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Commander's Corner

Cdr Jerry Murphy, JN

Commander's Corner
The Ship's Mail: April 2026



Many of us watched with awe and joy to see NASA's Artemis II successfully launch, round the Moon on a free return trajectory, and splash down on target off the San Diego Coast.

Those of us of a certain age recall the similar voyage of Apollo 8 during Christmastide 1968. Now at Easter 2026, we have replicated that mission, this time with four astronauts instead of three. We have caught back up to where we were 58 years ago. It was some happy news in a troubled time.

There is much Power Squadron news in the 6 weeks since our last issue. The District Conference, which SDSPS hosted, went very well indeed. I'd like to thank all those who helped make it a success, especially **Lt/C Pete Oberg**, **Lt Alice Kulikowski**, and **P/C Carole Hallock, AP**. This was our first time hosting District 13 squadrons, and I received several unsolicited, very enthusiastic comments from other squadron leaders regarding how well the conference went. One D13 officer commented that we (SDSPS) brought class to the organization.

2026 SDSPS Calendar (1st Half of the Year)

04 May	Executive Committee Meeting
17 May	SWYC Opening Day – Mother's Day
TBD May	SLRSPS VSC Event – Oceanside Harbor
16 May	SLRSPS National Safe Boating Week – O'side Hrbr
23 May	GMM Mimi's Restaurant
16-22 May	National Safe Boating Week
28 May-04 Jun	District 28/24 Cruise in France
01 Jun	Executive Committee Meeting
07 Jun	SLRSPS Raft-Up Oceanside
11-14 Jun	San Diego International Boat Show 2026 Sunroad In-Water
20-21 Jun	Wooden Boat Festival by KohlerKraft (Father's Day Weekend)
06 Jul	Executive Committee Meeting
(00 Jul	Ex Com Host Cruisers BBQ, date TBD)
12 Jul	GMM-Mission Bay De Anza Cove BBQ Potluck
03 Aug	Executive Committee Meeting
15-16 Aug	Rendezvous: Santa Cruz, Channel Islands
12-13 Sep	Raft-Up: Cat Harbor, Catalina Island
07 Sep	Executive Committee Meeting

(Note: the calendar is subject to change)



2026 SDSPS Calendar (2nd Half of the Year)

19 Sep	GMM-Potluck Education GMM
20-27 Sep	USPS Governing Board Meeting – Cary, NC
19-20 Sep	SLRSPS Oceanside Raft-Up
05 Oct	Executive Committee Meeting
23-25 Oct	SLRSPS Raft-Up – Mission Bay
02 Nov	Executive Committee Meeting
14 November	GMM SWYC
18 Nov	SLRSPS Instructor Appreciation Dinner
28-30 Nov	Raft-Up: La Playa Cove
07 Dec	Executive Committee Meeting
13 Dec	San Diego Parade of Lights BBQ Potluck (Sunday)
16 Dec	SLRSPS Christmas Party – (Site TBD)

2027 SDSPS Calendar

04 Jan	Executive Cte Mtg
16 Jan	GMM-SDSPS CoW
17 Jan	SLRSPS CoW TBD)
01 Feb	Executive Cte Mtg
07-14 Feb	USPS Ann. Mtg (Tampa)

(Note: the calendar is subject to change)

At the District Meeting, the District 13 Council voted to increase District dues from \$7 to \$20 per year. Not everyone voted for this measure, because the District leadership was unable to show a budget as to what was needed for the coming year to justify an increase. Nevertheless, the measure seemed to carry, so we might expect the past \$7/yr for the district component for an individual to go to \$20/yr. That said, I have just received my invoice, and am only being charged \$10 for District dues, so it is all a bit unclear. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, National increased their dues by \$10 for an individual (and \$20/family) to a new total of \$70 for an individual. This makes the current dues for an Individual \$116 (\$70 National, \$10 District, \$36

Squadron). We will have to wait and see how this affects family memberships and life members with families. I would like to reassure you that the Squadron component of your dues has NOT increased for any category. SDSPS is fiscally solvent and on sound financial footing this year, so we do not need to increase dues.

The memorial scattering of the ashes of **P/C Shaun McArdle, AP** was conducted Saturday, 25 April, on what would have been Shaun's 91st Birthday. Eight of Shaun's family members and several friends from Polaris Sailing Society, Maritime Museum, and SDAYC came with us. Flowers were scattered along with some of his ashes; some prayers were said; happy birthday sung; a libation was poured, and some toasts were drunk out in Coronado Roads, about a mile South of the Zuniga Jetty. Afterwards, the party repaired to the Bay Club on Shelter Island, where old tales were retold. The family

Composition by D/Lt Jill Powell, AP
(From The Mariner's Needle, April 2026)





expressed to us how very pleased and grateful they were that we organized the flotilla and carried them safely out to sea for this meaningful ceremony.

Our Boat Handling Course finished this past Friday, with 7 students taking the exam. Most expressed that they learned a lot and were happy to have taken the course. We hope to see numerous new Seamen in our squadron when the grades come in. The SAIL course has three students who are reportedly enjoying it very much. Ultimately, our main mission is education in Seamanship and Navigation, so I encourage all members to take a course this year, if you have the time and the health. Let's all keep deepening our knowledge and skill in safe and shipshape boat handling. Those of you who already have the knowledge, would be welcome to become Instructors and pass that know how along to the next generation.

I am contemplating a cruise to the Channel Islands this summer, perhaps mid-June to late July. If anyone might be interested in sailing your own boat up toward Santa Barbary way, visiting some of the intervening islands, please let me know.

Wishing you all a pleasant Spring with some happy time on the water.

Jerry
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Executive Officer (Open)

Vessel Safety Check Update (2026)

"We will come to you."



11 (Year to Date)

Anyone

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



Our Commander's Ride: "Grebe"
(Photo by the Editor)



Editor's Note

P/R/C Allan Bombard, SN-ON

Did you know Shaun? If not, you missed out on a legend!

This past weekend several members of the United States Power Squadrons' America's Boating Clubs from the San Diego and Oceanside Squadrons assisted **P/C Shaun**

McArdle, AP's family with the scattering of his ashes into the Pacific Ocean outside of the Zuniga Jetty in San Diego – one of Shaun's last requests to his daughter Nancy McArdle. Our flotilla consisted of P/C Kirk and Sandra Lippert's "*Rocinante*," P/D/C Doug Bass, SN-ON's "*Knot Again*," and Cdr Jerry Murphy, JN's "*Grebe*" – the latter pictured below.



Foreground, "*Knot Again*" - Background, "*Grebe*"
Off Point Loma
(Photo by Gail Strickland)



At the Shelter Island Boat Ramp
Pre-Ceremonial Crew Gathering



Post-Ceremony at The Bay Club
(L→R) Gail Strickland, Nancy McArdle, Jon Coats,
P/R/C Allan Bombard, SN-ON, D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP,
Commander Jerry Murphy, JN



America's Boating Club®



Administrative Officer

Lt/C Peter Oberg

Greetings Boaters,

Our SDSPS May 23rd GMM is at Mimi's cafe.
See attached flier below!



San Diego



America's Boating Club® San Diego

(San Diego Sail and Power Squadron)

Cordially invites you to our May

General Membership Mtg

Saturday, May 23rd, 2026

5:30-8:30 pm

Location: Mimi's Café Mission Valley

5180 Mission Center Road

San Diego, CA 92108



Join the other boating club members for an evening together. **We will be improving our modified by-laws. In addition we will have multiple speakers from our Squadron presenting "Raft Ups - Proper Techniques & Fun"**
Food & drink is billed to each person/couple separately

No RAFFLE this time

Please RSVP your attendance by May 22nd, 2026
To **PeterObergA@gmail.com** or text at 858-883-3735
We will need a count of attendees



See 2026 Events Schedule above for further details. **On deck:**

- Our May 23rd GMM will be at Mimi's Restaurant
- National Safe Boating week May 16-22nd
- May 28 – June 4th District 13/24 Cruise in France

Have a safe time on the water,
Pete

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Secretary

Lt/C Paula Vance, P

Per National bylaws, every squadron must be associated with district. Until March our Club, along with the San Luis Rey and Balboa Clubs, was associated with District 28. In March, District 28 was dissolved and we became part of District 13, which includes other Clubs in Southern California, as well as the Las Vegas and Tokyo Clubs. We are all now members of District 13!



On March 12 we hosted our first Change of Watch as a member of D13. I am happy to report that the event was a great success. Many of us helped out, but special thanks go out to our Admin Officer **Lt/C Pete Oberg** and our Historian **Lt Alice Kulikowski**. One highlight of the COW was the silent auction. Several of us won prizes, including bottles of excellent wine, hand-crafted items by Treasurer Carole Hallock and me, gourmet coffee, and other fun items. I am now the District 13 Secretary as well as our Squadron Secretary.

Here's a full list of the District Bridge members:

Commander	D/Lt/C Hal Hoadley, AP	The Valley
Executive Officer	P/D/C Shawn Goit, SN-ON	Arrowhead
Education Officer	D/Lt/C Jay Higgins, SN-IN	San Diego
Assistant DEO	D/Lt/C Ken Griffing, SN-ON	San Luis Rey
Administration	D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP	San Luis Rey
Assistant DAO	Lt/C Carole Hallock, AP	San Diego
Secretary	D/Lt/C Paula Vance, P	San Luis Rey
Treasurer	R/C Darryel Simmons, JN-ON	Las Vegas
Ass't Treasurer	D/Lt/C William Bradley, AP	Las Vegas



Annual dues for membership are changing! See Cdr Jerry's column above for more information.

There are currently **62 Members** (including 4 Associate and 10 Life Members) in our squadron.



Completed applications for new members should be sent/given to Cdr Jerry!

Membership process:

1. Collect check w/signed membership form
2. Deposit check or send it to **Cdr Jerry Murphy, JN, P/C Carl Schwartz, AP, or P/C Carole Hallock, AP** to deposit
3. Send/give the form to Cdr Jerry.

The National email addresses for membership questions are:

hollowayd@hq.usps.org or stevensl@hq.usps.org

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.

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Education Dept. Report

P/C Steven Bakalis, SN

SDSPS Educational Officer

Teaching Safe Boating: The Lifeblood of Our Mission and Our Membership



For more than a century, the United States Power Squadrons have stood on a simple, powerful principle: boaters who are educated are boaters who are safer. Here in San Diego, that principle is not just a slogan, it is the foundation of who we are as a Squadron and what we contribute to our community.

Every time one of our instructors' steps into a classroom, they are doing far more than teaching rules of the road or explaining how to read a chart. They are shaping safer waterways, building confidence in new boaters, and strengthening the culture of seamanship that defines our organization. But there is another benefit, one that is just as important for our future: public education is the single most effective way to grow our Squadron.

Why Teaching Matters to the Public

San Diego's waters are busy, diverse, and sometimes unpredictable. New boaters enter the harbor every week, often with enthusiasm but not always with the knowledge they need. Our classes, Boat Handling, Marine Navigation, Weather, and the many electives we offer give them the tools to operate safely and responsibly.

**When we teach, we:**

- Reduce accidents and near-misses by giving boaters the skills to make smart decisions.
- Build confidence in people who may be new to boating or returning after years away.
- Create a culture of responsibility that benefits everyone on the water.
- Serve the broader community, fulfilling the mission that has guided the Power Squadrons since their founding.

Every student who walks into one of our classes leaves better prepared, better informed, and better connected to the boating community.

Why Teaching Matters to the Squadron

Public education is not just a service; it is our most powerful recruitment tool.

When students experience the quality of our instruction, the camaraderie of our members, and the depth of our knowledge, they naturally want to be part of something bigger. Many of our most active members, officers, and instructors began as students who simply wanted to learn more about boating.

Teaching brings new people into the room, and once they're there, they discover:

- A welcoming community of boaters who share their passion.
- Opportunities to continue learning through advanced courses.
- Chances to volunteer, teach, and lead.
- A sense of belonging that goes far beyond the classroom.

Every class is an open door. Every instructor is an ambassador. Every student is a potential future member, volunteer, or leader.

The Ripple Effect of Teaching

When we teach, we don't just grow the Squadron, we strengthen it.

New members bring fresh energy, new ideas, and diverse experiences. They help fill committees, support events, and carry forward the traditions that make our Squadron unique. They become tomorrow's instructors, mentors, and bridge officers.

And the cycle continues: Teach → Inspire → Recruit → Grow → Teach again. This is how a Squadron thrives.

A Call to Action

If you are an instructor, your work is invaluable. If you have ever considered teaching, now is the perfect time to step forward. And if you know someone who would make a great instructor, encourage them to get involved.

Our public classes are more than educational programs. They are the heart of our mission and the engine of our growth. By teaching, we honor our heritage, serve our community, and ensure that the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron remains strong, vibrant, and forward-looking for years to come.



Let's continue to share what we know.

Let's continue to welcome new boaters into our community.

Let's continue to grow, one class, one student, one new member at a time.

The More You Learn, the More You Love the Water

Every boater remembers the moment they first felt truly at ease at the helm, the quiet confidence that comes not from luck or instinct, but from knowledge. In the San Diego Sail & Power Squadron, we've seen that transformation time and again. The more you learn about seamanship and navigation, the more capable you become, and the more deeply you enjoy every minute on the water.

Knowledge Builds Confidence

Boating is one of life's great pleasures, but it's even better when you know exactly what you're doing.

Understanding how your vessel responds, how to read the water and weather, how to navigate safely and efficiently and that these skills turn uncertainty into assurance.

When you've studied the fundamentals of seamanship, you don't just hope you're making the right decision. You *know* you are. That confidence shows in every maneuver, every docking, every passage you plan.

Confidence Builds Enjoyment

There's a special kind of joy that comes from being fully present on the water, feeling the breeze, watching the horizon, sharing the experience with friends and family. But it's hard to relax when you're unsure of your skills.

Education changes that. With each new concept you master, boating becomes less stressful and more rewarding. You start to anticipate conditions instead of reacting to them. You handle challenges with calm competence. You discover that the water feels friendlier when you understand its language.

Enjoyment Builds Community

One of the greatest strengths of our Squadron is that we learn together. When members take classes, they don't just improve their own skills, they strengthen the entire boating community. Knowledge shared is safety multiplied.

And as your confidence grows, so does your ability to help others. Many of our finest instructors began as students who simply wanted to become better boaters. They found that teaching was not only a way to give back, but a way to deepen their own understanding.

Your Next Step Starts Here

Whether you're new to boating or have decades of experience, there is always more to learn and always more to enjoy. Our courses in seamanship, navigation, boat handling, and marine systems are designed to meet you where you are and take you further than you thought possible.

If you want to feel more confident at the helm...

If you want to enjoy your time on the water even more...

If you want to be part of a community that grows together...

Then make this the season you invest in your skills.



The ocean rewards those who respect it, study it, and learn to work with it. Let's keep learning so we can keep enjoying every moment we spend on the water.

Steven

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Treasurer's Report

P/C Carole Hallock, AP

SDSPS Treasurer

Tidbits from the Treasurer's Department

I hope that everyone in the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron had a very Happy Easter! Easter in our area means that summer is just around the corner and soon we can look forward to warm sunny days on the water.



Our squadron has had a busy beginning to 2026. We started the year with a very successful and well attended Cow of watch in mid-January. A few weeks later, the USPS/ABC National Meeting was held in Myrtle Beach SC. During this meeting, it was confirmed by the Governing Board (all of the voting members, including the National Bridge) that our District 28 would become a part of District 13. Since plans were well underway for our District 28 COW which we planned for Southwestern Yacht Club in March, we offered our venue up to District 13 for their COW and the offer was accepted. Kudos to all that worked so diligently to make this happen in a relatively short time. **Lt/C Peter Oberg** headed up the planning and with the help of **Lt Alice Kulikowski**, **Lt/C Steven Bakalis, SN**, **Cdr Jerry Murphy, JN**, and several other members, the event went off flawlessly and it looked as if everyone attending enjoyed themselves. From a financial standpoint, it was also a success. Alice did a super job with the auction and thanks to everyone's participation, we were able to cover all our costs that were not covered by the initial fees that we paid for dinner and lunch.

I know that Pete is already planning our next meeting in May and our annual picnic in July and Steven is busy with the education schedule, so hoping to run into most of you at one of these events.

As Treasurer, my department is here to support all of our activities and classroom activities, in addition to handling our financial obligations. Our finances are on very solid ground and our recent audit bears that out. With the dissolution of District 28, the assets of the district have been distributed to the remaining 3 squadrons, San Diego, San Luis Rey, and Balboa so we were able to add a little to our coffers. I'll keep you posted!

Again, hope to see some of you on the water or some other squadron event. My email address is below.

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Lessons Learned from the US Coast Guard - 2026

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

SAFETY LESSONS FROM THE US COAST GUARD – APRIL

My wife and I celebrated the end of winter 2026 in Southern California, with a heatwave, and upon return in the Mid-West nobody felt sorry for us. Can you imagine? We gathered for a week with friends, sailed on a magnificent yacht, visited a fine winery and spent a day on the beach in Oceanside. We must have looked somewhat emaciated since everybody tried to share great food and wine with us. Back home it's six weeks of gardening before we travel again.

On our sail-day we probably had nine of the most experienced, educated, and qualified people to sail with, out of San Diego Harbor. So, while we were all required to wear a life vest, we skipped safety briefings and preparations. That is easy to do on a fully equipped 53-foot yacht, but in hindsight it made me think. In my long life as a sailor and author about safety on the water, I have heard many stories that were about emergencies, or near disasters. In one case, a pre-departure safety briefing saved the life of my friend and mentor, Commander Frank Fitzgerald, who suffered a heart attack at sea. His non-sailing crew took him safely back to shore to be met by emergency transport.

On a different topic, the whole country learned in the last weeks that my favorite organization, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) belongs to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), together with 23 other agencies. Established in 1790 by Alexander Hamilton as a branch of the armed forces, from customs enforcement ultimately into marine safety, it is for me personally the agency that granted me my 100-ton Master Captain's License. So, here is a quick question: how do you report a maritime incident to them? Answer: USCG CG-2692 2022-2026. Yes, it is online.

For my challenge in the previous issue, we looked at Traffic Separation Schemes (TSS) like the approach of Long Beach or Los Angeles. I find the Rule straightforward, but the exceptions are not. There are two classes of vessels which **DO NOT HAVE TO COMPLY** with the rules for TSS, and I gave you four instances to choose from. My most regular contributor, **Commander Allan Bombard**, sent me his answer as Rule 10, (I) - a vessel servicing a cable: Rule 10 of the Navigation Rules includes nine restrictions and two exceptions. Thank you Allan!

For this month, we'll look at one of the two Rules that I have used most to formulate my questions. Can you guess which they are? Here is my question: your power-driven vessel is underway when you sight a sailing vessel on your port bow. Which is the stand-on vessel?



- A. The sailboat, because it is to port of your vessel.
- B. The sailboat, because it is under sail.
- C. Your vessel, because it is a power-driven vessel.
- D. Your vessel, because it is to starboard of the sailboat.

First find the Rule which defines a Stand-on Vessel. It is the vessel that **shall** maintain its course and speed when encountering another vessel, known as the "give-way vessel."

Find the Rule and choose the right answer. Let me know what you think. I hope you consider our "On the Water Boating Program," coming soon to San Diego!

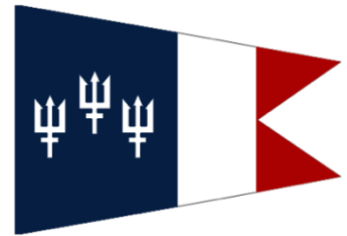
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Past Commanders' Column

P/D/C Richard Cross, SN-ON

50+ YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRON



In the 1970's I was living in Bellevue, WA and serving as an adult advisor for a Sea Scout Ship. Part of the scout training was to take the USPS Boating class. I took the boating class with the scouts and joined the Bellevue Squadron on January 21, 1975. I began taking classes and by early 1978, I had completed Celestial Navigation (Junior Navigation). I had two concerns, one of which was that if I didn't use the JN training, I might forget it and second, I was interested in trying an offshore passage.

I was able to sign on as the navigator on a 50' Ketch sailing from Seattle to Honolulu. While underway, I did both dead reckoning (DR) and celestial navigation with morning, noon and evening sights and plotted the positions, along with DR data adjusted for the forecasted currents. It was a great adventure and convinced me that an ocean-going sailboat was in my future. I bought a new Irwin 37' Cutter, I named Evie. I owned Evie for 30 years and sailed her all over the world.



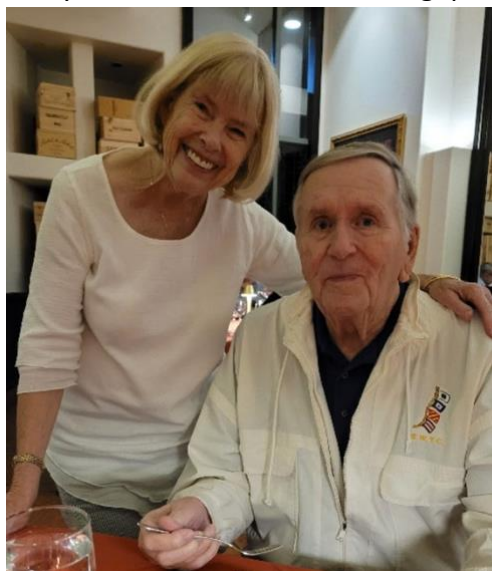
In 1984, I took a job in San Diego and sailed *Evie* down the coast from Seattle to San Diego. I joined the San Diego Sail and Power Squadron and continued taking classes and served in various squadron positions.

In 1995, the company I worked for, left San Diego for Tucson. Fortunately, I was in a position to retire and started to plan my own ocean passage to Honolulu. 1995 was the year that San Diego hosted the America's Cup race, so while *Evie* was refitted and provisioned for her ocean passage, I signed on with the America's Cup team to operate a patrol boat to keep people off the racecourse. Now was the time to set sail.

Although Carole and I didn't know it at the time, this was the start of a 17-year adventure. After a successful passage to Honolulu, we were spending time doing needed maintenance and some additional projects such as solar panels, engine driven refrigeration and the list went on. We had planned to sail to Seattle (Bellevue) to attend a USPS Governing Board meeting (which we did by airplane) as we had decided by then to continue on to the South Pacific via Palmyra and the Line Islands in Kiribati to French Polynesia. After 90 beautiful days in French Polynesia, with cyclone season nearing and our visa expiring, we continued west across the Pacific thru the Cook Islands and Samoa's and then sailed north to the Marshall Islands on the Equator to wait out our first cyclone season.

In the cruising season, we again sailed south visiting many islands, big and small, eventually reaching Australia where we based ourselves for five years. During those years we visited most of Australia by car and boat and sailed east to islands in the SW Pacific during the 6 –7-month cruising season.

After our 5-year Visa expired, we sailed "Over the Top" which is sailing north up the east coast, then west across northern Australia to Darwin. After a few weeks exploring northern Australia, we sailed NW thru the many islands of Indonesia to Singapore, our next stop for 1 year. For the next 5 years we sailed between



Malaysia and Thailand while land traveling thru many countries in SE Asia and further afield to China and Japan.

In January 2005, after experiencing the Tsunami in Phuket, Thailand (we dodged a bullet), we crossed the Indian Ocean and sailed north up the Red Sea. Our first stop was Cochin, India on the west coast, as the damage along the south coast of Sri Lanka and India was devastating. We stopped in Oman, Yemen, Eritrea, Somalia and Egypt on our way north thru the Red Sea and Suez Canal to the Greek island of Crete and then on to Israel where we enjoyed another year exploring the many historical sites in both Israel and Jordan.

It was time to move along again, so we sailed to the south coast of Cyprus for a few months before continuing on to our base in Southern Turkey. It was very interesting that we could drive by car to Northern

SEVEN SEAS CRUISING ASSOCIATION



RICHARD CROSS
and
CAROLE HALLOCK

1995-2012
SEVENTEEN YEARS
THIRTY + COUNTRIES
40,000 MILES

Evie





Cyprus (Turkish) thru the "Green Line" (a demilitarized zone) from southern Cyprus (Greek) but were not allowed to take our boat into Northern Cyprus since we had checked into Cyprus in the South. Regulations!! We spent the next 5 years sailing around Turkey and Greece and its many islands. It's a beautiful part of the Med and it was also a good location for the boat while land traveling thru the European countries due to time limit restrictions on keeping your boat in Europe without paying import taxes.

In 2011 a European Union couple living in Turkey offered us a good price for Evie. After some thoughtful conversations about sailing her across the Atlantic and back to San Diego, we decided to sell her and returned to San Diego to live on our 42' Motor Yacht "Carole Ann" at Southwestern Yacht Club that we had purchased a few years earlier. We also returned to our Power Squadron activities and classes.

In 2017, we purchased our "Plan B" house in Henderson, NV so we continue to run between the boat and the house. We have become associate members of the Las Vegas Sail and Power Squadron as well as being members of San Diego. In due time, I have completed the (N) Navigation class in Las Vegas and taken the (BOC) Boater Operator Certification classes and the on the water training in San Diego. At the District 28 Conference in March of 2024, I received a 50-year member pin and my SN-ON rating.



(Prepared by Richard Cross and Carole Hallock)



News from District 13

D/C Harold "Hal" Hoadley, AP

I wish to thank all for the vote of confidence. This will be an interesting year. First of all, I wish to thank all how prepared and executed the Change of Watch.



At the District level, we have a lot to do in that for the first time in years we have a full bridge. For your information we have three levels of meetings, a Bridge Meeting, a Council Meeting and a Conference. Let me briefly describe each from the bottom up. A Bridge Meeting is a gathering of just the Elected District Officers and is a planning meeting. The next level up is a Council Meeting, which we did not do enough of last year. It is at a Council Meeting where the Bridge officers are joined by the Squadron Commanders and the



SEOs. It is at a Council meeting where the work gets done. Votes are taken to implement anything, those meetings will be held on the third Friday of the month, usually at 7:00 PM Pacific Time, so that our friends in Tokyo can attend without taking time off from work. The top level is a Conference, just as we held three weeks ago. To the Council, we add voting delegates, past Commanders and Past Educational Officers. This top-level meeting is usually held twice a year, once in the Fall and another in the Spring, during the months of April or May. Special Conferences can be called for a specific reason if necessary.

Your Commander will be notified of the Council and Conference meetings. Specific dates and locations have not yet been determined. This will be worked out as soon as possible. Most Council meetings will be held electronically, with one or two held in person. Conferences will always be held in person, except for Special Conferences.

Looking forward to meeting each of you over the coming watch.

Hal

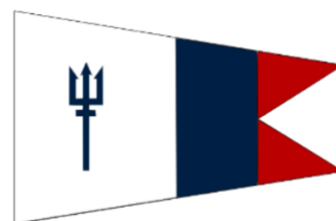
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News from National

P/R/C Allan T Bombard, SN-ON

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming Fall Governing Board meeting in Cary, NC – a suburb of Raleigh where the USPS Headquarters building is located.



National Safe Boating Week is May 16–22 and quickly approaching.

By Chief Commander Michael Wiedel, SN-IN

Districts, squadrons and members can play a vital role in promoting this event by combining education, outreach, and community engagement. One of the most effective strategies is to host or support local boating safety classes, offering both in-person and virtual options to reach a wider audience.

Members can partner with marinas, yacht clubs, and community centers to distribute safety materials and encourage boaters to complete certified safety courses.

Public visibility is important. Local clubs can set up informational booths at waterfront events, boat launches, and fishing tournaments to help spark



conversations and raise awareness about life jacket use, navigation rules, and emergency preparedness. Squadrons should also leverage social media by sharing safety tips, personal experiences, and event updates, using consistent messaging aligned with the national campaign.

Collaborating with local law enforcement and U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary units can strengthen credibility and expand reach. Additionally, vessel safety checks offered during the week provide a hands-on way to engage boaters and reinforce best practices.

By being proactive, approachable, and consistent, we can attract new members, significantly influence safer boating habits, reduce accidents, and make our waterways more enjoyable for everyone. There are many resources available for free to assist with this mission. They can be found at safeboatingcampaign.com.

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The McArdle Family & Friends
(The Bay Club, San Diego, 25 April 2026)

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP****Primary Member**

Name (First Middle Last)		Cert# (if any)	DOB / /
Mailing Address			Significant others name
City / State / Zip Code			USPS/ABC Prior Member ☐ Yes ☐ No
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email	
Referred by: _____ I want to join for/because: _____			
Do you own a boat? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a Sea Scout? ☐ Yes ☐ No			

Vessel Information:

LOA	Boat Name	MMSI	Propulsion Pwr / Sail / Human/ _____
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Additional Active Members *(must reside in the same household as active member)*

Name (First Middle Last) 2	DOB	Prior Member Y / N	Cert# (if any)
Email	Cell Phone		
Name (First Middle Last) 3	DOB	Prior Member Y / N	Cert# (if any)
Email	Cell Phone		
Name (First Middle Last) 4	DOB	Prior Member Y / N	Cert# (if any)
Email	Cell Phone		

Signature 1

Signature 2

Signature 3

Signature 4

Volunteer Interests: Ways I/we can support the success of the club <i>(circle all that apply)</i>			
Boating Activities	Education	Newsletter	Public Relations
Communications	Hospitality	Photography	
Community Service	Membership	Other: _____	

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Squadron Code	Squadron Name	ExComm Approval Date <i>N/R if not required</i>
Authorized Signature Cdr or Membership Chair		Authorized Signatures Certificate #

MemCom 1- New Member Application

Rev. June 2025

New Members:

If you would like to join our Squadron, please print the application above, fill it out, and send it to the Secretary, 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.



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