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# 2022

## 6 MONTH CALENDAR

### JULY

- 11 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location TBA
- 18 1800 Man Overboard Seminar—Hosted by ABC Club San Diego
- 30 1000 Oceanside Harbor Clean Up with Kayaks—Meet Fishing Dock

### 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

**MARCH 17-18 2023**—D28 Spring Conference.— San Diego.

## A Note From the Commander



Greetings to everyone and I hope you are having a great summer so far. It's so nice to finally have some social events together.

Our **Sundowner on June 17** had a great turnout and was a lot of fun. **Oceanside Harbor** is such a beautiful harbor I'm always glad to spend time there. We gathered on "P" dock, set up our tables, chairs, crock pots and other necessary items. The Mexican theme worked out great. There were so many choices of appetizers, main dishes and desserts. It made the task of choosing very difficult. As always, there was more than enough food for all.



Many thanks to the "P" dock hosts, **Richele, Barbara and Darryel. Barbara and Richele Daciolas-Semon** are **Co-Administrative Officers** and have done a wonderful job this year organizing our

events. Special thanks to **Jill** who always brings the extra items and arrives early to help set up.

For **July** we normally have a beach clean-up. This year we are going to try something different. A **Harbor-on-the-water Clean-Up on July 30**. See the flyer on Page 4 and get your kayaks, paddle boards and dinghies dusted off and ready to go. Don't forget your PFD's. We'll be stressing **Paddle Safety** for this event which **Fran LaMons** is coordinating. **Thank you Fran.**

Signing off and wishing all a safe rest of summer both on and off the water.

*Cdr Kirk T. Lippert, JN*



**JAN FOLLESTAD** 06

**KEN SMITH** 06

**JEFF OLSEN** 18

**SUSAN VOSSOUGH** 24

**ADRIAAN VELDHUISEN** 25

Cordially invites you to

## A SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday July 10, 2022 1400-1700

DeAnza Cove

2701 N. Mission Bay Drive at DeAnza Road

Based on available space. Look for us around the perimeter of the parking lot

Time for a summer BBQ!!!

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert and join the other SDSPS members for a day on the bay. Hot Dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and water will be provided.

Beer and wine will be allowed (BYOB) but  
NO GLASS BOTTLES!

**Be sure to bring chairs and a small table.  
Pre-Registration is Requested.**

Cost is \$5 per person. <https://py.pl/1NEcwa>

*A day to hang out with other boating members and catch up.*

**Join in our Raffle for some unique prizes.**

**The last sextant will be raffled!**

**Tickets are \$5 each or 20 for \$20**

Please RSVP your attendance and Potluck Item by  
July 7, 2022 to:

Carl Schwartz at [carls1199@yahoo.com](mailto:carls1199@yahoo.com) or leave a  
message: 619 528-9111.

**Walk-ins welcome. Bring a potential new member.**

Welcome  
New Members

AL AND LYNNE CRUZ



Photos in this issue of  
The Mariner's Needle courtesy of  
Cheryl Veldhuisen, Cida Diehl, Fran  
LaMons, Jill Powell, Nancy Kangas and  
Shawn Goit



# America's Boating Club Oceanside presents a Kayak/Paddleboard/Dinghy OCEANSIDE HARBOR CLEANUP



Join America's Boating Club Oceanside for a Kayak/Paddleboard Harbor Cleanup.

QR code is for Google Maps and Directions and Flyer

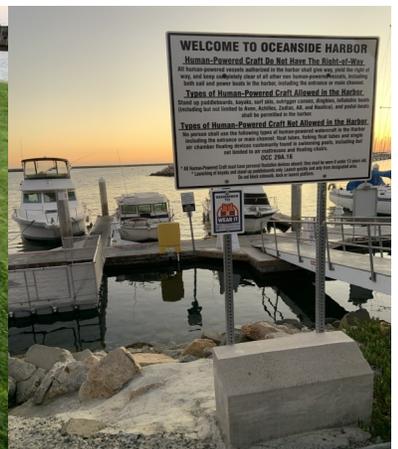
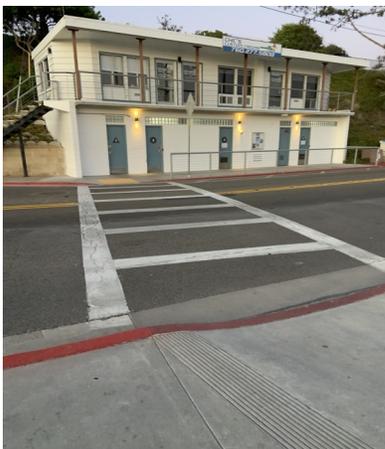
When: Saturday, July 30, 2022, 10 am

Where: Oceanside Small Craft Harbor, Fishing Pier, Oceanside, CA - across the street from 1400 N. Harbor Dr. Oceanside, CA

Bring: Your own Kayak/Paddleboard/Dinghy (or rent)



America's Boating Club Oceanside will provide bags, gloves. Shirts will be given out to participants (limited supply).



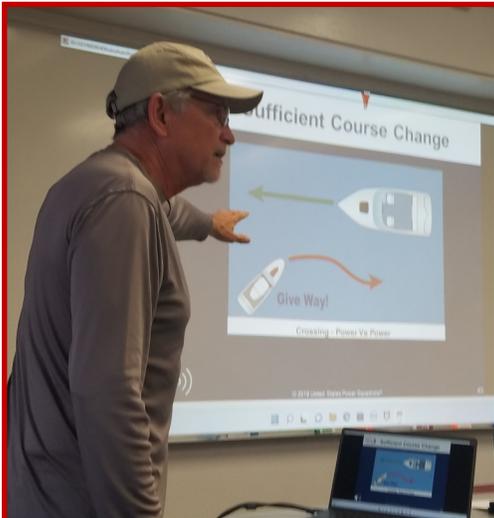
# S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE



**The Instructor Development and the Boat Handling classes are in full swing.**

We have 4 instructors signed up to pass the **Instructor Class**.

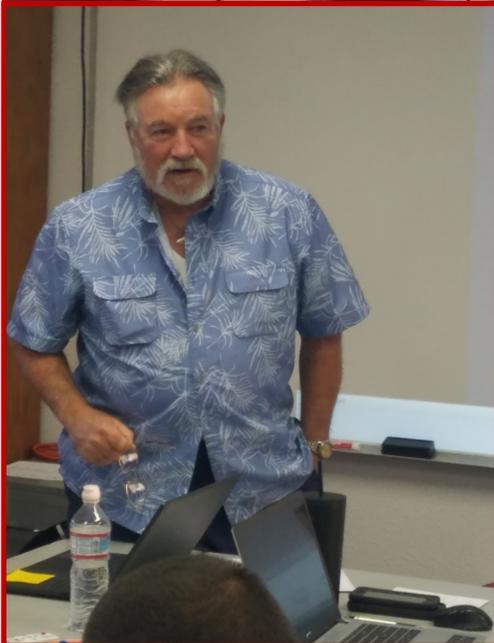
Each of the instructors will teach part of the seminars in **Boat Handling**. on Tuesday they will each teach parts of the **Rules of the Road**; Rules 8, 9 and 21.



The 4 students in Boat Handling will see different teachers. This week we will expand on the rules. The instructors will do a 5 minute lesson plan and teach it, then 10 mins., 15 mins., and then a 1 hour lesson.

They are evaluated by their peers and Assistant SEO and SEO.

See picture of the class meetings taken by us. The different instructors are doing their Lesson Plan. Some of the topics can be read on the photos.



The boat handling course is 6 seminars, and each unit can be taken separately. They are **Rules of the Road, Confidence in Docking and Undocking, Boating with Confidence, Anchoring with Assurance, Emergencies on Board** and **Knots and Line Handling**.

During **July** we will enjoy the water and outdoors. **Shawn** might have a class on the water showing, **How to set an Anchor**. **Jorge** showed his sea anchor that he uses going fishing. He suggested all boaters on larger lakes and in the ocean should have one onboard. He demonstrated the fuel injector he also made, and he explained how this works inside a diesel engine. (See pictures)

On **16 of August at 7.00 pm** **Jorge Alonso** will start the **Marine Electrical System** class and the SEO and the new instructors will start the **America's Boating Class on Thursday 18 of August**.

*Continued on P. 6*



**Education Report** *Continued from P. 5*

Each class is limit to 15 students, so please sign up early.

Cost is for Marine Electrical System as a member is \$ 75.00, and for a non member of USPS/ABC \$110.00.

America's Boating Course is \$ 75.00. This include a divider and a plotting ruler.

<https://AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org>.

Happy boating

SEO *Jan Follestad*, SN-CN

(760) 712-7161 or [follestad71@gmail.com](mailto:follestad71@gmail.com)



## MAN OVER BOARD (MOB)

DATE: MONDAY 18 JULY 2022  
 TIME: 1800—2100  
 PLACE: SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB  
 COST: FREE TO ATTEND. MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
 CONTACT: EDUCATION OFFICER: [SEO@SDSPS.ORG](mailto:SEO@SDSPS.ORG)

The class will be taught by **Doug Bass** our Club Education Officer and **Bob Gibbs** a past Club Education Officer. Doug teaches on-the-water sailing and Bob teaches the on-the-water small powerboat handling course.

This seminar is designed to teach boaters how to react, and then, how to recover a crew member or passenger who accidentally falls overboard. The seminar covers vessel set-up and MOB equipment, maneuvering to keep the rescuer close to the MOB, the responsibility of the MOB in this emergency situation, and methods of recovering the MOB.

The seminar itself is free, but we will have student notes available for purchase.

Topic: MOB Seminar

Time: Monday 81 July, 2022 1800 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Registration: <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregformx.cgi?S-8994>

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87355670078?pwd=djZ0NzNqWS9MSTRZN21wS3pDZ3FFUT09>





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

As announced in **May**, we spent five weeks in **Europe**, including a **River Cruise** on the **Lower Danube River**. Unfortunately, that meant that I was not really in a position to write my monthly column about **boating safety** and the **Rules of the Road**. We've been back a short while and I'm still trying to wrap my mind around all we have learned. For example, when asked on the cruise, which was the longest river in Europe, I was stunned to find that it is the **Volga** and not the **Danube**, given that **Russia** is part of Europe, (*twice as large as the USA—23% in Europe and occupies almost 40% of the total area of Europe, and 77% is located in Asia*), I never thought about Europe and Russia that way. We followed the Danube 700 miles down the river and back, watching stunning scenery slowly flowing by. Our ship, **MS Thomas Hardy** from **Riviera River Cruises**, had a shallow draft, collapsible upper deck, and I was invited onto the bridge!

Life is good. Although we moved away from **California**, and boat ownership, we still enjoy as many on-the-water events as we can. Earlier this year we joined **District 28** for its **Annual Conference** on board of the **Holland America Line**. In the Fall we will visit the **Greek Isles**, sailing out of **Venice, Italy**. And In **January** we are booked to sail in a large cruise ship from **Australia**, across to **Tasmania**, and around both islands of **New Zealand**. Most of these trips are organized and supported by our **Editor & Publisher Jill Powell**, who gets us the best deals and keeps us safe.

For the **May challenge** we looked at the concept of **IN-LAND** waters. I gave you a little history about the origins of **INTERNATIONAL** Rules. My question was, for **INLAND** Navigation Rules, what is included in the term "Inland Waters". This is not something that boaters remember, though if you go on a vacation and plan to do some boating in unfamiliar waters it may help to look it up. So the question asks for a definition, which can be found in Rule 3, and there are 18 of them. Rule 3 (n) defines **Western Rivers**, and Rule 3 (q) defines **Inland Waters**. **The best answer is A: the Western Rivers, extending to the COLREGS demarcation line.**

For **this month's challenge**, I'd like to look at one of the "**Steering and Sailing**" Rules. You may draw this out, on paper, if you find it confusing.

*Here it goes:*

**Vessel I** is a power-driven vessel that has on its star-board side **Vessel II**, a sailing vessel with the wind dead aft. **Which of the following statements about this situation is correct?**

- A) *Vessel I should keep out of the way of Vessel II.*
- B) *Vessel II should keep out of the way of Vessel I.*
- C) *Vessel II would normally be the stand-on vessel but should stay out of the way in this particular situation.*
- D) *The Rule of Special Circumstances applies, and neither vessel is the stand-on vessel.*

I hope you find the one correct answer in the **Navigation Rules & Regulations Handbook**, and that you let me know. I also hope that you make plans to take a course from our **Americas Boating Club Oceanside**. The next class will be the **Boat Handling Course** and **Seminar Series**. The members that need these courses are mostly the same people that have taken **ABC**, so our **Education Officer Jan Follestad** is training our instructors by having them teach both courses.

For anyone having taken the ABC class this should be simple. 75 % of Boat Handling was contained in ABC. Note that one of the Seminars is about **Rules of the Road**, and I had the privilege to be the author.

Please contact <https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>

*Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen,*

*awveldhuisen@gmail.com*

*Hello Members,*

**What does the letter P stand for?** It stands for People, Party, Potluck, Pictures, and P dock. We had our **Sundowner / Dock Party** on **Friday June 17**. If you attended, you know what a great event we had. If you missed it, well that's on you and maybe you will come next time. We enjoyed sitting on the dock, eating and drinking. It was a Mexican themed potluck. Not all the food was Mexican. but boy was it tasty. There was on-the-go tacos in a bag, Mexican salad, lasagna, pesto tortellini, Mexican bake casserole, fried chicken, Mexican deviled eggs, chips and salsa, Caesar salad, sweet pickled jalapenos, Hawaiian rolls, chips and salsa and much more.

Did I mention the desserts? They would have made your mouths water, We all put on weight with the homemade and chocolate chip cookies, cupcakes, palmier-french pastries that melted in your mouth, cherry pie and much more.

Drinks were cold and tasty, there was Mexican beer, Mango margaritas, Cadillac margaritas, wine, water, ice tea, and my favorite drink Miller Lite. **Darryel** and **Lety**, as well as **Richele** and **Barbara**, gave tours of their boats. **Jeff** came by paddle board and **Shawn** came by dinghy. We all made some new friends and caught up with old ones.

Thanks to all who attended: **Jill, Nancy, Chris, Darryel, Lety, Sue, Harry, Jeff, Shawn, Shelia, Lauren, Jan, Cida, Franny, Kirk, Richele, Barbara, Doug, Carole, Richard, Al** and **Lynne**.

Keep your eye out for **The Mariner's Needle** and for emails from the Squadron/Club for our next events. The next two: **July** on the water fun (*See P. 4*) and, **August** trivia. Members make the events. We need each of you to participate, so check out the calendar and plan ahead to attend. You won't be disappointed.

If you have ideas for events or would like to help, please let us know. It is your Boating Club.

Be safe and wear your life vests. See you at the event in July.

*Barbara Daciolas-Semon*

*See photos on P. 10.*

## MAN OVERBOARD

*Submitted by Nigel Woolf, AP*

My buddy **Bob Hoffman** sent me an amazing true story about a *man-overboard* surviving after being in 68° water for 12 hours.

**But it also raises a good question:**

*How do you rescue someone who is overboard? No one is strong enough to lift an adult fully clothed in wet clothing, perhaps unconscious and/or hypothermic, out of the water on to a boat.*

**The answer is:** *to attach a block-and-tackle (or windlass on a sailboat) to your life sling.*

But the best approach is different depending on whether you are on a sailboat or a powerboat.

I'm buying a pulley system to add to the Life Sling that is attached to the stern of my boat. Seems like the prudent thing to do. **West Marine** sells one made by **Life Sling**: <https://www.westmarine.com/buy/lifesling--lifesling-lifting-block-set--568808?recordNum=5>

Ed. Note: *You might be interested in attending the FREE seminar on Monday 18 July 2022 See Page 6 of this newsletter.*



*P Dock  
Fardowner  
June 2022*



[Sign up on-line - https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/](https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/)

# America's Boating Course

## DATES

Thursday, August 18, 2022 (12 weeks)  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

## PLACE

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

## COST

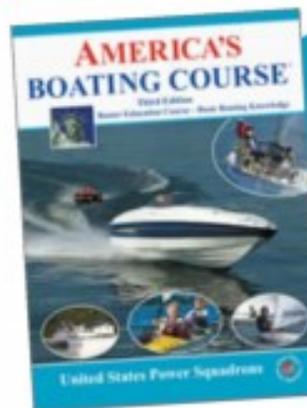
**\$70** - Includes Textbook, Chartplotter and Divider, plus 12 weeks of in-class instruction. Exams are optional.



REGISTER  
TODAY!!

Limit 15 Students

<https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>



**\$70 Includes  
BOOK, PLOTTER  
and DIVIDER**



## LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Jan Follestad, SN

If you are interested in exciting and in-depth practical knowledge, check out America's Boating Course. This class provides new and experienced boat owners with an overview of the following information:

# ENROLL NOW

***In-Class Instruction Starts August 18, 2022***

- **Introduction to Boating:** Types and uses of power boats; sailboats; outboards; operator's responsibilities and courtesy.
- **Navigation Rules:** Boat registration; regulations; required safety equipment; state boating laws;
- **Coastal Navigation:** Charts and maps; plotting; electronic navigation, anchoring, emergencies; communications afloat.
- **Water Sports Safety:** Life jackets; emergencies onboard; fire extinguishers; distress signals
- **Introduction to Navigation:** Digital Charts and GPS navigation.

***Sign up on-line - Click here***

# Adventures on the Lower Danube

As for so many people, the plans for our cruise from **Budapest, Hungary**, to the **Black Sea** had to be “adjusted” for global events. The COVID pandemic moved the date of this adventure by more than a year, and the conflict in **Ukraine** canceled the last stop at the **Danube Delta**. Even airports were hard to navigate due to labor shortages. *But the trip was quite worth the wait and effort.*

We always prepare for vacations like this by gaining information before we leave. We knew we’d travel 15 days, 700 miles, and visit 5 countries (Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, & Croatia) in the **Balkan Peninsula**, previously behind the **Iron Curtain**, where often the **Danube River** formed the age-old border between them. **My wife’s goal: dip her toes into the Black Sea; my goal: a visit to the Bridge.**



CHERYL & ADRIAAN VELDHUISEN

On the first day of the cruise, I met the captain and was invited to tour the Bridge. On the day we went to visit the Bridge, the ship was just approaching the entrance to the first of two locks, so I decided not to ask for a turn at the wheel. And on day seven we joined a bus tour to **Constanta** where we dipped our toes in the **Black Sea**. So all is well!

Cruising life is fun! River cruising is personable, where you make friends, albeit for a short while. The beauty of the river, the views of the countryside slowly flowing by, and our visits to places of history and interest, all contributed to a rich experience. This was, without a doubt, one of our vacations where we learned the most. I grew up in Europe, so it wasn’t all new to me, but we never imagined how different this area is from our preconceived notions.

The Danube has been navigated since the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC (Greeks) and now supplies drinking water and power to 10 million people. The western part, from **Germany to Budapest**, has some seasonal flow rate and depth challenges. We sailed on the eastern part, which contains the **Djerdap Gorge**, and stretches over a length of 90 miles with a dam on either end, constructed in the ‘60s and jointly operated by **Romania and Serbia**. The river drops a total of over 110 feet.



The ship is operated by two captains. **Captain Martin** explained that the ship has a draft of only a few feet. The deepest part of the river meanders quite a bit. In addition, the system of buoys is marginal, often non-existent, so this requires a lot of knowledge and attention. Of course, you all know that they have “green-right-returning” as their buoy system, right? As you can see in the picture, there is an array of good instruments, including forward-looking radar and depth sounders.

The ship, **MS Thomas Hardy**, is operated by *only* a handful of people. Our captains and chief engineer were experienced but the rest were mostly trainees, managed by a very skilled (female) first mate. An added difficulty is the apparent lack of a common language. For us, docking and getting underway are exciting events and we didn’t miss many, though often with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine in hand.

## Adventures on the Lower Danube Continued from P. 11

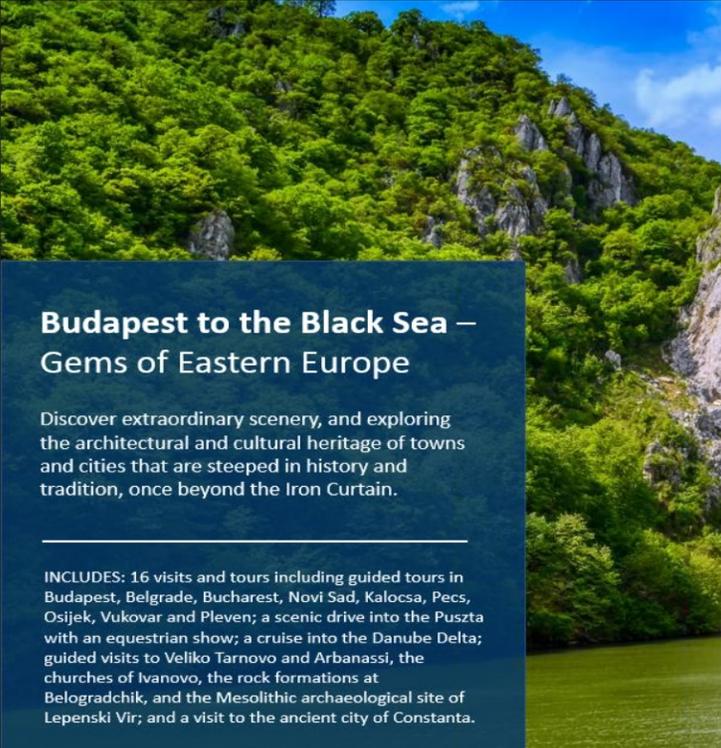
What countries in this region have in common, as we learned from the many excellent tour guides, is an unimaginable history of war, conflict, and occupation. From the **Greeks** and **Romans**, the **Byzantines**, to the **Ottomans** and **Hapsburgs**, through **World Wars**, then **Communism**, and transition into **Democracy**. Serbia lists 140 wars, since Roman times, on its website. It's a miracle there's still any fight left in them.

All these countries have suffered from a "brain drain" where some 30% of younger people, educated or skilled, left the country for jobs in the EU. For many centuries, with their very rich soil, the **Balkan Peninsula** has relied on agriculture for its economy. But under communism, the private farms were taken over and combined, so it takes only a few people to run the farms. The difference between life in the country and the city, with income inequality and opportunity, is large. And the lack of infrastructure within and between these countries is hard to overcome, even with money from the EU. They want to move to tourism but lack diversification and infrastructure beyond the Danube riverbanks.

Visiting many Orthodox Christian Churches in the region taught us some interesting aspects of their structure. Typically, there are no seats, no musical instruments, and no statues. In each country, the church is led by an independent patriarch, equal to patriarchs from other countries (unlike the Catholic Church). There are a lot of icons, mostly with a gold background, covering the inside walls and ceiling.

So what stands out are the surprises and observations from our point of view as American tourists. The "South Slavic Countries" were part of the Soviet Union, but they are now (mostly) members of the European Union although each has its unique currency and they use the Cyrillic alphabet. Their challenges – as seen from my European/American perspective, are the changes from





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# Marine Electrical Systems

## DATES

Tuesdays, August 16, 2022

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

## PLACE

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

## COST

\$75: USPS Members

\$110: Non-Members



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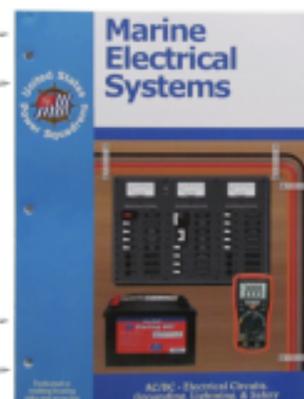
Limit 15 Students

<https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>

Instructor: Jorge Alonso



**Cost  
Includes Book**



## Marine Electrical Systems

Don't get short circuited; learn how boat electrical systems work, how to diagnose problems, and how to do simple repairs and upgrades.

# ENROLL NOW

**In-Class Instruction Starts August 18, 2022**

What's included?

- Boat electrical wiring practices
- Direct current (DC) power and Alternating current (AC) power
- Galvanic and stray current corrosion
- Lightning protection
- How to use a multi-meter
- How to solder and crimp
- How to read electrical wiring diagrams

**[Sign up on-line - Click here](https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/)**

# BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR BOC

Written by: Tom Ryley, SEO of America's Boating Club Hilton Head

**District 26 found themselves with a challenge this past year...** they were very anxious to use the Boat **Operator Certification** program as a cornerstone for encouraging members to focus and expand their boating education. However, the District was quite short of Certifiers in a number of squadrons that were available to train and evaluate BOC candidates. As a way to get things on track, a plan was hatched to run a District-wide **BOC School**. The BOC School would accomplish two goals:

1. To accredit candidates for *Inland Navigator (IN)* and *Coastal Navigator (CN)* in regards to their "on the water" skills requirement.
2. To qualify new Certifiers for IN and CN, and to energize and encourage BOC in the individual D26 squadrons.

A key step forward happened at the **USPS National Meeting** at **Ponte Vedra, FL** where **Commander Peter Dion** of **Hilton Head** happened to meet **Rear Commander Shawn Goit**, **Chair of the National Boat Operator Certification** committee. Peter told Shawn about the District BOC idea... and although Shawn lives on the other coast in **San Diego**, he said he would be pleased to come east to be the **Certifier Trainer** for the school participants.

Making that commitment, our **District Education Officer Chuck Gresham** gathered together the SEOs in D26, and encouraged them to "make it happen". **District Commander Rich Norris** also stepped in, offering to fund the cost of bringing Shawn to **South Carolina**. Taking the lead to organize the school were **A/DEO Dennis Cusanelli** of **Tybee Light**, and **SEO Tom Ryley** of **Hilton Head**. They settled on Hilton Head as the location, and firmed up a 3 day period from June 21 to 23. The idea created a great interest from people across **South Carolina** and **Coastal Georgia**. The challenge was to try to be efficient with making best use of peoples' time away, while at the same time insuring that the goal of accrediting BOC candidates, and Certifiers, was met.



Anchoring signals by Chris Gardner (North Strand)



D26 Cdr Rich Norris (North Strand) navigates the slalom course for IN certification



Dennis Cusanelli (Tybee Light ADEO) supervising CN candidate Dave Medvedeff (Hilton Head)

The good news, is that at the end of the three day school, D26 has 12 new **Inland Navigator Certifiers**, and 5 new **Coastal Navigator Certifiers**, spread up and down the coast from **North Strand** to **Tybee Light**. In the process, 12 candidates also were able to complete their Power Boat Handling and FE skills for IN, and 9 candidates were able to pass their Navigation and PD skills toward their CN certification.

Key to making it all happen was the support of the **Safe Harbor Skull Creek Marina** on Hilton Head, and the **Hilton Head Freedom Boat Club (FBC)**. The BOC school operated from the Skull Creek docks. The Freedom Boat Club generously provided the 20' center console boats for the IN "on the water" exercises. FBC also made available their **Head Trainer Larry Tremiere** (P/C Hilton Head) to help set the slalom course, and assist with logistics.

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**Building Momentum for BOC** *Continued from P. 14.*

The CN exercises were made possible by **Hilton Head members Peter Dion and Tom Ryley** who volunteered their boats, both equipped with up-to-date chart plotters and ability for manual plotting of routes and the taking of bearings.

Fortunately, Mother Nature cooperated during the three day event. The weather was sunny and not overly breezy, though the thermometer did top 100° on the last day. Nobody, however, was complaining. The attention of all the CN candidates on navigating their routes using their best dead reckoning skills had them otherwise focused! There was also time for some socializing. We were able to host a dinner for **R/C Goit** and his wife **Jennifer** at the **South Carolina Yacht Club**. It was a great time to get to know members from other squadrons whose names we had only heard of over conference calls and Zoom meetings the past few years.

**All in all, it was the consensus of all involved that the BOC School was a great success!** Not only did we meet our immediate goals, but we also gave the D26 squadrons a better opportunity to make BOC central to the “*education pathway*” for our members. The BOC School created enthusiasm and established a key component for next year’s squadron education plans.



R/C Shawn Goit, SEO Tom Ryley of Hilton Head presents a Hilton Head burgee to Shawn and Jennifer Goit.



Carl Ericsson (Tybee Light) and R/C Shawn Goit (Chair of the National BOC Committee) enjoying the ride...while taking notes and supervising!



John Cattuna (North Strand) at the helm completing requirements for IN.

**BOC SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS**



L to R: John Cattuna, Dennis Cusanelli, Chris Noonan, Rich Norris, Tom Ryley, Shawn Goit, Peter Dion, Carl Ericsson, Bob Corsaro, Chris Gardner, Howard Heckrotte, Not pictured: Dave Medvedeff, Carl Filios, Robert McKenzie, and Larry Tremitiere





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