



District 28 Lead Line



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Commander's Report

2022/3 Calendar

D/C BARRY D. BEAN, JN-CN

Greetings from your Commander:



Happy New Year All. I trust you had happy holidays and have all your new resolutions in order.

I enjoyed an interesting **Special Conference** this fall via Zoom attended by our full bridge, and most squadron commanders as well as several other members.

After some discussion we were able to approve the changes to the **Policies & Procedures and the By-Laws**. Our thanks to several members on each of those committees who worked so diligently to update those items.

I am really looking forward to our **Annual Conference** this spring with a split session of business, virtually and in person, at the SWYC along with the C.O.W. A good number of us will celebrate again with a reception on the high seas in **Mexican** waters aboard **Holland America Line's "Koningsdam"**. **C/C MaryPaige Abbott** will be with us for the week including the Conference and our Change of Watch. Please look for the **"Registration Form"** on Page 3 and the agenda on Page 4. There is an optional Zoom link where you can join in if unable to attend in person. *Let us know!*

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- 15 JANUARY: SDSPS CHANGE OF WATCH — SWYC
 - 19 JANUARY: SLRSPS CHANGE OF WATCH — ZOOM
 - 29 JANUARY: PSPS CHANGE OF WATCH—HILTON AIRPORT
 - 20-27 FEBRUARY: USPS AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING — PONTE VEDRA, FL
 - 12 MARCH: D28 SPRING CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY SAN LUIS REY SAIL & POWER SQUADRON AT SWYC AND VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM
 - 13 MARCH: D28 HOLLAND AMERICA LINE CRUISE—MEXICAN RIVIERA
 - TBA JULY: D28 SUMMER RAFT-UP DEL MAR BASIN, OCEANSIDE, WITH KAYAK/PADDLE BOARD EVENT.
 - 11—18 SEPTEMBER: FALL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, RALEIGH NC.
- 2023**
- 19-26 FEBRUARY: USPS/AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING—ORLANDO, FL.
 - TBA MARCH: D28 SPRING CONFERENCE HOSTED BY ABC/SAN DIEGO.

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BALBOA



PHOENIX



SAN DIEGO



SAN LUIS REY



D28 Nominating Committee Report 2022 / 2023

PER SECTION 2.9.1 OF THE BYLAWS OF DISTRICT 28

*THE *NOMINATING COMMITTEE SETS OUT BELOW ITS NOMINEES FOR THE 2022-2023 WATCH*

<u>BRIDGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SQUADRON</u>
Commander	Allan T. Bombard, JN	San Diego
District Executive Officer/Admin.	Doug Bass, SN	San Diego
District Secretary/Treasurer	Sue Ann Bean, AP	San Luis Rey
Asst. District Treasurer	Chris Peavey, N	San Luis Rey
District Educational Officer	Shawn Goit, SN-ON	San Luis Rey
Asst. District Educational Officer	Cida Diehl, SN-CN	San Luis Rey

*NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Filled by the current presiding Squadron Commanders.

Any open positions will be filled from the floor at the Spring 2022 Conference



FALL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2021

TOP LEFT TO RIGHT:

BARRY BEAN, CHRIS PEAVEY, ALLAN BOMBARD, ERIC GRITZMACHER, CHERYL & ADRIAAN VELDHUISEN, SUE ANN BEAN, MARY BETH JOUBLANC, CIDA DIEHL, SHAWN GOIT, JEFF OLSEN, RICHARD CROSS, JILL POWELL, DOUG BASS, DARRYEL SIMMONS AND DEB OBERG.



District 28 Spring Conference

Change of Watch 2022-2023

Saturday 12 March 2022

9:00a.m. to 2:30p.m.

Stay for Lunch and Social Time

Southwestern Yacht Club

2702 Qualtrough Street, San Diego, CA. 92106

Coffee, Tea and Sweet Rolls/Donuts will be available in A.M. (\$5.00 per person please)

Welcome to the **America's Boating Club District 28 Spring Conference** hosted by
America's Boating Club Oceanside/San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO REGISTER

ALSO available as a Virtual E-Conference:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83549689574?pwd=cVM2MGR2YnJ1MGZlZU52aUlxWUNlZz09>

Meeting ID: 835 4968 9574

Passcode: 427283

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: Yes/No _____

RANK/GRADE

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE:

Complete the form, scan and email to the following:

Email: abcsanluisrey@gmail.com

Or mail to D/Lt Jill Powell, AP, 6554 Via Barona, Carlsbad, CA. 92009 (Enclosing \$5)

RANK/GRADE

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

RANK/GRADE

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

DISTRICT _____ SQUADRON _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I/WE WILL BE STAYING FOR LUNCH: (_____) NAME(S): _____

Your attendance information is required for meeting room accommodation and potential lunch orders.

Club will be available after the conference for Squadron/Boating Club social gathering





DISTRICT 28

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA & ARIZONA

2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

BRIDGE: Uniform G—Regulation short-sleeve white shirt with uniform slacks or other appropriate attire.

ATTENDEES: USPS/ABC Polo shirt or equivalent

SATURDAY 12 March: Southwestern Yacht Club. In-Person and E-Conference call via Zoom: Meeting ID: 8354968 9574
Passcode: 427283 Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83549689574?pwd=cVM2MGR2YnJ1MGZlZUs2aUlxWUNlZz09>

0830 Social/Pastries & Tea/Coffee and log-in for those on Zoom

Housekeeping/Etiquette:

- Roberts Rules for in-person and virtual
- Please keep your microphone muted and press the spacebar or Mic button to speak
- As a courtesy, please "Raise Your Hand" and wait to be recognized
- Please print Agenda for your info and notes. Also print or have available the Fall 2021 Minutes for reference.

0900 Call to order by D/C Barry Bean, JN-CN "Without objection, the bridge will vary the order of business to expedite proceedings"

- Invocation P/D/C Duane O. Leathers, AP
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of USA led by P/C Jan Follestad, SN
- Moment of silence for deceased friends and family.
- Introduction of distinguished persons: C/C MaryPaige Abbott, SN-IN, P/D/Cs, District 28 Bridge Officers and Council and Squadron Commanders (see list).

0910 Welcome and Commander's Message/2021 overview—D/C Barry Bean, JN-CN

- Madam Secretary, do we have a quorum?
- The Minutes of the Fall Conference 2021 have been properly distributed by email and on the D28 website. Without objection, the Minutes of the District 28 website are to be approved.

0915 Chief's Message presented by C/C MaryPaige Abbott, SN-IN (Q & A)

0930 Reports from committees (All reports should be on the D28 website by 04 March 2022. Rules, Nomination, Planning, Finance and 2022 budget).

0945 Annual Conference 2023 planning—DAO Doug Bass

1000 ABC/Squadron Commander reports: Balboa, Phoenix, San Diego and San Luis Rey

1030 District Bridge final reports

1045 Nominations final / Nominations from the floor

1100 Presentation of Awards to outgoing Bridge

1130 D/C Barry Bean, JN-CN comments to the Bridge / Closing comments. Road ahead thoughts.

1200 Recess—Break for Lunch*

1300 Change of Watch: Officiated by C/C MaryPaige Abbott, SN-IN; dismiss the 2021/22 Bridge. Swear in 2022/2023 Bridge.

1330 New Commander comments

1430 The End

* For those who wish to lunch at the SWYC, menus will be available at Registration—each person will place their order and it will be ready at the break.



District Commander's Report *Continued from Page 1*

Nominations will be forthcoming with the new bridge, etc., so look for that in this issue of the **Lead Line**. If the Nominating Committee Chairman contacts you for help, please make every effort available to help the District.

As presented by **D/X/O Allan Bombard**, the possibility of converting the districts to a regional organization is still on track so keep that in mind when looking for a way to serve.

I have very much enjoyed serving with you the past three years and have learned much from the district level and national level politics. This has been an iconic tour of service with the downsizing of the district and the Covid issues but despite these issues it has been fun for me. I appreciate all of the efforts to further the education goals in each squadron and the OTW/BOC classes. Please continue to further these goals on the Squadron level.

See you in March. God speed to you and yours.

D/C Barry D. Bean, JN-CN

D28 Planning Committee Annual Report for the 2021 Watch

The primary responsibility of the **Planning Committee** is to maintain the **District's Policies & Procedures** and such other assignments that the **District Commander** should assign to the Committee. During the 2020/21 Watch, the **DEO P/D/C Van Diehl, SN** passed away and **P/D/C Shawn Goit, JN** was appointed to the DEO position leaving an opening on the Planning Committee.

I was then appointed, as **Past District Commander**, to fill the responsibilities. I began my service by conducting an analysis of issues that might need attention. I report on these following:

Policies & Procedures: Given the recent changes in the By-laws, the Policies & Procedures required a major rewrite. Some of the changes included the elimination of the **District Council** and a reduction in the required number of meetings to a minimum of one per year, among other updates.


Several other issues were identified that I felt needed to be addressed, and I made recommendations to deal with these items as noted below.

Rules Committee: **P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN** was appointed to the Rules Committee and his report can be found on Page 5 of this newsletter.

District Property: There is no current inventory of District 28 property. I did find an inventory from a previous year and circulated that inventory to key people, asking for help in locating the District's property. In due time I received information which was passed on to the **Treasurer** with the recommendation that we should have a **Property Officer**. (*The result of this request is pending*).

America's Boating Club®: The USPS Headquarters had issued instructions for Squadrons (Clubs) to start doing business as (dba) America's Boating Club® followed by a name appropriate for their area. I noted that little was being done in our District; in my opinion, due to a lack of clear instruction. Specifically, there was no guidance on how to comply with state and local regulations and laws (*our District comprises clubs in two States*). We were apparently not the only District with these questions. Ultimately, guidance from the **USPS Legal Officer** indicated that Districts and Clubs needed to do whatever was required according to the legal requirements for each entity's 501C(b) tax domicile status.

I contacted **Lt/C Michael Wales, Esq.** (*Legal Officer, ABC San Diego*), who provided detailed instructions for dba's in California. Michael then filed the appropriate local and state documents for **ABC San Diego**. This information was shared with the D28 Squadrons and sent to National with a request for approval and to be shared with other west coast Districts.

Communication regarding this issue could be improved. Guidance from the central authority managing the overall **USPS**  **ABC** transition could improve this naming and branding process. I have found that some clubs are using unapproved

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Report from the D28 Rules Committee

I was asked, a long time ago, to become a member of the **District 28 Rules Committee** by my friend **P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald**. Not long thereafter I was asked to start my research to update the **D28 Bylaws**, as is customary every few years in USPS.

This is a slow, and often cumbersome, process but with Frank's enthusiastic support I was up to the task. Then Frank dropped out as his health was declining, and ultimately passed away. So, committed to Frank's legacy, I moved forward and formed a committee, asking **P/D/C Richard Cross** and **D/Lt/C Allan Bombard** to join me, with the full support of **Commander Barry Bean**. Of course, then COVID hit and face-to-face meetings quickly became a thing of the past. This was also complicated since we all live in different states (Illinois, Nevada, California, and Utah).

We managed well, downloaded the latest USPS District Model Bylaws and examined our own changed environment. To that end, the Committee has downloaded the latest Model Bylaws for Districts from USPS Headquarters. We reviewed the current D28 Bylaws, sought input from the District Commander, the Secretary/Treasurer, and others. We cycled our questions and proposals several times for further review and input through the USPS National Rules Committee, and ultimately updated the draft documents as proposed new Bylaws. The latest review we received from our USPS Advisor was that our proposed Bylaws *look fine!* To us, that meant that we could bring the process we initiated for a vote.

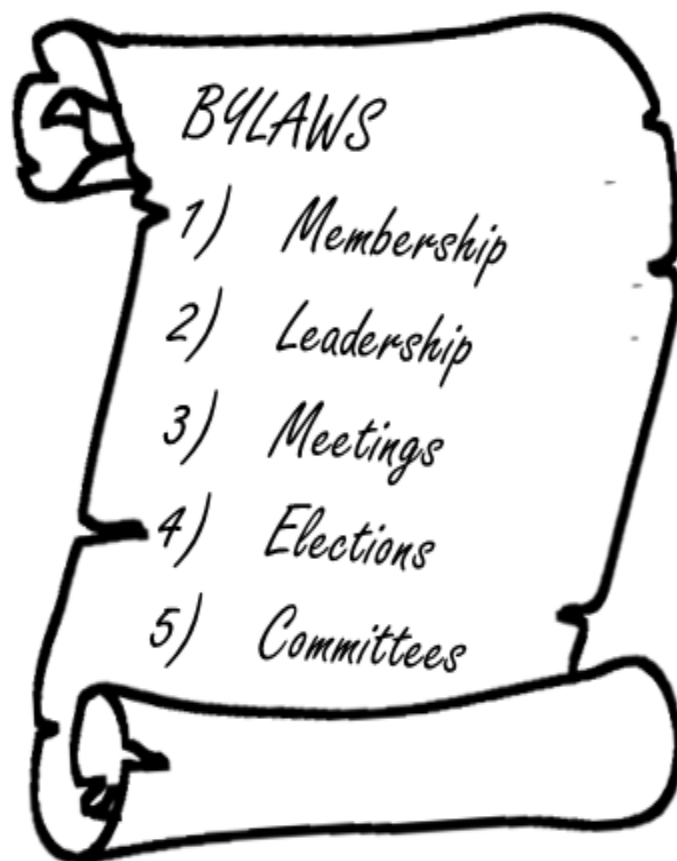
Under the amended protocol, our Commander initiated an e-Conference on November 14, 2021, where we made the motion to approve and accept the **"Proposed New D28 Bylaws"** into District 28 law. To that end, per the current District 28 Bylaws, an agenda

was distributed along with the proposed Bylaws crafted by our committee.

There was a lively discussion, upon which the motion carried by a vast majority. The Bylaws were then sent to our Advisor at USPS Headquarters for final ratification. They are now published on our D28 website <https://americasboatingclubd28.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/District-Bylaws-111421-1.pdf>

Respectfully yours,

— *P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen (Chair)*
— *P/D/C Richard Cross*
— *D/Lt/C Allan Bombard*





Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron/America's Boating Club of Phoenix had a great time recently at St. Mary's Food Bank.

A great time was had by all. **Bill Johnson** started the line making boxes. Then **Rochelle Taylor** put 3 plastic bags in each box.

Canned foods were put in the bags as they went down the line. **Jackie Wanta** did green beans, **Rosa Biagi** did peanut butter, **Terry Biagi** kept her supplied with the peanut butter and took photos. **Connie Johnson** did pears, and **Donna Stowman** did bags of cereal and closed up the boxes. Other items were black beans, tuna, and jelly which were bagged by different groups.

In all 1,080 bags were packaged in 2 hours which met the goal of 20 pallets of food ready to go.

We all felt that we had *run a marathon* by the time it was all said and done. And we all vowed to do it again next year.

Submitted by *Connie Johnson*





2021-2022 Bridge



SAN DIEGO CHANGE OF WATCH



Top Clockwise: Jill Powell (SLR) and Deb Oberg and Outgoing Bridge: Deb Oberg, Bob Gibbs, Dan Dreesen, Carl Schwartz, Doug Bass & Deb Oberg. Member of the Year: Richard Cross with Pete Oberg; Deb Oberg; Richard Cross, Debbie Lenart, Luis Sepulveda, and Pete Oberg; Doug and Deb; Claudia Bowler, Shaun McArdle and Ted Bowler; Jon Coats, Carole Hallock and Shaun McArdle; Gerry Murphy; Tawnya Rhoades-Penney, Jon Coats, Christine Milkovits, and Renee Cohen; Dan Dreesen, Tawnya, Luda & Doug Bass, Christine, Renee, Jeanne & Bob Gibbs.

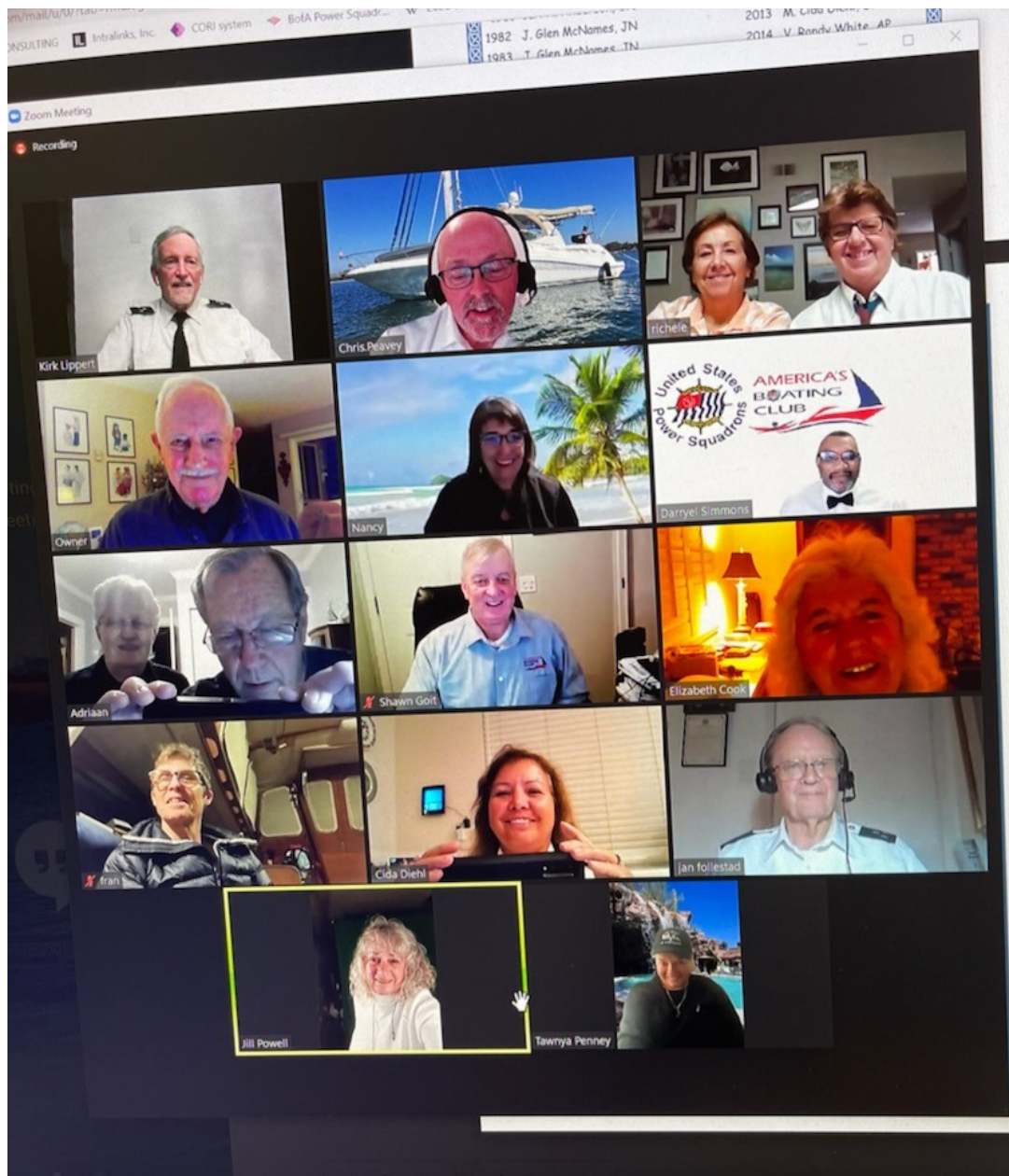


2022-2023 Bridge





Americas Boating Club Oceanside—Change of Watch



Wednesday January 19
AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
 For Boaters, By Boaters

2021 OFFICERS BRIDGE	
COMMANDER	Cdr. Kirk T. Lippe
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	Lt/C Richele Daciolas-Semon
EDUCATION OFFICER	Lt/C Jan I. Follestad
ASST. EDUCATION OFFICER	1/Lt Cida Diehl, S
TREASURER	Lt/C Chris Peavey
SECRETARY	Lt/C Elizabeth Cook

2022 ELECTED OFFICERS BRIDGE	
COMMANDER	Cdr. Kirk T. Lippe
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Lt/C Shawn Goit
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	Lt/C Barbara Daciolas-Semon
A/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	1/Lt Richele Daciolas-Semon
EDUCATION OFFICER	Lt/C Jan I. Follestad
ASST. EDUCATION OFFICER	1/Lt Shawn Goit
TREASURER	Lt/C Darryel Simmons
A/TREASURER	1/Lt Chris Peavey
SECRETARY	Lt/C Elizabeth Cook
MEMBER AT LARGE	1/Lt Jeff Olsen, I
IMMED. PAST COMMANDER	P/C Chris Peavey



United States Power Squadrons

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
 For Boaters, By Boaters

L to R and R to L: Kirk Lippert, Chris Peavey, Richele & Barbara Daciolas-Semon, Darryel Simmons, Nancy Kangas, Shaun McArdle (*San Diego*), Cheryl & Adriaan Veldhuisen, Shawn Goit, Elizabeth Cook, Jan Follestad, Cida Diehl, Fran LaMons, Jill Powell and Tawnya Penney (*San Diego*)



Organizational Restructuring

Our current organizational structure of squadrons, districts, and national leadership was created decades ago when we were a much larger organization and needed a hierarchical configuration for communication and coordination. Today, however, total membership is much smaller, there are fewer squadrons, clubs and districts, and telecommunications is far more advanced. Some districts are no larger than squadrons, districts are consolidating, and too many squadrons and clubs dissolve each year. Commensurately, the number of educational courses completed continues to erode. A contributing factor is that our modus operandi has not kept pace with how today's boater learns, interacts with others, and depends on technology. As a result, we are challenged to recruit and retain members.

The Board of Directors has created a geographically diverse ad hoc group under the leadership of **National Executive Officer Craig Fraser**, including **David Allen, Allan Bombard, John Crawford, Bob David, Myles Gee, Paul Mermelstein** and **Ralph Ziegler**. This committee presented ideas for restructuring **America's Boating Club** at the **2021 Virtual Annual Meeting**, the **2021 Governing Board meeting**, the **District Executive Officer's online meeting**, and at various District conferences this past fall. As this is a work in progress, the ad hoc committee solicited feedback, which continues to roll in.

Predictably, there is some concern from members who enjoy participating in district or national activities who worry that we will lose that social interaction. Committee members understand; we have the same experiences and have made friends in our own districts and at national events. It pains us to contemplate major organizational change, but we also recognize the following facts:

- Over 90% of our members have no relationship with, or interest in, district or national activities. They are served by their squadrons and club and want localized education, boating activities, and social interaction.
- It is from this 90%-plus that we continue to lose most members. In fact, over half of all new squadron and club members leave within two years of joining.
- Every district has seen significant declines in both membership and courses taught.
- Very few districts have the resources to help squadrons and clubs stem the losses.
- Over 25% of squadrons and clubs have less than 25 members and do not have robust programs.

We are carefully considering a range of major organizational and functional changes to improve the delivery of services to attract and keep members. We recognize that changing the organizational structure alone will not suffice. We also need to increase the volume, efficiency, quality, and communication of educational, boating, and social programs that we provide to our members. Our goals are to:

- Increase the attraction of America's Boating Club for both member recruitment and retention.
- Meet the needs of members to keep them satisfied and engaged.
- Preserve and strengthen squadron and club capabilities to serve members.
- Bolster the capabilities of local squadrons and clubs to market and teach boating education.
- Where necessary, directly provide education to individual members such as cyber-members and squadron and club members who do not get adequate education locally.
- Increase opportunities for members to participate in boating events and social activities.
- Reduce red-tape and bureaucracy to streamline services, administration, and coordination.
- Improve communication to squadrons and clubs and to all members.

We recognize that, by definition, boating events and social activities must be localized. Active squadrons and clubs should be free to offer what they and their members want. However, many squadrons and clubs do not boat much anymore, and social activities are often limited to dinners and other gatherings. From our market research, member exit surveys, and common sense, we know that we need to have a much higher level of boating events and social activities to attract and keep members satisfied. Consequently, any organizational change must supplement local squadron and club event planning and the conduct of boating and social activities in locales that conveniently interest participants.

There is a range of options for addressing reorganization potentials, each with pros and cons:

- Do nothing.
- Rely on districts but allow more freedom.
- Eliminate districts and provide services directly from national to local squadrons and clubs and to individual members.
- Consolidate districts into about a half dozen regions with new systems and procedures that will integrate and synergize both national resources and local squadron and club leadership.
- Some combination of the above.

The ad hoc Reorganization Committee continues to work on this challenge and evaluate options. We have prepared a needs assessment survey that will be sent to all members in order to obtain direct input and better evaluate where we need to improve and what we need to change. We will incorporate this data along with feedback and suggestions, which continue to arrive. Additionally, we will examine how we do business, current processes and systems, resources, and organizational functionality. Subsequently, we will determine and recommend the most appropriate course of action for review by the Board of Directors and appropriate committees before presenting to the Governing Board for approval. The work continues; stay tuned.

The Committee 2021/2022



Report from Balboa Sail & Power Squadron/America's Boating Club

Submitted by Cdr. John P. Grandi

Wow 2021 WAS A YEAR WITH UPS AND DOWNS!

We held:

- 3 classes outside on the lawn at "C" dock Newport Dunes.
- 2 USPS classes and our own First Aid at Sea.
- A 4th of July party again on the lawn area at "C" dock.

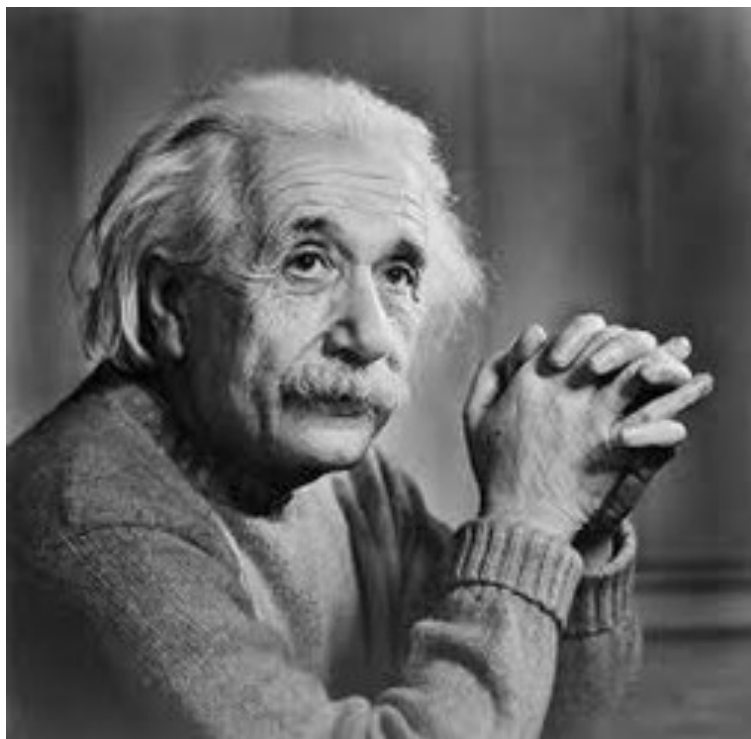
Even with the 50 in attendance we had plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs to share with anyone passing by. Displaying our banner and hand outs get their attention.

- Thanksgiving—another party on the lawn with 48 in attendance. Again sharing food and information with all who passed by.
- Christmas Party was at the Ayers Hotel. It was free to members and their guest. It was a cold and rainy night with 42 in attendance.

NOW FOR 2022 WE HAD OUR FIRST CLASS:

After planning to have it outside we were forced indoors by high winds. We kept a good distance. This was not a USPS class. It was put together by Balboa members: **Deb McDonald, Tammy Carlos** and **Wes Heusser** called **Fun with Galvanic Activity**. It came with a student handout by Tammy. Wes did a talk and demonstrated how to bond a vessel. 22 in attendance. Of course Chili Dogs were served.





ALBERT EINSTEIN'S BOATS:

Submitted by Nigel Woolf, JN

Albert Einstein's first boat looks a lot like one my father had when I was around 10, and it was the one I first learned to sail. Mine was a Rhodes 19. All wood! (Never again!)

Einstein's favorite sport. "Sailing is the only sport which demands no physical effort", he said. Albert Einstein was not only the greatest scientist of the twentieth century, but he was also an excellent sailor despite his poor health. And it was precisely because of a heart disease and at the age of 26, moved to **Caputh**, near **Berlin**, in a small house overlooking the lake, where he could finally enjoy his favorite sport.

On 14 March 1929, the day of his 50th birthday, some friends gave him the boat of his dreams – the **Tummler** – a delicious 7-meter sloop, 2.35 m wide, with a movable keel

that rotated on a pivot that brought the draft from 0.33 to 1.25 m, equipped with a 6 hp inboard.

The sail plan, innovative for the time, featured a 16.05-square-meter mainsail, a 3.95-square-meter staysail and a 8.25-square-meter jib. Below deck, the sleeping quarters consisted of a twin-bedded cabin. **Tummler** had been built by engineer **Adolf Harms**. "When he holds the helm – Albert Einstein enthusiastically tells his friends about his latest scientific ideas, "he steers the boat with the same joy and lightness than a child", writes his biographer **Rudolf Kaiser**.

But, in January 1933, **Albert Einstein** escaped **Nazi Germany to America**. His boat was seized and sold to a dentist. At the end of the war, in 1945, the great scientist tried to recover his beloved boat. Searches were vain. But Einstein never stopped sailing.

As an old man, he chose a 5-meter boat, the **Tinef**, docked in **Huntington, Long Island**, just next to the **US University** where he taught, until he died, on 18 April, 1955, aged 66.



Albert Einstein on board his 5-meter **Tinef**



Albert Einstein (on the left) on his **Tummler**

D28 SAFETY REPORT



SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON THE DOCK

Hello all! This report is aimed to make you aware of the fire hazard equipment located in every marina.

A fire on or near a dock is the most dangerous incident that can occur aboard or near a vessel. Once a fire begins, wind and other factors can cause it to jump to other watercraft. If not contained quickly, it can result in major damage to more than one boat.

To prevent this, the **National Fire Protection Association** has declared it mandatory for all marinas to have a collection of tools to help boaters and fire teams counter such emergencies.

These firefighting tools are called **Standpipe** systems, and are designed to be easily accessible to the public for rapid operation.

The standpipe system is a fixed pedestal that contains a minimum length of 150 feet of 2.5 inch fire hose. These systems are strategically placed around the marina and on floating piers so that there is not a single slip that cannot be reached with the fire hose.

The NFPA requires the standpipe hoses to be able to extend to every vessel with at least 25 feet of extra hose to board vessels and fight flames that have conjured below deck.

There are two types of standpipe systems: wet and dry. Wet systems have an active water supply (*usually saltwater*) and are ready for immediate use whenever it is needed. Rather than pulling water from the ocean to deter fires, dry systems have fresh water hookups that fire teams can use with their own equipment.

Overall, the best thing you can do for yourself if an emergency situation like a fire should arise, is to **NOT PANIC!** After all, panicking clouds the mind and impairs one's ability to make critical and safe decisions. So, if you ever find yourself in a similar state of catastrophe, please remember: ***stay calm and make your way to your dock's standpipe system!***

<https://AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.org/>

D/Lt Jake Alcantara, P



Photos in this issue provided by:

CHRIS PEAVEY, JILL POWELL and TERRY BIAGI.



District 28 Education Report Jump Start Program

Hi all, I would like to take the time to remind everyone about our **Jump Start Program**. It is not only a great recruiting tool but it is a *valuable* community service.

The program provides a framework for a squadron member to provide *one-on-one training* to a member or non-member student on the student's own boat. The student should be the owner of a new boat, or at least a boat new to them; should have some boating experience, but limited experience with a boat of the type for which the training will be conducted.



The content of the training is customized to fit the needs of the individual student. The goal is to help the new boat owner to develop essential skills for the safe operation of their boat and to break through any barriers that may limit their boating enjoyment.

The target time for the training is set at two hours. This provides a reasonable amount of time to teach a number of skills. It also sets a reasonable expectation for the student.

The Jump Start Program provides a personalized, high-quality training experience for the student. It also helps the student bond with the squadron and encourages participation in additional squadron training and activities.

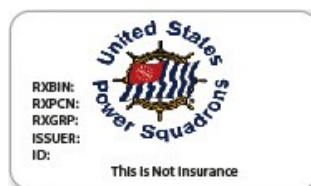
When offered to non-members, consider using this program as a recruiting tool. There is no charge for the program.

If you need any help or advice on using this program reach out to me via email below... *Thanks!*

District Education Officer
Shawn Goit, JN-ON
District28USPS@gmail.com

MEMBER BENEFITS

Just to name a few:



Sailing the British Virgin Islands

*We had never slept on a boat, Susan and I.
We had never sailed port-to-port, lying up in a
different harbor every night.
We'd never known sea legs that lasted for days.
But we wanted to. . . .*

So when our dear friend **Bob Gibbs** "Commander Bob" proposed renting a catamaran, we were thrilled to sign on. We'd been to the **British Virgin Islands** before, but never like this.



That conversation began in 2019. Four couples, all in the 60+ group, committed to the adventure. We settled on a plan to sail in spring 2020. You can guess what happened, I bet! For over a year we monitored health factors constantly. By 2021, after the hurricane season, we finally judged it was safe to set sail.

The **Leopard 48** was lovely, comfortable and stable. We received a thorough introduction to the boat and islands from the wonderful people at **Conch Charters** in **Road Town** (Tortola). We had planned well ahead, so actual provisioning was quick and efficient. We typically ate two meals daily on the boat, but at night we took the dinghy in search of mojitos, conch fritters, and a full menu. The restaurant food and libations were consistently good. Among our group's favorites, we listed lobster at the **Wonky Dog** (Anagada) and **Foxy's** all-you-can-eat in **Great Harbor** (Jost van Dyke). And we contend that when cruising the BVI, one is required to slurp Painkillers at the **Soggy Dollar Bar**.

Every day brought delights and now great memories. They also brought challenges. Covid protocols were a hassle but they provided welcome security.

The catamaran gave us some wonky moments. First, the autopilot kept overriding the helm, even overriding the standby mode that should have deactivated it. Later, both the main and the jib resisted our efforts to reef. Our shopping was limited—some shops were fully—functioning, but others were still shuttered.

Would we do this again? In a heartbeat! My new shirt proclaims that "the ocean fixes everything."

Skies were glorious, especially as clouds billowed, flashing magnificent colors of dawn and dusk. Waters were exquisite—azure and indigo, aqua and teal—and a perfect temperature for snorkeling and diving. Snorkeling had been fabulous on a previous trip, but we saw fewer fish this time. One night I watched a lunar eclipse and a meteor shower from the trampoline.

Motoring from **Beef Island** to **Anagada**, we encountered heavy seas, tasted salt spray on our lips, listened to relentless pounding of waves on the hull, and belatedly stowed the kitchen utensils that clattered to the floor.

We began to imagine a life of cruising. Our crew, good friends, in a close community, was terrific. There were plenty of experienced sailors in our little group, but Commander Bob brought welcome mastery to this bareboat charter. Life-time Painkillers for Bob!

*Kenn Wessel
November 2021*

Editor's Note:

Watch for follow-up article in the Fall Lead Line 2022 issue sharing the affordability and excitement of chartering in the BVI —submitted by Lt. Bob Gibbs IN. ABC San Diego/San Diego Sail & Power Squadron.



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names and formats that deviate from the **Marketing Guidebook**. Incorrectly named entities can be found in newsletters, official documents, personal correspondence and such. This needs to be addressed at all levels of the organization, from local to the national level.

Public Relations: It is my perception that there is very little being done locally, regionally, and nationally, to promote the programs that Clubs in our District are offering. As a result, I developed a proposed plan to advertise on the west coast boating publications and made suggestions for a national program which I shared with the **USPS Marketing and Public Relations Committees**. The national committees have acknowledged my suggestions, and I am eagerly awaiting the results of their deliberations—and actions!

I shared some of my ideas with **P/C Bob Gibbs, JN** of the San Diego Club, who contacted **The Log** (*a by-weekly boating paper that covers the west coast*). Bob was able to get a very good article published about America's Boating Club and continues to assist with the nominal resources to promote **ABC San Diego**, a model for the other Clubs in our District (and nationally). **P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON**, as a licensed **US Coast Guard Captain**, likes to share awareness for boating safety and an understanding of the Rules. In that vein, and since 2013, he has published a recurring article, including personal stories and a legal question. That article is now picked up by an **Oceanside Harbor** newsletter, and also copied to the editors for **The Mariner's Needle** and **The Ship's Mail** newsletters. It usually includes a blurb to promote current North County San Diego educational offerings.

Both Bob and I have further media promotion ideas in the process, but we feel that the national organization needs to make PR a key deliverable in 2022. Financial and media support from the District and ABC/USPS is desperately needed to attract students, recruit new members, and retain current ones.

P/D/C Richard Cross, JN -IN

Chair, ABC District 28 Planning Committee

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