

11th WATCH

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District 11, Flotilla 11-11

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Awards & Announcements

For the month of August there are no awards for the flotilla members.

Monthly Meeting

The next flotilla meeting will be on September 26, at Denny's Restaurant, 1180 Alabama Street, Redlands, CA, (north of I-10 freeway in Redlands, CA). Fellowship Hour begins at 1830, (6:30pm).

Cap'n Barnaby Says...

The commonly heard phrase "to break the ice" is thought to have originated from the maritime necessity of breaking up ice on rivers and channels for the navigation of ships and boats in the winter. The use of this expression to indicate preparation of a pathway for others did not arise until late in the sixteenth century. The use in its present sense of breaking down a stiff reserve between persons was slow in developing, or at least was not recorded for another 150 years.

The wisdom of Cap'n Barnaby comes from a Coast Guard Auxiliary Book from 1988 dealing with clipart for Auxiliary newsletters and was donated by Larry Bitonti FSO-OP

4th Cornerstone

The boating season is coming to a close and the flotilla would like to thank all the auxiliary members and their families who came to the lake and donated their time and assistance.

Auxiliary History

Public Law 451 passed by Congress in September, 1945, added owners of aircraft and radio stations to the list of those eligible for membership in the Auxiliary.

ID Cards

Please check your I.D. cards to ensure they are in date. Any member who does not have an I.D. card or whose I.D. card will expire within the next 60 days should contact Denver Driberg, VFC, FSO-HR, FSO-MT, as soon as possible. The VFC can be reached by using the following email address:

denver.aux@gmail.com

Paratus Prep Paratus Prep

For a chance at recognition by the Flotilla please send your answers to Kerry Morgan FSO-PB. Members who get all five questions correct will have their names read out during the monthly Flotilla meeting. The FSO-PB can be reached at: Kerrym1968@yahoo.com

1. A natural fiber rope can be ruined by dampness because it may _____?
 - Rot.
 - Shrink.
 - Stretch.
 - Unlay.
2. A pelican hook _____?
 - Is used for boat falls.
 - Is used for extra heavy loads.
 - Can be released while under pressure.
 - Is used for light loads only.
3. A person who sees someone fall overboard should _____?
 - a. Run to the radio room to send an emergency message.
 - b. Call for help and keep the individual in sight.
 - c. Immediately jump in the water to assist the individual.
 - d. Go to the bridge for the distress flares.
4. A rolling hitch can be used to _____?
 - a. Make a temporary eye.
 - b. Mouse a hook.
 - c. Secure a line around a spar.
 - d. Shorten a line.
5. A racetrack turn would be better than a Williamson turn in recovering a man overboard if _____?
 - a. The man has been missing for a period of time.
 - b. The sea water is very cold and the man is visible.
 - c. There is thick fog.
 - d. The wind was from astern on the original course.

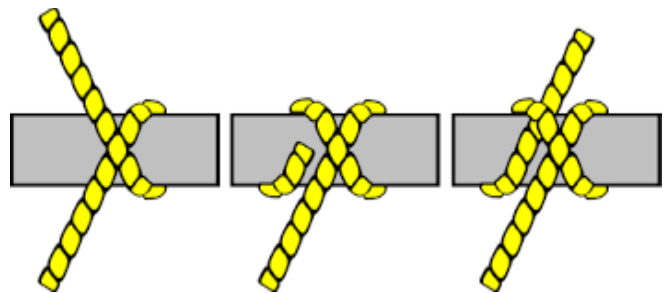
Paratus Prep Answers for August

Below are the answers for the month of August.

- 1) A grapnel is a?
 - Device used to drag for a submerged cable or line..
- 2) A hook that will release quickly is a?.
 - Pelican hook.
- 3) A Kort nozzle is a?
 - Hollow tube surrounding the propeller used to improve thrust.
- 4) A metal eye spliced into a wire is called a?.
 - Thimble..
- 5) A monkey fist is found on a?
 - Heaving line.

Knot of the Month

Clove Hitch



The **Clove Hitch** is A simple all-purpose hitch. Easy to tie and untie. The Clove Hitch is a good binding knot. However, as a hitch it should be used with caution because it can slip or come undone if the object it is tied to rotates or if constant pressure is not maintained on the line.

California Boaters Card

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a California Boaters Card?

The California Boater Card will show that its holder has successfully taken and passed a National Association of State Boating Law Administration (NASBLA)/state-approved boater safety education examination. Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, California is phasing in by age the requirement that residents who operate any motorized vessel on state waterways (including powered sailboats and paddle craft) will be required to carry the California Boater Card. The card will be issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW).

2. When will operators be required to have a California Boaters Card?

The new requirement will begin on Jan. 1, 2018 for all persons 20 years of age and younger who operate any motorized vessel on state waterways. On that date these boaters will be required to carry a boater card issued by DBW.

Each year after January 2018, a new age group will be added to those who are required to possess a valid card. By 2025, all persons who operate a motorized vessel on California waters will be required to have one. Once issued, the card remains valid for a boat operator's lifetime. January 1, 2018 Persons 20 years of age or younger

- January 1, 2019 Persons 25 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2020 Persons 35 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2021 Persons 40 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2022 Persons 45 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2023 Persons 50 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2024 Persons 60 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2025 All persons regardless of age

3. Am I pre qualified for a California Boaters Card if I have already taken a boater education course or will I need to take one before 2018?

DBW has determined that it will accept proof of passing a NASBLA and California Division of Boating and Waterways approved-boater education course taken between Jan. 1, 2015 and Dec. 31, 2017. Persons who have passed an approved examination during this timeframe will have 1 year from the effective January 1, 2018 implementation date to apply and pay for their California Boater Card to receive the "grandfathering" exemption regardless of their age. Older courses may not include recent state or national changes to navigation law.

4. Who will be exempt from needing a California Boating Card?

According to California law, the following persons will not be required to have a boater card to operate any motorized vessel on California waterways when the requirements go into effect beginning in January 2018:

- A person operating a rental vessel.
- A person operating a vessel while under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older who is in possession of a California Boater Card.
- A person who is a resident of a state other than California who is temporarily operating a vessel in California for less than 60 days and meets the boating requirements, if any, of his/her state.
- A person who is a resident of a country other than the United States who is temporarily operating a vessel in California for less than 90 days and meets the boating requirements, if any, of his/her country.
- A person operating a vessel in an organized regatta or vessel race, or water ski race.
- A person who is in possession of a current commercial fishing license.
- A person who is in possession of a valid marine operator license, for the waters upon which the licensee is operating, issued by the US Coast Guard, or who is in possession of a valid certificate issued pursuant to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended.
- A person who has successfully completed a boating course approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

5. Is there a fine for not having a California Boating Card?

Yes. A violation of this article (Harbors and Navigation Code Section 678.15) is an infraction and shall be fined as follows:

- For an initial conviction, by a fine of not more than \$100.
- For a second conviction, by a fine of not more than \$250.
- For a third or subsequent conviction, by a fine of not more \$500.

**Boating safety course providers must be NASLBA approved and be state-approved by DBW.
Courses may be classroom, home study or online.**

**The Coast Guard Auxiliary "About Boating Safety" course is an approved course.
The Division of Boating and Waterways plans to start accepting California Boater Card applications
in late 2017.**



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Approved with one mandatory correction:

- I may have overlooked this on your last newsletter, but you must include the district and flotilla number; such as, District 11, Flotilla 11-11 somewhere near the header.

Additional Notes:

Ensure that the graphic images you are using have the necessary copyright waivers.