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BACK TOGETHER AGAIN FOR THE EXCOMM:

Chris Peavey, Kirk Lippert, Nancy Kangas, Barbara Daciolas-Semon, Cida Diehl, Richele Daciolas-Semon, Jill Powell, Cheryl Veldhuisen, Elizabeth Cook, Dennis Alba, Darryel Simmons, adriaan Veldhuisen and Jan Follestad.

2022

9 Month Calendar

APRIL

4 1830 Exec. Com. Meeting—Location OYC Classroom

15 1800 Beach Sundowner—Location: Grassy Knoll near the old Jolly Roger Restaurant, Oceanside, CA. *Bring a dish to share, your own refreshment and a folding chair. P. 4*

MAY

2 1830 Exec. Com. Meeting—Location TBA

18 All Member & Guest Potluck Dinner—Location Oceanside Yacht Club private room.

21 Safe Boating Campaign—Weaver PFD Giveaway and later a Hot Dog Roast on S Dock—Oceanside Harbor.

21-27 USPS/ABC National Safe Boating Week—Oceanside Harbor.

JUNE

6 1830 Exec. Com. Meeting—Location TBA

17 1800 Beach Sundowner—Location: P Dock Potluck and BYO.

JULY

11 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location TBA

16 Oceanside Beach Clean Up—Oceanside Beach, CA.

TBA Del Mar Basin Raft-Up with Kayaking and Paddle Boarding.

AUGUST

8 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location TBA

10 1830 All Member & Guest Event—Happy Hour Arrowood Golf Course with a Trivia Contest

SEPTEMBER

11-18 ABC Governing Board meeting—Hilton Raleigh NC.

12 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location TBA

14 1830 All Member & Guest Potluck or BYO dinner OYC private room with Canned Food Drive

16 1800 Beach Sundowner—Location: Hello Betty Roof Top

17-18 Oceanside Harbor Days

OCTOBER

3 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location TBA

12 Movie Night—Location OYC private room.

NOVEMBER

7 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location TBA

16 1830 All Member & Guest Event—Location OYC—Instructor Appreciation Dinner

DECEMBER

5 1830 Ex.Com. Meeting—Location TBA

10 Oceanside Harbor Parade of Lights

14 1830 Christmas Party—Gift Exchange—OYC private room

A Note From the Commander

We just returned from our cruise to **Mexico** that was attended by members of **San Luis Rey, San Diego and Phoenix squadrons.** We did have a special guest attending, **Previous Chief Commander (P/C/C) MaryPaige Abbott** and her husband **Steve.** It was a great time for all and a very special thanks to **Jill Powell** for all the hard work she did putting this event together. Our new D28 Commander, **Allan Bombard** had an idea of offering some classes on the ship in order to generate interest in **America's Boating Club / USPS. Holland America Line** allowed us to use a conference room and Allan and his team taught "*How to Use a Sextant*", "*Meridian Transit of the Sun*" and "*Basic Weather Forecasting*". These classes were well attended and we received a lot of positive feedback. There were so many great experiences on this trip but the best part was getting to see some of our members that don't live in the area any longer. I really appreciated getting to see **Adriaan** and **Cheryl Veldhuisen, Dave** and **June Duet, Barry** and **Sue Bean.**

Coming up in **April** we'll have our **Sundowner.** See Page 4. The day will be April 15. So if you are getting a refund and want to celebrate, or if you owe money and want to drown your sorrow, this event will help you do that.

Also coming up in **April** will be another **Engine Maintenance** course taught by **Jorge Alonso**. I had the pleasure of taking this course with Jorge. He was a student in the class and by the end he was teaching the class. He has a lot of passion for all things mechanical. This course is always popular and fills up quickly.

We lost another member recently. **Patrick Attardo** passed away in February. I will always remember his smiling face in class and his "*How you doing bro*". ***Godspeed Patrick.***

We're starting off 2022 with a new bridge of elected officers. The **Change of Watch** was held **Wednesday 1/19/2022** as a virtual meeting and I appreciate those that were able to attend. I feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to continue as the Squadron Commander. Even more important, is that we have a full bridge and even some assistants.

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Happy APRIL Birthdays

David Nack	06
Jude Fleming	11
Dennis Alba	21
Jill Plouffe	23
Shaun McArdle	25
Adam Lippert	26
Jill Powell	27

Welcome New Members

Sheila Vonderschmitt

Inna & John Saccoman

Sherri & Eric King

They were mailed! Here is proof.

Nancy Kangas & Cida Diehl

Commander's Report—*Continued from Page 2*

These days it can be difficult to get volunteers and I'm grateful for those that have stepped up to keep our club operating smoothly. We are always looking for extra help. Check the 2022 roster on pages 31 and 32 to see all the volunteer opportunities. You can contact me if you have any questions. We're ***all*** a little tentative when we first step into a role.

I was looking forward to beginning 2022 with no restrictions and having our meetings in person. The **Change of Watch** moved from in-person to virtual and now we've had to postpone our **February Movie Night.** Disappointing but we need to keep everyone as healthy as possible. For my family we've had 3 out of 4 test positive for Covid. My symptoms were about the same as a mild cold. The painful part was waiting in line for 2 hours and 11 minutes to get tested. Not that I was counting the time. I did not feel quite as bad after the rest of my family waited 5+ hours to get tested. Maybe this latest version of Covid is the final run and then we can get back to normal.

Wishing everyone healthy and happy days to come.

Cdr Kirk T. Lippert, JN

Photos in this issue of The Mariner's Needle courtesy of Jan Follestad, Jill Powell and Nancy Kangas

Did you receive your 2022 Roster in March?

Nancy Kangas, Cida Diehl and Jill Powell

Sundowner / Potluck

When: Friday, April 15 2022

Where: Grassy Area of the former Jolly Roger, 1900 N. Harbor Drive, Oceanside, CA.

Time: Starts at 6PM until sundown

Click on the link below to register.

Register

Join us for our FIRST Sun Downer/Pot Luck of 2022. Reconnect with old friends and meet some new friends. Feel free to bring a friend. Remember to bring a **CHAIR** to sit on. See you there!!

1900 N. Harbor Dr., Oceanside, CA 92054

America's Boating Club - Oceanside (ABCO) presents

National Safe Boating Week

Saturday, May 21st will be a busy day at the Harbor. Join us at the Oceanside Harbor between S and T Dock on the grass area. ABCO is providing free hot dogs and chips for lunch. **Come in your kayak or dinghy and watch the band from the water.**

***Fire Extinguisher Simulator* / Flare Demo**

Get your certificate!!! (You need this for BOC/IN)

When: Saturday, May 21, 2022

Time: 09:00 - 15:00

Where: Oceanside Harbor
Between S and T Dock
On the grass area

Cost: Free

09:00-15:00 - Americas Boating Club Oceanside Booth with boating educational class information/ sign up for a seminar of your choice.

09:00-13:00 - Flare Demos **every half hour--**learn how it feels to set off a flare.

12:00 - Join thousands around the world to set a new record for the most life jackets worn and or inflated on a single day this May 21st. ABCO provides replacement cartridges at N/C (check to make sure we have yours first)

FREE Life Vests

if you participate in
READY SET WEAR IT.
at 12 noon (While supply lasts)

S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE

The first class of 2022, **Americas Boating Club Oceanside** is over.

12 students passed the final test. Some are now new members of the **San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron.** I expect them to be interested in the **Engine Maintenance** class, **Marine Navigation** and **Electronic Navigation.**

Our Engine Maintenance Class will start on April, Thursday 14 at 7.00 pm. The instructor is **Jorge L. Alonso**. He also taught the previous Engine Maintenance class. The April class is limited to 15 students.

Cost for class: members $70.00 and non members $95.00.

The new flyer has been designed by **Nancy Kangas** and appears on Page 7**.** *Thanks you for your work*. We will have the flyer passed on to **Barbara Daciolas-Semon** for posting in the glass cabinets around the harbor. I will post the flyer in the classroom at the **Oceanside Yacht Club**, **West Marine** and **Yacht Sales**. This information has also been emailed to the **San Diego Sail & Power Squadron.**

We are starting to plan a **Marine Electrical System / Electronic Navigation** class to start **Tuesday August 16, 2022** at **Oceanside Yacht Club**. Instructor will be **Jorge L. Alonso**. *Mark your calendars.*

We also plan to conduct a **Boat Handling** (*Seamanship*) in **June.** More later on this class.

Shawn Goit has **On-The-Water Training** classes. Check out our website: https://AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org. He is the instructor for these classes.

Happy boating

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Visit AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org to register on-line

Repairs that do-it-yourselfers can perform

Engine Maintenance

DATE

Thursday, April 14, 2022 (12 weeks)
Time: 7 PM - 9 PM

PLACE

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

COST

$70 Members / $95 NonMembers

CLASS LIMITED TO 15 STUDENTS

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB Oceanside

Use camera for QR code To Sign Up *NOW*

Why take Engine Maintenance?

Every skipper needs to understand the fundamentals of gas and diesel engines to perform basic maintenance and diagnose problems underway. Learn about transmissions, propellers, and steering. Get the knowledge you need to keep your boat in tiptop shape.

- Basics of engine layout and operation for the gasoline inboards, outboards, and diesels
- Basic mechanical systems such as drive systems (propellers), steering systems, and engine controls
- Diagnose problems that might be beyond your ability to fix
- How to share information with your mechanic so the right repairs get performed

Lead Instructor: Jorge L. Alonso (P)

Email: info@AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org | **Call** (760) 712-7161

SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD *for* FEBRUAY 2022

One quarter of the year has passed, it's spring, and once the weather starts to cooperate we can truly let the boating season take over our lives.

My wife and I had a chance to cruise, from **San Diego to the Mexican Riviera**, with **Holland America Line**, and we had a great time. Together with my friend **Steve Abott** we were allowed to teach a session on how to use a sextant, and how to calculate your latitude by meridian transit. I know, this is an old skill, maybe not necessary in this age with electronic gadgets, but we had a lot of fun. The cruise line made a classroom available and every seat was occupied. If you ever need an intellectual challenge then give this a try.

We also said goodbye to a dear friend, **Patrick Attardo,** who lost his battle with brain cancer. The land ceremony was held on **St. Patrick's Day**, so we celebrated his wonderful life on the same day and time, on the top deck looking aft, leaving the ocean and our memories in the wind. Patrick's warm energy, and his heroic effort to master celestial navigation in some of my classes, will be in my mind for a long time to come. *He was my hero!*

At **last month's challenge**, we looked at the rules for **Maneuvering and Warning Signals.** This particular challenge, for INLAND only, indicates an intention, almost like in Inland waters the captain says to another vessel: this is what I like to do, what do you think?

So my question was: Two vessels are meeting on a clear day and will pass less than a one-half mile apart. *What is the whistle signal requirement?* The correct answer "C" can be found in the **USCG Navigation Rules 34 (a),** unless (h) applies. Signals must be exchanged if agreements have not been made by radio. In 34 (a) the term is *shall*, and in 34 (h) the term is *not obliged* by using the radio-telephone.

This is one of these cases where **INTERNATIONAL and INLAND Rules** significantly differ. Just look it up: for INLAND there is an extensive section under Rule 34 (a) that dictates how to respond to a signal, while there is nothing on how to respond in INTERNATIONAL waters. My reading: feel free to respond if it increases safety.

For **this month's challenge,** let's look at another difference between INTERNATIONAL and INLAND, the *"special flashing light"*. Again, you need to look this up in the Rules to get it right. So, my question is: *Which is a characteristic of a "special flashing light"*?

A) *It must be yellow in color.*
B) *It must be placed as far forward as possible.*
C) *It must not show through an arc of more than 225 degrees.*
D) *All of the above.*

I also hope that you make plans to take a course from our **Americas Boating Club Oceanside**. There is an excellent **Engine Maintenance** class coming up in **April.** https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/

Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen
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California to Florida

March 2022

Arrived InterCoastal FL.

Tessie Peavey, Nancy Kangas and Cida Diehl

FREE DOCKWALKER TRAINING

2022 WWW.BOATINGCLEANANDGREEN.COM (Dockwalker Tab)

This workshop trains partners or collaborators like you to become Dockwalkers, who conduct face-to-face boater education about environmentally-sound boating practices.

Receive free educational materials to distribute to boaters at marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows, and special events. Dockwalkers' efforts increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating, thus improving the recreation experience in California while helping to preserve its precious wildlife habitat and water quality.

Anyone from 15 to 100 years young interested in water quality and sharing clean boating information (regardless of your background) can become a Dockwalker!

Southern California Trainings 2022

You Must Register To Attend. Click the hyperlinked dates below to register. Once you register, you will receive an email confirmation and we will send you the disclaimer you need to complete and send back to us via email and the training files.

Saturday, March 26 ..... 10 am to 12:45 pm

Saturday, April 16 ..... 10 am to 12:45 pm
In person training in San Diego at the Silver Gate Yacht Club, 2091 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego, CA 92106
If we don't reach our targeted registration, this training will be virtual. You will be notified by April 13th.

Saturday, May 14 ..... 10 am to 12:45 pm

Saturday, June 11 ..... 10 am to 12:45 pm

If you have been trained in the last three years, you have the option to register for a refresher training:

Saturday, March 19 ..... 10 am to 11:30 am

Thursday, April 28 ..... 5:30 pm to 7 pm

If you have any questions about the registration, please contact Vivian Matuk at vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov or (916) 764-0989

DOCKWALKER

You Can Protect Our Waterways by Becoming a Dockwalker

Who are DOCKWALKERS?

Dockwalkers are partners who inspire and educate boaters and other recreators to be safe and environmentally sound while boating in California. These partners distribute boater kits with educational materials while visiting marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows and events. *If you are already a trained Dockwalker and were trained more than 3 years ago, please join us next year for a refresher class. Anyone from 16- 100 years young can become a Dockwalker.*

How Do Dockwalkers Help?

The efforts of Dockwalkers increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating, thus improving the recreation experience in California while helping to preserve its precious wildlife habitat and water quality. There are over 600 Dockwalkers statewide who have distributed more than 90,000 boater kits since 2000.

How Do I Become a DOCKWALKER and What Does the Free Training Class Cover?

People interested in becoming Dockwalkers are required to attend a FREE 1.5 hour training class. During the class participants learn about potential sources of boat pollution and their impact, environmental regulations for boaters, and clean boating practices that prevent pollution from boating. In addition, the training provides information on how to conduct Dockwalking and an overview of the educational materials Dockwalkers will distribute including the boater kits. Age range is 15 years and up. The program can document community service hours. Contact the Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905; vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov or visit www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com to register for a class.

What Is a Boater Kit?

The boater kit is an educational tool for boaters. Items include: a pocketbook of tide tables, Division of Boating and Waterways pamphlets (*ABC's of the California Boating Law*), oil absorbent pillow with reusable zip tie and instructions, and more. Depending on your region, we may also provide the Delta Clean Boating map and/or the San Francisco Bay Area Clean Boating Map and the new edition of the Southern California Boater's Guide. Boaters can receive a boater kit after completing a brief boater questionnaire/pledge. This questionnaire will help to identify gaps in environmental services and better target future boater education efforts.

How Can I Order the Boater Kits?

After the class we will be mailing you some boater kits. If you are a very active Dockwalker and need more boater kits, please contact the Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program at (415) 904-6905 or vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov.

What is a Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge?

All boaters who receive a boater kit must complete a brief and anonymous Recreational Boater Questionnaire/Pledge. The information is used to improve the Program, better understand boater behavior and identify gaps in terms of safe and clean boating education and services.

What is the Dockwalker Contest?

In recognition of the good work and dedication of our clean boating Dockwalkers, the top Dockwalkers who return the most number of completed boaters questionnaire will be honored with great awards donated to our partners and will join the ranks in the Dockwalker Hall of Fame. Dockwalkers will be asked to collect their boater questionnaires and return them after finishing their Dockwalking activities.

How the America's Boating Club (USPS) Benefit from Becoming Dockwalkers?

The Dockwalker program is consistent with the USPS mission of *Making the Water a Better Place*. **The program is endorsed by USPS National and CA USPS**. Becoming a Dockwalker will provide you with educational resources for the safety classes, vessel examinations, boat shows and other public events and presentations. This program will support your current efforts, enhancing and broadening your boating safety mission and will provide USPS with additional tools to protect our waterways. **Working as a Power Squadron member for the Dockwalker program counts as effort toward a Merit Mark**.

For more information about the program and training schedule, please contact Vivian Matuk at (415) 904-6905, vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov or visit www.BoatingCleanandGreen.com

Funding or assistance in Dockwalkers training provided by these organizations

New Fire Extinguisher Regulations

JAKE ALCANTARA, P

FEBRUARY 15, 2022 *by National Safe Boating Council*

Beginning **April 20, new U.S. Coast Guard** regulations change extinguisher expiration dates and the minimum classification of fire extinguishers carried aboard newer boats. Learn more about the new U.S. Coast Guard regulation.

The new regulation puts a 12-year expiration on all disposable (*non-rechargeable*) fire extinguishers. A boater should look for the manufacture date on the bottom of the bottle or near the URL label. It may appear as two or four digits (e.g., 08 or 2008). The 12-year expiration date puts the U.S. Coast Guard regulations in line with the National Fire Protection Association's recommendations.

FOR 2018 MODEL BOATS OR NEWER:

- Must carry "5-B", "10-B", and "20-B" classified extinguishers. The number on the new labels refers to the size (in square feet) of a potential fire the device is suitable to extinguish.

Please note, for boats 26-65 feet the requirements vary.

FOR 2017 MODEL BOATS OR OLDER:

- May carry older "B-I" or "B-II" disposable extinguishers until their 12-year expiration date, and then they must be replaced with newer class extinguishers.

Boats built prior to 1952 have special rules.

Rechargeable and fixed-mount fire extinguisher regulations have not changed; they require regular servicing by a technician.

Boats must also carry a minimum number of fire extinguishers based on the length of the vessel. The Safe Boating Campaign recommends boaters to go above the minimum requirements for fire extinguishers on board. Learn more about the new U.S. Coast Guard regulation and the minimum number of fire extinguishers required.

Make sure your boat meets the new fire extinguisher requirements by getting a vessel safety check with your local United States Power Squadrons.

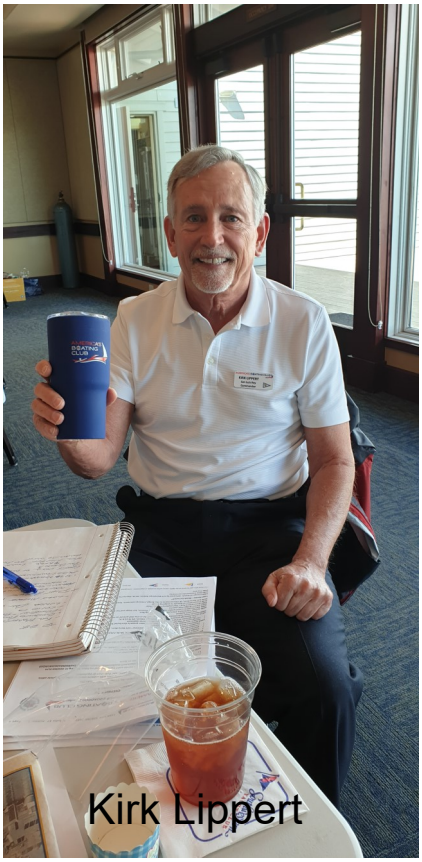
D28 Spring Conference *held at* Southwestern Yacht Club

Saturday 12 March 2022

District 28 Bridge

P/D/C Barry Bean, Doug Bass, Sue Ann Bean, CDR Allan Bombard, Cida Diehl and P/C/C MaryPaige Abbott

Cida Diehl



Kirk Lippert

Cida Diehl & MaryPaige Abbott

Before and After

13 March 2022

19 March 2022

ABOARD!

Dave & June Duet and Kirk Lippert

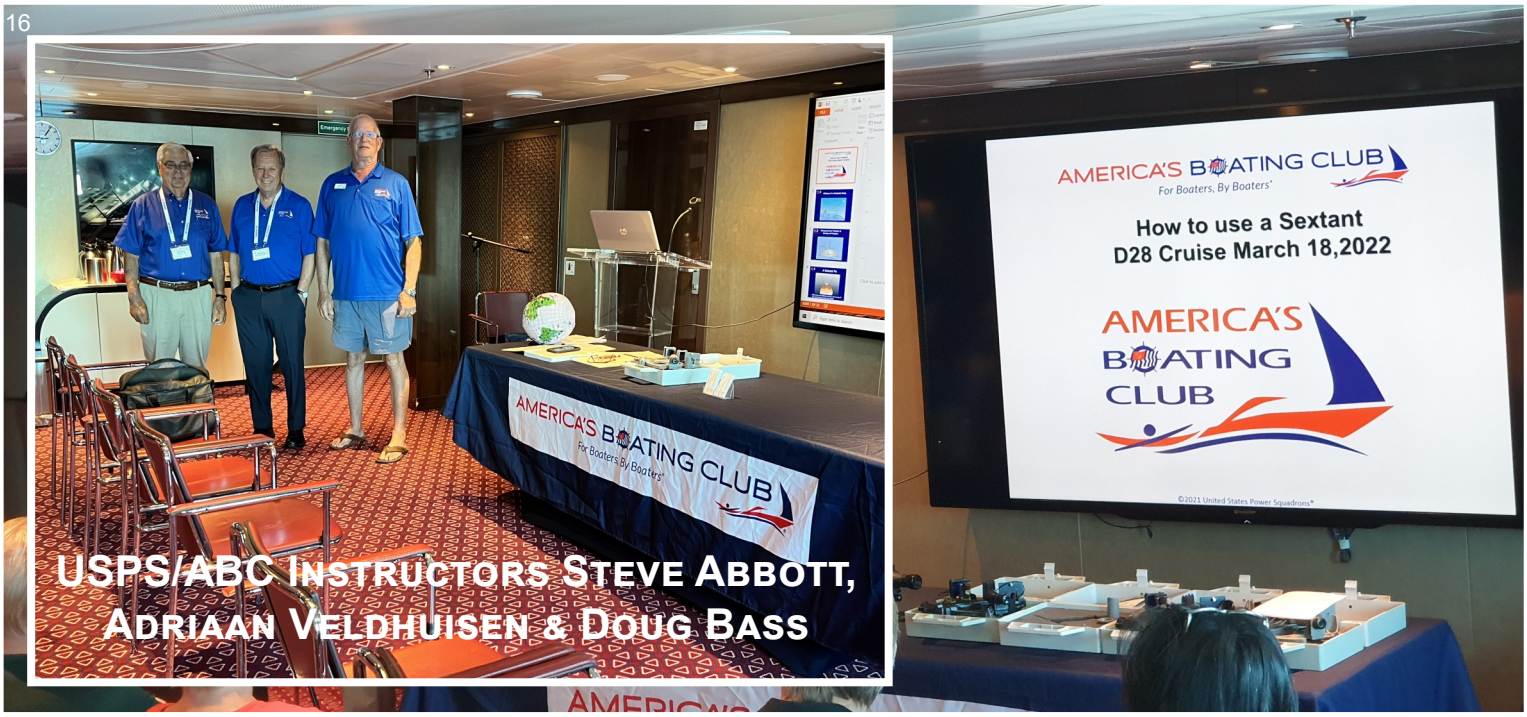
View from #8097

SueAnn and Barry Bean

Darryel Simmons & Steve Abbott

Dutch Breakfast Crepes

Allan Bombard & Adriaan Veldhuisen



USPS/ABC Instructors Steve Abbott, Adriaan Veldhuisen & Doug Bass

"How to Use a Sextant" aboard m.s. "Koningsdam"

San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron Tribute to Patrick Attardo—St. Patrick's Day, Puerto Vallarta, MX. Adriaan Veldhuisen, Dave Duet, Cheryl Veldhuisen, Jill Powell, Darryel Simmons, June Duet, Barry & SueAnn Bean.

And a great time was had by all — enjoying the ambiance, beach and water at Mango's Beach Club, Puerto Vallarta, MX.

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12-DAY TRIPLE DENALI

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Date	Port
Jun 18	Vancouver
Jun 19	Inside Passage (Cruising)
Jun 20	Ketchikan
Jun 21	Juneau
Jun 22	Skagway
Jun 23	Glacier Bay
Jun 24	College Fjord
Jun 25	Whittier
Jun 25	Anchorage
Jun 26	Denali National Park
Jun 27	Denali National Park
Jun 28	Denali National Park
Jun 29	Fairbanks
Jun 30	Fairbanks

18 JUNE, 2023

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Pricing coming soon…..

$50 Deposits will be required.

Additional Nights in Vancouver will be available and pre-cruise night is recommended.

USPS/ABC Alaska Cruise 2023

"Members, Friends & Family"

Contact: Jill Powell 1-760-716-1675 Talk/Text

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This cruise offer is endorsed by the Board of Directors of USPS/America's Boating Club®. *It will be open for bookings very soon.* The departure is specifically designed to operate during school holidays. Bring your squadron/club members, friends and family—*enjoy!*

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