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SDSPS Commander

Debra Oberg, JN Commander, ABC - SDSPS

Ahoy Mates!!

Happy Holidays to all of our on the water friends. It is hard to believe that another year has gone by but what a difference a year makes. Our club has had an AWESOME year of growth.

We started the year trying to figure out how to come out of lockdowns and Zoom fatigue. All 6 of our GMMs were in person in 2022, including our annual Change of Watch in January. It felt soooo good to see, greet, hug and talk to people in person again. That human contact is so important to all of us!!!

Our education department did a phenomenal job in bringing back in person learning and our summer seminar series. Our classes had more students than we have seen in a long time and our membership has benefitted greatly! Our 2023 lineup is looking equally impressive!!

The leadership in the club is energized and has lots of new ideas they want to try to implement in 2023. Come to our GMMs, picnics and BBQs to find out what is going on!! We also have lots of old and new opportunities to get involved. There are various committees and small tasks that we need support. Come out and offer a few hours of



time. Many hands make light work. It is a great way to keep in touch with your fellow boaters. Contact me if you are interested!!

Have a great Holiday season with your family and friends. Stay safe. Especially on the water!! See you all in 2023!!!



To: P/C Paula Vance, P
From: Cdr Debra Oberg, JN
Subject: Bridge Slate for 2023

In accordance with San Diego Sail & Power Squadron bylaws, sections 6.8 and 11, the Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers for the 2023 Bridge:

<u>Commander</u> Debra Oberg, JN

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Sea Scout Liaison
Mike Philbrook, AP

Sail Fleet Dan Dreesen Doug Bass, SN-IN

Boating Activities (Open)

<u>Vessel Safety Checks</u> P/C Shaun McArdle, AP

P/C Bob Gibbs, JN-IN

San Luis Rey Liaison (TBD)

Ships Store and Property
Web Page & IT Support
Merit Mark Committee
Mike Philbrook, AP
P/C Carole Hallock, AP
P/C Paula Vance, P

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Sunset in Ocean Beach

(Photos courtesy the awesome Chris Mannerino, from FaceBook)





With the approval of the Commander, this slate of officers will be presented to the Squadron membership at the January 14, 2023 Annual Meeting. Positions above that are open may be filled by nominations from the floor at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Oberg, JN



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Carl Schwartz, P



Hello Fellow Boaters,

Our next General Membership Meeting (GMM) will be our Annual Change of Watch, and will be held at the Southwestern Yacht Club on Saturday January 14th. (Please refer to the important notice about our

Annual Meeting and Change of Watch on the next page of this issue of The Ships' Mail!)

We are looking forward to some great food and another Raffle. Let's see everyone there!

Upcoming San Diego Parade of Lights

Although this weeks' Parade of Lights was canceled due to inclement weather, the second date in the two-week event is still on for Sunday December 18th.

Stay alert for an update from Carl about a possible rescheduling of our annual SDSPS gathering on Shelter Island.

The Editor

All good boaters plan ahead, so put our summer (July) GMM and BBQ on your calendar now:

The General Membership Meeting & Picnic

Sunday, July 9, 2023

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

DeAnza Cove

(More information to follow in the coming months!)

Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) Update: 50 to Date

Free VSCs are an important member benefit and a hook to new member recruitment. Contact one of our examiners – P/C Shaun McArdle, AP; P/C Bob Hubbard, AP; Lt/C Tanya Weimer, AP, Jon Coates, D/C Allan Bombard, SN-IN, or Lt/C Mike Philbrook, AP to schedule a VSC. Carole Hallock, AP and D/Lt Michael Wales are examiners-in-training.

If you love checking out boats, consider joining this team.

Safe Boating!

Carl

(carls1199@yahoo.com)



THE ABC-SAN DIEGO SAIL & POWER SQUADRON

Announces this special January event

71st Annual SDSPS Meeting & Change of Watch Dinner

and General Membership Meeting: Saturday January 14, 2022 Southwestern Yacht Club

All members of the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron and their guests are invited to attend the Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Dinner, with no-host cocktails at 18:00. The business meeting and installation will begin at 18:30.

Date: Saturday January 14, 2023

Place: Southwestern Yacht Club

2702 Qualtrough Street San Diego, CA 92106

Purpose: of the meeting: To conduct an election of

the officers for the year 2022-2023; to consider and vote upon the 2022-2023 budget proposed for adoption by the SDSPS Executive Committee; to hear reports of outgoing officers and committee chairs; and to accomplish such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

of the Change of Watch: To install the 2022-2023 Bridge Officers and Elected members.

Menu selection is below. Coffee, tea, and alcoholic beverages are available for purchase.

Entrée choices (includes tax and service charge):

- *Cobb Salad (large)* \$19.50
- Yacht Burger w/cheese \$17.50
 - Includes choice of one side
- Miso-Glazed Salmon \$34.50

The Executive Committee works long and hard throughout the year for the Power Squadron. Let's recognize the efforts of those that are currently serving on the board and welcome the new board members!



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Secretary

Lt/C Paula Vance, P



As you all know, **Commander Deb Oberg, JN** holds Executive Committee meetings the first Tuesday (no longer on Monday because of too many conflicts) after the first Friday of every month. All are welcome to join in. All meetings are via Zoom, although several members may occasionally meet together at Southwestern Yacht Club to join in as a group. As the Club Secretary, I record the minutes of each meeting.

Here are some interesting meeting notes:

Dues: 2022 dues are \$98 for a single and \$141 for a family membership. New members also pay a \$20 initiation fee. PayPal is up and running, offering a convenient way to pay for

initiating a membership, as well as for our Club's classes and events. Anyone writing checks should make them

out to San Diego Sail and Power Squadron.

As noted above, 50 VSCs have been conducted so far this year. This is a great way to get a look at some memorable (in either a positive and negative way) boats, while helping out our Club and the boating community. Contact **P/C Shaun McArdle**, **AP** for more info about becoming an examiner or having your boat checked out.

We will be ordering new Club shirts with the ABC San Diego logo. If you have ideas about style and color, let me know.

Please welcome 5 new members from the current Piloting class: **David** Williams, Scott & Eliana Hinckle, Edward Anelli, and Jesse Wright!

Paula



Education Report

P/C Doug Bass, SN-INSDSPS Club Educational Officer



Squadron Education Class Schedule 2022

2022 was a momentous year for Education at America's Boating Club, San Diego. We had several two-hour seminars over the summer, an ABC class with 15 students in August, and this fall we've taught Engine Maintenance (12 students), Cruise Planning (13 students), and currently have 17 students enrolled in Marine Navigation (the first "Piloting" course in the two-part series that includes the old Piloting and Advanced Piloting courses).

2023 also looks like a packed schedule with the long ABC class (safe boat handling and introduction to Navigation) starting Feb 7, Advanced Navigation Feb 27th, Celestial Navigation March 8th, and more courses next Summer and Fall.



Course	Tentative Start Date	Day	Duration (Weeks)	Tentative End Date
ABC (Long version)	7-Feb	Tuesday	8	28-Mar
Advanced Marine Piloting (AP)	27-Feb	Monday	10	1-May
Junior Navigation (Basic Celestial)	8-Mar	Wednesday	10	10-May
Boat Handling (Seamanship - S)	5-Jun	Monday	9	31-Jul
Sail	11-Sep	Monday	10	13-Nov
Basic Marine Navigation	10-Oct	Tuesday	10	19-Dec

PS: Our last ABC class featured a student who received a ticket for not having their California Boating Card. <u>By 2025 all California boaters will be required to have one</u>.



America's Boating Course

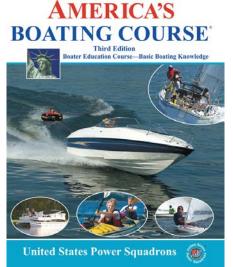
Date: Tuesday, Feb 7, 2023 - April 11, 2023

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Place: Southwestern Yacht Club, SAN DIEGO YACHT CLUB 2702 Qualtrough St, San Diego, CA 92106

Cost: \$65

Contact: Education Officer (seo@sdsps.org; *DougBass1@gmail.com*)



No matter how much experience you have with boating, it is important to have the knowledge needed to keep your passengers, yourself and your boat safe.

Get your state boating card and learn the skills you need to be safe while boating.

This course is taught Tuesdays for eight weeks and includes safe boating practices and basic navigation. Passing the test will qualify you for the California Boaters Card (required for all 50 years old and younger).

Topic: America's Boating Course Time: Feb 7th 2023 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) **Registration**: https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin-nat/eddept/800/getregformx.cgi?C-19056

Pay for the class by copying this URL: https://py.pl/108qpx



Treasurer's Report

Lt/C Debbie Lenart, P SDSPS Treasurer



Hi Folks,

Christmas is a time of giving.

We give gifts or presents to loved ones. Most people call them presents. My sonin-law calls them "prizes". I tend to call them "presents" because that's just the way I was brought up. We give presents. Presents comes in all sizes, shapes, and

forms. Most of them are welcomed, some are not.

I found myself the recipient of a very unwelcome present this morning. It was small, grey, furry, and it had a tail. A very LONG tail. And it was missing a part... Need I go on? It was found on the floor of my bedroom just where I would place my feet heading toward the coffee pot for the morning wake up drink. Lucky for me, I had thought to put my glasses on or I would have thought it just another cat toy on the floor. Needless to say, it was unceremoniously taken outside to be disposed. Now I'm thinking that there will be a very disappointed cat wondering why their "present" was found to be distasteful and will bring me a replacement. I hope not! But I'll keep you posted!



Messiah

On the first Sunday in December every year, the Point Loma Choral Union and Orchestra presents the 1742 George Frederic Handel, P musical oratorio MESSIAH. This timeless piece is one of the most performed pieces to this day and its timeless themes of hope and redemption have inspired millions around the world for over 3 centuries.

The Choral Union combines choirs on campus with other singers from the student body, faculty, staff and community to present the choral masterpiece. Point Loma has been presenting this concert, for free, for more

than 90 years and our very own club member, **Debbie Lenart**, **P** has been performing for many years!!! Kudos to Debbie for sharing her love of music with all of the community!!

I would highly recommend you check out the choral lineup at the University, as they have many free concerts throughout the year. Also, the view of the Pacific Ocean at sunset from their location can be breathtaking!!!

(Submitted by Deb Oberg)

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and best wishes for tasteful presents!

Debbie





To borrow a quote (and an offer) from the Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron...

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Christmas in San Diego

(Photo by C. Mannerino, from FB)





Join America's Boating Club District 28 Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 25, 2023 Southwest Yacht Club, San Diego Time: 9 am with start of meeting, BBQ lunch on site, Yacht Club dinner at 5 pm

We have the honor of hosting the Chief Commander, Craig Fraser, SN-IN at this event!!



Mark your calendar for this important date. Reservations and cost information will be available after January 1, 2023



Law Report

D/LtC Michael Wales *SDSPS Legal Officer*



MARITIME LAW CORNER

By Mike Wales, District 28 Law Officer

(Ed. Note: Michael and Leilani are out of the country on safari in Africa – a land cruise! Look for his column again in the next issue of

The Ships' Mail.)

ABC – San Diego Past Commanders

A 'fluther' of jellyfish; a 'flotilla' of swordfish; a'herd' of seahorses. What do you call a collection of ex-Club Commanders?

(The editor will buy the best submission a beverage of their choice at the Change of Watch!)

(No submissions yet, so this contest is still open.)

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America's Boating Club® San Diego 2022 Schedule of Meetings & Events

ExCom Meetings will be via Zoom at 18:30 PT until otherwise posted.

<u>General Membership Meetings</u> are at Southwestern Yacht Club (*unless otherwise noted*) with a start time of 1800 (6:00 PM), at 2702 Qualtrough Street, San Diego 92106.

December	12	Tuesday	Executive Committee (1830)
	17	Saturday	Sail Fleet (1200)
	18	Sunday	Parade of Lights (Tentative/Shelter Island)

Proposed 2023 Dates

January	10 14	Tuesday Saturday	Executive Committee (1830) Sail Fleet (1200) General Membership Meeting/COW (1800)
February	7	Tuesday	Executive Committee (1830)
	18	Saturday	Sail Fleet (1200)
	18-26	Sun-Sun	USPS Annual Meeting
	26 Feb–Mar 5 Sunday		USPS National Cruise
March	TBD	Saturday	District 28 Conference @ Southwestern Yacht Club
	7	Tuesday	Executive Committee (1830)
	18	Saturday	Sail Fleet (1200)



Lessons Learned from the US Coast Guard – 2022

P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron



[Ed. Note: This issue of the Ships' Mail continues a regular educational column by one of our local senior USPS members, a USCG-licensed Captain, and a great instructor. This marks but one of several initiatives to bring our geographically close Squadrons closer nautically, educationally, and socially. Please thank Adriaan for his willingness to help us educate the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron boating community!

SAFETY LESSONS FROM THE US COAST GUARD – December

We went in October to an "on the water rules" paradise, or hell, depending on how you look at it. At least for me, it was great: Venice, Italy, where we stayed a few days in a B&B at the Grand Canal. The side canals are navigated in some orderly fashion, by the necessity of their limited width and height under bridges, but the 2.5 n-mile Grand

Canal is a different story. It is, in my opinion, congested, chaotic, and disorderly, but somehow it all seems to work.

In front of our B&B was a stop for the airport link water taxi that took us from the airport to the B&B. The same dock was used as a stop for the water ferry bus which runs every 12 minutes for the length of the Grand Canal in either direction and has stops alternating from one side of the channel to the other. This system transports more than 95 million passengers per year (2013).

There is a formal speed limit of 11 knots, and larger vessels typically stay under that. Of course, at the same time, there are many gondolas at very low speeds and hundreds of water taxis and some pleasure craft at high speeds, not to mention the very high speed of ambulances and police. Sound signals are mostly the same as for us, but also mostly ignored by all. Instead, vocal communication is loudly used to underline the competitive

nature of survival in this watery environment. I found one "formal" rule online: "All boats including water taxis and pleasure craft must now keep to the right and in single file. They must also keep a distance of 50 meters [150 feet] from the vehicle in front and no overtaking is allowed." Here is my observation:

Back home, after a wonderful cruise in the eastern Mediterranean, and recovering from jet-lag and overcrowded airports, I need to get back into my real job: safe boating education. At the September challenge, we looked at signals and my question was: "While underway in fog, you hear a whistle signal of one prolonged blast followed by two short blasts. Which type of vessel is likely producing this signal?"

My thanks go to several readers who all responded with the right answer, and with the right Rule: 35 (c). This is answer A, a vessel restricted in its ability to maneuver. The Rule also lists not under command, a sailing vessel, a vessel engaged in fishing, and a vessel engaged in towing or pushing. We call those the 'encumbered vessels.'





For this month's challenge, we will look at one of the rules for sailing vessels, even though we previously listed them as 'encumbered vessels.' So, my question for this month is: Which statement is true concerning a sailing vessel approaching another sailing vessel?

- A A sailing vessel overtaking another is the give-way vessel.
- B When each is on a different tack, the vessel on the starboard tack shall keep out of the way.
- C A sailing vessel seeing another to leeward on an undetermined tack shall hold her course.
- D All of the above.

Questions like this one fall under the chapter "Conduct of Vessels in Sight of One Another" and when you are looking for the Rule that is referenced, you may take an extra minute and read the whole chapter, only 4-6 pages. There is a difference whether you are INLAND or in INTERNATIONAL waters. I hope you find the correct answer in the Navigation Rules & Regulations Handbook, and that you let me know.

I also hope that you make plans to take a course from our Americas Boating Club Oceanside. We are gearing up for a WEATHER class and a SAIL class in the near future. To see if you can join, please contact Jan Follestad at

https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/

Adriaan



America's Boating Club San Diego does not operate without the many volunteers who give of their time and talent. Have you ever considered serving on a committee, being on the Executive Board, performing Vessel Safety Checks, or teaching a class or seminar?

There are various positions and tasks that need to be fulfilled with varying time commits. Consider being part of the TEAM!

Send an interest, nomination, or request for more information (by December 31, 2022) to Commander Deb Oberg, JN at doberg10@aol.com.





COMPLETE THAT BUCKET LIST: Alaska Here We Come!

June 18 -30 2023:

There is still space to come aboard the 14 Day Cruise/Land tour to Alaska. Enjoy cruising the Inside Passage looking out for Orcas and bears. Cruise into Glacier Bay, College Fjord, visit Ketchikan, Skagway and Juneau.

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National would like to encourage more participation at the Club level, and would like all Club Commanders and Education Officers to consider attending the upcoming National meeting.

National Meeting

Join Us in Orlando This Winter

A new venue. A new look. A new reason to attend the 2023 Annual Meeting. Activities registration is now open with something for everyone. Plan to come a few days early and make it a vacation! Our meeting dates are Feb. 19–26. Book your **hotel reservation** now! The last day to get the group discount is Jan. 15, 2023. **-Kristi Anderson**

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Vessel Examiners

2023 Vessel Safety Check Trifold Brochure

brochures from headquarters, you can now download a customizable VSC PDF brochure. The trifold brochure includes information about vessel safety checks, boat safety tips, and links to a vessel safety check video and the America's Boating Club app, which includes a vessel exam checklist, float plans, and other useful safety information. Just add your squadron's information to the textbox and print the brochure locally or share it online or via email. Log in to the member's website, and download the brochure, which will update with the current year's VSC decal. Visit the Marketing Committee website for other customizable brochures. -Chip Meany

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Squadron Support and Development Updates

Please visit the Squadron Support and Development website as we're updating our content to make it timely and in line with the simplification process. You'll also find invaluable tools to help your squadron succeed. <u>-Connie Shay</u>

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