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## ***The Ships’ Mail***

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### **Commander’s Column**

**Debra Oberg, JN**

*Commander, ABC San Diego*

**Ahoy Mates!!** Wow, another year is coming to a close...

Where has the time gone? I don't remember as a youngster that time flew by so quickly! Growing up in Wisconsin, Fall was always bittersweet. Lots of preparation work for winter. Pulling the dock and boats out of the water, winterizing the trailer, changing the window screens for storm windows, changing the oil in the car to the winter blend and putting on the snow tires. For those that grew up in a colder climate, I am sure you can relate. For those that grew up in a warmer climate, see all the fun you missed???

Some of our preparations were good. The start of a new school year (Mom's favorite), the plethora of holidays like Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. Winter sports like sledding, ice skating, skiing, and ice fishing and of course Football (Go Packers!!!). I always enjoyed the first frost, apple season and watching the leaves turn into the most vibrant colors of yellow, orange and red.

The moral of the story? As we transition from season to season and time to time in our life, we always have preparations. We prepare our boat and crew before launch, make sure that includes the proper education to make sure you are a safe boater on the water. Remember to check out the many classes and seminars available to boaters via the squadron to help you 'prepare'.



*[Ed. Note: Apologies to all for the delay in getting this issue out. The Admiral and I were out of the country and had too many other diversions to attend to! Here is my photo, “Il Porto di Palermo” (The Port of Palermo), taken on our morning walk.]*

Our September GMM on September 24 took on a different feel. Instead of a formal dinner or BBQ, we hosted an ice cream social for all of District 28!! It was at a private club house and was complete with appetizers, ice cream, popcorn and a movie, *Maiden*. If you ever get a chance to see the movie, it is a well-done documentary about an all-female sailing team that takes on the longest and most grueling sailing race around the world. The best part was it was all free to participants (the movie, not the race!!)!! We had 23 participants



and a good showing from Oceanside and San Diego. No one from ABC Newport Beach was available to attend. I would chalk this event up as a success and look forward to doing another one in the future.

A special THANK YOU to **P/C Bob** and Jeanne **Gibbs, JN**; **Lt/C Debbie Lenart, S**; **Lt. Alice Kulikowski**; and **Peter Oberg** for helping to setup, plan and clean up!

Our final event of the year will be the **Parade of Lights** on **December 10** at Shelter Island (see information in the SAO report). Meet up at the Tuna Fisherman's monument; hopefully someone will arrive early to secure the spot (as **P/D/C Katie Law, SN**, did for so many years).

*Deb*

Respectfully submitted,  
*Debra Oberg, JN*

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## Administrative Officer

Lt/C Carl Schwartz, AP

Hello Fellow Boaters,

We just had our most recent General Membership Meeting (GMM) on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Southwestern Yacht Club, where we had a special guest speaker: Chris Barlow, of the San Diego Canoe/Kayak Team (SDCKT). Chris explained all the attributes of paddle sports. *SDCKT offers a safe, enriching, competitive environment that encourages a life-long relationship with paddle sports.* The Education Officer, Doug Bass, was away cruising so will make his annual presentation at our next sit-down GMM.

Our ABC-San Diego Ice Cream Social and Movie Afternoon was held September 24<sup>th</sup> It was a big hit. We are looking forward to another fun afternoon soon.

Marine Navigation was to begin November 3<sup>rd</sup> for ten weeks but, as noted below, no students signed up. Marine Navigation is the beginning course in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation, advanced navigation and celestial navigation. Our SEO is working on finding another date that may work for more students.

A reminder that the 2023 Parade of Lights barbeque is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>. (See below.) We will meet again at Shelter Island near the Tuna Man's Memorial. This is a fun event. Watch for more details soon.

### 2023 Upcoming Event Schedule

Dec 10	Parade of Lights BBQ- Shelter Island
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## *America's Boating Club® San Diego*

Cordially invites you to

### **The 51st Annual San Diego Bay Parade of Lights**

Sunday, December 10, 2023 *4pm - 8pm*

→ *Parade starts at 5:30 pm* ←

**Tuna Man's Memorial**

**Set Your GPS to:**

**1718 Shelter Island Dr. San Diego, CA 92106**



Bring your favorite side dish or dessert and join the other SDSPS members for an evening at the Parade of Lights.

Hot Dogs, hamburgers, condiments, and water will be provided.

Beer and wine will be allowed (BYOB) but ***NO GLASS BOTTLES!***



***Be sure to bring chairs and a small table.***

***Pre-Registration is Required.***

**Cost is \$5 per person.**

***The activity for this GMM will be... NOTHING!***

***Just a day to hang out and enjoy the Parade.***

***Bring a potential new member.***

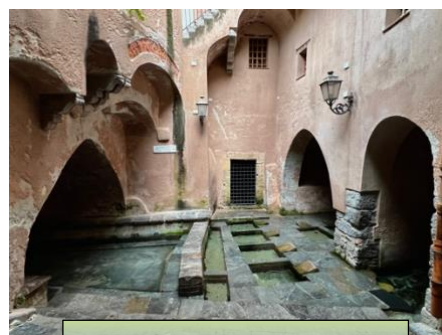
**Please RSVP your attendance and Potluck Item  
by December 5, 2023**

**to Carl Schwartz at [carls1199@yahoo.com](mailto:carls1199@yahoo.com) or  
leave a message: 619 528-9111.**

**Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) Update:**

**60 as of 16 November**

<b>DIST# 28</b>	<b>SQUADRON: San Diego Sail &amp; Power</b>		
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TOT. CHECKS</b>	<b># PASSED</b>
	Allan Bombard.	20	19
	Jonathan R. Coats	10	7
	Robert Gibbs	25	20
	Shaun McArdle	5	4
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>



*Ed. Note: Roman baths,  
in Cefalu, Sicily*

**Tentative Event Calendar and Dates for 2024**

<b>2024</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Jan 13	Saturday	GMM-Change of Watch	Southwestern Yacht Club
Jan 13	Saturday	EXCOM	Zoom
Feb 06	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
Feb 06-10	Tues-Sun	ABC Annual Meeting	Orlando
Feb 11-18	Sun-Sun	ABC Nat'l BVI Cruise	Virgin Islands
Feb 15		Articles Due-Ships Mail	
Feb 16-19	Thu-Sun	Bart Hall Boat Show	Del Mar
Feb 26	Monday	Advanced Piloting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Mar 05	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
Mar 17	Sunday	Day-At-The-Docks	Shelter Island
Mar 22-24	Fri-Sun	District 28 Chg of Watch	(TBD – Balboa SPS)



April 09	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
April 15		Articles Due-Ships Mail	
May 17	Friday	GMM	Mimi's Café
May 17-18	Fri-Sat	Boating Skills Virtual Trainer	West Marine
May 18-24	-----	National Safe Boating Week	TBD
June 03	Monday	Boat Handling/Seamanship	Southwestern Yacht Club
June 04	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
June 08	Saturday	Vessel Safety Check	Southwestern Yacht Club
June 10	Tuesday	Offshore Navigation	Southwestern Yacht Club
June 15		Articles Due-Ships Mail	
June 15-16	Sat-Sun	Koehler Kraft Boat Show	Shelter Island
July 09	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
July 07	Sunday	Mission Bay GMM/BBQ	De Anza Cove
July 13	Saturday	District 28 Picnic	Oceanside
July 19-21	Fri-Sun	Summer Raft-Up	Newport Beach
Aug 06	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
Aug 15		Articles Due-Ships Mail	
Sep xx	Fri-Sat	America's Boating Course	Southwestern Yacht Club
Sep 02	Monday	Sail Course	Southwestern Yacht Club
Sep 09	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
Sep 07	Saturday	GMM-Potluck	Deb Lenart's
Sep 11	Wed	Marine Communications Course	Southwestern Yacht Club
Sep 22	Sunday	Ice Cream Social/Movie	Bob Gibb's
Oct 07	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
Oct 15		Articles Due-Ships Mail	
Oct 20	Friday	Wine Tasting/Appetizers	TBD
Nov 05	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
Nov 08	Friday	GMM	Southwestern Yacht Club
Dec 03	Tuesday	EXCOM	Zoom
Dec 08	Sunday	Parade of Lights BBQ	Shelter Island
Dec 15		Articles Due-Ships Mail	

See you on the water. Safe Boating!

Carl ([carls1199@yahoo.com](mailto:carls1199@yahoo.com))



*Ed. Note: I understand that P/C  
Bob really likes this!*





## Secretary

Lt/C Paula Vance, P

Here are some of the highlights from the past few months' ExCom meetings. This is the great thing about being Secretary – I hear about all the things going on with America's Boating Club San Diego.

We have 60 Vessel Safety Checks done so far this year. VSC Chair **P/C Bob Gibbs, JN-IN** is looking to recruit a couple more examiners. If you love boarding and being shown around peoples' boats (the term I use for this is being "nautically promiscuous"), this is the job for you. Contact Bob at [bobgibbs555@gmail.com](mailto:bobgibbs555@gmail.com).

District Webmaster **D/Lt Nancy Kangas, AP** will soon be managing all 3 local Squadron websites, plus the District website, so they all have the same look and feel. Thanks, Nancy! If you have any pictures, notices, or articles you'd like to see posted on our website, send them to Nancy at [nancywebwizard@gmail.com](mailto:nancywebwizard@gmail.com).

Annual dues are \$103 for a single and \$146 for a family membership.

Merit marks were due for submission on November 15. Every year about this time Carole Hallock and I pour ourselves a glass of wine and go through our notes to draft the merit mark input for Commander Deb to finalize. Other Bridge officers and committee chairs send their input as well. If you contributed your time to the Squadron this year and aren't sure we know about it, go ahead and send a message, describing what you did and the hours you put in, to Deb: [doberg10@aol.com](mailto:doberg10@aol.com).

National will now provide some financial support for our local marketing efforts. If you have ideas about publicizing the great work our organization does and the great time we all have doing that work, send those ideas to **P/C Bob Gibbs, JN-IN** (see above for his email) or **Alice Kulikowski**: [alicek@ucsd.edu](mailto:alicek@ucsd.edu).



*Ed. Note: Cannoli feast, Palermo*

As members you are also encouraged to post pictures and comments on our Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/sdpsorg>.

I speak for everyone on the Executive Committee in encouraging each or you to join us in helping to plan, set up, and run our events and classes. To learn more about these opportunities, please contact one of us at [ExCom@SDSPS.org](mailto:ExCom@SDSPS.org).

*Paula*

Paula Vance, P  
Secretary, America's Boating Club San Diego



## Education Report

**P/C Doug Bass, SN-ACN**

*SDSPS Club Educational Officer*

Respectfully,  
Doug Bass, SN-ACN

Education in 2023 started out with a long ABC course which is the basic boating/safety course plus several weeks to teach Coastal Navigation. We had three students signed up for the class and that was a disappointing start for the year. Our next class, Celestial Navigation was cancelled due to an insufficient number of students, and the same for the scheduled Sail class.

It appears that we are back to the pre-pandemic setting, where it was difficult to get students to sign up for classes. **P/C Steve Bakalis, SN**, one of our more prolific teachers, offered to teach classes at Southwestern Yacht Club (SWYC) with marketing help via postings in the SWYC newsletter where he advertised a series of classes throughout fall concerning Marine Communications in addition to the introductory navigation (Coastal Piloting) course. Steve has been quite successful at bringing students into his classes, with each class having around ten students.



*Ed. Note: Il Porto di Palermo, numero due!*



*Ed. Note: Truffle hunting, Serre di Rappalano*

With that success in mind will be continuing our educational program in 2024 in the same vein starting off with the Electronic Navigation course in January. Then we'll schedule an ABC course in the spring and in the fall, and in the summer will have a series of seminars. Starting in August the excellent team of **P/C Ted** and **P/Lt/C Claudia Bowler, AP** will teach the cruise planning course and next fall will once again teach Coastal Navigation.

Looks like the schedule is full for 2024!

*"Come for the learning, Stay for the fun."*

**D/Lt/C Doug Bass, SN-ACN**

Education Officer

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## Treasurer's Report

Lt/C Debbie Lenart, S

*SDSPS Treasurer*

When you don't feel like writing, cook...!

### Spoon Bread Casserole

1 package Jiffy Corn Muffin mix (8.5 oz)  
½ cup butter, melted  
1 can whole kernel corn, drained  
1 can creamed corn  
1 cup sour cream  
2 eggs

Heat oven to 375. Grease a 1 ½ quart casserole. Pour butter and corn into casserole. Blend in sour cream.

Beat eggs and stir into casserole. Add muffin mix. Mix together. Bake 35 – 40 minutes or until center is firm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Lenart, P  
Treasurer SDSPS



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This 501(c)3 California nonprofit organization has been looking out for Southern California boaters since 1952. Our mission is to make boating education easy to reach, create safer boaters, and lower the cost of watercraft ownership.





## Squadron Chaplain

Are you in need of a prayer? Need a friendly phone call or a special card?

**P/D/C Duane Leathers, AP**, is a long-standing squadron member who has 47 Merit Marks and has been active in our District for many years on the Planning Committee and Chair of the Education Fund. You may not know it, but Duane is not only our District Chaplain, but also our San Diego Sail & Power Squadron Chaplain. He has graciously offered to serve your needs in that capacity, confidentially and enthusiastically.

Please give **Lt/C Chaplain Duane Leathers, AP** a call or send an email message as you need. He can be reached at (858) 695-2532 or [d.o.leathers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:d.o.leathers@sbcglobal.net)

## Crossing the Bar

A longtime friend and member of **San Diego Sail and Power Squadron** (SDSPS) and Southwestern Yacht Club, **Julie Umland**, passed away in September. When I came to San Diego in 1984, two of the 1<sup>st</sup> SDSPS members I met were Ted and Julie Umland. Ted was the Squadron Photographer for many years, and he passed away about a decade ago. *[Ed. Note: Ted & Julie Umland were two of Paula's and my sponsors into the SDSPS and the Southwestern Yacht Club. I had the pleasure of sailing with Teddy on Saturdays on his Catalina 30 for several seasons, along with several other SDSPS Members. Both of these lovely friends will be missed.]*



Julie & P/C Teddy Umland, P

Prior to the 1990's and even into the early 90's, each of the USPS Squadrons had an auxiliary branch for women members and in San Diego, known as the **Sea Belles**. The Sea Belles planned and organized most of the squadron social events and activities. During a general membership meeting, we would all gather for dinner together and then split into 2 groups. Julie was one of the leaders for the Sea Belles and while 1 group was having a business meeting, the women were planning the social events of the year. *(Ed. Note: **P/D/C and P/C Katie Law, SN**, was also a Sea Belle before women were admitted as full members of the USPS.)*



Ted and Julie frequently sailed on my boat in the Power Squadron's monthly Sail Fleet races. We always looked forward to the excellent lunches that Julie brought along. Back in those days, the squadron also sponsored cruises to Ensenada and both Ted and Julie would be on board. Julie made our landings effortless with her fluent Spanish.

Ted and Julie spent many happy hours on board their own sailboat, **Julieta**, sailing out of Southwestern Yacht Club. Julie and Ted as well, will be greatly missed.



To All,

It is with great sadness to report that long standing member Robert B. "Bob" Simons, Jr. has passed away. He was a very active member of our San Diego Squadron, boating community, owner (with his wife) of Seabreeze Nautical in Point Loma and inventor of the Sirius SOS Emergency Light. We offer our condolences to the family at this difficult time. Further information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.



Sincerely,



Deb Oberg, JN  
Commander  
ABC San Diego



## Law Report

D/LtC Michael Wales  
SDSPS Legal Officer

### MARITIME LAW CORNER

*(Ed note: apparently, and gratefully, no laws were broken by any Members leading up to this issue!)*

#### Update Re: The Conception Dive Boat Fire

Many of you have read my previous posts regarding the dive boat tragedy that occurred off the coast of Santa Barbara on September 2, 2019.

Following a 10-day trial, a federal jury last week, on November 6, 2023, four years after the incident, found scuba dive boat captain Jerry Boylan was criminally negligent in the deaths of 34 people killed in a fire aboard the vessel in 2019, the deadliest maritime disaster in recent US history.

According to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Central District of California, Jerry Boylan, 69, of Santa Barbara, was found guilty on Monday of one count of misconduct or neglect of ship officers — an offense known as "seaman's manslaughter."

Per the release, the crime carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison.

*"This ship captain's unpardonable cowardice led to the deaths of 34 lives on Labor Day 2019," said attorney Martin Estrada. "As the jury found, this tragedy could have been avoided had Mr. Boylan simply performed the duties he was entrusted to carry out. We hope that today's verdict brings some solace and closure to the victims' loved ones."*



The US attorney's office said Boylan failed to post the required roving night watch and never properly trained his crew in firefighting. The lack of the roving watch meant the fire was able to spread undetected across the 75ft boat.

District Judge George H. Wu scheduled sentencing for Feb. 8. Boylan remains free on a \$75,000 bond.

The Conception was anchored off the Channel Islands, 25 miles (40km) south of Santa Barbara, when it caught fire before dawn on the final day of a three-day excursion.

Thirty-three passengers and a crew member perished, trapped in a bunkroom below deck. Among the dead were the deckhand, who had landed her dream job; an environmental scientist who did research in Antarctica; a globe-trotting couple; a Singaporean data scientist; and a family of three sisters, their father, and his wife.

Boylan was the first to abandon ship and jump overboard. Four crew members who joined him also survived.

The verdict comes more than four years after the 2 September 2019 tragedy, which prompted changes to maritime regulations, congressional reform, and civil lawsuits.

By Mike Wales,  
District 28 Law Officer

*Michael Wales is a San Diego attorney and co-owner of AGL Yacht Sales on Harbor Island. You may reach him at 619.493.1700 or at mwales@waleslaw.com.*



## Lessons Learned from the US Coast Guard – 2023

**P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON**  
**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 – NOVEMBER**

My editors granted me permission to skip publishing my article in October, for which I was grateful, as my wife and I had planned a canal cruise in Burgundy - Central France. It was not our first time on a French canal, as we've 'cruised' on the Canal du Midi four years ago. Still, it was a different experience. We slowly cruised for two weeks down Canal du Nivernais, navigating under many low and narrow bridges and through 53 locks, operated by human power! I enjoyed getting physically involved, assisting the French lockkeepers, while the Burgundy landscape is beautiful. However, post-COVID pandemic, many of the advertised markets, restaurants, and wineries did not survive.





The French navigation rules on their Inland Waterways are different from our home rules, navigating our Inland Waterways. Canal du Nivernais runs parallel to, and sometimes joins, the Yonne River with WEIRS (low-head barriers across the width of a river to manage the flow of the river) that aren't very visible from a distance. So, I did some research, as there was no 'Rules and Regulations' handbook that came with our boat. The sound signals are somewhat the same, though rarely used. The signs to aid us in how to choose a safe path under a bridge, around a weir, or entering a lock, and what areas to avoid on the river, are unfamiliar. Of course they are crucially important. Here's a question: would you know where to find our Inland Aids to Navigation? Try <https://www.uscgboating.org/images/486.PDF>.



In September we looked at operating your vessel (INLAND) through a *Narrow Channel* while you must stay within the channel to navigate safely. So, I asked: *another vessel is crossing your course from starboard to port, and you are in doubt as to her intentions. What signal is appropriate?* One of my



regular readers chose D, 'are required to back down.' Based on his logic that 1. Backing down does not mandate leaving the channel, 2. The starboard boat has the right of way. 3. It would not force the port vessel out of the channel. And 4. The starboard vessel should sound 1 blast (34.c.i. I am approaching from starboard) though I did not give this us that option!

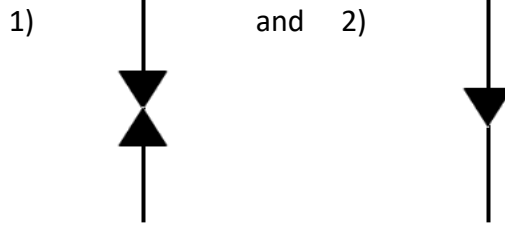
Much as I liked this answer, here was my response (respectfully): Hmmm, good reasoning. My 'hint' was Narrow Channel so looking at the Table of Content of the USCG Navigation Rules that's Rule 9. (a) is downbound, (b) is < 20 meters, (c) is fishing and (d) is **crossing**. Rule 9 (d) says that a vessel shall not cross if that impedes. For the 'in doubt' part: INLAND says in Rule 34 that you *shall* use the sound signal. Therefore, my answer is B, must sound the danger signal.

Now for next month's challenge. It is not too often that we see cones as dayshape on a vessel. But they are still part of our Rules and Regulations. What's important is the direction of the apex (top or highest part, forming a point). So, I'll ask two questions. 1) what type of vessel or operation is indicated by a vessel





showing two cones with the apexes together, and 2) what type of vessel is displaying one cone with the apex down?

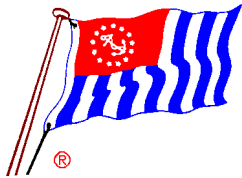


- A Sailing vessel under power.
- B Fishing (trawling) vessel.
- C Minesweeping operation.
- D Dredging underway.

So, find me the **two** Rules, and the **two** answers, and what is an *important* exception to this Rule. To learn more, I hope you consider taking a course from our Americas Boating Club Oceanside. We can shorten the course if you only want to get "The Boating Card". We are preparing to teach the Engine Maintenance Course. We are also in full swing teaching an "On the Water Boating Program" with P/D/C Shawn Goit, JN as the instructor in the classroom and on the water. Don't hesitate to get in touch with P/D/C Jan Follestad, SN-ON at <https://americasboatingcluboceanside.org/classroom/>

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## News from National



Communications Committee's  
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## Orlando Awaits !

### Orlando — We're Coming Back

The National Meetings Committee is gearing up for our return to Orlando, Florida, for the 2024 Annual Meeting. It is already November, and the time is flying by! Don't let the Jan. 11, 2024, deadline catch you without a room reservation at the Rosen Plaza. Make your hotel reservations now. The online agenda and events and activities schedule will soon be available for you to browse and begin building your schedule for your trip to Orlando. Keep visiting [our website](#) to stay current with what's happening in Orlando!

### @ The 2024 Annual Meeting: Let PowerPoint and Google Docs Work for You

Save the date for Friday, Feb. 9, 2024, to attend this two-hour seminar. You'll learn to use graphics and other tools in PowerPoint and Google Docs designed to prepare engaging presentations. Plan to bring your laptop to participate in preparing an actual presentation. Then, take these skills home and share them with fellow members. The seminar is limited to 20 members, so watch your email box for 2024 Annual Meeting registration emails and sign up as soon as registration opens. See you there.



P/R/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON receiving an award for OTW Training from C/C Craig Fraser, SN-CN. You could be next!



Ed. Note: Orvieto, Italy

## Board Approves National Communications Policy

In anticipation of the upcoming iMIS Membership Engagement System implementation, the Board of Directors approved a national Communications Policy that spells out how members and staff share information and communicate with each other and the public. The policy represents the first step in developing a more congenial and inclusive culture in United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, laying the groundwork for future communication projects. Read or download the policy using the link below. [—Ad Hoc Communications Team](#)

## Coming Soon: Cruising Under Power and Sail 2023

Fully revised, Cruising Under Power and Sail 2023 supersedes Cruising and Cruise Planning 2013. The new course reflects the changes to boats, technology and cruising techniques that have happened in the last 10 years. The new course benefits anyone thinking about exploring inland and coastal waterways on boats, including kayaks, motor cruisers or sailboats. The new Student Guide has 16 chapters, each devoted to a topic area, 10 appendices with lists of resources for cruising boaters, and five cruising area supplements. Designed for presentation in eight class sessions, Cruising under Power and Sail offers comprehensive PowerPoint presentations. Look for specific ordering details in next month's Member News. [—Gordon Bloom](#)

## Cruise to the British Virgin Isles With Us

The America's Boating Club group cruise to the gorgeous BVIs continues to grow, and we'd love you to join us! We will be sailing on the newest Celebrity ship, **Celebrity Ascent** for our next group cruise following the Annual Meeting. The ship sails **Feb. 11–18, 2024**, from Fort Lauderdale to San Juan, Puerto Rico; Tortola, BVI; and Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis. Our exclusive group pricing is better than the advertised Celebrity promotion and does include drinks, Wi-Fi, and tips. This is an annual fundraiser, and your district can also benefit if supported. For more details, please [email me](#) or call 727-403-0406. [—Dawn Eckart](#)



Ed. Note: P/C Bass, Roma



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### Boat Shows

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### Web/IT Support

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### Ships Store/Property

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### San Luis Rey Liaison

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