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## Three Days of Outstanding Training at 33rd Annual Training Symposium in San Diego

The Symposium began with a welcome to San Diego from San Diego Harbor Police Officer **Frank Tosatto**, San Diego City Life Guard Captain **Rick Wurts**, and Department of Boating and Waterways Commissioner **Sandy Purdon**. Then DBW Director **Ray Tsuneyoshi** started the training with updates and talked of current challenges.

Director Tsuneyoshi presented the California nomination award for **NASBLA Officer of the Year** to **James Lambert** of ALCO Marine Unit, who was surprised by the nomination. (Congratulations Jim, for your outstanding efforts for Marine Safety!)

Regional groups were a key

component of the symposium with **SDLG Captain Rick Wurts** presenting the San Diego Regional Alert. Mass Event, Communication, and Mutual Aid Group Training, were highlighted by Captain Wurts. **Todd Schwede** of Todd and Associates, Inc. spoke to the membership about Vessel Fraud, Theft and Property Recovery. Todd had vast information and is always available to the CBSOA membership as a resource. Tools for forecasting were presented by **Charlie Fox** and **Tim Chandler** from **Surflife** and **BuoyWeather**. Information on the Internet-based application for forecasting weather was outstanding - and a very useful tool for all those members on



CBSOA membership viewing a dive operations demonstration at the historic San Diego Harbor Patrol Headquarters on Shelter Island during recent training.

the coast for preparation and prevention. Premium memberships to both websites are provided to CBSOA members at no cost. Both services help save lives (for more information, email [kim@surflife.com](mailto:kim@surflife.com))

Day two was "Sponsor Appreciation Day" and San Diego Harbor Police Chief **Kirk Sanfilippo** presented Sector Command Center - Joint (SCC-J), and San Diego related on the water chal-

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## One Hundred Long Beach Years of Service



A view from the deck of the *Queen Mary* of the rescue boat parade as Long Beach Lifeguard's celebrated 100 years of service on July 22. A phenomenal event thanks to the LBLG Association. See story in the next issue of *The Beacon*.





## San Diego Three-Day Training

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lenges. Thanks go to Chief Sanfilippo and the entire **San Diego Harbor Police** for their hospitality and professionalism in helping the CBSOA in San Diego. The CBSOA appreciates all of the sponsors who helped make the symposium possible. Thank you to **Port Supply, Safe Boats, Blue View Technologies, Kokata, Maritime Institute, Rescue One Connector Boats, DBW, Virtual Lifeline Maritech Industries, Moose Boats, Boulton Power Boats, Mustang Survival, West Coast PowerCats, Bauer, Willard Marine, Zodiac**

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Thanks to the Sponsors for the extremely generous raffle prizes. At the time of printing **Tom O'Connor** of Shasta County was still looking for a trade for the Italian Bimini Top he won in the raffle. If interested, contact Tom with an offer.

**America's Water Way Watch** program was presented by **Wendy Walsh** and **Penny Collins**. The program was very informative and helps provide more eyes and ears on the water. San Diego Lifeguard Service Sergeant **Bob Albers**

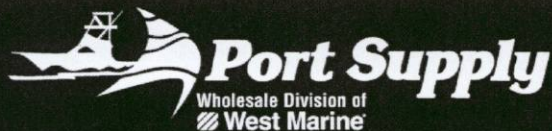
presented his **Swift Water Rescue Team's** experience in the aftermath of Katrina. Unreal stories were shared of tragedy, survival, adaptation, and overcoming challenges. Sergeant **Rich Stropky** presented the **SDLG Dive Team** and **Interagency Training**. The membership was patient as the lunch hour was delayed to accommodate the wealth of information presented. A bus awaited the membership to take the group to Shelter Island for lunch and on the water demonstrations. The afternoon was waterside at the **SDHP Long Dock** on Shelter Island. It started with a dive demonstration presented by the San Diego Harbor Police. Many of the

above listed sponsors provided on the water product demonstrations, including rescue vessel sea trials.

We had bus transportation back to Shelter Island for the awards banquet at the **Bali Hai Restaurant**. The view of the San Diego skyline from the water was spectacular, as was the food and venue at the **Bali Hai**. Thanks goes to owner **Larry Baumann** for his support of our event.

Awards were presented to the 2005-2006 Board of Directors. The Officer of the Year Award was not presented. The **Spark Plug Award** was presented to Southern Director **Scott Mitchell** of

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Top: members in on-the-water demonstrations with WestCoast PowerCats, SDHP, Safeboats, and other vessels. Below: San Diego Lifeguard Patrol Boat





Above: Members check out the latest technology at the National Guard's Mobile Communication Center

the LBFD Marine Safety Division for work above and beyond for the CBSOA and Boating Safety. Officer **Greg Latus** of the SFPD Marine Unit was presented with the **Broken Prop Award**, following a story we can all learn from.

Thanks goes to the Board for dedication and service to the CBSOA.

The bus was a bonus in getting everybody back to the hotel and networking. "If it is your time and my time, isn't it our time?"

Day three opened with a presentation on the **LA/Long Beach Port Operations Dive Group** (PDOG) presented by Dive Team Supervisor **Don Johnson** who possesses unequalled knowledge and experience.

The next speaker was OES Assistant Chief Region VI, LE Branch, **Dennis Beene**. The topic was Law Enforcement Mutual Aid and Typing, a very relevant and informative discussion.

A "Cradle to Grave" approach for dealing with abandoned vessels was pre-

sented by LTJG **Jereme Altendorf**, CHMM. His topic, Lessons learned for Federal, State and Local Maritime Responders, was well received, as the issue poses current challenges for most agencies on the water.

Finally, CBSOA elections were completed. Welcome and congratulations to the newly appointed 2006-2007 Board of Directors (see page 2). New business topics included ways to improve the Annual Three-Day Training Symposium. As a result the membership is encouraged to be more proactive in topics and training venues in the future. In addition, dates would be provided with more advance notice for trainings.

The San Diego experience was outstanding. Thanks go to all the members who were in attendance.

It is for you, the member, that training efforts are dedicated. We look forward to seeing you at the 34th Annual Training Symposium that will be held the week of April 23rd in South Lake Tahoe, so mark your calendars now.



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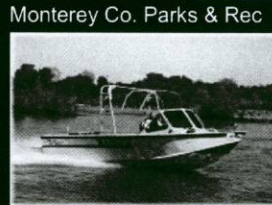
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