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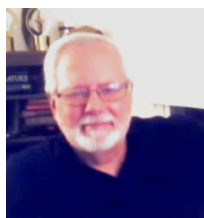
# America's Boating Club® Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

By Boaters...For Boaters™

## Gull Chatter

### Commander's Report

by Ron Ferina, JN



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### ***"A View from the Bridge"***

As we enter 2022, our thoughts of boating hibernate until the last thaw of winter and the first inkling of spring. But it is also a good time to reflect and think about the squadron and the regional and the national organization behind it. For the most part, the national organization is less visible to the membership due to its "bottom-up" philosophy, giving squadrons a great deal of freedom to organize and serve their members more effectively. As a national organization, all recognize that the membership's needs are different in different parts of the country.

The local districts (like District 3, which covers ALL of Long Island) support their squadrons directly by being a positive resource, helping them with their specific squadron endeavors; plus, provide District-wide activities that individual squadrons could not accomplish singularly, i.e., Rendezvous East as an example. We are further supported by and support our "sister" squadrons, our neighboring squadrons, and lend a hand when needed. (i.e., sharing and combining educational resources and holding joint social gatherings).

This all sounds great, but we, as an organization, are facing some challenges that may bring about organizational changes. In recent years, we have seen the re-branding of the "United State Power Squadron" to "America's Boating Club"; a movement toward a less stoic appearance to a more boater-friendly appearance.

Sometime in early 2022, the National Organization will survey each member to better understand their needs and wants.

Two things to think about:

- 1- Respond to the survey when you receive it.
- 2-Let US know your needs and interests, your thoughts on making the squadron more interesting, and how the squadron can better serve you and the boating community.

Here are some things to consider. Should we:

- reinstate a local Environmental Program?
- offer boating education opportunities at our meetings?
- invite guest speakers with topics relevant to you (you will have to let us know your interests)?
- hold more "on water" activities together (raft-ups; weekend cruising)?
- Conduct virtual vs. live meetings?

We are anxious to hear from you, so we can plan our future—2022.  
Have a wonderful New Year - filled with happy and healthy boating days.

*Commander Ron*



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| Ass't Ed Officer    | position available if you'd like to be part of the team                                 |                             |
| Ass't Exec Officer  | position available if you'd like to be part of the team                                 |                             |
| Ass't Secretary     | position available if you'd like to be part of the team                                 |                             |

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P/D/C Ann Peltier, SN    P/C Thomas J Peltier, SN    P/C Ron Nackman, JN  
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**Executive Committee**

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Douglas Durfee, SN   | Peter Manning      |
| Jennifer Nackman, JN | Ronald Nackman, JN |
| Ann Peltier, SN      | Dennis Puccio, S   |

**It's the Law!**  
 Born on or after January 1st 1993 you will need an  
 approved NY State Safe Boating Course this year.



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**D3**

## Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



### **What's New in Education**

Cold wintery days followed by brisk wintery nights mean 'it's snuggle time.' There is no better way to snuggle than with one of our popular USPS/America's Boating Club Seminars. These two (2) hour presentation have no homework, no pre-reading and no stress. They will, however, provide you will great tips and important information that you will enjoy next boating season.

Over the years, we have presented many seminar opportunities. Put a check mark by all the seminars you have taken. What! You missed one or two. No worry, during these winter months the Oyster Bay's Educational Team is planning on hosting 2 or 3 seminars. Each seminar will be Virtual and you can enjoy the presentation warm and toasty in your own home.

However, we need your help. Could you just click ([tjp98@optonline.net](mailto:tjp98@optonline.net)) and let me know which seminar you'd like to attend. **Dates** and **Times** have not been set. Again, your input is important here, too! One more thing. We are planning to host an Advanced Piloting and an Engine Maintenance. Register **NOW** so we can establish the class list. Our plan is to host several classes Virtually and several classes In-Person. Sign up now and be part of the new **Blended Learning** experience. Have a wonderful winter—see you in class!

|  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
|  | Advanced Powerboat Handling       |
|  | Basic Weather and Forecasting     |
|  | How to Use a Chart                |
|  | Hurricane Preparation for Boaters |
|  | Man Overboard                     |
|  | Marine Radar                      |
|  | Partner in Command                |
|  | Tides and Currents                |
|  | Using GPS                         |
|  | Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio  |

*Thomas*

### **2022 Winter / Spring Schedule— Sign up NOW**

**Classes are planned both In-Person and Virtual**

**America's Boating Course 5 wks with Complete Review**

**Syosset - March/April will include 2 free weeks 'Plotting'**

**Roslyn - March/April will include 2 free weeks 'Plotting'**

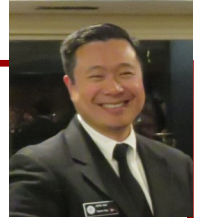
**We continue to look towards a Blended Learning Criteria for our future classes.  
Classes may be Virtual - as required by each school. Only time will tell.**

**Additional Courses Planned this Winter: Adv. Piloting ( Feb), Engine Maintenance (no date) and Instructor Development (Feb). If you would like to enroll in these classes, Contact Tom for info**

**All Classes must Pre-Register to ensure that books and materials are available. Contact Thomas ([TJP98@optonline.net](mailto:TJP98@optonline.net))**

## Executive Officer

by Kevin Kuo, AP



Dear Oyster Bay Squadron Members,

A brand new year has begun with many new and some old opportunities for squadron members to join in educational, social and civic events.

The calendar on page 10 is a work in progress and changes continuously as members, like yourself, request activities, events, seminars and courses.

Hopefully, you'll join us at our next Executive Meeting at 8PM. Or email any member of the Bridge with your suggestions about how you see the future of the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron should develop and what activities you would be interested in participating.

Happy New Year to all.

2022

## Admin Report

Dear Members,

Check the new calendar now available on line ( [boatosysterbay.com](http://boatosysterbay.com) ). Although, it might be getting a little colder now, we still have planned events...both Virtually and In-Person to keep you warm. At this time there is no

**January's General Meeting planned.** We will be hosting an Executive Meeting is planned for the 3rd. You are welcome to join us—just sent Cdr Ron an email for the log in information. **February's means** our famous Non-Snow-Bird's Brunch with a twist watch for the latest flyer. **March's meeting** is really special. It's **Oyster Bay's Annual Meeting** If all goes right it will be an In-Person event at the **Syosset-Woodbury Community Center**. This is your opportunity to show your support for our Club and to cast your ballot for the new Commander and Bridge.

Be there and be part of the action! It's all good fun.

Please watch for emails and flyers. Let us know if you have a special event or activity that we'd like us to host at one of meetings. This is your Club and we want to provide you with events that will bring a smile to your face.

## Member's Article - Baby it's Cold Outside

By Ann

With winter fully upon us, most of us have already completed our winter storage procedures. After all, it's January! In fact, cold weather is a great time for me to look through my computer library of ***saved articles and ideas*** I've collected. Consequently, I came across an interesting list entitled "***Things we should do but think we don't have time - list!***" I compiled this list from several articles from 2010-2011 collection of boating magazines. Perhaps, you would call it a "**2nd Winter Check List?**" These tasks can all be accomplished even if your boat is already shrink-wrapped. So, just because it's cold outside, you still have some boater tasks that might save you some money and help make next year's launch even more enjoyable - come spring.

### ***Top Off the Fuel Tank***

If you didn't get a chance to top off your fuel tanks, there are several new companies out there who will deliver gas and/or diesel fuel your boat. Of course, you must check with your marina or boat storage facility to ensure that fuel delivery is permitted. Honestly, you can't beat the personal fuel delivery idea. There's no stress, just a checkbook or credit card. Furthermore, during the top-off procedure, consider adding a ***good quality*** fuel stabilizer. Run the engine for 10 minutes to pull the new fuel and the stabilizer into the system. For outboard motors, Mercury Marine suggests that you disconnect the fuel line and start the engine. Then run the carburetor dry. As the engine breathes its last bit of fuel, give it a good dose of engine fogging oil to help prevent corrosion.



### ***Don't forget to flush!***

You've heard that since you were a kid. Did you ever think it would be part of your boat maintenance? There is a product out there called Salt-Away (and others like it), which has been around for some time. It's used to flush inboards, outboards, I/O's, and personal watercraft motors. Plus, it can be used as an exterior salt removing treatment. Salt-Away is water-based, non-hazardous, biodegradable, and contains properties that attack and remove salt from any surface. The manufacturer claims that it is safe for use on any metal, aluminum, fiberglass, paint, rubber, plastic, chrome, glass, or surfaces exposed to salt. However, research any ***new product*** you use and sample it in a small area to see how it works.

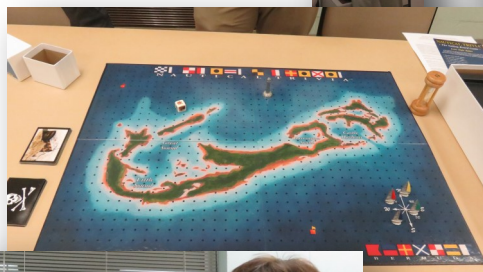
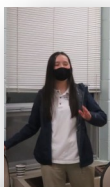
***Baby, it's Cold Outside! Put on an extra blanket.*** Boats on the hard (which means stored on land) get chilly, too. Think about how that breeze blowing off the water against the hull can decrease the inside temperature of your boat. With no form of heat-producing devices available, you may want to capture as much heat as possible the natural way. Shrink-wrap can help you capture some heat. The cabin and bilge temperatures can build up under the wrap, and it can get pretty warm. However, in the evening, without the sun beating down on the wrap, the air temperature can cool down quickly, moisture can form, which could cause mold and mildew. Products like Damp-Rid and Star Brite Absorber will help here. Look around for sales, especially at this time of year. Place the moisture guards around the boat. Don't be cheap by a few extra. Furthermore, to help capture some of that daytime heat put a blanket or comforter on your engine. I know it sounds crazy, but it can help keep your engine a little warmer during the evening, and next spring, your engine may thank you for that comfy—cozy feeling.

**Winter is a great time to take an [America's Boating Club's Engine Maintenance](#) course.** The course was designed to help boaters with routine maintenance in the spring, summer, fall, and winter. Tips on changing your oil, maintaining fluids, and identifying potential problems are primary discussion topics. Classes will be Virtual but you'll feel like everyone is together, warm and toasty as you learn. Contact Tom to learn more about courses offered this winter.



# Photo Gallery....Meeting Pictures Page 6

It happened! On October 18th we came together at the Syosset-Woodbury Center to enjoy some squadron friendship and donuts. After a short business meeting we voted on our favorite photos. This year we had some electronic entries. Then we all cruised around Bermuda. What a great race.

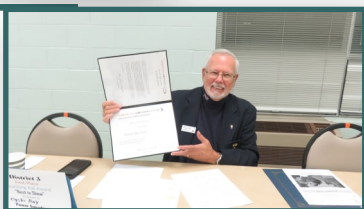


The winning trophy may be small, but the victory was huge!

If you were wondering how the meeting was on November 8th....IT WAS GREAT!! Our special Guest Speaker was Michael Riccardi and despite the small turnout he provided those in attendance with an outstanding



Cdr. Ron shared the **Certificate of Congratulations** from USPS highlighting our **50th Anniversary**



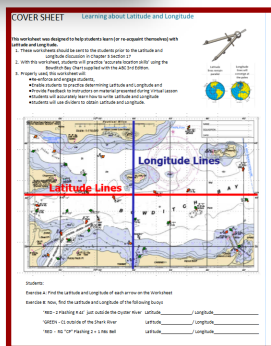
presentation on **LEADERSHIP** which was followed by a lively Q and A session.



Congratulations to the Oyster Bay Teaching Team the winner of 3 Teaching Aid Awards presented at the District 3 Fall Educational Conference:

|               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Piloting      | —3rd Place |
| Boat Handling | —1st Place |
| ABC           | —1st Place |

**BEST IN SHOW:**  
Latitude and Longitude  
Worksheet: ABC—Chapter 5



## GOOD AND WELFARE

We are sorry to report the passing of Glenn Hoyvik's Dad ( Magnus M Hoyvik ) on October 4th. A small but beautiful service was held on October 11th at the Lutheran Faith Church in Syosset. Please keep Glenn, his mom Alice and the Hoyvik family in your thoughts and prayers especially during this difficult time.



A warm Welcome Aboard to **Barbara Woo** from Floral Park who is a new Sail boat owner.

Thank you Diane and Teri for introducing Barbara to the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron.



Barbara has already signed up for 2 courses in preparation for next seasons boating adventures.

Keep positive and happy thoughts for Shirley Durfee with planned medical procedure in January ... and a prayer or two is always welcomed!



Joan Cassano  
Rodman Chrysler  
Donald Lustig  
Judi Manning  
Ann Peltier  
Ruth Rubenfeld  
Thea Skupp  
Peter Zavatsky



Sharon Ender  
Arnold Galo  
Lance Kuba  
William Titus

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Joseph Frey  
Brenda MacAri  
Dennis Puccio  
David Tuck



## Safety Article

by P/C Ann

### Headlines: "3 Huntington houseboat victims overcome by fumes"

Remember this headline from 2010 – to be precise, on March 24th. It was followed by an article that stated: "Two men and a woman were pronounced dead at Huntington Hospital after they were found unconscious on a 38 foot houseboat in Huntington Harbor. The houseboat was located about 200 feet offshore in the harbor, amid dozens of moored vessels...an area which is popular with...pleasure boaters. The victims were apparently overcome by noxious fumes. Suffolk Police reported that "There was a gasoline generator on the boat...suspect carbon monoxide poisoning..."

We all know from our boating class that Carbon Monoxide is a potentially deadly gas produced by the incomplete burning of any material containing carbon. Thus, carbon-based fuels (such as gasoline, propane, charcoal, or oil) need to be treated with care.



The primary sources that produce this deadly gas include **gasoline (boat) engines**, generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters. The colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas has caused a startling number of boating fatalities. The U.S. Coast Guard has reported 31 incidents of boat-related Carbon Monoxide poisoning, including 5 deaths in 2019 and 41 incidents with 5 deaths in 2020.

Clearly, boat owners need to educate (or re-educate) themselves about this 'silent killer.' It is often impossible to detect CO<sub>2</sub> before it overcomes a victim, who is often too weak to respond. Note that most incidents occur on older boats, within the cabin and other enclosed areas, including under shrink-wrapping during winter storage.

Many boaters agree that winter is an ideal time to work on the boat. It's quiet and you can feel like you're on a desert island...just you and your boat. But if you use a heat source during these days of solitude, you may find yourself in jeopardy. It may be cold outside, but providing an opportunity for fresh air to circulate while you're working on the boat may have dual advantages: it will keep you safe from CO<sub>2</sub> poisoning and help to keep your energy levels up. Also, take time to install a few battery-operated Marine-rated CO<sub>2</sub> detectors. They are reasonably priced and should be part of your personal safety equipment.

On page 13 there is a simple checklist recommended by the U.S. Coast Guard and USPS/America's Boating Club. Take a minute and print the list, laminate it, and put it on the boat. The idea here is to know and be mindful of this potential killer.

Winter can still be a fun time for boaters, and remember:

Educated Boaters are Safer Boaters.



# DISTRICT 3 & USPS NEWS

Lots of things happening in District the next few months.  
Make your reservations early to receive a Special Discount!



**If your part of Oyster Bay, you're part of District 3  
Showing our support keeps our Club Strong**

## District 3 Meetings

**Always check dates & times on the website**

**Up and coming Meetings All events are planned for In-Person at this time. Location: Marriott-Melville**

### *January 21st*

D3 Orientation Meeting — Learn more about what makes District 3 tick, the job gets done and how you access the tools you need to get tasks done on time. It's Dinner and a Meeting. Or, just come to the meeting. Watch for flyers on D3 and Oyster Bay Websites.

### *March 4th*

D3 Council Meeting—Final Council Reports from Bridge and committees. Show your support and this meeting is open to all. Dinner is available or just come to the meeting.

### *April 3rd*

D3 Memorial Service— Celebrate the life of those members who have crossed the bar.



**District 3 - Sister Squadrons are planning events.  
To find out more Check: F3 Facebook / D3 Website**

## America's Boating Club® Annual Meeting 2022

**Ponte Vedra, FL  
Feb 19-Feb 27 2022**



# Oyster Bay - Calendar

## 2021–2022 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

| 2021        | Exec Mtg | Gen Mtg | <b>Whether Virtual or In-Person we hope you can attend!</b> |  |
|-------------|----------|---------|---|--|
| Jun         | 7th      | 18th    | 6th   | Blessing of the Fleet<br>OB - General Meeting / Commander's Cocktail Hour                |
| Jul         | 5th      | NO      | 16th  | OB - Scavenger Hunt  |
| Aug         | 2rd      | NO      | 8th   | OB - Raft-Up and Overnight at Stamford, Riverside  |
| Sept        | 9th      | NO      | <b>50th Anniversary Canceled until April 2022</b>           |  |
| Oct         | 4th      | 18th    | 18th<br>TBA   | OB - Bermuda Race (Game Night) & Photo Contest<br>OB - Oktoberfest Meeting - mid-October |
| Nov         | 1st      | 8th     | 8th   | OB - Veteran's Day—Speaker <b>Michael Riccardi</b> & Dessert                             |
| Dec         | 7th      | NO      | 12th  | OB - Holiday Party Haypath Comm Center   |
| <b>2022</b> |          |         |   |  |
| Jan         | 3rd      |         | 21st  | OB - Visit with the Exec Committee 2000<br>D3 - Orientation Meeting                      |
| Feb         | 7th      | NO      | TBA   | OB - Annual Non-Snow Bird Brunch - Meeting   |
| Mar         | 7th      | 14th    | 14th  | OB - Annual Meeting—Time to Vote   |
| Apr         | 2nd      | 23rd    | <b>23rd</b>   | <b>OB - Change of Watch Meeting</b>  |

## Member Benefits

10% discount

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**2022****Oyster Bay  
Calendar**

Print this Page and Put it on  
the Refrigerator  
So you don't forget about  
these special events

Due to the Coronavirus Club Activities May be Postponed, Rescheduled, or Virtual  
Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails. When in doubt Call.

**January 3rd, 2022 / Executive Meeting****You can Virtually visit with the Bridge  
and Executive Committee at 8:00pm****We'll be planning 2022 events and your input is  
important. Contact Ron for the sign in link.****FEBRUARY**

Usually we don't host a formal meeting  
in February. But we can still have fun.



February 1st is Chinese New Year.  
The year of the Tiger. Let's take the Tiger  
by the tail and Celebrate together.

Or, interested in the Non-Snowbird  
luncheon planned for the end of month.  
Contact Cdr Ron or Ann for details.

**March 14th*****This is a special meeting  
for our membership.******It's the Oyster Bay Sail  
and Power Squadron  
Annual Meeting******Syosset Woodbury Community  
Time: 8:00pm******Your support is needed.  
We will be voting on our  
2022—2023 Bridge.  
A new Commander and  
some old favorites.***

Coffee / Cake as always.

***Planning for In-Person Meeting/Events for******February Brunch / Dinner******14 March Annual Meetings******and 24 April Change of Watch***





What a great holiday luncheon we had together. Commander Ron greeted all with a smile and wish that this will be the beginning of Oyster Bay members share what we love the most...friendship.



While at the Holiday Luncheon at The Homestead in Oyster Bay, Commander Ron was happy to welcome and swear in Barbara Woo – our newest member. Welcome Aboard, Barb!





Continued from Safety Article: Here's Checklist that you should PRINT, Laminate and keep on board.

### **Before Cruising or Working on the Boat:**

- ☐ Make sure you know where CO exhaust outlets are located on your vessel.
- ☐ Test the operation of each CO alarm by pressing the test button.
- ☐ Everyone should be educated about CO poisoning while on board.
- ☐ When docked, or rafted with another boat, be aware of exhaust emissions from the other boat. \*\*\*\****Never run your generator while you're sleeping***\*\*\*
- ☐ Confirm that water flows from the exhaust outlet when the engines and generator are started.
- ☐ Listen for any change in exhaust sound, which could indicate an exhaust component failure.

### **Once a Month**

- ☐ Make sure all exhaust clamps are in place and secure.
- ☐ Look for exhaust leaking from exhaust system components.  
Signs include rust and/or black streaking, water leaks, or corroded or cracked fittings.
- ☐ Inspect rubber exhaust hoses for burned, cracked, or deteriorated sections.  
All rubber hoses should be pliable and free of kinks.

### **Once a Year (Have a qualified marine technician)**

- ☐ Replace exhaust hoses if cracking, charring, or deterioration is found.
- ☐ Ensure that your engines and generators are properly tuned, and well maintained.
- ☐ Inspect each water pump impeller and the water pump housing.  
Replace if worn. Make sure cooling systems are in working condition.
- ☐ Inspect all metallic exhaust components for cracking, rusting, leaking, or loosening. Make sure they check the cylinder head, exhaust manifold, water injection elbow, and the threaded adapter nipple between the manifold and the elbow.
- ☐ Clean, inspect, and confirm proper operation of the generator cooling water anti-siphon valve (if equipped).

# FRIDAY 21 JANUARY 2022

## ORIENTATION MEETING

Melville Marriott, Melville, New York

### THE BELOW LISTED PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR RESERVATIONS AT ALL MEETINGS

- 1 Uniform F, Long Sleeve White Shirt with Black Tie and Black Trousers
- 2 A Check covering the full amount of the BUFFET DINNER should be mailed as soon as possible
3. Reservations are to be sent in sufficient time to be received by the Chairman on or before FRIDAY (14, January 2022) PRIOR TO THE MEETING!
4. Discounted price \$ 34.00, **Full price \$44.00 after Friday 14 January**
5. NO RESERVATIONS will be accepted at the door.
6. The attitude adjustment will consist of a CASH BAR at the hotel bar.
7. Anyone arriving for the MEETING ONLY, will please wait outside the dining room until the meeting begins.

Please adhere to this request so as not to confuse the servers.

Attitude Adjustment to commence at 1830 (6:30pm)

Everyone is expected to be seated for dinner at 1915 (7:15pm)

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USPS DISTRICT 3, for \$34.00**

**(\$44.00 after 14 January)**

Send to P/R/C Angelo Giovanniello, SN

11 Norton Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704

(H) 631-661-5318

**PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

### 21 JANUARY 2022 ORIENTATION MEETING

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

America's Boating Club

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*Celebrating 50 years—Teaching Safe Boating*

# The Gull Chatter

January / February / March  
2022

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**Executive Meeting:**  
1st Monday of each Month from January to December (Virtual ONLY)

**General Membership Meetings:**  
2nd Monday of each Month from (Virtual Meetings at this time)  
Always check Call to Meeting flyers and the website (boatoysterbay.org )  
For more detail information: Dates—Times—Place of meeting



From **November 1st until May 1st** all kayakers, canoeists, and all persons aboard any vessel under 21 feet must wear Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices while enjoying New York's coastal