

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Ahoy there! Ahoy there!

I won't be out of town for my annual elk hunting (winter camping/survival expedition) this year so I'm looking forward to our next get together on Sunday afternoon November 6th at 1300 in the big room at the Fisherman's Grotto in Charleston. After the lunch/meeting we'll reconvene at the Squadron building to go over some additional exit strategies before the Port takes over our building the middle of next month.

It seems like it's getting dark super early now so that's a clue it's time for our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas potluck and optional gift exchange. Please consider joining us Sunday December 4th at 1300 for this festive festive affair and please bring a friend. The gift exchange is optional but very entertaining for all. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift not to exceed \$10 to put under the tree. We'll go over all the rules for "exchanging gifts" (sounds better than "stealing") right after dinner.

We're looking at offering another safe boating class or possibly a Piloting class in January or February. Let our SEO, Al Swanson, know which subject/chapters you would like to teach. Enjoy the holidays and drive carefully....it's the most dangerous thing we do! See you soon!



 Craig M. Meyer, AP

World Premiere of INLET DRONE VIDEOS, America's Boating Channel Introduces New Service Offering

Raleigh, NC, 31 October 2022 – America's Boating Channel™ will publicly launch "INLET DRONE VIDEOS," its newest service offering, in a special event before a live audience at the Maritime Institute in Maryland on Saturday.

Award-winning drone videographer Steve Troletti, who piloted drones for the new service's three inaugural videos, announced the world premiere, saying, "We are very excited to present 'INLET DRONE VIDEOS' for the first time anywhere. The new service is designed to help recreational boat operators prepare for their first sorties through harbors, rivers, and other high traffic entrances by showing them exactly what to expect and what to avoid."

Each INLET DRONE VIDEO features narrated low altitude aerial shots of leaving from and returning to specific major US waterways across the nation.

The launch event will take place at 10:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Saturday November 5 during the United States Power Squadrons District 5 Fall Educational Conference in the Marine Conference Center at Linthicum Heights, MD.

At the world premiere, attendees will screen the new service's three inaugural videos covering the Cape Fear, NC; Haulover, FL; and Columbia River Bar, OR inlets.

Fort Vancouver Sail & Power Squadron and your editor had a sneak preview of the Haulover Inlet video at their October Zoom meeting with Marty Lafferty.



America's Boating Channel's seventh season of videos, now in development, will premiere throughout the 2023 boating season and includes "BORDER CROSSING," "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 "WHY WEARING A LIFE JACKET IS COOL."

FALL MEETINGS and EVENTS

SPECIAL Squadron meeting / Board meeting November 6th 1300. Meet at Fisherman's Grotto for lunch then to building to inventory and classify everything in the building and decide if we keep and store, sell, donate or otherwise dispose of.

THANKSGIVING /
CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 4, 1300
@ Fisherman's Grotto

We'll be turning clocks back soon. Gaining an extra hour in 2022 is like getting a bonus track on a Yoko Ono album.

Fall back 0200, 06/11/2022.

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National Safe Boating Council

A VHF (Very High Frequency) Radio is an essential piece of safety equipment to have on your boat, and in an emergency it may be your only line of communication from sea to shore. ⚠ Here are FIVE tips to use your VHF radio:

1. Turn on the VHF unit and adjust the squelch by turning the knob until the static stops.
2. Then, perform a radio check to ensure your unit is functioning properly.
3. Radio checks can be performed by tuning to one of the common working channels (9, 68, 69, 71, 72, 78), or by hailing "TowBoatUS" on channel 68.
4. Then key your mic and call "radio check" three times, followed by the name of your boat. A boater will reply to confirm that your radio is working properly. If you're in an area with little boating traffic, try coordinating the radio check with a friend.
5. You can then leave your VHF on Channel 16 to monitor communications.



Marine Board Recognized with National Compass and Boating Safety Awards

The Oregon State Marine Board received two national awards during the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) annual conference, held in Manchester, New Hampshire, on September 27-30, 2022. Oregon had three representatives in attendance: Boating Safety Advocate Luke Martinez, Boating Safety Education Coordinator MariAnn McKenzie, and Boating Safety Program Manager/Boating Law Administrator, Brian Paulsen.

The Marine Board's Boating Safety Advocate Luke Martinez of Curry County was nominated for and received, the 2022 Boating Safety Award. The NASBLA Boating Safety Award is bestowed upon a state or local government individual involved in boating safety who has demonstrated outstanding performance, among other criteria. Martinez was awarded for going above and beyond in public outreach, school education, and hands-on events since beginning the role in early 2020. Additionally, Martinez partnered with the U.S. Forest Service on water patrols and created boating and water safety videos in partnership with the Curry County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and other entities. He also is a member of the county's Search and Rescue Team. Martinez's outgoing and enthusiastic personality is contagious to boaters, as are his upbeat safety messages. He is very knowledgeable about the local waters and continues to educate the locals and children about boating and water safety. Martinez is a shining star, an asset to boaters in his community, and to the Oregon State Marine Board. "We're very excited he and the state of Oregon were recognized," said Brian Paulsen, Boating Safety Manager for the agency. "Luke deserves this award."



After Martinez received the award, Oregon representatives were surprised when the Oregon State Marine Board was recognized shortly thereafter, with the 2022 Compass Award. The Compass Award recognizes a NASBLA member agency for significant measures and leadership taken to develop a model of performance in a specific area. In the maritime domain, a compass is a tool that we use to help chart new territory or navigate through and beyond unfamiliar waters and challenges that lie ahead.

Receipt of this award identifies an agency whose program, effort, or initiative has truly enhanced our nation's safety and security, and one that has become a model for other states to follow.

The Oregon State Marine Board was recognized with the distinguished Compass Award for developing and implementing a Waterway Access Grant Program, with direct engagement and collaboration from various paddling groups over a 10-year period. The Waterway Access Grant program receives revenue from permit sales from paddlecraft 10 feet long and longer. Grants are awarded to public boating facility managers to provide new or improved access for paddlers. Grants also help fund education and equipment for non-profit organizations that offer paddling opportunities to Veterans and underserved communities to learn and experience boating at their local waterways.

The conference hosted more than 200 attendees from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, including Boating Law Administrators (BLAs), agency officials, and marine industry stakeholders. NMMA sponsored a networking event on the first night of the conference where the team had the opportunity to connect with over 30 BLAs and discuss various issues impacting the recreational boating industry, including boating access, boater education and safety, and the recreational impact of the industry across the U.S.

Pictured below: Brian Paulson, Boating Safety Program Manager/Boating Law Administrator receiving the Compass Award; Luke Martinez, Boating Safety Advocate in Curry County receiving the Boating Safety Award.



Plymouth Rock. The Pilgrims. The first Thanksgiving feast.

We all know the story of Thanksgiving—but without one very famous ship, it's likely that our country's history might look very different today! In honor of Thanksgiving, we're taking a closer look at the Mayflower, and the instrumental role it played in American history.

It wasn't intended to carry over the Pilgrims... The Mayflower was originally used as a cargo ship to transport goods between England and France. In fact, by the time it assumed its most famous role on the fateful 1620 voyage, it was considered an aging ship, and not in the best repair. ...nor was it supposed to go to America alone.



The original plan was for the Mayflower to head to America accompanied by another ship, the Speedwell. However, when the Speedwell kept springing leaks, it was determined to be unfit for the transatlantic voyage ahead. Instead of proceeding west, some of its passengers were so discouraged by the leaks and other obstacles that they simply stayed put. Humans weren't the only passengers on board. While there was no room for large animals on board, plenty of pigs, poultry and even dogs and cats did come along for the voyage.

A pivotal passenger was almost lost at sea. During the voyage, John Howland fell overboard and into the ocean, but was saved by a rope that had been trailing along in the water. Once an indentured servant, Howland survived and lived to become an influential member of the Plymouth colony, signing the Mayflower Compact and serving as assistant to the colony's governor, John Carver.

Families traveled light. Families were each given one box in which to store their belongings, making the trip a light one without much room for changes of clothes and other luxuries. Makeshift "cabins" provided for added privacy. Since living space on the ship was so crowded, families used thin sheets of wood to create makeshift "cabins," which separated them from their neighbors. Compared to today's travel standards, it certainly seems hard to imagine!

The Mayflower Compact was an early attempt at a constitution. While still on board, The Mayflower Compact was drafted and signed. It set forth fundamental rules and expectations for all to follow to ensure their survival in the New World.

Two babies were born on board. While the voyage was no doubt a difficult one, it did see the arrival of new life—namely, two baby boys born to different families. Oceanus Hopkins was born on the trip itself, and was thus given an appropriate seafaring name. Peregrine White—whose similarly fitting name comes from the Latin word for pilgrim—was born on board after the ship had reached harbor, making him the first Pilgrim to be born in America. White went on to do big things in the colony—he married, raised a family, and actively involved himself in the colony's military and government.

Massachusetts wasn't the Mayflower's first choice. The Mayflower originally hoped to sail to the Colony of Virginia further south, but reached the Cape Cod area first. While the ship tried to turn toward that original destination, bad weather on the water forced it to remain in Massachusetts.

The Mayflower might have been turned into a barn. Many of us have visited Plymouth Rock—but why can't we see the Mayflower itself? It is said—though often disputed—that the ship was in such disrepair following the death of its captain, Christopher Jones, that its wood was sold as scraps. According to the story, that wood is now part of a barn in Buckinghamshire, England, which has now become somewhat of a tourist destination thanks to its nickname—the Mayflower Barn.

Which of these Mayflower facts surprised you the most? Let us know below—and from our family to yours, have a very **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**.

Historic Coos County Don Palmer

Wolverine was a launch powered by a gasoline engine that operated on the Coquille River on the southern coast of Oregon, United States, from 1908 to the 1920s. Later the boat operated on Coos Bay, and, in the mid-1930s, was transferred to Eureka, California. Wolverine is principally known for its early service as a high-speed passenger vessel.



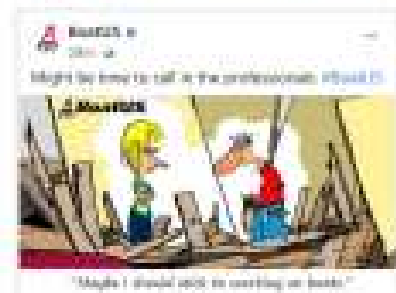
Wolverine was built in Marshfield, Oregon in 1908 at the boatyard of Max Timmerman. Wolverine was launched late in the afternoon of April 2, 1908. The boat was christened at its launching by Miss Mary Peterson, of Marshfield. With the boat having been built in Coos Bay, it was necessary to take it out into the open ocean to the Coquille River to be placed into service, which "attracted much attention, as it was built for river rather than open sea work

On April 22, 1908, Wolverine ran from Empire, Oregon south down the coast to Bandon in about 2.5 hours. Wolverine was still registered in 1925. The boat was transferred to service on Coos Bay by that time. In 1926, Wolverine was operating out of Marshfield in miscellaneous service. This continued until 1934, when the boat was under the ownership of E.E. Sprague, of North Bend. In 1935, Wolverine was still listed on the registry of merchant vessels, but with a new home port of Eureka, California, and a new owner,

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 (1:00 PM) Fisherman's Grotto
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