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ADVERTISING RATES AVAILABLE



Merry Christmas. Come to the Party on Wednesday 18th December.

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2024

DECEMBER

- 2 1800 ABC Oceanside ExCom—Home of Jill & Loie Powell
- 8 1700 San Diego Parade of Lights—Shelter Island BBQ
- 14 1800-2100 Oceanside Harbor Parade of Lights
- 18 **1800 ABC Oceanside Christmas Party—Gift Exchange.**
Location: Hunter Steakhouse, Oceanside, CA.

2025

JANUARY

- 6 1830 Ex. Com Meeting—via FreeConferenceCall
- 11 1800 San Diego Change of Watch—Southwestern Yacht Club
- 12 **1530 Oceanside Change of Watch—Location Hunter Steakhouse, Oceanside, CA.**

FEBRUARY

- 1-10 ABC Annual Meeting—Orlando, FL.
- 5 **1830 All Member & Guest Event—Happy Hour—TBA**

MARCH

- 7-8 **D28 Annual Conference & Change of Watch, La Costa Valley Club, Carlsbad, CA. 92009.**

A Note from the Commander



Happy Holidays **San Luis Rey (SLR) / Americas Boating Club Oceanside (ABC)** members. I hope everyone had an enjoyable **Thanksgiving Holiday**, and maybe some were able to do some boating while the weather is still great here in **San Diego County**.

As we wrap up what has been an inspirational 2024, I want to share a preview of what's ahead for ABC Oceanside in December 2024 and continuing into 2025.

First, we're making plans for more training opportunities for USPS members and boating enthusiasts to attend **On-the-Water (OTW)** and **Boat Operator Hands-on-Training (HOT)** courses. The newly obtained USPS training boat named "*Student Driver*" is fully-serviced and ready for students to take the helm.

In addition, there are several USPS instructor led classroom courses being scheduled at the **Oceanside Yacht Club (OYC)**. We've already received inquiries for the **Americas Boating Club (ABC)** course which is a prerequisite to obtain the now required **California Boaters Card**. Also, the very popular **Boat Maintenance** (e.g., engine and electronics) is being planned. So please check the [Oceanside ABC website](#) for the upcoming training session dates and times.

Second, we have annual events planned over the next few months where we get together to eat, drink and be merry.

The **December** USPS event is this month's **Annual ABC Oceanside Christmas Dinner** and the always exciting **Gift Exchange on December 18th at Hunter Steakhouse** which is quickly approaching, so please reserve your spot to attend as soon as possible.

For details on the other planned Oceanside ABC events, please check the [Oceanside ABC website](#).

Third, it's time for the **ABC Oceanside's** election of members to fill key volunteer positions that help sustain and improve upon the goals of the **Americas Boating Club**. **The Change of Watch (CoW)** is scheduled for **January 12, 2025 at the Hunter Steakhouse**.

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Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

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SHAWN GOIT	10
DENNIS BAUERN	13
SARA LIPPERT	13



AGNES HAZAI

MICHAEL KABO

JOSE OTERO

SUZANNE SCHREIER

PHILIP WOELFEL

2024 SAN LUIS REY USPS (ABC OCEANSIDE)

NOMINATIONS:

BRIDGE

Commander: Shawn Goit, JN-ON
 Executive Officer: Jeff Olsen, P
 Educational Officer: Cida Diehl, SN-CN
 A/Educational Officer:
 Administrative Officer:
 A/Administrative Officer:
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3 Year Term: Jill Powell, AP
 2 Year Term: Barbara Daciolas-Semon, S
 1 Year Term: Richele Daciolas-Semon, AP

Immediate P/Commander: Darryel Simmons, AP

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Adriaan Veldhuisen will continue as Chair of the Rules & Law Committee and Leadership Development; Continue to publish Coast Guard Safety articles in The Mariner's Needle.

Jill Powell will continue as:
 Editor and publisher of The Mariner's Needle
 Maintain and publish the roster
 Ensign Correspondent
 Assistant Policies and Procedures



**Come and enjoy a celebration
with us!**



Christmas

Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 6:00pm

**\$45 per
person**

**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
OCEANSIDE**

**Free
Parking**

Hunter Steakhouse

1221 Vista Way, Oceanside, CA. 92054

Junction I-5 and Vista Way

**PAY IN ADVANCE
CLICK ANYWHERE**



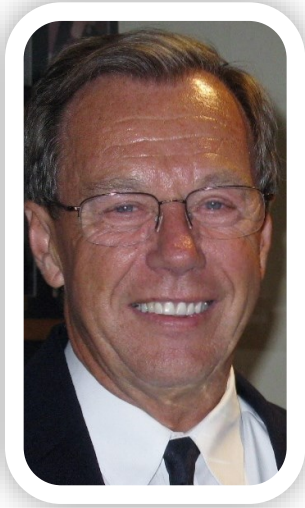
**Order from menu: Top Sirloin (Medium), Lemon Herb
Chicken or Roasted Salmon.**

**Vegetarian available: Vegetable Linguini Pasta.
Plus Garden Salad.**



Bring a gift of \$15 value to participate in the exchange





SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED

DECEMBER



When we lived in **Southern California** I used to hear people say "*I miss the seasons.*"

Cool weather is nice for Thanksgiving, and maybe snow for Christmas, but I loved our SoCal climate over anything else in the world. I am thankful for 22 wonderful years of a mild climate, a boating season that lasted all year long, and the many friends I could share this with..

In the past month there was one particular article that drew my attention. I have taught different levels of **Navigation** for many years, and the concepts of TRUE NORTH vs. MAGNETIC NORTH are particularly crucial to the process of knowing where you are and where you go. So, don't be alarmed, but if you read in The Independent that "the Magnetic North Pole moves closer to Russia" you should at least be curious. "The world magnetic model is embedded in pretty much any piece of technology, from smartphones to cars and military jets," Dr Brown told The Independent. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/news/magnetic-north-pole-moves-closer-to-russia-in-way-never-seen-before-by-scientists/ar-AA1ucGcQ?ocid=socialshare>.

Interesting, and good to understand the concept, but the last 'geomagnetic reversal' was about 780,000 years ago and the reversal took between 2000 and 7000 years to complete.

As most of my readers know, I am a proud captain, licensed by the **United States Coast Guard (USCG)**, since 2012. It may seem clear to us, California sailors, where this function belongs, but the history of the USCG tells a different story. USCG goes back to 1790 as part of the **Department of the Treasury** to "chase" US revenue off our shores. It became the US Coast Guard in 1915 as a branch of the armed forces of the United States at all times." In 1939 the **US Lighthouse Service** was merged into the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard itself was moved to the **Department of Transportation** in 1967, and in 2003 it became part of the **Department of Homeland Security**. Since 2006, the Coast Guard operates as a service in the **Department of the Navy**. And while we may all have an idea what the USCG does, here are some of their press releases for November 2024.



11/05/2024: Coast Guard medevacs 39-year-old male from oil tanker near Oceanside, Calif.

11/15/2024: Coast Guard interdicts 21 migrants off coast of Newport Beach

11/19/2024: Coast Guard crew offloads \$335.8 million worth of cocaine in San Diego

11/24/2024: Coast Guard interdicts 37 migrants off coast of Point Loma

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CHANGE OF WATCH 2025

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

Join your peers for the Annual Change of Watch Dinner
— *thanking the outgoing Bridge and installing the
incoming Bridge.*

When: **Sunday 12 January 2025**

Time: **3:30 — 5:30pm**

Where: **Hunter Steakhouse, 1221
Vista Way, Oceanside, CA. 92054.**
(At I-5 and Vista Way.)

Cost: \$45 Per Person ([Payment link here](#))

EARLY DINNER MENU CHOICES:

ORDER UPON ARRIVAL

TOP SIRLOIN STEAK (MEDIUM)

- Mixed vegetables and garlic
mashed potatoes

LEMON HERB CHICKEN

- Served with rice pilaf and mixed
vegetables

ROASTED SALMON

- Served with rice pilaf and mixed
vegetables.

VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE UPON
REQUEST.

Register NOW / Reservations Required
Please respond by 05 January 2025.

<https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/event-cow/>



S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE

As we approach the end of another successful year at America's Boating Club Oceanside, it's the perfect time to reflect on our achievements and set our sights on an even more productive 2025. Education remains at the heart of our mission, and we are excited to continue offering opportunities for learning and skill-building.

To kick off the new year, we're offering two essential courses:

- **ABC Class:** Saturday, January 6th, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
- **Marine Electronics:** Tuesday, January 9th, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Both classes will take place in the **Oceanside Yacht Club (OYC)** classroom. The ABC class is ideal for new boaters or as a refresher for experienced mariners, while the **Marine Electronics** course dives into the technology that keeps us safe and connected on the water.

Winter is also the season for thoughtful preparation. Now is the time to perform critical maintenance on your boat—checking everything from your engine and electrical systems to your safety equipment. Investing in these measures ensures you'll start the boating season with confidence and peace of mind.

As we plan for the months ahead, we'd love to hear from you! **What classes or seminars/ would you like to see offered?** Whether it's advanced navigation, weather forecasting, sail handling, or even

anchoring techniques, *let us know what sparks your interest.*

Please reach out to **Cida Diehl**, your incoming **Squadron Education Officer (SEO)**, with your suggestions, or to request a specific class. Your input is invaluable as we build a schedule tailored to our members' needs.

Looking ahead, our goals for 2025 include expanding our on-water training programs, increasing participation in seminars, and continuing to emphasize boating safety for all.

With your support, we can make this vision a reality and grow our community of knowledgeable, skilled, and safety-conscious boaters.

Let's make 2025 a year to remember! As you set your own goals for the coming year, consider taking a course, brushing up on your skills, and sharing your love of boating with friends and family. Together, we can create a safer, more enjoyable experience for everyone on the water.

Wishing you and your loved ones a joyous Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

See you in class and on the water.

Shawn Goit, JN-ON

Commander's Report—continued from Page 2

USPS/ABC 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 Marine's Needle** for information regarding how you can support the USPS mission.

Finally, our ABC Oceanside Bridge and Committee Members wish everyone a very enjoyable holiday season. Many consider this a special time of year that enables us to spend time with family and friends. Whatever means or method you choose to spend time during the upcoming holidays, whether on the water or land-based, please be diligent in practicing safety.

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

Cdr Darryel D. Simmons, AP

Supported Non-profits



Accepting donations!



United States Power Squadrons

Oceanside, CA

Tax-ID: 95-6097943

The mission of the America's Boating Club is to promote recreational Boating Safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members.



Marlyss Block McElroy
November 17 at 7:41 AM · 🌐

Americas Boating Club (aka SLRPS): a non-profit, volunteer run organization, now has the ability to accept Tax deductible contributions! Just follow this link. Thank you!
https://www.daffy.org/_/oceanside-ca-americas-boating-club
About - Americas Boating Club <https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/about/>

Cdr Darryel Simmons will match any donations via the links provided below. Help us fund the Education Department and the D28 Conference in 2025.

<https://www.daffy.org/campaigns/oceanside-ca-americas-boating-club>

<https://www.facebook.com/534603545/posts/pfbid02Yp8cSPjPvSPUaCRkH8YfWwWak2fCWLqaxWtJvxMqqq2Q7Inm5kRjEDYsEyHUzihj/?d=n&mibextid=qC1gEa>



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Jill Powell and Cida Diehl took delivery of the new D28 Flag

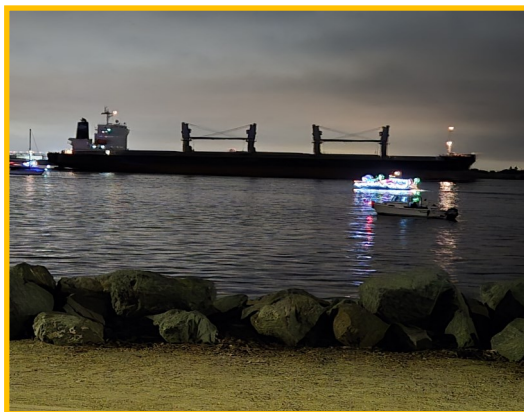


SAN DIEGO BOAT PARADE:

Jeanne & Bob Gibbs, Cida Diehl, Carole Hallock and Claudia Bowler.

Rudolph the red-nosed Reindeer

And then out of nowhere this ghost ship came upon the scene gliding silently through the Bay.



WANTED

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS FOR AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB DISTRICT 28 CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY 08 MARCH 2025.

ANY IDEAS AND DONATIONS WILL BE WELCOMED:

HOTEL STAYS

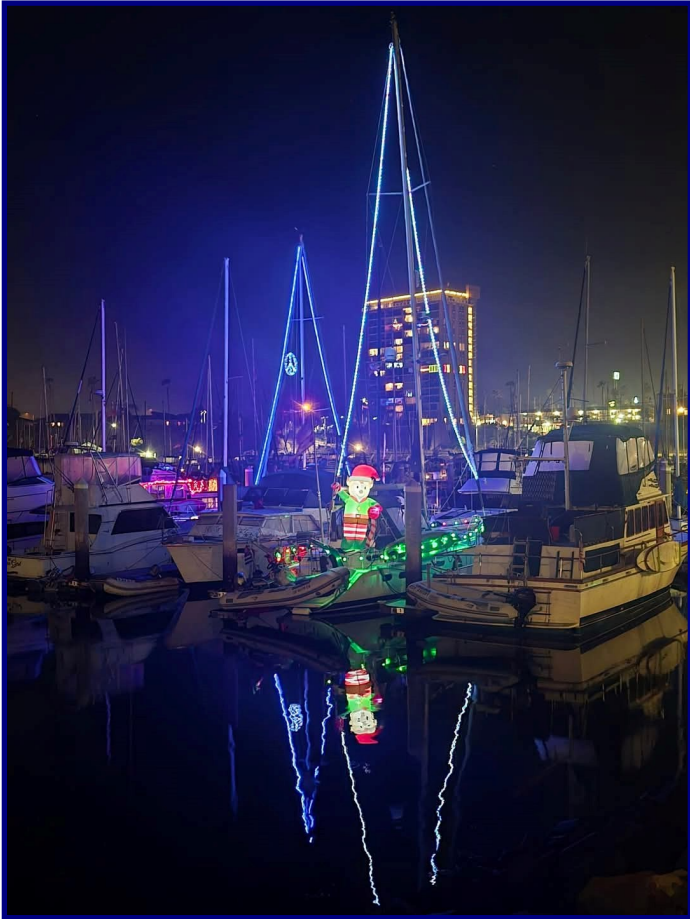
CHAIN RESTAURANT MEALS

BOATING GEAR

AIRLINE TICKETS

STORE GIFT CARDS

NEW ITEMS ??



“Passing Wind” and Walter

Getting ready for the Oceanside Harbor Boat Parade 2024



Cida Diehl and Jill Powell
attended the Americas Boating
Club San Diego Mat
Southwestern Yacht Club.

Left:

Claudia & Ted Bowler and
Cida Diehl.

Lessons from the Coast Guard continued from P. 5

11/30/2024: Coast Guard medevacs 66-year-old woman from cruise ship off California Coast.

In my last **challenge**, I took one of our common weather conditions (California) into consideration for this time of the year. Say you are on watch in the fog. The vessel is proceeding at a safe speed when you hear a fog signal ahead of you. The Rules require you to navigate with caution until the danger of collision is over and what else do you have to do? Let me reiterate the process just one more time: Find on the **CONTENTS** page your "Conduct of Vessels in Restricted Visibility, Rule 19", where (e) says to reduce speed to a minimum at which she can be kept on course. **So the right answer was B.**

For **this month's challenge**, you probably need to draw yourself a picture. Let me try to talk you through the situation. **You are vessel A, a power vessel towing another vessel on open waters. You are crossing paths with sailing vessel B off your port bow. My question is: which vessel is stand-on and why?**

A: *Vessel A is the stand-on vessel because she is towing.*

B: *Vessel A is the stand-on vessel because she is to starboard of vessel B.*

C: *Vessel B is the stand-on vessel because she is sailing.*

D: *Vessel B is the stand-on vessel because she is to PORT of vessel A.*

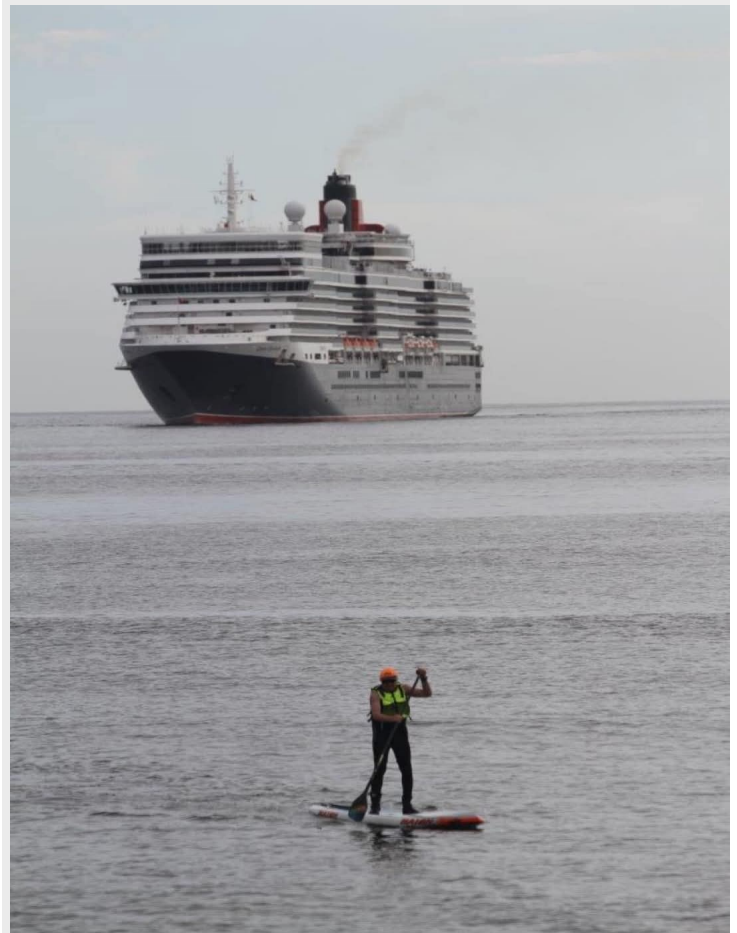
We also teach an "**On the Water Boating Program** with **Shawn Goit** as the instructor in the classroom and on the water. To see if you can join, don't hesitate to get in touch with him at <https://americasboatingcluboceaside.org/classroom/>

Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen

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The start of the cruising season in Australia 2024/5.

Holland America Line's **Queen Elizabeth** arrives in Burnie, Tasmania, this week.



Do you think this is a replacement for a tugboat to get the QE safely into the harbor and dockside?

**D28 ANNUAL MEETING
AND CHANGE OF WATCH
2025**

FRIDAY 07 MARCH

DOCK PARTY—"S" DOCK—OCEANSIDE HARBOR

SATURDAY 08 MARCH

LA COSTA VALLEY CLUB

2080 CALLE BARCELONA, CARLSBAD, CA. 92009

0900 —1500 1700 —2030



MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

to join us



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For Home Page



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



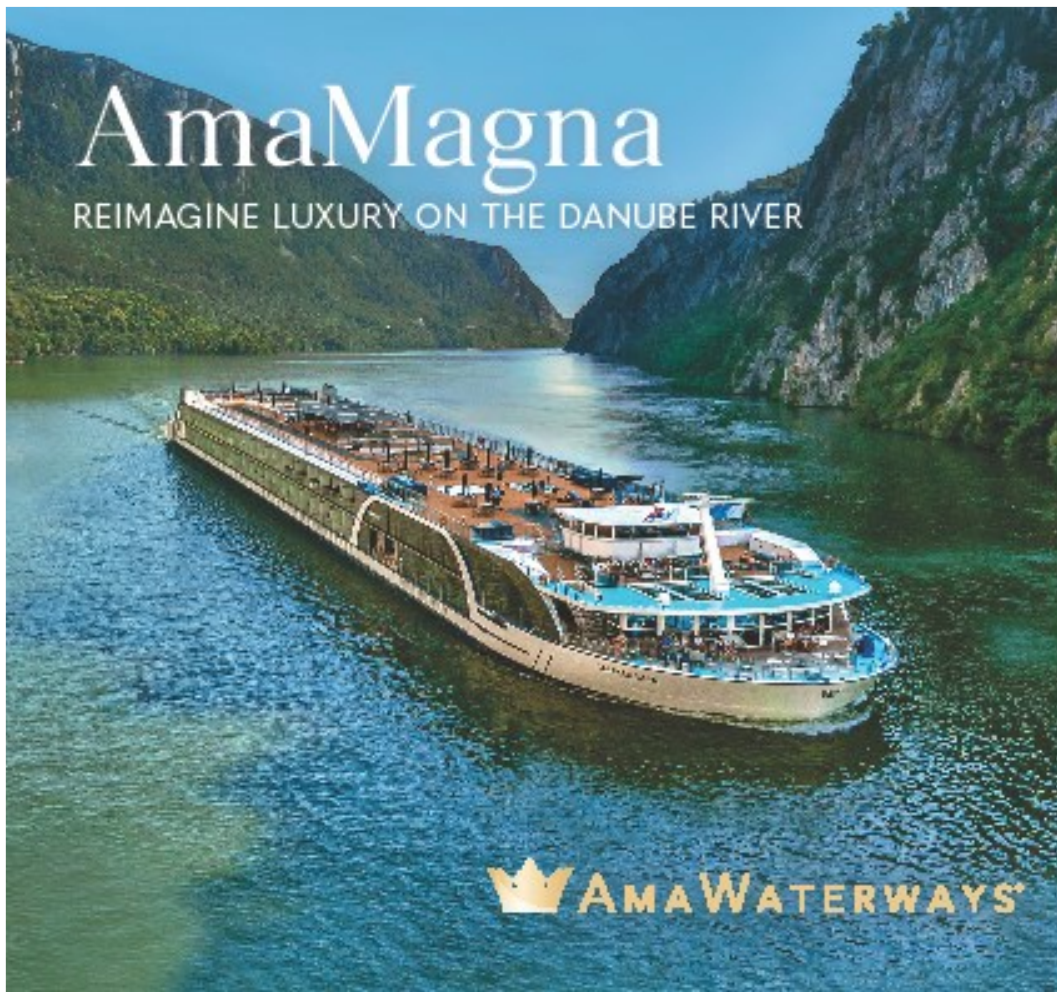
1
Boating
Classes

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



TRAVEL EDGE
NETWORK

THE DANUBE RIVER

ensemble
further together

24—31 AUGUST 2025 (7 NIGHTS) - *ADD-ONS AVAILABLE*

Golfer's delight to glide through Europe on the romantic Danube, while enjoying around of golf in each port-of-call, e.g. Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany. (*Golf fees are additional*)

The *one-of-a-kind* **AmaMagna** and flagship of **AMA Waterways** award-winning river fleet and twice the width of traditional European river ships offers the luxury of space, four unique dining venues and more leisure opportunities, while remaining limited to 196 guests, with suites measuring 355 to 710 sq. ft. and full balconies.

In addition to the Main Restaurant and The Chef's Table, **AmaMagna** offers Jimmy's, a family-style restaurant, and the intimate Al Fresco Restaurant.

Both a sun-deck pool and whirlpool invite guests to refresh and enjoy the serene views, while the ship's Zen Wellness Studio offers a state-of-the-art fitness center, and with a full-size pickleball court.

With connecting staterooms and triple/quadruple accommodations available, **AmaMagna** is the perfect river cruise ship for groups!

Per person cruise only fares from \$6,338 (*Includes port charges*). **CALL TODAY** to express your interest and reserve your space on this *life-list*. Personally escorted with complimentary cocktail reception and gratuities included. **Optional** pre/post stays available.

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Cdr Darryel Simmons, AP

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 2 Year Term: 1/Lt Richele Daciolas-Semon AP
 1 Year Term: 1/Lt Jill Powell, AP

FLAG LIEUTENANT

Position Open

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