



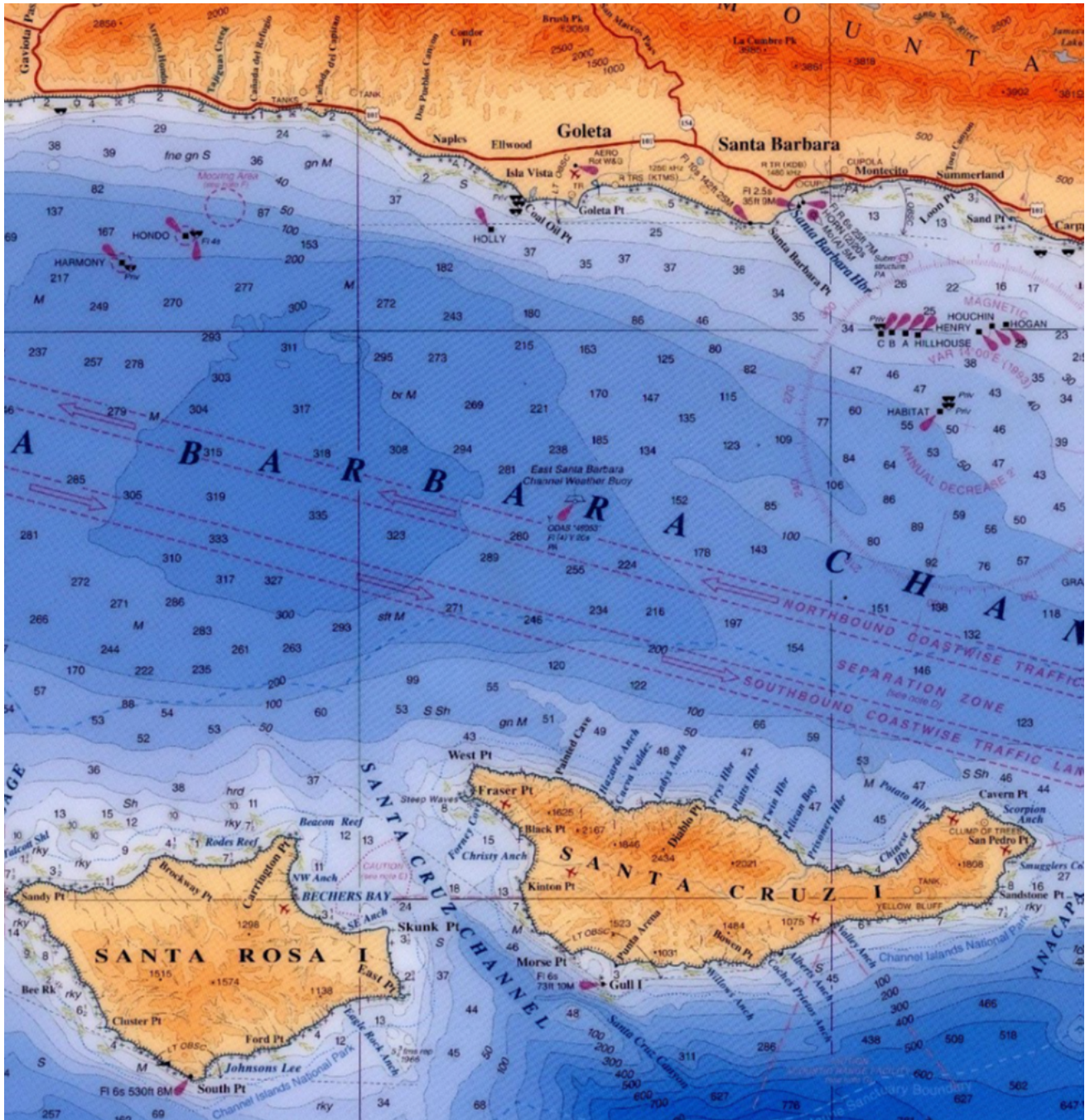
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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

Monthly Newsletter July 2023





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Virginia Johns, P

Newest members: Mark Breen is our newest member - he took the Marine Navigation course. Lori Sanchez has joined us now too. She is the wife of Rick Sanchez who took the Marine Navigation course and has been a member for a while. A call has gone out to our newer members with some proposed dates for a small social gathering/orientation. Welcome Mark and Lori.

Our calendar:

We took a bit of a break this **past month of June** with the social activities, as many of us seemed to have vacations scheduled. Our main activity was Education – I'm sure Rich will update you in this newsletter on the Marine Navigation class he held. I lurked in the corner for most of the classes and enjoyed the new format which includes lots of electronic charting practice.

In this month of July we have cruises, a social gathering, and several seminars

- **Friday July 14 – Sunday July 16 PCYC** Our annual cruise (by land or by sea) to PCYC – Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club in the Channel Islands Harbor is this month. Hopefully you have already seen the flyer in your email; details are in this newsletter as well. Thank you Tom Koch for planning this wonderful event, yet again. Those interested in cruising down by boat often cruise out to the east end of Santa Cruz Island on Friday, spending that night at Smugglers Cove. We cruise to PCYC on Saturday in time for the afternoon dockside appetizer party and dinner. PCYC allows us to tie up (and raft up if necessary) to their guest dock and use their shower facilities. Some folks prefer to get a slip at a nearby marina. On Sunday we return back to Santa Barbara. It is always a lot of fun.

Rich and the Education committee have planned some Summer Seminars that are scheduled for four Saturdays in **July and August**. Be sure to check out these options. Great instructors, very low price, snacks included!

- **Saturday July 8 9-noon Weather for Boaters seminar**
- **Saturday July 22 10-2 Basics of Celestial Navigation**

We have our monthly cruise to the islands scheduled for

- **Friday July 21 – Sunday July 23**

Our website www.sbsps.net is a good resource for upcoming club events. It makes registering for classes or activities so easy to do online. Let us know you are coming to PCYC or the seminars using the website!

Enjoy your 4th of July holiday – celebrate safely!



SEO'S MESSAGE
Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN

Our Marine Navigation course finished up on June 20 and six of the eight students completed the take-home open-book final exam. I'll send their answer sheets to National for grading and I should get the results back in 2-3 weeks.

As mentioned last month the Educational Committee was going to schedule a series of four seminars for the summer. The seminars will be 2-3 hour sessions each given on Saturday mornings at the SB Harbor Marine Center

classroom. The idea is to attract members and non-members with an interest in boating with low-cost educational seminars including coffee and snacks. A brief description of the seminars is given below followed by further information about the first two seminars coming up in July. The cost for each seminar is \$10.00 per participant.

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!

Seminar 1: *Weather for Boaters* – Basic weather including fronts, winds, fog, clouds, forecasting and local weather – **July 8**

Instructor – Steve Young



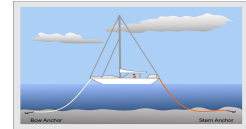
Seminar 2: *Basics of Celestial Navigation* – Learn how to use a sextant and take a noon sight to determine your Latitude position, sextants provided or bring your own – **July 22**

Instructors – George Poe, Steve Hodges, Tom Koch



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 need to know, line selection, care for lines, hands on practice – **August 26**

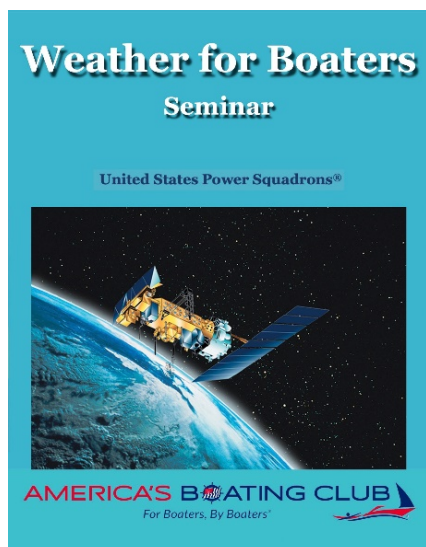
Instructor – Ed Kaufman



Other instructors might help out in some cases.

Weather for Boaters Seminar

The Weather Seminar begins with answering three basic questions: What is weather? What causes weather? And what is weather forecasting? To answer all three questions more completely, the Seminar goes on to cover the topics of Air Masses and Fronts, Winds, Humidity and Fog, Clouds and Thunderstorms, Mid-Latitude and Tropical Storms, and Forecasting.



Celestial Navigation Seminar

Ever wondered how navigation was done before GPS?

“A Brief Primer with a Focus on Noon Sights”

This seminar is an introduction to the art of celestial navigation, with a focus on noon sights. After a brief description of the notions involved in celestial navigation, including geometry, position plotting, an introduction to the

nautical almanac, sextant operation, and the specifics of how to obtain latitude from a noon sight of the sun, participants will “shoot the sun” to determine latitude position.

In order to prepare attendees to take a sight with a sextant, understand the concept involved in taking a noon sight, and taking the noon sight, the session will run from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.



Upcoming Activities

July 8	Sat 9am- noon	Weather for Boaters Seminar	Harbor Classroom
July 14 - July 16	Fri - Sun	PCYC Cruise/Dinner Dinner on 7/15 at 6:00PM	Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club
July 21 - July 23	Fri - Sun	Cruise to Santa Cruz Destination TBD Point Person: Scott Burns	Meet in Harbor in AM
July 22	Sat 10am- 2pm	Basics of Celestial Navigation	Harbor Classroom

Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club Cruise & Dinner

P/C Tom Koch, SN

Hear Ye, Hear Ye... Come one and all... come by car, boat, bike, train or plane, but bring a friend and come!

Announcing the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (PCYC) Cruise and Banquet for 2023. All SBSPS members and friends are invited.

PCYC General Manager, Don Meyers, assures me we are Welcome and the PCYC Staff members are looking forward to having us visit them again. They are planning to, once again, serve Prime Rib or Pistachio Encrusted Salmon, drinks, salads, veggies and a Hot Fudge Ice Cream Sundae for dessert. See the PCYC Flyer for the particulars of the Banquet Dinner on Saturday, 15 July 2023.

The PCYC dock will be opened for boats to tie up. Boats are welcome to arrive in the afternoon on 14 July and stay until the morning of 16 July. If more boats arrive than can tie up to the dock, we are welcome to raft together. So all should be accommodated.

See the flyer below, fill in your pertinent information, write a check, and send it to the address below, as soon as possible. You can also make your dinner selection and pay online at [sbsps.net](https://www.sbsps.net). I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Please Note:

I must have the boat reservations by 30 June 2023.

Dinner reservations must be submitted by 7 July 2023.

P/C Tom Koch, SN

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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron



**Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club
Cruise & Dinner**

**Dinner & Festivities, Saturday,
July 15, 2023**

**Slips Available Friday & Saturday
12 noon July 14 - 11:00AM July 16**

Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron's Annual

PACIFIC CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB

CRUISE & DINNER - CROW'S NEST

15 JULY 2023

**2600 South Harbor Blvd
Channel Islands Harbor**

**Dock Appetizers and Drinks @ 1600
PCYC Crows Nest No Host Bar @ 1800**

Dinner Crow's Nest @ 1900



Pistachio Encrusted Salmon Or
Roasted Prime Rib

Dinner Includes:

Seasonal Mixed Greens Salad
Vegetables

Potatoes/Rice Pilaf, Rolls & Butter

Coffee or Tea, Dessert — Hot Fudge Sundae

Price: \$50.00 per person

(tax and gratuity included)

Slips and/or guest dock available.

After 12n 14 July — 11am 16 July



Coming by boat: take left fork, continue to bridge, on left. By car: 101 S to Seaward, left onto Harbor Blvd. to Channel Islands Harbor (approx. 7 miles after exiting 101). Turn right before the bridge, first left into shopping area and another immediate left, follow the road to PC Yacht Club.

**ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME
YOU DO NOT NEED A BOAT TO PARTICIPATE!**

Make your reservation NOW!

***Santa Barbara Sail & Power
Squadron's Annual***

**PACIFIC CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
CRUISE & DINNER - CROW'S NEST**

RESERVATION FORM

Come by boat or by car, but join us!

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST(S) _____

Coming by Boat: Power _____ **Sail** _____ **Length** _____

Approx. date and time of boat arrival: _____

DINNER CHOICE

Pistachio Encrusted Salmon #: _____

Roasted Prime Rib #: _____

Dinners @ \$50 each: _____ Total \$ _____

Two Ways to Make Your Reservation

*Make your reservation and pay by credit card at <https://www.sbsps.net> — click
on Activities and PCYC or*

*Make checks payable to Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron and mail along
with your choice of entrée to:*

Tom Koch

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Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Dinner Reservation Deadline: 7 July 2023

Boat Reservation Deadline: 30 June 2023

No Refunds for Cancellations After: 12 July 2023

Adventures in Australia: Part 1

P/C Dennis Johns, AP

We had made a promise to our son that we would keep him notified of our progress on our round-the-world trip either daily by email via a Pactor Modem connected to our Single Sideband Radio (in the middle of a passage) or by email when we had an internet connection (once arrived at a marina or anchorage). In addition, when leaving on a multi-day passage, we would provide a float plan with departure and estimated arrival dates. Virginia was so diligent with this process that it became a source of comfort for our son.

Before leaving New Caledonia for Australia, a four to five day passage, she sent the float plan as usual with our approximate arrival date. One day out from our landfall we sent an email update.

After five days we did arrive at Bundaberg, Australia. We knew that the cyclone season was closing in on us and we would have put the boat up on the hard for that foul season. There were two marinas at Bundaberg to choose from and for several days we were singularly focused on investigating the options. Speaking to the marina that was most convenient being only a short walk into town on the banks of the Bundaberg River, we discovered that their equipment could not haul our size boat. We were, to some extent, thankful for that rejection because their method of laying up a boat was to tie them to the local trees that grew along the river bank. So we proceeded to make arrangements with the alternative marina that was at least five miles out of town but they had a modern concrete boatyard with eyebolt anchors in the concrete to tie down the boats.

That night, having arrived back at the boat, we had the VHF radio on, as it was common to have the boats in the marina report to each other their next day activities. You can imagine our surprise when we heard the Australian Coast Guard hailing *Libertad*. Of course I answered the call dreading what crime we had committed and what the fine was going to be. To our wonderment, the Coast Guard asked our position (Lat & Long) to which we advised our slip number in the marina that we were at. They responded that they were happy to hear that but we had better send a message to our son about our successful arrival as three days had passed from our approximate arrival date and he had contacted the US Coast Guard to advise them of our last location and communication. Embarrassingly, we immediately sent a message with our apologies and our thanks that he followed up with his concern. We learned two valuable lessons 1) How effective the concept of a float plan can be and 2) Best to not deviate from an established procedure.

So we laid up *Libertad* and left for the US for a few months. The last serious cyclone season they had had was 20 years ago and it was noted as a 100 year storm which caused the river to flood. While in the US we monitored the Australian weather regularly. To our shock and dread, the cyclone season for that year was designated as another 100 year storm, causing the river to flood again. Worried about the conditions at the boatyard, we tried to contact the marina office. They didn't respond to our inquiries for several days which had us expecting the worst. Eventually they contacted us advising us to not try to contact them any further. Our boat was fine and they would contact us if anything further needed to be advised. As you can imagine, we were relieved to say the least.

Eventually we returned to Bundaberg to get *Libertad* ready for the next leg of the journey. We were overwhelmed by the destruction caused by the cyclone and the river flooding. The marina upriver was completely washed away, every boat breaking loose and either sinking or being washed out to sea. The Coast Guard was still tracking down some of the missing vessels. The boatyard that we were in was virtually untouched but their marina was in shambles. Many of the boats that had broken loose from the marina upriver had collided with the marina docks before careening out to sea. The most disturbing scene we encountered was a sunken boat in one of the marina slips –see attached photo.





WEAR IT

A program of the National Safe Boating Council

Boating Tips for the Fourth of July



The Safe Boating Campaign, a worldwide effort focused on responsible boating, reminds boaters to boat sober this Fourth of July. Boating under the influence, or BUI, is the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

“The Fourth of July has unfortunately become known for drinking, boating, and deadly incidents,” said Peg Phillips, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council, a nonprofit dedicated to helping create a safe boating experience for all boaters and the lead organization of the Safe Boating Campaign. “Never boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs – this is a danger to the boat operator, passengers, and others enjoying the water.”

The side effects of alcohol or drug use, such as impaired judgment, reduced balance, and poor coordination, are magnified while boating, due to environmental conditions from the sun, wind, and boat motion. Impaired

boaters can easily fall overboard, swim near the propeller, lean over the side, or stand up in small boats causing the boat to capsize.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, a partner of the Safe Boating Campaign, in collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard and law enforcement agencies nationwide, is coordinating the annual Operation Dry Water three-day weekend. This heightened BUI awareness and enforcement effort will be held from July 1 to July 3 in every U.S. state and territory.

The Safe Boating Campaign also encourages boaters this Fourth of July to check all equipment is present and working, share the details of their trip with someone trusted before leaving the dock, wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket, use an engine cut-off switch, watch the weather, and follow all navigation rules.

“Boating incidents can happen at any time, so it’s important to always be prepared,” continued Phillips. “Wear a life jacket and always boat sober.”



Get Trained Like the Pros



On-water training is a fun, easy, and affordable way to develop and improve your boating skills. The National Safe Boating Council's on-water training partner — the BoatU.S. Foundation — offers opportunities for you to gain more confidence at the helm or learn the basics. They offer the NSBC's modular boat control curriculum, which conforms to the American National Standard for on-water skills as verified through an independent third-party assessment process.

Take the stress out of docking and close-quarters boat handling by learning the techniques professional captains use to operate their boats with ease. Courses may be available in your area! **Sign up today.**

www.safeboatingcampaign.com



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America's Boating Channel Launches Seventh Season

**“WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL” Will Be First Video
to Premiere**

Raleigh, NC, 1 June 2023 – **America's Boating Channel™**, the U.S. Coast Guard funded boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons® (USPS)- America's Boating Club® (ABC), will publicly debut its new season of twelve videos across its smart TV, online, and mobile distribution platforms starting in June.

In making the announcement, **USPS-ABC Chief Commander Craig Fraser** remarked, **“We're excited to introduce America's Boating Channel's seventh season of original non-duplicated boating safety and boater education videos. This year's slate of titles reflects a**

sharpened focus on critical safety considerations, operational guidance, and electronic aids to navigation.”

The first video in the new series, **WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL**, will premiere on Fire TV, Roku, and YouTube, as well as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and other social networks at **8 PM EDT on Thursday June 1.**

WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL asks a series of "What if..." questions about contemporary life jackets. Viewers will learn the benefits of wearing life jackets while underway on boats. Also featured are tips to consider when buying a new life jacket.

Every ten days throughout the boating season, **America’s Boating Channel** will launch a new video. Upcoming Season Seven titles include **SLIPS, TRIPS, AND FALLS; PARTNER IN COMMAND; DISEMBARKING HAZARDS; BOATING WITH SMALL CHILDREN; ENGINE FAILURE CAUSES & CURES; TOWED SPORTS SAFETY; TYING DOCK LINES; INTRODUCING AIS; MARINE RADIO ETIQUETTE; NAVIGATING LOCKS; and BORDER CROSSING.**

Smart TV viewers can subscribe to America’s Boating Channel for free on Roku and FireTV. On Roku, viewers can select Store using their Roku remotes, click on Channels, search for Americas Boating Channel, and then add the channel. On FireTV, viewers can go to Apps on their FireTV Main Menu, search for Americas Boating Channel, select Get, and then download the app.

Online, the best way to view the videos is to subscribe at no charge to America’s Boating Channel on YouTube,

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