

Boulder Valley Sailing and Power Squadron 2012 Seminar

Captain and Crew Panelists

Crew - Jo Davies: Jo learned to sail on San Francisco Bay with Club Nautique. No sooner did she get her ASA certifications which qualified her to take out any of the club's 35 ft boats on the SF bay than she and Dave were invited to move to Boulder. Finding many like minded friends in land-locked Colorado, Dave and Jo have been on over 10 blue water charters, and 4 barge trips. Destinations have ranged from Thailand, to Croatia, to Catalina, and the Gt Lakes. Jo's experience is usually purser and crew. And let's not forget cook, dishwasher, etc.

Crew - Patsy Venema: Patsy is retired now but worked in wildlife management for the Colorado Division of Wildlife. She love's the outdoors and associated activities – like sailing but also hiking, skiing and bicycling. Patsy has been sailing since the mid 80's as crew or first mate, primarily with her husband John but also prior to their marriage when she needed to figure out whom to sail with!

Captain - John Venema: John is retired from professions in real estate and psychology and a lover of the great outdoors. He learned sailing from the "School of Hard Knocks" by "attempting" to sail a 16 foot Snipe on Lake Michigan in the 60's. In the 90's, both as student and instructor, John learned what he had been doing wrong in the 60's. Since 1990, He has sailed the Oceans or Great Lakes 30 times: --- 14 as crew, 6 as first mate and 10 as captain. Tonight, John plans to discuss the traits of a competent captain.

Captain - Carl Forsberg: Carl has been sailing since he was a youngster in New England. Ruth and Carl have owned Cape Dory sailboats on the Maine coast since 1985. Many squadron members have crewed aboard over the years, including two coastal cruises south to Florida, the Bahamas, the Dry Tortugas and cruises to Nova Scotia. They have also chartered on occasion. Elsie, their Cape Dory 36, is presently in Oriental, NC. Ruth and Carl will be moving her up the coast to New England beginning in April with squadron crew. Carl crewed for John Chatting on his Pacific Seacraft 34 through Indonesia during his around-the-world trek, along with Ann Hammond. He has also crewed on Ken Forsberg's Island Packet in the Caribbean and east coast. Tonight, Carl plans to show one of the operating manuals which he writes for each boat he has owned to familiarize crew on equipment and procedures aboard.

Moderator - Keith Dahlin: A member of BVSPS since 2006, Keith holds a 100 ton master's license, an ASA instructor certification and a degree in Marine Biology. Keith was first mate on a 65 foot catamaran for 5 years and has cruised the west coast extensively. He lived on and sailed his Columbia 28 while attending university and later on his Cheoy Lee Pedrick 36 while starting a family. Currently his summer home is *Steadfast*, a Spindrift 43 Cutter based out of Santa Cruz, CA where he teaches sailing and marine science from May to September.