

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Setting a Course for the Future

Ahoy there! Ahoy there!

It looks like the fall boating season is in full swing as many fishermen are trying to gather a salmon or two in the local estuaries as well as seeking some nice white fillets from their favorite offshore rock pile. I wish to thank all those who attended our Summer/Fall picnic this last month. The fire restrictions were still in effect at the time so we ended up going to the Fisherman's Grotto for our picnic this year. Hopefully we'll have better luck with the weather next year.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at 1400 at the Fisherman's Grotto. Bring your thinking caps because we need to start firming up our plans for our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday Celebration. We set a tentative date of December 10th for this event at our last meeting. Save the dates on these events and come join the fun. It just shows once again that working together we can accomplish much. See you there're!

One more thing! It's my great honor to extend the very best wishes on behalf of all our squadron members for a HAPPY 96th BIRTHDAY (October 4th) to our very own "Mr. Power Squadron", Art Schuldt. Thank you Art for your many years of service to our Coos Bay Power Squadron! Job well done and much appreciated by all of us! Remember together everyone accomplishes more "TEAM"!


Cdr Craig M Beyer, AP

Meetings & Events

Coos Bay Squadron / Executive Board Meeting, October 22, 1400 at Fisherman's Grotto, Charleston.

All members are welcome to attend.

Daylight Saving Time, (DST) will end on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00:00 am. At that time, clocks will be turned backward by one hour to 1:00:00 am local standard time Sunday, November 5, 2023.

CHARLENE Donnelly Fri, Sep 8 at 5:54 PM

It was learned (on the dock) at the Rendezvous that there was a conflict with our zoom host and the date originally set for our Fall Council Meeting--which had been Saturday, October 14th. Please note it has been moved up one week to Saturday, October 7th and still to be held via zoom from 9:00AM - 12:00N.

Except for a conflict with D-16's date, this date seemed to work well for those polled on the dock. I hope you will be able to join us.

Please advise whether you will or will not be there (on-line).

Agenda and zoom link to come.

Thank you, Charlene Donnelly, D/C D-32 America's Boating Club

A blast from the past , Charleston Boat Basin, Columbus Day, October 12, 1962

The Columbus Day Storm of 1962 was a Pacific Northwest windstorm that struck the Pacific Northwest coast of the United States on October 12, 1962. The Columbus Day Storm of 1962 is considered to be the benchmark of extratropical wind storms. The system brought strong winds of over 100 knots (115mph) to the Pacific Northwest and southwest Canada, and was linked to 46 fatalities in the Northwest and Northern California resulting from heavy rains and mudslides.



You can make a difference in boating safety

By Kyle Ford, MyCG Writer Sept. 21, 2023



You can help the Coast Guard formulate policy and regulation for recreational boating safety.

The Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety invites you to add your questions or concerns for the National Recreational Boating Safety Survey (NRBSS) to their Ideas@Work campaign now through Oct. 26.

Have you seen something during a recreational boating that needs to be addressed by the Coast Guard?

Is there a new technology in boating that the Coast Guard should be looking at?

“Recreational boating has accelerated in the last five years since the last survey was developed,” said Jonathan Hsieh, Division of Boating Safety. “It’s easier for people to buy a boat and navigate using a smartphone app, so there are a lot of those trends and new practices that maybe we don’t necessarily see at headquarters, but members may see down in the field.”

Boating officers, members at Sectors or Stations, auxiliarists and any Coast Guard members, especially those who regularly boat or kayak themselves, can offer survey suggestions. The NRBSS is offered to more than 50,000 boaters every five to ten years and seeks to identify trends in boating safety, usage and technology. The results help the Coast Guard learn the number of recreational boats and boaters using our waterways and properly regulate recreational boating. “The survey helps us form policy that makes sense and helps us figure out how many people these regulations are going to affect,” said Hsieh. You can find past surveys for reference here.

For questions contact SMB-COMDT-CG-BSX Data at SMB-COMDT-CG-BSX-Data@uscg.mil

Resources

- To view past surveys for reference, please visit [National Recreational Boating Safety Survey page](#)
- [CG_Ideas@Work](#) - by IdeaScale | National Recreational Boating Safety Survey Expertise Solicitation (ideascale.gov)

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Brief your crew

Before heading out for a day on the water, be sure to brief your crew. Talk to your passengers about your boat and make sure you have someone on board who knows how to operate it should you become incapacitated. A crew briefing can make running your boat easier and your guests feel safer.



Image courtesy of America's Boating Channel

Here are some things you should consider covering:

- Where to find life jackets, a first-aid kit, visual distress signals and fire extinguishers. Be sure to offer life jackets to your guests and encourage everyone to wear them. Additionally, point out the best places to sit on board and remind them to spread out and not all sit or stand on one side of the boat.
- How to operate the VHF marine radio in case of an emergency. Most people know that radios are “push to talk,” but in an emergency, they forget to “release to listen.”

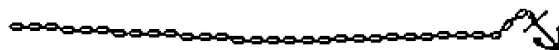
• How you will handle docking procedures and what help you expect when you get to your destination. You don't want to be unprepared for docking.

Although everyone wants to help, they may not know the best way to do so. Covering this ahead of time helps avoid last-minute confusion and mishaps.

- While you're at it, discuss the route so they understand what they will see along the way. Visitors may not be familiar with local waters. Helping them appreciate what they are about to experience sets the stage for a fun day.

Finally, always have someone on board who can be your partner in command. This person should be able to operate your boat and get everyone home safely (or to a designated access point where help is available) if you become incapacitated. Taking time to brief your crew will help everyone stay safe and have more fun on the water.

–Thomas E. Dawson of America's Boating Club Cape Coral



Limit carbon monoxide exposure

You see them every day: swimmers holding onto the swim platform chatting with friends onboard, boats anchored close together with air conditioners chugging away, children teak surfing off the swim platform of the family boat. All these situations could become fatal due to their high risk of carbon monoxide exposure and poisoning. Produced by burning carbon-based fuels, deadly and invisible carbon monoxide gas has no taste or smell.



Carbon monoxide from the exhaust of inboard engines, outboard engines and generators can build up inside and outside boats in areas near exhaust vents, such as the swim platform, making it dangerous to congregate or swim in these areas when the motor or generator is running.

Exhaust from neighboring boats also poses a danger to docked, beached or anchored boats, making them vulnerable to carbon monoxide intrusion in the cabin and cockpit.

Blocked exhaust outlets can cause carbon monoxide to accumulate in the cabin and cockpit area even when hatches, windows, portholes and doors are closed. Avoid anchoring in areas where your boat's exhaust outlets could become blocked.

Backdrafting, sometimes called the station wagon effect, occurs when a boat operates at a high bow angle, travels under four knots, or has been improperly loaded. This causes carbon monoxide to accumulate inside the cabin, cockpit and bridge even when protective coverings are used and the boat is under way. People teak surfing off the swim platform or water-skiing 20 feet or closer to the boat will inhale carbon monoxide exhaust, putting them at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

By learning how to avoid carbon monoxide exposure and educating others about the dangers, you can help save lives. –U.S. Coast Guard

Operation Dry Water

Impairment can be even more dangerous for boaters than for drivers in a car, since most boaters have less experience and confidence operating a boat than they do driving a car. #OperationDryWater

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MEETINGS

Squadron / Executive Board Meetings THIRD SUNDAY each month. Board Meetings may be called by Cdr or Board. Meetings are at 1400 (2:00 PM) at FISHERMAN'S GROTTTO. Covid-19 restrictions followed if required

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