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ADVERTISING RATES AVAILABLE





2025

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 1 1800 Ex Com Meeting—Hosted by Jill & Loie Powell
- 13 **Oceanside Harbor Parade of lights—Organizer TBD**
- 14 1600 55th San Diego Parade of Lights—Organizer SDSPS
- 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**

APRIL

- 6 1830 ExCom Meeting—Hosted by: TBA

MAY

- 4 1830 ExCom Meeting—via Zoom
- 28—04 June **D28 Rhone River Cruise—France**

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!!!!!!

November 2025 Commander's Report



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

OCEANSIDE

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

Greetings Fellow Members,

As we head into the final stretch of 2025, our squadron continues to stay active, connected, and focused on growth. The crisp fall air is here, but that hasn't slowed us down—there's still plenty happening on and off the water!

GRANT SUBMISSION WITH DBW

We've officially submitted our grant application to the **California Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW)**. This funding will help us expand our **Hands-On Training (HOT)** program, improve safety resources, and enhance our instructional capacity. If awarded, the grant will support our efforts to reach more boaters and make our waters safer for everyone.

HANDS-ON TRAINING (HOT) UPDATE

Interest in our H.O.T. classes continues to grow. We are looking forward to offering more sessions as weather and scheduling allow. The addition of certified **On-Water instructors** and our recent alignment with the **National On-Water Policy** ensures that our training remains among the best in the country.

LESLIE JOHANSEN NACK BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

A big thank you to everyone who attended the **Leslie Johansen's Book Launch** for "*Nineteen*" at **Oceanside Yacht Club**. The turnout was fantastic! It was a lively evening filled with great conversation, local authorship, and a shared passion for the maritime community. Events like this truly highlight the camaraderie that makes our club/squadron special.

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Happy Birthday !! NOVEMBER



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EMI FOLLESTAD	11
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3:30am - 8pm ----- Panning/Zooming of the harbor

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To access it, simply browse the list of online courses and select "**Introduction to OpenCPN**" (*the second-to-last course*). Add it to your cart, then proceed to checkout. If you already have an account, just log in and complete your purchase. If you don't have an account, follow the prompts to create one.

This seminar covers how to install OpenCPN, download and update charts, configure chart displays, create waypoints and routes, and integrate OpenCPN with GPS for live navigation. It's a great resource for students taking Marine Navigation or anyone interested in learning OpenCPN. —**Barbara Herrmann**

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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

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The America's Boating Course is coming up soon. It is scheduled for **Tuesday 11/4/25 at 6:30pm, OYC. P/C Kirk Lippert, JN-CN, and Captain Jack Guida** are the instructors.

Please, let you friends, and family members know about this course. It teaches the fundamental of safe boating and meets boating educational requirements for California.

The ABC course is one of most popular and widely and recognized courses for recreation boaters in U.S. Its audience is new and experienced power and sail boaters, personal watercraft (PWC) and paddlecraft users.

The ABC course will cover the following topics:

- * *Boat Types and terminology*
- * *Navigation rules (Rules of the Road)*
- * *Aids to navigation (buoys, markers, and charts)*
- * *Anchoring and knots*
- * *State and federal boating laws*
- * *Registration, numbering and documentation*
- * *Operating under the influence laws*
- * *Emergency preparedness*
- * *Trailing and much more.*

After completing the course and successfully passing both the ABC Exam and CA State Exam, students will receive a certificate of completion and the **California Boaters Card**, once they apply for it,

The Engine Maintenance course started on October 4, 2025, at OYC with six students enrolled. **Jorge Alonso** has been teaching the **Engine Maintenance** course for years. He also teaches **Marine Electrical System** and **Marine Communication System**. The MES and MCS will be on the schedule for 2026.

Lt/C Cida Diehl, SN-CN - SLRSPS /Oceanside Educational Officer

SEE FLYER ON PAGE 4.

NOAA (*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*) HAS ENDED THE PRODUCTION OF TRADITIONAL PAPER CHARTS. *THE END OF AN ERA AFTER 150 YEARS*

Paper charts are no longer updated or printed by NOAA. The agency has ceased creating new editions and updates to the old charts.

NOAA started this project to go electronic in 2019. After five years in the making, it has now replaced all paper charts with Electronic Charts. It **now uses the Electronic Navigation Chart (ENC) System** - a modern, detailed, and continuously updated digital format.

Boaters can still get the paper version, but only by printing from **NOAA Custom Chart Tool**. This tool allows users to select their own area, scale, and layout from ENC data base, then print it themselves. Electronics charts provide better accuracy, are easier to update, and have more flexibility for the modern navigation system. The system allows real-time data integration - tides, depths, and hazard. Every boater is encouraged to print their only charts for back up.

At right: Las Vegas Cdr Jay Higgins demonstrates at D13 Fall Conference how easy it is to print your own paper charts to Arrowhead's Lt/C Ronnie Mann, Lt/C John LeDell and Oceanside's Lt/C Cida Diehl.



SAFETY LESSONS LEARNED

NOVEMBER



I have enjoyed writing my monthly article since January 2011, after I earned my 100-ton qualification as US Coast Guard licensed Captain while being encouraged and supported by D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP, our publisher and editor. The research and tools may have changed a bit but, like regular boating skills, the principles stayed much the same. I still use a hard copy of the Navigation Rules & Regulations Handbook every time.

So, I posed the title of my articles to Artificial Intelligence (AI): “SAFETY LESSONS FROM THE US COAST GUARD” and here is what AI says: *emphasize wearing life jackets, avoid alcohol while operating a boat, and take precautions like filing a float plan and having the right equipment. Other lessons include boat preparation, maintaining communication, and understanding the risks of conditions like rough water, cold, and open water hazards.*



The most recent (2024) Coast Guard Foundation <https://www.coastguardfoundation.org/> report still shows 556 deaths, with a shocking 69% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction. They recommend “Get Smart: Knowledge is Power”. In California as of January 1, 2025, boating education is mandatory and requires all operators of motor-

ized vessels to carry a **California Boater Card**. To get the card, you must complete a state-approved boater safety course and pass the final exam. **Our America’s Boating Club offers this course in Oceanside and San Diego.**

Reference the Fall issue of the Lead Line 2025 Page 9 and this newsletter note on Page 2.



For my challenge in the previous issue, I stayed with “one blast” signal, INLAND (in the harbor), and I proposed the following situation: **Another power-driven vessel desires to overtake you on your starboard side. The operator sounds one blast, and you appropriately respond with one blast.** USCG Rule 13 - Overtaking regulates that the other operator shall keep out of the way. Rule 34 (a) INLAND says that your response with one blast means that you shall take the steps necessary to affect a safe passing. I therefore think that you are required to (answer C) hold your course and speed.

For this month, let's move to a seasonal issue, Fall, and the restricted visibility that we often see. **You are underway in fog when you hear the following signal: one prolonged blast, and two short blasts in succession.** Which of the following would it be?

- A) a fishing vessel underway.
- B) a power-driven vessel underway and making way through the water.
- C) a vessel at anchor.
- D) a vessel being towed.

Find the Rule 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 asking AI about boating safety. 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 and help to bring boating accidents down!

Captain Adriaan Veldhuisen

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Commander's Report *continued from Page 2*

INSTRUCTOR APPRECIATION NIGHT— 19TH NOVEMBER

Mark your calendars! We will gather at my clubhouse on **Wednesday 19th November** to honor our dedicated instructors. Their time and expertise are the backbone of our education mission. Come, join us for an evening of appreciation, food and fellowship as we celebrate those who make our programs possible. *See Page 5.*

ABC DISTRICT 13 CONFERENCE—SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

Jill Powell and Cida Diehl joined me in attending as District 28 delegates. Two presentations were made by Las Vegas Squadron Commander Jay Higgins. One on the disappearance of paper charts by NOAA. *See Cida's report on Page 6.* And the other on the National website and iMIS. I contributed to the latter and demonstrated how to access your own profile, only to find out that I was shown as a "female"!!!! I soon changed that—good exercise. So check out **YOUR** profile on the new Member Portal.

FINAL THOUGHTS

As winter approaches, let's not hang up our life jackets just yet—let's go boating! Cooler weather often brings steady winds and fewer crowds on the water. I encourage everyone to enjoy this season, stay safe, and share your passion for boating with others.

Thank you all for your dedication and continued support. I hope to see many of you on the 19th!!!!

See you on the water!

Respectfully,

Stf/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON

Commander, America's Boating Club Oceanside

Photos in this issue contributed by Jill Powell

At right: D13 Conference : Deborah Hoadley, Jay Higgins, Hal Hoadley, Cida Diehl, Shawn Goit, John LeDell, John Brewington, Jill Powell, Al Lakin, Ronnie Mann and Ken Voight.



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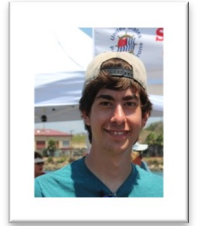
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America's Boating Club Oceanside

SAFETY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2025

Submitted by: Jake Alcantara, Safety Officer



Staying Safe as Days Get Shorter: Navigation and Preparedness

As we head into late fall, many boaters are still enjoying time on the water — but shorter daylight hours and changing conditions require a renewed focus on **safe navigation and trip planning**. Even in Southern California's mild climate, visibility and preparedness can make all the difference in ensuring a safe return to port.

1. Plan for Shorter Days

The sun sets earlier this time of year, and darkness can come faster than expected — especially when returning from Catalina or evening cruises around the harbor.

Recommendations:

- Check **sunset times** before every trip.
- Ensure **navigation lights** are operational and lenses are clean.
- Keep a **spotlight or headlamp** onboard for emergencies or docking after dark.
- Always carry **spare batteries** and fuses for electronics.

2. Maintain Situational Awareness

With fewer boats on the water, complacency can creep in. Stay alert, particularly near the harbor entrance and fishing zones.

Key points:

- Use your **VHF radio** (Channel 16) to stay in contact.
- Maintain a proper lookout — debris can be harder to spot in lower light.
- Use your GPS and compass, but practice **manual navigation** skills in case of equipment failure.

3. File a Float Plan Before You Go

Even on short local trips, a **float plan** is an easy safeguard that can save lives.

- Inform someone of your **departure and return time**.
- Include your **route, passengers, and contact information**.
- Notify them once you've returned safely. This simple step allows rescuers to start looking in the right area quickly if something goes wrong.

4. Dress and Equip for Conditions

Though it's not cold by national standards, evening and offshore breezes can bring a chill.

- Bring **light layers** and **spray jackets** for wind and moisture.
- Keep **dry clothing** onboard in a waterproof bag.
- Carry a **first-aid kit** and check expiration dates on medications and bandages.

5. Emergencies Don't Wait — Be Ready

Always assume the unexpected.

- Verify that your **fire extinguishers** and **bilge pumps** are functioning.
- Check that your **anchor and line** are in good condition.
- Review your **radio distress procedures (DSC, Mayday)** before leaving dock.

Final Thoughts

Boating safety doesn't end when summer does. With a little extra preparation, situational awareness, and good communication habits, we can all enjoy a safe and worry-free fall boating season.

Let's continue to look out for one another on the water and set the standard for safety in our community. Remember, Stay safe and see you on the docks,

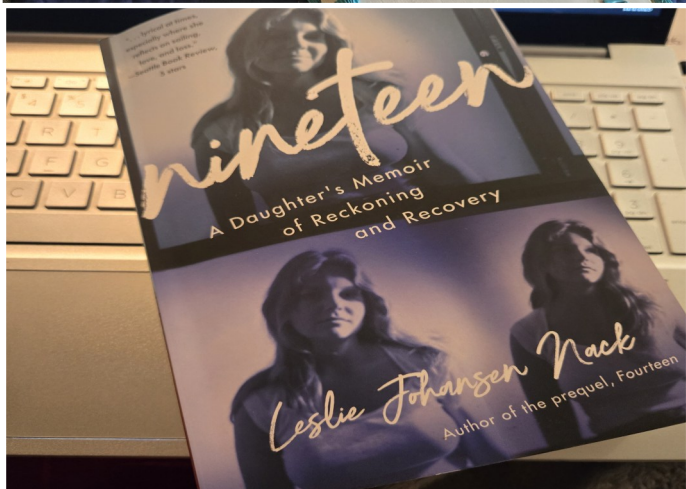
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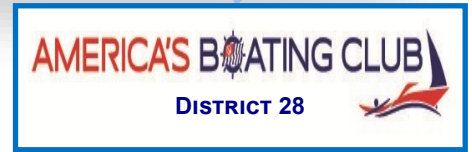
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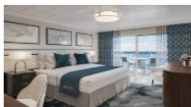
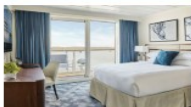
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