



# District 28 Lead Line



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## Commander's Report



D/C ALLAN BOMBARD, SN—IN

### Greetings to all, and Happy New Year!

By the time you have this, all 3 of our Club Changes of Watch (CoW) will have occurred, one an almost complete change (Balboa SPS), one with a few changes (San Luis Rey SPS), and one with no changes (San Diego SPS). *All good!*

I have to say it was a particular joy to attend the BSPS CoW and install their new Bridge. But before we got to that, watching the outgoing **Commander, John Grandi**, get some good ribbing was really, really fun. I had never met the instigator of the jest, **P/C Wesley Heusser, JN**. Wes is, of course, legendary. He's done more **Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs)** than most of the USPS other **Vessel Examiners (VE)** could even dream about. Probably more VSCs than most of the VEs in the USPS combined. Back to the story...

The BSPS honored John by giving him a lovely cutting board and a set of special, Cutco (*John emphasized that 3 times*) knives. But, as tradition has it, it's unlikely to receive a free gift of knives, so he was required to come with \$0.01. "*Impossible*" shouts out Wes from the floor. "*John has no sense!*" It was a wonderful way to set the tone for the rest of the CoW.

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## 2023/4 Calendar

### 2023

JANUARY 14: ABC SAN DIEGO CHANGE OF WATCH

JANUARY 28: ABC BALBOA CHANGE OF WATCH

FEBRUARY 01: ABC OCEANSIDE CHANGE OF WATCH

19-26 FEBRUARY: USPS/AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING—ORLANDO, FL.

25 MARCH: D28 CONFERENCE SAN DIEGO—SOUTHWESTERN YACHT CLUB

18—30 JUNE: ABC ALASKA CRUISE/TOUR M.S. "NIEUW AMSTERDAM"

19-27 SEPTEMBER: USPS/ABC GOVERNING BOARD, KANSAS CITY, KS.

### 2024

03-12 FEBRUARY—ANNUAL MEETING. ORLANDO, FL.

### 2025

01-10 FEBRUARY—ANNUAL MEETING

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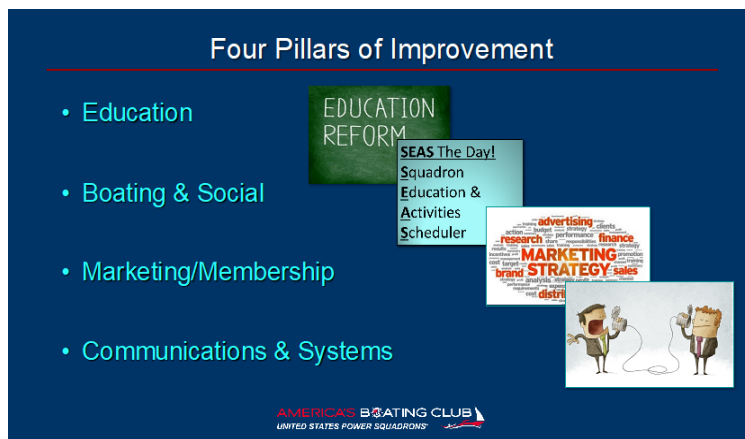
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At each of the CoWs I came away with the impression that each of our Clubs are looking forward to actively participating in the activities of our USPS America's Boating Club and, more importantly, oing it together. For quite some time, the SLRSPS and SDSPS have worked together sharing social and educational activities. The BSPS wants to join in on the educational aspects, as they have indicated a very strong need to have courses taught there and have

many willing and eager students. In fact, during the CoW the local Sea Scout contingent – which performed as an exemplary Color Guard for the opening and closing of the meeting – approached me about taking our four piloting classes, which they can use for their advancement. I've let San Diego's **Lt Mike Philbrook, AP** – the SDSPS liaison to the Sea Scouts – know about this too. I see an opportunity for the Clubs in our District to not only induct more members (*as I did with the Sea Scouts at the Balboa CoW*) but also teach more students.

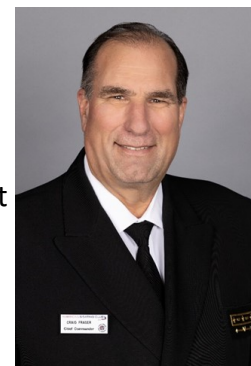
The **USPS/ABC National Meeting** is fast approaching, and I hope that some of our Members will be able to attend the Orlando festivities. One new feature will be the ability to attend online and for eligible officers to vote. Keep an eye out for more information from National about the meeting this week.

There is quite a bit of activity going on behind the scenes at the national level, as I updated everyone during our own CoW last spring. The primary focus is the Member and the Clubs, and the approach is broad – perhaps best summarized by this slide from the Chief Commander's Message last Autumn:



I'd like to recognize two District members for their recent contributions. The first is SLRSPS' **Lt/C Darryel Simmons, P** for stepping up and volunteering to take on the Districts' **Cooperative Charting** leadership role (*remember the "Help Wanted" ad in the last LeadLine?*) The second is **P/D/C Richard Cross, JN-IN**, who won the "*What do you call a Group of Past Commanders*" contest. The winning name? A noble of Commanders! This current Commander owes him a libation at our next CoW.

Finally, please attend our upcoming District 28 Change of Watch. (*See further information in this issue of The Lead Line, as well as the Club newsletters*). It is scheduled to begin at 0900 on **Saturday 25 March 2023** at the **Southwestern Yacht Club in San Diego** and will feature both a picnic/outdoor lunch as well as a dinner that evening. Our guest of honor will be **Chief Commander Craig Fraser, SN-IN!**



We are hoping for robust participation from all 3 of our Clubs and are currently looking into room pricing at a few local hotels for those of you who might wish to spend either Friday or Saturday night in San Diego. *More about that to follow.....*

*Respectfully,*

*Allan T Bombard, SN-IN*

Commander, District 28 [District28ABC@gmail.com](mailto:District28ABC@gmail.com)

## *D28 Slate of Officers 2023 / 2024*

PER SECTION 2.9.1 OF THE BYLAWS OF DISTRICT 28

*THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SETS OUT BELOW ITS NOMINEES FOR THE  
2023-2024 WATCH*

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

Rules                      Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON

Financial Review        Chris Peavey, SN-IN

Planning                  Richard Cross, JN -IN

Law Officer              Michael Wales, Esq.

*Respectfully submitted by the D28 Nominations Committee.*

*All nominations have agreed to their duties.*

D/Lt Deb Oberg, JN  
D28 Nominations Chair

## **WANTED!**

### **ONE TAKEN**

For the following D28 positions:

**D/Lt Cooperative Charting Chairman—Darryel D. Simmons, P**

**D/Lt Vessel Safety Check Chairman—Open**

Apply [here](#).

**Text: 1-619-916-7995**





## DISTRICT 28

*Southern California*

# DISTRICT 28 ANNUAL MEETING AND CHANGE OF WATCH AGENDA

Bridge: *Uniform G –Regulation short-sleeve white shirt with uniform trousers or other appropriate attire. Attendees: USPS Polo shirt or equivalent.*

## SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2023

Southwestern Yacht Club  
2702 Qualtrough Street, San Diego, CA 92106

**0830** Social with pastries, juice, coffee

**0900** **Welcome & Call to Order** (*D/C Allan T Bombard, SN-IN*)

Invocation (*P/D/C Duane Leathers, AP*)

Moment of silence

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of USA (*P/D/C Barry Bean, JN-CN*)

Introductions of Distinguished Persons:

**C/C Craig Fraser, SN-IN**

*First Mate Liana Mihalca, SN*

(*P/D/Cs; P/S/Cs: Squadron Bridge Officers*)

**0915** **Establishment of a Quorum & Approval of Minutes** (*D/C Allan T Bombard, SN-IN; Lt/C Sue Bean, AP*)

**0920** **Chief's Message** (*CC Craig Fraser, SN-IN*)

**0950** Reports from committees

- Rules (*P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON*)
- Nomination (*D/Lt Deb Oberg, JN*)
- Planning (*P/D/C Richard Cross, JN-IN*)
- 2023 budget (*D/Lt/C Sue Bean, AP*)

**1010** Annual Conference 2024 Planning Report (*DAO D/Lt/C Doug Bass, SN-IN*)





**1015** Annual Reports from Squadron Commanders ("Mini-GMMs")

- 1015-1035: Balboa SPS (*Cdr Robert Shaw*)
- 1035-1055: ABC Oceanside (*Cdr Shawn Goit, JN-ON*)
- 1055-1115: ABC San Diego (*Cdr Deb Oberg, JN*)

**1115** Annual Reports from the District Bridge Officers

- District Admin Officer (*D/Lt/C Doug Bass, SN-IN*)
- District Education Officer (*R/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON*)
- District Secretary/Treasurer (*D/Lt/C Sue Bean, AP*)

**1130** Nomination Committee Report, Nominations from the Floor

**1140** Unfinished Business

**1150** New Business

- District 28 Burgee (*D/Lt Jill Powell, AP*)

**1200** Lunch Recess (BBQ on A/D Dock Patio area) - *included*.

**1300** Resumption of Meeting & Presentation of Awards

- Final report of the Nominating Committee
- Election

**1315** Dismissal of 2022/23 Retiring Bridge & Commander (*CC Craig Fraser, SN-IN*)

Swearing in of 2023/24 Commander (*CC Craig Fraser, SN-IN*)

Swearing in of 2023/24 Bridge (*CC Craig Fraser, SN-IN*)

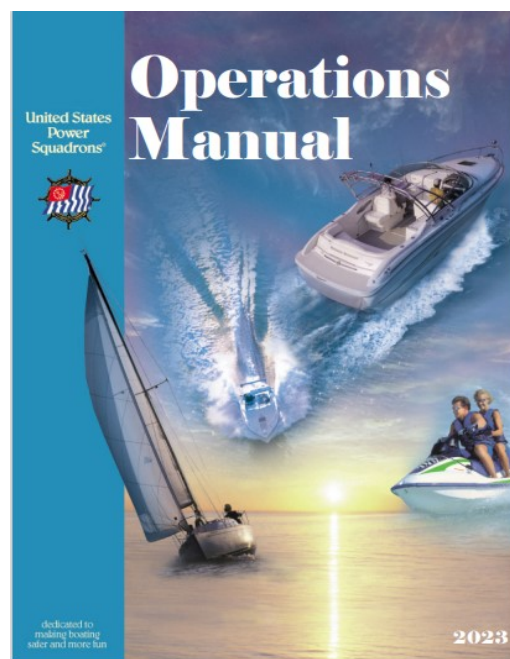
**1330** Remarks from the incumbent Commander / Closing comments

**1345** Adjournment

**1400** Operations Training (*P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON*)

**1700** Social Hour

**1800** Dinner at Southwestern Yacht Club



## Registration for D28 Change of Watch

Welcome to the District 28 Spring Conference. Join us for social time, meetings, conferences, Operations Training and dinner. Meetings and dinner are open to all District and Club/Squadron members, families and guests.

**\$46/Per Person - Please pay online (preferred method)**

All meetings and events will be located at the Southwestern Yacht Club, a venue located along the shores of San Diego Bay. Various hotels are located in the area if you would like to stay a night.

### Preferred Method to Register



<https://americasboatingclubd28.org/d28-cow-2023/>

### Snail Mail Method to Register

Club/Squadron:

Email:

Contact Phone:

Name Rank/Grade:

— — Circle Preference — —

Spaghetti Primavera

Grilled Chicken Paillard

Mizo Glazed Salmon

Are you interested in attending Operations Training: YES or NO

Name Rank/Grade:

— — Circle Preference — —

Spaghetti Primavera

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Are you interested in attending Operations Training: YES or NO

Please enclose a check for \$46/Per Person along with this form. Make checks payable to San Diego Sail & Power Squadron. Mail to Cdr Deb Oberg, 2577 Melbourne Drive, San Diego, CA 92123. Questions will be answered by emailing [doberg10@aol.com](mailto:doberg10@aol.com) or calling (858) 757-7851



## REPORT FROM THE D28 RULES COMMITTEE

The D28 Rules Committee is nearing the end of updating the Bylaws. The committee started its process with research, as is customary every few years in USPS.

The committee consists of **P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen** as the Chair, **Commander Allan Bombard**, and **P/D/C Richard Cross**.

### Notes for this draft:

1. *This draft is based on the USPS District Model Bylaws of October 2022.*
2. *All accepted changes were made in the previous D28 Bylaws of September 2021`.*
3. *Editing is incorporated based on Grammarly, a cloud-based spelling checker.*
4. *The goal of these changes is based on simplifying D28's organizational structure.*
5. *The [OPTIONAL] existence of a District Council has been eliminated.*
6. *Per December 1, District 28 consists of only 3 squadrons, all in southern California.*
7. *The functions of the Secretary and Treasurer are combined into one office.*
8. *Furthermore, we may consider whether Elected Assistants should be [OPTIONAL].*
9. *If the offices of Exec and Admin are eliminated, then their responsibilities need 'a home'.*

**Our process:** We downloaded the latest USPS District Model Bylaws and examined our changed environment. To that end, the committee has

downloaded the newest Model Bylaws for Districts from USPS Headquarters. **We are the first, or one of the first districts, to use the District Model Bylaws.** We also reviewed the current D28 Bylaws. We 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. Our latest review 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.

The committee requests that members of D28 review the proposed Bylaws, as distributed with the **Lead Line** (*attached to your email*). There will be an opportunity to make comments at the **2023 District 28 Conference on March 25**, with motions for Amendment, upon which a vote will be taken to adopt them as the current District 28 Bylaws.

*Respectfully yours,*

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

After having worked so diligently on these ByLaws, it is time for a vacation.

Cheryl and Adriaan Veldhuisen aboard HAL "Noordam" 2/11/23 in Sydney, Australia. Disembarking Auckland, NZ







Allan Bombard, Doug Bass, Paula Vance, Deb Oberg, Debbie Lenart and Carl Schwartz.



Kirk Lippert, Shawn Goit and Luis Sepulveda



Carl Schwartz, Kirk Lippert, Bob & Jeanne Gibbs and Jon Coats

Change of Watch  
 ABC San Diego  
 14 January 2023  
 At Southwestern  
 Yacht Club



Doug Bass, Joanne O'Neil, Shaun McArdle, Allan Bombard, Carole Hallock, Richard Cross and Paula Vance



Dave & Marie Bauer and Darryel Simmons



Debbie Lenart, Deb & Peter Oberg, Leila & Mike Wales



Luis Sepulveda, Kirk Lippert, Shawn Goit, Jill Powell, Nancy Kangas and Chris Peavey



## Balboa Sail & Power Squadron Commander's Report

By Cdr John P. Grandi

A busy year is behind us with the following events completed:

- 17 March: Presentation by Wolfgang Kutter on cruising "Down the Danube"
- 04 April: Easter potluck
- 18 April: Duffy boat cruise in Newport Harbor, CA
- 04 June: Picnic with Sea Scouts
- 18 June: Doggie birthday celebration—10 dogs enjoying doggie cup cakes
- 25 June: Electrolysis and zinc presentation. New member installation.
- 04 July: Boat Parade
- 04 August: Lyons Air Museum
- 11 October: VHF Seminar by Eric Gritzmacher

### AWARDS:

Longest Membership: Mike Stewart—67 years

Members of the Year: Ted Woodmas and Sharon Grandi

### MERIT MARKS:

Linda Banks

Eric Gritzmacher

Debbie McDonald

Patricia Warren

Wes Heusser

Wolfgang Kutter

Ted Woodmas

## America's Boating Club San Diego Year 2022 in Review

By Commander Deb Oberg, JN

The year has been a good one for the San **Diego Squadron**. We were able to have all of our GMM meetings in person, starting with our COW in January. We had to make many adjustments throughout the year but we were determined to make it work!! We continue to have our ExCom meetings via Zoom to accommodate everyone's travel schedule.

Our **Education Department** did an incredible job in increasing the number of courses and seminars throughout the year. They also increased the number of participants per class which has made for a very successful year. We are still working on translating those increased education numbers into membership numbers, but 2023 is another year!

The **District 28** cruise to **Mexico** (hosted by the *San Luis Rey* squadron) was well attended by many members of the district (about 40). It also included the P/C/C **MaryPaige Abbott** and her husband **Steve**. Quite a treat for all! The members were busy on the cruise teaching some classes and taking readings with a sextant off the side of the ship. MaryPaige Abbott also attended the District 28 Meeting in March 2022 before sailing way!

Our Sail Fleet continues to race in the **South Bay Racing Series** on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Our racers continue to perform very well.

Now that the lockdowns have been eased, we were able to get back into performing **Vessel Safety Checks** as a free service to boaters. We ended the year at 50 VSCs and looking forward to doing more in 2023.

Just like any good nonprofit organization, the volunteers are the ones that make it work and we would not be successful without all of their efforts! We submitted 20 members for **Merit Marks** with a total of 647 volunteer hours and recognized **Alice Kulikowski** as **Member of the Year**.

Overall, 2022 was a great comeback year and looking forward to 2023 to make the squadron bigger and better!!

Cdr Deb Oberg, JN



Interested in following your peers as they cruise the **Inside Passage 18-25 June 2023**. Follow them via GPS on this link: [HAL NIEUW AMSTERDAM](#) See Page 17





Change of Watch  
 ABC Balboa  
 28 January 2023  
 At Bahia Corinthian  
 Yacht Club



**1. New Bridge:** Tammy Carlos, Trisha Warren, Jeff Fowler, Linda Banks, Renere Lopez, Ted Woodmas and Robert Shaw (*in box*); **2.** Wes Heusser and John Grandi; **3.** Allan Bombard and Robert Shaw; **4.** Wes Heusser, John Grandi and Debbie McDonald; **5.** John Grandi and Allan Bombard; **6.** John & Sharon Grandi; **7.** Wes Heusser, John Grandi and Ted Woodmas.





Balboa Sail & Power Squadron Cdr John Grandi and D28 Cdr Allan Bombard install 3 Sea Scouts into the squadron at the Change of Watch.



Mike Stewart has 68 years of membership and 47 merit marks.



Tammy Carlos and Julie are installed by D28 Cdr Allan Bombard and newly installed Balboa Cdr Robert Shaw.



Chris Peavey and Jill Powell at ExCom (under the mistletoe)



Balboa Member of the Year  
Ted Woodmas and Vessel Safety  
Check master Wes Heusser



ABC Oceanside Instructors: Jorge Alonso, Kirk Lippert, Jan Follstad, Cida Diehl, Shawn Goit and Dennis Alba.





## GLORIA COOK

7/15/1927– 2/02/2023

(USPS 1982-2016)

*Her daughter Mary Beth Cook wrote: I am very sorry to share the news that my mother, Gloria Cook passed away on Friday, December 30. We think she had a premonition that her time was soon since she was strangely at peace and in good spirits for the last few weeks. When we were*

*able to gather the family, she was taken off of life support on Monday and died 10 hours later.*

*Some of her happiest times were when she was boating and active in the U.S. Power Squadrons® and sharing time with you.*

*Gloria and husband Lou were active in the **Balboa Sail & Power Squadron** for many years. Gloria was part of the auxiliary, holding many positions including president and developed lasting friendships through the squadron. When Lou retired, they traveled widely to visit relatives, friends, and to attend Power Squadron events.*

## America's Boating Club Oceanside 2022 Report

This past year really went by quickly compared to the previous two where we were had to deal with the pandemic and lockdowns. We will remember 2022 as the year everything opened up again and we actually were able to meet in person and have classes with students face to face.

We did hit some bumps in the road in dealing with the **Oceanside Yacht Club** but I'm hopeful that our relationship with them will improve in a positive manner in the future. Our education department lead by **SEO Lt/C Jan Follestad** and assisted by **1/Lt Cida Diehl** wasted no time and had our classes up and running. After visiting the different classes it's obvious the two most popular are the **ABC** and the **Engine Maintenance** courses and I couldn't be more proud of the instructors **Jan Follestad** and **Jorge Alonso**.

Everyone knows one of the most difficult positions on the bridge is **Administrative Officer**. Ours, and **Asst. Administrative Officer 1/Lt Richele Daciolas-Semon** did an excellent job planning and executing our events. They really outdid themselves at our **Holiday/Christmas** event as many attendees commented on what a great time they had. They kept track of our membership numbers and phoned or emailed those members that needed a reminder to renew.

Our **Executive Officer, Lt/C Shawn Goit** has always played a vital role in our club. Shawn maintains a constant presence at the **Oceanside Harbor** by promoting and teaching our **On-the-Water** class in addition to **Vessel Safety Checks**.

We could not have a squadron without a secretary and **Lt/C Elizabeth Cook** has handled the position in a very professional approach and calm personality. **Lt/C Darryel Simmons** handles our finances as treasurer and also fills in by our other departments. **1/Lt Chris Peavey** offers assistance to Darryel and as a past commander is able to offer guidance to the rest of the bridge. **Jeff Olsen** is our **Member at Large** and also has the daunting task as a member of the **Nominating Committee** which he has exceeded expectations. Our website is maintained by **Nancy Kangas** and this is critical to our club as that is how we reach the public and our current members.

The editor of this **Lead Line** is **Jill Powell**. Jill also is the editor of the ABC-Oceanside award winning newsletter, **The Mariner's Needle**. Jill is the worker bee of our club and there are not enough positive words I could write that comes close to describing all she does for our club.

See Page 13 for some bridge photos.



I'm optimistic that 2023 will be even better than 2022 with a full bridge and lots of enthusiasm.

*Cdr Kirk Lippert, JN*





ABC OCEANSIDE 2023 BRIDGE INSTALLED BY D28 CDR ALLAN BOMBARD



Cdr Kirk Lippert and Commander's Trophy to Darryel Simmons



D28 Cdr Allan Bombard, Publications Jill Powell and D28 SEO Shawn Goit

Below: Secretary Elizabeth Cook, Member at Large Jeff Olsen, Administrative Officer Barbara Daciolas-Semon and Kirk Lippert with Webmaster Nancy Kangas.



# Happy Day District 28 America's Boating Club Members:

*By Vivian Matuk*

Please join National for one of its **FREE virtual Dockwalker classes in 2023. D28 endorsed the program in 2015, and since then it has been one of the main partners.** Check the squadron/club benefits at the end of this article.

Last year thanks to your efforts, USPS National was able to share clean boating practices and distribute the CA Boater Kits among [5,900 California Boaters throughout the state!](#)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRAININGS** (please click in the links below [\(blue underlined text\)](#) to register):

**10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023** – Virtual Training

**Saturday, April 15, 2023** - In person-Training – Marina Del Rey at the Del Rey Yacht Club (13900 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292). \*\*If our targeted registration is not reached, this training will be virtual.\*\* You will be notified by April 10th.

**Saturday, May 13, 2023** - In person-Training - Silver Gate Yacht Club, 2091 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego, CA 92106. \*\* If our our targeted registration is not reached, this training will be virtual.\*\* You will be notified by May 8th.

**Saturday, June 10, 2023** – Virtual Training

**Refresher Trainings** - *If you were trained more than three years ago, please take a refresher class* (please click in the links below [\(blue underlined text\)](#) to register)

**Saturday, March 18, 2023 - 10 am to 11:30 am** – Virtual Training

**Thursday, April 27, 2023 - 5:30 pm to 7 pm** – Virtual Training

[Download the flyer and registration form here.](#)

**The benefits the Dockwalker program will provide to the America's Boating Club (USPS), include:**

- The Dockwalker program is consistent with the USPS mission of Making the Water a Better Place.
- The program is **endorsed by USPS National and the CA USPS.**
- Becoming a Dockwalker will provide you with educational resources for the safety classes, vessel examinations, boat shows and other public events.
- This program will support your current efforts, enhancing and broadening your boating safety mission and will provide USPS with additional tools to protect our waterways.
- Working as a USPS member for the Dockwalker program counts as effort toward a **Merit Mark.**

**The Dockwalker program can be used by the USPS members as follows:**

- As part of the Vessel Safety Checks (VEs)
- As part of the navigational and boating safety classes required for the CA Boater Card
- At boat shows and boating events
- As a component of your navigation classes
- As a component of National Safe Boating week and events
- As a component of your presentations at marinas, yacht clubs or boating associations

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## Dockwalker Program *Continued from Page 14*

It is important to note that even though the program is called the Dockwalker Program, ABC/USPS members do not necessarily have to walk the docks in order to reach out to boaters because **Dockwalking** (conducting face-to-face education and distributing the boater kits accompanied with education) can be done wherever boaters are, including:

- Boating facilities (marinas, yacht clubs)
- Boat launch ramps
- Fishing piers
- Boat shows
- Boating events
- Boating classes
- And as mentioned above, while conducting VEs, boating safety and navigation classes, ABC/USPS public education events and presentations

Thank you in advance for your help and support!

*Vivian Matuk*

Environmental Boating Program Manager

**California State Parks**

California Coastal Commission

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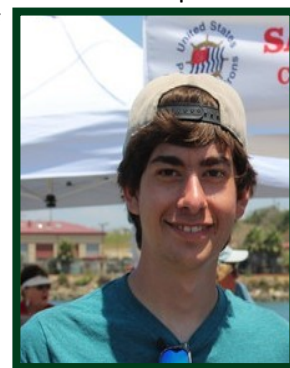
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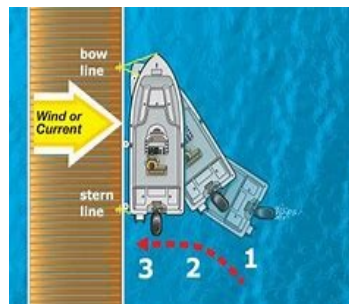
## *D28 Safety Report* *The Dangers of Wind/Current*

Wind and current affect every move a boat makes in the water. Depending on what you're trying to do on the water, these two major factors can be your enemy as well your friend. A lack of understanding of how they affect your maneuverability can result in dangerous situations for you and others.

The most common example is found in departing from and arriving at a dock. Every so often, you may observe a less experienced captain struggle to maintain control when docking in the wind. This is because wind pushes against any and all surface area of a vessel above the waterline. The lighter your vessel is, the more its movement is affected. However, it is possible to use these potentially hazardous variables to your advantage. The key is to avoid positioning your vessel at an angle where the wind is pushing it away from the dock. While using the wind to pin your vessel against the platform is optimal, there are techniques to get your vessel safely docked if the elements are not in your favor.



Pulling up to a dock with wind pushing you away from it is



achievable when utilizing your vessels full potential. To tie up at a safe and parallel angle, attach a line to one side of the bow. Then, turn your wheel away from the dock and apply forward thrust. This maneuver will swing the stern

towards the dock and allows for a safe tie-up.

This is just one example of understanding the effects of wind as well as when and how to apply your boating skills. I write this hoping that I have inspired some of you to practice and inquire about on-the-water HOT (Hands-On-Training) courses at your nearest **America's Boating Club®** location.

*D/Lt Jake Alcantara, P*





District 28 of USPS is made up of squadrons from Arizona and California. The D28 flag design is based on combining elements and symbolism from the state flags of those two states.

The white background on the top half of the D-28 flag with the five pointed red star on the top left area comes directly from the California state flag, having the same proportion and placement. (*Historically, The Lone Star Flag of California contained a single red star on a white background.*)

The copper star on the top right area comes from the center of the Arizona state flag, but reduced in size to match the red star and is placed symmetrically to the red star. (The copper star of the flag identifies Arizona as the largest copper producing state in the union.)

The red horizontal stripe on the bottom is taken directly from the California flag. It is placed on the blue horizontal stripe taken from the Arizona flag. The blue and red stripes on the bottom are separated by a white line, symbolizing the Colorado River between the two states.

The gold twenty-eight stars in an array around the center of the flag designates that this is the flag of district twenty-eight of the USPS.

The flag and its heraldry were approved by the national Flag and Etiquette Committee and announced at the USPS 2009 Annual Meeting, 21 February 2009

The 50th Anniversary Gold border was approved on 9 December 2013. So this is our 60th Year!

**P/D/C Frank Fitzgerald, AP (Dec.)**

*PS. Do we need to make adjustments now in our 61st year and after losing Phoenix? Lead Line Editor*

## Education Report

It has been a strange last couple of years to say the least, with Covid and all the restrictions the classroom teaching has taken a huge hit. But, D28 is carrying on and starting to get back to normal.

We are hoping that the 2023 year is going to be a huge success. Unfortunately, with **Phoenix** squadron leaving us we are down to 3 Clubs. The good news is that those 3 Clubs are doing very well.

**Balboa** is getting back into the teaching arena holding a Galvanic Isolation seminar. **San Diego** is very active teaching Piloting, Cruise Planning, and Engine Maintenance. **San Luis Rey** is in the middle of teaching an ABC 12-week course and Engine Maintenance. So altogether, District 28 is doing a fantastic job of education and we plan to do an even better job next year.

**Adriaan Veldhuisen** has put together an Operations Training class that is going to be held at the District 28 Change of Watch on 25th March. So, if anyone would like to join feel free to email me or Adriaan with a request.

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District 28 plans to have a whole host of scheduled courses for the 2023-2024 year coming up. Check in with your local squadron or better yet, become an associate member of your respective squadrons and get their newsletters. It is only \$10 to be an associate member and well worth the chance to catch either a fun adventure or class in a local squadron around you.

***D/Lt/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON***

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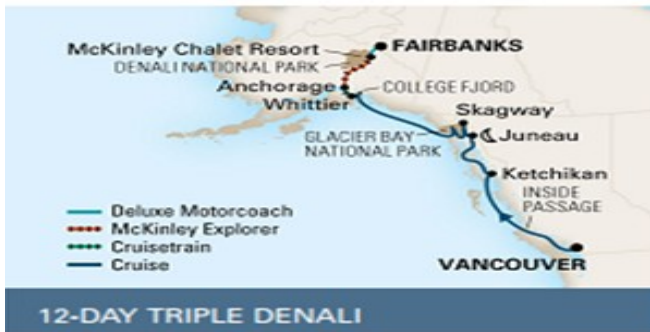


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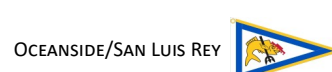
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