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Gull Chatter

Commander's Report

by Ron Ferina, JN



"A View from the Bridge"



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Experience is the best teacher! And "wake-up" calls can be alarming.

I have raced on sailing crews for over twenty years and all but one crew practiced man overboard drills; that crew was for an ocean race to Bermuda. The crew was required to take special training, including live, man over board practice drills. All the sail racing experiences didn't even mention or discuss it.

One 'wake-up' call came to one north shore yacht club, which had a man overboard event take place at the end of a race in the local harbor. The crew member was struck unconscious by the boom and fell overboard in the dark with no PFD. Fortunately, he was quickly found and rescue breathing techniques were performed while the victim was propped up on the sloped transom of the boat until local law enforcement could transport the person to the hospital— where he fully recovered.

Consequently, our first **Man Overboard Seminar** was held at the yacht club a few weeks later and to their credit they continue to conduct *Man Overboard Practice Sessions* at the beginning of each season, now.

Another north shore yacht club recently experienced a man over board event, as well. Thankfully, not as drastic as the previous event mentioned. But this personal scare was enough to make the club realize preparation is key and we were invited to hold a **Man Overboard Seminar** for them, as well.

Human nature is that nothing will ever happen to me!

Such was the case with my race crew. It is my practice to train the crew to sail the boat, manage the sails and to motor on and off the mooring. We continuously rehearse critical maneuvers to retrieve "Wilson" (remember the film *Castaway* with Tom Hanks?), a gallon jug, with a loop around its ear, which is thrown overboard. Sounds great, right!

However, at the end of last season, I myself, had a medical emergency and had to rely on my crew to get me to medical attention on land—quickly. Unfortunately, I never trained anyone to '**dock the boat.**' The fact is 'I spent ten years on a mooring and rarely went to the dock myself' — other than, perhaps twice a year, for fuel.

Docking turned out to be the most anxious moment of the emergency. Happily for everyone, we managed to dock the boat where it needed to be placed.

Needles to say, I now assign dedicated time for boat handling practice for the crew including **how to dock.**



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D3 Sea Stars

Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



What's New in Education

The Coronavirus has changed many things over the last few months. One new and exciting change has been the release of the **Emergency ABC Virtual Classroom**. This new USPS policy allows local squadrons to offer the **America's Boating Course** via the Virtual Classroom Platform. If you have **Zoom**-ed the family or have participated in a **Go-to-Meeting** for work, you are ready to be part of this NEW endeavor. Class size is limited, as determined by NY State regulations: a maximum of 30 individuals.

But, know that Oyster Bay is prepared to present this educational experience over the next months. In fact, we will be completing our, pre-Covid, Spring America's Boating Course within the next few weeks.

If you have had experience using this type of media and would like to help prepare, host or monitor a class, please let me know. We are looking for individuals who have media experiences to help supplement our future plans for Blended Learning Classrooms.

Please take every precaution to stay healthy.

Thomas

2020 Class Schedule — Sign up NOW

Because of the Corona Virus Pandemic, State and Local Restrictions may require our classes to be limited to allow for Social Distancing or enable us to invite you to our NEW **Virtual Classroom.**

Both Syosset and Roslyn Adult Education Departments are planning, at this time, to reopen and have offered us classroom space. Town facilities have not acknowledged if they will be providing classroom space in the Fall.

We are ready to provide important boater education to our members and the public. Oyster Bay is planning on hosting the America's Boating Course this Fall. Whether it is Face-to-Face, Virtual Classroom Style or Blended Learning.

At this time, Sagamore Yacht Club and Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club (the yacht clubs which were planning on offering a 3 day course) are unable to establish a workable schedule because of undetermined Phase requirements.

This is a very unique time for USPS educational department, please contact me for up-dated information.

**All Classes must Pre-Register
to ensure that books and materials are available**

Executive Officer

Due to the Coronavirus epidemic, all Club activities have been suspended.

But, we continue to plan for the future with **Cooperative Charting Cruises**, **Vessel Safety Check Weekends** and of course, our **Annual Blessing of the Fleet**.

Keep in contact through social media - including Facebook and our website. However, if you need information or want to talk...give us a call. The Bridge and Executive Committee is always available.

Admin Report

by Kevin Kuo, AP

Dear Oyster Bay Squadron Members,

While we cannot control the winds of 2020, we can adjust our sails. Our squadron will be weighing anchor and weathering the storm by continuing our remote activities that bring us together for some much-needed social contact and distraction. For those of you who attended the 1st Virtual Annual Knot Tying contest, four contestants did a wonderful job in demonstrating their marlinspike skills. It was a fun filled evening. We appreciate the spectators and contestants who rigorously vied for first place that made for a serendipitously splendid evening.

For **July**, we plan to have a movie night, the film will be the French film ***Turning Tide***, that follows Yann Kermadec who sees his dreams come true when he suddenly replaces his friend, Frank Drevil, at the start of the Vendee Globe, the solo sailboat race around the world. Fiercely driven to win, the discovery of a young stowaway in the heat of the race will force him to put everything into question.

In **August**, assuming that social distancing is still in effect we will hold the 1st Annual Quaff on the Quarterdeck mixer. Prior to this event we request that members submit cocktail recipes that they would like to present to the group. If members wish to learn how to mix these tasty beverages be sure to prepare the supplies for each recipe you wish to replicate. On the evening of the gathering we will make mixed drinks in the comfort of our homes and follow along each presenter. We can learn from each other how to make some interesting new drinks and be more skilled host and hostesses at home or on a cruise. Virgin drink recipes are welcome for those who would prefer not to be three sheets to the wind.

Lastly in **September**, we will have our annual photo contest so make sure you start shooting photos that you wish to enter. Hopefully by then we will be allowed to meet in person but if not, we will request that you submit your photos digitally and we will put together a power point presentation and have a guest speaker, Cynthia V. Barrett, author of ***Three Sheets to the Wind*** who will give us a presentation regarding her book of nautical terminology. Her novel book can be purchased on Amazon.com.

Bidding you fair winds and following seas this summer season!

Kevin Kuo, Admin Officer, AP



Member's Article**Information Article****Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

MSIB Number: 17-20 Issued 06/03/2020

This release has been issued for public information and notification purposes only.

To read the **full article** or if you have questions concerning this notice contact
Coast Guard Office of Waterways Policies and Activities Division (CG-WWM-1)
by email to cgwwm@uscg.mil

**On-Water Mass Gatherings – Recreational, Sporting,
or Cause-Related Events**

On-water mass gatherings pose concerns due to the safety issues they create for the boating public and the Maritime Transportation System (MTS). Regardless of the nature of these gatherings, whether recreational, sporting or cause-related, they are primarily a boating safety issue. As these types of marine events continue to grow in popularity throughout the country, the Coast Guard will work together with its port partners to ensure the safety on the marine transportation system. These actions will take into account health and safety factors including but not limited to local COVID-19 and social distance guidelines as well as current unrest.

The Coast Guard issues permits for, and monitors marine events, to ensure safety of life at sea and on our waterways. Permits are required for powerboat races, sailing regattas, and other marine events that have the potential to draw an accumulation of spectator craft, may obstruct a waterway, or introduce extra or unusual hazards to the safety of human life on the navigable waters of the United States. A large gathering of recreational boaters would not necessarily meet the requirement for an event permit. It is recommended you contact your local Captain of the Port to determine if your event will require a permit.

The Coast Guard and our port partners are committed to ensuring the safety and security of the waterway. ...The goal of these patrols is to ensure mariners using the waterway are not negatively impacted due to the anticipated increase in vessel traffic and to ensure that commercial traffic can safely continue operations. ...The presence of the Coast Guard and its partners on the waterway is not to support the event itself, but to ensure the waterway is safe for all mariners due to the anticipated increase in traffic.

Boating accidents can occur quickly and without warning. To ensure a safe and enjoyable time on the water, the Coast Guard is asking boaters to ensure they have the necessary knowledge and safety equipment before getting underway. This includes a properly fitting life jacket for each passenger, a VHF radio, and flares. The Coast Guard regularly conducts recreational boating safety checks. Failure to have the necessary safety equipment may result in the termination of a voyage. Having the basic equipment can ensure a safe and enjoyable day on the water.

It is recommended **participants in the event, and mariners in general**, follow guidance from the CDC and local government health authorities to prevent the spread of coronavirus, ***including social distancing and the use of face coverings when social distance cannot be maintained.***

Photo Gallery....Pictures from the past

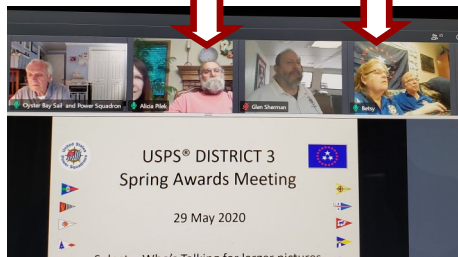
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Just a quick look at Last Year's Blessing of the Fleet.
Watch for information about 2020's Blessing of Fleet scheduled for July if allowed by NY State and Town regulations.



J/P/D/C
Thomas
Pilek


D/C
Betsy
Mandara



This a quick screen shot of District 3's Spring Award Meeting on May 29 2020
This meeting had 35 participants from various D3 squadrons.

Oyster Bay was the proud recipient of the George W Popella Memorial Award for Outstanding Coop Charting Activities in our district.

Okay Ron and Pat — you get to keep the award for another year. Unfortunately, you get to shine it, too!




Spring Awards Meeting

George W. Popella Memorial Award


Presented by: P/DEO Luann Kazanecki, SN

Sewanhaka Squadron established the Popella trophy in 1987 in memory of one their members, George W. Popella N. He had been very active in the Co-Operative Charting program and had received many awards for his work charting submissions.

The trophy is awarded at the Spring Awards Meeting to the squadron that had the highest percentage of members participating in the current year's *Co-Operative Charting Program*.



1st Place — Oyster Bay



USPS 2019 Communicator Awards



Presented for the
Gull Chatter
and
Oyster Bay Website



Happy 4th of July

GOOD AND WELFARE

Our prayers and well wishes go to all our members and their family at this time of coronavirus pandemic.

Oyster Bay is happy to report that, although a couple of our members were tested positive for the virus they are well and recovering nicely. Stay healthy everyone.

Congratulations to Jerry Kenna who has been asked to teach at Kingsborough Community College. Jerry will be teaching *Engine Maintenance and Maritime Electrical Systems* to the students there who are in pursuit of the Maritime Technology Program.

Good Luck Jerry!



Congratulations to Oyster Bay for winning the George W. Popella Memorial Award—**AGAIN!** Looks like our Commander has a lot to shine. (see more about the award on page 6)

Our wishes to 'Get Well, Quick!' to June Frey as she recovers from surgery!

Just a quick note: P/Cdr Will Widman of South Shore PS is doing nicely. And Cheers to D/C Betsy and husband Joe celebrated a happy 30th Anniversary.

HAPPY LABOR DAY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

July

Damian Devereaux
Ronald Ferina
Kevin Kuo
Mara Navaretta
Gilbert Olivier
Richard Scallon
Ami Shebiri
Paul Thompson



Roseann Corrado
Douglas Durfee
Gerald Kenna
Louis MacAri
Anthony Margetic
John McCann
Douglas Paul



Jack Angel
Robert Corrado
Donna Dunbar
Rhonda Ehrler
Howard Fein
Glenn Hoyvik
Jennifer Nackman
John Randall IV
Lorena Stern



Safety Article

by P/C Ann

Social Distancing can be Fun!



This summer, boaters will be facing many “can’t”, “don’t” and “not allowed” both on the land and on the water. Social Distancing may be with us for a while, but boaters will always find a way to enjoy the pleasures of the water within the limits of the law. So, today’s boaters are thinking how about **Canoeing** or **Kayaking**? These are enjoyable water sports that are not only fun but can provide you with a great cardio workout.

In fact, Long Island’s lakes, rivers and streams are ideal for this type of sport. But, like all water sports, boaters will need to plan their voyages and adventures in advance. Here are few safety tips to make the experience more enjoyable.

Handling a Kayak or Canoe: As you know, kayaks have a narrower hull and less freeboard making them less stable than canoes. But on the other hand, kayaks can be easier to maneuver in the water. The trick to handling a kayak and a canoe safely is to keep them balanced at all times. Remember to take extra care when getting in and out of a canoe or kayak. It is most important to maintain that **‘three points of contact’** we talked about in the ABC3 class. When you sit, don’t lean to the right or left. Keep erect and always distribute your weight equally.

Attempting to stand or move about in a canoe or kayak, too quickly, can greatly increase the chance of capsizing. By keeping your shoulders inside the boat’s gunwales you can avoid capsizing. Be careful when reaching for an item in the water...don’t lean over the gunwale causing the vessel to tip.

Hazards to think about: Canoeists and kayakers have a few things working against them. They tend to boat in remote areas, far from rescue resources or help from passersby. In addition, these boaters enjoy paddling in waters alone or with only one other person. Since these vessels are prone to capsizing caused by unstable conditions, this could be a serious problem if rescue is required. Furthermore, canoeists and kayakers are at risk for **entrapment**. This dangerous situation occurs when a boater becomes snagged on rocks or debris and the boater is held under the water due to severe hydraulics water movement. Regardless of what kind of personal flotation device the boater wears, a trapped paddler could easily drown. Be aware of low-head dams as they pose serious dangers above and below the dam. If separated from your boat in swift current, float with your feet up and pointed downstream to protect your head and lessen the danger of entrapment.

In more populated areas, kayaks and canoes, may not be seen by other larger boaters. Or, they may capsize from large boat wakes. Stay close to shore or large stationary objects. Make yourself visible by using bright colors on your kayak, paddles and clothing. Consider the use of reflective tape on your kayak and paddles.



Equipment check: At a minimum, wear adequate clothing and pack a spare change of clothes in a zip lock bag, as well as, a small first-aid kit, cell phones, handheld VHF marine radio, GPS, lights, etc. Have a compass for navigating, a chart to help you know exactly where you are, and a whistle to attract attention. It’s a small boat but there are small spaces that you can use for storage. Consider carrying a spare paddle. You can stow a take-apart model easily below the deck of your kayak or in the bow of your canoe.

Always wear a life jacket, Know how to Rescue yourself and Practice how to assist another boater, Know the local Regulations and Navigation Rules, Understand the elements of hazards—wind, current and terrain and by all means take the **USPS Paddle Course**.

DISTRICT 3 & USPS NEWS

**LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENING IN DISTRICT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL DISCOUNT!**



Due to the Coronavirus and restrictions set by NY State and local authorities, all District Activities Have Been either cancelled or re-scheduled—dates to follow. Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails. Your wellness is important! Take extra care during this time.

District 3 Council Meeting — October 2nd, 2020

Because of the Coronavirus previous arrangements for this Council Meeting may be changed to a Virtual Council Meeting

D/C Betsy Mandara, N and her Bridge continues to work with district members and squadrons during this unrepresented time of Social Distancing. Check the District 3 website & Facebook page for updated information.

District 3 2020

Nominating Committee
June 18 — Virtual Meeting
October 15— Meeting TBA

**Interested in being part
of the District Experience**
**Contact Cdr Ron for
more information**

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minute to LIKE 

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We have a Members ONLY Group, too!
**It's even simpler and easier to know
what's going on in District 3 with
these two Facebook connections.**



Groups



AEC Long Island - Members Only
Private group

10 other friends have joined

Visit

See All Groups



America's Boating Club
Governing Board Meeting—Raleigh, NC
Sept 7th to 12th, 2020

Oyster Bay - Calendar

2020 General Meeting and Events

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, Oyster Bay's Activities and Meetings may be held by Virtual Media. Always check the website or contact the Commander or a Bridge Member to learn more about an event

	Exec Mtg	Gen Mtg	
July	6th	TBA	Blessing of the Fleet - watch for announcements Summer – “Virtual Movie Night”
Aug	3rd		No General Meeting
Sept	8th	14th	Author Cynthia Barrett, Author <i>“Three Sheets to the Wind”</i> and Annual Photo Contest
Oct	5th	12th	Game Nite at Oyster Bay Octoberfest - Fun for all—TBA
Nov	2nd	9th	Veterans' Day Speaker
Dec	7th	6th	Holiday Party— No General Meeting

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Jan	4th	11th	No General Meeting Special Family/Friends Fun Night –Bowling/Darts/More...TBA
Feb	1st	8th	No General Meeting Snow-Bird Brunch—TBA
Mar	1st	8th	Oyster Bay's Annual Meeting
Apr	5th	12th	11th District 3—Memorial Service 12th Oyster Bay's Change of Watch
May	3rd	10th	Spring Picnic—TBA
Jun	7th	NO	Blessing of the Fleet—TBA

Member Benefits

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Oyster Bay Calendar

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the Refrigerator
So you don't forget about
these special events

**Due to the Coronavirus / COVID-19 Pandemic
All Club Activities Have Been Postponed or Rescheduled
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Your wellness is important ! Take extra care during this time.**

**July / Aug 2020
General Meeting
No meeting scheduled**



**Fall Picnic
Because of Gather
Restrictions,
currently in place,
this picnic may be
scheduled for a later time.**

July 2020 Blessing of the Fleet

**This event is still in the planning stages
due to Social Distancing and local
restrictions.**

**Please watch for future emails and flyers
for detailed information.**

**Schedule Meeting
September 14th
Sagamore Yacht Club
Time: 8PM**

**Join us as we welcome
Cynthia Barrett author of
“Three Sheets to the Wind”
as she brings her book to life
right before our eyes.**

**We will also be judging our
2020 “On the Water” photo
Bring in your Best photo and be
ready to tell us all about your
photograph.**

**always check
www.boatoysterbay.org**

To learn more about these and other activities offered by the OBSPS just go to the website at www.boatoysterbay.org or contact: Kevin Kuo

Executive Meeting:

1st Monday of each Month from January to December

General Membership Meetings:

2nd Monday of each Month from January, March, April, May and from September to November

Always check Call to Meeting flyers and the website (boatoysterbay.org)

For more detail information: Dates—Times—Place of meeting

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic

Oyster Bay will be hosting a NEW Distance Learning Experience

Summer is here! Now is the perfect time to take a Safe Boating Course.

Join our NEW Virtual ABC Classroom experience.

from our classroom to your home—approved by NY State

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**Born on or after January 1st 1993 you will need a
an approved NY State Safe Boating Course
this year.**

Social Distancing can't keep us apart – we continue to work for a safer, healthier boating world.

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The Gull Chatter
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