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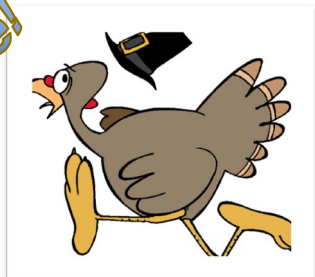
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ADVERTISING RATES AVAILABLE



No, No, Not Me!



Happy Thanksgiving!



2023

NOVEMBER

- 6 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location Classroom
 15 1830 All Member/Instructor Appreciation Potluck
 Honoring our Instructors.
 Dinner—Presentations on Alaska and Croatia per
 flyer: OYC Private Room RSVP Please! See Page 4.

DECEMBER

- 4 1800 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Hosted by Jill & Loie Powell
 13 Christmas Party—Gift Exchange. OYC Private Room. See
 Page 5. RSVP by 01 December!!!!

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



We are finally getting some Fall weather. Let's consider ourselves lucky that we still have a boating season, unlike folks on the East Coast. They would now be winterizing their boats, so I guess that we can say that we have it "good" here.

Anyhow, we had a great **BBQ** event on S Dock in Oceanside last month, where we projected the **America's Boating Channel** on the hoisted sail of "Passing Wind" for all and sundry to see and hear. We had a pretty good turn out and it was very enjoyable—good "people" time. If you missed it, maybe you can join us next time. See photos on Page 13.

I do believe that **Instructor Appreciation Night** next Wednesday will be a very interesting "potluck" evening. See Page 4.

I think that I mentioned this last month, but I will mention it again. If you haven't checked it out, take a look at our **National site on geodetic markers** and let's get a group of interested people together and cruise around the harbor looking for geodetic markers.

I hope to see everybody at the Instructor Appreciation Night.

'Til December, Fair Winds and Following Seas.

WANTED—Sub Lease 38' Boat Slip

Boat slip in San Diego, Oceanside or Dana Point
 for 3 months summer 2024
 38' - June, July and August 2024
 Contact: Jill Powell — (760) 716-1675

COVER PHOTO:

Sail projection of America's Boating Channel.

Cdr Shawn Goit, JN-ON



NOVEMBER

LISA ATTARDO	04
STEPHANIE CARSON	04
CHERYL VELDHIJSEN	05
DAN RANCOURT	08
EMI FOLLESTAD	11
BRETT DROUET	22
RICH KRAUS	27



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

WANTED

Nautical Ensign - *new or used*

16 X 24

(for personal use)



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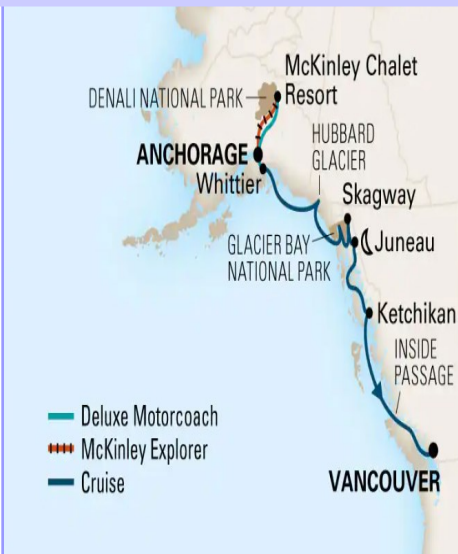
Wednesday 15 November 2023

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

Come and honor our volunteer instructors.
General Membership Gathering **RSVP Required**



WHEN: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

TIME: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

WHERE: Oceanside Yacht Club

COST: \$40 (includes tax and tip)

Dinner options:

1. New York Strip Steak 6 oz with baked potato (butter, sour cream) and vegetables
2. Baked Chicken Breast with baked potato (butter, sour cream), and vegetables
3. Salmon with wild rice and vegetables.

Dinner includes: garden dinner salad, rolls and butter, and dessert.



Sign Up deadline
DECEMBER 1, 2023

Sign Up Link Below

\$15 for the gift exchange.
NO HOMEMADE gifts.

Dinner includes: Garden Dinner Salad, Rolls and Butter, Dessert

<https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/event/christmas-party/>

S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE



On November 15-2023 we will be celebrating our volunteer Instructors for ABC Oceanside/San Luis Rey.

We currently have the following active instructors:

Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON. He came out from Carlinville, IL and gave us a two hour Lesson on Rules and Regulation for a Squadron.

Dennis Alba, AP is an instructor for Americas Boating Class together with Lt/C Cida Diehl SN-CN and myself.

The current class has 13 students and they will have their finals on November 28. They will know Rules of the Road, Boat Handling, Understand Time, Latitude and Longitude.

Instructor Jorge Alonso, AP teaches Marine Electrical and Engine Maintenance. He will start E.M Thursday January 18-2024 at OYC classroom.

Commander Shawn Goit, JN-ON will continue with the On-the-Water Hands-On-Training.

Lt/C Darryel Simmons, JN-IN and P/C Kirk Lippert, JN-IN are ready to teach Marine Navigation and Navigation.

Other Classes will be added with our instructors as needed.

The instructors and wives are invited to the Potluck Dinner in November.

America's Boating Club has a "New Weather Course" online you might like to look into. They have JN and N online. I will ask our three students in N class to give us a report on this at our next membership meeting.

We are working with students in the ABC class .

Happy Sailing, kindly



SEO Jan Follestad, SN-ON



JACKLINES

Jacklines are an essential safety feature when sailing on a boat, especially in rough seas or adverse weather conditions. They are lines or straps that run the length of the deck, allowing sailors to clip their safety harnesses onto them for added security.

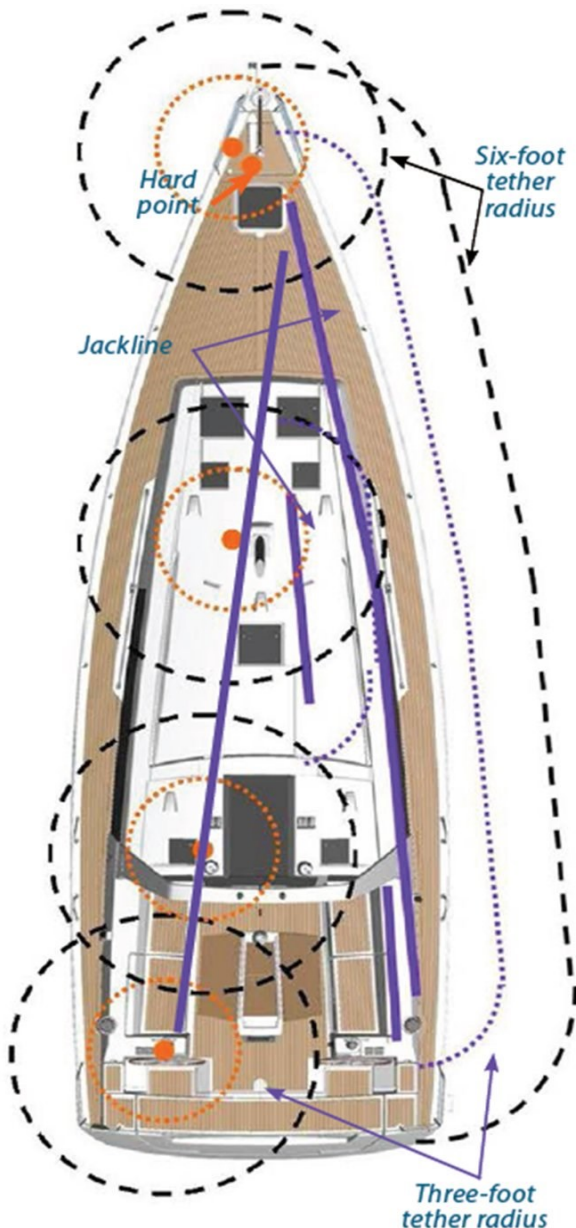
Firstly, it's crucial to ensure that the jacklines are made of sturdy, high-quality materials, like strong webbing or stainless steel wire. They should be securely fastened to strong points on the bow and stern of the boat, ensuring they can withstand heavy loads and extreme tension.

When clipping onto the jacklines, it is essential to wear a properly fitted safety harness that is also made from strong, durable materials. The harness should have a strong tether with a reliable locking mechanism. Always attach the tether to a sturdy point on the boat, using a secure and easy-to-release clip. This will allow you to move freely around the deck while still remaining connected to the boat at all times.

It's important to continuously adjust the length of the tether and position yourself so that you can move comfortably, but still remain safe. Avoid creating large amounts of slack in the tether as it can lead to falls on deck or overboard.

Regular inspections of the jacklines are key to ensuring their ongoing effectiveness. Check for any signs of wear or damage, and replace any worn-out portions promptly.

In conclusion, jacklines are an extremely effective tool of self preservation for all sailors. By investing in quality materials, securely fastening the jacklines, wearing proper safety harness, and regularly inspecting the system, sailors can significantly minimize the risks of accidents or falling overboard while sailing.



D/Lt Jake Alcantara, P

SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE ...



NOVEMBER 2023

My editors granted me permission to skip publishing my article in **October**, for which I was grateful, as my wife and I had planned a canal cruise in **Burgundy - Central France**. It was not our first time on a French canal, as we 'cruised' on the **Canal du Midi** four years ago. Still, it was a different experience. We slowly cruised for two weeks down **Canal du Nivernais**, navigating under many low and narrow bridges and through 53 locks, operated by human power! I enjoyed getting physically involved, assisting the French lockkeepers. The Burgundy landscape is beautiful. However, post-COVID pandemic, many of the advertised markets, restaurants, and wineries did not survive.

The French navigation rules on their **Inland Waterways** are different from our home rules, navigating our Inland Waterways. Canal du Nivernais runs parallel to, and sometimes joins, the **Yonne** river with **WEIRS** (*low-head barriers across the width of a river to manage the flow of the river*) that aren't very visible from a distance.

So, I did some research, as there was no 'Rules and Regulations' handbook that came with our boat. The sound signals are somewhat the same, though rarely used. The signs to aid us in how to choose a safe path under a bridge, around a weir, or entering a lock, and what areas to avoid on the river, are unfamiliar. Of course they are crucially important. Here's a question: would you know where to find our Inland Aids to Navigation? Try <https://www.uscgboating.org/images/486.PDF>.

In **September** we looked at operating your vessel (INLAND) through a *Narrow Channel* while you must stay within the channel to navigate safely. So, I asked: *another vessel is crossing your course from starboard to port, and you are in doubt as to her intentions. What signal is appropriate?* One of my regular readers chose D, 'are required to back down.' Based on his logic that 1. *Backing down does not mandate leaving the channel*, 2. *The starboard boat has the right of way*. 3. *It would not force the port vessel out of the channel*. And 4. *The starboard vessel should sound 1 blast* (34.c.i. I am approaching from starboard) though I did not give us that option!

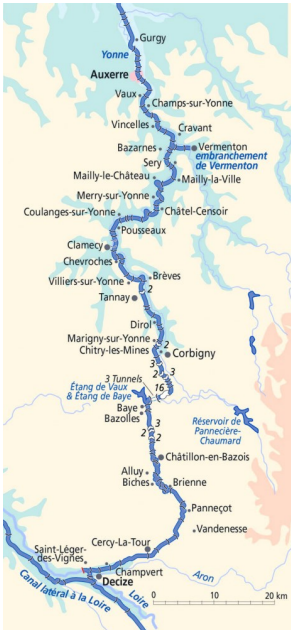
As much as I liked this answer, here was my response (*respectfully*): **Hmmm, good reasoning. My 'hint' was Narrow Channel so looking at the Table of Content of the USCG Navigation Rules that's Rule 9.** (a) is downbound, (b) is < 20 meters, (c) is fishing and (d) is **crossing**. Rule 9 (d) says that a vessel shall not cross if that impedes. For the 'in doubt' part: INLAND says in Rule 34 that you *shall* use the sound signal. Therefore, my answer is B, must sound the danger signal.

Now for **THIS** month's challenge. It is not too often that we see cones as day shapes on a vessel. But they are still part of our Rules and Regulations. What's important is the direction of the apex (*top or highest part, forming a point*). So I'll ask two questions. 1) **what type of vessel or operation is indicated by a vessel showing two cones with the apexes together**, and 2) **what type of vessel is displaying one cone with the apex down?**

Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON

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CANAL BOATING IN FRANCE, A DIFFERENT ON-THE-WATER EXPERIENCE



Boating on a canal in France is different from our previous adventures, like ocean sailing, racing, river cruising and large international cruising. From a boater's perspective, used to challenges, it is quite relaxing.

Together with another experienced couple we rented a motorboat, nearly 50' long and 15' wide, with all the amenities you would find in a modern RV. The maximum speed allowed is 3.3 knots in a (mostly) straight canal with no room to pass. In two weeks on Canal du Nivernais, we 'cruised' 30-40 hours. But the excitement comes in going through 53 locks, mostly operated by human power, and navigating under some 70-80 low and narrow bridges.



The rental company advertises that no license or experience is required, even if you have never handled a boat. *"The base team shows you everything you need to know before you set off on your houseboat cruise, in just 15 minutes."* There is no document for waterway and canal regulations onboard. To us experienced boaters, this lack of knowledge and regulations shows.

Burgundy is a beautiful region of central France, south of Paris, with many castles, little villages, wineries, and a beautiful landscape that slides by at a low pace. Unfortunately, COVID made its impact and many of the wineries and restaurants were closed. I hope that these will get a chance to come back, although with declining tourism on the canals this may not happen.

The Canal du Nivernais runs parallel to the Yonne river, and sometimes merges with the river. It was designed in 1784 to float logs to Paris as timber to keep factories and fireplaces going. There's no current in the canal, but the flow of the river varies in different places. There is no boating traffic on the Yonne river, but there are some challenges if you don't know the rules. I found a website: <https://www.french-waterways.com/practicalities/cruising-regulations/> and the rules are similar for all of Europe. (I have a European Operator's License for Pleasure Craft.)



Above you will see us cruise the canal in full tranquility, pass narrowly under one of the many bridges (without scraping the fiberglass), approach a bridge with traffic signs, and choose where to "enter" under the bridge at the proper place. It is important to remember that the depth is only 5 feet or less, and our draft is 4'! The other challenge is the locks, often shared with others.

Looking back at this boating adventure, it was interesting, beautiful, and wholly recommended. It is not much of a boating challenge, beyond the logistics to travel there by plane, taxi in Paris, and by train through France. We also had to provision ourselves for two weeks, with the other couple, while the online travel guides were written prior to the COVID epidemic. All went well, no damage to the boat. We're still friends, didn't go thirsty or lose any weight, and I still highly recommend it. For our next adventure we will look for something different, as always.

Adriaan and Cheryl Veldhuisen



Boating Under the Influence: *Talk about it before it's too late.*

Let's talk about boating under the influence (BUI). Just because November is upon us and a lot of boats have been winterized, we continue to need to educate each other about this dangerous practice. **America's Boating Channel™** BUI videos offer an excellent way in which to do this.

Check out the "Dispelling BUI Myths" video in Season Four that covers six major misconceptions about boating under the influence (BUI). It

teaches viewers about unique dangers associated with boating while intoxicated and features law enforcement actions and penalties for conviction of BUI. In Season Five there is a video entitled "BUI Fatalities" that covers the most fundamental reason for not boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Viewers will learn of additional associated risks and receive tips for avoiding BUI, such as using a designated sober operator.



It's not too early to start planning your boating show booth. Have you considered using a computer or TV to play a loop of the many America's Boating Channel videos?

It is an excellent way to draw people in to talk with you about safe boating through education, and the opportunities that your club offers.

The videos referenced here, and others, are available to ABC/USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC.

There is an index to help you find the topic you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection. Otherwise, visit America's Boating Channel on YouTube at : <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and nearly 100 other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku, FireTV and, as of November 2023, Apple TV. [America's Boating Channel™](https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Ahoy there, D28ers!

Although we did not hold a Fall Conference, consistent with the desires of the Membership, one of the important aspects merits a special note to everyone: The Chief Commander's Message.

There are several items of interest in CC Fraser's address, particularly regarding the new iMIS system (which the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization championed). Take a minute to review the message, which can be accessed from the CC's home page:

<https://www.usps.org/departments/11000>



In the left column, select the last item (CC Message), and you will be taken to a page where it can be downloaded. I recommend downloading the PPT that has the embedded notes and audio. Once it downloads, open and review each slide individually (i.e., don't use Show/Presentation mode). You will see a gray speaker in the middle of the slide, hover over it and a bar appears where you can click on play and listen. If you don't want to listen, but would rather read what Craig says, it is all at the bottom of each slide in the notes section of the slide. (I would send this as an attachment, but this email system won't allow it - you can send me a note and I will send it to you if you have trouble navigating to the source.

The Admiral and I are en route back to San Diego, after a wonderful 8 weeks travel-trailing along the east coast, from Lake Champlain to Charlotte; a month in Italy; and now in our Micro Minnie in Texas heading to Sun Diego.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Allan

Allan T Bombard, SN-CN
Commander, District 28





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

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