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ADVERTISING RATES AVAILABLE



Your photograph could be here too if you took The **Mariner's Needle** on vacation.



2023

OCTOBER

- 02 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location Shawn & Jennifer Goit's Vista apartment
- 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



It's nice to get a relief from the heat but I'm already dreading that summer is over.

It may be back next week!

We recently attended the District 28 Social Ice Cream Movie event with **San Diego Sail & Power Squadron** at **Bob Gibb's** clubhouse in Escondido. It was a fantastic event with great camaraderie, great food and on top of that ice cream. We also enjoyed a fantastic movie called **Maiden**. (*If you haven't seen it, it is great*). If you missed this event, please stay tuned for our next District event and try to get to that one, *thanks*.

Jennifer and I have recently purchased a couple of more pedal kayaks and we would like to invite members to come down and go kayaking, let's arrange a time and place. I am also interested in doing a kayak/ seminar/ tour of the harbor in a pedal kayak offered at \$60 a class. If anyone's interested, please let me know, this would include taking a pedal kayak around the harbor for a couple hours.

Just because the weather is turning cool doesn't mean that summer is completely over. **We have our dock party coming up next week and I hope to see everyone at the party. I am also making a challenge for everyone to bring a friend, a friend that could possibly be a potential member. Anyone who brings a friend and they join, that new member will get an electronic signal flare.**

These are just some of the ideas I'm trying to implement to get new members. If any members have any kind of ideas they would like to do collectively, please don't be afraid to bring it up at the dock party.

COVER PHOTO:

Cheryl & Adriaan Veldhuisen
cruising The Nivernais Canal, France.

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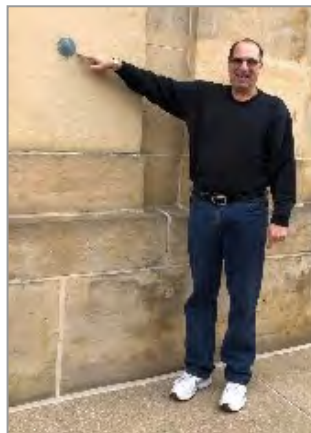


Photos in this issue of The Mariner's Needle courtesy of Cheryl Veldhuisen, Jan Follestad and Jill Powell

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Another thing I would like to try is possibly seeing if anyone has any interest in going out and hunting for geodetic markers. It's a fantastic opportunity to help and get involved in the **Cooperative Charting Program** we offer at National.

THE USPS COOPERATIVE CHARTING PROGRAM



The Cooperative Charting Program of the United States Power Squadrons® is conducted in close cooperation with the **United States Army Corps of Engineers**, the **United States Coast Guard**, and NOAA's National Geodetic Survey Division (**NGSD**).

The **Program** continues to be a major public service of USPS. As in the past, members supply important information to the above agencies so updates can be made to nautical charts and the **National Survey Marker** databases.



<https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12200> check out the website here for instructions and info on the program, It is a lot of fun.

'Til next month....

Cdr Shawn Goit, JN-ON

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Vessel Safety Checks
Contact Leon Hull

LeonVesselSafetyCheck@gmail.com

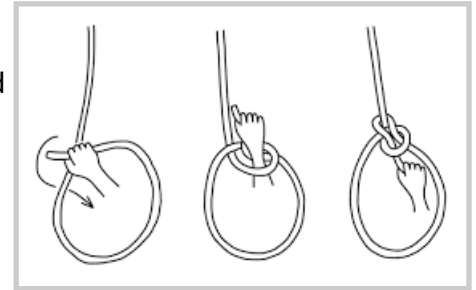


S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE



Our **Americas Boating Club** has begun with 12 students. 5 of them received the information from posters on harbor gates and in the glass cabinets. The others from social media and friends. To have the Harbor Master permit us to use the gates for promoting our classes, is very important to us.

After starting with training on tying a one-handed Bowline knot, we sat down and started looking at boat sizes and quickly found out that larger vessels have more requirements as the linear foot increases.



Last week we gave the students dividers and plotters so each week we will do some chartwork. The class will continue until the end of October.

We want to start an **Engine Maintenance class** in January 2024. We have some students ready to take it.

Americas Boating Club is now offering a new online Webinar: **Thunderstorms and Severe Weather**—Time 1 ½ hrs.

JN and **N** are also offered online. We have 3 students currently working on **N**.

Happy Sailing,

SEO Jan Follestad, SN-CN



Pictures are of the ABC class Fall 2023 at work.



and show Instructor **Dennis Alba, AP**

CIDA DIEHL, SN-CN



JAN FOLLESTAD, SN-CN

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DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (DSC)

What Could be Easier?

A VHF radio equipped with **Digital Selective Calling**, or DSC, has the equivalent of a "**mayday button**". All new fixed-mount VHF radios come with this one-button feature, which is usually labeled "**DISTRESS**."

When activated, it automatically broadcasts an encoded distress call that will be picked up by all nearby vessels equipped with DSC as well as **US Coast Guards** vessels and their shore stations. If the radio is interfaced with your GPS, it will also automatically broadcast the distressed vessel's position. To use DSC, you must obtain an **MMSI** (*Maritime Mobile Service Identity*) number.

Get one at www.USPS.org/mmsi

There are other great features of the DSC radio such as calling or hailing a fellow boater or a group of boaters that might be traveling or fishing together. You can do this as long as you know their DSC numbers, with the push of a button instead of having to hail by speaking into the microphone.

For more of an understanding about DSC radios, their features and installation, watch the **BoatUS Foundation** tutorial called, "[Can you Hear Me?](#)".

Or take one of our seminars on VHF.

But most important make sure your radio has an MMSI # programed into it.

Jake Alcantara

12 TIPS FOR SAFE BOATING

1. Take a Boating Safety Course

New boaters and experienced experts alike need to be familiar with the boating rules of the road. Boating safety courses are offered locally, inexpensive, and often completed in a day.

2. Get a Free Vessel Safety Check

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and **U.S. Power Squadrons®/America's Boating Club®** offer complimentary boat examinations to verify the presence and condition of specific safety equipment required by state and federal regulations. Free of charge. CONTACT **Leon Hull, America's Boating Club Oceanside** — Email: LeonVesselSafetyCheck@gmail.com

3. Follow a Pre-Departure Checklist

Utilizing a [pre-departure checklist](#) is a helpful way to check the boat and ensure the proper gear is onboard.

4. Be Weather-Wise

Always check local, route, and destination [weather and water conditions](#) before departure and ensure it is safe to go out.

5. Use Common Sense

Operate at a safe speed at all times (especially in crowded areas), stay alert, and steer clear of large vessels and watercraft that can be restricted in their ability to stop or turn.

6. Know the Nautical Rules of the Road

Maintain a proper lookout and be respectful of buoys and other navigational aids, all of which have been placed there to ensure your safety and the safety of the boats around you. Check out the [USCG's Navigation Rules information page](#).

7. Designate an Assistant Skipper

Make sure more than one person on board is familiar with all aspects of the boat's handling, operations, and general boating safety, in case the primary operator is incapacitated, and someone else needs to get the boat back to shore.

8. Develop a Float Plan

Whether you inform a family member or staff at your local marina, let someone else know where you're going and how long you'll be gone. A float plan can include the following information:

9. Wear a Life Jacket

Assign and fit each member of your onboard team with a life jacket before departure. Regulations vary by state, but children under 16 and all watersports riders should wear a life jacket on the water.

10. Never Drink and Drive a Boat

Operating a boat while intoxicated is illegal. Nearly half of all boating accidents involve alcohol—designate a sober skipper before leaving the dock.

11. Be Aware of Carbon Monoxide

Maintain fresh air circulation throughout the boat. Educate all passengers about the symptoms of [CO poisoning](#) and where CO may accumulate.

12. Stay Clear of the Engine

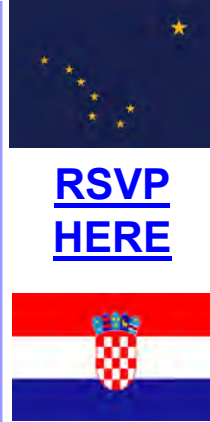
Drivers should wear the boat's engine cut-off switch lanyard at all times. Keep watch around the [propeller area](#) when people are in the water. Never allow passengers to board or exit your boat from the water when engines are on—or idling. Take extra precautions near boats towing skiers or tubers.

Alaska --- Croatia

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
DISTRICT 28



JILL POWELL



CIDA DIEHL

Wednesday 15 November 2023

6:30p.m. Oceanside Yacht Club

POTLUCK—BRING AN ENTRÉE, HORS D'OEUVRES, OR SALAD TO SHARE.

FREE EVENT

ALASKA ITINERARY



CROATIA MAP



INSTRUCTOR APPRECIATION NIGHT

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General Membership Gathering **RSVP Required**

AHOY THERE!



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15 MARCH 2025 TO 28 MARCH 2025

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Deposit (25% of fare) due 7 days after providing your name(s).
Final payment due August 31, 2024.

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- ◆ Northern Norway is under the Auroral Oval, one of the best places to view the Northern Lights.
- ◆ 500 Passengers maximum—MS Trollfjord refurbished in April 2023— visits 34 Ports
- ◆ Cabins for 2 to 3 passengers. Solo travelers no additional charge arrangement is pending.
- ◆ Choose Arctic Superior Outside Midship at \$7,613 per person to enjoy full size window or upgrade to a suite for premium onboard experience. Polar Outside from \$5,905 per person.
- ◆ Taxes and Fees included in pricing.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 1 Night stay in Oslo with ship transfer.

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!!

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- **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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3
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Events

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