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The Ships' Mail

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Commander's Corner

Cdr Carl Schwartz, AP

Congratulations to P/C Shaun McArdle, AP!



Shaun turned 90 on April 25th and is still a very active member in the San Diego Power Squadron. Shaun has held numerous roles during his tenure of 49 years. He is a Senior Life member. Shaun attends all meeting and events and always has valuable input for

the Squadron. Thank you, Shaun!

2025 SDSPS Calendar

Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club	5 May
Gen Membership Mtg	Mimi's, Mission Valley	10 May
District28 Cruise	Douro River, Portugal	10-17 May
VSC-a Thon	Southwestern Yacht Club	17 May
National Safe Boating Week		17-23 May
Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club	9 Jun
Wooden Boat Show	(Site TBD)	14 Jun
Sunroad Boat Show	Sunroad Marina	19 Jun
Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club	7 Jul
Annual BBQ/GMM	DeAnza Cove	13 Jul
Cruiser Nav BBQ	Southwestern Yacht Club	2 Aug
Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club	4 Aug
Ice Cream Social	(Site TBD)	17 Aug
USPS Gov Bd Mtg	Grand Rapids, MI	1-7 Sep
Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club	8 Sep
Education GMM	Southwestern Yacht Club.	13 Sep
Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club	6 Oct
Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club	10 Nov
Parade of Lights	Shelter Island	7 Dec
Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club	8 Dec
Exec Cte Meeting	Southwestern Yacht Club.	5 Jan 2026
SDSPS Ann Mtg/CoW	Southwestern Yacht Club	10 Jan

(Note: the calendar is subject to change)

Please join your Squadron at our General Meetings/Dinners this Spring. Come enjoy our fellowship and some fine dining. Let's support our hardworking Bridge who organize these events and keep the Power Squadron running all year long.

As of January 1st, it is mandatory that all operators of power boats have their Basic Boaters Card. This includes sail boats with any means of propulsion. Make sure you have yours. You owe it to yourself to take a Power Squadron course or attend a seminar. We offer the finest boating instruction in San Diego.

Thank you being a part of our family. Every month we give you the opportunity to attend our courses and events. Check the calendar in the Ships Mail and on our website. Spring is a great time to brush up on your education in a warm classroom environment.



WHAT ARE VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS?

PRESENTED BY:  Sea Tow Foundation



Boaters are required to carry a Visual Distress Signal (VDS) if they are or will be operating on U.S. coastal waters, the Great Lakes, territorial seas, as well as those waters that directly connect, up to a point where the waterway is less than 2 miles wide. Below are examples of VDS devices that comply with the U.S. Coast Guard's carriage requirements.

1 TRADITIONAL FLARES

These VDS are pyrotechnic devices and expire 42 months after their manufacture date. There are many types but the three most popular are:

Hand-Held Flare

- Meets both day and nighttime requirements.
- A stick that has a striker tip that ignites and burns for about 2 minutes.
- Keep the lit end pointed away from you, the boat and other equipment and people.

Flare Gun

- Meets both day and nighttime requirements.
- A plastic gun that discharges aerial flare cartridges.
- Light from the aerial flare is only visible for 5 seconds, usually on its trajectory back down towards the water.

Floating Orange Smoke Flare

- Meets only daytime requirements.
- A can that puts off orange smoke after it is opened and thrown into the water to float.
- Smoke lasts for at least 2 minutes depending on the direction and strength of the wind and current.

2 E-FLARES

These VDS are electronic and run off batteries. They do not expire, but the batteries need to be replaced.

- Meets only nighttime requirements.
- An E-Flare flashes an S-O-S signal for at least 2 hours with a light at least 5 times brighter than a hand-held flare.

3 DISTRESS FLAG

This VDS is an orange flag with a black square and black circle on it that can be attached to a mast or paddle or held to attract attention in an emergency.

- Meets only daytime requirements.

REMEMBER: All distress signals have distinct advantages and disadvantages. No single device is ideal under all conditions or suitable for all purposes. Additional information on Visual Distress Signals can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard's pamphlet "A Boater's Guide to the Federal Requirements for Recreational Boats."



To learn more visit
boatingsafety.com/FlareEducation





I'll be looking for you.

Carl

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Executive Officer
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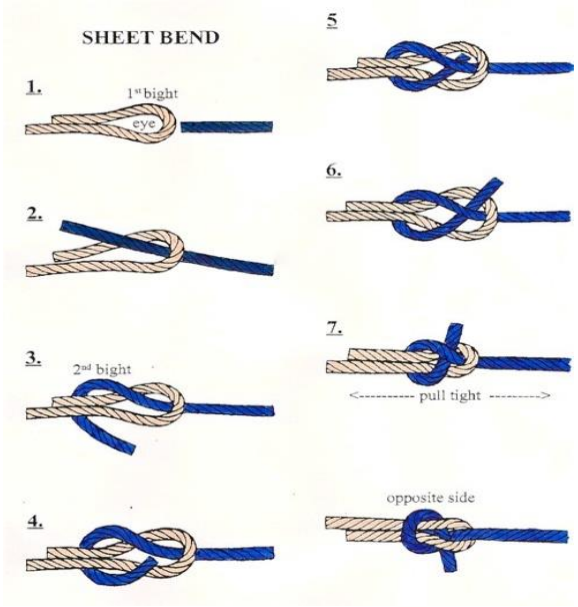
Puerto Vallarta, MX
 (Photo by the Editor)



Vessel Safety Check Update (2025)

25 (as of 28 April)

DIST#	28	SQUAD:	San Diego Sail &	DECALS SENT:	60		
		NAME		TOT.CHECKS	# PASSED	LAST CHECK DATE	WKSHP
		Allan T.	Bombard	22	15	20250408	W
		Jonathan R.	Coats	0	0	20241015	W
		Robert	Gibbs	0	0	20240908	
		Alice	Kulikowski	3	3	20250115	
		Shaun	McArdle	0	0	20241115	W
		Michael R.	Philbrook	0	0	20240617	W
TOTALS		San Diego Sail &	6	25	18		



Vessel Safety checks are a valuable service performed by Squadron members and Coast Guard Auxiliary members. During a vessel safety check, examiners are able to instruct boaters as to Coast Guard requirements as well as point out any deficiencies in critical safety areas such as the functionality of navigation lights, fire extinguishers and signal flares. Additionally, performing vessel safety checks is a great way to meet other boaters and learn more about sail and power boats.

Anyone interested in becoming a vessel safety examiner should contact **P/C Bob Gibbs, JN** at (858) 255-9527.

Source: FaceBook



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Peter Oberg

Hello Fellow Boaters,

Greetings Boaters,

We are having wonderful weather for our May GMM, the First GMM of the year!! Join the other boating club members for an evening together. Our **General Membership**

Meeting will be Saturday, May 10th, 1730-2100

Location: **Mimi's café Mission Valley**, 5180 Mission Center Road
San Diego, CA 92108. The flyer has gone out.



Food & drink is billed to each person/couple separately.

A \$5 Donation is traditional.

Our Raffle \$5 for five Tickets or \$10 for 15 Tickets. Items include Bottle of Cherry Oak Brandy, Bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon and a bottle Chardonnay. Must Be Present to Win. Please RSVP your attendance by May 7th, 2025, to Peter Oberg@ptob8@aol.com or text 858-883-3735. We will need a list of attendees.

Upcoming events:

National Safe Boating Week is May 17th to 23rd.

Wooden Boat Show June 14th to 15th

San Diego Boat Show – Sunroad Marina, June 19th to 23rd

San Diego Power Squadron BBQ at De Anza Cove July 13th

Yours in Boating,
Pete

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Secretary

Lt/C Paula Vance, P

Greetings fellow boat lovers,

It's more likely that new boaters would be interested in becoming members than long-time, experienced boaters. To that end, it's been suggested that we make the rounds of the boat brokerage and sales offices that offer basic or low-end boats. Would you like to help identify these businesses and distribute our materials? If so, please let Carl and Steven know.



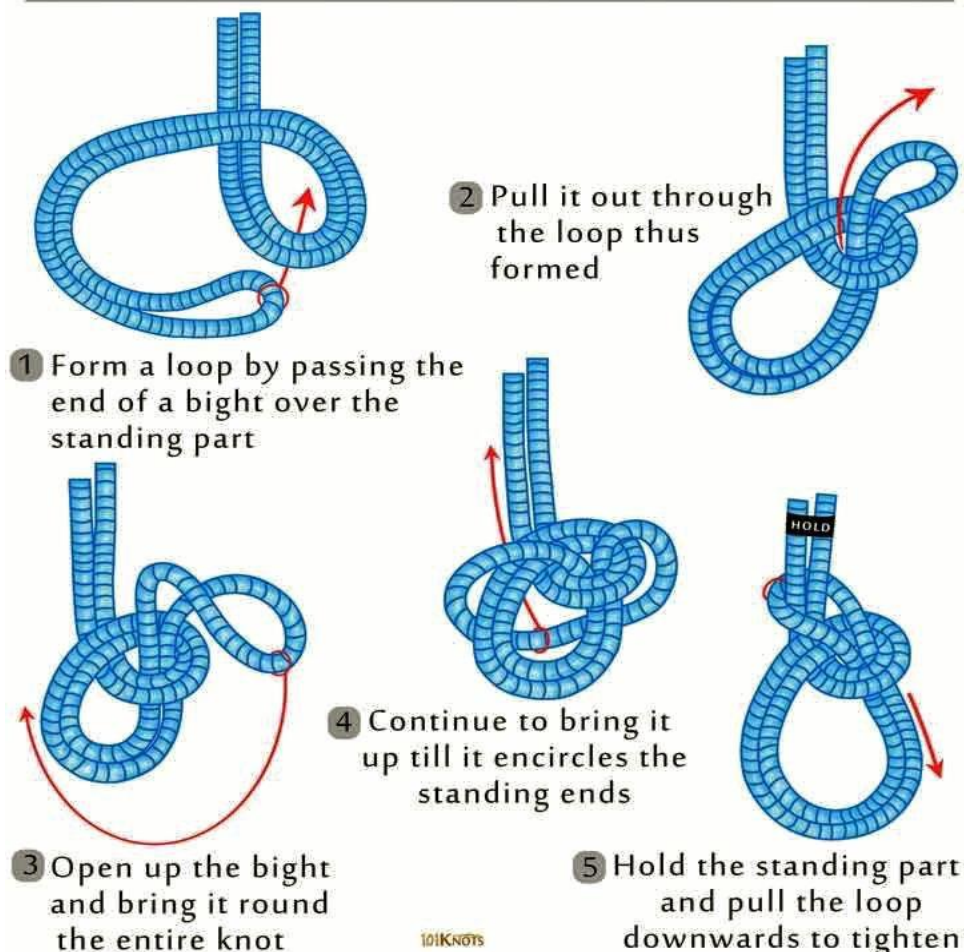
The Kohler Wooden Boat Show will be June 14 and the Sunroad Boat Show on June 19. The Boating Safety Week Vessel Safety Check event will be May 24. Carl will be calling for volunteers to staff these events, all of which offer great opportunities to promote our Club and its activities.

We, as America's Boating Club San Diego members, have a responsibility to promote our Club and seek out new members. Allan and I have recently talked some of our friends into joining, as well as our daughter and her family. Vessel Examiners are encouraged to hand out our membership application along with the VSC checklist. Any member who has ideas for promoting membership can contact a member of the Bridge. We welcome any and all ideas!

Here's the current process for new members to join:

1. The prospective member fills out a membership application, either for an individual or a household.
2. The prospective member hands or emails the completed application to a current Bridge member, who forwards it to the commander or membership chair.
3. A check for the membership fee of \$103 for an individual or \$146 for a household is handed or (snail) mailed to the commander or treasurer.
4. Any new members are sworn in at the next GMM.

How to Tie a Bowline on a Bight



Source: FaceBook



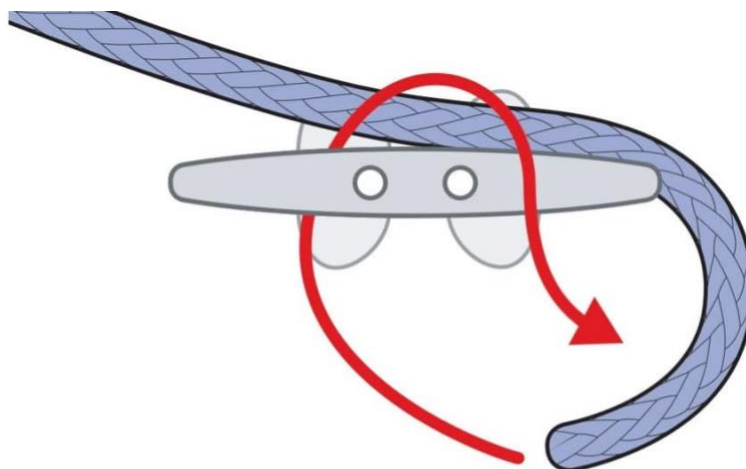
Please join me in welcoming new members **Amanda Sousa** and **Thomas Hall**; **Alleda Harrison** and **Gary Manske**; and **Laurie Orange** and **Mike Bishop**.

As secretary of America's Boating Club San Diego, I'm happy to relay information from our monthly ExCom meetings. In addition to my duties as Club Secretary, I am also the **Membership Chair**.

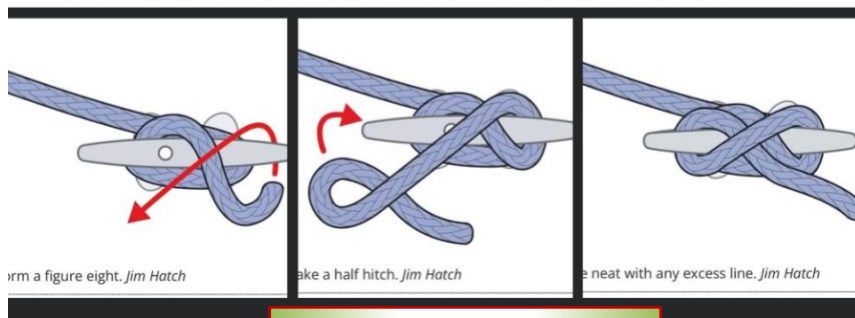
I speak for everyone on the Executive Committee in encouraging each or you to join us in helping to plan, set up, and run our events and classes. To learn more about these opportunities, please contact one of us at ExCom@SDSPS.org.

As Carole noted above, our annual dues remain at \$103 for a single membership and \$146 for a family.

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Take a turn around the base of the cleat with



Form a figure eight. Jim Hatch

Take a half hitch. Jim Hatch

Trim neat with any excess line. Jim Hatch

Source: FaceBook

Education Dept. Report

P/C Steven Bakalis, SN
SDSPS Educational Officer

Ahoy, San Diego Sail and Power Squadron members!



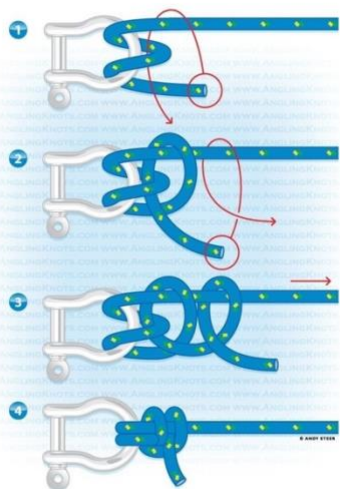
By the time you read this, the Engine Maintenance class and the ABC course will have concluded, while the Marine Navigation class remains in progress.

Recently, I sent out an email to gauge members' interest in upcoming courses. This outreach will help us plan future class schedules more effectively and ensure we order materials in appropriate quantities. Please reply if you have not done so.

P/C Paula Vance, P being sworn in as our District 28 Secretary by P/C/C Craig Fraser, SN-ON



Anchor Bend



The anchor bend is one of the most secure and widely used sailing hitches. Used for attaching an anchor line to an anchor.

Source: FaceBook

Cruise Planning will be offered soon, taught by **P/C Ted and Claudia Bowler**, experienced sailors who navigated their Bristol Channel Cutter to Hawaii and cruised the Pacific Coast from San Diego to Vancouver, Canada. They have a wealth of valuable insights to share with members considering a cruise, whether short or long. You may want to pick up a copy of their book, *The Right Way to Cruise the Left Coast*, for additional guidance. Keep an eye out for an email announcing the start date and schedule.

Navigation is more than a skill - it's a gateway to confidence, safety, and deeper enjoyment on the water. We are known as *America's Boating Club* and have long championed the importance of seamanship and navigation education, ensuring we can navigate with precision and confidence.

Our courses enhance safety, reduce reliance on technology, and foster a true understanding of the waterways. Whether mastering chart plotting, celestial navigation, or electronic systems, we gain the ability to make informed decisions, ensuring smoother and safer voyages. But the true strength of navigation education lies in passing it forward. Teaching others

whether through USPS courses, mentorship, informal guidance or our ABC public boating courses - strengthens us and the boating community, creating a culture of shared knowledge and responsibility.

By committing to both learning and teaching, we honor a legacy of excellence, empowering boaters of all skill levels to navigate with confidence and proficiency. Now that you've gained valuable knowledge, it's time to give back by sharing it with others. We offer a class designed to help you become an effective instructor, allowing you to pass on your expertise. Teaching is not just a way to help others—it's an opportunity to deepen your own understanding. You'll be surprised at how much more you learn when you teach.

As ambassadors of safe boating and seamanship, we have a fantastic opportunity to extend our knowledge to the broader community through the **Public Safe Boating ABC class**. I encourage all of you to get involved helping to teach this class. (If not teaching it, some of you could take this class to make progress on your 'S' grade.) This class is an excellent way to engage with new boaters and impart the skills they need for a safe and enjoyable time on the water. By teaching this class, we can help ensure that more people in our community are well-prepared and confident in their boating abilities and more importantly, the ABC class serves as an effective membership tool. As students experience the



Source: FaceBook



camaraderie and expertise that define the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron, they'll be motivated to join our ranks. By highlighting the benefits of membership—such as access to advanced courses, social events, and a supportive network of experienced boaters—we can demonstrate the value of becoming part of our esteemed organization.

Thus, this year we need to concentrate on expanding the number of safe boating classes we teach and expand the geographic area in which we teach these classes. Together, we can ensure that our waters remain a safe and enjoyable haven for all and grow our organization in doing so.

And look, there's more to life in the SDSPS than our Basic Boating Class!

San Diego Sail & Power Squadron 2025 Class Schedule

Course	Start	Finish	Weeks
Engine Maintenance	2/21/2025	5/16/2025	12
Marine Nav (Piloting)	3/24/2025	6/16/2025	12
Boat Handling (Seaman)	5/23/2025	8/22/2025	13
Advanced Marine Nav (AP)	6/2/2025	8/25/2025	12
Short ABC	6/13/2025	6/14/2025	1-1/2 day
Cruise Planning	9/8/2025	11/17/2025	10
Marine Electrical Sys	9/12/2025	12/12/2025	13

***** Class start dates are subject to change *****

National Safe Boating Week

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day

WEAR YOUR
LIFE JACKET
AT WORK DAY

May 16, 2025

As the gentle waves of the Pacific beckon, there's no better time to hone our maritime skills by taking and teaching safe boating and navigation classes. These classes are designed to equip us with the knowledge and confidence to navigate the seas safely, ensuring our adventures are both enjoyable and secure.



#wearyourlifejacketatworkday

National Safe Boating
Week

May 17-23, 2025



WEAR IT

A program of the National Safe Boating Council

For those new to boating, our classes provide a solid foundation in essential skills such as chart reading, understanding weather patterns, and mastering knots. Experienced sailors will benefit from advanced courses that delve deeper into topics like electronic navigation, sail trim, and emergency procedures. By investing time in these classes, we enhance our own abilities and contribute to the overall safety of our boating community. Moreover, teaching these classes offers a rewarding opportunity to share our passion and expertise with others.



As instructors, we play a crucial role in fostering a culture of safety and stewardship on the water. Our collective knowledge helps cultivate a new generation of skilled, responsible boaters who will carry our legacy forward.

Let's come together to support and participate in these invaluable classes, ensuring that the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron remains a beacon of maritime excellence. Fair winds and following seas to all!

Fair winds and smooth sailing!

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Steven



Treasurer's Report

P/C Carole Hallock, AP
SDSPS Treasurer

We're finally getting into that time of year again, that we've all been waiting for all winter—nice, warm weather is beckoning us back to our boats and time on the water. Whether sailing, racing, fishing or just enjoying a day on the bay, we all look forward to the days ahead.



I believe this year is the first year that all age groups of the boating community must have their California's Boater's License. I hope everyone has taken advantage of the ABC classes that our squadron has run the last few months for the credentials to get your license. I took my class last Fall and besides enjoying the refresher class, the instructor submitted our results to the State and my card showed up in the mail shortly thereafter.

As treasurer, I'm happy to report that our finances are stable so far this year. Our checking account is approximately \$8,000 and our Vanguard investment account at approx. \$11,900. Our revenue to date is \$500 over our expenses thru the end of March. **P/C Steven Bakalis, SN** has been busy in the Education Department this Spring, and he has been using a variety of methods which includes using books on hand in our inventory and ordering after knowing the class size. Peter Oberg did a great job as well on the Change of Watch and we had a very small deficit. **R/C Allan Bombard, SN-ON** set up a budget program for each department which should help us keep track of our progress.



Looking forward to seeing everyone this summer. Richard and I are getting ready to leave on Jill Powell's "Flavors of Portugal and Spain trip on May 6, so we will not see you at the May meeting, but the July picnic is on our will attend list. Safe and Happy Boating to all.

Il Porto di Palermo
 (Photo by the Editor, 3rd
 Place USPS Annual
 Photo Contest 2025)

See you at a social event or a class!

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Lessons Learned from the US Coast Guard - 2024



**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 – April

The first day of astronomical spring, or the arrival of vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, began this year on March 20. This means day and night last about the same amount of time. Get ready for earlier sunrises and later sunsets until the summer solstice in June. It's time for warmer weather, boat maintenance, hang out on the dock, weekend sails and fishing, and lots of migrating whales off our coast.

As of January, California boating law requires ***all*** boaters, regardless of age, to obtain a boater education certificate and carry a California Boater Card while operating a recreational motorized vessel. This is not a license; the card signifies that you have completed a safe boating course. Data shows that boating accidents have gone down in states that require some form of education, but statistical data to measure the results is hard to come by. As a life-long boating educator I wish that it was more in the form of practical and continued learning.

Last month I wrote about the topic of vessel priority. The Coast Guard rules establish a hierarchy of vessel priorities to prevent collisions, with vessels not under command (NUC), restricted in maneuverability (RAM), or engaged in fishing or sailing having the highest priority. These vessel priorities, sometimes called the "Pecking Order" as laid out in Rule 18, determine who is the give-way or stand-on vessel. The "give-way" vessel must take action to avoid collision, while the "stand-on" vessel must maintain its course and speed unless the situation warrants otherwise. Of course you know this! But did you know that a stand-on vessel, taking action to avoid collision, shall not alter course to port for a vessel on her own port side? Think about this.

So, I painted a crossing situation on open waters, between a sailing vessel and another vessel. I asked in which one of the four choices this sailing vessel shall not be the give way vessel. Rule 18 (b) says that a sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of NUC, RAM, and Fishing – simple as that. Even a power-driven vessel, approaching from starboard, is the give-way vessel in this case. The answer was C.

When two sailing vessels are in a crossing situation then Rule 15 applies. Just remember that "organized" sailboat racing has its own rules. In the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, rule 14 mandates that a boat shall avoid contact with another boat if reasonably possible, but a right-of-way boat only needs to act to avoid contact when it's clear the other boat isn't keeping clear or giving room. The US Coast Guard calls this Stand-On, not "Right of Way."



For this month's challenge, staying on the topic of vessel priority, let's dig deeper into one of these categories: Restricted in her Ability to Maneuver (RAM). This is easy to answer if, and only if, you can find the definition in the US Coast Guard Rules. All of the following vessels shall be regarded as "restricted in her ability to maneuver" EXCEPT:

- A laying a pipeline.
- B dredging.
- C mine clearing.
- D not under command.

I hope you consider taking a course from our Americas Boating Club Oceanside. We also teach an "On the Water Boating Program "with Shawn Goit as the instructor in the classroom and on the water.

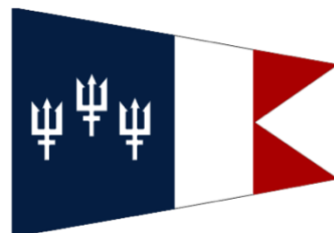
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Past Commanders' Column

P/C Jerry Murphy, AP

(P/C Jerry Murphy, JN is offshore sailing this month.)



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News from National

R/C Allan T Bombard, SN-ON

I hope that you find these recent updates from HQ on items of interest for you and our squadron useful!



National Calendar

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS® MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

R/C James M. Milton, JN

Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN

Stf/C Jeff Lagrew, SN-IN

Stf/C Annette Ferguson, AP

Stf/C Wayne J. Lambert, AP

1 May 2025

We are reaching out to share an exciting pilot initiative aimed at promoting select **fun, travel-worthy events** from across our organization to a **national audience** through the iMIS National Events Calendar. A great example is District 3's recent trip to Taiwan—events like that are exactly the kind we hope to feature.

This program is for **Adventures, Bashes, and Celebrations**. This is focused **exclusively on fun, social events** that members might travel for—things like rallies, trips, festivals, cruises, international trips, etc.

Please note the following:

- **Business meetings, conferences, Change of Watch events, and standard squadron/district functions will not be included.** They can be posted to the standard chapter event calendar.
- This is a **pilot program**, so not all submissions will be posted.
- The form must be filled out **completely** for your event to be considered.

Attached is the event submission form. We ask that you or your squadron leaders use it to nominate eligible events. This is a great way to shine a spotlight on the exciting things happening across the country and build greater member engagement.

Your feedback is welcome as we test this out—please let me know your thoughts or questions.

Thank you for your support and participation.

America's Boating Club
National Membership Committee



Insurance Update

Treasurer's Department

Squadron/District Insurance

District and Squadron Insurance

This page will continue to grow as more information becomes available. Please read from the top for the newest information.

February 12, 2025 update

Update on Insurance for teaching

The National Bridge has secured insurance to protect our members who are teaching our classes and seminars from accidents occurring while they are teaching. The policy covers all classes taught on land, including any classroom instruction associated with on water training. To be protected by this policy, the location where you are teaching must be registered with our broker before you begin teaching the class. This is done by completing the form on the webpage accessed [here](#) and sending it to our broker at documentrequest@coreinsured.com.

This form does not require you to supply the dates of your classes, although that information is helpful to the broker. Also you only need complete the form once for each location where you will be teaching to provide liability coverage for all the classes to be taught at the site for the entire policy year through November 30, 2025.

A different policy provides liability coverage for on water training. The availability of that coverage and who is eligible for that coverage is determined by the Education Department. For more information, please contact ANEO Jan Wright.

If you have any questions about insurance coverage for your teaching activities, please feel free to contact the Treasurer or the National Law Officer.

INSURANCE (Treasurer's Department)

- Land-Based Instruction (send forms to documentrequest@coreinsured.com)
 - COI Request Form for Venues



BoatFix Benefit Extended at Reduced Cost to USPS/ABC Members

As you get ready for the season, we're excited to share that our partner **BoatFix** - the 24/7 smart boat monitoring solution is offering a limited-time spring commissioning offer just for America's Boating Club members.

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Artwork, along the Malecon, Puerto Vallarta. (Photo by the Editor, February 2025)



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Mark Your Calendars

The **2025 Fall Governing Board** will be in **Grand Rapids, MI** (2-7 September) and...

The **2026 Annual Meeting** will be held in **Myrtle Beach, NC** (9-15 February 2026). Nice changes of venue!

Allan

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New Members:

If you would like to join our Squadron, please print the application below, fill it out, and send it to the Secretar, P/C Paula Vance, P at 230 W. Laurel St; Unit 304; San Diego, CA 92101. Our annual dues are currently \$103 for a single and \$146 for a family membership.



Membership Application

Primary Active Member Information <i>Please print or type</i>			<input type="radio"/> Active 18+	<input type="radio"/> Apprentice (age 12-23)
Name (First, Middle, Last)			DOB	
Mailing Address			Gender	
Cell Phone	Home Phone	Spouse Name		
City, State, Zip			Spouse Name	
Email Address			Have you ever been a member of USPS/ABC? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
Personal Skills willing to share			SeaScout <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
Do you own a boat? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	Boat Length	Boat Name	Boat Type (Power, Sail, etc.)	

Additional Active Member(s) *(Primary and Others must live in the same household)*

Name (First, Middle, Last)	Cell Phone	Have you ever been a member of USPS/ABC? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	DOB
Email Address	Personal Skills		Gender
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