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SHAWN GOIT, DOUG BASS, ADRIAAN VELDHUISEN, CRAIG FRASER, ALLAN BOMBARD AND LIANA MIHALCA.



2025

MAY

- 7—20 D28 Douro River Cruise Spain & Portugal**
- 17 Newport Opening Day & Change of Watch
- 18 Newport Raft-Up
- 17-23 Safe Boating Week

JUNE

- 2 1830 Ex Com Meeting—via Zoom
- 14 SLRSPS/ABC Oceanside 65th Birthday**

JULY

- 7 1830 Ex Com Meeting—via Zoom
- 13 San Diego Hosted Annual BBQ = DeAnza Cove

AUGUST

- 4 1830 Ex Com Meeting—via Zoom

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

A Note from the Commander



Greetings Fellow Members, Spring is in full swing, and I am pleased to share exciting updates and accomplishments from **America's Boating Club Oceanside** as we continue making strides in 2025.

D28 CHANGE OF WATCH

We successfully participated in the District 28 Change of Watch, where our efforts and achievements were celebrated among our district peers. Notably, this year's conference saw the **largest gathering of ON-Certified members ever recorded nationally**—a historic moment that highlights our leadership and commitment to excellence in offshore navigation. It was a great opportunity to represent Oceanside and honor the hard work of our members who continue to make an impact at both the squadron and district levels.

NATIONAL ON-WATER POLICY ACCOMPLISHMENT

We are proud to announce that our team has completed the important task of helping establish a national **On-Water Policy for our Hands-On Training (HOT)** events. This policy now provides structured guidance and national-level support for squadrons conducting on-the-water training across the country. This milestone ensures greater safety, standardization, and recognition for the educational impact of our HOT program.

ADVANCED NAVIGATION COURSES – APRIL 23–25, 2025

We are pleased to announce that in **April** we will be holding an **Advanced Coastal Navigation (ACN)** and **Ocean Navigation (ON)** class aboard *Passing Wind* from April 23rd through 25th. This special on-the-water event will help prepare several members for their advanced grade certifications in Navigation. In addition, we are working to create more ON Certifiers this month, ensuring a strong and sustainable future for our offshore training capabilities. Thank you to our instructors and support crew for making this possible.

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



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 JORGE ALONSO 23
 LEON HULL 27
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APRIL

NATHAN USHER 04
 SHAUN MCARDLE 25
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 AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES WHILE PROVIDING FELLOWSHIP FOR ITS MEMBERS.

S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE



The **ABC Course** was completed with 3 students. Two students took the exam as well as the California Boating Card examination, and all passed. The 12 week course was taught by **P/Cdr Kirk Lippert, JN, and Captain Jack Guida.**

The **Marine Electrical System** was completed with no exam taken. **Jorge Alonso** was the instructor for the Marine Electrical system course.

Thank you to Kirk, Jack and Jorge for bringing lots of experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm to the classroom. THANK YOU!

Here are the courses that we have on the horizon for 2025:

- *ABC 8 Hour Class*
- *Cruise Planning*
- *Boat Handling*
- *Marine Navigation*
- *ABC*
-

Submitted by

Lt/C Cida Diehl, SN-CN

WINTER CRUISE 2026

Districts 24 and 28 would love you to join them in the warm **Caribbean in January 2026.** Aboard **Royal Caribbean's Adventure of the Seas.** Leaving from **Orlando** (Port Canaveral), Florida, on **Jan. 23, 2026,** and sail to **Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands** with a final day on the beach at **St. Croix.** Return to Florida on **Jan. 31.**

This eight-night cruise is available for as low as \$840 per person based on double occupancy. Rooms are available until filled; if you have a Crown and Anchor Society number, provide it at the time of your reservation, and you will be eligible for additional benefits, rates and room classes.



Only a minimal, fully refundable deposit is needed until October. This rate includes all taxes and port fees. If lower prices are available online at the time of purchase, they will match them and still include you in the group. If you would like a different class of room, just ask the representative, and you are guaranteed the best available rate. This will be a fun outing in January and gets everyone to a warm place. For Reservation, call 800-465-3595 #5 (Group Name: Americas Boating Club, Group #: 6805713). – [Jeff Lagrew](#)

SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED

MARCH/APRIL/MAY



The first day of astronomical spring, or the arrival of vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, began this year on March 20. This means day and night last about the same amount of time. Get ready for earlier sunrises and later sunsets until the summer solstice in June. It's time for warmer weather, boat maintenance, hang out on the dock, weekend sails and fishing, and lots of migrating whales off our coast.

As of January, California boating law requires all boaters, regardless of age, to obtain a boater education certificate and carry a California Boater Card while operating a recreational motorized vessel.

This is not a license; the card signifies that you have completed a safe boating course. Data shows that boating accidents have gone down in states that require some form of education, but statistical data to measure the results is hard to come by. As a life-long boating educator I wish that it was more in the form of practical and continued learning.

In **February** I wrote about the topic of vessel priority. The Coast Guard rules establish a hierarchy of vessel priorities to prevent collisions, with vessels not under command (NUC), restricted in maneuverability (RAM), or engaged in fishing or sailing having the highest priority. These vessel priorities, sometimes called the "Pecking Order" as laid out in Rule 18, determine who is the give-way or stand-on vessel. The "give-way" vessel must take action to avoid collision, while the "stand-on" vessel must maintain its course and speed unless the situation warrants otherwise. Of course you know this!

But did you know that a stand-on vessel, taking action to avoid collision, shall not alter course to port for a vessel on her own port side? Think about this.

So, I painted a crossing situation on open waters, between a sailing vessel and another vessel. I asked in which one of the four choices this sailing vessel shall not be the give way vessel. Rule 18 (b) says that a sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of NUC, RAM, and Fishing – simple as that. Even a power-driven vessel, approaching from starboard, is the give-way vessel in this case. **The answer was C.**

When two sailing vessels are in a crossing situation then Rule 15 applies. Just remember that "organized" sailboat racing has its own rules. In the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, rule 14 mandates that a boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible, but a right-of-way boat only needs to act to avoid contact when it's clear the other boat isn't keeping clear or giving room. The US Coast Guard calls this Stand-On, not "Right of Way."

For this month's challenge, staying on the topic of vessel priority, let's dig deeper into one of these categories: Restricted in her Ability to Maneuver (RAM). This is easy to answer if, and only if, you can find the definition in the US Coast Guard Rules. All of the following vessels shall be regarded as "restricted in her ability to maneuver" **EXCEPT**:

- A) *laying a pipeline.*
- B) *dredging.*
- C) *mine clearing.*
- D) *not under command.*

I hope you consider taking a course from our **Americas Boating Club Oceanside**. 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 Shawn.

<https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>

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Commander's Report *continued from Page 2*

IBWSS CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Looking ahead, Jennifer and I will be attending the **International Boating and Water Safety Summit (IBWSS)** in Glendale, Arizona. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our efforts in boating education and safety, while also networking with national and international leaders in the field. We look forward to bringing back new ideas and resources to benefit our club and community outreach efforts. *See images on Page 8.*

FINAL THOUGHTS

Let's keep the momentum going! I am grateful for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming classes and on the water. Your dedication makes all the difference.

Respectfully,

Stf/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON

Commander, America's Boating Club Oceanside



Jill Powell and Cida Diehl

Test Run on *Passing Wind* prior to the D28 Conference

Boyd West, Cida Diehl, Phil Woelfel, Shawn Goit, Jeff Olsen and Roger Furnival.



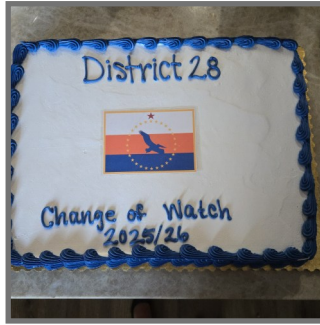


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AND CIDA DIEHL



PRE D28 CONFERENCE & CHANGE OF WATCH AT THE YARD HOUSE IN CARLSBAD, CA.





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**IBWSS—International Boating & Water Safety Summit 2025
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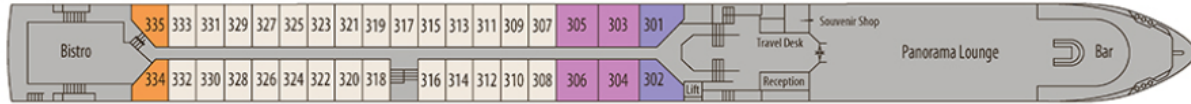
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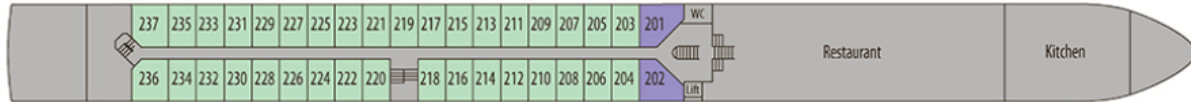
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Deck Plan for the Rhone River cruise for May 2026



Thank you 2024
P/Cdr Darryel
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Dear Southern CA America's Boating Club (United States Power Squadrons),

Please join us for one of our **FREE virtual or in-person Dockwalker classes in 2025. Please check the benefits our partnership provides to your organization at the bottom of this email and the attached flier (second page).** Last year thanks to your efforts, we were able to share clean boating practices and distribute the CA Boater Kits among [6,500 California Boaters throughout the state!](#)

During the free trainings we talked about the importance of boating in CA; state and federal laws related to potential sources of boat pollution (oil, fuel, hazardous waste, sewage, boat cleaning and maintenance and marine debris); best management practices related to those potential sources of boat pollution you can share with boaters and how to implement the program among the boating community combined with your efforts. Once you are trained, you will also have access to our [free CA Boater kit](#) (the main outreach tool for Dockwalkers and it is an educational tool for a boater that promotes safe and environmentally sound boating practices).

2025 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FREE TRAININGS (please click in the links below [blue underlined text](#) to register)

[Saturday, May 3, 2025](#).....**10 am to 12:45 pm – In person-Training Marina Del Rey Yacht Club** (13900 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292- Pacific Room 2nd floor). Pacific Room 2nd floor

[Thursday, May 29, 2025](#).....**10 am to 12:45 pm – Virtual Training**

FREE Refresher Trainings

If you have been trained [in the last three years](#), you have the option to register for a refresher training:

[Thursday, April 24, 2025](#)..... **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm – Virtual Training**

[Thursday, May 22, 2025](#)..... **2:00 pm to 3:30 pm – Virtual Training**

The benefits the Dockwalker program will provide to the America’s Boating Club (USPS), include:

- The Dockwalker program is consistent with the USPS mission of *Making the Water a Better Place*.
- The program is **endorsed by USPS National and the CA USPS**.
- Becoming a Dockwalker will provide you with educational resources for the safety classes, vessel examinations, boat shows and other public events and presentations.
- This program will support your current efforts, enhancing and broadening your boating safety mission and will provide USPS with additional tools to protect our waterways.
- Working as a USPS member for the Dockwalker program counts as effort toward a **Merit Mark**.

The Dockwalker program can be used by the USPS members as follows:

- As part of the Vessel Safety Checks (VEs)
- As part of the navigational and boating safety classes required for the CA Boater Card.

Dockwalker program—*continued from Page 13.*

- At boat shows and boating events
- As a component of your navigation classes
- As a component of National Safe Boating week and events
- As a component of your presentations at marinas, yacht clubs or boating associations

It is important to note that even though the program is called the Dockwalker Program, USPS members do not necessarily have to walk the docks in order to reach out to boaters because **Dockwalking** (conducting face-to-face education and distributing the boater kits accompanied with education) can be done wherever boaters are, including:

- Boating facilities (marinas, yacht clubs)
- Boat launch ramps
- Fishing piers
- Boat shows
- Boating events
- Boating classes
- And as mentioned above, while conducting VEs, boating safety and navigation classes, USPS public education events and presentations

Please help us sharing this important information with your members.

Learn what some of your fellow USPS members across the state have said about the Dockwalker program and our partnership with your organization:

[Doug Sherman](#)

[Rick Huffman](#)

Thank you in advance for your help and support! See you at one of our trainings.

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