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# JANUARY 2024



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**2024** 

#### **JANUARY**

- 13 San Diego Change of Watch—Southwestern Yacht Club
- 17 ABC Oceanside Change of Watch—Location Oceanside Yacht Club. See Page 4.

#### **FEBRUARY**

3-12 ABC Annual Meeting (111 Years) - Orlando, FL.

Anyone interested in coming along—several ABC Oceanside and
D28 members will be gathering there for some networking and
camaraderie.

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— Ayres Hotel/Newport Dunes.

#### **APRIL**

01 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom-Location TBA

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

## 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

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Screenshot of the Oceanside Holiday Boat Parade taken by Shawn Goit - from the Oceanside Harbor Webcam.

# A Note from the Commander



s the year comes to an end I would like to say

that it has been an honor to have serve as your commander for this past year.

Now, join us for the **Change of Watch event on January 17** at the **Oceanside Yacht Club** marking the end of the year and the beginning of a new one. See P. 4

Please come to this event or any other throughout the year. Sign up to do something for our community and help both us and you grow. *Your* involvement is one of the keys to our success.

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization; so if interested, please inform the incoming bridge.

Hope to see you in the harbor or out on your boats, if not your boat, *hit me up* for a cruise.

## Cdr Shawn Goit, JN-ON

<u>Cover Photo</u>: Lisa Attardo, Darryel Simmons, Loie & Jill Powell, Jennifer & Shawn Goit.





# Happy Birthday!

# **JANUARY**

Brenda Squires	01
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## 2024 SAN LUIS REY USPS (ABC)

## **BRIDGE SLATE**

### **NOMINATIONS FOR BRIDGE OFFICERS**

Commander: Darryel Simmons, AP
Executive Officer: Kirk Lippert, JN-CN
Educational Officer: Jan Follestad, SN-CN
A/Educational Officer: Cida Diehl, SN-CN

Administrative Officer: Open

A/Administrative Officer: Shawn Goit, JN-ON

Secretary: Lisa Attardo, AP

Treasurer: Open

A/Treasurer: Chris Peavey, SN-IN

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

3 Year Term: Barbara Daciolas-Semon, S2 Year Term: Richele Daciolas-Semon, AP

1 Year Term: Jill Powell. AP

Immediate P/Commander: Shawn Goit JN-ON

Member at Large: Jeff Olsen, P

### Nominating Committee

3 Year Term: Shawn Goit, JN-ON 2 Year Term: Kirk Lippert, JN-CN 1 Year Term: Jorge Alonso, S

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR EARNING A DISTINGUISHED MERIT MARK FOR 2023!

DENNIS F. ALBA JACOB ALCANTARA JORGE L. ALONSO STEPHEN BREIDENTHAL ELIZABETH COOK BARBARA DACIOLAS-SEMON JENNIFER DACIOLAS-SEMON RICHELE DACIOLAS-SEMON CIDA DIEHL JAN I. FOLLESTAD JENNIFER GOIT SHAWN GOIT BARBARA HULL LENARD HULL NANCY KANGAS KIRK T. LIPPERT SANDRA LIPPERT JEFF OLSEN CHRIS L. PEAVEY JIII POWELL DARRYFI D. SIMMONS ADRIAAN VELDHUISEN

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# CDR DEBRA OBERG, JN

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**Debra Ann Oberg (Wanta)** left this world on **December 16, 2023** at the age of 59, due to complications from CREST Syndrome and Congestive Heart Failure. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, and friend, leaving behind a legacy of love and service. Debra is survived by her husband of 33 years, **Peter Oberg**, and their son, **Luke**.

Deb was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was raised in West Bend, Wisconsin where she went to St. Frances Cabrini until 8th grade and completed her schooling at West Bend West High School class of 1982, where she was a competitive cross-country runner. She graduated in 1984 from Moraine Park Technical Institute with an Associate degree in Accounting and Computer Programming prior to moving to San Diego in 1985.

She worked at AMCC for many years prior to retiring and pursuing her true passion for helping the youth in her community. While at AMCC, Debbie was able to travel to Hong Kong and Singapore, fulfilling another passion of hers to travel aboard.

A passionate advocate for youth development, Debra dedicated much of her life to the **Boy Scouts of America**. She was an avid and active member, holding various volunteer leadership positions that showcased her commitment to fostering the growth and well-being of young individuals. Debra worked professionally for the Boy Scouts for many years at the San Diego Imperial Council Offices, where her dedication and enthusiasm had a lasting impact on the organization and those she served.

Having lived a life of service to others for over 22 years, Debra loved every aspect of the Scouting Program and was recognized for her service to Scouting at multiple levels, including the Cubmaster of Pack 280, Crew, Ship, District, and Council levels most recently as Ships 1886 and 1001, and Pack 280's Executive Officer. Debra served in innumerable roles in Scouting outside of a unit including: Scout Fair committee, University of Scouting instructor, Council Popcorn Kernel, Pow Wow staff, Wood Badge Staff, and as a Wood Badge Course Director in 2018. She sailed to Catalina several times with the Sea Scouts.

"Commander Deb" joined the **United States Power Squadrons**® (USPS); **America's Boating Club** in 2015 and, for the last 3 years, led the **San Diego Sail & Power Squadron** as the Club Commander, Executive Officer, Public Relations contact. She was USPS Senior Member and successfully completed many of the USPS/ABC course offerings including: Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Pilot, Junior Navigation, and Weather.

Debbie will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. May she rest in eternal peace, and may her legacy of compassion, service, and dedication continue to inspire us all.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that you give to a charity that supports youth development. Debra's life was a testament to the belief that investing in the future of our youth is a noble and worthwhile cause.

San Diego services will be held at St Columba Catholic Church, 3327 Glencolum Drive. on **Saturday January 6th** with the Viewing at 10 AM and Funeral Mass at 11am, followed by a reception at **Elijah's Restaurant, 7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA. Editors Note**: **Bridge Officers** *from USPS are requested to be in Squadron Uniform F.* 

# S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE

With the New Year starting we must now look forward and see what classes and programs we can do.

Americas Boating Class is starting on January 16th in the OYC class room with Instructors Cida Diehl SN-CN and Instructors Dennis Alba, AP and I, Jan Follestad SN-CN.

**Piloting** (Marine Navigation) starts on **January 18th** at the OYC class room. Instructors will be Incoming Commander **Darryel Simmons JN-ON** and **SEO Jan Follestad SN-CN**.

Flyers for these classes are on Page 8.

Gas and Diesel Engine In the last week of April. We have asked Jorge Alonso AP, our "Engine Architect" to teach The Engine Maintenance Class. If he accepts he will teach both gasoline and diesel engines. This class is a must for boat owners of both sail and power boats.

The last 9 students in the **ABC class** finished their tests, and they all ended up with scores between 89% and 99%. *An Excellent class*.

I hope they continue with the **Piloting**.

**P/C Shawn Goit JN-ON** will continue with "**On the Water Program**". He will make his own scheduling for the training in the classroom and on the water.

My best wishes to you and your family for Christmas and the New Year.

SEO Jan Follestad SN-CN.







## **JANUARY 2024**

# SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE ...





ew of my readers will remember what I wrote as my first article, when I started to write about **COAST GUARD** Rules in **January 2011**. I asked about priority rules in a narrow channel, particularly between a sailing vessel and a vessel engaged in fishing. Regular readers will know that there is often a 'trick' in my challenges, designed to make you go to the **Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook** to get it right. The **Responsibilities Between Vessels** is found in Rule 18, but in this particular case we needed to go to Rule 9, **Narrow Channels**, where it says in Rule 9 (c) that "a vessel"

engaged in fishing shall not impede the passage of any other vessel . . .".

That should have set the tone for the next 14 years, and more to come. So, here is my wish: *have a happy New Year and stay safe on the water.* 

Members of the United States Power Squadrons®, now called America's Boating Club®, pledge to promote high standards of Navigation and Seamanship, operate their boat legally, and render assistance whenever possible. The Coast Guard adds: From Aztec Shore to Arctic Zone, to Europe and Far East, the flag is carried by our ships In times of war and peace; and never have we struck it yet In spite of foemen's might, who cheered our crews and cheered again for showing how to fight. In the year ahead, as a member of USPS and as a Coast Guard licensed Captain, I hope these thoughts carry us through our boater's world of conflict and division.

In my **December** challenge, for INLAND waters only, I asked: While underway during the day, you sight a small motorboat showing a flashing blue light.

What does this light indicate? This seems too easy to look it up in the Handbook, particularly since it is hard to find where this is actually documented. It turns out that this is in the "Pilot"

Rules", called Annex V.

There you will find § 88.05 about Law Enforcement Vessels. But, here is my challenge: this used to be § 88.11. Why does this matter? The older version of the Rules had the important "Copy of Rules" statement, which said that the operator of a vessel over 39 feet shall carry on board a [hard] copy of the Inland Navigation Rules. With this change the Coast Guard is now allowing an electronic edition of the Inland Navigation Rules, provided the file is downloaded so as not to require internet connectivity to access them when needed. All I want for Christmas is a new USCG Navigation Rules & Regulation Handbook.

For our **January** challenge we stay in INLAND waters. You are overtaking another vessel and sound a whistle signal indicating that you intend to overtake the vessel along its starboard side. The other vessel responds with five short short blasts. You should

- A) Not overtake the other vessel until both vessels exchange the same signal.
- B) Not overtake the other vessel until she sounds and you answer the same signal.
- C) Overtake the other vessel along her star board side.
- D) Sound five short and rapid blasts and over take along her starboard side.

#### So, here are my questions:

- 1) what is your signal?
- 2) what is the meaning of her response?
- 3) what is the difference between answers A and B?
- 4) which (sub) Rule in the Handbook governs this maneuver?

To learn more, I hope you consider taking a course from our Americas Boating Club Oceanside. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Jan Follestad at <a href="https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/">https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/</a>

#### Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON

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## Oceanside Yacht Club - Weather Station

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Oceanside Yacht Club has installed a weather station on the roof of the Yacht Club. I have included some of the metrics that the weather station will be keeping track of on the Oceanside home page about half way down the page. At some point I hope to be able to pull wind/gusts and temp from this data and display on the webcam live harbor feed. Just waiting for approval from OYC.

Nancy Kangas, Webmaster.



# 72<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH & OPERATIONS TRAINING DINNER AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

# SATURDAY JANUARY 13, 2024

OPS TRAINING: 2:30-5:30P.M. CHANGE OF WATCH: 6:00P.M.

**Purpose of the Operations Training:** Required by all incoming bridge officers to become familiar with running a club/squadron. **Purpose of the Change of Watch**: To install the 2024-2025 Bridge Officers and Elected members.

All members of the local squadrons and their guests are invited to attend the **Change of Watch Dinner** for **San Diego**, with nohost cocktails at 6 pm.

#### Entrée choices:

- Chicken Cobb Salad (large) \$18
- Yacht Burger w/cheese \$21
- Miso-Glazed Salmon w/couscous & seasonal vegetables \$35
- Filet mignon w/mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables \$44

  Coffee, tea, and alcoholic beverages are available for purchase. Walk-ins may order from the dining room menu.

Please RSVP your attendance and MENU CHOICE by January 7, 2024 to **Carl Schwartz** at <a href="mailto:carls1199@yahoo.com">carls1199@yahoo.com</a> or call at **619 528-9111** 

Register or more info:

https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/



# **Register NOW!**

Start the New Year Right



# America's Boating Course

DATES: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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

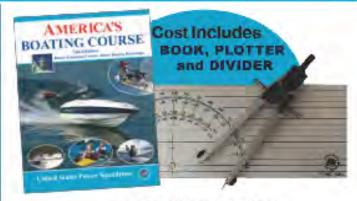
COST: \$70

Includes Textbook, Chartplotter and Divider, plus 12 weeks of in-class instruction.



REGISTER TODAY

Limit 15 Students



#### LEAD INSTRUCTORS:

J. Follestad, D. Alba, C. Diehl

Get in-depth practical knowledge with America's Boating Course. This class provides new and experienced boaters with an overview of boating fundamentals.

# Marine Navigation Course

DATES: Thursday January 18, 2024

TIME: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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

COST: \$75: USPS Members \$110: Non-Members

# LEAD INSTRUCTORS J. Follestad, D. Simmons



REGISTER TODAY

Limit 15 Students



- Charts and their interpretation
- Landmarks and navigation aids (buoys, day marks, lights, etc.)
- Plotting courses and determining direction and distance
- The mariner's compass and converting between True and Magnetic

And much more ...



The San Luis Rey Rules
Committee has completed
the final step on the revision
of the Bylaws. The previous
amendment was done in
2014, so it was time to do
this work.

The major changes were driven by requirements that are dictated by **USPS Headquarters**, and others from our own needs.

Here are some areas that were addressed:

- 1. The use of doing business as (d/b/a) America's Boating Club of Oceanside;
- Amend membership rules and endorsement on the member application and/or approval;
- 3. Make certain standing committees optional to allow for more squadron flexibility;
- 4. Provide for general and special meetings of the squadron by electronic means;
- 5. Provide for means of voting at electronic meetings.

Many of these changes were previously adopted by our leadership, but they still needed to be ratified in our **ABC Oceanside Bylaws**. To do this work in a legally acceptable manner we followed a process.

We started fresh with a "model" for **Squadron By-laws**, provided by the **USPS Rules Committee**. Then we looked at our current Bylaws and determined what the differences were. We studied the history of revisions, to learn what significant changes have occurred since your current Bylaws were approved in 2014. We incorporated provisions approved in earlier versions.

The model came with a set of instructions, that we

tried to follow, and we adapted the word process-ing to make it all pretty. Sometimes that turns out to be the hardest. Then we sent our draft to **R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN** the proper representative of the USPS Committee on Rules for review and certification. This step should be easy, but it turned out to be the hardest of all.

Our advisor, **District Commander Allan Bombard, SN** provided invaluable support with editing and negotiation.

Net result: we did it on December 15, 2023!



My sincere thanks go to **Allan Bombard** for his support and encouragement, to **Jill Powell** for making our work visible to the members, to **Nancy Kangas** for publishing our legal products on the **ABC Oceanside** website, and for the members to be interested and for their vote of approval.

- Adriaan Veldhuisen
- Elizabeth Cook
- Jeff Olsen
- Darryel Simmons

## **NEWS FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS:**

A flight of nine new Inlet Drone Videos (IDVs) have been approved for public release by the U.S. Coast Guard. IDVs combine aerial video footage and 3D chart animations to help recreational boaters plan their first sorties through challenging and dangerous U.S. waterway entrances. Closed-captioned streaming versions of these videos will be available the first week of January at https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLgIbejlMU2Hd lYJGtyK6udYt4t-4zFSz.



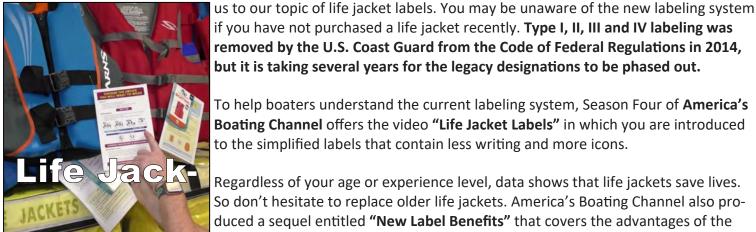
Eight of the new IDVs are available now for download from https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Dsul\_dzAxoZTISpmeQ9jYhxYGs6lvUd, with the ninth to be added in the near future.

America's Boating Channel was honored with the 2023 Go Global Award for Maritime Services. The press release is available here.

Reminder TO Educational officers: since America's Boating Channel's launch, all of its videos have been available to USPS members to screen and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. This is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.

#### Understanding Life Jacket Labels

Let's start the year by getting our life jackets ready for the 2024 boating season. If you cleaned and inspected your life jackets before storing them for winter storage, you should know how many need to be replaced. Which brings



but it is taking several years for the legacy designations to be phased out. To help boaters understand the current labeling system, Season Four of America's Boating Channel offers the video "Life Jacket Labels" in which you are introduced

Regardless of your age or experience level, data shows that life jackets save lives. So don't hesitate to replace older life jackets. America's Boating Channel<sup>™</sup> has produced videos to explain the new labeling system, which makes selecting the right life jacket easier. Watching videos like "Life Jacket Labels" (https://

duced a sequel entitled "New Label Benefits" that covers the advantages of the new life jacket labeling system. In this video, viewers learn how to interpret label icons. Also featured are tips for selecting the right life jacket for your intended onthe-water activity. Follow the above links or visit https://www.youtube.com/

youtu.be/9v1\_Eed4m90) and "New Label Benefits" (https://youtu.be/ MZ3v6JHPVIo) are an excellent way to understand how to buy the best life jacket for your intended use.

@AmericasBoatingChannel to find these and 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 \$\pi 39;s Boating Channel free, on-demand app on Apple TV, Roku or FireTV. America's Boating Channel ™ 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.



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



1 Boating Classes





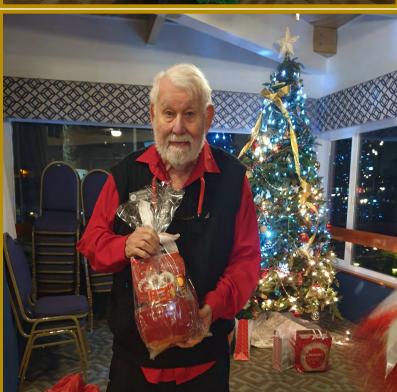
Single Memberships only \$103 for the year.

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