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ADVERTISING RATES AVAILABLE





2025

AUGUST

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

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—via Zoom.
- 14 Leslie Johansen Nack—Author—Book Release “Nineteen”. Location: Oceanside Yacht Club**

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 & Loie Powell
- 13 Oceanside Harbor Parade of lights—Organizer TBD**
- 19 1830 Christmas Party & Dinner—Hunter Steakhouse**

JANUARY 2026

- 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



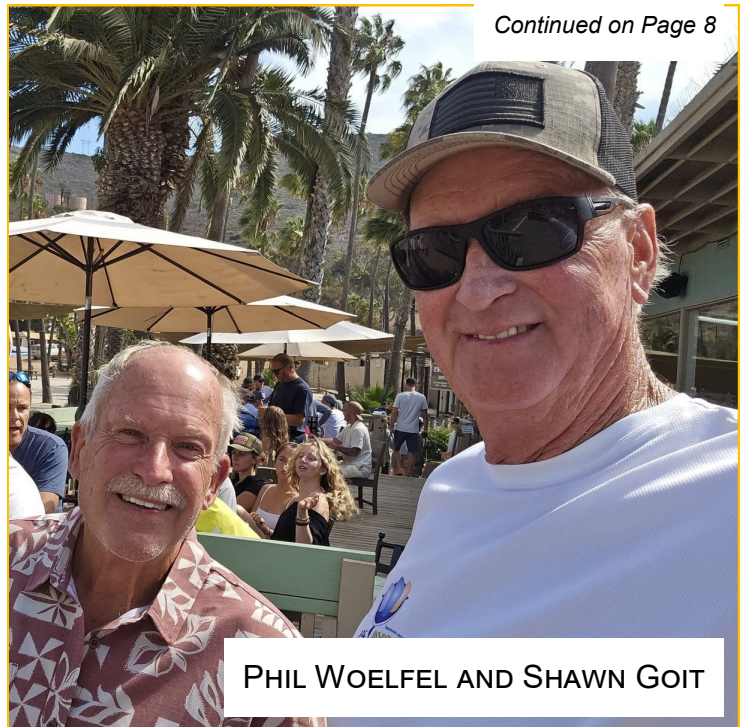
CATALINA CRUISE SUCCESS!

Our Catalina Cruise (August 20 -27) was a fantastic success! Members and friends enjoyed a week of diving, snorkeling, hiking and relaxing on the island. The camaraderie on the docks and out on the water made this trip one to remember.

We had an excellent turnout, with members including **Phil Woelfel, Darryel Simmons, Lety Ruiz, Dave & Rhonda, Dave & Alisha, Gabe, Ted, Bryn and Frank.** Two boats represented USPS/ABC along with five boats from S Dock—a great mix that made for plenty of fun, laughter and shared memories.

The combination of beautiful weather, clear water, and good friends created the perfect setting for fellowship and adventure. Catalina once again reminded us why boating together strengthens our squadron/club and deepens the bonds that make this club *so special!*

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PHIL WOELFEL AND SHAWN GOIT

Welcome
New Members

TED CABALLERO, SR.

Happy Birthday !!

<u>AUGUST</u>	
CHRISTINE RINNE	03
DARRYEL SIMMONS	16
BOBBY WATKINS	31

SEPTEMBER

JENNIFER GOIT	01
CAROLYN McCLURE	13
BARRY BEAN	14
BRYAN LEWIS	20
MIKE CRUMLEY	23

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Course Cost:
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Minimum #
Students = 5



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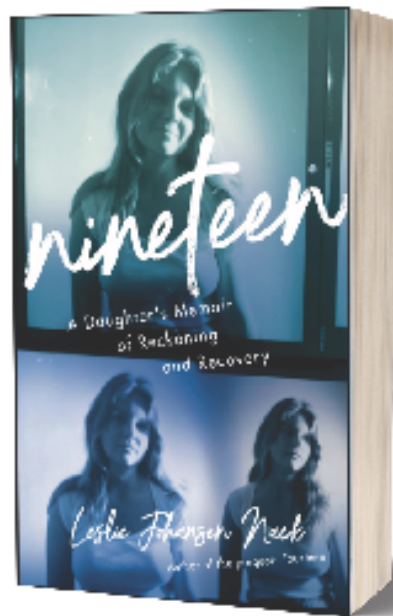
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🌊 Tuesday, October 14th 🌊

America's Boating Club of Oceanside
hosts author Leslie Johansen Nack
for the release of her newest book,



Nineteen

Come support local author,
Leslie Johansen Nack and learn what
happens in the years after
*Fourteen: A Daughters Memoir of
Sailing and Survival*

Event Details

Gourmet sandwiches & refreshments
at 6pm (\$15)

Author talk 7pm (Free)

RSVP to Jill at sanluisrey@earthlink.net

Talk or text (760) 716-1675

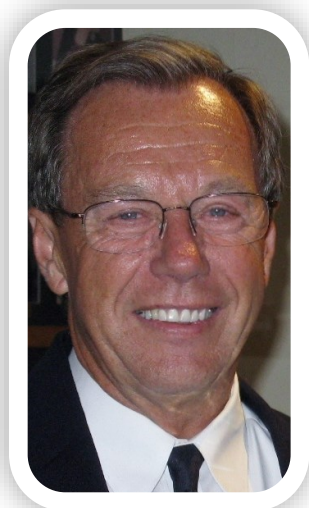


If you would like a copy of *Nineteen: A Daughters
Memoir of Reckoning and Recovery* for the
event, please [pre-order a copy on Amazon!](#)



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LeslieJohansenNack.com Oceanside Yacht Club 1950 N. Harbor Dr



SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED

August/September



While stating the obvious, once again, this summer is nearing its end. That means that we switch from expecting great weather to hoping for good sailing weather. It's important to realize how lucky we are, in **Southern California**: our area is known for a mild, year-round climate and a relatively low risk of natural (boating) disasters. From **San Diego to Santa Barbara** the climate features comfortable temperatures, low humidity, and sunny weather with a lack of extreme weather events.

From the perspective of **Boating Safety California** ranks better than most coastal states, with 29 deaths per 100,000 registered boaters, but in my mind, there is still a lot of room for improvement. The **US Coast Guard** reported 14 'loss of life' incidents in the US over the last two months though only one in California. That may have something to do with our stricter boating laws and our greater emphasis on 'Boating Under Influence.'

From my perspective as Captain, licensed by the USCG, let's keep improving!

I guess many of my readers read **The Lead line**. **D/Lt/C Jill Powell**, our editor, wrote an interesting "challenge" describing her near-disastrous experience in **Balboa**. First, what a great question to ask of your captain: *do you have a California Boating Card?* It's the law, per **Harbors and Navigation Code Section 678.15!** A violation can be fined with \$100 for the first time. The driver of

the **Duffy** clearly didn't know the rules (Rule 18 a (iv)) to keep out of the way of a sailing vessel. The fact that these sailors were youth competitors should have evoked some empathy to not ruin their chance for a fair competition.

At the time of this publication, we will be completing a vacation in **Eastern Canada** and a cruise from **Montreal to Boston** with the **Holland-America Line**. This is our first cruise since more than a year, and our first cruise in this area. We avoided travel problems of **Air Canada** with their strike, and a coastal landfall of hurricane **Erin**, so we think we're OK. I will let you know next time if we're not. As most of you know by now, I'm born in **The Netherlands**, also called **Holland**, and I am an **American** citizen. So, sailing with the Holland-America Line seems logical to me.

For my challenge in the previous issue, we stayed one more time with vessels "restricted in her ability to maneuver". I asked: *"At night, how does a vessel have to indicate that she is restricted in her ability to maneuver (shown in vertical line)?* The answer can be found in Rule 27 (b) of the Navigation Rules, which states **THREE ALL-ROUND LIGHTS IN VERTICAL LINE**. I know, that's slightly different than my answer C, two red lights with a white light in between, just to make you think. **My thanks to R/C Bombard and others who sent me their answer.**

For this issue, I am asking a simple and straightforward question. ***In international waters you are a power-driven vessel, in sight of another power-driven vessel on your port bow. This other vessel blows one short blast. What action should you take?***

- A) *Sound one short blast and hold course and speed.*
- B) *Hold course and speed without giving a signal.*
- C) *Sound one short blast and slow down or turn to star board.*
- D) *Blow the danger signal and slow to moderate speed.*

If you find the Rule, you will notice that the rule for **IN-LAND** would lead to a different answer. Let me know what you think.

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Lessons Learned from USCG *Continued from Page 7*

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/>

Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen

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Commander's Note *Continued from Page 2*

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE TRIP:
SEE PAGE 10 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

LOOKING AHEAD:

We're grateful to everyone who made this outing possible and to all who joined in the fun. If you missed this year's cruise, make sure to plan for the next one—you *won't want to miss it!*

As we turn the page into fall, we'll continue to build momentum with our **education programs, community outreach, and on-the-water events**. *Stay tuned for upcoming classes and gatherings. Go our website:*

<https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org>

Thank you for being part of **America's Boating Club Oceanside**—together we're keeping boating safe, fun, and full of adventure.

Safe boating,

Commander Shawn Goit, JN-ON

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VIKKI AND PHIL WOELFEL SHOW THE BANNER AT OCEANSIDE YANKEE DOODLE PARADE. WAIT! IS THAT A COYOTE ON THE DOCK?



Which one would you order?

Join us for Taco Tuesday late p.m.
 16 September at
 The Lighthouse Oceanside Harbor
 and show us!
 Or maybe it will be a Margarita?



Cida Diehl, Jeff Olsen and Darryel Simmons

Happy Hour & Happy Birthday Darryel!
Friday 15 August 2025

santa Catalina here we are!

Fifty-two miles across the sea
 Santa Catalina is a-waitin' for me
 Santa Catalina, the island for
 Sailors, sailors, sailors, sailors

Water all around it everywhere
 Tropical trees and the salty air
 But for me the thing that's a-waitin' there
 Peace and tranquility

It seems so distant, fifty-two miles away
 Restin' in the water serene
 I'd work for anyone, even the Navy
 Relying on *Passing Wind* and *Coquette*

Fifty-two miles, so near yet far
 I'd swim with just some water-wings and my guitar
 I could leave the wings but I'll need the guitar
 For happy hour amongst the sailors.

Fifty-two miles across the sea
 Santa Catalina is a-waitin' for me
 Santa Catalina, snorkeling and diving

A tropical heaven out in the ocean
 Covered with trees and sand
 If I have to swim, I'll do it forever
 Till I'm gazin' from *Passing Wind* and *Coquette*.



"Passing Wind"



Phil Woelfel



Phil Woelfel and Shawn Goit



San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron went to **Catalina Island** last week with a mighty fleet of two boats, but were joined by several other boats from Oceanside's "S" dock.

Shawn and I left early last Wednesday morning arriving at **Twin Harbors** at noon. **Darryel** and **Lety** left in his (*new to him*) beautiful 50 foot **Beneteau**. They traveled to **Dana Point**, overnighted, then went to Twin Harbors.

Our trip was straight forward both ways with relatively calm waters. We stayed all five nights at Twin Harbors while Darryel spent their last day at **Avalon**. Twin Harbors was fun, however expensive (*who says boating is cheap*). Shawn scuba dove and I snorkeled and both of us had a good time on land. Shawn also had a good time interacting with his fellow S dock friends.

I look forward to doing this again next year hopefully with more squadron boats.

Phil Woelfel—Administrative Officer

All About Vessel Safety Checks

A vessel safety check is a **FREE**, voluntary inspection of a recreational boat to ensure it meets safety standards. Conducted by trained examiners from organizations like the [Coast Guard Auxiliary](#) or [America's Boating Club](#), these checks help boaters identify and correct safety issues before they become problems on the water. Successful checks result in a decal, indicating the vessel is equipped to meet minimum safety requirements.

KEY ASPECTS OF A VESSEL SAFETY CHECK:

VOLUNTARY AND FREE:

Boat owners are encouraged to request a safety check, and there is no cost for the inspection;

IDENTIFIES SAFETY ISSUES:

Examiners assess various safety equipment and practices, such as life jackets, navigation lights, fire extinguishers, ventilation, overall boat condition, fuel and electrical, and more.

NO CITATIONS ISSUED:

The primary purpose is education and safety, not enforcement. Examiners don't issue citations or report findings to law enforcement.

Decal awarded:

If the vessel passes the check, it receives a decal, signifying it meets basic safety standards

Potential benefits:

Passing a safety check can potentially lead to insurance discounts, and it can also prepare boaters for potential law enforcement boardings by ensuring they meet basic safety requirements.

Convenience:

Examiners can conduct the check at the boat owner's location or at a designated site.

What is checked:

Examiners verify items like registration numbers, navigation lights, life jackets, flares, fire extinguishers, sound producing devices, and more.

Not just for large boats:

Even personal watercraft and paddlecraft users can benefit from a safety check.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BOAT DOESN'T PASS ITS TEST?

The examiner will kindly explain to the boat owner what is missing or incorrect and after the modifications have been made will arrange to re-examine the boat. *Again free of charge.*



Examiners can conduct the check at the boat owner's location or at a designated site.



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- EMERALD DECK SUITE**
 16sq.m/172sq.ft





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Position Open

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