



# From the Publisher

Now that the boating season has started and your craft is tuned up and fully equipped for your

favorite on-water activities, it may well be a timely idea to take a boating safety course, either to learn or to brush up on your basic seamanship, rules of the road and navigation skills and become a more knowledgeable boater. It's easy to do and will increase your competency and quite possibly result in a reduction in your marine insurance premium.

A good start would be to check for available courses in the monthly "News and Events" department carried by this publication's three different editions. For example, in our April issues we mentioned safety courses sponsored by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 1-4 in Lindenhurst (631-382-7723) and by Flotilla 1-7 in Holbrook (631-854-4974). Flotilla 1-4 is offering as well an all-day America's Boating Course on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lindenhurst Library. It's for adults and

children 14 years and older accompanied by an adult. You'll also find in this issue's "News and Events" an America's Boating Course sponsored by the Hempstead Bay Power Squadron that runs for five sessions (Tuesday evenings) starting May 22 at Nassau County Wantagh Park. Our April Sound edition lists a Boating Skills & Seamanship course in Mamaroneck (914-698-0323) and Flotilla 74 in Stamford has two courses it is offering at the Beacon Point Water Club in Cos Cob (203-661-4033). It pays to become involved with a local auxiliary flotilla or power squadron to learn more about boating and to share this valuable knowledge with others.

This month we observe National Safe Boating Week, running from the 19th through the 25th. In connection with this period, the Coast Guard reminds us that the vast majority of boating mishaps are preventable and that through public programs such as: boating safety courses, annual vessel safety checks and other initiatives aimed at the

boating community, together we can all make a positive difference.

One of the most important safety items required to be on your vessel is a life jacket, life vest or Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Call it whatever you will, but remember, it only works if you wear it. Boaters, fishing fans, families and nautical friends no longer accept the age-old protests: "It's too bulky," "It gets in my way!" and the like. And manufacturers have taken note of these objections and now offer many more options than the old orange life jacket of the past, with newer, refined designs, offering fit, style and materials to make them more comfortable, and pleasant to wear. The smartest three words on the water (or pier or dock or jetty or river bank) today are "Just wear it!" Please use them at all times while on or near the water.

Have a great May on the water.

*Bill*



# From Our Readers

*The letter below was sent to Contributing Writer Ginny Hauff, who writes the popular and closely-read "Nautical Trivia" department each month. [ed.]*

Dear Ginny,

Regarding your "Nautical Trivia" column on page 45 of the April issue, I thought you would be interested to know that for some utterly inexplicable reason, the boat having the right of way is no longer called the "privileged" vessel and the one without the right of way the "burdened" vessel. They are now called the "stand-on" vessel and the "give way" vessel. I much preferred the older terms.

Also, you are correct in that POSH stands for "Port Out - Starboard Home", but it actually did not refer to modern luxury liners. Rather, it alludes to the preferred passengers' cabins in the old sailing and early steam ships leaving from England and sailing around The Cape of Good Hope to India in the 1800's. The port side would be the shady side on the way there, and the starboard the shady side on the return trip. As they were sailing in tropical waters and there was, of course, no air conditioning and even poor ventilation, the cabins on the shady side were cooler and hence more desirable.

Yours truly,  
Phil Linker

*The following letter was mailed to Contributing Writer James E. Mercante, Esq, a nationally-*

*known admiralty attorney, who authors our monthly "Sea Trials" series. [ed.]*

Jim,

Your article about the lay-up warranty (April '07) has sparked some very good discussion on our end. The result is that our reps will be working through the claims chain of command when questions concerning lay-up arise. We will be reviewing each issue on a case by case basis keeping the issues you raised in your article and in the court's decision fresh in our minds. It provoked some very good discussion and I appreciate you taking the time to provide your valuable input.

Christopher Helmick, CIC  
Sr. Claim Consultant, Foremost Specialty Claims,

*The April 4 e-mail reproduced in part below reflects appreciation for publicity regarding boating safety at the beginning of this new season. [ed.]*

Good afternoon! Thank you for publicizing our "America's Boating Course" (ABC) safety course. We will soon be offering a new course - "How to Read a Nautical Chart" (HRNC). It specializes in using nautical charts and teaches basic courseplotting skills. Again, thank you for your assistance in getting this important safe boating information to the community.

Sincerely,  
Ken Kikta, FSO - Public Affairs  
USCGAuxiliary #72

*We received a thoughtful note from loyal reader Herb Rubinfeld. It was attached to his subscription renewal. [ed.]*

To the Editor:

I'm between boats, but look forward to the excellent articles. The last article by Hank Foglino concerning boating at night was excellent. As a boating instructor, I obtain a lot of information to make the class more interesting. Keep up the good work.

Herb Rubinfeld, Melville, NY

### *From the Editor*

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