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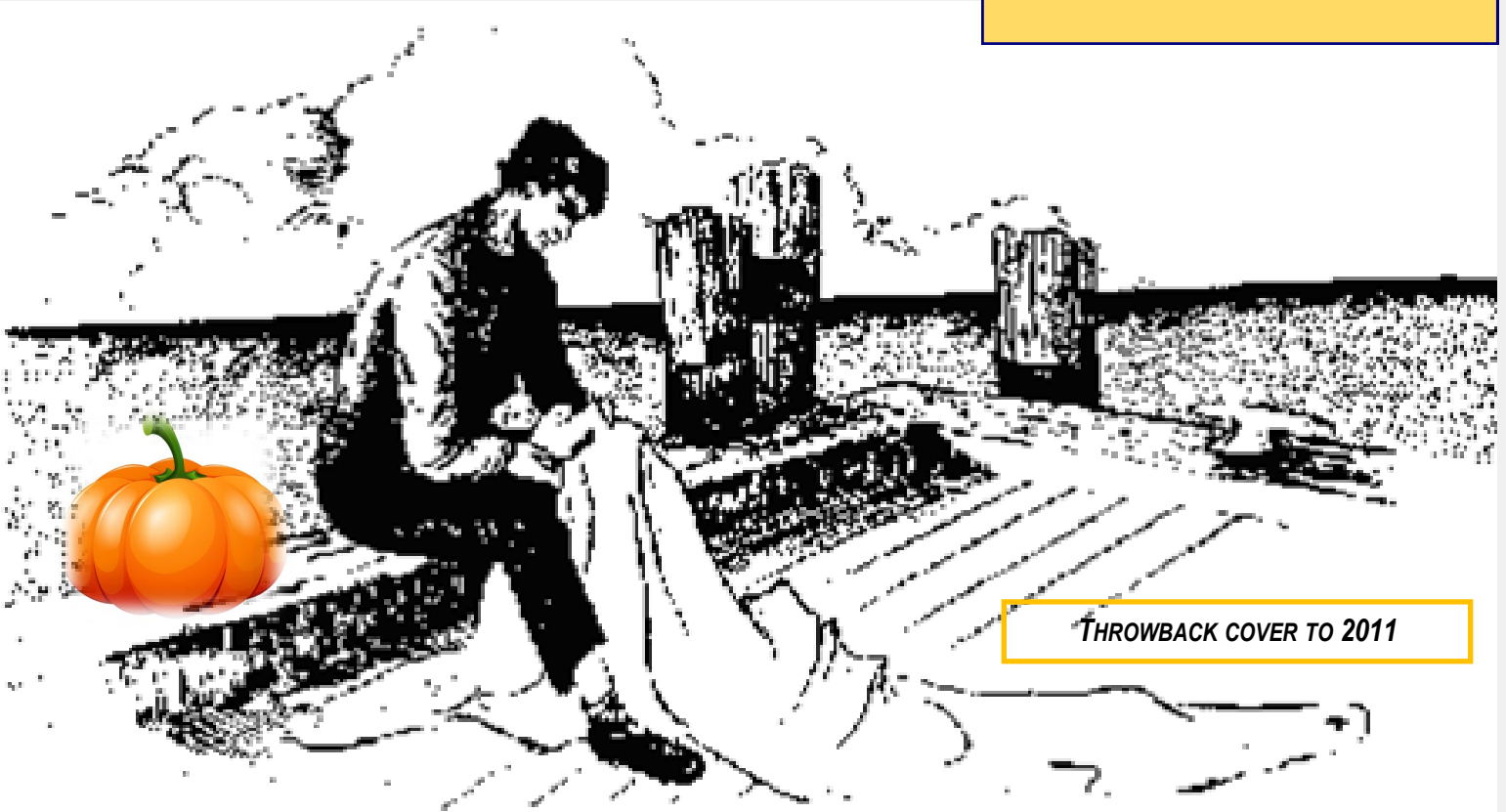


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THROWBACK COVER TO 2011



2025

OCTOBER

- 6 1830 Ex Com Meeting—via Zoom.
- 14 1800 Leslie Johansen Nack—Author—Book Release “Nineteen”. Location: Oceanside Yacht Club

NOVEMBER

- 3 1830 ex Com Meeting—via Zoom
- 19 1830 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

FEBRUARY

- 2 1800 Ex Com Meeting—via Zoom
- 8-15 ABC/USPS Annual Meeting—Myrtle Beach, SC

MARCH

- 2 1830 Ex Com Meeting—via Zoom
- 6-7 D28 Annual Conference—Hosted by San Diego at SWYC

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

WHY?

Why did the Editor/Publisher of the **D28 Lead Line** not receive any responses to the quiz that was included in the document?

ARE YOU THERE?????? HELLO!!!!!!

October 2025 Commander’s Report



America’s Boating Club Oceanside

Submitted by: Stf/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON, Commander

Greetings Fellow Members,

As fall settles in, I am proud to reflect on the accomplishments of **America’s Boating Club Oceanside** and share what lies ahead for our squadron.

NATIONAL AND DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

This has been a year of strong engagement, and October brought continued recognition of our efforts. Our members have been active at both the district and national levels, ensuring Oceanside continues to play a leading role in shaping boating education and safety programs.

There has also been discussion at the district level about the possibility of merging with **District 13**. While this is only talk for now, I foresee this change as inevitable in the future. Such a merger would bring more squadrons together, providing a larger pool of talent to fill district bridge positions and strengthening our presence within the larger organization.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

We continue to make strides with our education mission. October featured:

- **America’s Boating Course (ABC):** Another successful one-day **ABC** class was held at the Oceanside **Yacht Club**, providing boaters with the knowledge they need to earn their California Safe Boating Card.

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Happy Birthday !!

OCTOBER



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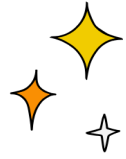
THE MISSION OF THE AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB IS TO
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AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES WHILE PROVIDING FELLOWSHIP FOR ITS MEMBERS.



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Engine Maintenance Course

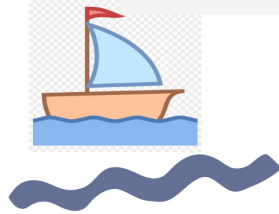
Oceanside Yacht Club Classroom
1950 N. Harbor Drive, Oceanside, CA. 92054
Thursday 02 October 2025
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Register at 6:30p.m.

The Engine Maintenance class provides an introduction to gas and diesel engines as used in the marine environment. This 12 week course is intended to build your confidence in your own engine, communicate with your mechanic and be able to address emergencies.

ABC Members
\$105.
Non Members
\$135

Minimum #
Students = 5

Engine Maintenance Course



INSTRUCTOR: Jorge Alonso

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A comprehensive 10 week course covering all aspects of boating including Aids to Navigation, Navigation Rules, Boat Safety, Laws & Regulations, and more.....

Course Cost:
\$95.00

Minimum #
Students = 5

America's Boating Course



.... Apply for your California Boater Card

INSTRUCTORS: Kirk Lippert, JN & Capt. Jack Guida

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The **America's Boating course** has been poorly attended with just 1 student. The student completed the course, took the exams and passed, and then applied for the **CA Boating Card**. Many thanks to **P/C Kirk Lippert** and **Captain Jack Guida** for enthusiastic teaching of this course. Lessons were learned: *going forward the minimum to teach any courses will be 5 students.*

The **Engine Maintenance** course is now on track. This course is scheduled for **Thursday October 2, 2025**, from 7:00-9:00 pm, at **Oceanside Yacht Club**. The instructor is **Jorge Alonso**. Jorge is a business owner and a professional car mechanic. He brings a life of experience and a vast knowledge to this class. If you have not taken any of Jorge's classes, please make an effort to attend the Engine Maintenance course. The Oceanside boating

community is very lucky to have Jorge taking time from his busy schedule to volunteer to teach this course. **Thank you Jorge!** Please, see the Engine Maintenance flyer on Page 4, on our [website](#) and on [Facebook](#), sign up, and invite family and friends to attend.

The **America's Boating Course** is scheduled again on **November 4, 2025**, from 7:00 - 9:00pm at **OYC**. The instructors will be **P/C Lippert, JN-CN** and **Captain Jack Guida**. Thank you both for your commitment and dedication to teaching *safe boating*. Please, see flyer Page 4, on our [website](#) and on [Facebook](#). Invite your boating friends to attend the **America's Boating Course** to learn safe boating, get the certification and after completing the course and passing both exams, get the **California Boating Card**.

Fair winds!

Cida Diehl, SN-CN

Watch Out for Witches on Paddle Boards!

October brings cooler weather, fall festivities, and of course, Halloween. Along with pumpkins and costumes, we've noticed more creative spirits taking to the water—yes, even witches on stand-up paddle boards! While these seasonal sights add fun and color to our harbor, they can also create unexpected safety challenges.

CAUTIONS FOR BOATERS AND PADDLERS:

- 1. Visibility Matters:** Costumes, capes, and props may look festive, but they can also reduce visibility or get tangled. Paddlers should ensure they have proper navigation lights after sunset.
- 2. Life Jackets First:** No matter how spooky the costume, it should never replace a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket. Encourage all paddlers—even witches and warlocks—to wear one.
- 3. Stay Alert:** Boaters should keep a sharp lookout for paddle boarders in unusual costumes, especially at dusk or near popular waterfront events.
- 4. Weather Awareness:** Autumn conditions can bring sudden wind shifts and cooler water. Paddlers should stay close to shore and dress for immersion.

5. Respect the Right of Way: Paddle boards are considered vessels under boating law. Give them space, just as you would any kayak or canoe.

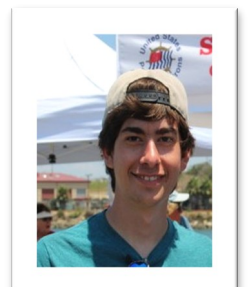
Final Reminder: Let's enjoy the spirit of the season while keeping safety our top priority. If you encounter "witches on the water," slow down, give them room, and share a smile—but don't forget your responsibility as a safe and courteous boater.

Stay safe, and have a Happy Halloween!

Respectfully,

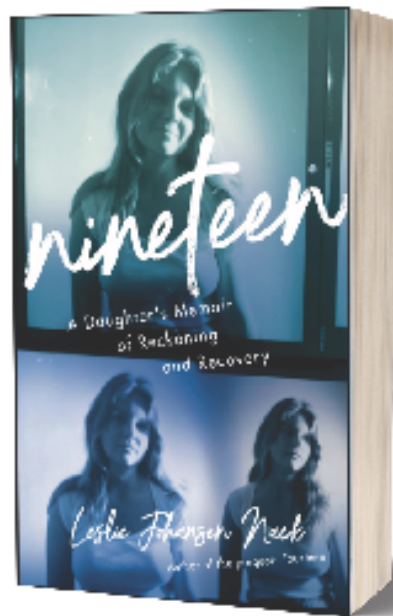
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Safety Chair, America's Boating Club Oceanside



🌊 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

OCTOBER



How I fondly remember the days of teaching all kinds of boating classes, from **Basic Boating to Sailing and Celestial Navigation: I miss those days very much.** When we moved to Illinois in 2020, I had to give up boating and much of those inspiring evenings and leave it to others. My successors are doing a great job as it takes some courage to train students. I always felt that it was greatly rewarding. While teaching for 25 years I built many friendships, and at the same time I learned a lot. My advice is if you feel so inclined, and you have the courage, give teaching a try.

So here in the MidWest I mentioned the Equinox we just passed. I get, mostly, blank stares. The equinox is important in boating because it signals change in weather and tides, affecting safety, navigation, and trip planning. For those using celestial navigation, the day of equinox is a useful event, as the sun is directly above the equator, simplifying calculations for determining position. **America's Boating Club Oceanside** uses this time as reminder to conduct safety checks, including equipment inspections, especially when conditions become more challenging.

One more thing: My wife and I, with boating friends, went on a cruise through **Eastern Canada** and the **New England** coast. In **Portland, Maine** we got a chance to sail the harbor on a **78-foot Schooner, "Frances"** built in Portland in 1910. We participated, hoisted sail, exchanged experiences sailor-to-sailor with the captain, and had a great time in 20-knot winds. Interesting was that the engine hadn't worked for a long time. When needed, they just lashed a dinghy to the stern, with a 20-horse outboard, to maneuver the ship without wind or

to get into tight spaces! Who needs an engine? *See images P.9*

For **my challenge in the previous issue**, I asked a (seemingly) simple 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? To start, this situation makes the other vessel a give-way vessel and you the stand-on vessel. One short blast in International Waters (Rule 34 (a)) means "I *am altering my course to starboard*". If this is NOT clear or safe, you must give the danger signal of five short blasts, and act accordingly. In our case, answer B is right: Hold course and speed without giving a signal. Note that this Rule in INLAND

For this month, let's stay with the "one blast" signal, though now we are INLAND (in the harbor). Another power-driven vessel desires to overtake you on your starboard side. Draw a picture if that helps. So, the operator sounds one blast, and you respond with one blast. What are you required to do next?

- A) *alter course to the left.*
- B) *slow your vessel until the other vessel has overtaken you.*
- C) *hold course and speed.*
- D) *alter course to the left or right to give the other vessel more room.*

US Coast Guard Rule 13 gives you an overview of the responsibilities of the overtaking vessel, but nothing of your vessel being overtaken. Find the Rule for INLAND and choose the right answer. 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, do not hesitate to contact Shawn. <https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>

Of course, you don't become a safer boater by reading this newsletter, or even my regular column focused on safety. The possibilities for learning all sorts of things from **YouTube**, in online classes, or even by asking **Artificial Intelligence**, are too many to mention. However, I still believe that an actual sit-down course, taught by an experienced boater, offers the best opportunity for life-long learning. Give it a try!

Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen

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Commander's Report *continued from Page 2*

Hands-On Training (HOT): Our team completed another round of practical on-the-water instruction, reinforcing our reputation for safety and skill development. Thank you to all instructors and volunteers who make these events possible.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our club continues to reach out to the community through **Vessel Safety Checks**, safety presentations, and boating events. These efforts help build public awareness and strengthen our role as leaders in promoting safe boating in Oceanside and beyond.

LOOKING AHEAD

- Planning is already underway for our winter ABC sessions and advanced courses.
- Preparations are being made for our participation in the **National Safe Boating Week 2026 activities**, with Oceanside once again serving as a leader in demonstrations and outreach.
- We are also continuing to pursue grant opportunities to support our **Hands-On Training** initiatives.

FINAL THOUGHTS

As always, I am honored to serve as your Commander. October was another strong month, and with your continued participation, our squadron is positioned for even greater achievements as we head toward the close of 2025.

See you on the water!

Respectfully,

Stf/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON

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RED PANDA WAKE-UP CALL



CHONGQING, CHINA: Guests at the Lehe Ledu Liangjiang Hotel have been participants in the latest example of new hotel hospitality efforts.



Instead of a boring wake-up call, this hotel's service consisted of **live red pandas** being allowed into guestrooms where they could climb into the beds of sleeping guests to wake them up.

Of course, the service went viral. But what soon followed was criticism about animal safety and welfare. Experts pointed out that red pandas are unusually sensitive animals and encounters with unknown hotel guests in or out of their beds could cause unusual stress to the animals.

The hotel had to end this unique service.

Northstar Travel Group 01 September 2025



These images are from the Lessons Learned from the U.S. Coast Guard article by Capt. Adriaan Veldhuisen.

Top: 78' Schooner "Frances" day-sailing

Middle: Adriaan working the lines

Bottom: Cheryl taking it easy!

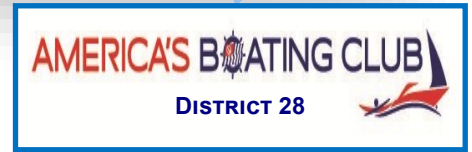




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Watch as the ship passes through the intricate lock and dam system, witness firsthand the marvel of human engineering that tames these mighty rivers. Led by our local guides, discover the captivating stories behind iconic landmarks like **Mount St. Helens**, renowned for its explosive 1980 eruption, and enjoy a tour and tasting at **Maryhill Winery**, one of Washington State's largest wineries. Watch as the scenery switches from the towering peaks of the **Cascade Range** to the misty veil of **Multnomah Falls**, standing proud at a staggering 620 feet.

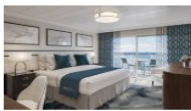



This region, with its waterways lined by the tallest trees you can imagine, mountains that blend into the uninterrupted sky, and eagles soaring above you is a truly remarkable sight. Experience America like never before, aboard our ultra-modern Riverboat.”

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