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

By Boaters...For Boaters™

Gull Chatter

Commander's Report

by Kevin Kuo, JN



"A View from the Bridge"

Dear Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful boating season. As we put away our boats for the winter, this is the best time to take advantage of the end-of-season deals and replace any required equipment. If you are looking to purchase or replace your boat, this is a great time to snatch up some great discounts. Kayaks and small inflatable watercraft are also on sale and can be stored with minimum space required.

As we head into the fall and winter season, keeping proficient with knot tying is an excellent way to keep your joints well lubricated and can bring blood flow to areas prone to inflammation. Now is also a great time to prepare a cruise and float plan for the following season; whether a local kayaking journey or a long-distance cruise, pre-planning will be your best way to your highest level of readiness for a safe journey.

As always, even though the boating season is coming to a close, our squadron will continue to have in-person events for our members and ongoing classes and seminar offerings. Please make the most of your membership and let your bridge know if there are classes you would like to take, and we will do our best to arrange to have them offered through our squadron.

In order to continue to keep the mission of the United States Power Squadrons / America's Boating Club operating well, we need help from our members to assist with vessel safety checks, education, co-op charting, and the planning and execution of fellowship activities. With the help of everyone, we can elevate our collective membership experience. Looking forward to seeing you at our next in-person event!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Kevin P. Kuo, Commander

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As we embark on our voyage into this new Watch year, we see Covid at our stern and new Adventures on our horizon. Be part of the crew and volunteer for a committee or Bridge position.

Rules Committee Donna Dunbar Douglas Durfee ** Dorothy Titus, AP	Audit Committee Donald Lustig, AP Jennifer Nackman, JN ** Ralph Parisi, P	Nominating Committee Ronald Ferina, JN Ronald Nackman, JN** Thomas Peltier, SN
Executive Committee	Stf/C Douglas Durfee, SN P/Lt/C Steve Ender, AP Stf/C Ronald Ferina, JN	P/Lt/C Jennifer Nackman, JN P/C Ronald Nackman, JN 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
Mariners

Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



What's New in Education

Summer Seminar Series was a huge success with 30 members, family and friend joined us for Weather Forecasting, Partner in Command. Seminars are great informational tools and FREE to all members. We didn't have time for *Tides and Currents (Long Island Style)* during the Summer but plan to offer it sometimes this Fall - probably in November .

We were also busy with On-the-Water Activities...1st, with our Sail Course, then with Co-Op Charting Cruises that reinforced the principles learned in the ABC Chapter 5 course. A special thank you to Ron Ferina (Sail) and Ralph Parisi (ABC) for volunteering their time, talent and their boats.

We were hoping to continue the Seminar Series through the winter months but we need your help to provide the seminars you would most likely attend.

We were considering:

- Boating with Confidence,
- Introduction to Navigation,
- Man Overboard,
- Planning a Cruise, Using GPS.

Of course there are many others choices but these are most popular with USPS/America's Boating Club members. Just drop me a line and let me know which seminar seems like a good fit for you.

We are planning these seminars as an On-Line classroom experience. That makes it easy to get to and certainly cuts down on your commute, Join us also at our next General Meeting in November when we will broadcast a brand new informational video—starring members of District 3. See you there and...

Safe Boating starts with Educated Boaters

2022-2023 Fall—Winter Schedule— Sign up NOW

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

America's Boating Course scheduled for Fall—Sign up now!

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

Executive Officer

Our Executive Committee members are working hard to fill the void of a non-Executive Officer.

Whether your boat is in the water or not...

- Vessel Safety Check appointments are available until the end of October
- Coop Charting Geodetic Marks Outings is wonderful way to spend some time in the brisk Autumn air. Geo Hunts—**10/8 or 9** and share your Geo Finds at the General Meeting on the 10th. It is so much fun. Call Thomas for your Geo Map.

Admin Report

Ralph Parisi, AP

Restrictions are lifted — we now are scheduling in-person events. Always check the website for dates, times, and locations.

Current Events you don't want to miss:

Oct	General Mtg Octoberfest	Mon 10th Mon 17th??	Autumn and Halloween Fun Time to try some Fall Beers & Enjoy some time together.
Nov	General Meeting	Mon 14th	Latitudes Program by Stf/C Doug Honor out Veterans Meeting & Holiday Dessert Menu
Dec	Sunday Holiday Party		local restaurant may be our choice this year.

Oct	3rd	none	11th	OctoberFest Get-Together—see flyer
Nov	7th	14th		Honoring our Veterans — Speaker / Presentation
Dec	5th	11th	11th	Holiday Party—The Homestead

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.

Members Page - Gathered Some Info for you!

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

Great South Bay
In-Person

Engine Maintenance Course

West Islip Library 6:30 PM to 9 PM
Start Date: October 3rd

Bayside

Advance Marine Navigation (AP) Blended Classes

Virtual & In Person

Start Date: October 4th 7:30 PM

Engine Maintenance Course - Details TBA

In-Person
(That's the plan)

Capri West Marina Center
Start Date: TBA

ReCertification Seminar presented Fall Educational Conference

Pre- registration with DEO BOB or Ann (apeltier@optonline.net)
Complete with Handouts / Break Out Sessions
Learn what new in USPS/ABC educational world

OPERATIONS TRAINING has taken a NEW Turn!

Learn more about USPS / ABC the past and the future
What is expected of members, committee leaders
How you can be a part of growth and development of our Clubs
as we plan for the Future

Angelo Giovanniello and Ann Peltier will host the **NEW** OPT3
for all members of the District 3

They are planning an in-person meeting - depending on COVID numbers
Call Ann or Angelo to learn more

Photo Gallery

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What a wonderful Rendezvous! Although District member numbers were down (only 150 visited on Saturday and 85 participated in the 'Dancing Under the Tent' activity. Oyster Bay had 8 members in attendance and I think we all had a great time. Kathy Ljungqvist started the Saturday event off with a beautiful rendition of the *Star Spangle Banner* and our own Stf/C Doug Durfee completed the Flag Raising tribute with *God Bless America*. Oyster Bay & Port Washington once again did our Famous Watermelon - Fruit Stand complete with the undeniable hit of the afternoon - the OB Watermelon Martini (OB really stands for Oh Boy!) both with and without alcohol. P/C Ron has truly perfected the recipe. The day seemed to wiz by and I never even got my camera out when I realized I hadn't taken not one (1) picture. I must thank PDC Betsy for sharing these pictures. I hope next year you plan on joining us for this wonderful gathering of America's Boating Club – District 3 members.



General Meeting Sept 6th

The rain may have kept many members from attending in person but they sent in their photos. With 21 photos, the top pick was Peter's "Evening at the Dock."

Check it out at the Plainview Library along with our boater safety display beginning March 1st.

GOOD AND WELFARE

It is with sadness that we report the passing of our dear friend
P/C Josphe Lauricella, SN-IN from Port Washington Power Squadron.
Cdr Joe, along with his partner P/C Mary Anne McCoy, continuously
supported so many of Oyster Bay's Activities and Events. Our condolences
and prayers to all those who knew and loved Cdr. Joe.
You will be missed Commander - *"riposare in pace"*

Welcome Aboard or is that Welcome Aboard, Again!
Either way we are happy to say that **Barbara Dornau** has rejoined
Oyster Bay and is busy sailing with P/C Ron doing
Coop Charting verifications.
Take a minute and update your **2022 Roster** to include
Barbara, email: ***bcd0130@hotmail.com***
Happy Sailing, Barbara

So glad to hear that our friend Steve Akseizer is feeling better.
"Getting strong each day!" Steve told us. Great News!

Good Luck, Ada! Hope you enjoy your **NEW** Smile.



Diane Beecher
Thomas J. Cassano
Nancy R. Fein
Nicolle Navaretta
Larry Weiss



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER



Ada Ackerman
Diane Akseizer
Laura Cassano
John F. Navaretta
Michael J. Skupp
Barbara D. Woo



Lewis Bass
Edward Fasano
Luke Kuba
Kathrine Kuo
Marco Antonio Rojas
Henry J. Tiska
Rosemarie Zavatsky

Safety Article It's Better than watching TikTok

by P/C Ann



I, like you all, received an email from District 3 on July 11th, at 10:06 AM, with a subject line stating - **Navigating Inlets – America's Boating Channel**. Now, those who know me also know that I am a big fan of Marty Lafferty and the outstanding work he and his production crew have done concerning the **America's Boating Channel**. In fact, over the past few years, Thomas and I had incorporated several portions of his videos in

Oyster Bay's **America Boating Course** classes (both online and in-person) and when we presented the new edition of the **Boat Handling Course** last year.

The email announcement stated that members of District 3 were involved in the production of the video, which made it even more enjoyable to watch. Take a look for yourself; if you did not do so before (or you could just watch it again), the link **Navigating Inlets – Download Version** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o-blo3d2Ub2Vcefe5tIHIV4jRztHonyl/view> brings you directly to the video without any pesky commercials.

These premium safety videos are available to you – all for **FREE**. Take a moment to scroll through the massive library collection available. When you click on this logo after you sign into the USPS website, it will bring you to video after video, all produced by USPS/America's Boating Club's outstanding production team.



What to watch? Learn which **Life Jacket** is the best to buy for children, how to tie those essential **knots** you will need while boating, and how to operate various Visual Distress Signals safely. Furthermore, there are videos on 'What to Avoid,' 'What to Do,' and 'How to Do it Right.' I especially enjoyed the videos '**Problems to Avoid Series**': [Docking](#), [Preparing for Arrival](#), and [Man Overboard](#) (I provided a few links here). Consider watching the **Navigation Rules, Anchoring, and Mooring & Shoreline Landing** presentations.

Now is a perfect time to take out your smartphone/tablet or fire up your computer, grab a cup of coffee and watch your power squadron friends and fellow members present some important safety tips and information. These excellent videos may not appear on TikTok, but you can be sure they will be informative and maybe even life-saving. In fact, I have convinced the Educational Officer in Oyster Bay to show one (1) video at each General Meeting. Tick-Tock - times a wasting and it will be the 2023 boating season soon than you think.

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 Council Meeting 21 October 2022

(See page 14)

Check the District 3 website & Facebook page
for updated information.

District 3 2022 Nominating Committee

October 12— Meeting TBA

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

District 3 2022 Nominating Committee

November 2— Meeting TBA

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

District 3 Fall Conference

November 5th—Melville, Marriott

Early Registration—Fall Educational Conference

Open to all members and D3 Boating friends

Recertification Seminar—Pre-register with DEO Bob

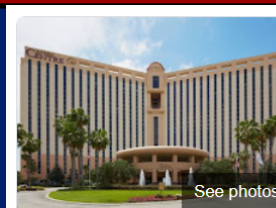
Buffet Lunch \$26/pp (flyer page 15)

Watch for D3 Flash Events

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

America's Boating Club®

Annual Meeting Feb 19-26 2023



**Rosen Centre
Orlando,
Florida**

[See photos](#)

Oyster Bay - Calendar

2022–2023 General Meeting and Events

When necessary Oyster Bay's Activities and Meetings may be held **Virtually**.
Always check the website or contact the Commander or a Bridge Member for details

2022

Ex Mtg		Gen Mtg	Event
July	5th	NO	22 Scavenger Hunt – Flyer Link on pg 5 Rendezvous East–7/29 to 7/30 Flyer Link on pg 9
Aug	8th	NO	Summer Get-Togethers–Date/Time/Place– TBA
Sep	6th	12th	USPS Governing Board (Sept 11-18)
Oct	3rd	NO	11th OctoberFest Get-Together– see flyer
Nov	7th	14th	Honoring our Veterans – Speaker / Presentation
Dec	5th	11th	11th Holiday Party–Community Center

2023

Jan	2nd	16th	TBA Chinese New Year–year of the Rabbit Luncheon–TBA
Feb	6th	NO	TBA Non-Snow Bird Luncheon
Mar	6th	13th	Annual OB Meeting– Syosset-Woodbury Center
Apr	3rd	NO	10th Change of Watch–Syosset-Woodbury Center
May	1st	8th	
Jun	5th	12th	Blessing of the Fleet–TBA

Member Benefits



Through this unique partnership with MYMEDIC, USPS/Americas Boating Club members save 25% on all online store purchases (excluding sale and clearance items). First aid kits and supplies hand-picked by first responders & medical pros that can actually save your life. Get equipped with the proper tools to always be stay safe. MyMedic offers kits for the specific adventure you are going on, if it's scuba diving, fishing, boating, or the open road on two wheels, they are sure to have a kit to suit your needs! Visit [MyMedic.com](https://www.mymedic.com) and use promo code **USPSABC** to save **25%**

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.

Octoberfest Tuesday 11th October

The Village Lantern

Separate Checks but One Big Get-Together
Contact Cdr. Kevin or Ann for more details
and to confirm your reservation



[View Flyer](#)

November General Meeting

Syosset/Woodbury Community Center

7:30PM Meet /Greet / Meeting 8:00 PM



"Latitudes Program "

(Is the World really Round?)

presented by Stf/C Doug Durfee



Plus: Bring your favorite Holiday Dessert.

Oyster Bay will provide the Coffee & Tea

[View Flyer](#)

Sunday, December 11th **Place: The Homestead**
from 1pm to 4pm **RSVP: Ann or Cdr Kevin**

**We've reserved tables in the 'back room' for us to
enjoy a casual Sunday Lunch.**

Seating may be limited but there is always room for you.

Plan to share with others:

Box grocery collection: pasta, soup, etc.....

[View Flyer](#)



Member Article I need to Decorate

by P/C Ann

I was poking through my computer library and saw an article I saved about the Patchogue Boat Parade held each Sunday before Thanksgiving. I smiled quickly, thinking about how we would take the little ones (now in college) to see Santa sailing down the river and everyone yelling...“I love you, Santa!” Oh, that was me.

All of a sudden I was in the ‘I need to decorate’ mood. My mind turned to the many communities on the Land and the Water that celebrate and enjoy decorating for the holidays. In fact, several local marinas host Christmas in July competitions. All the boater owners decorate their dock and boats in Winter or Christmas holiday decor. Whether it is November or July, putting up lights and decorations is an enjoyable and sometimes challenging activity that is great fun. Here are a few hints to help you along the way.

I rummaged through my library and found several saved articles. Consequently, I did some research back then - copied a whole bunch of articles and listed a few URLs for reference. Apparently, I thought we might be part of a holiday boat parade one day, and I wanted to be prepared. But alas, with no boat now, that item is off my bucket list. So this article is for you if you decide to join in on a boat parade or get the urge to decorate someday.

Of course, you want your boat to stand out in the holiday boat parade. “I’ll go big,” you say. “Yes, Bigger is Better!” Well, not always. Here are a few simple tips that may help with your holiday boat decoration and maybe help you win the big prize.

1 - Do your research and consider the parade theme and the rules.

Keeping the theme in mind, draw a rough sketch of your idea.

When you’re happy with the design, don’t ask for too many opinions from friends and family. With each new idea, your design may grow out of control. Look at suggestion #7. Keep it simple, it’s your first try.

2 - Decorating one or both sides of your boat? If you are decorating both sides of the boat, will they be coordinated? Some of us with OCD need everything to be **symmetrical**, or it just doesn't work for us. Think about the parade route – will your efforts be viewed on just one side? Single-sided decorations may be a good thing for beginners and your budget. However, check the rules; some may require both sides to be decorated even if not seen during the actual parade.

3 - “Deck the hulls” Lights? Inflatable figures? Live characters? Music? Go to the internet for the answers. Lights, decorations, and hundreds of ideas will be on the screen in a second. **Pinterest** can be your friend or your enemy, depending on how crazy you get. Look for decorations that are waterproof and approved for outdoor use. Paper decorations are inexpensive and easy to install, but what happens if they get wet? String lights are fun, easy to handle, and affordable. But, rather than yards and yards of string lights that may not be visible from the shore, you can go with a couple of carefully placed spotlights. But what should you spotlight?



If you want to attract attention, how about getting the kids to dress up and sing along with some holiday music. Remember **safety first**. No one should be close to the edge of the boat. They should have something to hold on to that is affixed to the boat. Everyone outside the cabin should wear a life jacket – even if it doesn't match the holiday color theme. And lastly, don't hang lights too close to the waterline. You don't want them being hit by waves or wakes from other boats.



- 4 - Determine what your power source will be.** Lights, spotlights, and music need a power source. In fact, your boat needs a power source. Stealing power from Peter to pay Paul may cause a problem if you drain your primary battery. And you know, you can't count on solar for wintertime power either. So, think alternate portable power source for this event. An additional portable battery may be the solution. Not sure what to do – you may need an electrician. Asking for help is Okay!



- 5 - Test and re-test your lights.** Don't wait until the last minute to install your decorative lights. Weather, like all boating situations, can be a problem. Plan to install your lights on the first nice day. Don't put it off. Install and then test – then - test again. Lights that don't work are so disappointing. Also, find out if there will be lights from the shoreline. Shoreline lights may dim your cute 'twinkle sting' light's effect. Planning is important. Ask other boaters how they handle the lighting situation.

- 6 - Work with the shape of the boat.** Powerboats are more horizontal, and sailboats are more vertical. When you're thinking about organizing your onboard display, work to your boat's strengths in

terms of shape. The boat is your canvas. Create around its shape and form. For instance, a Christmas Tree may fit nicely against a sailboat's mast, while an inflatable Santa on the bow of a cruiser may be a perfect fit.

- 7 - In everything, Size counts.** You'll start small, but by the time you tweak, arrange and finish your decorations, it will probably be twice as big as your original plan. Keep it simple and try to keep to the plan.



This is another great way to share boating with friends. Perhaps you have some friends who are willing to play Mr and Mrs Claus or some elves in costumes. Now that's worth a spotlighting! Have fun with it. Stretch your imagination and encourage your **Need to Decorate** to shine. These pictures are from the internet. They can provide you with an enormous amount of ideas for decorating enthusiasts. Like I stated before, this article is for those who **need to decorate** – whether it's your boat, your dock, or maybe your house and front yard.

Enjoy the Holidays and Let's Decorate—All!



21 OCTOBER 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

THE BELOW LISTED PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR
RESERVATIONS AT ALL COUNCIL 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 OCTOBER 2022) PRIOR TO THE MEETING!**
 4. All paid reservations received after the Friday before the meeting may be accepted but seating with their respected squadrons cannot be assured.
- Discounted price \$25.00, Full price \$35.00 after Friday 14 October.**
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: DISTRICT 3, USPS for \$25.00
\$35.00 after 14 October**

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

NAME _____

PHONE _____

SQUADRON _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____



District 3

United States Power Squadrons®

Fall Conference



Melville Marriott – Long Island

1350 Old Walt Whitman Road, Melville, NY

Saturday, 5th November 2022

Join the fellowship of District 3 and be part of the Fun!

SCHEDULE TIME OF EVENTS:

- 0800-0830 - Registration for members (Second Floor).
All members must sign in on Individual Squadron sheets
Squadron Commanders pickup Lunch Tickets for your Squadron
- 0830-0930 - Opening Ceremony / Meeting - Assembly in Salons
- 0930-1150 - Chief Commanders Message & other Guest Speakers
- 1200-1315 - Lunch in the Atrium (First Floor)
- 1330 - Conference Reconvenes: District 3 Awards, Reports, Closing Ceremony

Buffet Luncheon ONLY— \$26.00 per person

HOT LUNCH BUFFET

Mixed Salads with Assorted Dressings
Eggplant Parmigiana / Chicken Piccata / Penne Marinara
Roasted Vegetables, Rolls & Butter
Assorted Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Brewed Iced Tea

SPECIAL DISCOUNT: \$26.00/per person

(for Reservations Received prior to 29 October 2022)

\$36.00/per person (all Reservations received **AFTER 29 October)**

CASH BAR Available BEFORE & DURING LUNCH (1200-1330)

•Planned Seminars •Teaching Aid Competition
•Recertification Seminar

Cut Out and return with your check to: D/Lt Richard Jost by 29 October
LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM (8 PEOPLE PER TABLE)

RANK & NAME:

SQUADRON SITTING WITH:

CHECK NUMBER: _____

SQUADRON MEMBER OF: _____

CHECK PAYABLE TO: USPS DISTRICT 3

SENT TO: D/LT Richard Jost, SN
PO BOX 3
Wading River, NY 11792-0003

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

America's Boating Club

PO Box 13

Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Celebrating 50 years—Teaching Safe Boating

The Gull Chatter

October November December
2022

Winter may not be everyone's prime boating time, but there are always a few stout boaters willing to brave the weather. Take a tip from Mr. Snowman and wear a life jacket...because 'baby it's cold outside' and it's the law.



For more detail information: Dates—Times—Place of meeting
(boatoysterbay.org)

Always check Call to Meeting Flyers and the website
2nd Monday of each Month from (Virtual Meetings at this time)

General Membership Meetings:

1st Monday of each Month from January to December (Virtual ONLY)

Executive Meeting:



Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron