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7 MONTH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 11-18 ABC Governing Board Meeting—Hilton Raleigh NC.
- 12 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location OYC Classroom
- 17-18 Oceanside Harbor Days.

OCTOBER

- 3 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location OYC Classroom
- 12 **Movie Night**—Location OYC private room (*Pending*)

NOVEMBER

- 7 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location OYC Classroom
- 16 **1830 All Member & Guest Event**—Location OYC—Instructor Appreciation Dinner

DECEMBER

- 5 1830 Ex. Com. Meeting—Location Home of Jill & Loie Powell—bring an appetizer.
- 10 Oceanside Harbor Parade of Lights
- 14 **1830 Christmas Party**—Gift Exchange—OYC private room

2023

JANUARY

- 21 1800 ABC San Diego Change of Watch—SWYC
- 25 ABC Oceanside/SLR Change of Watch—Location TBA

FEBRUARY

- 19-26 ABC National Meeting—Orlando, FL.

MARCH

- 25 **D28 Spring Conference.**— San Diego. *Note change of date from advised last month.*

A Note From the Commander



Warmest greetings to everyone. This will be my last report of the summer as fall is coming up on September 22 this year.

My daughter **Sara** and I attended the August 10 event at the **Arrowwood Golf Course**. We had 2 large tables reserved on the beautiful patio overlooking the golf course. It was a beautiful evening and the food and drinks were great. Wednesday was trivia night and each table competed against each other to see who could get the most points. The questions were difficult and it was very competitive but in the end we all had a great time.

One fun thing for me that evening was to meet **Chris Peavey** and **Nancy Kangas** new **Florida** neighbors, **Carmen** and **Steve**. They were visiting California and it was really nice to get to know them. They will be great neighbors for Chris and Nancy when they're at their Florida home. Thank you **Barbara** and **Richele** for organizing this event.

I've been reading about many boating accidents this summer. Everything from fires, boats exploding, injuries from propellers and fatalities. Please remember to practice safe boating. Many in the boating community look to our club to set the example for safe boating.

Stay safe and have fun.

Cdr. Kirk T. Lippert, JN



SEPTEMBER

JENNIFER GOIT	01
ALEXANDER KARAYAN	04
BARRY BEAN	14
MIKE CRUMLEY	23
JOHANNA MARTINEZ	24
RONALD FLOYD	26

OCTOBER

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INNA SACCOMAN	07
JANE PUTMAN	09
TOBIAS LEWIS	16
SAHAR BAYAT	18
SHERRI KING	30

WHAT IS A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK³ How Much Does it Cost? **FREE!!!**



Whether you are a first time vessel owner, or an experienced operator it is always good to have a safety check inspection scheduled on your vessel and/or equipment.

A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. The **Vessel Examiner** is a trained specialist and is a member of either the **United States Power Squadrons®/America's Boating Club®** or the **US Coast Guard Auxiliary**. They will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you become a *safer boater*.

Both organizations have certified vessel examiners who will perform a free Vessel Safety Check ("VSC") on your boat, at a time of mutual convenience. There is no charge, and no consequences if you don't pass. The goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends, through quality education.

Note that a VSC is typically performed wherever your boat is located, or by mutual arrangement, you may bring your boat to the examiner.

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There will be **NO October 2022** ISSUE OF **THE MARINER'S NEEDLE** as the Editor/Publisher will be embarking on the "Nieuw Amsterdam" 02-08 October to experience a "self-test" cruise prior to escorting the USPS/ABC group to Alaska in June 2023.

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S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE



The Education Department worked very hard in July and now it is paying off.

We started an **Instructor's Development** class with four participants. After basic training about teaching, they became the instructors for the new **Boat Handling**

class. The Boat Handling course is divided into six seminars. It is easy to divide the seminar so the 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 15 minutes and the one-hour plan can be taught by the instructors *to be*. At the same time the students learn from several established Instructors. and get their views on the subject. The Boat Handling students enjoyed the way the course was presented.

Our Assistant SEO evaluated the presentations. Later we would go over them together.

The result was, all the students passed Boat Handling with high scores. I even saw one test score of 100%.

The instructors *to be* finished up their application and I am sending them to **USPS Instructors Development**. They are

Commander Kirk Lippert, JN, Lt/C Darryel Simmons, P, Jorge Alonso, AP and Dennis Alba, P.



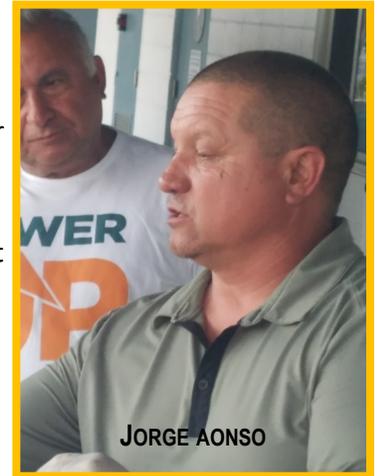
Thank you to all of you from **San Luis Rey** and the **SEO** for your work.



Two of the Instructors are now teaching for the Squadron. **Jorge** is on **Lesson 2 Marine Electrical Systems**. I am sitting in the class and can only regret the last five spaces were not

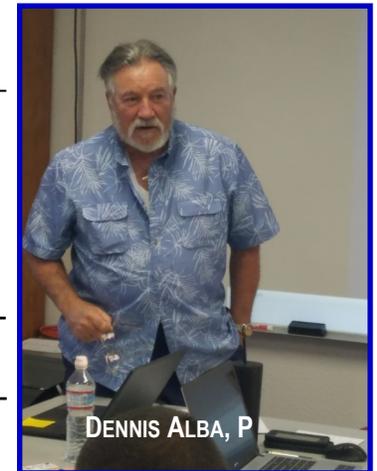
used. He wants us to use the cutting, cramping tools on the right wire sizes, and he stresses how important it is not to damage the wire. This segment was done excellently. We should have had a video camera and presented it in our general meeting, "*real cost saving for the boat owners*".... This class will have its final test October 25.

Picture show Jorge in action Tuesday evening.



We started America's Boating Course on the August 18 and instructor **Dennis Alba** and myself are the teachers. I am looking forward to working with him. We hope these students can go on to Boating-On-the Water with **D/SEO Shawn Goit, JN.**

This coming Spring is looking interesting to me with classes in **Engine Maintenance, America's Boating Course, Piloting, Advanced Piloting and Navigation**. The four new instructors make this possible.



I hope we can have a **Weather Cass** and the new **Sail** when it is available.

<https://AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org>.

Happy boating!

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MARINE ELECTRICAL CLASS

*Steve Shook brought dessert
for everyone.*



SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD for SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

"What a difference a vest makes." A 48-foot (power) yacht on the **Hudson River** is not the same as a fishing dinghy off the shores of **Oceanside, CA**.

Yet we still see families, with children, having fun without wearing a life vest. The news, in August on TV, showed a good samaritan rescuing all 7 members of a family in the water after their boat caught fire, and sank. The rescuers were able to pick them out of the water, one by one, because they wore their life vest.

I know, having raised two boys in **California** with a focus on sailing, how hard it is to convince kids that safety rules are there for a reason. But you know what, they're alive, all grown up, with a family of their own. The infamous model of "do as I say, not as I do" will not save their (and your) lives.

Another lesson I taught my boys is how to react to a sudden fog, forming quickly and reduces visibility to a few feet. Learning to navigate through the fog (or avoiding it) is critical to <https://www.weather.gov/safety/safeboating/> safe boating, particularly in our boating area. These safety tips will help to keep you safe:

- * *Slow down to avoid collisions.*
- * *Turn on all of your running lights, even in the daytime.*
- * *Listen for sounds of other boats that may be near you or for foghorns and bells from nearby buoys.*
- * <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/marine/wxradio.htm> VHF NOAA Weather Radio should broadcast important information concerning the formation, movement, or dissipation of the fog.
- * *If your vessel has radar, use it to help locate dangers that may be around you.*
- * *Use GPS or a navigation chart to help obtain a fix on your location.*
- * *if you are unable to get your bearings, stay put until the fog lifts but make sure you are in a safe location.*

- * *Be familiar with horn and bell sounds you should produce or warn others around you when in dense fog.*
- * *Have a compass available. With a compass, you can determine the direction you are navigating.*
- *Stay out of shipping lanes. Large ships cannot see you!*

Learn more about <https://www.weather.gov/safety/fog-boating> safe boating in fog.

At last month's challenge, we looked at something that is now local to me, rivers, rather than the **Pacific Ocean** or the **Oceanside Harbor**. The focus was on warning signals while we approach an obstruction. As I mentioned the **Mississippi** before, suppose you are approaching a bend in a river, and you hear a whistle signal of one prolonged blast from around the bend. *What is the signal to sound as the appropriate answer in this case?* **Commander Bombard** from **San Diego** came back, almost immediately with his choice: **One prolonged blast (B)**, of course. He didn't mention that this is based on USCG Rule 34 (e) which says that the signal shall be answered with a prolonged blast. The signal (INLAND) is the same as the one for leaving a dock or berth.

For this month's challenge, we will stay with signals. **Here's my question:**

While underway in fog, you hear a whistle signal of one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts. This signal is blown by a _____.

- A) *vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver*
- B) *vessel being towed*
- C) *sailboat at anchor*
- D) *vessel aground*

Think about this: *will it make a difference whether you are INLAND or in INTERNATIONAL waters, what do you think?*

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 class that just started on **16 August** is **Marine Electrical Systems**, taught by **Jorge Alonso**. We also started a basic Boating Course. To see if you can still join, please contact **Education Officer Jan Follestad** at <https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>

Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen,

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5 ESSENTIAL SAFETY ITEMS

Hello there! I wanted to revisit in this report a small list of some of the most important safety items to have on board any vessel.

Like I always say, being on the water should never be taken for granted, for there are hazards that exist and dangerous mishaps that can take place at any time.

Below are different types of safety equipment that will prepare anyone to take the proper action in such instances.

Life Jackets

Probably the most effective device designed to save lives, one life jacket is required for every passenger on board a vessel. Although it is legal to choose not to wear it, always having it on significantly increases chances of survival in the event of an on-the-water incident. Life jackets are required on ALL watercraft, no matter the size.

Throwable Floatation Devices

Throwable floatation devices such as Life Rings are designed for MOB (Man-Overboard) situations. If for any reason a person is ejected from the boat, they can easily become exhausted or disoriented or both. A Life Ring forms a lifeline from the boat to the passenger and guarantees his/her return to the dry side of the boat.

Fire Extinguishers

A must have piece of equipment for any vessel with a gas/electric motor (especially an in-board). A fire extinguisher will save your boat

in the harbor and your life miles from the shore. Remember to store it in a highly convenient location that is easily accessible in an emergency situation.

Visual Distress Signals

Visual Distress Signals such as flares and strobe lights are usually activated when a boater is dead in the water/having difficulty operating their vessel. They are designed to make the distressed boater more visible to nearby boaters and provide an adequate beacon for searching emergency services.

Sounding Distress Signals

These devices include whistles, boat horns, handheld air horns, etc. Sounding Distress Signals are good for catching the attention of nearby vessels that may not see you. Maybe they aren't paying attention and you want to avoid a potential collision or maybe your VHF radio is not operational and you need help. Either way, it can't hurt to have one aboard.

D/Lt Jake Alcantara, P



*Photos in this issue of
The Mariner's Needle courtesy of
Cida Diehl, Jan Follestad and Jill Powell.*

What are some safety checks that are performed?

- Anchor lights
- Backfire flame arrestor
- Backfire flame control devices
- Deck free of hazards, clean bilge
- Display of numbers
- Fire extinguisher
- Life Jackets
- Marine pollution placard
- Marine sanitation devices
- Muffling system
- Navigation lights
- Oily waste discharge placard
- Overall vessel condition
- Registration
- Running lights
- Safe electrical and fuel systems
- Safe galley and heating systems
- Sound signaling devices
- Ventilation systems
- Visual distress signals (coastal waters)
- Waste management plan

How do I sign up for a Vessel Safety Check locally?

You may contact our very own
ABC Oceanside Lt/C Shawn Goit, JN-IN at:
 (760) 468-6212 or email: District28usps@gmail.com



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