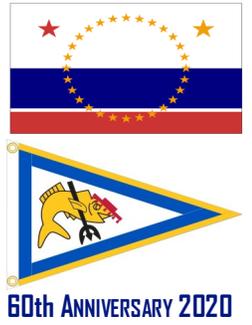




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Hello Spring!



POTLUCK MEMBERSHIP DINNER

WEDNESDAY
18 MARCH, 2020
6:30 P.M.

OCEANSIDE YACHT CLUB
OCEANSIDE HARBOR

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2020

6 MONTH CALENDAR

March

- 2 1830 Ex. Com Meeting — Jolly Roger Restaurant
- 18 SLRSPS All Member & Guest Potluck Dinner—OYC

April

- 5 Opening Day SMYC at 0930 – and OYC at 1300
- 6 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Home of Kirk & Sandra Lippert
- 17 1800 SLRSPS Beach Sundowner—Marina Suites seaside lot— Oceanside Harbor

May

- 4 1830 Ex. Com Meeting—Host Chris & Nancy Peavey
- 13 All Member & Guest Potluck—Oceanside Yacht Club
- 16-22 USPS National Safe Boating Week.

June

- 1 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting - Home of Adriaan & Cheryl Veldhuisen
- 5-6 SLR 60th Anniversary—Jolly Roger Guest Docks, Oceanside, CA. “Cheers to 60 Years!”
- 11-14 San Diego Boat Show – Spanish Landing Park East

JULY

- 6 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Home of Van & Cida Diehl
- 10-12 Del Mar Marina Raft-up — *Organizers: Shawn Goit*
- 13 Cruise to Catalina—*choose own length of stay*

AUG

- 3 1830 Ex. Com Meeting —Home of James & Suzi Weaver
- 14 800 Beach Sundowner—Marina Suites seaside lot— Oceanside Harbor

SAVE THE DATES

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
OCEANSIDE 

A Note From the Commander



The **District 28 Conference** will be finished by the time you read this. I bring this subject up because **San Luis Rey** has had a strong representation on the **2019 D28 Bridge**. The outgoing D28 Commander is D/C **Shawn Goit** JN-ON. The D28 Executive Officer is D/Lt/C **Barry Bean** JN-CN. The D28 Education Officer is D/Lt/C **Van Diehl** SN-ON and D28 Assistant Education Officer is D/Lt/C **Cida Diehl** SN-CN. We should all be very proud of these volunteers for their dedication and hard work for our **Americas Boating Club (USPS) District 28**.

My wife and I spent the afternoon, Sunday 2/23 at **Oceanside Harbor**. You would have thought it was spring with the weather being so nice. Watching the different boats leaving the harbor reminded me that it's time for boat owners to get their **Vessel Safety Checks** completed. The VSC's are 100 percent anonymous and can be a great way to get a pre-check on your vessel before a **Harbor Master** or **Coast Guard** inspection. If your vessel does not pass the initial inspection the information is not forwarded to any other groups. Simply make the corrections and schedule a re-exam and once you pass, you'll receive your **2020 VSC sticker**. If you know someone that would like to get a Vessel Safety Check, we have several qualified members in our squadron. Feel free to contact **Shawn Goit, Jan Follestad** or **Keith McDaniel** (*sorry if I missed any names*) and schedule your VSC.

What's the weather going to be this weekend? What does it mean when they talk about high pressure and low pressure? What do these different cloud types and formations mean? If you really want to find out, you can take the **Weather** class. I'm currently in this class and I am very impressed with the material, but the best part are the two instructors. **Jude Fleming** and **Paul Oswald**. Jude is a former airline pilot and Paul currently is an airline pilot. The two of them bring their knowledge and real-life experiences to the class.

Lastly, I look forward to seeing everyone at our **March All Member & Guest Potluck on the 18th**. These meetings always provide a great time.

Cdr Kirk T. Lippert, AP



Happy Birthday

MARCH babies

Wednesday March 18

Potluck at Oceanside Yacht Club

Come and hear the latest about the squadron (*America's Boating Club Oceanside*). There are great plans in the works for a bright summer!

6:30p.m.

Camaraderie—just good old fun!

Bring a “dish” to share:

Salads, meats, vegan, pasta, rolls, dessert, cookies, etc.

On 18 March **Shawn Goit** will discuss what it takes to become certified as IN (*Inland Navigator*), CN (*Coastal Navigator*), certified and onward ... also for those needing Fire extinguisher training to complete these levels, the **BullEx** will be available that night. (*Fire fighting practice*)!

CERTIFICATION LEVELS

There are currently four levels of certification available to members. Once you log in to the USPS website, you may view these. Click, copy and paste (*after logging in*):

[INLAND NAVIGATOR](#)

[COASTAL NAVIGATOR](#)

[ADVANCED COASTAL NAVIGATOR](#)

[OFFSHORE NAVIGATOR](#)

DANNY SULLENGER	07
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SailGP returns to San Francisco for the first U.S. event of Season 2, May 2-3, 2020.

There is no better way to celebrate the first American event of Season 2 than witnessing the world’s fastest sail racing in one of the premier venues in the world.

The iconic **San Francisco Bay** will play host to **SailGP’s** flying catamarans as fans flock to watch the high-adrenaline racing play out in front of the majestic **Golden Gate Bridge**. A grandstand on the water’s edge of **Marina Yacht Club Peninsula** will allow fans to feel the spray as the F50s fly cross the finish line, at speeds expected to be the fastest to date.

[San Francisco SailGP](#) is the next opportunity for **Rome Kirby** and the U.S. team to impress in front of a home crowd as they look to win their first event title.



The 2019 event featured sellout crowds as more than 22,000 spectators saw the U.S. debut of SailGP. **Tickets are on sale NOW!**

SIGN UP NOW—CLICK THE [LINKS](#)



San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron



1960



2020



Cheers to 60 YEARS

<https://americasboatingcluboceaside.org/cheers-to-60-years/>

5-6 June 2020

San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary. All are welcome to attend this fun-filled event. 1960s attire is optional.

- * Hot Dogs Friday / Saturday Afternoon Catering
- * Gold Medal Award Winning Wine Tasting
- * Opportunity Knocks
- * Trivia Prizes
- * Randy Boswell on Ukulele
- * Salute to 60 Years Video

Visit the link above to sign up and pay.
Or Call Shawn Goit: 760-468-6212

\$11/\$20

\$11 Saturday Aft. Catering
Add \$9 for Wine Tasting



Event to be held on the Visitors' Docks and the grassy knoll beside and in front of the Jolly Roger.

Jolly Roger
1900 N. Harbor Drive
Oceanside, CA 92054

We have a tentative hold on a limited number of guest slips. First-come first-served. Visit the link above to reserve. The rate is \$.90/foot per day.



S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE



Our **Marine Navigation Class** (formerly *Piloting Class*) received their take home test. They have one week to finish it and return the test for passing at the National level. National wants to see all calculations.

The **Weather Class** is on its 7th section and now the students in the class can start to predict the weather like they do on TV. Soon they will be able to decipher the weather map.

The **America's Boating Class** started with 8 students and we just finished "The Life Vest Section". The photos show some of the students. To see the suspender Life Vest Class 5 inflate is an experience. Most people have never seen it blow up or set off their own vest, unless you have been to our Ready, Set, Wear It event!

The cost to replace the CO-cartridge is about \$35. In the class we show how to replace the CO-cylinder, deflate, refold and repack the vest.

This photo shows different classes of "life vests". Which class is missing in the picture? (If you say 4 you are right)



The **Advanced Marine Navigation Class** will start March 3 - 2020 and Suzy Cooper is the Instructor. We hope to have six students in this class.

The Elective Course "**Marine Communication**" with **Steve Bakalis** is to start on April 2 in the OYC classroom. Please see flyer on Page 8 for more information.

Shawn Goit will lead the "**On the Water Program**" as soon as he is back from The National Meeting in FL. This course is free for all our members and lots of fun. Let either he or I know that you would like to be on his boat. The course is 4 hours in the classroom on a Friday and 4 hours on the water Saturday.

We are now starting up our **Vessel Safety Check (VSC)** program again. Contact either **Shawn Goit** or I if you would like your boat inspected.

Kindly, Your Educational Officer,

Lt/C Jan Follestad, SN-CN

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Sextant for Sale

The **San Diego Sail & Power Squadron** has donated a very fine sextant from Jerry Donovan. He won it as the Chapman Award some 20 years ago. The sextant has been gathering dust and SDSPS has decided to auction it off in the next 30 days.

The process to finalize this auction is:

- 1) Go to Southwestern Yacht Club to inspect the sextant. As far as known it is in perfect working order but cannot guarantee its accuracy.
- 2) Send an email to commander@sdsps.org with your bid. One bid has already been received for \$500.
- 3) On or after April 1, 2020 a final email will go out to the bidders with the then-current high offer.
- 4) All final bid submittals must be made by April 10th via the email address. No exceptions. Only email bids will be considered valid.
- 5) The sextant will be awarded to the highest bid at Southwestern Yacht Club at the flagpole on sunset of April 11th, 2020.

All are invited to the award ceremony and toast a beverage in Jerry's honor who passed some years ago.

SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD *for* FEBRUARY



March is going to be a very busy month for me, with two weeks immersed into my **Coast Guard** classes, a family visit to **Illinois**, and hopefully some planning to take the boat to **Catalina Island** in April. So before I get too busy with my life I had better focus on my monthly article.

For **last month's challenge** we looked at a situation that may be a little complex. I proposed the situation where your power-driven vessel is NOT making way, but she is not in any way disabled. In other words, you're just drifting for some reason. Another power-driven vessel is approaching you on your starboard beam. *So, from a "Rules" perspective, what is the situation here? Or asked differently, what USCG Rule applies?* In my opinion, this is still a crossing situation and it doesn't matter that you are not making way.

One reader wrote me immediately that the answer must be: *B, Your vessel is the give-way vessel in a crossing situation.*

Well done, so I asked him to consider which USCG Rule this is, and which signals are required. The answer to that question would be: USCG Rule 15 - Crossing Situation - *"When two power-driven vessels are crossing so as to involve the risk of collision, the vessel which has the other on her own starboard side shall keep out of the way and avoid crossing ahead of the other vessel."* Additionally, Rule 34 (a) says that you shall indicate that maneuver with one short blast. For INLAND only, your give-way vessel shall answer with the same signal, or with five short blasts (warning/doubt). And that's the whole story. **Thank you Paul!**

For **March's challenge** I am asking a question about the use of radar.

I know that not all my readers have a radar system installed, but we have all been on someone's radar screen, mostly outside of the harbor. So here it goes: as I am preparing for a cruise to Catalina Island, I know that it is likely that we have

some fog or what we call a marine layer. No problem, some of us have radar. Which statement is true concerning a vessel fitted with operational radar?

- A) *She must use this equipment to obtain early warning of risk of collision.*
- B) *The radar equipment is only required to be used in restricted visibility.*
- C) *The use of radar equipment excuses a vessel from the need of a lookout.*
- D) *The safe speed of such a vessel will likely be greater than that of a vessel without radar.*

There is no all-of-the-above answer and this question should, as usual, be answered with the Navigation Rules & Regulations Handbook. I want to know the Rule, and sub.

And one more thing: our team will be starting the next course - **Marine Communication Systems**- on April 2nd and although it doesn't teach about radar, it does go into marine radio systems (*capabilities, limitations, selection and repair*) with an emphasis on VHF-FM, MF/HF SSB and satellite. This course also gives you an introduction to GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System) and rescue services, with an emphasis on recreational boating. I suggest you sign up for this course on our website to reserve a seat:

<https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/>

or contact

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Be safe out there.

Lt/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON





Safety Officer's Report

By: Jake Alcantara, P

With warmer weather on the way, many boaters are looking to hit the water soon.

Here's a spring commissioning checklist to get you started.

- *Locate, inspect and inventory all safety gear, including life jackets, flares, signal horn, etc.*
- *Check fluid levels in the engine and top off as needed.*
- *Test batteries, check connections and charge as needed.*
- ⇒ **Check belt tension** and adjust to within ½ inch of deflection.
- *Inspect through-hulls and valves.*
- *Inspect the raw water impeller, gaskets and seals.*
- *Check hose clamp connections and hose condition.*
- *Check exhaust risers and elbows.*
- *Check fuel lines, connections and the fuel tank.*
- *Inspect lifelines, deck stanchions and fittings.*
- *Inspect ground tackle, anchor and rode.*
- *Test your VHF radio, GPS, Digital Selective Calling, Automatic Identification System, EPIRB and other safety electronics.*

⇒ Verify and update information on your MMSI registration.

Most importantly, get your **vessel safety check**. It's an important safeguard to a safe day on the water. **United States Power Squadrons** has certified vessel examiners who will inspect your vessel for free.

Request a Vessel Safety Check today.

Call either Shaw1-760-468-6212) or Jan 1-760-712-7161

—John Schwab Originally published in Scuttlebutt, newsletter of North Strand Sail & Power Squadron/26.



Get the iPhone App for Mobile Notifications

By Nancy Kangas, AP

Did you ever plan on going to either the **Sundowner** or **Potluck** events and then didn't remember until the day after?

If you have an **iPhone 6SX** or a *later version*, then you need to get the "**Oceanside MMSI**" app from the **App Store**. The App's main purpose is to provide you with **Mobile Notifications**. It also has information on **MMSI** numbers and the fog horn in Oceanside Harbor (*thanks Shawn for providing this useful information*).

Below is the link for the "Oceanside MMSI" app on the Apple App Store. Anyone can click on the link, but you can only download the app if you are on your iPhone.



What is a Mobile Notification?

A notification is a message that pops up on your phone.

You don't have to have an app *open* in order for it to display the message. Your phone can even be in *sleep mode*. You probably already receive messages for incoming texts, and missed calls.

Now you will be able to get them for squadron events.



Photos provided by Suzy Cooper, Jan Follestad and Jill Powell.

If you would like to see either your or more photos, please make sure you send them to the Editor prior to the 25th of each month.

sanluisrey@earthlink.net

Visit www.AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org to register on-line

Marine Communication Systems

DATES

Thursdays, April 2, - June 4, 2020
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

PLACE

Oceanside Yacht Club Classroom
1950 Harbor Drive N, Oceanside, CA 92054

COST

\$77 - Members
\$97 - Non-Members

www.AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org

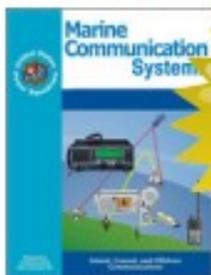


Become a better boater by mastering your radio in the digital age. Learn voice communications and the use of digital selective calling (DSC), and get the skills you need for a day sail or offshore adventure. Learn from Steve Bakalis in an interactive classroom environment.



What's included?

- Radio history, frequencies, and VHF communications
- Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS)
- FCC rules and radio licenses
- Radiotelephone operating procedures
- Long-range radio communications
- Radio maintenance
- Other marine communication systems



SIGN UP TODAY!

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| Call (760) 712-7161 or (760)-214-2400

NEW STATION WILL REDUCE POLLUTION AT OCEANSIDE HARBOR

Boaters at the Oceanside Harbor can now use a state-of-the-art pump-out station to get rid of oily water that collects in the bottom their boats.

Oil and fuel can sometimes leak from engines and end up in the bilge — the lowest point of the boat’s inner hull — where it mixes with seawater. Boaters traditionally use absorbent pads to clean their bilges or pump the contaminated water into containers that can be turned in to the harbor office for proper disposal. But sometimes the water builds up and accidentally spills into the ocean. Even small amounts of the oil and fuel can damage the water quality and endanger wildlife.

THE STATION IS FREE TO USE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -



It consists of a pump — much like a car wash vacuum cleaner — at a dock with a long hose that boaters can use to suck out the dirty water. The liquid goes into a machine, called a oil-water separator, inside a small room at the **Coast Guard** building.

The stainless steel machine was built by **Keco Pump and Equipment in San Diego** using an Italian design that needs no filters or chemicals to separate the oil from the water.

After the process, the water is clean enough to be disposed of into the city’s sewer system.

By separating oil from the water, the amount of material that is normally sent to a recycling facility will be greatly reduced — and lower recycling costs.

But the technology that Oceanside is using is the only one of its kind in the U.S. The material processed by the station will also be analyzed to better understand the kinds of chemicals that are collecting in boats.



MARINE NAVIGATION CLASS: ON-THE-WATER TRAINING—THIS IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT!

Aboard *L’Esprit* piloted by Adriaan Veldhuisen: Jodi Dimond, Danny Sullenger, Todd, Mike Dell and Graeme Stanners. *(Not in order)*

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