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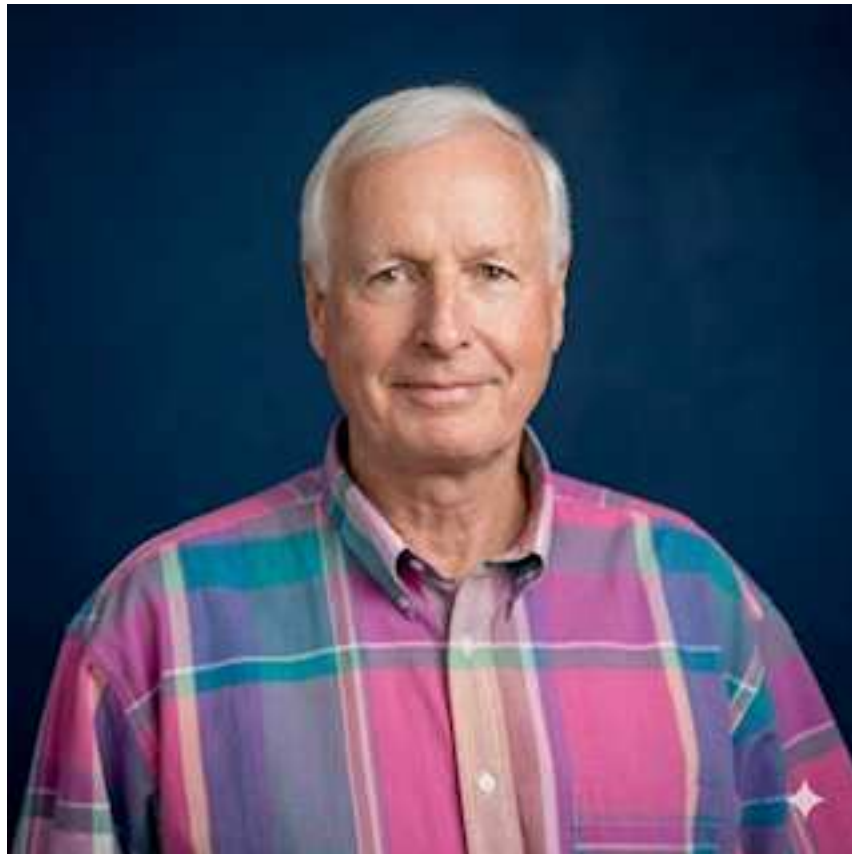


The Ship's Mail



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**This Special Issue is Dedicated to the Memory of
P/C Robert B. Hubbard, AP**



3 March 1935 – 2 August 2026

Robert Balch Hubbard, Bob to family and friends, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 2, 2026, following a brief illness. His daughter, Beth, was by his side. He was 91.



Bob was born on March 3, 1935, in Pittsburgh, PA, to George and Janet Hubbard. He was a graduate of The Hill School in Pottstown, PA (1953) and The Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at Cornell University (1959), where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He married the love of his life, Elizabeth M Stiles, in 1962.



From Left to right:

P/Lt/C Gordon Parham,
P; P/C J. Brockway
Clarke, SN; P/C Elaine
Townsend, S; P/C
Robert B Hubbard, AP;
Kenneth L Glaze, AP
aboard Elaine
Townsend's Boat at the
Southwestern Yacht
Club

Bob was a licensed professional engineer in NY, PA and IN, and had a distinguished 38-year career with the Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa). He retired in 1997 as Vice President, Operations-Alcoa Electronic Packaging, Inc. in San Diego, CA. His technical engineering achievements were recognized with numerous awards during his career, including the Arthur Vining Davis Award for Technical Excellence.

Bob was happiest when he was on the water. He was a lifetime member of the United States Power Squadron (USPS) and a longtime member of the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron (SDSPS), where he served as both Commander and Executive Officer. He was widely known for the poignant invocations he delivered at SDSPS events, meetings and dinners. He received the Senior Member Award for Meritorious Service to USPS and SDSPS in recognition of his countless contributions over the years. Bob was also an active member of the San Diego Cruisers Association, San Diego Observer Association, and the San Diego Maritime Museum. He served as a National Park Service volunteer at San Diego's Cabrillo National Monument, was a USCG Certified Vessel Examiner, and was a founding member of the Lake St. Lawrence Yacht Club in Massena, NY.

Bob loved travel and adventures whether sailing the British Virgin Islands, camping in a Bermuda cave, exploring Costa Rica, or driving through New England while eating his fill of seafood.

Bob and his wife loved animals and rescued many of them throughout their lifetime. During the last few months of his life, Bob enjoyed weekly visits from volunteers and therapy dogs affiliated with Love on a Leash.





P/D/C Chester "Chet" White, SN and
P/C Bob Hubbard, AP at Bob's
Member-of-the-Year Award Ceremony



P/C E. Ronald Weiner, P and P/C Bob
Hubbard, AP at Bob's swearing in as
Commander



Bob is loved and survived by his children, Elizabeth G Hubbard and Robert B Hubbard; granddaughters, Auden and Fraya Hubbard; sisters-in-law, Nancy Degnan and Antoinette Hubbard; his cousin, Iris Ann Fraser; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his loving wife of 43 years, Liz; parents, George and Janet Hubbard; sister, Nancy Benton; and brother, David Hubbard. A private service will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newburyport, MA, where he will be interred alongside his wife, Liz, and other members of the Hubbard family.



Left to right: [Unknown]; P/D/C William "Bill" Bridge, SN; P/D/C Katherine "Katie" Law, SN; P/Lt/C Mary Ann "Nancy" Renzi, AP; P/C Bob Hubbard, AP; P/C Edward "Ted" Bowler, JN; Claudia Bowler, AP; Kenneth Glaze, AP; Carol Parham, S; P/Lt/C Gordon Parham, P.



Goodbye, Bob. You've been a great friend, mentor, and we all will miss you.



In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Love on a Leash, Attn: Margaret Eggers, P.O. Box 4548, Oceanside, CA 92052-4548 or <https://www.loveonaleash.org/donate/>. Please specify the donation is made in memory of Robert B Hubbard.

Sailing to Eternity by Robert Frost

*"Like a ship that sails into the setting sun,
Our loved ones depart when their time is done.
But as they sail beyond the horizon's reach,
Their presence lingers, within our hearts, each."*



Commander's Corner

Cdr Jerry Murphy, JN

Dear SDSPS/ABCSD Members and Friends,

I was very sorry to learn of the passing of our beloved Past Commander, Robert B. Hubbard, AP, on 2 August 2026, at the age of 91. Most of you have probably heard of his recent passing by now. I was out sailing the past 3 weeks so am coming to it a little late. But I wanted to send out a memo as current Commander to make sure everyone has heard and offer a few thoughts.





I first met Bob Hubbard when I moved back to San Diego in 2001 and joined SDSPS. He made a large and very positive impression on me. He was our Commander at the time and ran a well-organized and friendly ship. As a leader, Bob was calm, unflappable, with a quiet authority that I admired. After turning over the reins as Commander, he taught the Seamanship Course, and I enrolled. Bob was a masterful teacher, both clear in his explanations and easy to listen too. I particularly remember how he dealt with the Emergencies at Sea topic by creating "The Cruise From Hell," where we imagined a cruise where everything goes wrong, and we have to talk through how we would deal with it. This reminded me of how NASA, during the Gemini

and Apollo days, would run scenarios for every contingency and come up with a plan to deal with each. Perhaps this was the Engineer in him, organized and carefully anticipating scenarios. He was a master of the subject and shared his knowledge in a friendly and personable way that made it easy for the student to learn. I was so impressed with his teaching that I volunteered to teach the Seamanship Course the following year. All of my students passed, and two of them, Ken and Karen Glaze, went on themselves to teach Seamanship the subsequent year and for several years after that. So, Bob's inspiration in presenting the course lived on for many years in our Squadron.

Bob first joined USPS in 1961. His member number begins with "A!" Back then one had to pass a rigorous Piloting, Seamanship, and Small Boat Handling Course based upon Chapman's just to become a member. He then went on to earn the grades of Pilot and Advanced Pilot in 1962. After retiring from his career as an Engineer, Bob served SDSPS as Administrative Officer in 1999, Executive Officer in 2000, and Commander in 2001. He also served as District Executive Officer in 2014. His 27 Merit Marks demonstrate many years of loyal service to the organization and the boating community. He also passed the SAIL Course in 2007 and took several Instructor Qualification and Development courses, although really he was eminently qualified to teach all of those.

When I became Commander in January 2022, I called Bob to see if he had any advice for me and to encourage him to come to our next General Membership Meeting. He kindly took my call but explained that by then he was too infirm to come. His passing is a great loss to our Squadron and USPS as a whole. I miss him.

His daughter, Beth, wrote the wonderful obituary, above, which mentions his Power Squadron service and also several other volunteer organizations which he served. I will attach a link below. She also sent around some pictures of the Old and Jolly Guard from 25 years ago, some of which appear in this issue of *The Ship's Mail*. The obituary states that the funeral will be a private affair in Massachusetts. Donations may be made to one of his favorite charities, "Love on a

2026 SDSPS Calendar

07 Sep	Executive Committee Meeting
12 Sep	GMM-Potluck Education GMM
20-27 Sep	USPS Governing Board Meeting – Cary, NC
19-20 Sep	SLRSPS Oceanside Raft-Up
05 Oct	Executive Committee Meeting
23-25 Oct	SLRSPS Raft-Up – Mission Bay
02 Nov	Executive Committee Meeting
14 November	GMM SWYC
18 Nov	SLRSPS Instructor Appreciation Dinner
28-30 Nov	Raft-Up: La Playa Cove
07 Dec	Executive Committee Meeting
13 Dec	San Diego Parade of Lights BBQ Potluck (Sunday)
16 Dec	SLRSPS Christmas Party – (Site TBD)

2027 SDSPS Calendar

04 Jan	Executive Cte Mtg
16 Jan	GMM-SDSPS CoW
17 Jan	SLRSPS CoW (TBD)
01 Feb	Executive Cte Mtg
07-14 Feb	USPS Ann. Mtg (Tampa)

(Note: the information in this calendar is subject to change)



Leash," details of which are in the obit. [https://www.legacy.com/legacy/robert-hubbard?ttm_pid=212042377&ttm_affiliate=legacyremembers&ttm_affiliatetype=standard&ttm_campaign=legacy]

May his soul rest in peace.

Sincerely,
Jerry

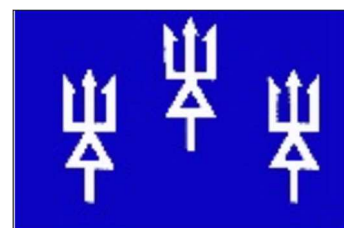
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News from District 13

D/C Harold "Hal" Hoadley, AP

Mark your calendars for the upcoming District 13 council meeting.



Secretary's Department
D/Lt/C Paula Vance, P
October 10, 2026

NOTICE OF DISTRICT 13 COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the United States Power Squadrons® District 13 Council will be held online via ZOOM on Saturday 10 October 2026, from 9:00AM PST to 12:00PM PST.

The complete agenda and Zoom link will be forwarded to ALL DISTRICT Members by D/C Hal Hoadley.

1. Opening remarks D/C Hal Hoadley, AP:
 - a. Invocation
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Welcome
2. Reports from Bridge Officers:
 - a. Executive Officer Stf/C Shawn Goit, SN-ON
 - b. Education Officer D/Lt/C Jay Higgins, SN-IN



- c. Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP
- d. Secretary D/Lt/C Paula J. Vance, P
- e. Treasurer R/C Darryel D. Simmons, JN

3. Squadron/Club Reports:

- a. The Valley
- b. Long Beach
- c. Tokyo
- d. Oceanside
- e. San Diego
- f. Las Vegas
- g. Newport/Balboa
- h. Santa Barbara
- i. Arrowhead
- j. Tres Rios
- k. Ventura

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Ebbs and Flows

7. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Hal

D/C Harold W. "Hal" Hoadley, AP

Commander, District 13

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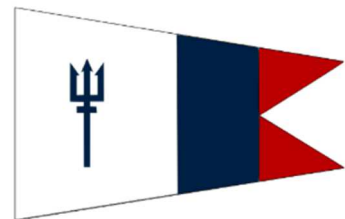
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News from National

P/R/C Allan T Bombard, SN-ON

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Fall Governing Board meeting in Cary, NC – a suburb of Raleigh where the USPS Headquarters building is located.



Join us in Raleigh—register now!

This year's America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons Governing Board Meeting is from Sept. 20–27 and located in Cary, North Carolina—just minutes from our Raleigh headquarters.

2026 Fall Governing Board

Registration is now open for the America's Boating Club | United States Power Squadrons
2026 Fall Governing Board Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, from Sept. 20–27!





So, what are you waiting for? [Register now](#)—and we'll see you in Raleigh!

📖 While you're at it, [read the meeting newsletter](#) put together by the National Meetings Committee.

Check out the Newsletter here:

https://portal.americasboatingclub.org/common/Uploaded%20files/NMC/NMC_Newsletter%20Raleigh%20NC%20Sept%202026%20First%20Edition.pdf

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Past Commander, Districts 28 & 50

District28ABC@gmail.com

Leave Your Legacy in the Commemorative Brick Garden

The United States Power Squadrons Headquarters serves as the heart of our organization—a place where our history, mission and commitment to safe boating come together. To help preserve and maintain this important facility for future generations, members and supporters now have a unique opportunity to become a permanent part of its legacy through the Commemorative Brick Garden.

The Commemorative Brick Garden offers individuals, families, squadrons and friends of the organization the chance to purchase an engraved brick that will be permanently displayed at Headquarters. Each brick serves as a lasting tribute while helping support an important cause.

For a contribution of just **\$100.00 per brick**, participants can personalize their brick with a name, message, squadron affiliation, memorial tribute or words of recognition. Whether honoring a dedicated member, commemorating a special achievement, celebrating a loved one or simply showing support for the organization, each brick tells a story and becomes part of the Headquarters landscape.

Most importantly, *all proceeds from brick sales are dedicated to the maintenance and preservation of the United States Power Squadrons Headquarters building.* These funds help ensure that the facility remains a welcoming and functional center for administrative operations, member services, educational programs and organizational leadership activities.

The Commemorative Brick Garden not only enhances the beauty of the Headquarters grounds but also creates a visible reminder of the many individuals whose dedication has helped strengthen our organization over the years. Visitors will be able to walk through the garden, read the inscriptions and appreciate the lasting contributions made by members and supporters.

By purchasing a commemorative brick, you are making more than a donation—you are creating a permanent connection to the United States Power Squadrons and helping safeguard the future of our Headquarters. Every brick laid represents pride in our organization, commitment to our mission and support for generations of boaters yet to come.

We invite all members, squadrons and friends to participate in this meaningful project. For only \$100.00, you can leave your mark, honor someone special and contribute directly to the ongoing care and maintenance of our Headquarters building.

Please visit the “Brick” table at the Fall Governing Board and purchase a brick to become a permanent part of our history—one brick at a time.



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP****Primary Member**

Name (First Middle Last)		Cert# (if any)	DOB / /
Mailing Address			Significant others name
City / State / Zip Code			USPS/ABC Prior Member ☐ Yes ☐ No
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email	
Referred by: _____ I want to join for/because: _____			
Do you own a boat? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a Sea Scout? ☐ Yes ☐ No			

Vessel Information:

LOA	Boat Name	MMSI	Propulsion Pwr / Sail / Human/ _____
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Additional Active Members (must reside in the same household as active member)

Name (First Middle Last) 2	DOB	Prior Member Y / N	Cert# (if any)
Email	Cell Phone		
Name (First Middle Last) 3	DOB	Prior Member Y / N	Cert# (if any)
Email	Cell Phone		
Name (First Middle Last) 4	DOB	Prior Member Y / N	Cert# (if any)
Email	Cell Phone		

Signature 1

Signature 2

Signature 3

Signature 4

Volunteer Interests: Ways I/we can support the success of the club (circle all that apply)			
Boating Activities	Education	Newsletter	Public Relations
Communications	Hospitality	Photography	
Community Service	Membership	Other: _____	

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Squadron Code	Squadron Name	ExComm Approval Date <i>N/R if not required</i>
Authorized Signature Cdr or Membership Chair		Authorized Signatures Certificate #

MemCom 1- New Member Application

Rev. June 2025

New Members:

If you would like to join our Squadron, please print the application above, fill it out, and send it to the Secretary, P/C Paula Vance, P at 230 W. Laurel St; Unit 304; San Diego, CA 92101. Our annual dues are currently \$103 for a single and \$146 for a family membership.



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Louis Swanepoel, AP

Assistant Treasurer

(Open)

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(Open)

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Ass't Admin Officer

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Boat Shows

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Co-Op Charting

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