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ADVERTISING RATES AVAILABLE

OCEANSIDE MAKES UP THE MAJORITY OF THE AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB DISTRICT 28 BRIDGE FLANKED BY P/C/C CRAIG FRASER AND D28 COMMANDER DOUG BASS





2024

APRIL

- 1 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Location OYC Classroom
- 17 ABC Oceanside Potluck Dinner—Classroom

MAY

- 6 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Hosted by Lisa Attardo
- 18 **National Safe Boating Week—BBQ Hot Dogs—OYC area**

JUNE

- 3 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Hosted by Cida Diehl

JULY

- 1 1830 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Hosted by Chris & Nancy Peavey

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

A Note from the Commander



The newly installed **San Luis Rey (SLR) USPS ABC Bridge** is actively working on identifying exciting and engaging boating and land-based activities for 2024 and 2025. To aid in the planning of these activities, the SLR USPS Bridge would appreciate the assistance of the general membership (GM) of the organization to coordinate and participate in the events. It's the members and volunteers that contribute to the on-going success of the SLR USPS ABC organization.

The SLR USPS training program headed by **SEO Jan Follestad, SN-CN** continues to provide and schedule safe boating education courses. The **USPS America's Boating Club (ABC)** watercraft operator's course continues to be in-demand as the date quickly approaches for all **California** boat operators, regardless of age, to complete a required California state-approved boating safety course, and to possess a **California Boaters Card** by January 2025. The ABC course is available to **Oceanside Yacht Club (OYC)** members, boaters and anyone interested in learning how to safely operate a watercraft. Also, the upcoming **USPS Marine Engine Maintenance Course** starting on April 4, 2024 is always in demand; so don't delay in enrolling to reserve a course seat.

Do you want to learn more about USPS? SLR USPS is always looking for more volunteers that have the passion to promote safe boating for all. Please feel free to contact anyone listed on the last page of this issue of **The Mariner's Needle** for information regarding how you can support the USPS mission.

As always, Fair Winds and Following Seas to ALL!!!

Cdr Darryel Simmons, AP-ON

Welcome
New Members

CHARLES USHER
VICTORIA & NATHAN USHER

Photos in this issue of The Mariner's Needle courtesy of Barry Bean, JN, Jan Follestad, SN, Jill Powell, AP and Liana Mihalca, SN

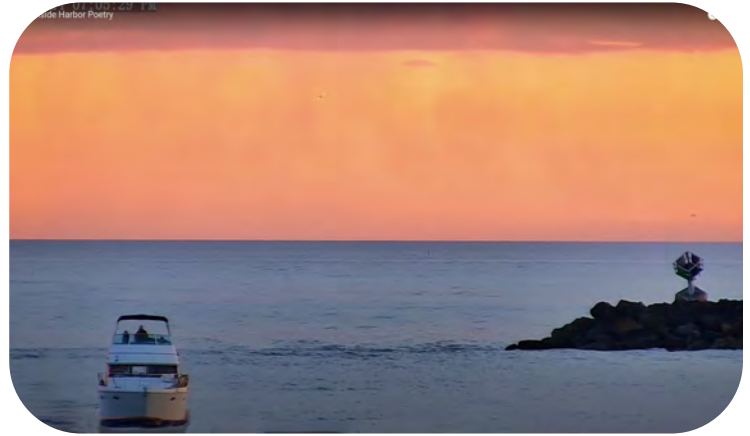


Happy Birthday!

APRIL

SAMANTHA PEAVEY	16
DENNIS ALBA	21
JENNIFER DACIOLAS-SEMON	23
MICHAEL DACIOLAS-SEMON	23
SHAUN McARDLE	25
ADAM LIPPERT	26
JILL POWELL	27

Oceanside Harbor Webcam



We have some beautiful sunsets here in Oceanside. I hope you enjoy the highlight reel from a sunset in late March.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBo0eyPpPYg>



S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE



This morning, we saw a large, thousand foot containership out of control, run into the left tower of the bridge in **Baltimore Harbor**. I heard that the ship's speed was 7 knots before the engine stopped and no steering could be done.

The **May Day** call shut down the traffic on the bridge and death toll is eight or ten people.

In our **Americas Boating Class** we have a section about not being able to steer the vessel and the complications that can occur.

Now our Class is over and the majority of students have passed, qualifying for the Boater Card.

The two instructors, **Dennis Alba** and **Jan Follestad** are happy with the Life Savers candy brought by one of the happy students. *Thankyou.*



This picture shows the **Commander** and **Instructor Darryel Simmons** smiling as I gave his students the take home test in which they were challenged in the skills of piloting, use of GPS and the compass.

The test was corrected by **USPS**.

This knowledge is a part of what you need to know if you want to sail along the coast or crossing the

Pacific to Hawaii.

On Thursday, April the fourth, we start the **Engine Maintenance** class with Instructor **Jorge Alonso**. The class has eleven students as of today. The class is popular with the boaters in the **Oceanside Harbor** and surroundings.

My thanks goes to all the instructions we have in **San Luis Rey** for their excellent work and dedication they give to the **Community and to the USPS**.

Kindly,



Jan I. Follestad, SN-CN

Visit <https://americasboatingcluboceaside.org/classroom/> | register on-line

*Repairs that
do-it-yourselfers
can perform*

Engine Maintenance

DATE

Thursday, April 4, 2024 (12 weeks)
Time: 7 PM - 9 PM

PLACE

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

COST

\$80 Members of America's Boating Club
& Oceanside Yacht Club
\$120 NonMembers

CLASS LIMITED TO 15 STUDENTS



Use camera for
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To Sign Up **NOW**

Jorge Alonso - Instructor



Hands On Training

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.

- 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)

Email: info@AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org

Call (760) 712-7161

APRIL 2024

SAFETY LESSONS
LEARNED FROM THE ...

Let's all agree, the weather is drastically different than what we expect. California has been hit with the biggest storms of the season, which were slated to deliver potential damage and life-threatening rain, wind, and flooding to our region. The 'atmospheric river' is being supercharged by warming ocean waters, causing significant downpours, and offering a preview of the region's future. A saving grace is that we fortunately receive timely warnings from NOAA.

In February I had the privilege to attend our Annual Conference in Orlando, where education is one of the major threads of interest. And in March I attended the District 28 Conference in Newport Beach. They did an outstanding job in hosting this event. Not surprisingly, we live in the reality that many of our courses are now offered in some online or electronic format. In both venues, we think that the area of change and growth is our on-the-water training. Our Club in Oceanside, together with our friends in the San Diego Club, are at the forefront of OTW Training in the nation.

I had opportunity to test and qualify five experienced sailors to reach their next "On-The-Water" certificate level, an overnight endeavor. We are lucky to have the USPS National leader, R/C Shawn Goit, to organize this endeavor. We also had the Past Chief Commander Craig Fraser join us and receive his next certification. But at the top of this event was, most certainly, our own P/D/C Richard Cross who reached the pinnacle of training and become an Ocean Navigator. It was said that this was at the top of his bucket list, making him the eleventh 'ON' in the nation. *Congratulations to P/D/C Richard Cross, SN-ON!* (See photos on Page 7)

For my March challenge I wrote, for INTERNATIONAL waters, that you're entering a crossing situation with another power-driven vessel. Your heading is 315° (North-West) and the other vessel is a 90° (East) course, off your port bow. You are in sight of one another and the vessel off your port bow blows one short blast. *What is the proper action for you to take?*

I had several readers respond, with different ideas, though all agreed that the correct answer is B, hold course and speed. This is simply based on Rule 34 (a) that the other vessel says: "I am altering my course to starboard" and no answer (blast) is required or even appropriate.

One suggestion was Rule 14, though that only deals with a Head-on situation. **Not applicable.**

Another suggestion was Rule 17 (a) (ii) which deals with your action to avoid collision IF the other vessel is not taking appropriate action. **Also, not applicable.**

I would like to point out that Rule 34 (a) is different for INLAND. In that case, the meaning of one short blast is "I intend to leave you on my port side" and you shall, if in agreement, sound the same signal and take action. Of course, in disagreement you sound the danger signal.

I also asked where you will find the Demarcation Lines for San Diego, Mission Bay, and Oceanside? In my Rules Handbook it is on page 155, § 80.1104 – San Diego, § 80.1106 – Mission Bay, and § 80.1108 – Oceanside. Basically, the demarcation line is 'in line' with the coast.

For my April challenge, let's stay where we were: two power-driven vessels in INTERNATIONAL waters, in sight of one another. Except in this case you are overtaking the other vessel, on her port side, but without changing course. Draw this again if you need. You:

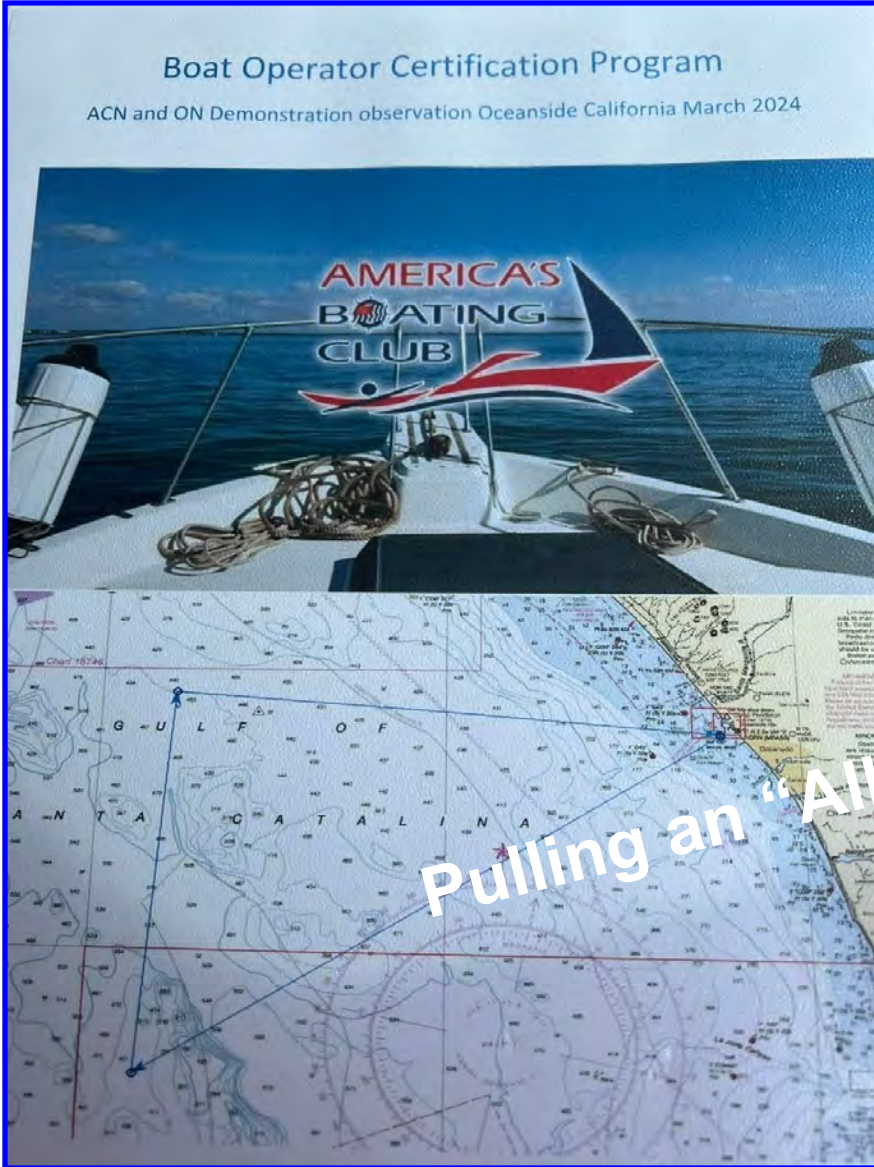
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- A: *should sound two short blasts.*
 B: *should sound the danger signal.*
 C: *should sound one long blast.*
 D: *need not sound any whistle signal.*

To be clear, you are not in a narrow channel, or nearing a bend with obstructions. As always, I am asking for your choice, and the applicable Rule in the USCG Navigation Rules & Regulations. You may also compare the procedure with the Rules, if you were INLAND.

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

Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON

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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB DISTRICT 28 SPRING CONFERENCE AND CHANGE OF WATCH 2024



Cruise of Newport Harbor courtesy of America's Boating Club Newport Beach.

Prince Henry the Navigator trophy moves to America's Boating Club San Diego. Congratulations Cdr Jerry Murphy.

Handed over by Shawn Goit and Cida Diehl.





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MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

to join us



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

FREE DOCKWALKER TRAINING

2024 WWW.BOATINGCLEANANDGREEN.COM (Dockwalker Tab)



This workshop trains partners or collaborators like you to become Dockwalkers, who conduct face-to-face boater education about environmentally-sound boating practices.

Receive free educational materials to distribute to boaters at marinas, boat launch ramps, boat shows, and special events. Dockwalkers' efforts increase boater awareness about clean and safe boating, thus improving the recreation experience in California while helping to preserve its precious wildlife habitat and water quality.

Anyone from 15 to 100 years young interested in water quality and sharing clean boating information (regardless of your background) can become a Dockwalker!

Southern California Trainings 2024

You Must Register To Attend. Click the hyperlinked dates below to register. Once you register, you will receive an email confirmation and we will send you the disclaimer you need to complete and send back to us via email and the training files.

Saturday, [March 16](#) 10 am to 12:45 pm
Virtual training

Saturday, [April 13](#) 10 am to 12:45 pm
In-person training in San Diego at the Silver Gate Yacht Club (2091 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego CA 92106).

Saturday, [May 4](#) 10 am to 12:45 pm
In-person training in Long Beach at the Shoreline Yacht Club (386 E. Shoreline Drive Long Beach, CA 90802).

Thursday, [June 6](#) 10 am to 12:45 pm
Virtual training

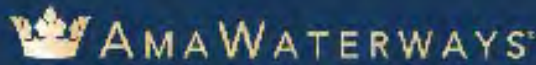
If you have been trained in the last three years, you have the option to register for a refresher training:

Saturday, [March 23](#) 10 am to 11:30 am
Virtual training

Thursday, [April 25](#) 2 pm to 3:30 pm
Virtual training



If you have any questions about the registration, please contact Vivian Matuk at vmatuk@coastal.ca.gov or (916) 764-0989



Flavors of Portugal & Spain

7-night cruise from Vega de Terrón to Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)
May 07-20, 2025 | AmaVida

*Madrid and Lisbon
Itinerary below includes City Stays
Cruise only is optional*



Date	Destination	Activities
May 7	Madrid	Hotel Check-In Welcome Reception
May 8	Madrid	Madrid City Tour
May 9	Madrid	Toledo Excursion
May 10	Madrid	Hotel Check-Out Madrid to Vega Terrón Transfer via Salamanca
	Vega de Terrón	EMBARKATION
May 11	Barca d'Alva	Castelo Rodrigo Tour with Tasting of Regional Fare OR Castelo Rodrigo Hike with Tasting of Regional Fare
May 12	Pinhão	Pinhão Train Station Hike Quinta da Avesada Lunch Local Quinta Wine Tasting
May 13	Régua	Mateus Palace & Gardens Excursion Lamego Tour & Bólas Tasting OR Holy Staircase Hike & Bólas Tasting
May 14	Entre-os-Rios	Lunch at a Local Quinta
May 15	Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)	"City of Bridges" Tour & Port Wine Tasting OR Porto Hike with Port Wine Tasting
May 16	Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)	Free Day
May 17	Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)	DISEMBARKATION Porto to Lisbon Transfer & Castle Tomar Visit
May 18	Lisbon	"City of Seven Hills" Tour
May 19	Lisbon	Royal Sintra Excursion with Pena Palace Visit
May 20	Lisbon	Hotel Check-Out



ONBOARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

- 7-night river cruise in elegantly appointed accommodations
- Fine dining on board in multiple venues
- Unlimited hand-selected wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch/dinner
- Small group guided shore excursions with a variety of choices, including exclusive Special Interest Tours and hiking tours
- Live local entertainment
- Unlimited complimentary Wi-Fi access

OPTIONAL LAND PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Hotel accommodations with daily breakfast and city tour
- Transfers between hotel and ship.

*Additional hotel nights may be pre-purchased.
Allow AMA Waterways to book your airfare co-incident with tour dates and airport transfers will be included.*

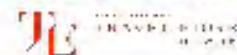
Military Discount of \$250 available on request.

Double Balcony Cruise fare: **\$6,148 per person**

Optional Land Packages *shown in itinerary*
Pre-cruise 3 Nights Madrid from \$990 per person
Post-cruise 3 Nights Lisbon from \$990 per person

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
District 28 

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A portion of any surplus will provide direct support to the America's Boating Club District 28 Squadrons' activities.

Lisbon, Portugal - Home to Prince Henry the Navigator.



Porto Cityscape in Portugal

Flavors of Portugal & Spain

7-night cruise | May 10-17, 2025 | Aboard AmaVida



Balcony Stateroom



Main Lounge

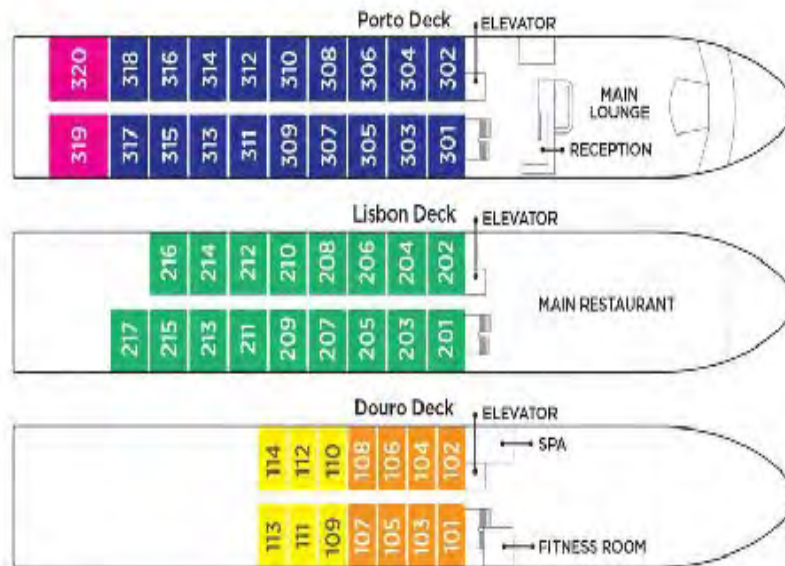
ONBOARD FEATURES:

- » Panoramic Lounge with bar, piano and dance floor
- » Fitness room, Sun Deck pool and gift shop
- » Massage services (additional costs apply)
- » Marble bathrooms, multi-jet showers, soothing bath products, terry bathrobes, slippers and hair dryer
- » Generous closet and storage space with in-room safe
- » Entertainment-On-Demand with high-speed Internet, movies, music and English-language TV
- » Individually controlled air conditioning in stateroom

Category	Deck / Stateroom / Size	
S	Porto / Balcony - 323 sq. ft.	Sold Out
A	Porto / Balcony - 215 sq. ft.	Sold Out
B	Lisbon / Balcony - 215 sq. ft.	
D	Douro / Panoramic Window - 161 sq. ft.	Sold Out
E	Douro / Panoramic Window - 161 sq. ft.	Sold Out



If opting for Balcony Stateroom, choose from the following staterooms: \$6,148pp. 203, 207, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216 and 217.



Elevator reaches all three stateroom decks



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