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## *2023 Bridge*



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# 2023

## 5 MONTH CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 1 1830 ABC Oceanside Change of Watch—Oceanside Broiler, Oceanside, CA.
- 6 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location Jan Follestad's Club house
- 15 1700 Happy Hour Oceanside Broiler, Oceanside, CA.
- 19-26 ABC National Meeting—Orlando, FL.

### MARCH

- 6 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom. Location TBD
- 15 1830 ABC Oceanside Ice Cream Social - Location TBD.
- 25 D28 Spring Conference.— SWYC San Diego. Special Guest Chief Commander Craig Fraser, SN-IN.

### APRIL

- 2 Oceanside Yacht Club Opening Day
- 3 1830 ABC ExCom—Location TBD
- 12 1830 All Member & Guest Event with potluck dinner (theme "Appetizers") - OYC Private Room.

### MAY

- 1 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location TBD
- 20-26 USPS National Safe Boating Week
- 20 1000 "S" Dock Kick-Off grassy knoll. Weaver PDF Giveaway, Oceanside Harbor with Hot Dog Roast on 'S' Dock after-party.

### JUNE

- 5 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location TBD
- 16 1700 Sundowner Dock Party— "P" Dock
- 18-30 ABC/USPS Alaska with Denali Cruise/Land Tour

**Bold**—Our own club event and all members invited to attend.

## A Note From the Commander



**G**reetings to all. This is my last report as the commander of **San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron**, also known as **America's Boating Club – Oceanside**.

When I accepted the position of commander back in 2020, I never imagined I would hold the office for 3 years. During this time we experienced Covid and the associated lockdowns, which, in turn, had a negative effect on our club's membership.

We realized quickly that if you want to maintain and grow your membership, education, boating classes and in-person meetings are a necessity. Now that we've moved past the pandemic, things are looking up for our club.

**Shawn Goit** is the new commander and he has an excellent group supporting him for 2023. Thank you to all that volunteered for positions. The club's leadership always appreciated that you do your best to attend our events. We're always open to new ideas and suggestions. I've been told by members at the events that many times they don't feel like coming, but at the end, they are very glad they did. ***Always a good time when we get together.***

Don't think that I'm going away. I have some new responsibilities with our club in 2023 and as long as I'm living in the area I'll be here to help out. On that note we are always looking for assistance. Even if you don't have a lot of free time, we can find smaller tasks that will really help us and give you the satisfaction of being a volunteer. ***Just ask.***

I'm looking forward to seeing as many members as possible at our next event: **Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm** at the **Oceanside Broiler**. *We had a great time at the Broiler last year.*

Lastly, over the previous three years I was very blessed to have an excellent bridge and support team. I know they all put in many hours and a lot of effort to keep our club running smoothly. I was relieved and happy when Shawn said he would like to take on the commander role. I know the club is in good hands and has a bright future.

*Best wishes for 2023 and God Bless you All.*

*Cdr Kirk T. Lippert, JN*



*Photos in this issue of  
The Mariner's Needle courtesy  
of Jill Powell.*





## FEBRUARY

**MICHAEL OBUGE** 02

**ELAINE KELLER (95)** 11

**KIRK LIPPERT** 14



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## TEXTING FOR AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB OCEANSIDE

By: Nancy Kangas, AP

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I will be using the texts for reminders for monthly *get-togethers* and Executive Committee meetings.

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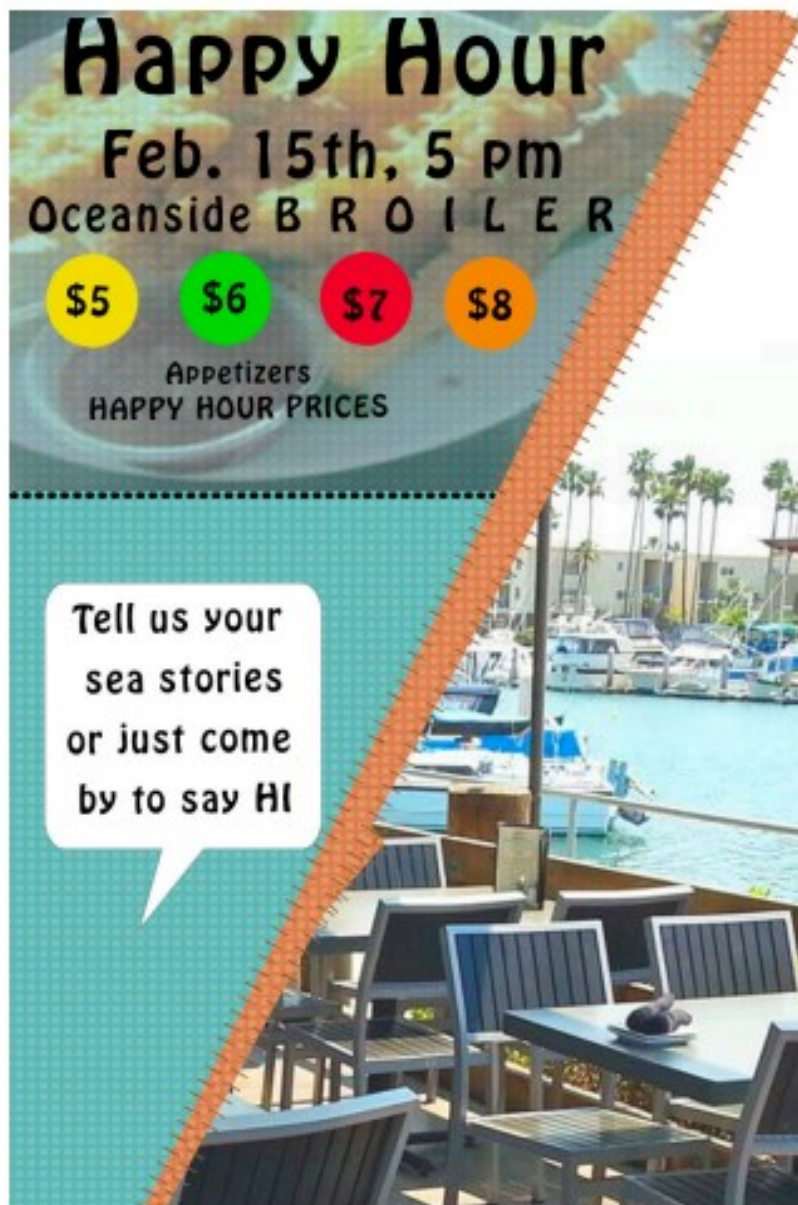
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or just come  
by to say Hi

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## Oceanside Broiler - Happy Hour

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Please RSVP: <https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/event-happy-hour/>



## SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE ...



**FEBRUARY 2023**

"*The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry*" is a quote by **Robert Burns** (*Auld Lang Syne*). It is also applicable to our life in January. I wrote last time that we were going to Australia and New Zealand in January.

Around Thanksgiving, I started having Flu-like symptoms; I was tested for Covid and Flu (*negative*) but became sicker and sicker. Shortly before our long trip, I went to my doctor, and after many tests, it came out that I had pneumonia. I was strongly advised to postpone the long journey, so we are now going from February 5-28. Unfortunately, I may not be back in time for my next article; *we'll see*.

I am always thankful to my editors for their patience and support. Without them, there is no point in my articles. As some of you know, my articles are written for **The Mariner's Needle** and also published in the **Crews News**.

Unfortunately, the editors of Crews News, **Pat & Paul Gadbois**, have decided to hang up their hats after 25 years. Fortunately, **Tammy & Chris Taunt** have decided to take it over, and Tammy has asked me to continue. I am excited about that! I believe the first issue of Crews News is in March.

At the **January** challenge, we stayed with lights once more, as the days are still short. So, my question was based on USCG Rule 26, which deals exclusively with lights and shapes on board fishing vessels. Rule 3 (d) says that a "vessel engaged in fishing" is defined as fishing with nets, lines, trawls, or other fishing apparatus restricting maneuverability. Rule © (ii) says that an all-round white light is mandated when the gear is more than 150 meters, almost 500 feet from the vessel. This Rule is not for your power boat with a line or two overboard. The color of this light must be white.

For the **February** challenge, I would like us to look at our conduct in restricted visibility. The rules are identical to INLAND and INTERNATIONAL, which is not always the case. So your vessel is underway in restricted visibility.

You hear a fog signal of another vessel, forward of the starboard beam. My question is: which of the following actions should you take?

- A) *Alter the course to starboard to pass around the vessel's stern.*
- B) *Slow your engines and let him pass ahead of you.*
- C) *Reduce your speed to the minimum, which will keep you on course.*
- D) *Alter course to port to pass him on his port side.*

I have said it before and will say again that the answer can be found in the latest **Navigation Rules & Regulations Handbook** copy. By law, you may not be required to have a copy on board, but I think it is a darn good idea.

I also hope you plan to take a course from our **Americas Boating Club Oceanside**. **America's Boating** course started on January 10, and the **Engine Maintenance** course and **Advanced Navigation** courses are underway. We are considering teaching a **PILOTING** course soon. To see if you can join, don't hesitate to get in touch with **Jan Follestad** at <https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>

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## INTERESTING GRAPHIC

A human interest story for **The Mariner's Needle**. Here is a computer generated picture created with **MidJourney**: <https://midjourney.com/home/?callbackUrl=%2Fapp%2F>. The site is **FREE** for 25 images - *you give it a sentence and it will generate a picture*. I gave it the prompt "old sailor mending a sail with a needle on a rocky shore with a boat and sunset in the background."

By **Nancy Kangas**







**2022 OUTGOING  
BRIDGE**



**COMMANDER'S  
TROPHY AWARDED TO  
DARRYEL SIMMONS**











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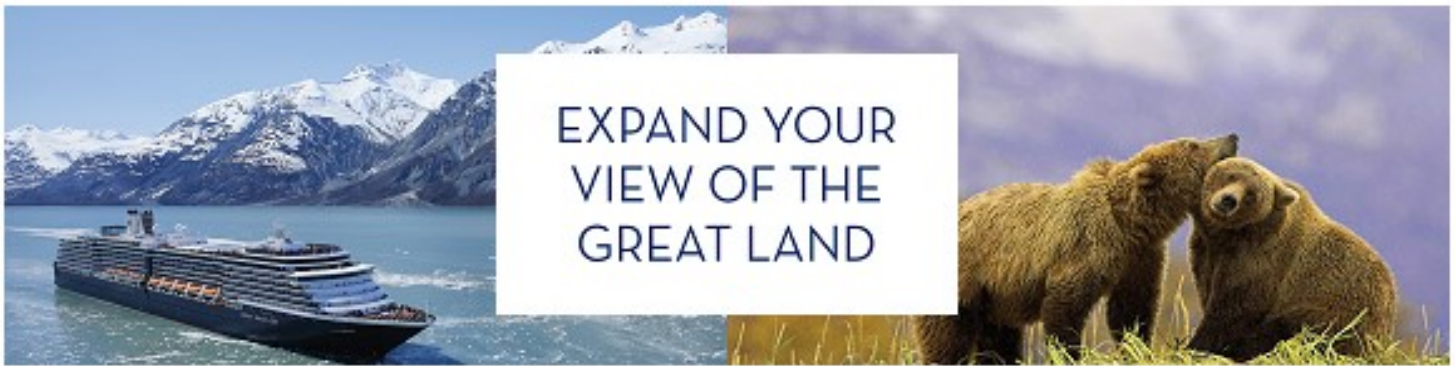
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