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## **JULY/AUGUST 2023**

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## 2023

## **AUGUST**

- 7 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Hosted by Nancy Kangas & Chris Peavey
- 23 1600 Happy Hour—Arrowood Golf Course with a Trivia Contest (as a group)
- 27-04 September ABC Governing Board Meeting—Kansas City, KS

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 11 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom-Location TBA
- 13 1830 All Member/Guest Event & Potluck Dinner. Canned Food Drive. OYC Private Room.

## **OCTOBER**

- 02 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom-Location TBA
- 14 Kayak/Dinghy/Paddleboard Event with BBQ—Oceanside Harbor

### **NOVEMBER**

- 6 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location TBA
- 15 1830 All Member/Instructor Appreciation Thankful Pot luck Dinner—OYC Private Room

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## **DECEMBER**

04 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Hosted b y Jill & Loie Powell

## 2024

## **JANUARY**

17 ABC Oceanside Change of Watch—Location TBA

## **FEBRUARY**

- 3-12 ABC Annual Meeting (111 Years) Orlando, FL.
- 16 ABC Oceanside—Happy Hour Yard House Carlsbad

## **MARCH**

04 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom-Location TBA

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- 13 1830 All Member/Guest Event with Potluck Dinner—OYC
- 23 D28 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Hosted by ABC Newport Beach

## A Note from the Commander

This has been a very exciting start to the summer. We have had warm weather and picnics and boating activities. I am looking forward to a



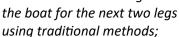
bunch more. I would like to share an article written by the SEO in San Diego **Doug Bass** about our Voyage to the District 28 Picnic that was hosted by us **ABC Oceanside/San Luis Rey.** 

July 14th The *Carole-Ann* left her slip at **Southwestern Yacht Club** at 0835. All on board were past Squadron commanders - from San Diego **D/Lt/C Doug Bass SN-IN**, **Lt Bob Gibbs JN-IN**, **D/Lt Richard Cross SN-IN**, and from San Luis Rey Squadron **P/D/C Shawn Goit JN-ON** and **P/C Kirk Lippert JN-IN**. Our goal for the weekend was to navigate to **Oceanside Yacht Club**, complete the on-the-water skills for Coastal and Advanced Costal BOC, and attend the District 28 annual picnic.

The skills necessary for the different levels of Boat Operator Certification (BOC) are:

Demonstrate, while onboard, the primary skills for Coastal Navigation:

- Prepare to return to starting point (two legs);
- Estimate the effect of the wind or current on the boat and determine the steering correction later;
- Shortly after leaving the mid-point stop, the GPS/ Chartplotter is obscured, and the candidate navigates



- Plot and label the course
   line for all the legs of the route;
- Take one or more fixes (two or three bearings each), plot and label position(s) on the paper chart, and enter position into the planning sheet;
- Navigate to the final waypoint;
- Return to dock and moor the vessel;
- Compare original plan to what actually happened.



# CHRISTINE RINNE ANTHONY SQUIRES BRENDA SQUIRES



## **JULY**

- **06 JAN FOLLESTAD**
- 06 KEN SMITH
- 18 JEFF OLSON
- 25 ADRIAAN VELDHUISEN

## <u>AUGUST</u>

- 03 CHRISTINE RINNE
- 16 RICHELE DACIOLAS-SEMON
- 16 DARRYEL SIMMONS
- 31 ERIC KING

On the Cover: D28 Summer Picnic Doggie Days.

Photos in this issue of The Mariner's Needle courtesy of Barbara Daciolas-Semon, Cida Diehl, Emi Follestad, Jill Powell, Leon Hull, Nancy Kangas, Richele Daciolas-Semon, and Shawn Goit.

## **FREE**

Vessel Safety Checks

Contact Leon Hull

<u>LeonVesselSafetyCheck@gmail.com</u>



## America's Boating Club - Oceanside

## All Member and Guest Event

Come on down and join us for a fun-filled night of socializing and brainbusting trivia at the Arrowood Golf Course.

Even if you aren't a trivia wizard, don't miss this chance to have a cold drink and socialize with your fellow squadron members

Trivia is limited to 20 people

Please RSVP before August 20, 2023 via link below



When: Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Time: 6 pm

(Recommend getting there at 5:30 pm)

Where: Arrowood Golf Course

Fairways Kitchen & Bar

5201 Village Dr Oceanside, CA



https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/event/happy-hour-trivia/









## S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE

e in America's Boating Club teach Safety in all our boating classes, from rules of the road to all other important information.

The summer will soon be over and we will all be starting to look forward to what we will do next.

We are now planning a **Piloting Class** and a short ABC class with the **California Boating Card** as the end goal.

We will start our 12-week **America's Boating Club** course on 12 September. This will feature the use of charts and plotting tools. This was the way to navigate before GPS was invented. You might have to use this method if you lose your connection or just lose your GPS! *It happens to the best of us.* 

We can shorten the course if you only want to get "The Boating Card". This course will have no charting and plotting tools. Cost for book is \$70.00 for all. **Dennis Alba, AP** and **myself** will be the lead instructors.

We need 5 or more students, with a maximum of 15.

**Shawn Goit** is working on one day "boating card course", 12 hours' drill with a final test.

We have asked Instructor Jorge Alonso, AP if he can teach the Engine Maintenance Course. It looks like we will start this class in October 2023. It will cost \$ 90.00 for Squadron/Club Members and Oceanside Yacht Club members. Non member cost is \$ 120.00

The tests for the **Marine Electronics** have been mailed to **USPS National Headquarters** for grading. They will finish in about two weeks.

Enclosed in this issue of **The Mariners Needle** you will find the flyer for the ABC class. *Please sign up early!* 





SEO Jan Follestad, SN-CN

## **Harbor Live Cam News**



Have you been watching the Live Camera of Oceanside Harbor and had the above screen show up? Sometimes the camera will lose the internet connection or have a glitch in power, this screen will show up. It's waiting for me to restart the stream.



Make sure the URL below is being used. If it is, please try repainting the screen to reload the URL.

Please keep retrying the link - we usually get the camera back up within 24 hrs.

https://www.youtube.com/@sanluisreyusps1794/live

## Gallery - Videos and Photos of Youtube Live Harbor



Please click on the link below to access the Gallery of Videos and Photos from the YouTube Live Channel. There is a video that Shawn Goit took on 31 July, 2023 that depicts a near collision (screenshot from video is above).



https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G9Gkuy2pH8Bu8GflpZP-mZlvsh81Ka6W

## SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE ...





hope you have a great summer, even though the weather may not be the greatest this year. Like so many others, I went to see the movie "Mission Impossible" - great movie! With my background in boat safety education I was, of course, intrigued by the (nautical) subtitle DEAD RECKONING. There is nothing nautical in the movie, so I was curious. The website says that **Dead Reckoning** means that you're picking a course based solely on your last known position. In our education Dead Reckoning means that you calculate your **position** based on your course, speed, and time run from a previous position. Maybe I'm nitpicking, what do you think?

We looked at anchor lights in INLAND and IN-TERNATIONAL waters for June's challenge. I proposed that there are actually four vessels that do not (have to) show anchor lights. There were no responses to this question, so let me give you the answer: Fishing, Trawling, Dredging Diving. However, in that challenge I was only asking: Which of the listed vessels, when anchored at night, would NOT be required to show anchor *lights?* The answer is C, a vessel dredging. I hope that you anchor a lot, this summer, as (in my opinion) it is more fun than being tied to a dock.

You may wonder why there is this exception. Rule 27 (d) shows the many lights required by a vessel, dredging at night. In my opinion, though not specifically stated, adding an anchor light to the complex configuration of red – white – red lights and possible obstruction lights. Remember that this vessel is actively dredging, at night, and restricted in her ability to maneuver.

Now for this combined month's challenge I ask a simple question. You are (INLAND) a powerdriven vessel overtaking another vessel, in sight of one another. You wish to overtake her on her starboard side. You should sound a whistle signal of:

- A) one short blast.
- two prolonged blasts followed by one short blast. B)
- C) one prolonged and one short blast.
- D) at least five short blasts.

So find me the Rule, and the answer, and consider what the response shall be of the overtaken vessel. Also, compare this to the INTERNATIONAL side of the rule with different sound signals and, specifically, different responses. Additionally, I hope you consider taking a course from our Americas Boating Club Oceanside. The current class is Marine Electrical Systems, which began on June 8, 2023 at OYC with instructor **Jorge Alonso**. And if we have 5 or more we will start the Marine Navigation (Piloting) class. We are in full swing teaching an "On the Water Boating Program "with Shawn **Goit** as the instructor in the classroom and on the water.

To see if you can join, please get in touch with Jan Follestad at https:// americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/

Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON

## America's Boating Course

#### DATES

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 (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.



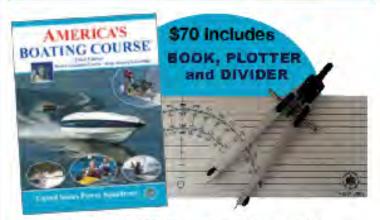
## REGISTER TODAY!!

Limit 15 Students

https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/







LEAD INSTRUCTOR: Jan Follestad, SN

(Dennis Alba and others will also assist)

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:



#### In-Class Instruction Starts Sept. 12 2023

- 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.

## ABC DISTRICT 28 SUMMER PICNIC-OCEANSIDE, CA.

Our district 28 Picnic hosted by our **Oceanside** squadron on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the grassy knoll area near the old Jolly Roger was a huge success and lots of fun. Members from **Oceanside** were joined by members from the **Balboa Newport** and the **San Diego Squadrons/Clubs**. Not to mention **Richard Cross** and his crew bringing his power boat up from San Diego for a 2 night stay.

We shared jokes, played games, ate good food, drank a little, enjoyed dinghy rides, created new friendships, and so much more. Over 50 club members attended this great event. What's more, there were over 5 district bridge members in attendance. There were numerous prize winners from all clubs. There were even dog games and prizes. *And the weather was perfect*.

A special thanks to the picnic helpers, **Nancy**, **Richele**, **Jennifer**, **Sandra**, **Jill**, **Cida**, and **Elizabeth**. Also we can't forget to thank members who helped set up and clean up. We couldn't have done it with out you.

Our next events are a trivia night in **August** and a general potluck meeting and canned food drive in **September**. There will also be a sundowner potluck on a dock in the harbor in **October**. We will end the year with November and December events. We hope to see you at these fun socials

Submitted by Barbatra Daciolas-Semon















America's
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Summer
Picnic
Oceanside
July 2023













Venturing out onto the vast open waters of the ocean provides a sense of exhilaration and adventure. However, it's crucial to remember that safety should never set sail. In this safety report, we'll explore the significance of wearing a life jacket while boating on the ocean, ensuring your maritime journey remains a safe and enjoyable experience.

#### 1. UNPREDICTABLE NATURE OF THE OCEAN:

The ocean can be unpredictable and unforgiving, with rapidly changing weather conditions, strong currents, and unexpected waves. Even the most experienced boaters can find themselves in dangerous situations. Wearing a life jacket is your ticket to survival, providing you with the ultimate tool for buoyancy and keeping you afloat during emergencies.

#### 2. Preventing Accidents and Drownings:

Statistics consistently show that the majority of boating-related accidents and drownings occur when individuals do not wear life jackets. A life jacket's buoyancy significantly reduces the risk of submersion, keeping your head above water even if you're injured, unconscious, or fatigued. It's the ultimate lifesaver that can turn a potential tragedy into a triumphant rescue.

#### 3. MANDATORY REGULATIONS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Several maritime jurisdictions, including coastal states and countries, enforce mandatory life jacket regulations for boating on the ocean. Compliance with these regulations promotes not just personal safety but also contributes to keeping our oceans safer for all. So, put on your life jacket, and sail within the boundaries of the law.

#### 4. LEADING BY EXAMPLE:

Wearing a life jacket sets a positive example for others on board, especially if you have children or less experienced boaters on your vessel. Showcasing responsible behavior encourages others to follow suit. Remember, safety is contagious, and by wearing your life jacket, you can create a culture of safety on the water.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Embarking on an ocean adventure offers incredible opportunities for fun and discovery. However, it's paramount to recognize the inherent risks involved. Wearing a life jacket while boating on the ocean is not just a smart choice; it's a lifesaving one. As responsible mariners, let us embrace the importance of personal safety, comply with regulations, and set an example that inspires others to prioritize their well-being on the water.

Remember, every second counts in a water emergency. Strap on your life jacket, adjust your mindset to safety-first mode, and embark on your ocean voyage knowing you've taken the necessary steps to stay afloat and stay alive.

Jake Alcantara, D/Lt.

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## In addition to the previous skills for Advanced Coastal Navigation the skills included:

- An understanding of the potential impact for wind and current on each of the expected DR legs.
- Establish estimates for set and drift for each leg
- Correct the course and leg time to compensate for set and drift

We left the dock with these skills exercises in mind, we realized there would be moderate fog for the day that would make our DR position difficult to determine.



As we left **Point** Loma, we turned North skirting the kelp beds, hoping to have the coast in sight and do some bearing sights. Unfortunately,

the coast was completely fogged in all the way to an Oceanside, so we depended upon our GPS to navigate the approach into Oceanside Harbor, recording on our log and chart the times as we approached each of our GPS waypoints.

Around 1035 that morning, we started to notice the port engine was fluctuating in RPM, losing power momentarily. As a precaution, we opened the engine hatch and noticed that the raw water pump on the starboard engine was leaking water into the bilge due to



several missing bolts on the water pump plate.

Stopping for a while we attempted to repair the water pump as much as possible, reducing the water flow, but realized it was not possible until we could purchase replacement bolts. As a result, the rest of the day we continued our trip on one engine, reducing our speed from 8.5 kn to 6.5 kn.

Approaching the Oceanside Harbor entrance around 1430 we started the starboard engine and Shawn Goit showed us how to avoid the dangerous entrance into the inlet. The best approach to Oceanside Harbor is to approach the inlet from the sea buoy, not taking a shortcut on the south side of the inlet, where the breaking waves could cause a broach of the vessel.

Entering the harbor, we docked at the guest slip behind the Jolly Roger successfully with the help of Carole Hallock, AP



SDSPS/SLRSPS BOC Voyage



who had driven up to Oceanside by car.

After a brief happy hour on board around sunset to celebrate our arrival, several of us went to Joe's Crab Shack for a wonderful dinner.

SDSPS/SLRSPS BOC Voyage

After an uneventful night at our slip, we all prepared for the District 28 Annual Picnic that was a short walk in front of our slip. There were about 50 attendees from all three Squadrons - Oceanside/San Luis Rey (the sponsor), San Diego, and Bal**boa** - now **Newport.** We had a great time talking with everyone catching up on events, ate some wonderful fried chicken, and a very successful raffle where we had several books that we just could not give away!

The next morning, we continued to work on our leaking water pump, installing a new impeller replacing some of the bolts and noticed that one last bolt had broken off and even though we attempted to use an easy out, we were unable to remove that last bolt.

We reinstalled the cover with the existing bolts. There was still a very slight leak from the water pump; however, we decided that it was working sufficiently well for our voyage back to San Diego.



We left the dock in Oceanside at about 1500, entered the **Pacific Ocean** and continued southward to San Diego for our return voyage. We were able to see the shoreline, so we were able to take several bearings, fixing our position on a chart, in addition to using GPS and all of us also practiced helmsmanship, driving the boat on the course, without the help of GPS using only our compass for direction. We also practiced calculating our arrival time at subsequent waypoints using our "60 DST" calculations. Each of us was successful at arriving at every waypoint at the expected time.

As we approached San Diego, once again, we skirted around the kelp beds, and were able to return at the dock around dusk on Sunday. With a review of the requirements for **Coastal and Advance Coastal Navigation**, we determined the remaining onshore items to be performed which included a CPR class, a first aid class, several seminars and webinars that needed to be taken in addition to marine electronics class that we've decided would be offered this fall.

With this in mind, the three students who had already completed the other coursework, **Doug Bass, SN**, **Bob Gibbs, JN**, and **Kirk Lippert, JN** were awarded the **Coastal Navigation** (-CN) certificate, and with the completion of our classes this fall we will have passed the **Advanced Coastal Navigation** (-ACN).



## Would you consider either a March or October/ November 2024



## group departure?

## Northern Lights Promise —guaranteed!

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- If the Northern Lights do not occur during select voyages, you will get a cruise for FREE with the Northern Lights Promise.
- The ship is a floating observatory that can sail past cloud cover and away from light pollution.
- Crew members announce sightings so you won't miss a Northern Lights sighting.
- The outdoor observation deck provides unobstructed views of the Northern Lights.



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Kudos to our fearless instructor, **P/D/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON**, for his patience – and his outstanding leadership on this exciting voyage!

Our next step in the BOC program is the **Offshore Navigation certification (-ON)** which will require an overnight passage. We are hoping to accomplish that sometime later this year with a trip to **Oceanside or Catalina**.

We are looking for others to teach, who wants to join in the fun.

P/R/C Shawn Goit, UN-ON



America's Boating Club - Oceanside offers you a fun membership at a low price. The club is run by people who love boating and the boating experience. You do not need to own a boat to join. You will have fun at social events, on the water events, educational classes, hands on boating activities, and so much more.

## Don't delay join TODAY!!!

- Website: AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org
- Members also get discounts on a variety of products, services and classes.

Contact the Membership Administrator at 760-439-8929 for more information or simply go to our website to join.

QR code is for Membership Web Page



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