



# United States Power Squadrons' America's Boating Club® ABC - San Diego Sail & Power Squadrons

## The Ships' Mail

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### Commander's Column

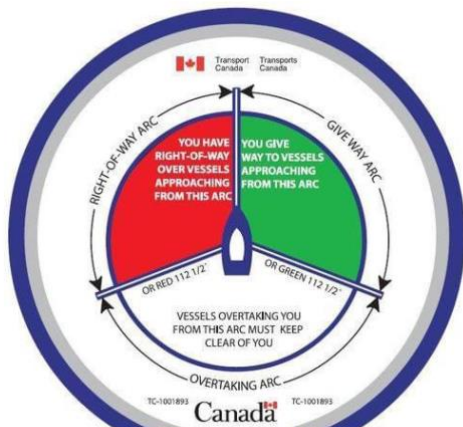


Commander Jerry Murphy, P

One of the lessons I teach new crew on my sailing cutter is, "Never force things on a boat." If something is stuck, stop and think: why won't it go? There is a reason, and you must use your eyes and brain to figure it out. If you force it, you will most likely

break something, and the situation will become worse, maybe much worse.

That halyard that is stuck may be wrapped around the radar dome or have jumped it's sheeve. A mains'l batten may have become hung up in the lazy jacks. If you take the halyard to a winch and force it, you may rip the sail, jamb the halyard deeper between the sheeve and the cheeks or chafe the line on the caught radar strut. Taking a moment to notice the unusual resistance on the line and a quick look up the mast to see what the problem is, usually leads to a quick and easy solution. Don't force it! Back off on the halyard for a moment; fix the problem, and all will be quickly in order.



Courtesy Canadian Sail & Power Squadron

### 2024 Upcoming Event Schedule

May 18-24	Safe Nat'l Boating Week
Jun 03	Seamanship Begins/SWYC
Jun 10	Exec Cte Meets/SWYC
Jun 15	Sail Fleet/South Bay
Jun 15-16	Kohler Kraft Boat Show
Jun 20-23	Sunroad Int'l Boat Show
Jul 07	SPSPS Summer BBQ/MB
Jul 08	Exec Cte Meeting/SWYC
Jul 13	D-28 Picnic/Oceanside
Jul 26	Offshore Nav Begins/SWYC



San Diego Squadron has enjoyed two General Membership Meetings since the Change of Watch, with interesting speakers and tasty food. Captain Ann Kinner, Owner of Seabreeze Nautical Bookstore, gave an informative talk at the March GMM about recent government changes in updating and availability of nautical charts. She demonstrated areas around the world where GPS is shut down, jammed, and even spoofed, emphasizing the importance of paper charts for backup. She also gave recommendations for best books for boaters.

At the May GMM, Maritime Museum Senior Docent Rich Wolf gave a fascinating talk on the history of the museum ship HMS Rose, the actual 18<sup>th</sup> Century British warship upon which she is modeled. He also gave some background about Patrick O'Brian, author of the beloved Aubrey-Maurin novels that begin with *Master and Commander* and inspired the film of that name. Attendance at meetings is returning to pre-pandemic numbers. Thanks to Lt/C **Alice Kulikowski** for coordinating these meetings and arranging for delicious food in a pleasant atmosphere.

Three courses have completed: Advanced Piloting, Electronic Navigation, and our first Public Boating Course of this year. Thanks to D/C **Doug Bass, SN-ON**, P/C **Steven Bakalis, SN**, and Sea Scout Ship Captain **Mike Philbrook, AP** for teaching these classes. We had a tent and table presence at San Diego's Day at the Docks. Thanks to Lt/C **Carl Schwartz, AP** for coordinating our presence at the docks.

Lt/C **Debbie Lenart, P** has stepped down as Treasurer after five plus years of loyal service. Former ASEO and Member-at-Large **Joy Bladykas, AP** has agreed to assume the Treasurer role. We are looking forward to an enjoyable Summer of sailing and powering, spiced with BBQs and Raft Ups. See you on the water!

*Jerry*

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Source: FaceBook



## Executive Officer

Lt/C Carl Schwartz, AP

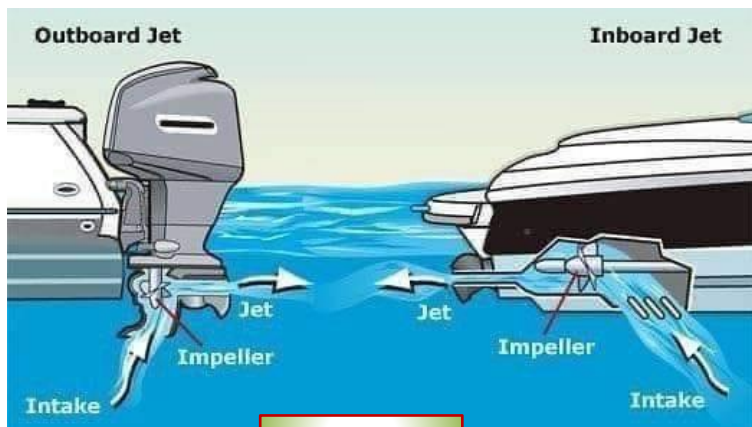
Greetings Fellow Boaters:

2024 is looking like a great year. I have advanced to the position of Executive Officer. This will be a new role for me this coming year. As such, I am in charge of Boat Shows, and all upcoming public relations events. We will definitely need assistance this year with the multiple boat shows. All are welcome. Please see attached calendar of events in your Ships Mail and stay current by checking the Google Calendar on our Squadron website.

This year we are partnering with the Sea Tow Foundation to promote sober boating. Sea Tow has provided the Sober Boating pledge cards, key chains and whistles for all future pledgee's.



According to Past Chief Commander Craig Fraser, SN: **“Our members pledge to maintain our boats, operate them legally, and render assistance whenever possible,”** Chief Fraser said. **“We can only do that when everyone aboard stays sober. Those conversations may be uncomfortable, but they are important.”**



Source: FaceBook

We are in the midst of National Safe Boating week, May 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. The San Diego squadron has bumped up our vessel safety checks with two new examiners. We will partner with Southwestern Yacht Club on June 8<sup>th</sup> to provide free inspections to all SWYC members. As R/C Allan, a Vessel Examiner in our Squadron, says: *“What better way to see all kinds of boats, saving millions of dollars virtually, and not having to ask The Admiral for one of your own?”*

I look forward to seeing every member at our next event!!

*Please turn back to the first page to see an abbreviated look at the next few weeks. The full calendar is below.*

**Please keep up your faithful attendance and bring a friend!**

See you on the water!

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*How’s your boating knowledge, #1?*

**When moored to a dock, what line will prevent sideways motion of the vessel?**

- a. Bow line
- b. Sternline
- c. Bow spring line
- d. Breast lines



**Administrative Officer**  
Lt/C Alice Kulikowski

Hello Fellow Boaters,

Administration has helped make the last two GMM's successful, with great turn out and camaraderie, excellent speakers, and fine dining at Southwestern Yacht Club. Our calendar has a variety of upcoming activities for you to add to your yearly calendar. Please jot down the dates and may they stand out as your fun priorities. Please watch for news on classes, upcoming boat shows, safe boating week and summer barbeques. We love when everyone participates and promotes our mission of safe boating, learning and social time together.

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. 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

<b>2024</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 18-24	Sun-Sun	National Safe Boating Week	
Jun 03	Monday	Seamanship Seminars Begin	Southwestern Yacht Club
Jun 08	Saturday	Vessel Safety Check	Southwestern Yacht Club
Jun 10	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Jun 15	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Jun 15-16	Sat-Sun	Koehler Kraft Boat Show	Shelter Island
Jun 20-23	Thurs-Sun	Sunroad Boat Show	Sunroad Marina
Jul 07	Sunday	SDSPS GMM/BBQ	Mission Bay/De Anza Cove
Jul 08	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Jul 13	Saturday	District 28 Picnic	Oceanside
Jul 19-21	Fri-Sun	Summer Raft-Up	Newport Beach
Jul 20	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Jun 26	Friday	Offshore Navigation Begins	Southwestern Yacht Club
Aug 05	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Aug 10	Saturday	Cruiser Nav Contest	Southwestern Yacht Club
Aug 17	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Aug 18	Sunday	Ice Cream Social	(Location TBD)
Aug 19	Monday	Cruise Planning Begins	Southwestern Yacht Club
Aug 23,24	Fri-Sat	America's Boating Course	Southwestern Yacht Club
Sep 07	Saturday	GMM-Potluck	Potluck @ Debbie's
Sep 09	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
Sep 11	Wednesday	Piloting Course Begins	San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC)
Sep 21	Saturday	Sail Fleet	San Diego South Bay
Oct 07	Monday	Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club
(TBD)	(TBD)	ABC Long Course Begins	(TBD)
Oct 18	Friday	Marine Weather Begins	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-Educ Mtg	Potluck @ Paula V's
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 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
Jan 18	Saturday	Sail Fleet	South San Diego Bay



→ Note: Changes to the schedule will be updated with each issue of *The Ships' Mail* and on Google Calendar, the link to which is on the front page of our website: [www.SDSPS.org](http://www.SDSPS.org). ←

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## Secretary

Lt/C Paula Vance, P

As you all know, I have decided that as Secretary I should report all the interesting goings-on from our events and meetings. Here are my impressions from the past few months. Please check out our website at [SDSPS.org](http://SDSPS.org). Our Webmaster and IT guru Lt. **Mike Philbrook, AP** has been working to bring our website up-to-date and improve the user experience. The first place to check for updated schedules is the Google Calendar link on the front page of our website: [www.SDSPS.org](http://www.SDSPS.org). More details of our courses offered through the end of 2024 are listed on the **Courses** page. Details of other events such as general membership meetings are listed on the **Events** page. There is a **Members Only** section on the website which lists the **By Laws** and **Rules and Regulations**, and we plan to add our Club roster. We will send out the access code for the Members Only section by email.



At our March GMM, Cdr Jerry recognized member **Pete Oberg, P** as **Member of the Year for 2023**. Peter is the husband of our dear departed Past Commander **Debra Oberg, JN**. He accompanied Debra to all meetings and other functions and for several years prior manned the grilling station at all our Club barbecues. We are happy to report that Pete will remain a member and we look forward to his continued participation and great barbecue skills. Thank you, Pete!

Our Club is actively participating in boat shows now under the able leadership of Executive Officer **Lt/C Carl Schwartz, AP**. We had a booth at Day at the Docks on Sunday, April 7, staffed by 8 member volunteers and all agreed that it was a successful event for our Club.

### How's your boating knowledge, #2?

#### What is a spring line?

- e. A mooring line from ship to pier at 90° angle to the keel.
- f. A small line used as a messenger.
- g. A mooring line from ship to pier at 45° angle to the keel.
- h. It is used on staging.

USPS National owns a training vessel that can be used to teach on-the-water courses. The boat is currently parked in the HQ lot in North Carolina and is not being used. P/C **Bob Gibbs, JN-IN** and District Education Officer P/D/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON are Regional Directors for the National Boat Operator Certification (BOC) Program. They, representing District 28, have submitted a business plan to National to move the boat to District 28 in Oceanside so our Club, San Luis Rey SPS, and Balboa SPS can use it



Source: Facebook

here for BOC On-the-Water Program. R/C **Allan Bombard, SN-ON** is assisting Bob and Shawn to finalize the plan and is working with National to make this happen.

National Safe Boating Week is May 18 through May 24, 2024. Don't forget you can contact Bob Gibbs if you or someone you know needs a vessel safety check (VSC). Bob and our other examiners have completed a total of 51 vessel safety checks so far this year.

While we remain grateful to Southwestern Yacht Club for their support of our education program, we are currently looking at sites outside of SWYC that can accommodate our classes and events when SWYC is fully booked. Please speak with Lt/C Alice about specifics if you find a place you'd like the Bridge to consider.

We learned that **Dan Dreesen's** mother passed away recently. Our condolences go out to Dan and his family.

**Joy Bladykas, AP**, our new Club Treasurer, feels strongly, and members of the ExCom agree, that our Club should set up a means of electronic payment for dues, classes, and events. PayPal, Venmo, and other apps are being discussed.

As of June, our annual dues remain \$103 for a single and \$146 for a family membership. The Bridge agreed that dues will not be changed for 2024-2025 year.

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

The ExCom and I encourage each of 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).

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**Seen on the Docks!**  
Cdr Jerry Murphy, P; Lt/C Carl Schwartz, AP;  
P/C Steven Bakalis, SN; P/C Bob Gibbs, JN-IN;  
and Jeannie Gibbs

**Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, AP**  
National Safe Boating Week  
Source: Facebook





## Education Report

P/C Bob Gibbs, JN-IN

SDSPS Club Educational Officer

**Heads Up!!:** *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).*

### Updated Education Schedule for 2024

**Check Website Calendar! → [www.sdsp.org](http://www.sdsp.org)**

*(All classes except Weekend ABC class are multiple weeks, once per week for 2 hours)*

#### Start Date

<b>6/3:</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Boat Handling – Seamanship Seminars (6 weeks) at SWYC</b>
<b>7/26:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Offshore Navigation (JN) – 8 to 10 weeks at SWYC</b>
<b>8/19:</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Cruise Planning (8 weeks) : A very Fun Course at SWYC</b>
<b>8/23-24:</b>	<b>Fri-Sat</b>	<b>ABC Weekend Class (8 hours) – qualifies for CA Boater Card</b>
<b>9/11:</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Piloting (8 weeks) at San Diego Yacht Club (SDYC)</b>
<b>Oct (TBA):</b>		<b>ABC Long Class (8 weeks) – qualifies for CA Boater Card</b>
<b>10/18–12/6:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Marine Weather Course (8 weeks)</b>

Other courses and seminars may be offered throughout the year. Please check with our website, [www.sdsp.org](http://www.sdsp.org), for continuous education course offerings updates. Questions: Please send an email to [seo@sdsp.org](mailto:seo@sdsp.org).

The America's Boating Club San Diego ([www.SDSPS.org](http://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 USPS Members. Effective of **1/1/25**, EVERYONE OF **ALL AGES** (with few exceptions) must have a CA Boater Card to operate a vessel with a motor in CA waters. Our ABC Course qualifies for this card.

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.

#### *How's your boating knowledge, #3?*

**In a high-pressure system, weather in the Northern Hemisphere rotates how?**

- Counterclockwise, inward
- Counterclockwise, outward
- Clockwise, inward
- Clockwise, outward



We love being on the water.  
We love practicing safety.

We love teaching boating.  
We love learning.

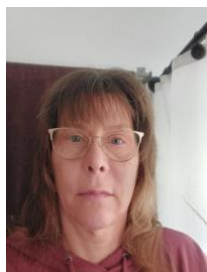
We love getting together.  
We love having fun!

Finally, 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.

Bob

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## Treasurer's Report



Lt/C Joy Bladykas, AP  
SDSPS Treasurer

*(Ed note: Please welcome our new Squadron Treasurer and thank her for stepping in to help when you see her next!)*

*"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

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



One of the privileges of being a member of our San Diego Sail & Power Squadron is to represent our boating group at a variety of local boating events.

At the left are P/C **Shaun McArdle, AP**, Commander **Jerry Murphy, AP**, and R/C **Allan Bombard, SN** attending the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Opening Day festivities at Southwestern Yacht Club this past week.



### Looking for a New Boating Adventure?



Live the ultimate boating dream—visit foreign ports of call and expand your boating horizons. Take [Crossing Borders](#), a seminar by America's Boating Club, to learn how to enter and leave foreign countries, how to get through Customs and Immigration, how to know what flags to fly, and more. Get specific travel requirements for Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas, and the British Virgin Islands.



## SAN DIEGO

# Boat Handling/Seamanship

**Date:** Monday June 3rd, 2024 - July 15th, 2024 (7 Mondays)  
**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
**Place:** Southwestern Yacht Club, 2702 Qualtrough St, San Diego, CA 92106  
**Cost:** The class is free. Books, if desired, are \$70 (member), \$90 (non-member)



**Contact:** Education Officer (seo@sdsp.org)

Boaters who want to boat more, boat farther, and have more fun on the water are keen to learn how to operate their boat safely and how to handle situations that arise while boating.

The Boat Handling curriculum comprises six seminars:

- [Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach](#)
- [Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering](#)
- [Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway](#)
- [Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away](#)
- [Emergencies on Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems](#)
- [Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know](#)

The prerequisite for this course is having completed the America’s Boating Course (ABC) – CA Boater Card. On-The-Water Training is available!

**Topic:** Boat Handling/Seamanship

Time: June 3rd, 2024 @ 18:30 (6:00 PM) Pacific Time (US and Canada)

**Registration:** <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/eddept/800/getregform.cgi?L-18051>

Respectfully submitted,

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## 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 – MAY**

Let us start with a question that should interest us all. Did you know that there is a "Boating Safety Calendar" published by the National Safe Boating Council, every year? For 2024, check out the National Safe Boating Councils' recommendation to take a Safe Boating Course <https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>. April highlights Boating Preparedness, and May promotes wearing Life Jackets. You may also want to know that each year, the third Friday in May is ***Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day***, immediately followed by the National Safe Boating Week on the third Saturday – Friday. My challenge for this month is to wear your life jacket to work, snap a picture and share this with your Ships' Mail editor ([District28ABC@gmail.com](mailto:District28ABC@gmail.com)) and our editor of The Mariner's Needle, Jill Powell, at [sanluisrey@earthlink.net](mailto:sanluisrey@earthlink.net).

The other boating safety issue we are increasingly facing in Southern California is the surge in migrant boat landings. No, I am not taking a political stance here, but I have once witnessed a rescue of about 40 migrants in the Mediterranean, which has left an indelible mark on me. Here is a word of advice: rather than deal with this traumatic issue, at the time that you are confronted with this reality, I suggest you give it some thought before you take off on your next trip. There is nothing wrong with a discussion, before leaving the dock, and understanding how people feel about this. This goes far beyond a "See Something, Say Something" campaign. You should call the Coast Guard, but do not get personally involved or even make contact.

For my last challenge we looked once more at two power-driven vessels in INTERNATIONAL waters, in sight of one another. Except in this case you are overtaking the other vessel, on her port side, though without changing (altering) course. I suggested drawing this again if you need. What sound, if any, is required of you? To answer this, we need to look at Rule 34, "Maneuvering and Warning Signals" but this is not as easy as it seems, so let us look at this from the possible answer's perspective. Under the question's circumstances, answer A - two short blasts - means I am altering my course to port. Answer B - danger signal - means you fail to understand or agree. Answer C - one prolonged blast - means you are nearing an obscured bend. And answer D - need not sound any whistle signal - is all that is left. In other words, if you are in open waters, and you do not alter course to overtake the other vessel, then no whistle signal is required.

For my May challenge, let us look at an INLAND (in harbor) situation. You are onboard the stand-on vessel in a crossing situation. You sound one short blast whistle signal and the give-way vessel answers with a two short blast whistle signal. You should then sound the danger signal, five short blasts, and \_\_\_\_\_ -



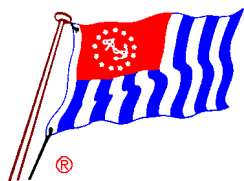
- A maintain course and speed as you are the stand-on vessel.
- B come around sharply to port.
- C stop and back your vessel, if necessary, until signals are agreed on.
- D maneuver around the stern of the other vessel.

As always, I am asking for your choice, and the applicable Rule in the USCG Navigation Rules & Regulations. You may also compare the procedure with the Rules if you were INTERNATIONAL.

I hope you consider taking a course from our America's Boating Club in San Diego or Oceanside.

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## News from National



### Communications Committee

United States Power Squadrons® Member News

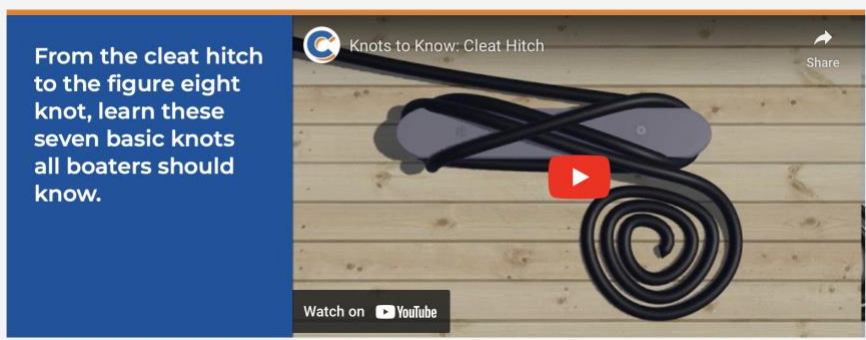
#### What Are You Waiting For? Pittsburgh Is Calling!

The National Meetings Committee is gearing up for Pittsburgh! Are you? Have you visited our website lately? You can now register for your room at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square as well as peruse the Hotel & Event Information to begin planning your stay in Pittsburgh. Got an idea of the events you would like to attend? You can begin registering now, especially for the Pirates game on Tuesday, Sept. 24, with an early deadline date of July 15! New activities are scheduled, and the dinners are something you don't want to miss! The Bilgeswabbers Ball? There are many other events and activities happening, so remember, plan now! The National Meetings Committee is looking forward to saying "Hello!"

#### Inside The Compass Now!

- [Tips for National Safe Boating Week](#)  
This National Safe Boating Week, follow these tips to safely enjoy boating all summer long.  
May 14, 2024
- [On-the-water communications](#)  
Whether you're travel along the coast or far offshore, find out what tools you need for on-the-water communications.  
May 14, 2024
- [Making a go/no-go checklist](#)  
Make informed decisions before setting out on the water by making a go/no-go checklist.  
May 14, 2024
- [Safeguard against heavy weather](#)  
Before setting off, make sure to take steps to safeguard your boat and your passengers against heavy weather.  
April 11, 2024
- [Marina docking safety](#)  
To practice marina docking safety, you'll need to know the types of docks and weather conditions you're apt to find at the marina.  
April 11, 2024
- [The truth about marine litter](#)  
With plastic making up the main type of marine debris, boaters can do their part to help eliminate marine litter.  
April 11, 2024

#### Knots to Know



Source: The Compass  
<https://BoatingCompass.org>



## Thank You!

"As a volunteer organization, we could not exist without our members. This National Volunteer Week, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate your dedication and support.

From teaching classes to performing vessel safety checks, members like you step up every day to embody our mission of keeping our waterways safe. For that, we thank you. You've kept our organization running strong for 110 years.

Here's to another 110 years of camaraderie and service!"

*Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, AP, on behalf of the Board of Directors and headquarters staff*

## Board Selects New HQ Executive Director

Effective April 2024, **Maureen Healey** has joined headquarters as Executive Director of United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club. Healey brings her skills and expertise in advocacy and outreach to the organization. She has previously worked as Executive Director for the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association and the Personal Watercraft Industry Association. Before joining America's Boating Club, she served as a policy consultant and spearheaded public awareness campaigns and fundraisers while overseeing the management of staff, contractors, and lobbyists. The board has full confidence she will be a tremendous asset to the organization as it continues its mission to provide quality education and safety programs to the boating public. [-Amy Townsend](#)

# Maureen Healey brings her expertise in advocacy and outreach to the role

United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, welcomed aboard Maureen Healey as its new Executive Director, effective April 2024.



An accomplished political strategist and coalition builder, Healey brings her skills and expertise in advocacy and outreach to the safe boating organization. Her experience in the marine industry working as Executive Director for the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association and the Personal Watercraft Industry Association will be a tremendous asset to America's Boating Club as it continues its second century of providing quality education and safety programs to the boating public.

"We are excited to welcome Maureen Healey as our new Executive Director," said **Chief Commander Ralph Bernard, AP**. "Her leadership skills and strategic insights make her the ideal choice to lead America's Boating Club. We have great confidence in her ability to steer our organization for years to come."

Healey's hire follows the retirement of America's Boating Club's previous Executive Director, **Mary Catherine Berube**. After an exhaustive search with the help of talent acquisition company Armstrong-McGuire, the search committee selected Healey for her industry knowledge and expertise in the recreational boating community.



Before joining America’s Boating Club, Healey previously served as a policy consultant for Vision360 Partners and Atlas Advocacy where she spearheaded national campaigns and fundraisers. She also served as Regional Vice President of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, tackling industry challenges, and advocating for public policies. She’s worked on public awareness campaigns and overseen management of staff, contractors, consultants, and lobbyists.

Her experience in the marine industry is robust. Healey has acted as a goodwill ambassador to safe boating organizations and served on the board of the National Safe Boating Council as well as on the U.S. Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety Strategic Planning Task Force. She has been recognized with a Letter of Commendation from U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral for her dedication to water safety.



## FLAVORS OF SPAIN & PORTUGAL 2025

VEGA DE TERRON TO PORTO (DOURO RIVER)

Join your fellow boaters from 10 – 17 May 2025 for a 7-night Douro River cruise with optional extensions in Madrid and Lisbon.



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# MARINE FLARE COLLECTION EVENT

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22 - 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

**592 Superior Avenue, Newport Beach**

**HAVE ANY UNUSED MARINE FLARES?  
SAFELY DISPOSE OF THEM AT NO COST**

**DETAILS:** OC residents and boaters are asked to bring expired flares to the event. Upon arrival, staff will collect items directly from vehicle trunks. OCWR will be joined by OC Health Care Agency onsite, promoting their Free Bilge Pad Exchange Program.

**WHY:** Join OC Waste & Recycling for an essential community service. Boaters are invited to a free collection event. Disposing of marine flares safely can be difficult, with few options available.

For details on how to safely dispose of household hazardous waste, visit [OCLandfills/hazardous-waste](http://OCLandfills/hazardous-waste). Have recycling questions? Check out [OCRecycleGuide.com](http://OCRecycleGuide.com).



**Accepted:**

- Hand-Held Flares
- Aerial Flares
- Smoke Flares



**Not Accepted:**

- Electronic Flares
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- Hazardous Waste such as Paint, Oil, E-waste or batteries.

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