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# 2023

## SEPTEMBER

11 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location Classroom

13 Postponed.

## OCTOBER

02 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location Classroom

18 1800 Kayak/Dinghy/Paddleboard Event with BBQ—  
Bring a side dish. Also Canned Food Drive for Brother  
Benno Charity.

## NOVEMBER

6 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location Classroom

15 1830 All Member/Instructor Appreciation Potluck  
Dinner—Presentations on Alaska and Croatia per flyer:  
OYC Private Room

## DECEMBER

4 1800 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Hosted by Jill & Loie Powell

13 Christmas Party—Gift Exchange. OYC Private Room.

# 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

13 1830 All Member/Guest Event with Potluck Dinner—OYC

23 D28 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch — Hosted by  
ABC Newport Beach

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

## A Note from the Commander



While I am sending this report from **Catalina Island** I hope you all are having as much fun as **Jennifer** and I are this summer being out on our boat.

We have an **ABC class** coming up on **September the 12th**. If you haven't taken it, or you think you might want to refresh or reach out, then sign up or find some friends that need to take it. They could be your boating buddies. Have them sign up *please*.

If you missed our last gathering, you should try the next one. **Trivia Night** was pretty funny, although we did have a hard time hearing the speaker. Our ABC team came in tied for 2nd place. *Imagine if we could have heard the speaker better!!!* It was fun to see everyone and get out and do something different. See the photo on the cover page of this newsletter.

Please SAVE THE DATES for our **18 October Sundowner Kayak/Paddleboard and Dock Party** and **15 November for Instructor Appreciation Night** along with PowerPoint presentations on the **D28 group cruise/tour to Alaska** and **Cida Diehl's** yoga yacht charter in **Croatia**, both last June.

Cover Photo: Trivia Night at Arrowood Golf Club—August 2023.

*Cdr Shawn Goit, JN-ON*



# WELCOME BACK

## KATHY FLEMING

## RONALD FLOYD

# SEPTEMBER

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RETIREMENT LOOKS GOOD ON SANDRA LIPPERT.



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

**FREE**

Vessel Safety Checks

Contact Leon Hull

[LeonVesselSafetyCheck@gmail.com](mailto:LeonVesselSafetyCheck@gmail.com)



# S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE



September is here and we can plan our fall classes.

On September 12, 2023 at 700.pm. we will start another [Americas Boating Club Class](#).

This class is the basis for all the other classes and is therefore a “must” for us to offer each year. It gives the student a taste of what we can offer for them to understand boats, sail and power, rules of the road and the responsibility for the captain and crew.

The class also gives the students an understanding of charts and how we use the chart to find our direction. *And where we want to go.* Time of arrival is learned by using 60D = S T. Passing this class you can use the Certificate to obtain your Boating Card.

We provided two Seminars in August: **GPS** and **Paddle Smart**.

I owned an aluminum canoe once and used it a lot on the **Russian River**, the *slow running* part. I have also tipped over canoes in the **Little Cedar, Iowa** several times. It is surprising how strong a river with depth of 2 – 3 feet can suddenly become.

We have scheduled an [Engine Maintenance](#) starting October 05. This class is also a “must” for all boaters, both sail and power. The class will run for 10 weeks.

The **Marine Electronic** class exams have been mailed to Headquarters for grading. Thank you to our great instructor **Jorge Alonso, AP** for teaching the class.

*Kindly,*

*SEO Jan Follestad, SN-CN*

A rectangular graphic with a blue background and a blurred image of a boat on water. The text is white and reads: "Become A Better Boater, Have More Fun".

Become A  
Better Boater,  
Have More Fun

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB  
OCEANSIDE



*RSVP link in next issue*

**WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2023 @ 1800**  
**“S” Dock, Oceanside Harbor.**

# Barbecue, camaraderie and music!

***NO COST to YOU! Or DONATION. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.***

***Bring : Side Dish ≈ Kayak/Paddleboard ≈ Life Jacket ≈ Warm Jacket ≈ Folding Chair***



# BROTHER BENNO'S

Please bring “new” canned food items for charity.

## SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE ...



**SEPTEMBER 2023**

From the fear that **San Diego, Oceanside**, and even **Catalina Island** were squarely in the path of a serious hurricane, to the relief that it changed into a tropical storm veering to the east, away from the coast and our harbors, **Hilary** still became "a storm to remember".

Hilary brought widespread flooding through **Southern California**, washing out roads and bridges in many areas, flooding cars and homes and shutting down businesses.

One warning particularly struck me: *an evacuation order for visitors to Catalina Island*. It would be so hard to decide leaving your boat behind, tied up to a mooring in **Avalon** or **Two Harbors**. But in hindsight we could all agree: it could have been worse!



While we now live in the **Midwest**, we were glued to the **NOAA Weather Channel**, talked to our boating friends in **California**, and even watched **Oceanside Harbor** on our Club's webcam [https://](https://www.youtube.com/@sanluisreyusps1794/live)

[www.youtube.com/@sanluisreyusps1794/live](https://www.youtube.com/@sanluisreyusps1794/live). Thank you **Nancy Kangas**, our web master, and her team who drove this project and allows us all to connect.

Last month we looked at overtaking and, although we are not all in the business of racing or competition, we will still have to deal with this issue from the *being overtaken* perspective. I approached the question from the perspective of a power-driven vessel overtaking another vessel, **INLAND** and in sight

of one another. My question had a lot of internet-searchable clues on where to find the answer in the **USCG Navigation Rules**, pointing to Rule 34 (c). I asked: You are (**INLAND**) a power-driven vessel overtaking another vessel, in sight of one another, on her starboard side. The answer is that you should sound a whistle signal of one short blast – answer A. Our **District Commander Allan Bombard**, one of my regular respondents, came back quickly with the right Rule and Answer. But before we move on to next month's challenge, let me point out one interesting element of this simple issue. Read the Rule again and you'll see that this is only relevant when the overtaken vessel is also a power-driven vessel. To me that implies that, when your (overtaking) vessel is power-driven and the other vessel (overtaken) is a sailing vessel then Rule 34 (c) does not apply. **Please tell me if you knew this already.**

Now for **September's** challenge. You are (**INLAND**) operating your vessel through a narrow channel and you must stay within the channel to navigate safely. Another vessel is crossing your course from starboard to port, and you are in doubt of as to her intentions. You \_\_\_\_\_

- A) *may sound the danger signal.*
- B) *must sound the danger signal.*
- C) *should sound one short blast to indicate that you are holding course and speed.*
- D) *are required to back down.*

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 and find the one word that would change your answer to this question.

To learn more, I hope you consider taking a course from our **Americas Boating Club Oceanside**. The next course starts 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 lost your GPS! It happens to the best of us. We can shorten the course if you only want to get "**The Boating Card**". We are preparing to teach the **Engine Maintenance Course** and will start this class on **October 05, 2023**.

We are also 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, don't hesitate to get in touch with **Jan Follestad** at <https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>

**Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON**  
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[Sign up on-line - https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/](https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/)

# 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

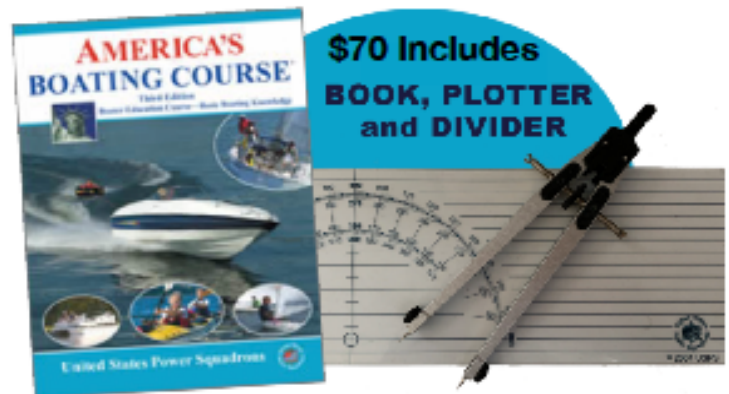
\$70 - Includes Textbook, Chartplotter and Divider, plus 12 weeks of in-class instruction. Exams are optional.



REGISTER  
TODAY!!

Limit 15 Students

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



\$70 Includes  
BOOK, PLOTTER  
and DIVIDER

**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:

# ENROLL NOW

***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.

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

Visit [AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org](https://AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org) to register on-line

*Repairs that  
do-it-yourselfers  
can perform*

# Engine Maintenance

## DATE

Thursday, October 5, 2023 (12 weeks)  
Time: 7 PM - 9 PM

## PLACE

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

## COST

\$80 Members / \$110 NonMembers

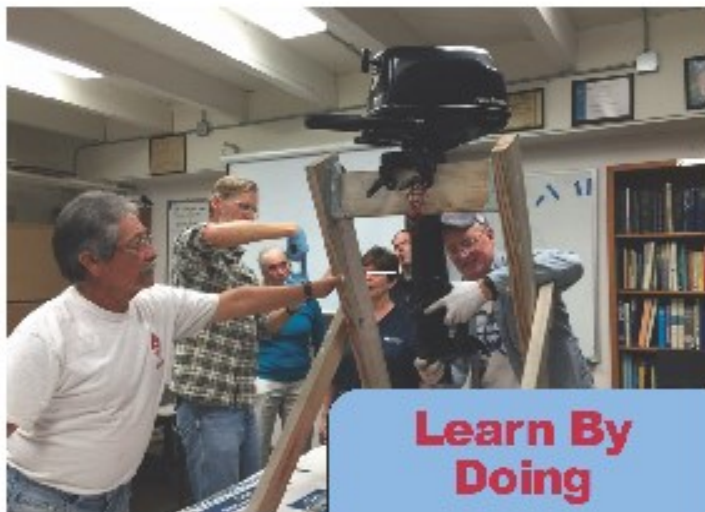
**CLASS LIMITED TO 15 STUDENTS**



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.



**Learn By  
Doing**

- 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)

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**Call** (760) 712-7161

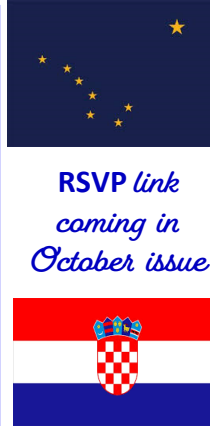


# Alaska --- Croatia

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DISTRICT 28



JILL POWELL



RSVP link  
coming in  
October issue

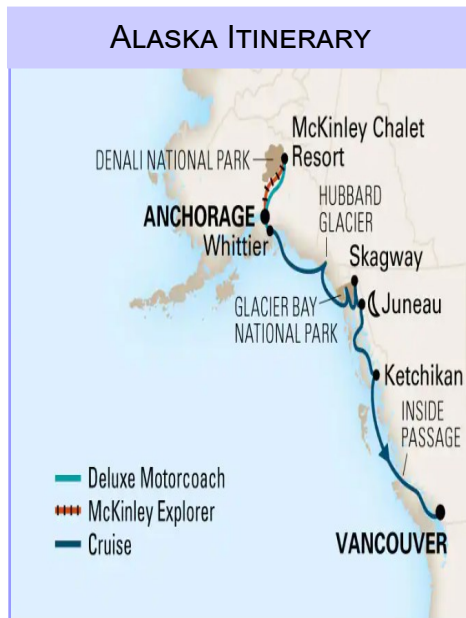


CIDA DIEHL

## Wednesday 15 November 2023

6:30p.m. Oceanside Yacht Club

**Potluck—bring a salad, hors d'oeuvres or an entrée to share**



ALASKA ITINERARY



CROATIA MAP

## INSTRUCTOR APPRECIATION NIGHT

*Come and honor our volunteer instructors*

# AHOY THERE!



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB  
DISTRICT 28



## COME AND SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS WITH DISTRICT 28

15 MARCH 2025 TO 28 MARCH 2025

A 'BUCKET LIST' TRIP

59°91N/10°75E TO 71°17N/25°78E

- ◆ Cruise the Norwegian Coast from Oslo to Alta (North Cape) to Bergen.
- ◆ Northern Norway is under the Auroral Oval, one of the best places to view the Northern Lights.
- ◆ 500 Passengers maximum—MS Trollfjord refurbished in 2023—visits 34 Ports
- ◆ Cabins for 2 to 3 passengers. Solo travelers no additional charge arrangement is pending.
- ◆ Choose Polar Outside cabin at \$4,482 per person to enjoy full size window or upgrade to a suite for premium onboard experience.
- ◆ Taxes and Fees included in pricing.
- ◆ Quote above is saving 40% and you could receive up to \$1,000 onboard credit if booked prior to 15 October 2023.
- ◆ 3 Restaurants and '1893' Bar.
- ◆ Unlimited selection of complimentary beer, wine & spirits available during restaurant & bar opening hours
- ◆ Culinary demonstrations and food tastings
- ◆ Fjord to Fork cuisine
- ◆ Free WiFi

The **Northern Lights** are some of the world's most celebrated natural phenomena. Nowhere else in the world but the **Arctic Circle** does a collision of celestial particles result in a palette of colors and movement.

Sail the **Norwegian Coast** directly beneath the **Auroral Zone**, which makes the ships the equivalent of floating observatories.

Listen for the "**Northern Lights Alert**" which will tell you whenever the aurora has been spotted.

*Pack your pajamas!!*

**Hurtigruten** is so sure that you will see the Northern Lights that, if for some strange reason, they don't appear, then it will give you a 6-day southbound or 7-day northbound Original Coastal Express Classic Voyage for **free!**\*

*A portion of any final proceeds will be donated to the ABC District 28 Education Department.*



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Norwegian Coastal Express

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# MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

to join us



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**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.

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**1**  
Boating  
Classes

**2**  
Social  
Events

**3**  
On-The-Water  
Events

**Single Memberships** only \$103 for the year.

**Family Memberships ...** \$136(for two) add \$2 for each additional household member per year



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