

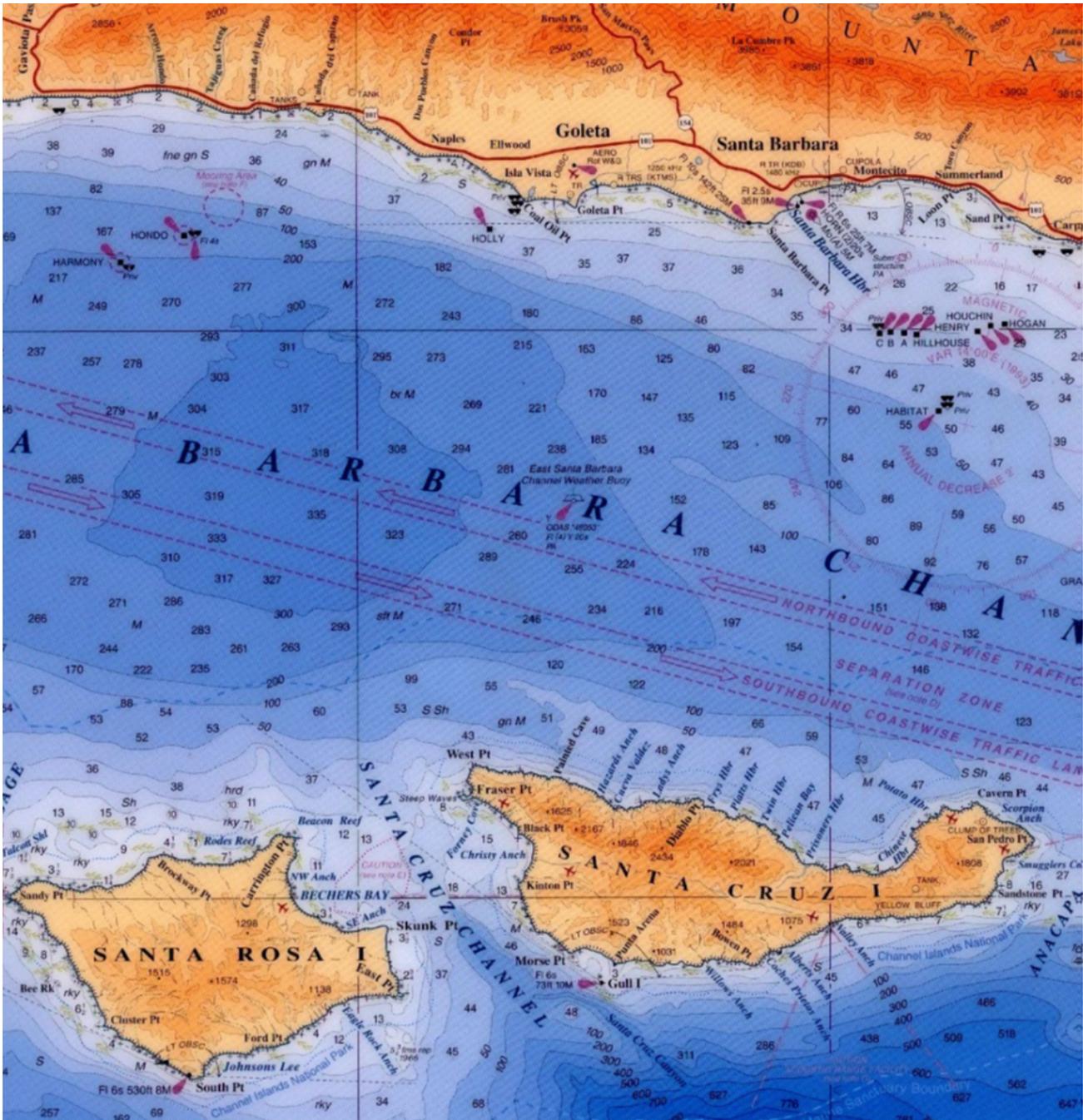


Signal Hoist

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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Monthly Newsletter February 2023





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Virginia Johns, P

Hope you all had happy holidays and your new year is starting out great. It has been difficult of late to get out of the harbor on our boats with all the silting, but we needed that rain.

- **Fun and Entertainment Meeting**

Thur Feb 2 7:30pm Waterfront Classroom

Our speaker will be Christopher Bell, Public Information Officer for the Santa Barbara City Waterfront. When we worked Operation Clean Sweep this past May (cleaning up the ocean floor in the marina) he was there greeting us and taking pictures.

He will show and address the making of his video *Santa Barbara and the Sea - 13,000 Years of Maritime History*. You will undoubtedly recognize a number of local celebrities that appear in the film. If we do not have time for a full viewing, we will tell you how you can view it on your own.

Starting up the Club Year

We are beginning our club's *new year* activities. The Nominations Committee is preparing our slate of officers who will be installed at our ***Change of Watch and Annual Awards event on Saturday March 4.***

We have prepared our ***calendar of meetings, community service activities, and social events.*** We are going to try a few changes in our traditions, reacting to some great suggestions from the members. Our objectives:

- Make our calendar a little less busy
- Include an aspect of boating wherever possible/appropriate

Some of the changes:

- Hold our first-Thursday-of-the-month meeting **every other month** and they rotate between Business and Member meetings, where the Member meetings will continue to be fun educational things such as speakers, skills presentations, or seminars; result 6 meetings a year - 3 Business and 3 Member (Exec Comm can schedule other business meetings as needed)
- removal of Ships and Dips in March this year given our COW and Awards will be held March 4
- combo Spring Brunch (hosted by our Past Commanders) and Dockside brunch (usually held in October) - thus a Dockside Spring Brunch in April
- and in October our socializing replacement for Dockside brunch will be to have some snacks/lunch food available on one or two of our boats for those that work our table at the Harbor Seafood Festival - we can socialize before and after our shifts.

CLICK [HERE](#) for the 2023 calendar which you can find on our website under **ACTIVITIES.**

Our next step is to prepare our **schedule of classes**. If you have requests, now is the time to let us know. You can find a list of all the courses and seminars available for us to teach at

<https://www.americasboatingclub.org/index.php/learn/select-type-of-boating/all>

National Annual Meeting – live streamed with electronic voting

The America's Boating Club/USPS National Annual Meeting is being held February 18-27 in Orlando, Florida. It sounds like they plan to make it educational and fun. If you are planning on traveling to Orlando, now is the time to register for the meeting and the many fun activities they have planned because there is currently a 20% discount.

I am happy to report that it will be live streamed this year. You can attend from the comfort of your own home. And all voting will be electronic, so those of us in a voting position will be able to do that duty remotely. **I have not yet received the link and instructions, but I will email that to all of you when it comes.**

I hope to see you on March 4 at our Change of Watch and Annual Awards Ceremony – please send in your nominations for the Awards to Pete and Suzette Seago. Details on location coming soon.

Upcoming Activities

Feb 2	Thurs 7:30pm	Meeting – Chris Bell Public Information Officer from SB City Waterfront	Waterfront Classroom
Mar 4	Sat TBA	Change of Watch (COW)	TBA

Maritime Museum Mixer

Many of you were able to attend our annual Maritime Museum Mixer November 16, 2022. Many thanks to Suzette Seago for being the Point Person on this popular event this year! Here are photos, courtesy of our Club Photographer, Janis Johnson.







Upstairs Views



To all members

Since Suzette and I have now received all the annual award trophies from last years' lucky winners, it's time to nominate the next round of hopefuls. Please send your nominations of squadron members whom you think have shown a talent or performed an act that should be recognized. My email is jpseagoe@cox.net. Thanks for your participation!

Pete

Here's the list of awards. Please review the award descriptions below:

- Al Lincoln Award (Contribution to education)
- Commander's Trophy
- Most Valuable Player (MVP)
- Marcia Rowland Watersports Award
- Power Boat Award
- Sailing Award
- Santa Maria Award (Most active new member)
- Boner Award

Feel free to nominate yourself, or anyone else for that matter. Please provide a reason why the nominee qualifies for the award. Awards will be presented at the annual Change of Watch meeting.

Summaries for your reference:

AL LINCOLN AWARD Continually offering to teach and raising the standard to an amazingly high level - New teaching aids via the computer, providing students with fascinating material to supplement the basic course material, etc.

COMMANDER'S TROPHY Given to member in recognition of extraordinary efforts to the Club.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARD Awarded to a member who has provided a valuable service that wouldn't have been done if they didn't do it.

MARCIA ROWLAND WATERSPORTS AWARD Given to members who have significantly participated in watersports during the past year.

POWER BOAT AWARD Made significant use of his/her power boat.

SAILING AWARD Made significant use of his/her sailboat.

THE SANTA MARIA AWARD: ELIZABETH L. CARETTO TROPHY Recipient deemed to be the most active NEW member – meaning a member for no more than two years.

THE BONER AWARD We memorialize the biggest blunder of the year. Actually something to be proud of - if you haven't pulled a boner you haven't been boating enough.

Thank you

Holiday Party 2022 Mulligan's



Thank-you Janis Johnson for organizing the party and for being the photographer too! Nice to see everyone at the holidays again after 3 years!! (Although several members remained hesitant about coming out — hopefully 2023 will bring less Covid and we'll see *everyone* again!)





First Meeting of 2023



Members and friends who braved the elements and attended the January 5, meeting were dazzled by the photography of Chuck Graham. Along with a fascinating commentary, he presented amazing photos of the flora and fauna and geologic points of interest, on the Channel Islands. Many of his photos were taken from his kayak, which is his usual mode of transportation to and from the Islands.

He has written several books, one of which is entitled *Hike the Channel Islands*, written with John McKinney and details hiking trails on the different islands. It is available at the Maritime Museum Store. Another of his books,

Corrizo Plain, Where the Mountains Meet the Grasslands, is filled with beautiful and unique photographs — some have been published in *National Geographic*.



Nominating Committee

It is that time of year (actually a little late) the Nominating Committee should be submitting a list of candidates for the next year's bridge.

The top leadership position is the Commander. Commanders don't run this organization by themselves. Under their leadership there are a few Lt. Commanders that organize the activities we do. This past year a number of changes to our National bylaws were enacted. One big change is that fewer officers are required on our bridge/board. The required positions/ departments under the Commander are:

- 1) Education Department. The Education Department is really the backbone of the organization. We are here to educate our members on sound boating techniques that builds confidence on the water.
- 2) Secretary Department. The secretary's responsibilities include maintaining the roster, producing the Signal Hoist, and keeping a record of the minutes.
- 3) Treasurer. The treasurer is responsible for coming up with a budget and producing the financial reports. The treasurer also handles all financial transactions.

The club has the option to use two additional positions or to manage the work in these departments with committees. These optional positions are:

- 4) Executive Department. The Executive Department would handle Public Relations and Safety protocol, including Vessel Safety Checks. The Web Master is also part of the Executive Department as well as Vessel Safety Examiners and Dock Walkers.
- 5) Administrative Department. The administrative department would organize boating activities, the entertainment/programs, and support the Membership growth/involvement.

Last year we ran the squadron in the newly approved format. Thus we are not looking to fill #4 or #5.

CLICK [here](#) for a description of the most expansive version of the organization.

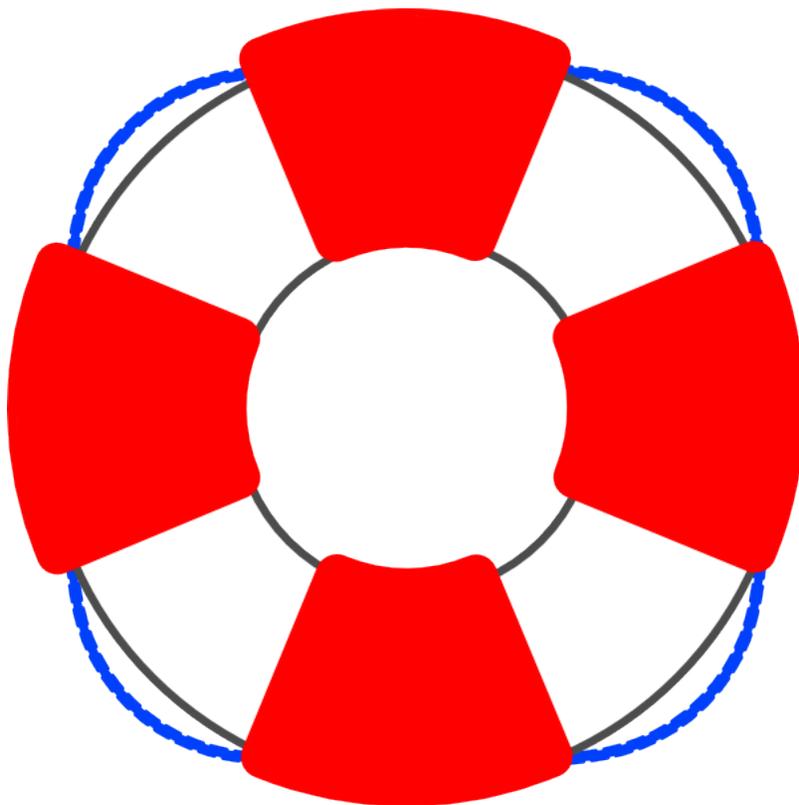
At this time we are still looking for folks interested in the **Commander and Education Officer positions and committee members.**

If you are interested in helping out and keeping this organization moving forward let one of us on the Nominating committee know.

P/C John Profant, SN

P/C Susan Hodges, P

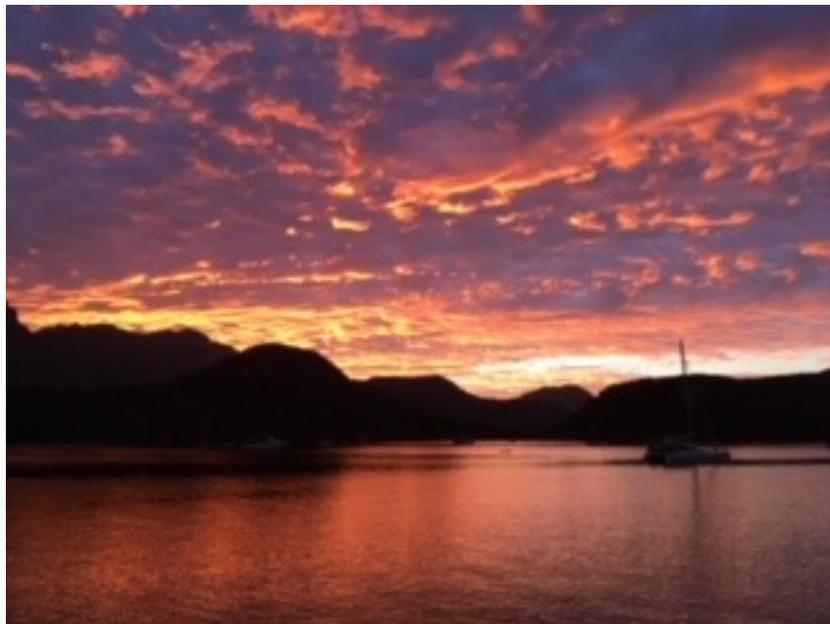
P/C Dennis Johns, AP





News from the Osgoods South of the Border

It is 4:30 am and we are ghosting along the Mexican coast headed south. There are millions of stars painted above, yet darkness surrounds us reminding me how vast and miraculous the universe is. And we are one small speck on the radar of the great Pacific.



We started our journey in San Carlos, on the Sonoran coast of mainland Mexico. Our boat dry docks each summer waiting out hurricane season from June to October 31. This is our third season exploring the gulf of CA and mainland. We got a late start this season arriving in early December and we paid a price as the winter was unforgivingly cold and windy this year. Christmas was spent off the islands of La Paz with gusts to 30 for two days. Last year we left San Carlos in early November and had warm and balmy days meandering through the Sea, which is great October through November and March through May. This year we sped through the sea longing for warmth and to take off our jackets! It's what we come to Mexico for, the great winter climate.

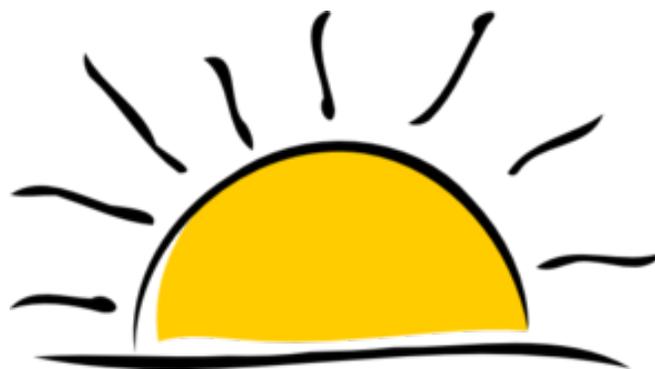
Tonight we left Puerto Vallarta after a visit with our youngest son, and rounded Cabo Corrientes, the Mexican version of Point Conception. Earlier in the day the winds and swell switched from the predominant NW to SW and the 4-6 foot seas were confused into a 3 second interval making headway slow and progress forward under 2 knots with the engine @2000 rpm. We decided why bash and turned around to Punta Mita to wait for the wind and swell to subside. It paid off and we had a much easier time slipping around Cabo Corrientes around midnight.



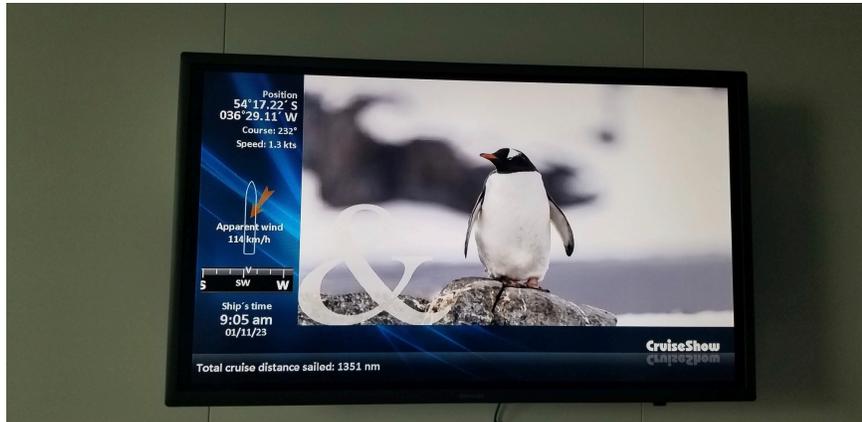
Tomorrow, after a 125 mile passage, we will reach our favorite destination in Mexico, Tenacatita Bay. This anchorage can hold over 60 boats (a rare occasion) and boasts a long sand beach, friendly outdoor restaurant, bocce ball daily, snorkeling, Friday raft ups, daily radio net, provisioning close by, dinghy estuary tours, and other activities, like a triathlon, fun races and full moon bonfires. The cruising community is alive and thriving here and some have been imbibing in this casual lifestyle for years.

This is our southern point this year and then we will head north back to San Carlos, basically rinse and repeat from mainland north up the Gulf of CA. For us Mexico is a friendly experience between the cruisers and Mexican people, which keeps us coming back year after year.

Karen
Sv Snowaway
Caliber 40



News from the Kaufmans Even Farther South!



This morning in Grytviken, South Georgia. We're anchored, so apparent wind is true. Can't believe it, but ship's crew is getting ready to take us ashore in 60+ mph wind!

Ah, shore trip just postponed, and now, canceled. Wisely, no one going ashore in hurricane force winds. I was really looking forward to visiting Ernest Shackleton's gravesite. I guess we're suffering the experience of many polar explorers: disappointment!



Ed and Martha

About six hours later. It got much worse between time I started penning this and then deciding to send it--winds to 143 km/hr (75 kts) (fortunately, we're in the lee of South Georgia off St. Andrew's Bay), but that's for a later report.



Is Your iPhone Waterproof?

Steve York, P

Shortly before Christmas I was performing a regular checkup of our boat in its slip - fenders, mooring line chafing, running rigging, bilges, etc. I discovered one of the cabin cushions was damp. Seems we had a leak in one of our large windows above the port settee - not good! I made a temporary window cover as more rain was expected (and Boy, has it come down in the last 4 weeks!). I also contacted David Lyon who is my go-to repair person to reseal the window. Then I decided to take the cushion home to dry it out thoroughly.

This cushion is 6 1/2 feet long and almost 30 inches wide as it is the seating cushion and also can double as a sleeping cushion - big and unwieldy. As I was stepping off the boat and maneuvering the cushion from the cockpit to the dock, it brushed against my iPhone 12 which I wear clipped to my belt on my waist. Bang, clunk, blub, blub, blub! I watched in disbelief as the phone bounced once on the dock and went into the drink next to the boat. My first thought was how could I have not thought to take the phone off my belt BEFORE taking the cushion off the boat. Well I didn't this time and am paying for it!

Dejected, the dog, the wet cushion and I headed up to the car to go home. In the parking lot I ran in to my granddaughter and a friend having a snack at On The Alley and told her what happened. She said "grandpa, call Dad and see if he can find it" Dad is in charge of all diving activities for UCSB and teaches research diving to faculty and students. I told my granddaughter that that probably wouldn't work as the phone had already been in the water 20 minutes and was likely "toast".

Ahhh - the enthusiastic optimism of teenagers! "Grandpa, let's give it a try. I'm sure Dad can find it". She had Dad on the phone before I could respond. "Sure" he said. "I can get my gear from my office at UCSB and be there in 30 minutes". Despite my skepticism, knowing the phone will have been in water almost an hour by the time he would arrive, I said OK. Nothing ventured, nothing gained - right??

The teenagers kept me company for the next 30 minutes until Dad arrived with all his diving gear - wetsuit, tanks, mask etc. We headed back down to the slip and Dad had me point to the spot on the dock where the phone bounced into the water. Dad then attached a diving weight to a line and

dropped it onto the water to mark the spot to start looking for the phone. Dad put on all of his gear and eased into the water while I watched. Within 90 seconds he surfaced with my phone! The home screen was lit up and looked normal! Dad said to first rinse the phone with fresh water. Then he instructed me to put it in the Tupperware container full of rice that he brought with him (talk about being prepared!). The theory is the rice should absorb most if not all of the moisture. We were done!

After many thanks to Dad we all headed home to wait and see if the phone would make it. It was in the salt water for about 75 minutes at a depth of 17 feet so I was not confident.

I left it in the rice until morning. However, it rang twice during the evening which gave me lots of hope that it survived. The next morning, I took it out of the rice and it was fine - no issues whatsoever. During the evening I watched a video of CNET testing an iPhone in the water - see below. They checked for some things I would not have thought about including camera lens fogging and speaker damage. So I checked these as well and found no issues with my phone. I was a "happy camper". It continues to work perfectly.

I am impressed by the work Apple has done over the years to improve water resistance. We had an iPhone 5 about 8 or 10 years ago that got dunked in a puddle and was immediately useless. Here's a link to the official Apple site showing water resistance by model from iPhone 7 to iPhone 14: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT207043>. You can see how it has steadily improved starting with the iPhone 7. Their current limits of 30 minutes in 6 meters of water appears conservative based on my experience of more than an hour in the water.

Here's a link to waterproof testing done by CNET magazine on an iPhone 12 in Lake Tahoe: <https://www.cnet.com/tech/mobile/iphone-12-water-test-how-deep-can-apples-phone-really-go/>. They tested Apple's standard and then tested at 65 feet depth for an hour.

Lessons learned from this experience. First, take my iPhone off my belt before working on and around the boat! Second, If your phone does go in the water in the harbor, call your dive service and see if they have someone working nearby who can dive for it. Third, rinse the phone once its retrieved. I probably could have skipped the tupperware and rice as the phone was still working. Finally, I hope this doesn't happen to you. But if it does, there is hope!

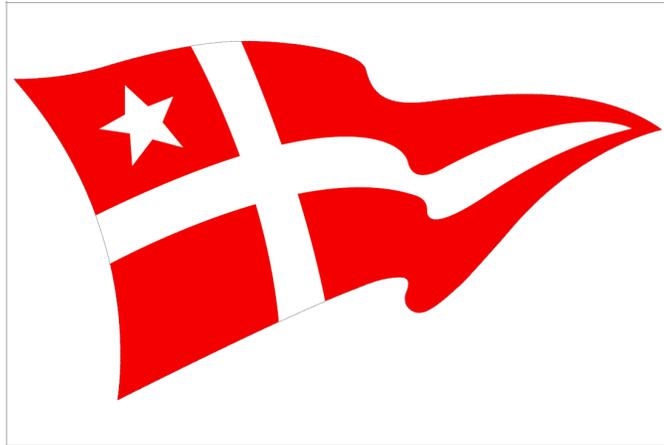
Santa Barbara Harbor Commission

Editor

Have you ever wondered how much those cruise ships pay for anchoring off our harbor? Or what comprises the harbor patrol employees' responsibilities and how are they trained? Or who won that Kings Harbor Race this past summer? Or when and how lobster fishermen stage their traps near the launch ramp in preparation for lobster season? Or what the Five-year Capital Improvement Plan is for the harbor? Well, the answers to these questions and many more items of interest to boaters can be found at the Santa Barber Harbor Commission's website! The Commission meets monthly and the meeting schedule and agenda are posted on the marina gates throughout the harbor.

Steve York, our Treasurer who also volunteers as a visitor ambassador, alerted this Editor about the Commission by sending in copies of a couple of their reports for review and possible publication in our newsletter. Instead of just publishing these reports in our newsletter I am providing a link to their website: If you have an interest in the Commission's activities go to santabarbaraca.gov/harbor-commission and click on Agendas & Documents.





Gail Hine presents

Sailing Convention
for Women

Registration opens on
February 1, 2023

April 1, 2023

at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club  Newport Beach, CA



SAILING CONVENTION FOR WOMEN AT BCYC This event is for beginners, intermediate, and advanced women sailors.

Registration opens February 1st and event takes place April 1st.

Check out the [link](#) to for more information.



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