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Commander’s Column



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Three rows of Squadron members attended **Cdr Deb Oberg, JN**’s funeral Mass at St. Columba’s Church and the celebration of her life at Elija’s Restaurant on 6 January 2024. There were many moving tributes to Deb, including from our own **D/C Allan Bombard, SN-CN** and **Lt/C Alice Kulikowski**. Boy Scout leaders turned up *en mass* and in uniform, recognizing her many years of service to Scouting. She is already missed.

I would like to thank all those who organized and ran the January General Membership Meeting with Annual Reports, Election of Officers, and Change of Watch, especially **Lt/C Carl Schwartz, AP** who organized the meeting, **P/C Carole Hallock, AP** who continues to arrange for our rooms at SWYC, and **P/C Doug Bass, SN-ON** who chaired the meeting. Thanks also to Doug for stepping in to serve as Acting Commander after the passing of Deb Oberg.

I am honored to be chosen to serve as your Commander this year and am looking forward to supporting the many good activities this Squadron is doing.

I’d like to publicly thank **D/C Allan Bombard, SN-CN**; **Lt/C (and P/C) Bob Gibbs, JN-IN**; **P/C Ted and Claudia Bowler, AP**; **P/C Doug Bass, SN-ON**; **P/C Steven Bakalis, SN**; and **Lt/C Carl Schwartz, AP** for giving me valuable advice and support during the transition. Allan also gave an Operations Training Class for new Bridge members on 13 Jan, which I found very helpful.

Thank you to all who volunteered (or were volunteered and agreed!) for leadership positions for 2024. We have both deep experience and newer blood on the Bridge this year. Bob Gibbs will take over as Squadron Education Officer to keep our excellent education and training programs going. Alice Kulikowski will take of Admin Officer and its many



Commander Jerry swearing in his new Bridge



duties including coordination of meetings. Carl Schwartz will move over to Executive Officer. **Lt/C** (and **P/C**) **Paula Vance, P** and **Lt/C Debbie Lenart, S** have agreed to continue as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, providing us with continuity. Doug Bass has been nominated to serve as District 28 Commander this year. In addition, Allan has been nominated to serve as National Assistant Secretary with the rank of Rear Commodore. So, SDSPS-ABCSD will be well represented in the higher echelons of USPS.

There are many jobs and tasks still in need of volunteers who could serve at the rank of 1/Lt or Lt, that fall under the Department Heads. I'd like to invite members to join us in making this year's Squadron fun and effective by helping out at whatever level you feel you can. In particular, we could use:

- an Assistant Administrative Officer (1/Lt),
- an Assistant Education Officer (1/Lt),
- Chairmen for each of the Boat Shows,
- Instructors, especially for the Public Boating Course (which requires becoming certified by taking an Instructor Development Course),
- a Membership Involvement Chairman,
- a Boating Activities Chairman,
- more Vessel Safety Check Inspectors,
- a Safety Officer,
- a Co-Op Charting Chairman,
- a Radio Tech Chairman,
- an IT Chairman,
- a Law Officer,
- a Squadron Historian,
- a Telephone Contact Tree Chairman,
- a Roster Chairman,
- a Flag Lieutenant,
- and a Squadron Photographer, among others.



Ocean Beach Pier

Any amount of service would be appreciated, and significant time and effort (generally considered at least 10 hours of effort per year) will be rewarded with recommendations to National for a Merit Mark at the end of the year. If you are interested in helping out with any of these positions, please contact me or anyone of the Bridge (the Department Heads). Bring your friends. There are many more possibilities we could do with the Squadron with the interest and involvement of members.



P/C Paula Vance, P/C Doug Bass, D/C Allan Bombard, Lt Scott Hinkle

I am open to ideas from any member on where you think the Squadron should go this year and how we can make it better. Please send me your thoughts, either by email, phone, or in person at meetings or events. Let's continue to strive for the highest standards of seamanship, navigation, and safety while making it fun in the classroom, at meetings, and on the water!

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Welcome to the new SDSPS Bridge and Committee Members!

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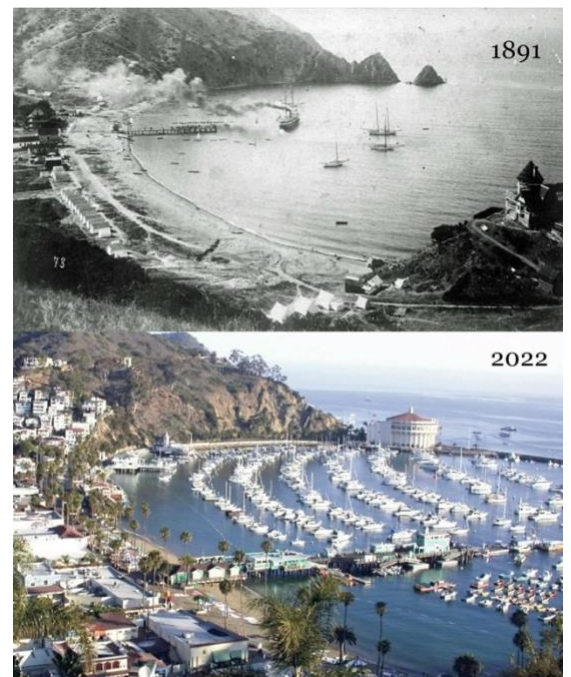
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P/D/C Richard Cross' 90th!
 (L->R: P/D/C Richard Cross,
 D/C (13) Dave Smith, LVSPS
 Cdr Keith Nunnery, DEO (D13)
 Jay Higgins, D/C (28) Allan
 Bombard at Southwestern Yacht



Catalina – Let's Go!
 (Source: FaceBook)



AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

For Boaters, By Boaters™



Executive Officer

Lt/C Carl Schwartz, AP

Greetings Fellow Boaters:

As I move on to Executive Officer from Administrative officer, I would like to thank everyone for their support.

We have had a great year and some fun activities. Thank you for attending!

Alice Kulikowski will be taking over and will do a fantastic job as Administrative Officer. She has even more events planned for 2024.

Our boating classes are extremely educational, and we offer an extensive selection of topics. The On-The-Water practical training is a very valuable aspect of boater training. Come check out all the classes.

Please keep up your faithful attendance and bring a friend!

To the right is an abbreviated look at the next few weeks. See the full calendar below.

We are gearing up the Vessel Safety Check season and are always looking for additional instructors. As D/C Allan, a Vessel Examiner in our Squadron, says: *"What better way to see all kinds of boats, theoretically avoiding spending trillions of dollars without having to ask the Boss?"*

See you on the water!

Carl

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2024 Upcoming Event Schedule

Feb 6	ExCom Meeting/SWYC
Feb 6-10	USPS Annual Mtg/Orlando
Feb 11-18	USPS BVI Cruise
Feb 26	Advanced Piloting Course begins/SWYC
Feb 28	Electronic Navigation Course begins/SWYC
Mar 4	ExCom Meeting/SWYC
Mar 9	Gen Membership Mtg
Mar 16	Sail Fleet
Mar 22-24	D-28 Change of Watch/BSPS (Ayres Hotel)

Outgoing 2023-2024 SDSPS Bridge

(L->R: Admin Officer Lt/C Carl Schwartz, AP; Secretary Lt/C Paula Vance, P; Acting Commander Doug Bass, SN-ON; Treasurer Lt/C Debbie Lenart, S)





Administrative Officer

Lt/C Alice Kulikowski

Hello Fellow Boaters,

As your new Administrative Officer (AO), I'll work to make sure that all our meetings are great, including special events like raft-ups and other boating activities. We want everyone involved so we can foster the best possible camaraderie and learning.

Please come to all our events and particularly come to our exceptional training sessions!



You, our members, are the life blood of our service organization. We want to hear your ideas about upcoming guest speakers, ways to connect with kindred boaters and activities you want to pursue. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next general membership meeting (**GMM**) at the Southwestern Yacht Club (**SWYC**) on **Saturday March 9th**. The speaker will be Captain Ann Kinner, co-owner of Seabreeze Ltd, where many of us get our charts and nautical books. She will speak on recent government **Changes in Availability and Quality of Nautical Charts** and also on her list of her favorite, helpful **Books for Boaters**. Also, plan to attend our **Annual**



District Meeting & Change of Watch at the Costa Mesa Ayres Hotel in Orange County, **March 22-24**. I hope to see you at these, hopefully even before then at Sail Fleet or in class. Come share your enthusiasm and sharpen your boating skills; you're in good company at America's Boating Club!

Event Calendar and Dates for 2024

2024	Day	Event	Location
Jan 09	Tuesday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Jan 13	Saturday	Change of Watch & GMM	Southwestern Yacht Club
	Saturday	Operations Training	Southwestern Yacht Club
Feb 05	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Feb 06-10	Tues-Sun	ABC Annual Meeting	Orlando, FL (Rosen Hotel)
Feb 11-18	Sun-Sun	ABC Nat'l BVI Cruise	Virgin Islands
Feb 17	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Feb 26	Monday	Advanced Piloting Begins	Southwestern Yacht Club
Feb 28	Wednesday	Elect. Nav. (EM3) Begins	Southwestern Yacht Club
Mar 04	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Mar 09	Saturday	GMM	(Location TBD)
Mar 16	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Mar 22-24	Fri-Sun	District 28 Change of Watch	The Ayres Hotel-Costa Mesa, CA
April 07	Sunday	Day-at-the-Docks	Shelter Island
April 09	Tuesday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
April 15		<i>Ships' Mail Articles Due!</i>	
April 20	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
May 06	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
May 18	Saturday	GMM	(Location TBD)
	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
May 17-18	Fri-Sat	Boating Skills Virtual Trainer	West Marine
May 20-26	Sun-Sun	National Safe Boating Week	
June 03	Monday	Seamanship Seminars Begin	Southwestern Yacht Club
June 08	Saturday	Vessel Safety Check	Southwestern Yacht Club
June 10	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
June 11	Tuesday	Offshore Navigation Begins	Southwestern Yacht Club
June 15	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
June 15-16	Sat-Sun	Koehler Kraft Boat Show	Shelter Island
June 20-23	Thurs-Sun	Sunroad Boat Show	Sunroad Marina
July 07	Sunday	SDSPS GMM/BBQ	Mission Bay/De Anza Cove
July 08	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
July 13	Saturday	District 28 Picnic	Oceanside
July 19-21	Fri-Sun	Summer Raft-Up	Newport Beach
July 20	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Aug 05	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Aug 10	Saturday	Cruiser Nav Contest	Southwestern Yacht Club
Aug 15		<i>Ships' Mail Articles Due!</i>	
Aug 17	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Aug 18	Sunday	Ice Cream Social	(Location TBD)



(Sep xx	Fri-Sat	America's Boating Course	Southwestern Yacht Club)
Sep 02	Monday	Cruise Planning Begins	Southwestern Yacht Club
Sep 07	Saturday	GMM-Potluck	Deb Lenart's home
Sep 09	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Sep 11	Wed	Piloting Course Begins	Southwestern Yacht Club
Sep 21	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Oct 07	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Oct 19	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Oct 20	Sunday	Wine Tasting/Appetizers	(Location TBD)
Nov 04	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Nov 08	Friday	GMM	Southwestern Yacht Club
Nov 16	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Dec 02	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Dec 08	Sunday	Parade of Lights BBQ	Shelter Island
Dec 15		<i>Ships' Mail Articles Due!</i>	
Dec 21	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay

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Jan 6	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	
Jan 11	Saturday	Change of Watch & GMM	Southwestern Yacht Club

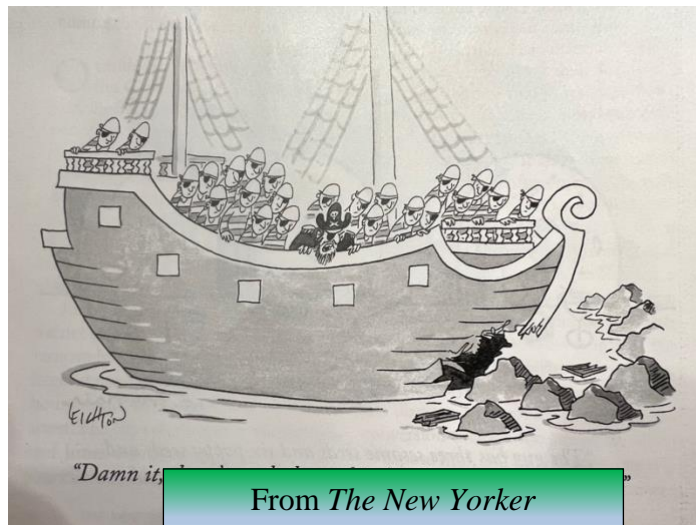
→ Note: Changes to the schedule will be updated with each issue of *The Ships' Mail* ←
Safe Boating!

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Secretary
Lt/C Paula Vance, P

Happy New Year fellow boating enthusiasts! There's not much information to share that hasn't already been mentioned by my fellow Bridge officers, so I'll repeat some items that come up at every ExCom meeting.



District Webmaster Nancy Peavey also manages our Squadron website. 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.

One of our longtime master instructors, Bill Bridge, passed away a few years ago. As you can imagine, he had a lot of Power Squadron paraphernalia, which was handed over to our Club. Among this stuff are lots of instructional VHS tapes and several uniforms. If you think any of Bill's SDSPS belongings might be useful to you, contact one of the Bridge officers and we'll make arrangements.



One of the ways we spread the word about all the good work our Club does and all the fun we have together is through participation in boat shows. We are always looking for members to take leadership roles in planning and organizing our participation and of course to staff our booth during each show. Current Boat Show Chair Alice Kulikowski is also seeking help in storing the tables, canopy, handouts, and other supplies we use during boat shows.

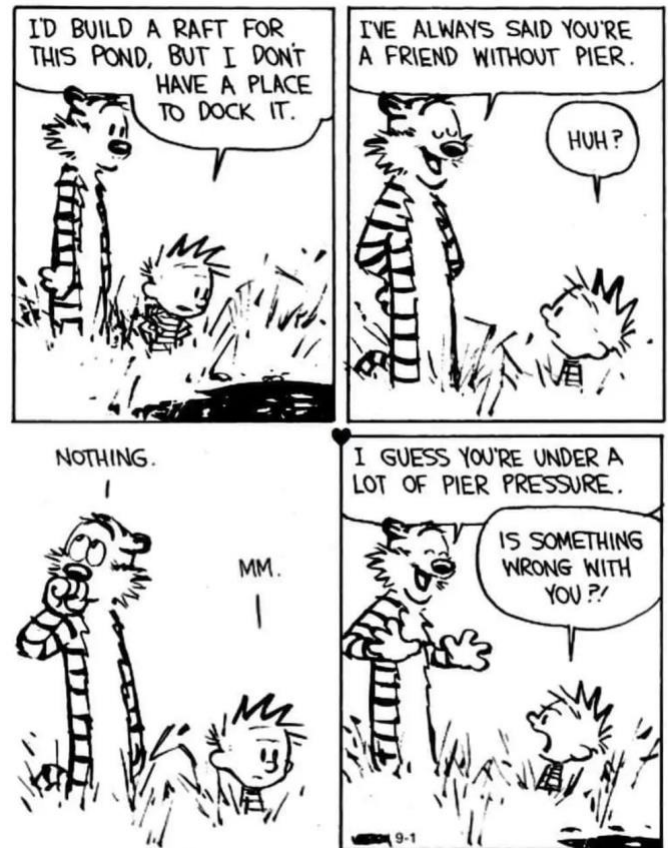
Annual dues are \$103 for a single and \$146 for a family membership.

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.

Paula

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Education Report

P/C Bob Gibbs, JN-IN
SDSPS Club Educational Officer

Thank-You Fred!

Fred Latasa was a student in my Oceanside piloting class of October 2022, and an avid

fisherman. His work situation changed, and he decided to donate his 20-ft Robalo center cockpit power boat, with 135 HP motor and 2-axle trailer, to America's Boating Club San Diego.

Fred emailed me his intent and I contacted our legal officer, **P/Lt Michael Wales**, for the forms and guidelines to transact this donation, per the rules for a 501C not-for-profit corporation.

We brought the boat to Lt Jorge Alonso, AP's shop in Oceanside, as he is the Engine Maintenance teacher for the San Luis Rey Squadron. Jorge agreed to evaluate the condition and operation of the donated 135 HP outboard motor, and we await that evaluation. We transferred the boat and trailer title to SDSPS and got it registered in CA for \$77.75 total. The boat will require some repairs and cosmetic upgrades, but this is a terrific resource for our Club to be able to better offer, to the public, very valuable on-the-water training.



Noteworthy: *By the end of this year (12/31/2024), The State of California REQUIRES most operators of BOATS WITH MOTORS to have a "CA Boater Card" (basically, an operator's license).*

The America's Boating Club San Diego (www.SDSPS.org) offers the qualifying ABC course and test for the "CA Boater Card." In other words, take and pass our ABC course and you meet the California Boater Safety Course requirements. Fill out the State forms, submit your USPS documentation, and you'll get your card in the mail (keep a copy of the course documentation with you on the boat until your card arrives from the State!). The 8-hour course with test costs \$40 for Members.

Members, but NOT non-Members, are then eligible to participate in the additional 6-hour (4 hrs ON-THE-WATER) training course to learn basic boating maneuvers, rules of the road, docking, and many other skills. This supplemental OTW course costs a discounted \$35.00, and scholarships are available. Such hands-on OTW training typically cost \$300 or more.

As noted above in Lt/C Paula's column currently membership in America's Boating Club San Diego is available for \$146 per year for a family, and \$103 per year for an individual. The many courses, seminars and all-things-nautical trainings are Coast Guard and NASBLA approved.

We love being on the water. We love teaching boating.
We love practicing safety. We love learning.

It is not necessary to own a boat to join our Club. Our boat owners are constantly willing to host crew during cruises and/races.

Always learning & teaching. The main advantage to joining America's Boating Club San Diego is the ACCESS to ALL THINGS BOATING. Our members have a phenomenal passion, along with varying degrees of experience, in sailing and power boating. It becomes a way of life to counteract the stresses of daily life.

Boating is so very family conducive and can be available at low cost. Being nationwide, with more than 20,000 members, our USPS/ABC fraternal volunteer boating community is united by a sense of safety, teaching, camaraderie, and learning.

As example of potential benefits, we currently have three members wanting to join together as partners to purchase a 32 - 38 ft sailboat. More about this "deal" as it progresses, but please consider that this is a rare opportunity that's not available to someone unless they belong to the club. We're excited about boating in 2024 and would love to convince others to join us - ON THE WATER!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob

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Sail Fleet 2023



"We are all inventors, each sailing out on a voyage of discovery, guided each by a private chart, of which there is no duplicate. The world is all gates, all opportunities."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



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Electronic Navigation Course

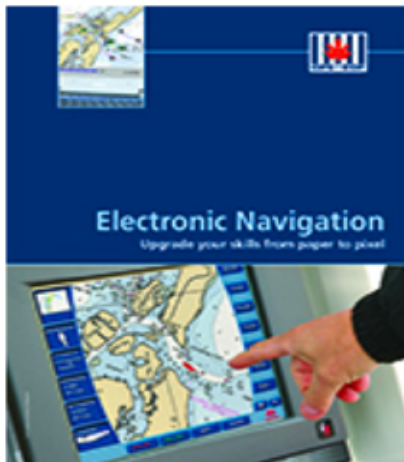
Date : Wednesday, Feb 28th, 2024

Time : 6:30 – 8:00 PM Wednesday for eight weeks

Place : Southwestern Yacht Club 2702 Qualtrough St, San Diego, CA 92106

Cost : \$90 member, \$110 non-member

Contact : Education Officer (seo@sdps.org)



Electronic Navigation introduces GPS technology from the most basic receiver to chart plotter systems for navigation on board. The process of navigating by establishing waypoints and routes, and then running the planned courses, is demonstrated. Further, electronic charting software for the desktop computer is examined, with creation of waypoints and routes on the desktop and subsequent download to the on-board unit. Despite differences among the various manufacturers' offerings, a thorough discussion of the features being made available is included.

Special attention is paid to apps for tablets and smartphones that provide the electronic navigation function at the helm, for relatively little cost.

Students should be familiar with basic charting concepts.

Topic: Electronic Navigation

Time: Wednesday Feb 28th 2024 6:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Registration: <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?L-17767>



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



Treasurer's Report

Lt/C Debbie Lenart, S
SDSPS Treasurer

(Ed. Note: Lt/C Debbie provided an update on the Squadron accounts and the budget for the year. Please contact her directly with any questions.)

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie

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Lessons Learned from the US Coast Guard – 2023

P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON
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[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 – February

When new to boating in California, we should probably do a search on the internet for "Boating Safety" and see what it says. I found that, to ensure boating safety in California, you should take a boating course (and get a California Boater's Card), conduct a vessel safety check, file a float plan, check the weather, avoid alcohol, and actively supervise children. In addition, a Coast Guard personal floating device (PFD) is required for every person on board and must be worn by children under 12 years of age. You know that there is more to learn about boating safety, that's what my monthly columns are all about. But this summary on the internet is as close as common-sense safe boating as you can get, don't you think?

When we moved from New Jersey to California in 1998 we changed from seasonal boating to year-round activity. Now that we are in the Midwest we are back to a seasonal lifestyle, with time to reflect and prepare for next Spring. The exception is that, in March, I'll be back in California for a short while, and I'll get a chance to sail. I will be testing and qualifying a group of experienced sailors to get their "Offshore Navigation" certification, an overnight endeavor. You bet that I'm looking forward to that!

In my January challenge, for INLAND waters only, I asked: You are overtaking another vessel and sound a whistle signal indicating that you intend to overtake the vessel along its starboard side. The other vessel responds with five short blasts. We had quite a discussion with a few of my regular readers on this, and I didn't expect that. I must admit that the question, and the answer choices, aren't perfect. So, let's take this challenge



apart, using the Rules & Regulations Handbook. Under CONTENTS you should find Rule 34 - Maneuvering and Warning Signals.

On the INLAND page of Rule 34 you find (c) (i) overtaking, and at (1) it says one short blast to mean "I intend to overtake you on your starboard side." That's the first part of my challenge, right? Under (ii) it says that the response is either a similar sound signal, OR the danger signal, which is at least five short and rapid blasts on the whistle. That's the second part of my challenge. My question was: now what? Should you (D) sound five short blasts? NO, you shouldn't. Should you (C) overtake anyway? NO, you shouldn't. Should you (B) wait for the other vessel to initiate another signal? I think not, as "the ball is in your court. You started this maneuver. In my humble opinion you can do nothing, and just (A) not overtake, or you can try again and give two short blasts to see if you can overtake on her port side. And if that leads to a response of two short blasts you should go ahead and overtake, or else you do not overtake. (A) was the right answer, but feel free to disagree. My thanks go specifically to Allan, Shawn, and others for their discussions.

- D sound five short and rapid blasts and overtake along her starboard side.
- C overtake the other vessel along her starboard side.
- B not overtake the other vessel until she sounds, and you answer the same signal.
- A not overtake the other vessel until both vessels exchange the same signal.

For my February challenge it may be necessary to draw the situation. This time you are in INTERNATIONAL waters, and you're entering a crossing situation with another power-driven vessel. Your heading is 315° (North-West) and the other vessel is a 90° (East) course, off your port bow. You are in sight of one another and the vessel off your port bow blows one short blast. What is the proper action for you to take?



- A Answer with one blast and hold course and speed.
- B Hold course and speed.
- C Answer with one blast and keep clear of vessel B.
- D Blow the danger signal.

Since we are talking about INTERNATIONAL waters, this is outside of the COLREGS Demarcation Line. So, let me ask you: where do you find (which CFR in the Rules Handbook) the Demarcation Lines for Oceanside, Mission Bay, and San Diego? I hope you consider taking a course from our Americas Boating Club Oceanside. Don't hesitate to get in touch with **SEO, P/C Bob Gibbs, JN-IN** or check out our courses on the SDSPS website at <https://sdsps.org/course-descriptions/>.



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Get a head start on next boating season now! Only until January 31, America's Boating Club is offering all three of these highly acclaimed seminars for an amazing **\$49.90**—a substantial savings off the regular \$74.85 price.

Don't miss out on this terrific opportunity to improve your boating knowledge and save big! Get the special **holiday package** now!

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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**



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