

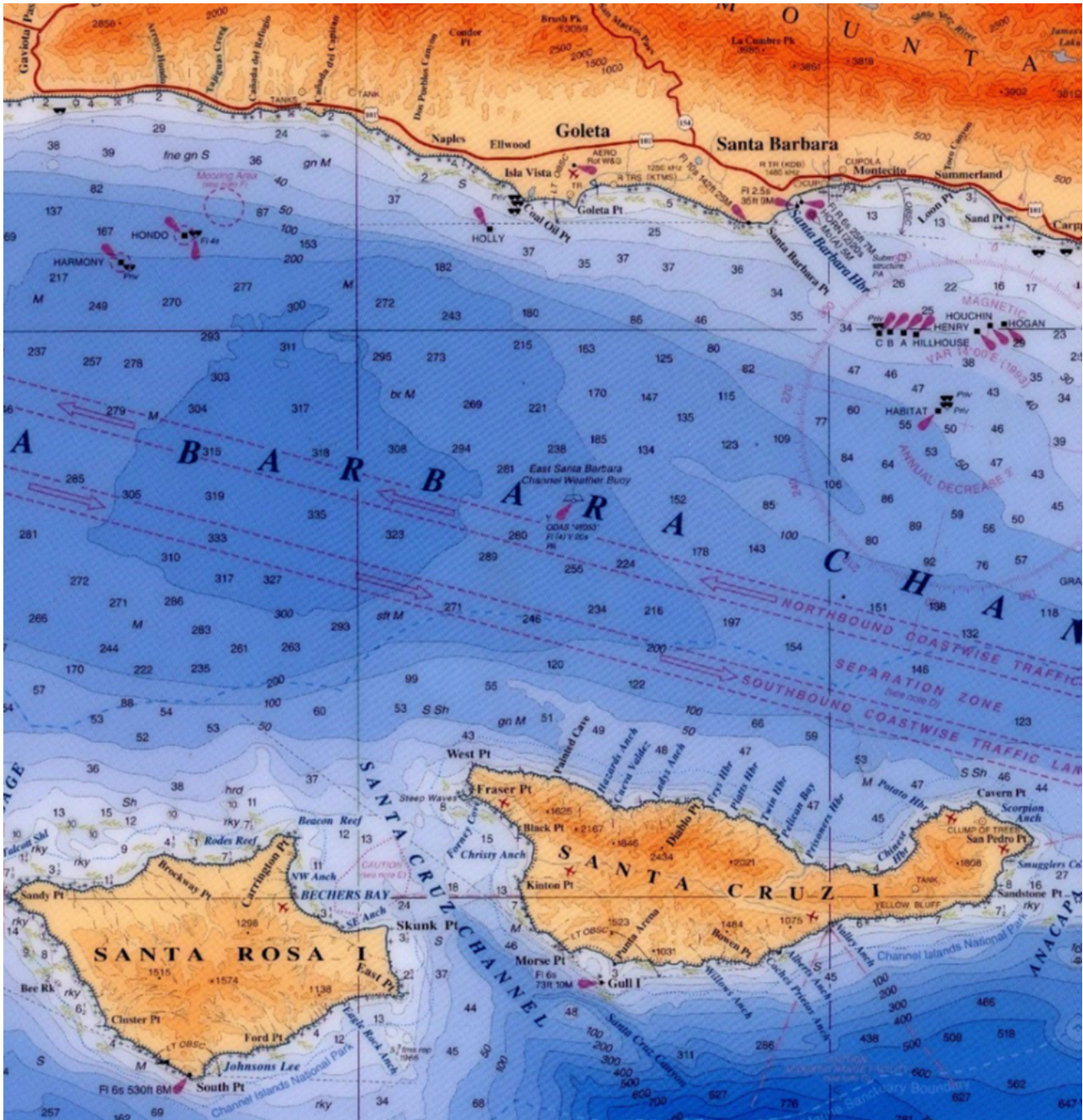


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Santa Barbara Sail & Power Squadron

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Cdr. Virginia Johns, P



Last Month

Fun and Entertainment Meeting We had our first book discussion! We read Diary of a Sea Captain's Wife by Margaret Holden Eaton. Ed Kaufman facilitated. The book takes place in Santa Barbara and the nearby Channel Islands. Ed came prepared with a list of themes for discussion, pictures of local spots mentioned in the book, more information on all the characters, and much more. What a fabulous event. I am so sorry that I was on vacation. I enjoyed the book and know I would have loved the discussion, as did the attendees. Seems like it is something we should repeat (although Ed has set the bar high for the facilitator role!) Please make book suggestions – it doesn't mean you have to be the facilitator, promise!

Harbor and Seafood Festival We were invited again to have a table on the pier advertising our organization. Thank you to those who volunteered for setup, taking shifts at the table - greeting the visitors, and tear down. We distributed pamphlets on boating safety topics and information on upcoming seminars. This year we had orange safety whistles hanging from our shade structure to attract attention and to hand out to our visitors. We collected email addresses for folks interested in upcoming courses and for those interested in a Vessel Safety Check. We also took the opportunity to talk to the other participating boating vendors. It was a very enjoyable and successful day.

Seminars Our Education committee is busy. They are offering another set of seminars this fall and have plans for the winter – see the report further on in this newsletter.

Coming up

Annual Member Mixer at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum Wed
November 15, 5-7 pm

Our Annual Member Mixer at the Maritime Museum is happening this month! You won't want to miss it, so get your RSVP in to Suzette Seago now. See details further on in this newsletter. We will be sharing boating stories – come prepared with a short tale from your adventures – be it cruising, racing, boat maintenance, whatever! Possible categories:

We had a great adventure We learned a lot Next time

Holiday Event Saturday Dec 9 SAVE THE DATE

We are currently pursuing two options:

- Lunch at a restaurant
- Progressive afternoon event at the Harbor: Since we skipped both of our traditional boat-to-boat progressive events this year, we might have a wandering egg nog, hot chocolate, appetizers, and holiday cookie party.

Happy Thanksgiving

I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you who have helped to make this an enjoyable and productive year. Students, instructors, event organizers (for our Fun and Entertainment meetings, community service activities, and social events), workers and attendees at these events, newsletter contributors, vessel examiners, website support, and of course our Executive Committee. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.





SEO'S MESSAGE

Lt/C Rich Ciolino, JN

We completed the first two of our fall educational Boat Handling seminars in October and will resume the classes with two more in November. Pricing for these four seminars was set at \$20 each or \$60 for signing up for all four. Interestingly each of the five students that signed up opted for the \$60 package deal.

I led the first seminar, Rules of the Road, and thanks to Tom Koch and Steve Young for leading the second one, Docking and Undocking. The Docking material provided with the Boat Handling course for this seminar uses motorboats to illustrate the techniques needed to safely dock and undock under various conditions. For more completeness we decided to include some of the unique aspects of docking and undocking a sailboat as well and Steve pulled together some material from the USPS Sail course that addressed docking. Tom, with years of motor boat experience, presented the original course material, and Steve, with years of sailing experience, presented the sailboat material.

It's not too late to sign up for the remaining seminars and here's the schedule:

Beginning in October of this year - Boating Essentials:

Seminar 1: ~~Rules of the Road~~ — Navigation aids, lights, markers, sounds, rules when encountering other vessels. **October 17**

Seminar 2: ~~Docking, Undocking for Motor and Sailboats.~~
October 24

Seminar 3: ~~Maneuvering Underway.~~ **November 7**

Seminar 4: ~~Handling Emergencies Onboard~~ – **November 14**



Location and Time: All course sessions meet at SB Harbor Marine Center Classroom, above the Post Office, on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cost: \$20.00 each for any of the seminars of interest.

Contact: Please register online at **SBSPS.net** or contact for more information - **Rich Ciolino (805) 682-4543** or rdciolino@cox.net (it helps planning if we know how many students to expect)

Tom will do the Maneuvering Underway seminar and the Emergencies Onboard seminar will be presented by Dennis Johns and Ed Kaufman. This will complete our classes for 2023 and I want thank all of our instructors for giving of their time to prepare and present our classroom offerings: Steve Young, George Poe, Steve Hodges, Mike Pyzel, Tom Koch, Dennis Johns, and Ed Kaufman. And a special thanks to Commander Virginia Johns for supporting the education committee, arranging for snacks and refreshments, and being in attendance at each session to add topic-relevant experiences and Club information.

Looking forward to 2024, the educational committee plans to start with a five-week Cruise Planning course. Details will be forthcoming early next year on this and other offerings. That's it for this year and I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Upcoming Activities

Nov 7	Tues 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Seminar — Maneuvering Underway	Harbor classroom
Nov 14	Tues 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Seminar — Handling Emergencies Onboard	Harbor Classroom
Nov 15	Wed 5:00pm- 7:00pm	Maritime Museum Mixer	Santa Barbara Maritime Museum
Dec 9	TBD	Holiday Party	TBD



Maritime Museum Mixer

November 15, 2023

17:00 to 19:00

Hosted Wine and Appetizers

SB Maritime Museum

We will have the museum all to ourselves. Join us for two hours of comradery, sharing of nautical knowledge, boating stories and friendship.

Bring your sea stories!

Presentations at 5:30pm

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*We need some volunteers for the mixer — set up, greeters,
wine pourers.*

Please let me know if you can help!

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Book: *Diary of a Sea Captain's Wife* Discussion

Finally, after several postponements, we held our first book discussion. The book, *Diary of a Sea Captain's Wife* by Margaret Holden Eaton and Janice Timbrook, is a fascinating look at life in Santa Barbara and several of the Channel Islands — most specifically Santa Cruz — during the early twentieth century. Ed Kaufmann led an informative discussion. Some thoughts for the next book to read are the following: *An Embarrassment of Mangoes — A Caribbean Interlude* by Ann Vanderhoof and *Blue Latitudes*, by Tony Horowitz. Do you have others to recommend? Let us know. Below is a photo from the evening.



Busy Day at Harbor Festival

Virginia & Dennis Johns



The Santa Barbara Harbor & Seafood Festival was well attended, as usual. Rich and Dennis had an early morning start setting up our booth as we had to deliver our equipment and get our cars off

the pier by 7am. It only took about an hour to construct our awning, hang our banners, and organize our materials. We had two hours to assist others while we waited for the 10am opening.

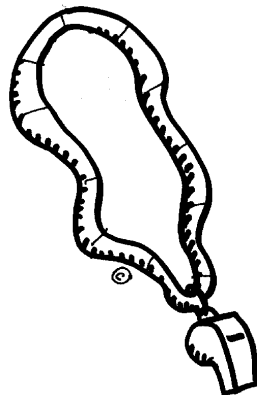
This year we decorated our booth with orange safety whistles hanging from our roof. And we had a stash of whistles to hand out. There was a steady flow by our booth and our members did a nice job of calling attention to our offerings. Pete and Suzette Seagoe, Alec Hardy, Mary-Louise Scully, and myself worked the three shifts in pairs. We collected names



of locals interested in classes and vessel safety checks. We had good weather and were quite comfortable under our shade structure. We had time to visit with other participating boating vendors and they likewise stopped at our booth. It was a very enjoyable day.



Dennis and Rich returned at about 4:30pm to dismantle our operation and this time they had to cart everything to the parking lot. Thanks to all of the member volunteers!



Boating Under the Influence: Talk about it before it's too late

Let's talk about boating under the influence (BUI). Just because November is upon us and a lot of boats have been winterized, we continue to need to educate each other about this dangerous practice. America's Boating Channel™ BUI videos offer an excellent way in which to do this.



Check out the "Dispelling BUI Myths" video in Season Four that covers six major misconceptions about boating under the influence (BUI). It teaches viewers about unique dangers associated with boating while intoxicated and features law enforcement actions and penalties for conviction of BUI. In Season Five there is a video entitled "BUI Fatalities" that covers the most fundamental reason for not boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Viewers will learn of additional associated risks and receive tips for avoiding BUI, such as using a designated sober operator.



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, FireTV and, as of November 2023, Apple TV. [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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