



District 28 Lead Line



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Commander's Report

2023/4/5 Calendar



D/C ALLAN BOMBARD, SN—CN

Ahoy there, Fellow District 28'ers!

So far this year we've had an energetic score of activities in our District, albeit along with a surprise or two. The bottom line, as our District and Club Treasurers say, is that folks are out, having fun, learning, and making the most of what our **Newport Beach, Oceanside, and San Diego America's Boating Clubs** have to offer.

On the education side of things, several courses began, were completed, and are still continuing. For me, one of the most satisfying educational events is the addition of another of our members to the ranks of those in our District who have achieved the grade of **Navigator**. Congratulations, **P/D/C Richard Cross**! It is a well-earned achievement by one of the more prolific sailors (>17,000 nm, along with his Admiral, **P/C Carole Hallock**, aboard their **S/V Evie**). Richard's achievement now brings the total of District Members achieving N (or SN) to 18 active Members. Congratulations to all who have met this educational challenge, and who are role models to everyone in our District.

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2023

- 13 SEPTEMBER OCEANSIDE PRESENTATION ON CROATIA & ALASKA
- 9-27 SEPTEMBER: USPS/ABC GOVERNING BOARD, KANSAS CITY, KS.
- 24 SEPTEMBER—D28 ICE CREAM SOCIAL—ESCONDIDO, CA
- 6-8 OCTOBER—NEWPORT BEACH CRUISE TO CATALINA
- 13 DECEMBER—ABC OCEANSIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY

2024

- 13 JANUARY—ABC SAN DIEGO CHANGE OF WATCH
- 17 JANUARY—ABC OCEANSIDE CHANGE OF WATCH
- 20 NEWPORT BEACH CHANGE OF WATCH
- 03-12 FEBRUARY—ANNUAL MEETING. ORLANDO, FL.
- 17 FEBRUARY—ABC NEWPORT BEACH VALENTINE EVENING CRUISE
- 23 MARCH—D28 ANNUAL MEETING & CHANGE OF WATCH. HOSTED BY ABC NEWPORT BEACH, CA.

2025

- 01-10 FEBRUARY—ANNUAL MEETING
- 22 FEBRUARY—D28 ANNUAL MEETING & CHANGE OF WATCH. HOSTED BY ABC OCEANSIDE, CA.
- 27 FEBRUARY — LONDON — ALTA - BERGEN: "IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS" CRUISE.

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REPORT FROM THE D28 RULES CHAIRMAN

One year ago, I was made aware, by **District Commander Allan Bombard**, that **USPS** published a new **Model Bylaws for Districts**. As the chair of our D28 Committee on Rules I solicited members into my committee to start this task.

D/C Allan Bombard, **P/D/C Richard Cross** and **Attorney Michael Wales** have been on the Committee and worked to see the project through. In the later stage **D28 Secretary Sue Bean**, our **Webmaster Nancy Kangas**, and our **Editor & Publisher Jill Powell** all contributed in their District roles to bring this job to completion. **Teamwork makes the Dream Work**.

On July 18, **R/C Al Lakin**, chair of the USPS Committee on Rules, wrote that the Bylaws of District 28 as adopted at our **March 2023 District Conference** were approved. Webmaster Nancy Kangas published them on our website:

<https://americasboatingclubd28.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/District-28-Bylaws-2023-adopted-2023-03-25-approved-2023-07-18.pdf> where you can read them. *Thank you, R/C Al Lakin and the USPS Committee on Rules, for your support and final approval.*

Thank all who have contributed time and support to this project. Although we are one of the smaller districts, this result proves that we are still able to do the necessary jobs.

Sincerely,

- P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen

CHAIR D28 COMMITTEE ON RULES



D28 Two Handsome representatives at the February 2023 National Meeting in Florida.

D28 Commander Allan Bombard and A/DEO Shawn Goit.

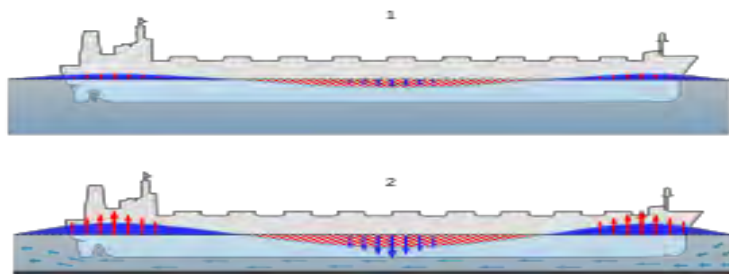
THE SQUAT EFFECT

The squat effect is the hydrodynamic phenomenon by which vessel moving through a shallow water creates an area of reduced pressure that causes the ship to increase its draft and thereby be closer to the seabed than would otherwise be expected. This phenomenon is caused by the water flow which accelerates as it passes between the hull and the seabed in confined waters, the increase in water velocity causing a resultant reduction in pressure.

Squat effect from a combination of vertical sinkage and a change of trim may cause the vessel to dip towards the stern or towards the bow.

It was a cause of the 7 August 1992 grounding of the *Queen Elizabeth 2* (QE2) off Cuttyhunk Island, near Martha's Vineyard. The liner's speed at the time was 24 knots and the draft was 32 feet.

The rock upon which the vessel grounded was an uncharted shoal later determined to be 34.5 feet, which should have given her room to spare, were it not for the "squat effect." U.S. National Transportation Safety Board investigators found that the QE2's officers significantly underestimated the amount the increase in speed would increase the ship's squat. The officers allowed for 2 feet of squat in their calculations, but the NTSB concluded that squat at that speed and depth would have been between 4.5 and 8 feet.



Education Report

GREETINGS!

Summer has finally arrived in its full glory. I hope everyone is having a great time boating safely.



For the first time after the Covid19 pandemic, I traveled abroad this summer. My European trip went smoothly, enjoyably, and uneventfully. The highlight of my trip was my yoga retreat with a group of great friends. We chartered a 53' sail boat and spent a week exploring the gorgeous **Croatian Islands** enjoying the beauty of the **Adriatic Sea coast**. We had great weather. The time went by so fast. A great time was had by all.

Today, I would like to focus on one of the most prestigious awards that our **America's Boating Club** has to offer, the **Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching**. This award is given every year at the **National Meeting** to a very important and special group of members, the core and the pillars of this great volunteer organization, our tireless and dedicated instructors. The instructors spend countless hours in the classroom and at home preparing, studying in order to teach the materials, and many of them have created their own teaching aids as well. *What a dedicated group of members!*

Many instructors teach year after year and for this reason, they should be recognized for their hard work and dedication. Every year the squadrons have the opportunity to choose the best instructor, that is the one that has the Chapman Award qualifications and requirements, and they submit that nomination to **District 28**.

Have you submitted your club/squadron's application? If so, it will be a great pleasure picking one nominee to compete for our district at the National level.

We have many competent, creative and enthusiastic instructors. Please, do not disappoint them; pick one and submit a nomination. For more information, please go to www.usps.org under the **Educational Department Awards**.

Once the squadron SEO/ASEO and Commander have chosen the qualified instructor, they request letters of

recommendation from students in support of the nominee. Squadrons, District Commanders and SEO/ASEO are encouraged to also write letters of recommendation.

The nomination is then mailed to the **National Educational Department** for competition with the other nominations from others districts around the country.

It is an honor to be chosen by the district, and it is an even greater honor to be selected from the National Educational Department. It has a committee that selects 5 nominations. The Chapman Award is given to each of the 5 winners at the February National Meeting. **It is the most prestigious award the America Boating Club has to offer.** Let's honor our instructors, and help them get nominated to the **America Boating Club's Chapman Award 2023**.

Let me know if you need any help. I can be reached by e-mail, text, or call.

Happy Summer continuation! Fair winds and following seas.

D/Lt/C Cida Diehl, SN-CN

D/28 Educational Officer - Southern California



Adriaan Veldhuisen
joined Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron/D4 28 years ago.

He transferred to San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron in 1998, and is a current member with 27

Merit Marks.

Adriaan is an education instructor/developer at all levels, and is certified through 2026.

*He earned the **Chapman Award** in 2010.*

Adriaan and wife Cheryl sailed in San Diego regularly until 2020, when they moved to the Midwest. He became a USPS Life Member in 2021.

Text: Ensign Magazine October 2022



Commander's Report contd. From Page 1



Congratulations to our newest SN (Senior Navigator)!

Submitted by D/C Allan Bombard, SN-IN

One of our most committed members has reached the highest educational level in the **America's Boating Club: Senior Navigator**. We discussed this accomplishment with **Richard** and received this response.

"It has been a long time coming, but I finally completed the requirements for Senior Navigator (SN). It took a lot of time to complete all the basic USPS classes and the six elective classes that must be completed to reach this level, but I can't avoid pointing out that there are other "SNs" in the squadron.*

I am proud that I earned this award, but after a review of our squadron roster, I am disappointed to find so few of our members have ever taken any of the basic or elective courses. I always keep in mind that we are fundamentally an education organization, yet many of our members don't take classes. That's not right.

I've read articles that say studying is good for your mind and your general health and it is certainly good for your boating skills. So do yourself a favor and take a class to uphold the squadron's status as an organization.

Thank you."

P/D/C Richard T. Cross, SN-IN

DISTRICT 28 ACTIVE NAVIGATORS

NEWPORT BEACH/BALBOA

Wolfgang Kutter

James Wilson

Peter G Barbour

SAN DIEGO

David Baer

Shelley Bakalis

Steven Bakalis

Doug Bass

Jean-Jacques Bellier

Allan Bombard

Richard Cross

Michael Grinnell

Edwin Mraz

David Weimer

OCEANSIDE/SAN LUIS REY

Cida Diehl

Jan Follestad

Bob Miller

Chris Peavy

Adriaan Veldhuisen

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America's Boating Club Newport Beach Commander's Report



Greetings from America's Boating Club Newport Beach.

We are well into a busy season of boating activities here in **Newport Beach**. Our many thanks to our **Commander Robert Shaw** for trimming the sails and setting course. Robert recently stepped down and I have now had the privilege of being sworn in as our new Commander.

Our season started with our **Opening Day**. Many friends turned out for a dockside barbeque and we also signed up five new members that day.

This was followed by our famous **Dog Birthday Party**, complete with dog cakes, pin the tail on the dog accompanied by lunch featuring you guessed it, Hot Dogs.

Sprinkled into our schedule is our third-Thursday dinner parties at the **Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club**.

Our most recent event was our **Raft-Up** in the Anchorage in **Newport Harbor**. Six boats tied together, shared snacks and fun all around. The **Sea Scouts** joined us on the 42' sailboat "**Del Mar**", that our club fully sponsors. The Del Mar is used by the Sea Scouts to teach young people sailing and boating safety.

Our next event is a **third Thursday Dinner at BCYC**. We will be saying goodbye to long time members **Richard & Linda Banks** as they are moving to the East Coast. Followed by a Saturday afternoon Harbor Cruise.

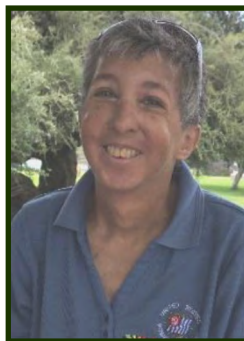
Other events on the horizon are barbeques, Cruise to Avalon, Pumpkin Carving party, Thanksgiving and Christmas parties.

We are also working on several educational opportunities.

Join us if you can. Wishing you calm seas and pretty sunsets,

Jeff Fowler, Commander

America's Boating Club San Diego Year 2023 in Review



San Diego hit the water motoring in January and has not stopped since! We started the year with our annual **Change of Watch in January** where the members all decided to recommit for another year. I have such a good team!

We combined our **March GMM** with the **District 28 Meeting** as San Diego was hosting the event. The District Meeting turned out to be a good and fun event. We managed to fit a GMM in **May** between all the events and Opening Day events at the various yacht clubs. **SWYC** hosted a **Vessel Safety Check** day in June. We gathered all of our VSC examiners and performed 16 VSC's for the members of the yacht club. It was much appreciated and they have asked us to do it again.

Our **July GMM** was held at **De Anza Cove**. It was a well attended event and it is always a fun day at the beach!!! Looking forward to hosting the **September District 28 Ice Cream Social/Movie** event. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 24 from 2-5 pm. The location will be a private clubhouse at 2250 N Broadway, Escondido. *Hope to see you all there!*

Our **November GMM** will be back at SWYC. We end our activities year with the **Parade of Lights** boat show on the waters of an **San Diego Harbor**. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a chair and watch the decorated boats sail by!

Our Education Department has been very busy this year! We completed an extended version of the **ABC course, Seamanship, Piloting and Marine Electronics**. We also wanted to do **Junior Navigation**, but no takers. We will be starting a **Sail** course, **Communications Course** and a weekend version of the **ABC class**. Come to the ABC class on Friday night and all day Saturday, then enjoy some party time at the Ice Cream /Movie! *What a deal.*

The first 6 months has been a wild ride and I am sure the next 6 months will be the same. That is what makes this organization so exciting!!!

Cdr Deb Oberg, JN



America's Boating Club Oceanside 2023 Fall Report



I am thrilled to share with you the latest updates on the accomplishments and developments within our club. Over the past period, we have made significant strides towards enhancing our boating experiences and fostering a stronger sense of community.

1. **New Camera Installations:** One of our recent achievements includes the successful installation of a camera on the roof of the Oceanside Yacht Club. This camera provides a live view of the harbor entrance, allowing us to monitor weather conditions and ensure safer boating practices.

Additionally, we are in the process of installing another camera that will capture the lively antics of local seals and other captivating scenes.

These cameras not only serve practical purposes but also add an element of fun and connection to our boating environment.

2. **Educational Empowerment:** Our commitment to education remains unwavering. The recent completion of the Engine Maintenance, Marine Electronics, ABC class, Hands-on Training, and Instructor Development courses has equipped our members with invaluable skills and knowledge. We believe that a well-informed boater is a safer and more confident boater.
3. **Honoring Jim and Suzi Weaver:** During National Safe Boating Week, we paid tribute to the memory of Jim and Suzi Weaver, esteemed members who tragically lost their lives in a drowning accident. In their honor, we distributed life vests, symbolizing our unwavering dedication to boating safety within our community.

4. **District 28 Unity:** Our recent District 28 event exemplified the strength of our connections with fellow squadrons. The event was a resounding success, uniting members from all three squadrons in an atmosphere of camaraderie and shared passion for boating.
5. **Future Courses and Certifications:** We are excited to announce upcoming additions to our educational offerings. In the pipeline are a new ABC course, aimed at providing a comprehensive boating foundation, and a Marine Navigation class to further refine navigational skills.
6. **BOC School Triumph:** Our recent Boat Operators Certification (BOC) school yielded remarkable results, certifying several candidates up to the Advanced Coastal Navigators (ACN) level. Building on this success, we have plans to host another session in the near future, with the goal of certifying members up to the Ocean Navigator (ON) level.
7. **Anticipating More District Collaborations:** Looking ahead, we are eager to engage in future District events alongside our fellow squadrons. These joint endeavors promise to bring even more opportunities for shared experiences and growth.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every member for your dedication, enthusiasm, and contributions to **Americas Boating Club Oceanside**. It is your unwavering support that propels us forward and strengthens our sense of community.

As we navigate the waters ahead, I encourage you to stay connected, informed, and above all, safe.

With Fair Winds and Following Seas,

Cdr Shawn Goit, JN-ON





From Top Left to Right: Deb & Peter Oberg, Shawn Goit and D28 crew, Shawn Goit, Priscilla & Duane Leathers, Jan Follestad and Darryl Simmons, Ted Woodmas and Wes Heusser, Newport Beach Opening Day, and D28 Picnic Oceanside July.

Commander's Report *Continued from Page 4*

Although I was unable to attend the **District 28** picnic hosted by our **ABC Oceanside Club**, as **P/C Paula Vance** and I are summering on **Lake Champlain** (*photo below*), I understand that the whole event was a rousing success. I'm told that there was some 50+ Members and guests in attendance! Kudos to **Commander (P/R/C) Shawn Goit**, **SAO Barbara Daciolas-Semon**, **Lt Jill Powell**, and everyone in the SLRSPS who worked so hard to promote, prepare, and manage this event. It was great that new Commander of **ABC Newport Beach**, **Cdr Jeff Fowler**, and several of the NB/BSPS were able to attend.

I mentioned above that there were a few surprises. Well, the leadership changes at Newport/Balboa were one. Thank you, Jeff, for joining the event. I hope that this camaraderie will continue to flourish, not only socially but also educationally. This event is the type of activity that we all love and will spark interest in the opportunities available within our District as our Squadrons continue to work together. The next District event is an ice cream social hosted by **ABC San Diego**, **September 24 from 14:00 – 17:00 in Escondido**.

Finally, I'll be heading to the **USPS/ABC Annual Governing Board Meeting in Kansas City** next month. If you are planning to attend, please LMK. If not, but wish to consider it, this link should help:

<https://www.usps.org/memb-home>

Respectfully,

Allan

Allan T Bombard, **SN-CN**
Commander, District 28

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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
DISTRICT 28


ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MOVIE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

FROM 2:00 TO 5:00 PM

LOCATION: SUNDANCE
COMMUNITY CENTER AT
2250 N. BROADWAY,
ESCONDIDO 92026

Parking is limited, please try to carpool



Event is FREE

Please come and share some fellowship and great food.

Appetizers, ice cream and popcorn
(with various toppings)

Please RSVP by 22 September to
Deb Oberg at 858-717-7851 or

doberg10@aol.com

Photos in this Fall 2023 issue of the D28 Lead Line courtesy of Deb Oberg, Jeff Fowler, Jill Powell, Leon Hull and Shawn Goit.



NEWPORT BEACH



July 29 - Raft Up - Newport Harbor Anchorage. Blessed with beautiful weather for the Club's first raft-up of the season. We had 6 boats and lots of laughs!



**ABC
 NEWPORT
 BEACH
 OPENING
 DAY 2023**



D28 Planning Report



July 17th, 2023.

After a long period of Covid frustration and restructuring by USPS, things are returning to normal. Social activities have returned to normal and the ABC clubs are becoming more active. It is encouraging to see more events attended by members from other clubs and education classes are including members from other clubs.

I understand that the Bridge members are currently working on a unified schedule to support this trend.

As things return to normal, we may want to resume activities like **Cooperative Charting** or **Raft-ups**.

Looking ahead we need to improve efforts to attract and keep new members. This should include an active effort to involve new people into our operations with the goal of developing leaders for the future.

P/D/C Richard Cross, SN-IN

ABC San Diego enjoying Summer GMM and Picnic at DeAnza Cove



Oceanside April GMM



What is the status on the design of a new flag as submitted at the Annual Meeting in March 2023?



Committee—any updates?



SAFETY REPORT



Venturing out onto the vast open waters of the ocean provides a sense of exhilaration and adventure. However, it's crucial to remember that safety should never set sail. In this safety report, we'll explore the significance of wearing a life jacket while boating on the ocean, ensuring your maritime journey remains a safe and enjoyable experience.

1. UNPREDICTABLE NATURE OF THE OCEAN:

The ocean can be unpredictable and unforgiving, with rapidly changing weather conditions, strong currents, and unexpected waves. Even the most experienced boaters can find themselves in dangerous situations. Wearing a life jacket is your ticket to survival, providing you with the ultimate tool for buoyancy and keeping you afloat during emergencies.

2. PREVENTING ACCIDENTS AND DROWNINGS:

Statistics consistently show that the majority of boating-related accidents and drownings occur when individuals do not wear life jackets. A life jacket's buoyancy significantly reduces the risk of submersion, keeping your head above water even if you're injured, unconscious, or fatigued. It's the ultimate lifesaver that can turn a potential tragedy into a triumphant rescue.

3. MANDATORY REGULATIONS AND LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Several maritime jurisdictions, including coastal states and countries, enforce mandatory life jacket regulations for boating on the ocean. Compliance with these regulations promotes not just personal safety but also contributes to keeping our oceans safer for all. So, put on your life jacket, and sail within the boundaries of the law.

4. LEADING BY EXAMPLE:

Wearing a life jacket sets a positive example for others on board, especially if you have children or less experienced boaters on your vessel. Showcasing responsible behavior encourages others to follow suit. Remember, safety is contagious, and by wearing your life jacket, you can create a culture of safety on the water.

CONCLUSION:

Embarking on an ocean adventure offers incredible opportunities for fun and discovery. However, it's paramount to recognize the inherent risks involved. Wearing a life jacket while boating on the ocean is not just a smart choice; it's a lifesaving one. As responsible mariners, let us embrace the importance of personal safety, comply with regulations, and set an example that inspires others to prioritize their well-being on the water.

Remember, every second counts in a water emergency. Strap on your life jacket, adjust your mindset to safety-first mode, and embark on your ocean voyage knowing you've taken the necessary steps to stay afloat and stay alive.

D/Lt Jake Alcantara, P

USPS vs ABC

Does this image look familiar?

P/R/C Van Diehl had this banner made circa 2004.

WHAAT!!!

This is the **America's Boating Club** logo sporting a "registered" mark on a banner.

The United States Power Squadrons®

America's Boating Club didn't announce its new logo of America's Boating Club until 2017. ***What happened in the years between 2004 and 2017?***



ATTENTION SAN DIEGO NORTH COUNTY BOATERS

Residents and boaters berthing their boats in the **City of Oceanside, and the Port of LA** can take their expired marine flares to their county's designated marine flare collection events in the fall. *Only expired marine flares from residents and boaters berthing their boats in the covered areas will be accepted. No marine flares from commercial craft or an organization nor other forms of household hazardous waste (HHW) will be accepted during the special event. Proof of residence or eligibility is required (i.e., license, registration, or slip fee).*

Southern California

- **City of Oceanside: Saturday, Sept 9, 2023, from 8 am - 12 pm** at 1850 Harbor Dr N, Oceanside, CA 92054
- **Port of LA: Saturday, Sept 9 from 10 am - 2 pm** at **Cabrillo Way Marina** - 2293 Miner St, San Pedro, CA 90731.

The **United States Coast Guard (USGC)** requires boaters to carry several unexpired visual distress signals on board, day and night. Pyrotechnic marine flares are a common type of distress signal, but they are explosive hazardous waste and contain toxic chemicals, like perchlorate, that pose human health risks. Marine flares only work once and expire 36 to 42 months after the manufacture date.

For safety and environmental reasons, it is essential to manage single-use pyrotechnic marine flares carefully. Residents should never throw flares overboard into the environment or out in household trash. However, California resident boaters do not have access to an ongoing expired marine flare disposal program, and recreational vessels generate about 174,000 pyrotechnic marine flares every year, according to the **California Expired Marine Flare Working Group** as estimated in 2012.

In the absence of safe disposal options locally, the partners encourage resident boaters to consider an electronic visual distress signal device (eVDS) as a reusable distress signal alternative to the single-use pyrotechnic marine flare.

For more information about expired marine flares and the benefits of using electronic distress signals:

dbw.parks.ca.gov/marineflares

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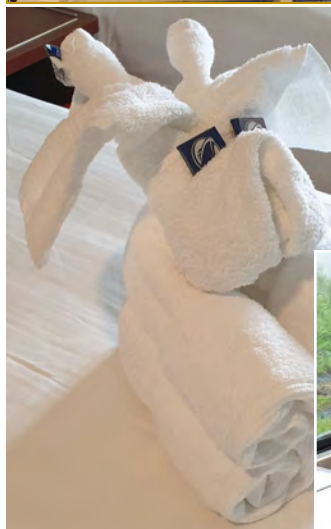
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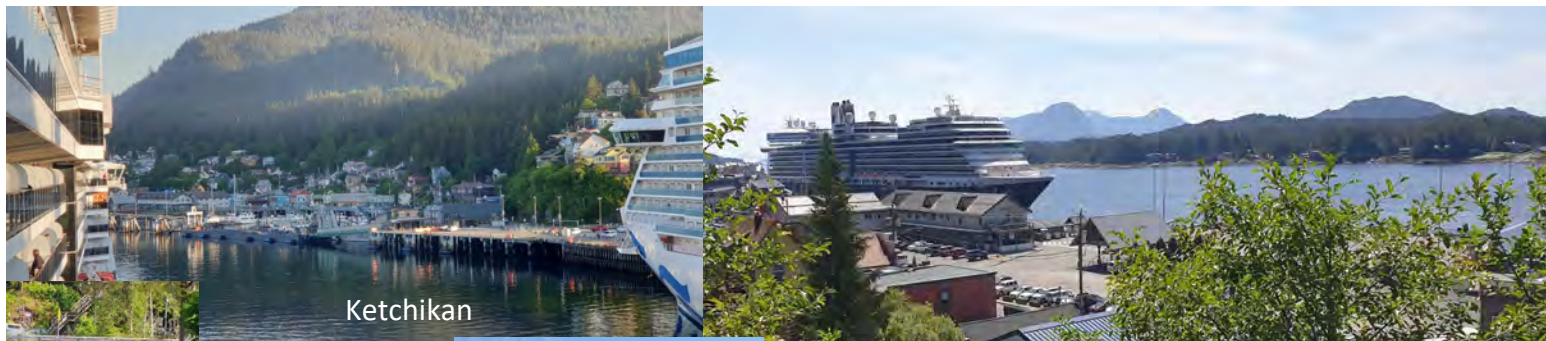


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D28 ALASKA 2023





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Red Dog Saloon Juneau



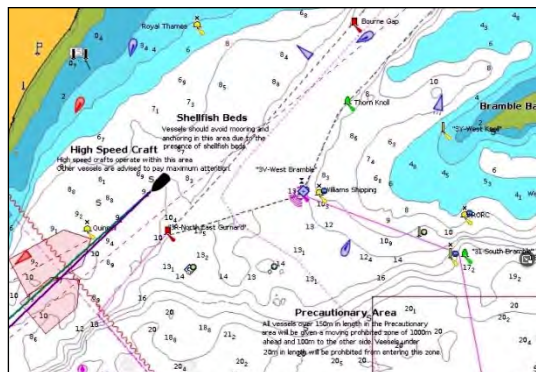
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Tap Into America's Boating Channel™ Library of Boating Safety Videos

The boating community uses many acronyms that someone new to boating may not understand. Do students enrolled in our basic safe boating course understand that the acronym **ATONS** references aids to navigation? In 2020 America's Boating Channel produced "[Introducing ATONS](#)," a video showing how buoys, day beacons, and other marks provide aids to navigation. This short video offers a wonderful introduction to ATONS. In it, viewers also learn about categories such as lateral and regulatory ATONS, as well as special purpose and danger marks.



In 2022, another ATONS video was released. Entitled "[Digital Charts and Virtual ATONS](#)," it covers the effort underway to replace paper nautical charts with electronic navigation charts. This video introduces viewers to three types of new virtual aids to navigation. Also featured are tips for using these enhancements and how they will make recreational boating safer. Remember, if you need a refresher before getting out on the water, you can access an invaluable library of videos

produced by America's Boating Channel. The videos referenced here, and others, are available to USPS members to view and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help you find the topic you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.



Otherwise, visit America's Boating Channel on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and nearly 100 other safe boating videos, which are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership. Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

In addition to YouTube, these professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos are available via the America's Boating Channel on-demand app on Roku or FireTV. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

America's Boating Channel™

- In mid-July, JENN NOLAN FISHING (JNF), with carriage on cable television and broadcast syndication, made its debut on America's Boating Channel's smart TV services. JNF is a generational television program series featuring women professionals with a strong emphasis on conservation and safety. Fishing from boats represents the fastest growing segment of water sports activity.
- On 31 July, it was announced that America's Boating Channel is a finalist in the prestigious 2023 Go Global Awards, reflecting the channel's achievements in international audience development. This global event, hosted by the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, in partnership with the International Trade Council, brings together CEOs, government trade and investment agency chiefs, and industry leaders from over 76 countries. "We're honored that our video service, America's Boating Channel, has been selected as a 2023 Go Global Awards finalist, said USPS-ABC Chief Commander Craig Fraser. "This recognition not only reflects our success in reaching an international audience representing nearly half of our total viewing, but also provides a platform for engaging with influential industry leaders and decision makers from around the world to foster additional growth. We're excited to showcase America's Boating Channel and contribute to global trade expansion."
- The final three videos of Season Seven will make their national debut in the coming weeks. Here are links providing you exclusive pre-launch access that can be provided to your SEOs, squadron members and students. The links take you to streaming and downloadable content, with each video's release date indicated by its title.

Marine Radio Etiquette (August 30)

[Marine Radio Etiquette – Streaming Version](#)

[Marine Radio Etiquette – Download Version](#)

Navigating Locks (September 10)

[Navigating Locks – Streaming Version](#)

[Navigating Locks – Download Version](#)

Border Crossing (September 20)

[Border Crossing – Streaming Version](#)

[Border Crossing – Download Version](#)

REMINDER TO SEOs: Since [America's Boating Channel's](#) launch, all of its videos have been available to USPS members to screen and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help members find exactly what they want. This is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.

For all USPS-ABC members, [America's Boating Channel](#) is OUR boating safety and boater education video service, and Squadron/District Newsletter Kits are a tremendous way to support that.

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IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

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27 February—11 March 2025



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