

The Nevada Yacht Club

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THE REGATTA



Special Points of Interest:

- **Board Meeting**, Wed., 9 March, 6:30, The BlueOx Tavern Sandhill & Flamingo
- **Echo Bay Race**, Sat-Sun, 12-13 March, 6:00 AM
- **March General Meeting**, Fri, 18 March, 7:30 PM, LMM
- **Winter Series Race #3 of 3**, Sun, 20 Mar. 9:00 AM @ LMM
- **April Board Meeting**, Wed., 6 April TBD
- **LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA, SAT-SUN, 9-10 APRIL 8:00 AM**
- **Sail Training**, April 16-17, 2005
- **Boulder City Sail Training**, Sat., 23 April, See Glenn Frank

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Commodore's Column

Greetings everyone.

This is it, we are less than a month away from our annual Leukemia Cup Regatta. I would like to remind everyone if you are racing, it is important that you get your registrations in early.

Our next meeting will be held at the Lake Mead Marina on March 18th, and we will be discussing our final arrangements for the Leukemia Cup. We will have a representative from The Leukemia Lymphoma Society speaking, and Judith will bring along a video showing Gary Jobson's efforts as he has helped support this important event for so many years. If anyone is interested in helping at the event, please contact Glenn Frank to see what he needs help with. We are expecting another great turnout of sailors racing. I estimate at least 25 monohulls and more than a dozen Hobie Cats. So it should be a good time. Our fundraising efforts should be powered by now, so lets keep raising those funds.

Vice Commodore, Joedy Sisler is working hard on putting together our Sail Training weekend for April 16th & 17th, so if there is anyone you feel could benefit their life with the joy of sailing, please encourage them to sign up for the course. It truly is the best \$25 bucks they could ever spend. Please contact Joedy for further information at 591-8858.

A BIG THANKYOU to our Race Committee for running our last Winter Series race, Great Job guys.

Happy Sailing everyone, I look forward to seeing you all at the next General Meeting.
John D'Acunto



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March General Meeting

Friday, 18 March

7:30 PM

Lake Mead Marina

Leukemia Cup Regatta 2005 Meeting

Monday, March 14

6:00 p.m.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Office

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Las Vegas, 89118

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PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

Nevada Yacht Club Executive Board Meeting February 9, 2005

Meeting commences at 18:35 hrs.

Commodore John D'Acunto presided over the meeting.

Also present Joedy Sisler, Shay Sisler, Glenn Frank, Steve Smith, Joyce Smith, John Crawford, and Gloria Bevan.

Meeting location: Steve and Joyce Smith's House

John D'Acunto moved that the reading of the minutes for 1/12/2005 be waived. They stand as corrected and printed in the NYC newsletter.

Commodore: John

1. Checked on who was picking up the mail. Steve said he had the key and is taking care of that.
2. A speaker has not been secured for the February General Meeting. John is working on this and it will be a surprise speaker.
3. John was checking on burgees and found that Glenn has 24. Glenn will get these to John for new members. Along with the burgees each new member will receive a welcome letter and a handbook as soon as all are ready.

Vice Commodore: Joedy went over the proposed costs for sail training advertising.

1. There is a frame charge of \$26.00 \$51.00 for any one day, \$62.00 for Sundays.
2. The Outdoor Adventure Section on Sunday non-profit rate is \$419.00. It was moved and passed that we allow \$550.00 for advertising. Joedy will use this money to its best advantage. We will start with 6 Sundays and 3 Saturdays. Starting on 3/6/05. Joedy has been looking into more possibilities such as Clear Channel and a couple of the radio stations for public service messages.
3. 10 people have volunteered to teach sail training. It was discussed that we have a couple of women speak about the "Women's Perspective on Sailing". Nancy Cox will speak on Sunday. Shay and Joyce volunteered to put something together for Saturday.
4. Joedy will check to make sure our insurance policy is in effect for the days of the training.

Secretary: Gloria will be absent from the next general meeting. Shay or Joyce will take minutes. Thank you.

Treasurer: Beth sent her report via proxy. 40 memberships were paid for in January 2005. Checking balance, \$6,688.30 and Savings balance is \$13,192.01. The insurance payment of \$515.00 has not cleared the bank, plus all outstanding bills have been paid prior to month close.

Fleet Captain: Steve Smith reported that the Winter Series race #1 went very well with 13 entries. The results are posted at <http://www.nevadayachtclub.com/racing/results/2005/winter1fleet.htm>

Steve has the trophy ready for this season.

Cruising Captain: John Crawford reported that he is checking on the Desert Princess for 3/6/2005 Brunch. He will report on his findings at the General meeting. Plus the Spring cruise is set for 5/14/2005. Steve Smith has made a call to a boat rental company in the San Juan's. He has purchased a promotional video that will help with a presentation to the general

membership. Along with detailed pricing plus the fact that the company is offering a 15% discount for early reservations. It was felt that a decision needs to be made as soon as possible as the specific dates for this event. Tentatively the 16th of July through that week looks good. It would depend on the rental situation for that period. A full presentation will be given at the General Meeting on the 17th of February.

Staff Commodore: Glenn Frank reported that a background check will need to be done on anyone getting involved in the Boulder City Sail Training. This needs to be done as soon as possible for each instructor. Boulder City will pay for each volunteer.

Leukemia Cup: Glenn reported that the plans are going good. However, so far there is very little participation. \$200.00 in donations has been reported.

1. Leukemia Meeting dates are 2/17/05, 3/3/05, 3/17/05. Locations TBA
2. Logistics Chair: Gloria Bevan has volunteered to take on this position. This entails coordinating the auction, banquet, Gary Jobson, music, open bar on Saturday and Sunday evenings.
3. Glenn will do a presentation at the General Meeting on the specifics of fundraising.
4. More e-mails plus literature will be sent out to the membership.

Beth reported entertainment/dinners...we have scheduled for the entertainment on Sunday (thanks Joyce) and need some indication as to how long they will be playing. Still haven't heard back from Tommy Rocker. Beth has a meeting this Friday with Veronica to go over menus and pricing etc.

Beth needs to know how to set up the fundraising personal websites. Her fundraising letters will go out as soon as she can get that going. Curves in BC will allow us to put out information, as will Best Cellars and Best Bean.

NEW Business:

Website: Leukemia is posted on the website. Thanks Marty.

Membership: Beth reported she had several additional requests for separate membership cards for men and women and have given those names to Shay. We need to mail these out ASAP and don't know if that's on me or Shay.

Shay reported she has all the cards made for all members each separately. She would like to have the laminator. Glenn will get that to her. Shay is also taking care of the board out at Lake Mead Marina.

Next **Executive Board Meeting** will be 3/9/2005 6:30 PM location TBA

Next **General Meeting** is Friday, February 18, 7:30 PM at Lake Mead Marina

There was no other discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00 hrs

Gloria Bevan, Secretary

Nevada Yacht Club General Meeting Minutes February 18, 2005

General Meeting held at Lake Mead Marina commenced at 19:30 hours.

Commodore John D'Acunto, called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests. Introductions were made.

John Introduced Steve Smith, John Crawford, and Glenn Frank who gave a presentation on the "San Juan Cruise" set for July 17-23, 2005

Items of Interest:

4. One week adventure (6 nights on boat), including 2 places Anacortes or Friday Harbor.
5. Options Sail, shop, Bed & Breakfast.
6. Fly to Seattle and rent a car or fly to Anacortes
7. \$400.00 a week per person for boat plus airfare and supplies
8. 15% discount if rented in next two weeks.

Secretary: Reading of the minutes was waived and accepted as printed.

Vice Commodore: Joedy Sisler reported that \$4640.00 was allotted at the Clark County Boating Facilities and Safety committee Meeting. Really good job Joedy. This money will go to the two Sail Training sessions.

April 30, 2005 is the Grand Opening of the new Safety Building. Joedy recommends we do a booth for this event. Sail Training: Ad for Sail training to start for 5 weeks in the RJ. Sunny 106.5 radio is going to do a show in two weeks about Sail training and the Nevada Yacht Club. Joedy and Glenn are checking on the possibility of a show on Boulder City TV.

Treasurer: Beth reported that checking has \$6,802.92. \$13,197.61 in savings. All bills are paid including insurance.

Fleet Captain: Steve Smith reported that the Winter Series racing has been going very well. Lots of turn out. Ed will help launch the committee on the 27th. Need primary officer for that race. Echo Bay race is on the 12 and 13 of March. If you need a room get one soon. Call 1-800-752-9669 for reservations.

Cruising Captain: John Crawford announced the upcoming event— Desert Princess Cruise March 6, 2005. Beverage and Snack bar are on the boat. Board the Boat at 1:30 and Depart 2:00 PM \$20.00 10% off with the coupon from the site. <http://www.lakemeadcruises.com/>

Staff Commodore: Glenn went over in detail fund raising for Leukemia event. Deadline to pre-register boat is the 25th of March--\$50.00

There was no further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:15 hrs

Next General Meeting will be March 18, 2005 at 7:30 PM at the Lake Mead Marina.

Next Board Meeting will be March 9, 2005 at 6:30 PM Location TBA

Shay Sisler, Acting Secretary

From the Fleet Captain ~ Steve Smith

Winter Series #3 Sunday, March 20, 2005

Check out the results and standings on the NYC website for the Winter Series after 2 days of racing and 6 races. No throw outs have been factored in yet. The scores are by fleet and by all boats.

By Fleet:

<http://www.nevadayachtclub.com/racing/results/2005/winter2fleet.htm>

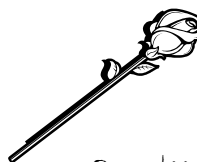
Overall:

<http://www.nevadayachtclub.com/racing/results/2005/winter2overall.htm>

Echo Bay Race Saturday & Sunday, March 12 & 13, 2005

~ New Race Fees ~

Members: \$10. Pre-registration, \$15. Day of race
Non-Members: \$20. Pre-registration, \$25. Day of race
Contact Steve Smith for more information (702) 278-4229



Our deepest sympathy to
Paul Krumm and family
for the recent loss of his brother.

Heartfelt condolences,

The Nevada Yacht Club

**From the Cruising Captain ~ John Crawford
2005 Cruises**

- May 14, 2--5 Spring Cruise
- Week of July 16 San Juan Islands
Sign up sheets at March 18 General Meeting. 5 Boats chartered so far ☺

For more information contact John Crawford
(702) 510-2350

March Happy Birthdays!



JOEDY SISLER
FRED DARLING
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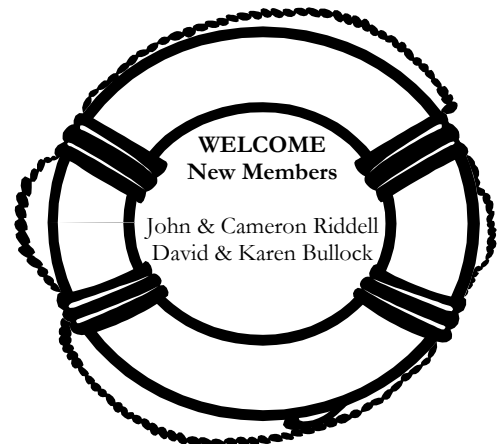
**WANTED
NO MORE!**

**Thank you
Gloria Bevan!!**

For volunteering to be the
Leukemia Cup Regatta
Event Coordinator

Saturday & Sunday
April 9 & 10, 2005

*Deadline for next newsletter is
April 5, 2005
Contact Sherry Gerner
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We're Sailing to Save Lives

April 9-10, 2005
Lake Mead and Boulder Creek Golf Club

To date we have 4 boats registered for the Regatta for this year. At our very first Regatta we had 40 fundraising boats and last year we had 22 fundraising boats. The first year we generated approximately \$43,000 in gross revenue and last year approximately \$30,000 in gross revenue. This year we are budgeted for \$37,000. To date, we have a total of \$2,485. So you can see that we really need everyone to help get the fundraising boats registered and have everyone start fundraising.

ONLINE FUNDRAISING NOW AVAILABLE! Active.com is now ACTIVE for all Leukemia Cup Regatta Sailors sailing in the Southern Nevada Chapter regatta. We all have our very own fundraising page online. Start using it today to get those dollars rolling in.

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Schedule of Events

Saturday & Sunday:.....Regatta Race begins at 10:00 am at Lake Mead. VIP Boat for Sponsors.

Saturday:.....Dinner at Boulder Creek Golf Club - 5:00 pm
 Presentation by Gary Jobson, world-class sailor, television commentator and author
 dinner, dancing, live auctions, entertainment. **Tickets \$25./person (\$30. at the door)**

Sunday:.....Bar-B-Que at Boulder Creek Golf Club - 3:00 pm
 Awards ceremony announcing regatta race winners, acknowledgement of our sponsors and top
 fundraisers, including the winner of the Leukemia Cup. **Tickets \$20./person (\$25. at the door)**

Attention Sailors



Requirements for the Program Book **Copy Deadline is March 23, 2005**

NOTICE: Copy deadline is BEFORE entry deadline. As of March 9, 2005, ONLY 2 ADS have been submitted – Thank you Andrea & Jim Rosaschi! We need your ads (business cards, etc.)/artwork **TODAY!!!!**

Mechanical Requirements:

Camera ready art should be supplied: Black on white repro, to size, Any pre-screened images should be a maximum of 85 lpi. Digital files are acceptable in the following formats: Adobe Illustrator (EPS), Freehand (EPS), Adobe Photoshop (EPS or TIFF), QuarkXpress. When submitting electronic files, please supply any required support files, including fonts, as well as a printed laser hard copy as reference.

Please send to:

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Are Donations Tax Deductible?

All donations made directly to your fundraising campaign are tax-deductible.
Checks should be made payable to *The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society*.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Program Book Ads Available:

- Full Page \$300
- 1/2 Page \$200
- 1/4 Page \$100
- Business Card Size \$ 50

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- Start by sponsoring yourself for \$25
- Ask 3 family members to sponsor you for \$25
- Ask 5 friends or neighbors for \$10
- Ask 5 co-workers for \$10
- Ask your boss for a \$50 donation
- Ask 2 businesses you frequent for \$25

Leukemia Cup Regatta Information & Contacts:

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- **Deann Cline**, The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, Southern Nevada Chapter, Campaign Director, 702.436.4220, clined@lls.org
- Check the NYC website for more information and forms www.nevadayachtclub.com

Have Dinner with Gary!



GARY JOBSON

Gary Jobson, 54, is a world-class sailor, television commentator and author based in Annapolis, Maryland. Gary covered the 2003 America's Cup in Auckland, New Zealand for ESPN and Sailing World. In 2004 he covered the Sailing Olympics for NBC in Athens.

Gary has won many championships in one design classes, the America's Cup with Ted Turner in 1977, the infamous Fastnet Race and many of the world's ocean races. In college he was an All American sailor three times and was twice named College Sailor of the Year (1972, 1973).

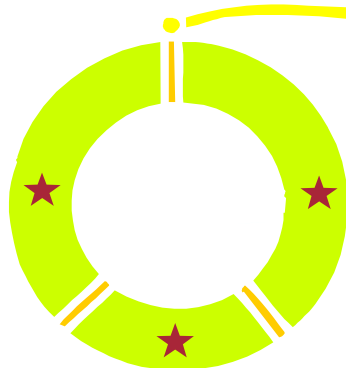
In October 2003 Gary was inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame by the Herreshoff Marine Museum. In 1999 Jobson won the Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy, US Sailing's most prestigious award. This trophy is awarded annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of sailing in the United States.

Jobson has been ESPN's sailing commentator since 1985. In 1988 Jobson won an Emmy for his coverage of yachting at the Olympic Games in South Korea. Gary has authored 14 sailing books and is Editor at Large of Sailing World and Cruising World magazines. His newest book is titled Championship Sailing.

Gary is the National Regatta Chairman of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's sailing program.

Gary Jobson Awards

2004	James M. Webster Perpetual Trophy (Southern California Yachting Association)	2000	City of Annapolis Maritime Heritage Hall of Fame
2004	State University of New York Maritime College "Outstanding Graduate"	1999	Nathaniel G. Herreshoff Award (US Sailing)
2004	The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Spiral of Life Award	1997	Joe Prosser Award for Excellence in Sailing Instruction
2004	Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame	1996	State University of New York: Honor Roll
2004	State University of New York Maritime's Heritage Hall	1996	Milwaukee Sailor of the Year
2004	Lifetime Achievement Award by Annapolis/Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce	1995	Charles R. Smith Jr. Trophy (Annapolis Yacht Club)
2004	Named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International	1990	Toms River Regional School's Hall of Fame
2003	Herreshoff Museum America's Cup Hall of Fame	1988	Emmy Award (1988 Olympic Games - Yachting)
2003	Best Sports Book of 2002 (<u>Fighting Finish</u>), Awarded by the Independent Publisher Book Awards in America	1988	National Marine Manufacturers Director's Award
2002	Clarion Award for Best Book 2002 (<u>Fighting Finish</u>)	1987	Cable Ace Awards (1987 America's Cup)
2002	Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame	1983	S.U.N.Y. Maritime College Athletic Hall of Fame
2002	John Southam Award (Expedition to the Arctic) Awarded by Sail America	1972, 1973	Intercollegiate Sailor of the Year
		1971, 1972, 1973	All America Intercollegiate Sailing Team
		1966	Powell Trophy (Outstanding Junior Sailor - Barnegat Bay)



Gary Jobson to give a presentation
 Saturday, April 9, 2005
 5:00 p.m.
 Boulder Creek Golf Club
 Tickets \$25.00/\$30 at door
 For Seats at Gary's Table – Contact
 Glenn Frank 702.592.2009, lvmining@aol.com

Take the Sailing Lingo Test

http://www.american-sailing.com/resources/lingo_test.html

Are you an expert sailor? Take the sailing lingo test to find out: (answers below)

1. The "poop deck" is:

- a) A very, very stinky area of the ship.
- b) The highest deck at the aft end of a large ship.
- c) Where you go when you need a nap.

2. Openings along the edges of a ship's deck are called:

- a) deck holes
- b) sniggle-wiffers
- c) scuppers

3. To greet a fellow sailor, you'd say:

- a) "Ahoy!"
- b) "Howdy, pardner!"
- c) "Yo, wassup?"

4. In sailing, the "bow" of the ship is:

- a) A cute little ribbon on the mast.
- b) The front of the ship.
- c) The thing you steer with.

5. "Flotsam" is:

- a) Any part of the wreckage of a ship or her cargo which is found floating on the surface of the sea.
- b) A small town in Germany known for its pastries.
- c) A dyslexic interpretation of the word "Ifostma".

6. A wire support from the mast to the stern of the ship is called the:

- a) masternwireholderthingy
- b) gobble-gobble
- c) backstay

7. A boat which pointed too far into the wind is called:

- a) S.O.L.
- b) In irons.
- c) Beskrunkled.

8. A "catboat" is:

- a) A sailboat crewed entirely by felines.
- b) Any sailboat that has a litter box.
- c) A sailboat with a single sail.

9. In sailing, when something is entangled or clogged, it is:

- a) really frustrating
- b) fouled
- c) besmirched

10. The command used in coming about to inform the crew that the helm is being pushed hard to leeward, turning the boat into the wind, is:

- a) "Hard alee!"
- b) "What the...?!"
- c) "All hands abandon ship!"

Sail Training Boulder City – Instructors Needed

Anyone wishing to help instruct classes for the Boulder City Parks and Recreation sail training classes needs to be approved by the city and processed as a independent contractor. They need some ID and will perform a brief background check so you can teach the class.

The sail training dates are all on Saturdays:

4/23, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/10

Remember we get about 50.00 per student so this is a great way to raise some extra funds for the club. We have a limit of 6 students per class. We can increase the students when we have more people checked out to teach the class for the city. Please volunteer to take a couple of people out for the class. It is only 4 hours on Saturdays.

Thanks, Glenn Frank, Call me at 592-2009
or Patricia Cooper, Boulder City Administrative Supervisor of Parks and Recreation Dept. at 293-9256

Answers: 1-b, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b, 5-a, 6-c, 7-b, 8-c, 9-b, 10-a **How did you score?** 1-2 correct – *Landlubber*; 3-4 correct – *Cabin Boy (or Girl)*; 5-6 correct – *Crew*; 7-8 correct – *Captain*; 9-10 correct – *Admiral*



DAY OF 100 SAILS

HOIST YOUR SAIL AND JOIN THE FUN.
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005
LAKE MEAD MARINA
PATIO SKIPPERS MEETING
12:00 P.M.
ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING A SIDE DISH TO
SHARE.

The Etiquette of Flags

There is no legislation governing the flying of any flag on numbered, undocumented or unlicensed vessels. However, through the years, customs have been established for the types of flags that may be flown, and when and where they are to be displayed. In recent years new procedures have evolved, such as flying the national ensign from the stern staff of sailboat underway.

The term *colors* actually applies only to the flag at the stern of a vessel to denote the boat's nationality. In practice, however, it has come to be used for all flags flown, and will be used in the context in this article.

In general, it is not considered proper practice to fly more than one flag on a single hoist. There are a few exceptions, however, many vessels, because of their size or construction, cannot accommodate single hoisting; these may multiple hoist when necessary, with proper order of precedence observed.

U.S. Power Squadrons guidelines for flag display are given in the chart below. See photo also.

The yacht club burgee. Generally triangular in shape, although sometimes swallow-tailed, the yacht club burgee may be flown by day only, or by day and night, as defined by the individual yacht club. It is flown from the bow staff of mastless and single-masted powerboats, at the foremost masthead of vessels with two or more masts, and the main masthead of ketches or yawls. The burgee may be flown while underway (but not racing) and at anchor. You may substitute the owner's private signal for the burgee on single-masted yachts without bow staff, when the boat is underway.

Officer flags. Flags designating yacht club or USPS officers are rectangular in shape, blue (with white design) for senior officers; red for next lower rank; white (with blue design) for lower ranks. Other

officers' flags (except fleet captain and fleet surgeon) may be swallow-tailed or triangular in shape, as provided in the regulations of those organizations making provisions for such flags.

An officer flag is flown in place of the owner's private signal on all rights of motor and sailing vessels except single-masted sailboats, when it is flown in place of the club burgee at the masthead. On smaller motorboats with out a signal mast, a USPS officer flag may be flown from a radio antenna either singly or beneath the USPS ensign.

Size of Flags

Although flags come in a fixed, standardized series of sizes, there are guidelines that will help in selecting the proper size for your boat.

Keeping in mind that flags are more often too small than too large, use the rules given below, and round upward to the nearest standard size:

The flag at the stern of your boat – U.S. ensign, yacht ensign or USPS ensign – should be one inch on the fly for each overall length. The hoist will normally be two-thirds of the fly, but some flags such as the USCG Auxiliary ensign have different proportions. Other flags such as club burgees, officers' flags and private signals for use on sailboats should be approximately ½ inch on the fly for each foot of the highest mast above the water. For flying on powerboats, these flags should be roughly 5/8-inch on the fly for each foot of overall length. The shape and proportions of pennants and burgees will be prescribed by the appropriate organization to which they relate. A union Jack should be the same size as the corresponding portion of the National Ensign.

This article can be read in its entirety in [Chapman Piloting Seamanship & Boat Handling 63rd Edition](#) by Eibert S. Maloney (pages 582-589)

