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FROM THE HELM

PRESIDENT CARY SMITH

It has been busy on the water. Even as summer turns to fall, things have not slowed down on the water with the beautiful and unseasonably warm weather. Fleet Week in San Francisco was another great operation with many CBSOA members participating. We saw new patrol boats from Contra Costa County Sheriffs Office, East Bay Regional Parks Police, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office and others. Congratulations on the new vessels they are looking sharp. Sacramento County Sheriff's Office had a wet ride, but made it to the Bay in good spirits and some fine Navigation skills. It was four spectacular days on the water. Thanks to all of the membership who participated, and to the United States Coast Guard Sector San Francisco for the coordinated efforts of all on the water.

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CBSOA Northern/Central One-Day Training Symposium



The Northern/ Central One-Day Training will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at the Sacramento- Le Rivage Hotel/Scott's Seafood restaurant on the Sacramento River between 0800-1700 hours.

As always, all Boating Safety Officers and members of the boating community are welcome. The charge for members is \$25.00 and \$50.00 for non-members and covers lunch.

Topics and Presentations will include: Sector San Francisco Intelligence/Operations Update; USCG Paddleboard Decision discussion; U.S. Customs Update and Training Opportunities; Department of Boating and Waterways Budget and Training Status; California Fish and Game Delta/Bay Update, and more...

Host accommodation is at Le Rivage Hotel where rooms are available for \$149.00 per night for Monday, Nov. 10, and Tuesday, Nov. 11. For reservations call



(888) 760-5944 by Monday, Nov. 3. Le Rivage Hotel is at 4350 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento (Interstate 5 and Seamas Blvd). Dock space is also available for those arriving by boat. When placing your reservation, request the CBSOA special rate.

A welcome orientation will

take place at Le Rivage Pisa room on Mon. Nov. 10 at 1700 hours.

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Paddleboards Now Subject to Boat Regulations

The Coast Guard has officially determined that paddleboards are vessels—and, as such, they are now subject to federal boating safety regulations.

This pronouncement came in an official memorandum issued Oct. 3 by Jeffrey N. Hoedt, chief of the Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division, in response to an inquiry from the director of the Oregon Marine Board. The Marine Board had asked whether or not a paddleboard is considered by the Coast Guard to be a vessel

for purposes of Navigation Rules, accident reporting and safety equipment requirements (including personal flotation devices).

"Based on the information available, the Coast Guard has determined that, when beyond the narrow limits of a swimming, surfing or bathing area, the device known as a "paddleboard" is a vessel under 46 U.S.C. paragraph 2101, and therefore subject to applicable regulations administered by the U.S. Coast Guard and

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