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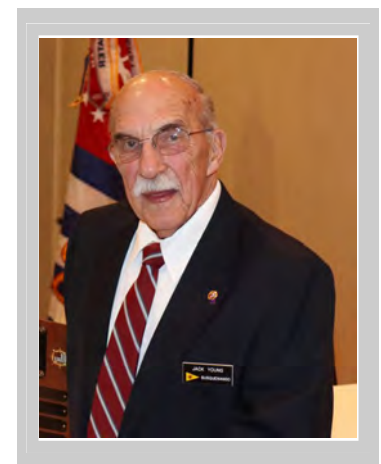
"Either my family misses me after all these years, or it's the boat."

On the Horizon

21 September 2022: Executive Meeting (TBD) 1900 HR

16 November 2022: General Membership and Thanksgiving
Holiday Meeting TBD 1800 HR

Picture Request of members summer adventures and our Two Nation Uncle Sam's Tour for our next Issue. Thanks, Mike & Peg



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Commander's Comments

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The Weekend River Rendezvous was a success. We had 14 for the Friday evening Cocktail Party, 14 for the Uncle Sam's Two Nation Cruise and 18 for our Saturday Evening Dinner. Every venue was on schedule and set up like clockwork. All this success was due to Lt/C Linda Rought's time, talent and hard work seeking out programs and venues and donating her camp for the Cocktail Party. Our hats are off to you Linda!

We are now fully into our boating season with four to six more weeks of vacation time. I hope everyone is enjoying their time with family and friends and are having a fabulous and safe time.

We will begin our meeting and education schedule on 21 September 2022. Stay tuned for information on the meeting location. Until then: **remember the sage advice of Yogi Berra when it comes to Covid-19 "It ain't over till it's over."**

Vessel Safety Gear Checklist

Life Jackets <small>(USCG approved, fit properly, and are being worn)</small>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire Extinguisher		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sound Producing Device		<input type="checkbox"/>
Navigation Lights		<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual Distress Signal		<input type="checkbox"/>



The Boating Safety Seven

1. Wear your life jacket
2. Take a boating safety class
3. Carry all required safety gear
4. Use your engine cut-off switch
5. File a float plan
6. Be aware of weather and water conditions
7. Boat sober, and be considerate of others





Weekend River Rendezvous
Friday evening Cocktail Party
at Linda Rought's summer
camp.



Weekend Rendezvous
Saturday Evening
Dinner at the Island
Bay Pier House.



AUGUST

A large yellow sunflower with green leaves is positioned to the right of the word "AUGUST". The sunflower has a dark brown center and is surrounded by several green leaves with prominent veins.

Maintenance tips for cruising

To ensure a trouble-free boating season, follow these general maintenance tips for cruising:

Engine: At the end of the day, run the engine exhaust blowers for 20 to 45 minutes to remove excess heat from the engine compartment. This helps prevent damage to your pricy [engine](#) room equipment.
Oil absorption pads placed under your engine and transmission can give you an early indication of impending trouble by making oil leaks evident. They also make cleaning the engine room easier.

Hoses: Squeeze hoses, feeling for soft, bulging or cracked spots. Check for corrosion on the clamps. Many stainless steel clamps have inferior grade stainless screws, which will corrode. Use all 316 stainless steel hose clamps. On double-clamped hoses, set clamps 180 degrees to each other, facing in the opposite direction.

A/C system: Remove, clean or replace all filters monthly. Clean all drain pans monthly and check for debris that might clog the drain line. Check sea strainers biweekly and clean as needed. Note normal water flow, so you will notice if it changes. Back flush raw water lines annually by manufacturer specifications. Add chlorine tablets to the seawater strainer and run the system to destroy algae buildup in lines.

Electrical system: Check battery fluid once a week and add fluid as needed. Examine battery terminals monthly for tightness and corrosion. Check battery chargers weekly for proper operation. Before each cruise, check all navigational lights. Check battery cells with a hydrometer or load test them every six months.

Bilge system: Check the bilge daily for excess water and clean if oil is present. Every week, check the [bilge pump](#) and float switch for proper operation. Wash the bilge annually.

—Larry Byrd
Americas Boating Compass

ENGLISH IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU DRIVE IN PARKWAYS AND PARK IN DRIVEWAYS.	THE WORD QUEUE IS JUST A Q FOLLOWED BY FOUR SILENT LETTERS.
IT'S ALSO THE ONLY LANGUAGE WHERE YOU RECITE IN A PLAY AND PLAY IN A RECITAL.	JAIL AND PRISON ARE SYNONYMS. BUT JAILER AND PRISONER ARE ANTONYMS.
YOUR FINGERS HAVE FINGERTIPS BUT YOUR TOES DON'T HAVE TOETIPS.	WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY CAR, IT'S CALLED A SHIPMENT. BUT WHEN YOU TRANSPORT SOMETHING BY SHIP, IT'S CALLED CARGO.
YET, YOU CAN TIPTOE BUT NOT TIFINGER.	

Finding True North Without a Compass

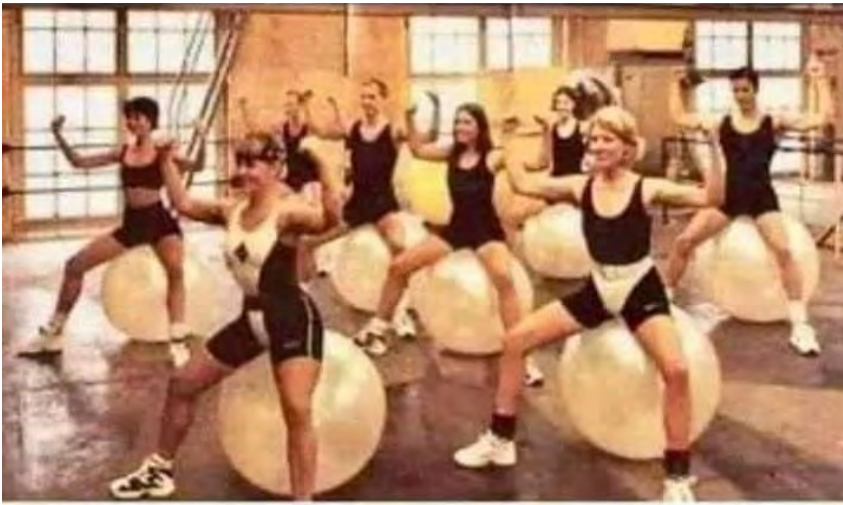
- 1 Place a stick in the ground and mark the location of the shadow.
- 2 Wait 10 minutes, then mark where the shadow falls now.
- 3 Shadows move west to east, so the first mark indicates west and the second mark indicates east.
- 4 Stand between them and you can find north.

Our August Humor Pages





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This picture was given to a grade 1 class and the children were asked to suggest a headline. The winning entry was:

'Never swallow your bubblegum.'

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