

## District 28 Lead Line



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#### Commander's Report

D/C ALLAN BOMBARD, <u>SN</u>—CN

In my former life, during **Operation Desert Storm** in the early '90s, my theater commander was General Eric Shinseki. He is widely known for his saying "If you dislike change, you are going to dislike irrelevance even

more." We certainly have seen change over the last two years and, from where I sit, it looks mostly good!

Since emerging from the pandemic, not completely unscathed, we seem to have become more vibrant, more active, more engaged, and more willing to get together as we did in years past. In the last 10 days alone, I've had the pleasure of attending **2** Changes of Watch in our District, each with terrific turnouts and an abundance of enthusiasm for the coming year. I conducted an Operations Training Class earlier in the month, with several fresh faces in the room representing fresh ideas and refreshed Bridges. There are 6-10 classes and seminars currently on our squadron calendars, and the year is just beginning.

One very notable class will be the ability for newly minted **ABC Class** graduates who join one of our squadrons will be on-the-water, "hands-on" boating skills training with SDSPS' new 20' center console training boat, donated to the San Diego Squadron in January.

Thanks to San Diego's P/C Bob Gibbs, who coordinated the donation of the boat (and probably did a Vessel Safety Check on it too!\*). It is currently being stored in Oceanside (thank you Oceanside's P/R/C Shawn Goit).

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2024/5 Calendar

2024

- 13 JANUARY—ABC SAN DIEGO CHANGE OF WATCH
- 17 January—ABC Oceanside
  Change of Watch
- 02-12 FEBRUARY—ANNUAL MEETING.
  ORLANDO, FL.
- 15 FEBRUARY ABC NEWPORT CHANGE OF WATCH
- 17 February—ABC Newport

  Valentine Evening Cruise
- 23 MARCH—D28 ANNUAL MEETING & CHANGE OF WATCH. HOSTED BY ABC NEWPORT BEACH, CA
- 05 June—D28 Harborside Event Oceanside
- 13 JULY—D28 PICNIC SAN DIEGO
- 22-30 SEPTEMBER FALL GOVERNING BOARD, PITTSBURGH, PA.

2025

- 11 JANUARY—ABC SAN DIEGO CHANGE OF WATCH
- 12 JANUARY—OCEANSIDE CHANGE OF WATCH (*TENTATIVE*)
- 01-10 February—Annual Meeting -Florida
- 01 MARCH—D28 ANNUAL MEETING & CHANGE OF WATCH. HOSTED BY ABC OCEANSIDE, CA.

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Thank you Cdr Allan Bombard for conducting the **2024 Operations Training.** | wished that I could have been there but I was in spirit.

I see that both Oceanside and

San Diego combined to make a good session.

Well done! Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON









## Education Report by Cida Diehl

#### Greetings from Brazil!



I hope that everyone is safe after California's huge storm.

I have been dealing with a very warm and humid Summer here in **Brazil**. It looks like the weather is in disarray in many parts of the world.

Forests of Eucalyptus trees.

District 28 SEOs are doing a great job keeping their educational depart-

ment running smoothly.

Below you will find the reports of America's **Boating Club San DiegoL D/LtC Doug Bass** JN, and America's Boating Club Oceanside LT/C Jan Follestad SN-CN.

#### FROM SEO DOUG BASS:



In 2023 America's Boating Club - San Diego offered numerous classes to the boating public. This included ABC, Boat Handling, Sail, Marine Communication Systems, Basic Navigation, Celestial Navigation, Marine Communication and Piloting.

Unfortunately we were not able to start the Celestial Navigation and Sail courses due to the lack of students, but the remaining courses were taught with an excellent turnout.

P/C Steve Bakalis did an excellent job this last fall in teaching Marine Communications and Piloting to an average of 10 students per class. This was as a result of his advertising at Southwestern Yacht Club which is an

approach we will continue to use in 2024 to more fully staff our Educational classes

In 2024 we plan to offer Electronic Navigation, ABC, Cruise Planning, Piloting and Celestial Navigation.

Executive Officer Doug Bass, SN-CN

#### FROM SEO JAN FOLLESTAD:



- Last quarter Oceanside conducted ABC with 9 students.
- Marine Electronics taught by Jorge Alonso.
- **Boat Handling**
- Instructor Development

To date this year 2024 -

- ABC started January 16th with 13 students
- Piloting started January 18th with 6 students.
- P/ C Shawn Goit JN-CN continues running the On-the-Water program smoothly.

Lt/C Jan Follestad, SN-CN

Thankyou everyone who has and continues to work tirelessly to make all the Educational programs running successfully.

Wishing every one Fair Winds and Calm Seas.

D/Lt/C Cida Diehl, SN-CN D/28 Educational Officer - Southern California







#### AMERICA'S B®ATING CLUB UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS

#### District 28 Instructors



ABOVE: Shawn Goit, Cida Diehl, Bob Gibbs, Kirk Lippert and Doug Bass

**BELOW:** 

Steve Bakalis, Bob Gibbs and D/Commander Allan Bombard



#### In Loving Memory of Debra Oberg 08/09/1964—12/16/2023

'I just wanted to let you know that I made it home. The journey wasn't an easy one, but it didn't take too

long. Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh



and new. I wish that you could close your eyes and that you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me. Try to understand, God is taking care of me....I'm in the shelter of His hands.

Here there is no sadness, no sorrow, and no pain. Here there is no crying and I'll never hurt again. Here it is so peaceful when all the angels sing.

I really have to go for now...I've just got to try my wings."



Friends gathered at Elijah's Restaurant to celebrate the life of Commander Deb Oberg.

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## Au Revoir Cdr Debra Oberg, JN



Debra & Peter Oberg







#### Group above:

Luis Sepulveda, Jeanne & Bob Gibbs, Jill Powell, Paula Vance, Doug Bass, Allan Bombard, Darryel Simmons, Steve Bakalis, Richard Cross, Carole Hallock and Jerry Murphy.

#### Below:

Luis Sepulveda passes the microphone.









## America's Boating Club Newport Commander's Report

BRIDGE MEETINGS - Endeavoring to make our meetings interesting: Newport Dunes, Upstairs in the Clubhouse All are welcome to attend our monthly Bridge Meetings Enjoy fascinating topics such as: Treasurer's Report, Sea Scouts - Del Mar Report, Calendar, Membership, Brainstorming ideas for next year, annund drumroll....District 28 Conference plans (we are hosting the District 28 Conference in March)



#### **PAST EVENTS:**

#### Thanksgiving Feast

Nov 18th - Newport Dunes Clubhouse

Great turnout on a beautiful day!

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make it happen

**Nov 11th** Harbor Cruise

**Nov 12th** Sea Scouts host The Power Squadron - Del Mar - Harbor Cruise

Oct 19th - Third Thursday Dinner - BCYC - & Travel Presentation by Wolfgang Kutter "Cruising the Greek Islands"



#### Cruise to Avalon Catalina

Perfect weather in lovely Avalon made for a really fun weekend. We were fortunate to have the Sea Scouts sail over on the Del Mar and spend some time on the island. They: went fishing, hiking, and played miniature golf. I had a nice round of real golf with **Todd Brandt, Kirsty** and **Dave's son.** 

**Harry & Susan** from **Oceanside** joined us on their boat "Harry Situation".

**Dan Salazar** and his friend **Christian** motored over and tried their luck at lobstering.

We all met in town for some pizza on Saturday night.

**Labor Day Weekend BBQ** - Newport Dunes. Harbor Cruise

Perfect weather and good times.

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Third Thursday Dinner BCYC

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July 29 - Raft Up - Newport Harbor Anchorage We were blessed with beautiful weather Saturday for our first Raft Up for the season. We had six boats and lots of laughs.

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Our friends at **San Luis Rey Sail & Power Squadron** hosted our District 28 picnic at Oceanside Harbor. It was a wonderful event with a delicious lunch, fun raffle and good friendship. Our **ABC-Newport** canopy was the premier spot and talk of the day. **Ted** went home with a new marine radio. **John** won a burgee. **Sharon** and I both won books, mine a pastry cookbook that **Dana** says I should leave on the shelf.

#### 2023 Opening Day

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#### 2023 Dog Party

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Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Jeff Fowler, Commander









### Thanksgiving at ABC—Newport—November 2023









San Diego



## America's Boating Club Oceanside 2023 Report



Americas Boating Club
Oceanside/United
States Power Squadrons/ San Luis Rey Sail
and Power Squadrons.
No matter what you call
us we are out to teach
boater safety and have
fun doing it.

We had a very exciting and prosperous year in 2023 for America's Boating Club Oceanside. We had two rounds of ABC classes, an engine maintenance class, and a piloting class all in all a very successful years' teaching,

We are in the process of starting some BOC on the water schools and they'll be ramping up in the coming year so please contact me if you have any interest in doing any of the on the water programs that we offer.

I'm happy to say that we have a full incoming Bridge with a couple of new exciting members and I'm think that the year 2024 is going to be a fantastic year.

Hope to see you guys all out on the water or at an event be safe.

With Fair Winds and Following Seas,

P/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON



The racing calendar for the Louis Vuitton Cup for the Challenger Selection Series, and the America's Cup have been confirmed and announced.

The entire event will run from August 20, 2024 to October 27, 2024.

The America's Cup Events open with a

Practice race for all teams in AC75s on August 20, 2024, and concludes with the Final Reserve day



for the America's Cup Match on October 27, 2024. Race 13 in the Match - if it is required is on October 21, 2024, and the earliest the Cup outcome could be determined in the best of 13 series is Friday October 18, 2024.

The Defender, Emirates Team New Zealand will sail in the Round Robin phase of the Louis Vuitton Cup, but will not score points.







SAN DIEGO















San Diego







Vossoughi, Darryel Simmons and Sue Vossoughi. Lisa Attardo, Jill Powell and Nancy Kangas









#### **Commander's Report** Continued from Page 1

With a new California law mandating that almost all boaters take and pass a Boater Safety Class, I hope and expect that an ability for these newly minted card holders who need to learn how to drive their boat will be boon to our membership growth (and to increasing public safety). This new opportunity is a much needed, long-awaited change in our basic boating education offerings. Our District has also submitted a business plan to our National Organization that offers a plan and mechanism for transporting the USPS trailerable boat to the west coast and elsewhere. With that, we could offer OTW training with two boats at the same time, doubling class capacity as well as doing real-time teaching of how to pass, meeting another boat head on, rafting, boat-to-boat communications, and much, much more. More on that after the National Meeting in February.

Finally, we've seen streamlining of our local organizations with the updating and passage of District and Squadron bylaws, implementation of an electronic voting option for those who cannot travel to meetings, and District financial support of local Squadron get-togethers to enhance member involvement near the squadrons and hopefully attract new members. To learn more, please plan to attend our District Conference on 22-24 March sponsored by our Newport Beach/Balboa SPS in Costa Mesa. (There is registration information in this issue of the Lead Line.)

It's been an exciting and, for me, fulfilling two years - and 2024 looks to be even better! It has been an honor and privilege to have served as your Commander.

Respectfully,

Allan

Allan T Bombard, SN-CN Commander, District 28

District28ABC@gmail.com

P.S. \* An important update: Since the original submission of this column, San Diego's SEO, P/C Bob Gibbs had one of our Engine Maintenance Instructors, Lt Jorge Alonso, S, perform an assessment of the donated engine, just as any owner who is purchasing Dr. Alonso's verdict: Glasgow Coma Scale 3 the patient is toast.

In this case, literally, the engine was fatally overheated and burned out, irretrievably so.

As a result, we will likely search for a new engine, and a specific 'GoFundMe' page has been suggested. Keep an eye out for that, and please donate if you see it!)





Photos in this 2024 Spring issue of the D28 Lead Line courtesy of Allan Bombard, Jeff Fowler, and Jill Powell



a new boat should do.







#### San Diego Sail and Power Squadron, ABC San Diego

Two of our members, P/D/C Richard Cross and D/C Allan Bombard successfully completed the Navigator class; Richard this year and Allan the year before, becoming Senior Navigators - the highest proficiency level in the Power Squadrons. Their Navigation Course was taught by the Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron. SDSPS now has ten members who have earned Senior Navigator proficiency level.

SDSPS completed about **60 Vessel Safety Checks** in 2023. Many were done during National Safe Boating Week, and in conjunction with the **USCG Auxiliary** as a team effort. Then **Assistant Squadron Education Officer (now SEO) P/C Bob Gibbs** coordinated that effort.

In addition to its educational and safety efforts, San

Diego Squadron held a BBQ and picnic at **De Anza Cove** in **Mission Bay** during July. Over 30 people attended, including folks from **North County**. The weather



was beautiful, although turned a bit chilly as the afternoon wore on. We honored **P/D/C Richard Cross** for reaching SN status.

In September we tried something new and held an **Ice Cream Social** at P/C Bob Gibbs' place in Escondido. The movie, "**Maiden**" was shown, detailing the all-female crew racing a **Whitbread Round the World Race.** We had 23 participants, including members from SLRSPS and SDSPS. This was popular, and we may do it again.

We lost a dear friend and member in September with the passing of Julia Umland. She and her husband P/C Ted

**Umland** (who passed about a decade ago) were beloved members for many years, and welcomed new members into the Squadron with kindness and joy.

Older members remember cruises to **Ensenada** with the Umlands and Julie's wonderful sandwiches. Both Julia and Ted are missed.

The November General Membership Meeting included a guest speaker, who introduced us to the world of kayak racing. Chris Barlow, of the San Diego Canoe/Kayak Team (SDCKT) explained all the attributes of paddle sports with action videos. The competitors featured were motivating for their spirit and enthusiasm for the sport. This, along with a delicious meal from the galley of Southwestern Yacht Club, made for an enjoyable evening.

The December social gathering was our annual **Pot Luck** and **Burger BBQ** on **Shelter Island** for the **Parade of Lights**. Twenty people attended.

December then turned somber for San Diego Squadron, with the passing of our Commander of three years, **Deb Oberg**. Three rows of pews were manned by District 28 USPS members at Commander Oberg's funeral Mass, and many of them plus a few more attended the celebration of her life at **Elijah's Restaurant** in **Kearny Mesa**. Moving testimonials were given by many who appreciated her, including by our **D/C Allan Bombard** and **Assistant Squadron Administrative Officer (now SAO) Lt/C Alice Kulikowski** and **Luis Sepulveda**.

Squadron Education Officer, P/C Doug Bass, stepped in as Acting Commander for SDSPS, organized our attendance at Deb Oberg's funeral, the annual Change of Watch dinner, and together with the Nominating Committee, recruited long time member Jerry Murphy to be the Commander starting with the COW on 13 January 2024.

Cdr Murphy was active in the Squadron from 2001 to 2004, but then, upon retiring from the **US Navy**, went cruising in a **28-foot Bristol Channel Cutter**, sailing from

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#### P/D/C Richard Cross Turns 90!





- 1. Richard Cross celebrates his 90th Birthday with Carole Hallock.
- 2. Richard is surprised by Las Vegas Sail & Power Squadron gift. Flanked by D/C Allan Bombard.
- 3. Oceanside ABC Class.
- 4. Oceanside Christmas Party workabodies.











#### San Diego Report Continued from P. 12

Seattle to Mexico, French Polynesia, and across the South Pacific to Australia over the space of 12 years. He then acquired a Valiant 40 in Santa Barabara and sailed it to Hawaii, where he was talked into going back to work for three years. The birth of his first grandchild has drawn him back to San Diego where he is enjoying old friends. He has been invited to tell some stories from these voyages with pictures at our D-28 meeting in March, so if you are interested, please come.

**D/C Allan Bombard** conducted an **Operations Training** class for the new Bridge earlier in the day of the Change of Watch. He used some of the slides and materials developed by **P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen** to give the most information in the shortest time. New officers found this very helpful in understanding how USPS organization is designed to operate.

San Diego Squadron is planning to improve attendance at classes and meetings through outreach and entertaining speakers, improve communication and organization, and expand efforts in on-the-water training this year. We look forward to joining with other D-28 people in boating activities. Our schedule was recently modified, and the schedule and our Bridge responsibilities will continue to be tweaked over the next two months or so, so please check for the most updated information.

SDSPS is planning a General Membership Meeting on 9 March at Southwestern Yacht Club. Captain Ann Kinner, owner of Seabreeze, Ltd, Nautical Bookstore, where many of us get our charts and how -to-fix-it books, has kindly agreed to speak on recent government Changes in Nautical Chart quality and availability. In addition, she will give us her list of Best Books to help boaters fix and maintain boats and engines. All District 28 members are invited.

We'll leave you with a post from **Deb Oberg** that appeared in our Summer, 2023, Ship's Mail:

"Earlier this year, I had a health scare and the prognosis from the doctors was not positive. It took me 3 days to convince them to let me go home from the hospital (after being there for 2 weeks!) and finish living life. If it was my time to go, so be it but it was not going to be from a hospital bed!

Never lose that spirit to want to live and get the most out of life. When we do leave this world, it should be with no regrets.

Deb"

Submitted by Cdr Jerry Murphy.











## 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 fac-

tors 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

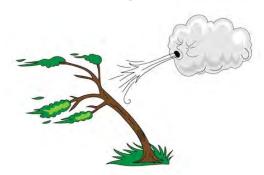
using the wind to pin your vessel against the platform is optimal, there are techniques to get your vessel safely docked if the elements are not in your favor.

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 affects 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 Power Squadron location.

D/Lt Jake Alcantara, P













#### D28 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 23 MARCH 2024

Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina—Bayview Room 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach, CA. 92660 (949) 999-3100

0830 Social with pastries, juice and tea/coffee

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

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

Moment of silence for those departed members

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

Introductions of Distinguished Persons:

C/C Craig Fraser, SN-CN

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-CN; Lt/C Sue Bean, AP)
- 0920 Chief's Message (CC Craig Fraser, SN-CN)
- 0950 Reports from Committees
  - Rules (P/D/C Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON)
  - Nomination (D/Lt Barry Bean, JN-CN)
  - Planning (P/D/C Richard Cross, SN-ACN)
  - 2024 Budget (D/Lt/C Sue Bean, AP)
- 1010 Annual Conference 2025 Planning Report (D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP)
- Annual Reports from Squadron Commanders ("Mini-GMMs") 1015

1015-1035: ABC Newport (Cdr Jeff Fowler)

1035-1055: ABC Oceanside (Cdr Shawn Goit, JN-ON) ABC San Diego (Cdr Jerry Murphy, P) 1055-1115:







#### D28 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA CONTINUED

- Nomination Committee Report, Nominations from the Floor
- **Unfinished Business** 1140
- 1150 New Business:
  - Motions from the Floor

1155

#### Old Business:

District 28 Burgee (D/Lt /C Maria (Cida) Diehl, SN)

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

- 1300 Presentation: "18,000 Nautical Miles Around the South Pacific"—Cdr. Gerald (Jerry) S. Murphy Jr, P
- 1400 Resumption of Meeting & Presentation of Awards
  - Final report of the Nominating Committee
  - Election
- 1415 Dismissal of 2022/23 Retiring Bridge & Commander (CC Craig Fraser, SN-CN) Swearing in of 2024/25 Commander (CC Craig Fraser, SN-CN) Swearing in of 2024/25 Bridge (CC Craig Fraser, SN-CN)
- 1430 Remarks from the incumbent Commander / Closing comments
- 1445 Adjournment
- 1700 Social Hour—Ayres Hotel
- Dinner at Ayres Hotel Costa Mesa, CA. Private Dining Room. Reservations required. 1800









#### REGISTRATION FOR D28 SPRING CONFERENCE AND CHANGE OF WATCH

AYRES HOTEL, 325 BRISTOL STREET, COSTA MESA, CA. 92626 (COMPLIMENTARY PARKING, WIFI, PET FRIENDLY AND SHUTTLE WITHIN 3 MILE RADIUS)

Welcome to the District 28 Spring Conference. Join us for social time, meetings, conferences, and a delicious dinner on Saturday evening.

Meetings and the Change of Watch dinner are open to all District and Club/Squadron members, families and guests.

Saturday meetings will be held at Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort & Marina Clubhouse, 1131 Back Bay Drive, Newport Beach, CA. 92660.

> Saturday Dinner: The Ayres Hotel, 325 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, CA. 92626 Ayres Hotel Reservation Link: <a href="https://costamesagroups.ayreshotels.com/?coupon=15310">https://costamesagroups.ayreshotels.com/?coupon=15310</a> Code: Balboa Power Squadron \$154.56 per night (incl. tax) King or 2 Queen Beds.

REGISTER BELOW:			
Club/Squadron:			
	Contact Ph	one:	
Name/Rank/Grade:			
Guest Name:			
Will you be attending Friday Afternoon/Evening Harbor Tour:	YES / NO	Hosted b	y ABC Newport
Will you be attending Saturday Conference (Lunch on own):	YES / NO	\$10pp	\$
Will you be attending Saturday Dinner and Change of Watch:	YES / NO	\$78pp	\$
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Otherwise make check payable to Balboa Sail & Power Squadron and mail along with a copy of this completed form to: Cdr Jeff Fowler, 3178 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, CA. 92806.

Friday 1700-1800: Harbor Boat Tours: Lido Marina & Village—street parking and paid parking lot.

Saturday 0900—1445 Conference, Snacks and Buffet Dinner (1900). Meat and Vegetarian choices.

Thank you!









# Recognizing Genior Members of D28 squadrons

The three remaining squadrons in District 28 have many senior members. I suggest that more than forty years as a guide to being a senior member although the USPS uses 5 years and 25 MM as the rule for Life Members.

Recently I hosted a party at SWYC and was pleased to see so many Power Squadron members, especially my old friend **P/D/C Elaine Keller**, **AP.** Elaine has been in the USPS for forty years and earned 34 merit marks. She was a member of the **Helix Squadron** until it closed. She was one of the first female commanders in Helix and went on to become the commander of District 28 in 2000 as well as serving on various committees. She is currently in the **Balboa Squadron**, now named America's **Boating Club Newport** and lives in **Ventura**, **CA**. Over the years we worked together on district and squadron events and attended district conferences. As a personal friend she helped me when I was selling my house in **Tierrasanta** in 1995.

#### **OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS IN DISTRICT 28:**

SAN DIEGO		<b>OCEANSIDE</b>		<b>NEWPORT BEACH</b>	
STEVEN BAKALIS	46	JAN FALLESTUD	46	WILLIAN BARDENS	64
SHELLEY BAKALIS	42	DAVID GIBBS	50	Doug Bluell	52
RICHARD CROSS	48	ELAINE KELLER (ASSOC.)	40	MICHEAL EPSTEIN	53
MICHEIL GRINNELL	54			DAVID HULL	62
Duane Leathers	54			JAMES WILSON	55
SHAUN MCARDLE	46			Frank Zavala	65
ED MRAZ	53				











Late last year I, **Richard Cross**, was honored that my long time friend, **Elaine Keller**, was able to join at my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration while in **San Diego.** 

P/D/C Elaine Keller is currently a member of Newport Beach (Balboa) squadron and lives in Ventura. Elaine is a 42-year member of the Power Squadron and was one of the first woman officers. I met her when she was commander of the Helix squadron. She later became District 28 commander and served in numerous other positions over the years. I enjoyed joining her at various district and national meetings (Conferences) in Bellevue, WA. Phoenix, AZ and other locations.

I am advised not to mention the lady's age so I won't, but she has six years on me.

Note: Carole (Hallock) tells me that I should not mention my party because a lot of people were not invited. I really don't care. I notice that I mentioned the party in my Senior Members article and show Elaine at 40 years but it should be 42 years.



Teach them when they are young!











## District D-28 (6433) NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR: The current Watch Year is 2024

<u>POSITION</u> <u>NAME</u>

Commander Cdr John D. Bass, SN-CN

Executive Officer Vacant

Administrative Officer D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP

Education Officer D/Lt/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON

Asst Education Officer Stf/C Maria (Cida) A. Diehl, SN-CN

Secretary D/Lt/C Sue Ann Bean, AP

Treasurer D/Lt/C Darryel D. Simmons, AP

CH Merit Marks D/Lt Barry David Bean, JN-CN

Law Officer D/Lt Michael Wales

CH Rules Committee D/Lt Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON

CH Nominating Committee D/Lt Barry David Bean, JN-CN

CH Planning Committee D/Lt Richard T. Cross, SN-ACN

CH Cooperative Charting Committee D/Lt/C Darryel D. Simmons, AP

CH Safety Committee D/Lt Jacob Alcantara, P

CH Vessel Safety Check Committee D/Lt/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON

Education Fund Representative D/Lt Duane O. Leathers, AP

BOC Chairman D/Lt/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON

On Water Training Coordinator D/Lt/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON

CH Operations Training D/Lt Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN-ON

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Newsletter Editor D/Lt/C Jill Powell, AP

Public Contact D/Lt/C Shawn Goit, JN-ON

IT Chair/Contact D/Lt Nancy Kangas, AP

Webmaster D/Lt Nancy Kangas, AP









#### Flavors of Portugal & Spain

7-night cruise from Vega de Terrón to Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto) May 07-20, 2025 | AmaVida

> Madrid and Lisbon Itinerary below includes City Stays Cruise only is optional



Date	Destination	Activities	
May 7	Madrid	Hotel Check-In Welcome Reception	
May 8	Madrid	Madrid City Tour	
May 9	Madrid	Toledo Excursion	
May 10	Madrid	Hotel Check-Out Madrid to Vega Terrón Transfer via Salamanca	
	Vega de Terrón	EMBARKATION	
May 11	Barca d'Alva	Castelo Rodrigo Tour with Tasting of Regional Fare OR Castelo Rodrigo Hike with Tasting of Regional Fare	
May 12	Pinhão	Pinhão Train Station Hike Quinta da Avessada Lunch Local Quinta Wine Tasting	
May 13	Régua	Mateus Palace & Gardens Excursion Lamego Tour & Bôlas Tasting OR Holy Staircase Hike & Bôlas Tasting	
May 14	Entre-os-Rios	Lunch at a Local Quinta	
May 15	Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)	"City of Bridges" Tour & Port Wine Tasting OR Porto Hike with Port Wine Tasting	
May 16	Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)	Free Day	
May 17	Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto)	DISEMBARKATION Porto to Lisbon Transfer & Castle Tomar Visit	
May 18	Lisbon	"City of Seven Hills" Tour	
May 19	Lisbon	Royal Sintra Excursion with Pena Palace Visit	
May 20	Lisbon	Hotel Check-Out	





#### ONBOARD CRUISE INCLUSIONS:

- 7-night river cruise in elegantly appointed accommodations
- » Fine dining on board in multiple venues
- Unlimited hand-selected wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch/dinner
- » Small group guided shore excursions with a variety of choices, including exclusive Special Interest Tours and hiking tours
- » Live local entertainment
- Unlimited complimentary Wi-Fi access

#### OPTIONAL LAND PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- » Hotel accommodations with daily breakfast and city tour
- » Transfers between hotel and ship.

Additional hotel nights may be pre-purchased. Allow AMA Waterways to book your airfare co-inciding with tour dates and airport transfers will be included.



A portion of any surplus will provide direct support to the America's Boating Club District 28 Squadrons' activities.

Lisbon, Portugal - Home to Prince Henry the Navigator.









#### Flavors of Portugal & Spain

7-night cruise | May 10-17, 2025 | Aboard AmaVida



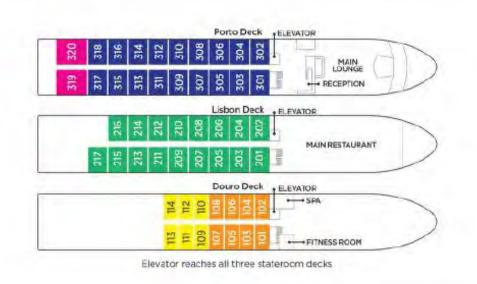


#### ONBOARD FEATURES:

- » Panoramic Lounge with bar, piano and dance floor
- » Fitness room, Sun Deck pool and gift shop
- » Massage services (additional costs apply)
- » Marble bathrooms, multi-jet showers, soothing bath products, terry bathrobes, slippers and hair dryer
- » Generous closet and storage space with in-room safe
- » Entertainment-On-Demand with high-speed Internet, movies, music and English-
- » Individually controlled air conditioning in stateroom



If opting for Balcony Stateroom, choose from the following staterooms: \$6,148pp. 203, 207, 209, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216 and 217



TECHNICAL DATA - AMAVIDA

Built: 2013 Length: 260 ft. Staterooms: 51 Passengers: 102 Registry: Portugal







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