

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

AHOY THERE....AHOY THERE!!!

Can't believe it is 2024 already! Time seems to really fly as you get older. All those folks that attended the Thanksgiving/Christmas member appreciation meeting last month seemed to have a great time. Fun and a great meal were had by all! I would like to convey special thanks to all those who helped with the preparations, desserts and decorations. The members present at the December 10th, 2023, meeting voted unanimously to place our Squadron on "Inactive Status" until we are able to get healed up and gain a few more participating members. I informed our District 32 Commander of our decision as per the USPS By-laws that same evening via email. I have recently heard back from her acknowledging our decision. It was also decided that we would get together on an informal basis so we can keep in touch and enjoy the social benefits of being a member.

Our first informal meeting will be a coffee/lunch meeting on Sunday afternoon January 14 @1400 at the Fisherman's Grotto in Charleston. Hope to see you there! Remember we're a team....that's Together Everyone Accomplishes More!!! **"TEAM"**!

Cdr Craig M Beyer, AP

From: CHARLENE Donnelly cdahlen@comcast.net

To:

Dear Commander Beyer,

On behalf of District 32 it is with regret yet understanding that we accept the decision of the Coos Bay Power Squadron to move to an inactive status. I appreciate that this decision reached by a unanimous vote, came as a result of a great deal of thought and discussion and that you have left the door open for the opportunity to reclaim an active status should your situation change.

I will take whatever steps may be necessary to notify National of this decision as well.

I want to thank you and your members for your efforts to keep the squadron going in spite of the many challenges the Squadron was experiencing. My visit last Spring bore witness of the loyalty to the organization and the comradery your group has established and enjoyed. I'm happy to learn that a social connection will remain.

Of course, we'll keep you informed of what activities or changes may be taking place within the District and appreciate that Art will keep us informed of your activities through the continued publication of the Whistler.

Please share our gratitude with the entire squadron for the years of leadership and dedication to the United States Power Squadron and the efforts to keep it viable through hosted community events, monthly meetings and the education courses offered to meet the mission of the America's Boating Club to promote boating enjoyment and safety. I will be sharing this news with our Squadron Commanders.

With gratitude, Charlene Donnelly, D/C
District 32 America's Boating Club

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Coos Bay Squadron Social Meeting, January 14, 1400 at Fisherman's Grotto, Charleston.



Customize your meeting adventure When you register for the 2024 Annual Meeting of United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, you can choose to customize your experience with meal choices events on your time and more.

Meal Choices When you book a luncheon or dinner, you'll have two entrees to choose from! As always, let us know about any dietary restrictions you may have when registering.

Event Choices Not a planner? Want flexible scheduling? Choose from several daytime activities on your own time, including SeaWord, swimming with the manatees and more.

Social Events—Something for Everyone Polynesian Fire Luau: Enjoy an authentic Polynesian dinner show on Monday, February 5.

Asylum Escape Room: Help solve the mystery and escape from the asylum on Tuesday, February 6.

Pirates Adventure Dinner Show: Climb aboard an 18th-century Spanish galleon with 40-foot masts anchored in a 300,000-gallon indoor lagoon for the world's largest interactive dinner show on Tuesday, February 6

Register Now & Save Get your tickets before January 10 for the best prices! Ticket prices increase by at least 20% after that date.

Alaska Boating Safety Program
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Boating safety tip: Equip your boat with at least one means of reboarding, such as a foot sling, swim step, built-in transom ladder, or rope ladder. A simple loop of line between cleats could make reboarding easier in the event that you fall out of the boat.
Bonus tip: always attach an engine cut-off device when underway.

#SafeBoating #AlaskaBoatingSafety #BePrepared #SafetyFirst

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

Motorboat Registration Renewal Reminder

The Oregon State Marine Board has mailed motorboat registration renewal notices to boaters whose motorboat registration expired on December 31, 2023, and electronically to boat owners with emails on file. Each renewal notice is unique to the owner and their boat. Boat owners are encouraged to take advantage of the online renewal option. Renewing online using the Marine Board's Boat Oregon Store is the fastest method, offering a printable temporary permit to go boating right away. Owners can renew multiple boats or purchase Waterway Access Permits in one transaction with a \$1.50 portal provider fee. The registration decals are mailed within 2-5 days from online sales and within 7-10 business days from the date of receipt by US mail with payment and the remittance coupon. Owners can then expect an additional 2-4 weeks for their decals to arrive by US Mail. The timelines may vary since printing and mailing are handled outside the agency.



Any watercraft with a motor or sailboats 12 feet or longer are required to title and register with the Marine Board. Motorboat registration fees are \$5 plus \$5.95 per foot and are issued on a 2-year calendar basis. Renewing in the fall and winter is recommended to avoid long delays during the peak summer season. The renewal cycle begins on November 1st of the expiration year.

Nonmotorized boaters with paddlecraft 10 feet and longer can also purchase waterway access permits through the Boat Oregon Store. A 7-day permit costs \$5, an annual permit is \$17, and a two-year permit is \$30. Annual and two-year permits are also valid for the calendar year(s). Paddlers are encouraged to purchase permits early in the year to get the most out of permits because these permits can be saved or printed immediately.

Visit the Boat Oregon Store help page with videos and written instructions on how to navigate the system to renew your motorboat registrations or purchase Waterway Access Permits

Your Go-To Resources Learn about the Marine Board's programs and online tools to help you plan all of your boating adventures at Boat.Oregon.gov

Are your registration decals displayed correctly? Your motorboat's OR number can be as unique as you and your boat are, with some exceptions. Learn the spacing, height, and locations on your boat that are required by law. Failure to properly display boat registration numbers (OR#'s) and have current registration decals is a Class D Violation (\$110 fine)

Now selling 7-day Waterway Access Permits

A 7-day permit is \$6.50. Annual (\$18.50) and two-year (\$31.50) permits are also available for purchase online and expire on December 31st of the calendar year. The cost for the permit includes a portal provider fee. Learn more about where your permit dollars are going.



COMPASS

The lifesaving diving reflex

While the diving reflex can protect people during cold-water immersion, it can lead rescuers to wrongly conclude that the victims are beyond recovery.

Most people recovered in cold water near-drowning cases show the typical symptoms of death:

- cyanotic (blue) skin,
- no detectable breathing,
- no apparent pulse or heartbeat and
- fully dilated pupils.

These symptoms don't always indicate death; they are also the body's way of increasing its chances of survival through what scientists call the mammalian diving reflex.

The diving reflex is most evident in marine mammals such as whales, seals or porpoises. During this phenomenon, the body diverts blood to circulate it between the heart, brain and lungs (at only six to eight beats per minute in some cases).

Marine mammals have developed this ability, which allows them to remain underwater for extended periods (more than 30 minutes in some species) without brain or body damage. In humans, the diving reflex is not as pronounced as in marine mammals. The factors that enhance the diving reflex in humans include

- Water temperature: Colder water creates a more profound response that may be more protective to the brain.
- Age: Younger victims have a more active reflex.
- Facial immersion: Cold-water stimulation of the face triggers the pathways necessary for these responses.

Although the diving reflex can protect people during cold-water immersion, it may confuse rescuers into thinking that a victim is dead. Resuscitative efforts such as CPR should be started immediately for these victims. Numerous children have been brought up from freezing water after 30 minutes and successfully resuscitated. —Greg Watt

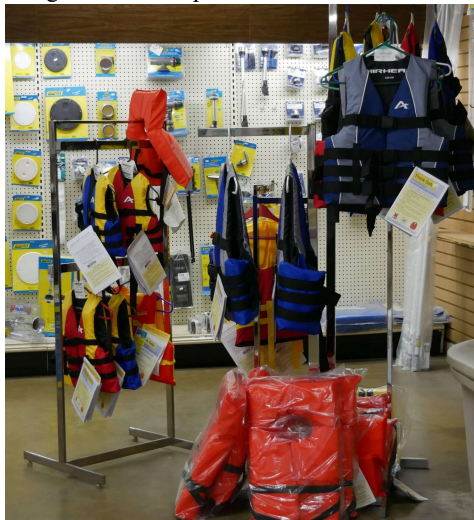
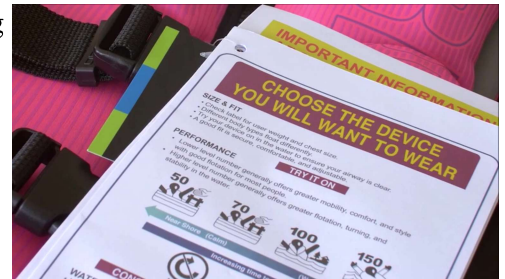


America's Boating Channel™

Understanding Life Jacket Labels

Let's start the year by getting our life jackets ready for the 2024 boating season.

If you cleaned and inspected your life jackets before storing them for winter storage, you should know how many need to be replaced. Which brings us to our topic of life jacket labels. You may be unaware of the new labeling system if you have not purchased a life jacket recently. Type I, II, III and IV labeling was removed by the U.S. Coast Guard from the Code of Federal Regulations in 2014, but it is taking several years for the legacy designations to be phased out.



To help boaters understand the current labeling system, Season Four of America's Boating Channel offers the video "Life Jacket Labels" in which you are introduced to the simplified labels that contain less writing and more icons. Regardless of your age or experience level, data shows that life jackets save lives. So don't hesitate to replace older life jackets. America's Boating Channel also produced a sequel entitled "New Label Benefits" that covers the advantages of the new life jacket labeling system. In this video, viewers learn how to interpret label icons. Also featured are tips for selecting the right life jacket for your intended on-the-water activity. Follow the above links or visit <https://www.youtube.com/@AmericasBoatingChannel> to find these and 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 free, on-demand app on Apple TV, 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.

Intro to AIS aids to navigation

AIS aids to navigation are becoming a reality in waters in and around the United States. Supplementing existing aids, AIS ATONs are being used as temporary aids in special cases. Boaters should consider upgrading their navigation electronics by adding equipment capable of receiving and displaying Automatic Identification System (AIS) information.



What are AIS ATONs?

AIS ATONs are a natural extension of AIS technology aboard commercial and recreational vessels. All commercial vessels are required to have AIS transponders, and many recreational vessels broadcast their Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number through their VHF radios. In addition to identifying vessels, the MMSI number broadcast is used to identify land-based stations, search and rescue transponders, man overboard beacons, and now navigational aids.

Using AIS technology, you can track vessels in near real-time on a variety of web-based sites and applications. Ships equipped with AIS-enabled displays can see the positions of other AIS-equipped ships up to 20 nautical miles away, even if they are behind islands or other obstructions that may block the ship's radar. As part of the information commercial vessels broadcast, you can learn the ship's size, draft, position, speed, direction, cargo, destination, and other information.

The U.S. Coast Guard has been attaching AIS transmitters to ATONs that broadcast the aid's position and purpose. This information appears on AIS-enabled navigation systems and radar units. Vessels with equipment capable of receiving these broadcasts can "see" aids on their screens before they can spot them visually.

Types of AIS ATONs

The U.S. Coast Guard has created three categories of AIS ATONs.

Real AIS ATONs have an AIS transmitter affixed to an existing aid.

Synthetic AIS ATONs are also existing aids, but they do not have a transmitter affixed to them. Instead, an AIS message is broadcast from another (usually land-based) location.

Virtual AIS ATONs are used where no physical aid to navigation is present. The aid exists only as an AIS message broadcast from another location.

In short, AIS ATONs transmit information that further improves situational awareness and helps boat operators navigate safely.

The price for recreational vessel AIS receivers and transponders continues to decline, making it easy to invest in AIS capacity as part of your next electronics upgrade. Need an MMSI number? Go to usps.org/mmsi. –

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

Image courtesy of America's Boating Channel



Today's #tuesdaytip: Make sure everyone is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket. Even experienced swimmers can experience shock within one minute in frigid water and may lose muscle control within 10 minutes.

Be mindful of life jacket buoyancy depending on weather conditions, gear worn, and anticipated recreational activity. Keep yourself and others safe this winter, and learn more at www.safeboatingcampaign.com

#lifejacketssavelives

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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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