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ADVERTISING RATES AVAILABLE

Districts 28 and 22 cruise
the Douro River in
Portugal with
AmaWaterways Cruise
Manager





2025

JUNE

- 2 1830 Ex Com Meeting—via Zoom
- 13 1700-1830 All Member Happy Hour The Broiler, Oceanside.**
- 14 SLRSPS/ABC Oceanside 65th Birthday**

JULY

- 4 Noon—1500 Oceanside Harbor Dinghy Parade
- 7 1830 Ex Com Meeting—Hosted by Phil Woelfel
- 11 D28 Mission Bay Raft-Up. Organizer Kirk Lippert**
- 13 San Diego Hosted Annual BBQ—DeAnza Cove

AUGUST

- 4 1830 Ex Com Meeting—via Zoom
- 15 All Member Happy Hour, The Yard House, Carlsbad**

SEPTEMBER

- 5-7 ABC Fall Governing Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 8 1830 Ex Com Meeting—via Zoom
- 16 All Member Taco Tuesday—The Light House, Oceanside**

OCTOBER

- 6 1830 Ex Com Meeting—Hosted by Cida Diehl

NOVEMBER

- 3 1830 ex Com Meeting—via Zoom
- 19 All Member & Guest Event with Instructor Appreciation Dinner. Location: Mobile Estate's Clubhouse**

DECEMBER

- 1 1800 Ex Com Meeting—Hosted by Jill Powell
- 13 Oceanside Harbor Parade of lights—Organzier TBD**
- 19 1830 Christmas Party & Dinner—Hunter Steakhouse**

JANUARY

- 10 San Diego Change of Watch—Southwestern Yacht Club**
- 11 Oceanside Change of Watch—Hunter Steakhouse**

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

A Note from the Commander



Submitted by Stf/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON
Commander, America's Boating Club
Oceanside.

June is kicking off with a strong finish to **National Safe Boating Week**. On **Sunday, May 18th**, we held our big community outreach event at **West Marine** store in **Oceanside** and enjoyed strong support from our community partners. The turnout was great — a steady stream of local boaters and families came through, many leaving with free life jackets and a better understanding of boating safety.



We had our **District 28 Hands-On Training (HOT)** vessel on display, and it sparked a lot of interest. People wanted to know how they could get on the water and learn from certified coaches — *which is exactly what we aim to provide.*

The **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary** was on site performing **Vessel Safety Checks**, and **Oceanside Fire Department** brought out their **Bullex Fire Extinguisher Simulator**. That was a highlight — giving people real, hands-on experience putting out simulated fires. For many, it was the first time they'd ever touched an extinguisher.

We handed out hot dogs, previewed the **Oceanside Harbor** camera system, and answered a lot of questions about **California Boater Cards**, training, and local regulations. It wasn't just outreach — it was connection. We made a real impact.

But we weren't done.

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JUNE

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Happy Birthday !!



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12 midnight - 3:30am -- The North Jetty Only

3:30am - 8pm ----- Panning/Zooming of the harbor

8pm - 12 midnight ----- Marina Only



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 PROMOTE RECREATIONAL BOATING SAFETY THROUGH EDUCATION
 AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES WHILE PROVIDING FELLOWSHIP FOR ITS MEMBERS.

S.E.O. EDUCATION UPDATE



The 2025 Boating season is here. To better prepare for a safe and enjoyable boating season, enroll in a safe boating course. If you have a family member that hasn't taken a safe boating course yet, please encourage him/her to do so.

It's also advised that anyone that crews for you, either occasionally or on a regular basis, is encouraged to take a safe boating course to become a better and safer boater.

The **America's Boating Course (ABC)** is scheduled for **6/10/25, at 6:30PM, OYC**. This is the 8-hour course. Some of our instructors were concerned that teaching this 8-hour course on the same day is a bit rushed. There is too much information to deliver in just a day. We decided to try a new approach. This time the ABC 8 hours will be taught in four classes.

Here are some of the topics that the ABC course will cover:

- *Boat Terms, and Boat Type.*
- *Required Boat Equipment.*
- *Navigation Aids.*
- *Navigation Rules.*
- *Government Regulations.*
- *State and Local Regulations.*
- *Find your Way.*
- *Anchoring.*

- *Adverse Conditions.*
- *Communications Afloat.*
- *Water Sports Safety.*
- *Trailing.*
- *PWC Operation.*
- *Introduction to Navigation.*

The instructors assigned to teach the ABC 8-hour course are:

P/C Kirk Lippert, JN, and US Coast Guard Captain Jack Guida.

Safe Boating!

Lt/C Cida Diehl, SN-CN

Cover Photo Names:

AmaWaterways Cruise Manager Gabriel Ramos photo-bombed **America's Boating Club D22 and D28 Douro River Valley** Cruise group photo:

From front: *Lety Ruiz, Jill Powell, Frank Klemic and Pixie Klemic*

2nd Row: *Darryel Simmons and Dana Washofsky*

3rd Row: *Bev Strothers, Jim Strothers, Carole Hallock, Richard Cross and MaryPaige Abbott.*

AWOL: Steve Abbott





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SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED

JUNE



At the time of this writing, we will celebrate **Memorial Day**. I am the son of a WWII veteran who barely survived, and in 1960 at age 17, I joined the (Dutch) army for six years. So, I salute all **U.S. Veterans**, and I pray for the families who made the ultimate sacrifice. The **America's Boating Club** counts a high percentage of veterans as so many continue to serve after they retire.

The next national celebration weekend is, of course, the 4th of July weekend. From a boating safety perspective that is an important, though often sad, occasion with impaired boating and deadly accidents. In 2009 the **US Coast Guard** launched "**Operation Dry Water**". They feel that this recurring event has decreased the number of boating fatalities in the **United States**. This year's activities are scheduled for July 4-6. An interesting element of the program this year is alcohol use by passengers. Intoxicated passengers can easily slip, fall overboard or suffer other life-threatening incidents. It presents a danger regardless of the activity of the operator.

Remember the weekend of 4th of July in **Long Beach** in 2024? A power boat crashed into a jetty killing one man and injuring 10 other people. A 48-foot powerboat had crashed into the **Alamitos Bay** jetty. The **Long Beach Fire Department** said speed was likely a factor, with initial estimates indicating the boat was traveling at roughly 40 mph.

For my challenge in the previous issue, we stayed on the topic of vessel priority. We dug deeper into one of the category of **Restricted in her Ability to Maneuver (RAM)**. I figured that my question would be easy to answer if, and only if, you could find the definition in the **US Coast Guard Rules**. Identify the only vessels that shall NOT be regarded as "*restricted in her ability to maneuver*". My thanks go to one of my regular responders and friend, **R/C Allan Bombard** of the **ABC San Diego** and **District 28**. He correctly identified answer D - *a vessel not under command* - and the **USCG Rule 3 (g)**. Look it up and you will find that there is a list of six inclusions where three of my choices are listed. **Thank you to my readers who take the time to respond.**

For the **JUNE** and **JULY** challenge, I stay one more time with vessels "*restricted in her ability to maneuver*". At night, a vessel shall indicate that she is restricted in her ability to maneuver by showing in vertical line:

- A) *two red lights*
- B) *two red lights and two white lights*
- C) *two red lights with a white light in between*
- D) *two white lights with a red light in between*

If you find the Rule, then you also see a picture of the lights, as well as the day shape. Let me know what you think.

I hope you consider our "**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*

Over **Memorial Day Weekend**, a small team headed inland to **Lake Perris**. We brought the remaining life jackets and gave them all away. More importantly, we completed **47 Vessel Safety Checks** in one weekend — thanks to **Lt. Leon Hull**, who led that operation with commitment and efficiency. His work helped ensure that dozens of families spent the holiday weekend on the water in safer boats. This kind of effort — both coastal and inland — shows what we're about. We're not just offering training. We're out there, meeting people where they are, giving them tools to stay alive, and inviting them to do more.

Our **H.O.T** classes continue to grow. Every person who steps onto a boat and learns how to dock, stop, turn, or throw a line with confidence becomes part of a safer boating community. If you haven't been part of a H.O.T class yet — *or brought someone new to one* — now's the time. Visit www.ABCHot.org to learn more. Let's keep this momentum going — and keep each other safe out there.

Respectfully,
Stf/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON
 Commander, America's Boating Club Oceanside



**SAFE BOATING WEEK 2025
 WEST MARINE—OCEANSIDE, CA.**



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

D28 and 22 Travel to Europe ... and cruise The Douro River Valley

Submitted by D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP

Early in May 2025 12 members and friends traveled to **Madrid** with a pre-cruise stay at the **NH Collection Madrid Paseo del Prado** located directly across the tree-lined wide boulevard from the **Del Prado Museum**.

Three days later the **AmaWaterways'** motorcoach departed for **Vega de Terron** for us to board the **260' AmaVida**. However, due to river conditions the ship was re-directed to **Pinhao**, 2 locks downstream. Arriving after 6pm the group was welcomed to the renown **Sip & Sail** while their luggage made it to their staterooms.

Next morning **Captain Fabio Nogueira** motored the **AmaVida** upstream to **Vega de Terron** where she and the passengers overnighted onboard. Then, the following morning the "official" cruise began from the mooring where it should have been 24 hours ago. Then it was "catch-up" time on the river.



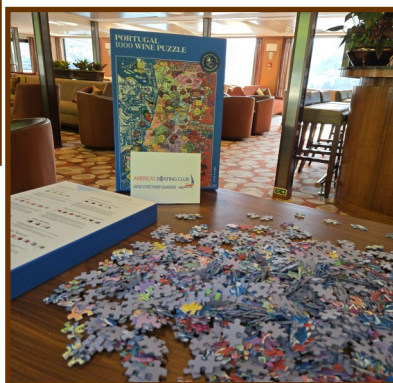
The group was made up of D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP and Dana Washofsky, D/Lt/C Darryel Simmons JN-IN and Lety Ruiz, Priscilla and Frank Klemic III,

D/Lt Richard Cross, SN-ON, Lt/C Carole Hallock, AP, Bev and R/C Jim Strothers, SN-IN, Lt Steve Abbott, SN-IN and P/C/C MaryPaige Abbot, SN-IN.



7 glorious days were spent on the **AmaVida**, dining on exquisitely presented delicacies, with champagne breakfasts and free flowing local wine with lunch and dinner. And local port wines were abundant.

D28 brought a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle of **Portugal** with its wine/port regions identified. **Cruise Manager Gabriel Ramos** gave up his desk for the group to work on the puzzle. It took 4 days! And with the help of crew, while squadron members were on excursions it was finished with one piece missing. *Guess where the final piece was found?* In the vacuum cleaner bag from 2 days ago. The finished piece was presented by myself to the ship for mounting and framing. **Ship Hotel Manager Ana Sousa** and **Gabriel Ramos** were thrilled!!!



Actively participating during the entire trip were MaryPaige Abbott, Carole Hallock and Lety Ruiz.



While onboard the group participated in a "duck hunting" adventure. One person would hide a rubber duck each morning and the member that found it would bring it to dinner claiming a prize. And then that lucky member would take a turn at hiding the duck the following day. *Repeat the cycle.*



On the last evening in Porto Captain Nogueira took us for an **illuminations** cruise. The 6 bridges of Porto were all lit up

and the reflections were marvelous.

We arrived in **Lisbon** on the eve of Portugal's vie for the soccer league crown: **Sporting Lisbon** and **Vitoria Guimaraes**. *Much revelrie.*

Sofitel Lisbon Liberdade located on the main Lisbon up-scale shopping boulevard lined with trees and outdoor cafes, welcomed us for another 3 nights before each of departed on various air schedules.

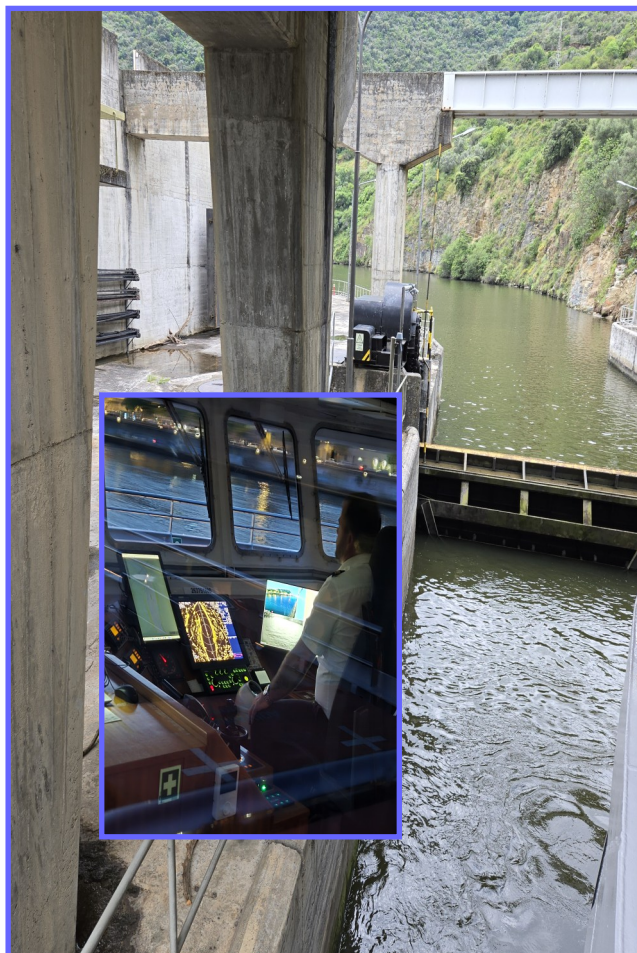
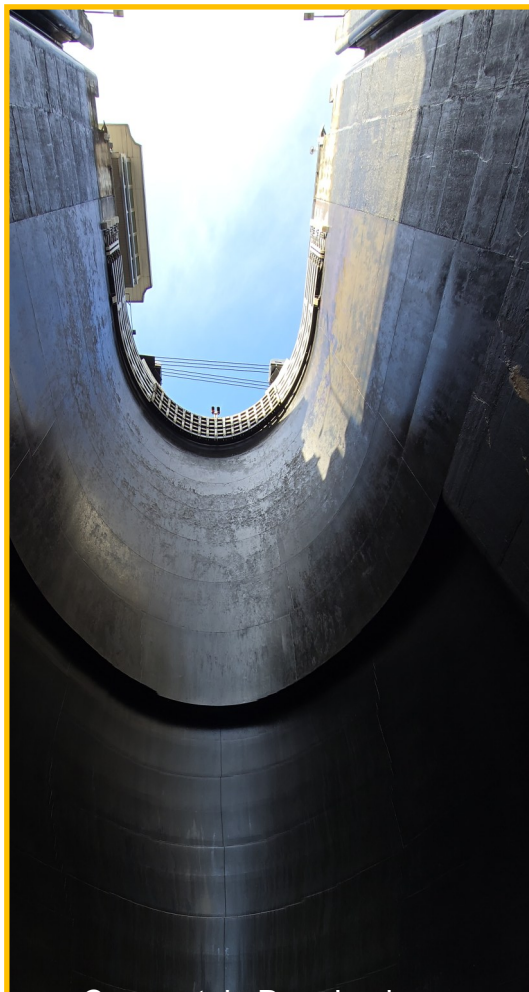




Table for 12 every night: Richard Cross, Carole Hallock, Darryel Simmons, Lety Ruiz, Dana Washofsky, Frank Klemic, Pixie Klemic, Jim Strothers and Bev Strothers. AWOL: MaryPaige & Steve Abbott.

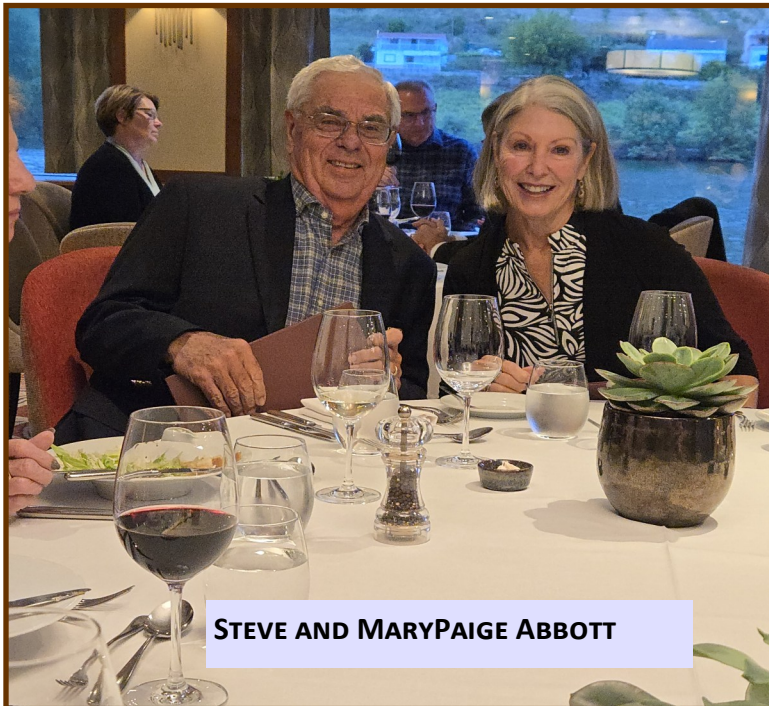


Carrapatelo Dam Lock— guillotine shaped and the deepest lock in Europe: 115ft. Length 313' and width 40'.



D28 Group organizer: Jill Powell





STEVE AND MARYPAIGE ABBOTT



CAROLE HALLOCK, RICHARD CROSS, PIXIE AND FRANK KLEMIC



DARRYL SIMMONS, JILL POWELL AND DANA WASHOFSKY



JIM AND BEV STROTHERS,



DARRYL SIMMONS, JILL POWELL, JIM STROTHERS AND MARYPAIGE ABBOTT WITH CAPTAIN NOGUEIRA





THE BEGINNING



Ladies from Toronto pitched in too...



Cruise Manager Gabriel and Lety Ruiz



Gabriel, Goreti and Carole



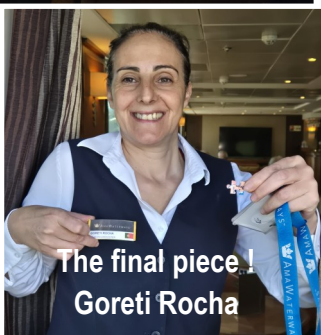
First Officer Albiero



Bartender Andre



Luis and Goreti



The final piece!
Goreti Rocha



Thank you Andre!



Gabriel Ramos and
Ana Sousa



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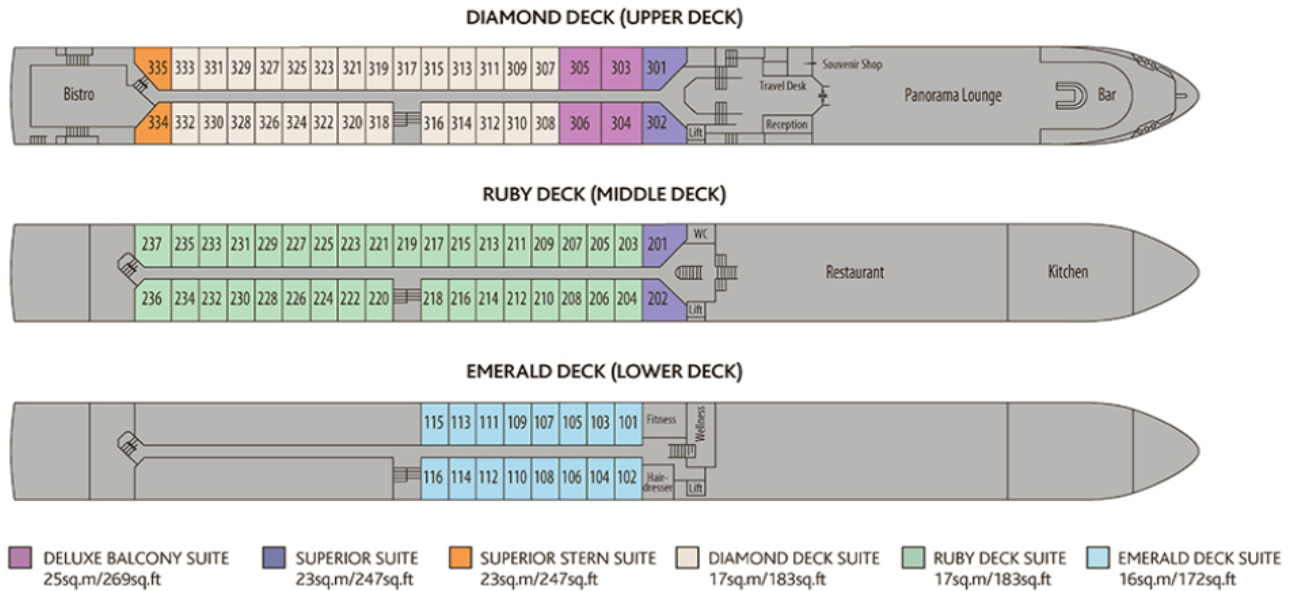
STOP and SMELL the lavender!

ensemble

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Deck Plan for the Rhone River cruise for May 2026

MS THOMAS HARDY



Boating safety involves taking precautions to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience on the water.

This includes:

- ◆ *being aware of your surroundings*
- ◆ *following navigation rules*
- ◆ *wearing life jackets*
- ◆ *staying sober while operating a boat*
- ◆ *taking a boating safety course and developing a float plan are crucial for minimizing risks.*

Complete a boating safety course to learn proper boat handling, navigation rules, and emergency procedures. In **CALIFORNIA**, all motorized vessel operators **are now required** to complete a boating safety course and obtain a **California Boater Card**.

SEE PAGE 6 of THIS NEWSLETTER.



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