, providing equipment, food or space does not qualify as significant effort.
- Be sure to use the education columns for *sessions* of courses taught or proctored. (Two class sessions taught or four sessions proctored is considered a minimum in the absence of other contribution.)
- Work performed in a district capacity will be reflected in a merit mark recommendation by the D/C.
- Work performed for other organizations must be an official squadron function and designated as such by the squadron commander with the consent of the executive committee.
- Don’t use words like “worked at”, “assisted with”, “participated in”, “served as”, etc. without explaining what those efforts involved.

If you recommend a member who—

Attended meetings

Consider these questions in your recommendation:

[Attending most meetings is a privilege of membership and does not count towards a merit mark unless the member attended in an official capacity or reported to the assembly, such as an officer or committee chairman.]

If not obvious (e.g. bridge officer), what did the member do at the meeting to warrant consideration for a merit mark?

Took part in committee meetings

How many meetings were attended?
How did the member contribute to the meeting?

Taught or proctored an educational course

[Click anywhere in the Course Data column to reveal the course columns; click any course column heading to hide.]

Name of course (columns 3 and 6)?
Number of *sessions* TAUGHT (columns 4 and 7)?
Number of *sessions* PROCTORED (columns 5 and 8)?
If more than two, use Valuable Service column (9)?
Explanation of special work is helpful (column 9)?

Performed vessel safety checks (VSCs)

How many? (At least ten in the absence of other work.)
How far driven to the site of inspections?
How long on site
Any additional services or advice given?

Served on the Telephone Committee

How many calls were made?
On how many occasions were calls made?