

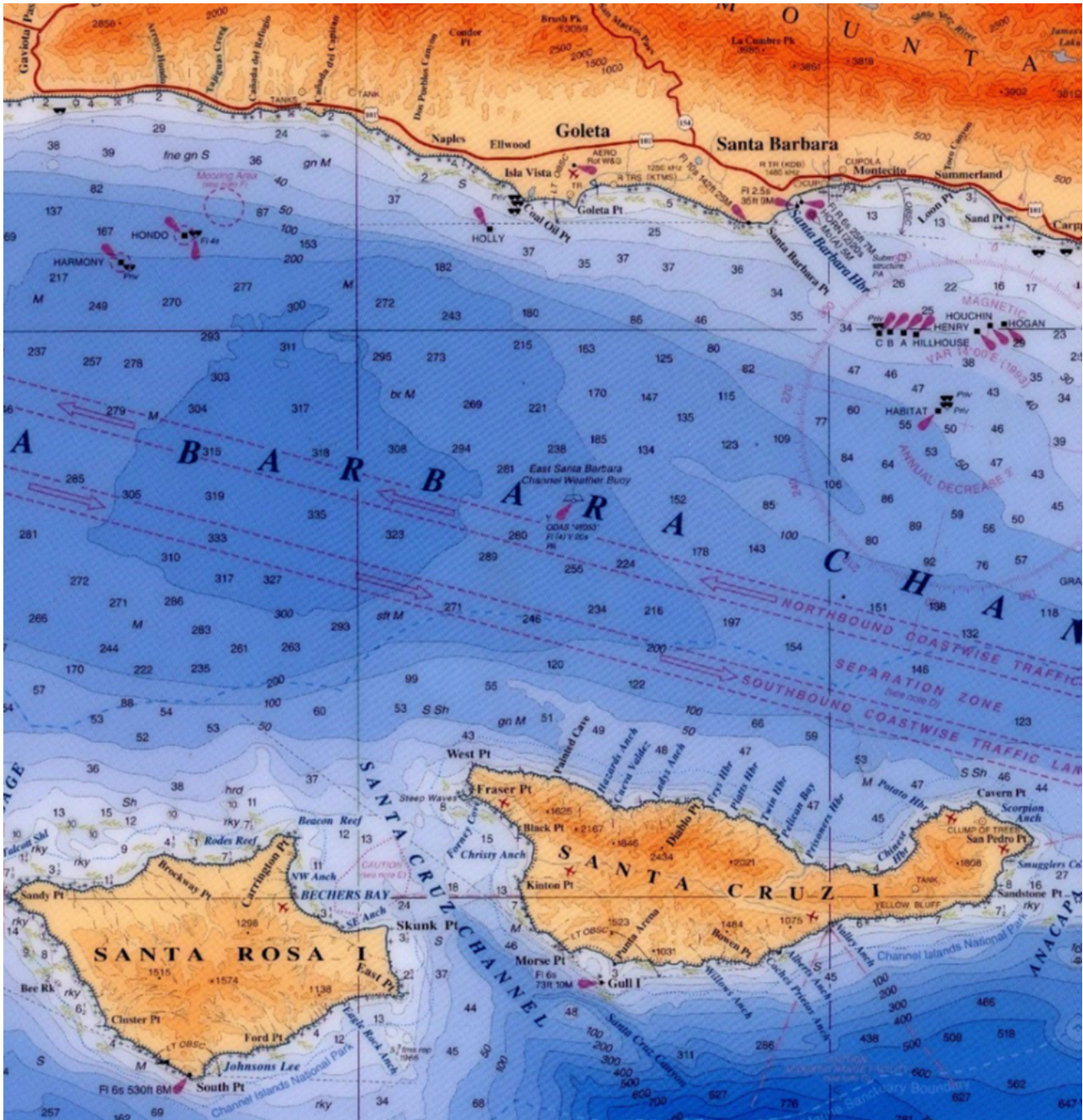


# Signal Hoist

## Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

### Monthly Newsletter August 2023

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## **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

**Cdr. Virginia Johns, P**

It's been a busy summer!

### **Last month, in July**

We had our annual Cruise (by boat or car) to PCYC. It was so much fun. Three boats cruised down on Friday and docked at the club. Twenty two gathered on the dock at 4:00pm on Saturday for appetizers and the Slocums served their delicious pain killers. Later in the evening we moved into the Crows Nest private room of the yacht club for our dinner. We never change the menu and they never disappoint - prime rib or salmon with sides and an ice cream sundae to top it off. The three boats spent a second night at the dock and headed home Sunday morning. Look for the report with pictures further on in this newsletter.

Rich and the Education committee scheduled two summer seminars for July. Both had a mix of members and other interested parties from the community. Our instructors are knowledgeable and it is obvious that they all put in a lot of advance effort preparing an interesting and educational program. Thank you Education Team!

### **Coming up in August**

**Thu Aug 3 – Business Meeting** The Executive Committee will have their quarterly meeting at 7:30pm in the Waterfront Classroom. All members are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

**Two more Saturday Summer Seminars are scheduled on Aug 12 (Anchoring) and 26th (Knots and Line Handling).** See more details in the report of our Education Committee Chair, Rich Ciolino, in this newsletter.

**Aug 15-20 is our annual cruise to Two Harbors on Catalina Island.**

Dennis and I are looking forward to getting out on the water that week. You can attend both seminars and still fit in this trip to Catalina. Some of the activities from past years include hiking, kayaking, snorkeling, a fast boat ride to Avalon for lunch one day, gathering for a meal and visiting on our boats, quiet alone time for relaxing (aka working on boat projects).

**New NOAA Publication**

The National Hurricane Center has announced a new publication: the *Mariner's Tropical Cyclone Guide*. This new guide replaces the old *Mariner's Guide for Hurricane Awareness in the North Atlantic Basin*, which was published in 2000. Read the notice from Chris Landsea at NOAA in this newsletter. They have not only significantly improved their forecasts, but have also expanded the scope of their forecasts to cover not only the North Atlantic but also the eastern North Pacific Ocean.

Have a safe and enjoyable boating summer!





**SEO'S MESSAGE**  
**Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN**

Well, the results are in: All six of our Marine Navigation students that took the take-home open-book final exam passed and achieved the rank of P (Piloting). Congratulations to all!

Two of our Summer Seminars were completed during July with great success in terms of attendance and enthusiasm. Steve



Young presented the USPS Weather Seminar that covers the nitty gritty of what causes weather including forecasting, and Mike Pyzel added a welcome discussion about local Santa Barbara

weather. Coffee, drinks, muffins, and grapes were provided to snack on. We had a full house with 16 participants and many of them expressed their appreciation for the presentations.

Our second seminar drew 20 participants and, judging from their participation and comments, thoroughly enjoyed it. Coffee, drinks, muffins, and grapes were provided to snack on. The seminar was led by George Poe and Steve Hodges using Steve's "Primer on Celestial Navigation Focusing on the Noon Sight". The seminar began at 10:00 with a discussion of Celestial



Navigation basics including interesting historical facts. It then moved on to how to use a sextant including hands on practice. Between our own supply of sextants, Steve and George's sextants, several that were brought by the participants, and sharing, there were enough to go around. A light lunch was provided during a break



before moving from the classroom to the breakwater seawall near the yacht club at about 12:30 in order to begin

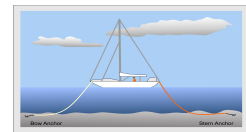


taking altitude sights of the Sun as it approached and passed its "high noon" position at 13:05. Steve, George, Tom Koch, and I wandered the lineup of Sun observers to offer help as needed which lasted until about 13:30. Everyone then returned to the classroom where the participants reduced their sights to come up with their latitude and longitude position.



The final two of the four-seminar series to be presented in August are

**Seminar 3: *Anchoring with Assurance*** – Learn how to choose an anchor and anchorage, and anchor your boat safely and confidently – **August 12**



**Instructor – Dennis Johns**

**Seminar 4: *Knots and Line Handling*** – The knots you to know, line selection, care for lines, hands on practice – **August 26**



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**Instructor – Ed Kaufman**

Each Summer Seminar session lasts about three hours and is presented on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to noon. Coffee, drinks, and snacks will be provided! Register on-line at our website [sbsps.net](http://sbsps.net) or contact Rich at [rdciolino@cox.net](mailto:rdciolino@cox.net) or 805 682-4543.

Planning is ongoing for our fall classes so watch for further announcements.



## Upcoming Activities

<b>Aug 3</b>	<b>Thurs 7:30pm</b>	<b>Executive Board Business Meeting</b>	<b>Harbor Classroom</b>
<b>Aug 12</b>	<b>Sat 9am - Noon</b>	<b>Anchoring with Assurance</b>	<b>Harbor Classroom</b>
<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>Tues 10:00am - Tues 8/22 6pm ish</b>	<b>Cruise to Catalina Point persons: Ciolinos</b>	<b>SB Harbor</b>
<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>Sat 9am - Noon</b>	<b>Knots and Line Handling</b>	<b>Harbor Classroom</b>

## ANOTHER YEAR ANOTHER GREAT CRUISE TO PCYC

If you missed cruising to Channel Islands Harbor by car or boat for our annual summer gathering at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club, there's always next year! As usual, it was a fun event with appetizers on the dock and an excellent dinner at the Club. Here are some photos taken by our Signal Hoist photographer, Janis Johnson, with a couple taken by the editor:-).

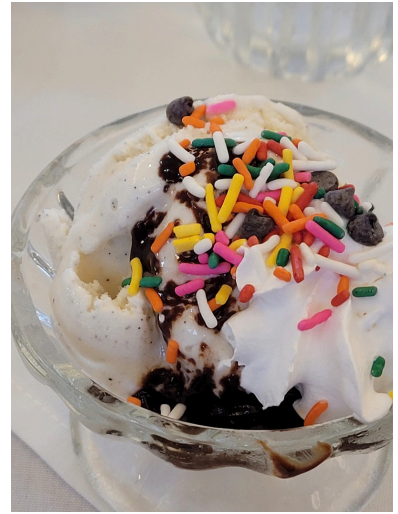












# RELAX-RECONNECT-ENJOY

## SANTA BARBARA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON ANNUAL MEETING/BBQ/AUCTION

- **WHEN:** *Saturday, 9 Sep 2023*
- **TIME:** *1200 to 1600 Hours*
- **WHERE:** *Rancho Santa Barbara Mobile Home Park Clubhouse Patio*
- **ADDRESS:** *333 Old Mill Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93110*

### Entree Provided By The Club:

- *BBQ Chicken, Tri-Tip, Garlic Bread,*
- *Plates, Cutlery & Napkins*

### Please Bring:

- *Salad or Dessert to Share*
- *Your Own Non-Alcoholic Beverages*
- *Friends & Family*

***White Elephant Auction-after meal***  
***Bring a wrapped item (new or lightly used)***

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***By: 6 Sep 2023***



# Mariner's Tropical Cyclone Guide

now includes the north Pacific

The National Hurricane Center is happy to [announce a new publication](#): the *Mariner's Tropical Cyclone Guide*. This new guide replaces the old *Mariner's Guide for Hurricane Awareness in the North Atlantic Basin*, which was published in 2000.

The original guide was published in 2000, when National Hurricane Center (NHC) average track forecast errors were more than double today's average and the forecast only extended to 72 hours. Many important support products, including the forecast cone, wind speed probabilities, and 34-kt time of arrival graphics have been developed over the last two decades. Due to the advances in forecast skill and enhanced support products, some of the old recommendations - including the well-known "1-2-3 Rule" - are no longer endorsed by NHC. This new guide reflects the significant improvements in tropical cyclone forecasting in the past 20 years and covers the updated best practices to avoid these storms.

In addition to these updates, the new guide expands in scope to cover all tropical cyclone basins. Understanding that the maritime industry is a global enterprise, NHC partnered with the Central Pacific Hurricane Center and Joint Typhoon Warning Center to provide insights outside of NHC's area of responsibility, which covers the North Atlantic and eastern North Pacific Oceans.

This guide was written by Dylan Flynn, a full-time Meteorologist at NHC and part-time Ship Routing Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve. The guide was reviewed by leading experts in tropical meteorology and the maritime industry, including the U.S. Navy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, where it will be used as part of their advanced meteorology curriculum.

The *Mariner's Tropical Cyclone Guide* is an essential resource for mariners navigating tropical cyclone basins around the world. It is available for free from the NHC website at the following link - [Mariner's Tropical Cyclone Guide](#). Be safe this hurricane season!

Dr. Chris Landsea  
Branch Chief, Tropical Analysis and Forecast Branch NOAA/NWS/NCEP/  
National Hurricane Center

*Submitted by Cdr Virginia Johns*

## Inside of Houseboat Revealed



If you've ever wondered about this houseboat in Marina 3, here is a link to an article in Architectural Digest about it, that was sent in by Steve York.

<https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/this-floating-home-in-the-santa-barbara-harbor-was-entirely-rebuilt-by-a-father-and-son>

### Podcast by **Captain of S/V Swell**

*Submitted by Cdr Virginia Johns*

In a new podcast episode at this website: <https://email.cloud.secureclick.net/c/7532?id=1944588.1007.1.dc87b2105b7276ab03b686dbfbece83c> you will learn from adventurer and environmentalist, Captain Liz Clark (author of *Swell: A Sailing Surfer's Voyage of Awakening*) who created the life she desired and left California on a surf adventure aboard her 40-foot sailboat, Swell.

This podcast is also available in all the following streaming platforms including Spotify, Apple podcast iHeartRadio, Amazon music and Pandora.

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## America’s Boating Channel Reminder:

### Knowledge of the Navigation Rules Helps Prevent Boating Accidents

As we prepare to celebrate July Fourth, don’t forget that knowledge of the rules of navigation helps prevent boating accidents. 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. These videos are available to USPS members to view and download for free at [bit.ly/USPSABC](http://bit.ly/USPSABC). There is an index to help you find exactly what you need, which is very convenient for instructors who want to use these videos in the classroom without the need for an internet connection.



For example, Season Four’s “[Behavioral Consequences](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s)” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWq-jshx8yU&t=44s>) video covers the importance to recreational boat operators of having a working knowledge of the navigation rules. Viewers learn about the dangers of not following the rules of the road. Also featured are tips for responsible boating. Boating responsibly can lead to lasting memories, while

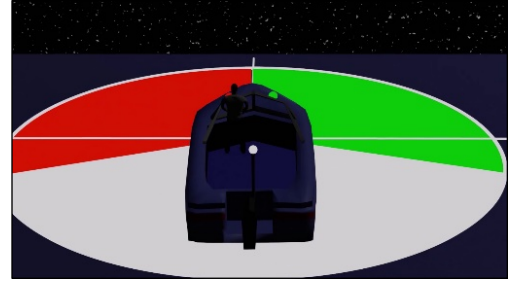
bad boating behaviors can cause issues ranging from mere embarrassment to major catastrophe.



America’s Boating Channel™ produced a sequel to this video in Season Five titled “[Collision Avoidance](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cXv6s7wjE&t=1s)” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7cXv6s7wjE&t=1s>), which covers the most basic and essential navigation rules.

Viewers learn how to determine stand-on and give-way vessels in various circumstances. It also features tips for steering clear of potentially dangerous situations. For example, at night not using navigation lights or not learning how to interpret them can lead to incidents with more serious outcomes than during the day. Again, these two videos are good refreshers before visiting your local waterway at a time of year when it will be most crowded.

You can follow the above links or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and other safe boating videos, which also 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.



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