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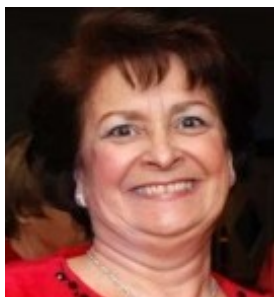
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Gull Chatter

Commander's Report



by Ann Peltier, SN



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"A View from the Bridge"

I want to thank everyone, again, for selecting me to serve as your Commander this year. Our Bridge may have some 'old timers' but it also has two new members, Kevin Kuo as AO & Ralph Parisi as Treasurer, both have agreed to server. You, also, may see some familiar names on the Executive Committee but joining them will be another new member Dennis Puccio. Thank you gentlemen for volunteering. I know it's going to be a great year.

Our Change of Watch will be held at the Sagamore Yacht Club on April 8th. We will be hosting a Hospitality Time beginning at 7:30PM with a Deli-Style Dinner for your convenience. The meeting will start promptly at 8pm. We're planning on a short Change of Watch, so we can enjoy some casual time together. I do hope you'll be there. It will be great to get together after a long winter and you will get a chance to meet some of our New Members.

As always our Executive Committee has been busy planning another year of activities both on and off the water. Please take a moment and look at the Squadron Calendar on the website for more information. Also, check-out the D3 website and calendar for district activities. It's all there for your enjoyment.

Our members are important to us and our Committees would like to plan activities that are interesting to you and your family. So drop us a line and share your likes and dislikes.

In addition, we hope you have decided to take a more active role with the Club. It could be a healthy choice! According to a recent article in **Health Guide**, 'Volunteering' has 4 main benefits:

- 1) It connects you to others,
- 2) It stimulates the mind & can strengthen the body,
- 3) It can help to advance your career and
- 4) It can bring fun and fulfillment to your life.

That *Sounds* like a *Healthy* idea to me.



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Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



The Education Department meeting in Orlando was outstanding and we learned about several seminars and programs becoming available not only for the classroom but for those who like 'on-line' learning. In addition, we have some new 1hr seminars that national is hoping will spark some interest at boat shows and community events.

National is encouraging the use of **Blended Learning**. That's when we bring learning to the students...enabling them to enjoy several learning medias. Oyster Bay will be trying to incorporating some of these new technological ideas in our future courses offerings. Our plan was to start with a simple 'Go-To-Meeting-Classroom' lesson and see how it goes. This could be a really exciting way for people to learn 'new' or even 'review' important boating subject matter at their own convenience...in the privacy of their own home.

We've had a few request for Engine Maintenance. If you are interested, please let me know what day of the week is best for you. We have a couple of 'engine experts' lined up for this course. But, I need to know what days are best. As always, I will do my best to schedule the course around your needs.



Safe Boating starts with Educated Boaters

2019 Spring Schedule

Tell your friends and family to sign up NOW

ABC.....June 8 & 15 (9AM to 1PM) Bayville, Bridge Marine

Sail.....June 11 (4 classroom / 4 On the Water Sessions)

Seamanship...April 30th (7:30PM) Syosset Woodbury Center

Hi everyone,

As you may know, Jen and Ron enjoyed a lengthy cruise in the Caribbean. I just can't wait to see the great pictures of their adventure. So, I'm stepping in this month with a quick look at what's coming up.



April	Oyster Bay Change of Watch — 8th. Come and support the new Bridge & Commander
May	General Meeting 13th - Coop Charting Cruise Seminar & a quick look at Operations Training which was cancelled in January
June	No General Meeting but our Annual Spring Picnic will be at Tappen on June 9th Plus, June 2nd—Blessing of the Fleet down at the Roosevelt Pier
July	No General Meeting but a Cruise to Greenport for the District 3 Rendezvous. It will be a great weekend.

Executive Officer

by Ronald Ferina, JN



Blessing of the Fleet

Our squadron has been conducting the time honored tradition of the **Blessing of the Fleet** in Oyster Bay since 1987. Unfortunately, the 2017 event was cancelled due to weather (a thunder and lightning storm); and last year's **Blessing** was cancelled due to bad timing, commitment conflicts and, well, a lack of participation.



The entire boating community was disappointed! In the past years, the **Blessing** attracted between 40 and 80 boats from yacht clubs, various working boats from around the bay and individuals boaters who enjoyed this special event. More importantly, the **Blessing of the Fleet** is our most public event and affords us a positive footprint, as an organization, in Oyster Bay.

This year we want to make a strong showing. To do that, we need some assistance from our membership. There are many moving parts to make an event like this come together. There are *no meetings to attend* and you do not have to commit to hours of labor intensive work. Just your help spreading the word that the **Blessing of the Fleet** is scheduled for June 2nd. Post our flyer (which we will send to you) on your Facebook page, #theblessing on your social media pages like Twitter, Lifewire, etc. and talk up the **Blessing**.

There are, however, some "hands on" tasks that need to be completed: we need to post flyers in the community. You could post these notices at various stores and public facilities (library, town halls and community centers) around town. Going to the marina or yacht club, drop off some flyers. The distribution of the **Blessing** flyers can be part of your routine travels.



And of course, one of the most important thing...is you! Whether you participate via boat or help out at the dock, we need you to show your support for this community event. Participating by boat: fly the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron burgee. Joining us on the dock: wear your Oyster Bay Shirt and bring the whole family – kids and grandkids are always welcome. Your presence at the event is an indicator of your involvement and your support of the community.

The mission this year is to make the **Blessing** the biggest event yet - reclaiming our squadron's commitment and continuing with the tradition of the **Blessing of the Fleet** in our community. Please contact me at rferina@optonline.net or call my cell at 516 901 4359 (**text only during business hours please**) or P/C Larry Weiss (Blessing of the Fleet" chairperson) at larry@larryweiss.net.

Things you can do this summer:

- Port Captain to organize a raft up in Oyster Bay and
- Coop Charting Skippers with Boats
- Members to help verify the condition and proper position of the buoys in the following harbors: Manhasset Bay / Hempstead Harbor / Oyster Bay / Cold Spring Harbors
Huntington Bay / Huntington Harbor /Center Port/ Northport Harbors



Member Articles - Remembering!

United States Power Squadrons®

District 3
Annual Memorial Service



The United Methodist Church
Of Port Washington

35 Middle Neck Road
Port Washington, New York 11050

7 April, 2019

1600 Hours
ALL SQUADRON MEMBERS
Guests Welcome

PLEASE ATTEND, TO REMEMBER AND HONOR
THOSE MEMBERS OF DISTRICT 3
WHO HAVE PASSED ON OVER THE LAST YEAR

Uniform "A" with Cap or Appropriate Attire
Commanders- 1500
Squadrons-1530

You are invited to join
Oyster Bay on April 7th, 2019
as District 3, hosts it's
Annual Memorial Service
celebrating the friendship and
camaraderie of those members
who have crossed the horizon
this past year.

As part of the service we will be
honoring two of our members
Dave Goldsmith & Bob Henken.

After the service there will be a
gathering in the Parish Parlor, at
the church, and then dinner at:
Venere Restaurant,

841 Carman Ave, Westbury

Please RSVP, so we can
reserve a place for you.

This will be a separate check
event and all members and fami-
ly are invited.

Contact Ann for details

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Member Benefits

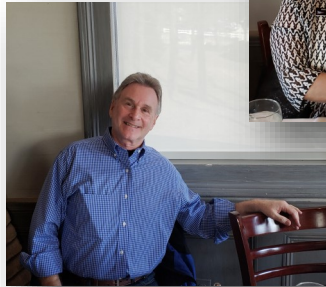
1st time Road Scholar participants will receive a \$100 gift certificate. **Wow! Save \$100 on your 1st Road Scholar learning adventure!**

Interested in learning about life in...Cuba? Costa Rica? Paris? **Road Scholar** offers 5,500 educational travel adventures in all 50 states & 150 countries. Learn more about us and see our exclusive offer for USPS members. Visit Road Scholar - <https://www.roadscholar.org/>

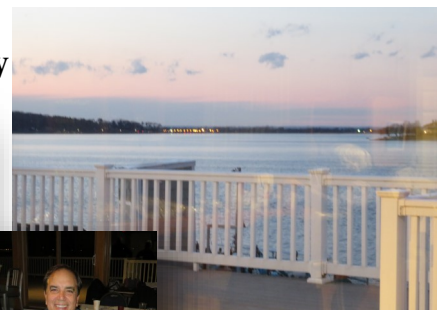
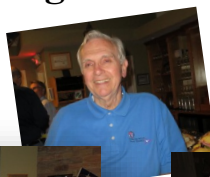
Photo Gallery....



The 2019 Non-Snow Bird Brunch at Harbor Mist was just great. We came together on a beautiful day and enjoyed a wonderful Brunch. This was one *outstanding* day. Next year... you've got to join us. Thanks Ralph for making this happen. **Great job!**



The 2019 Annual Meeting had us laughing until we cried. No it wasn't the Nominating Committee's Report...it was Captain Ron...along with his Crew. We did conduct necessary business and the members voted to accept the slate as presented. Afterwards, we shared a Deli-Dinner, watched a movie, eat popcorn and candy. We all had a great time. One thing—we did lose count on was... just how many boating errors Captain Ron and his crew actually made during their voyage.



SAFETY Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

“I want to buy a new boat!”

You’ve looked in every magazine, walked miles of docks, visited every boat yard, marina and boat dealer you could find, went to Boat Shows and, it seems, you’ve talked to everyone... looking for the **Best Boat** to buy. Answer is simple: the **Best Boat** is the one you can afford, suits your needs (including the family) and is safe. That’s still a pretty big array. And so, you keep looking, searching for ‘that new boat.’

Then one day – you see her. She’s perfect! No matter if it’s a Sailboat or a Powerboat, you know - she’s the one. Now you have new questions: “How do I know she’s safe?” And, “Am I getting a good deal?”

A smart purchaser, knows they have to bring in the professionals: Marine Surveyors and Mechanics. But, you should check some important items, first. Remember these pros (although worth every penny) can be expensive. So, do the initial elimination and like Tina Turner said, “*What’s love got to do with it!*”

1. Overall Inspection. Look for signs of continuous maintenance. Lifejackets, lines, and fenders can be clues to how much love this boat received.

2. Look for cracks in the fiberglass. Small cracks, such as spider-webs, can be a cosmetic problem. They tend to

appear near non-countersunk screws, around handles, gunwales, and wind-shields. Mostly...no biggie...an easy fix. Cracks greater than 2” long suggest bigger problems. Think carefully.

3. Signs of damage. Flexing, cracking, and moisture in fiberglass and wooden areas, could indicate the beginning of rot or a break-down of the fiberglass or the plywood supports. Look for large patches of new/repainted gelcoat. If this boat was in a collision you might want to walk away.

4. Loose seats. Could indicate the floor may be rotted below, or it could simply be that the bolts are stripped from sitting too far back while driving. The latter is an easy fix.



5. Mold & Mildew. Check everywhere: seats, boat top, walls and under carpet. Don’t forget storage and lockers. Extensive mold is a bad sign and a real health issue.

6. Electronics...do they work? If not, malfunctioning devices could mean faulty wiring. Or the devices are worn out! This problem could turn out to be an expensive repair. Test the battery, ask when it was purchased - another pricey item.

7. Check the belts. Are they thin, worn, or cracked? Belts should be changed every 100 hours. While you’re at it, check the bilge pump to make sure it is working properly.

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Remembering David Goldsmith

David Goldsmith joined the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron on November 13th, 2000.

Dave was an 'admiral' of a man who loved to sail as well as help others learn about the joy of sailing. Capt. Dave, as he liked to be called, was always eager to share with everyone what he knew was the best thing ever—Sailing.

It goes without saying - that even if you were a boater for '*years*' when you went on Dave's "*Content*" you were required to listen and participate in his 'safety talk.' Although **Dave** never held a Bridge position, he was dedicated to the Oyster Bay Power Squadron and introducing many "newbies" to our Club. Over the years, our members enjoyed many Coop Charting cruises on the "*Content*" and one thing we learned for sure.... "He never met a Chocolate Chip Cookie he didn't like."

We'll miss you Dave.



Remembering Bob Henken



Robert Henken was a member of USPS for 44 years and accepted a position on the Bridge in 2016 as the Oyster Bay Treasurer.

Bob was an active member in the Club and we are so grateful for the time and energy he contributed to our organization. Bob was an avid Sailor and enjoyed talking about his past experiences on the water. Bob enjoyed many sports but Sailing was his passion. Bob joined the Bridge in 2016, as Treasurer, and his reports always were brief, accurate and to the point...

"we've got money and my book balances with the bank." Bob was a "true gentleman" and we will miss him always. The following are excerpts from 2 emails from Bob's daughter, Nancy....

Hi Ann:

Sailing was such a huge part of my dad's life for most of his life. He loved being a part of the boating community and spending time on the water.

My dad loved the water, his boats and anyone else who liked sailing. He even loved doing all the work on his boat himself, which he did for many, many years when we were kids. I can recall when he'd proudly announce that he spent the day scraping the barnacles off the bottom of the boat. Although I never quite knew what that meant or why he'd do it, he seemed happy and satisfied having done it himself, even if it took hours of work while laying under the boat!

He loved being a part of your group and I am happy he had a community of such caring people who shared his love of boating. Unfortunately for him, my mom, sister and I kind of get nauseous on boats so we didn't make for the best crew members...

Many thanks to you and your group for the many years of happiness and friendship you gave him. On behalf of my dad, we all really appreciate the power squadron's long standing camaraderie, friendship and community.

We will see you on April 7th.

Nancy



OBSPS NEWS BLAST

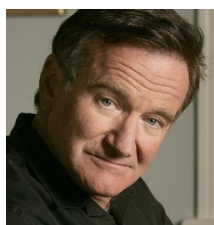
Welcome Aboard to Gerry Kenna

Gerry comes to us from Hempstead Bay Power Squadron.

Gerry enjoys teaching USPS courses

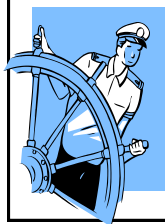
And Livio Percan and Ellen Baker who have re-joined our Club.

Livio enrolled in the Advanced Piloting Course.



“Spring is nature’s way of saying,
‘Let’s Party!’”

— Robin Williams



Boater's Terms ?

Bilge Pump - One the many electrical devices that will surely drain your batteries when you're at shore. More importantly, the bilge pump can prevent catastrophic problems if your boat is taking on water caused by a hole, a wave or storm.

**Now is a perfect time to become a Vessel Safety Examiner
Contact Ron Ferina for more information**



The Vessel Safety Check Program was developed to serve the recreational boating public. The Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron is proud to announce that our Vessel Safety Examiners are always ready to help you know about your boat and how to keep it safe. Whether on the hard or in the water, give them a call. It's **FREE** and examiners! They will only recommend equipment you need to help keep you and your crew safe. After a successful exam, our examiners are happy to present you with a decal which is attached to the boat.

If you fail the Safety Check List this is a perfect time to discuss the non-complying issues with your examiner. He/She would be happy to help you correct any problems including suggestions about necessary repairs or replacement items that keep you safe. A follow-up exam will be scheduled to ensure your vessel will be in compliance for 2018. Since the USPS is **not a law enforcement** agency and reports are not shared with anyone outside our organization, boat owners feel a sense of confidence.

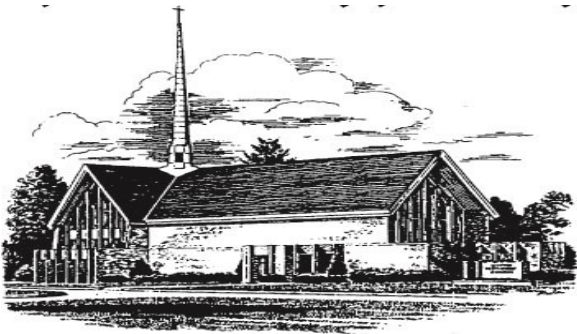
Schedule a Vessel Safety Exam at your leisure to determine if your vessel is in compliance with current regulations. Ron Ferina at ronnfer@yahoo.com or call 516 935-0475 for more advise

DISTRICT 3 & USPS NEWS

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



District 3 Memorial Service April 7th



Join us at the Annual D 3
Memorial Service as we honor the
memory of our fellow members who
have sailed across the horizon.

Sadly Oyster Bay has placed
David E Goldsmith, P
Robert (Bob) Henken, AP
on the Memorial Roster.

See attached flyer (D3 web)
For complete details or call
Cdr Ann for more information

District 3 Council Meeting June 7th, 2019

Marriott Melville
Dinner's served 7:15pm
Meeting starts 8pm sharp
Check flyer on our website
for more details.

District 3 LI Ducks Game June 9th, 2019

Come for the Barbeque or just the
game...check out flyer on D3
website.....



United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting

September 8-16 Louisville, KY
Check the USPS.org website

GOOD AND WELFARE

Advanced Piloting Students: Teri, Diane, Livio are working hard on their Practice Cruise. Good Luck!

Best wishes to Dennis Puccio who had emergency surgery on this left hand and is now working hard in re-hab. Get well, Dennis!

And our Len Hecht is recuperating at the Sunrise.

He's doing well—hope he'll be home soon.

**Sadly we said "Farewell" to our dear friend
David Goldsmith who passed on January 23rd, 2019.
We will miss Captain Dave. We assembled a few
pictures of Dave during his many years as a member
of our Club. Remembered with Love!**

On February 12th, 2019 our Treasurer Robert (Bob) Henken passed away. Bob was a great asset to the Oyster Bay Bridge and we will miss him. We gathered a few pictures of Bob, please take a moment and share these memories.

Jacqueline Bass
Clifford Chabina
Gerald DiCunzolo
Fred Doulton
Sabrina Margetic
Teri Moschetta
Sabrina Navaretta
Ralph Parisi
Alice Sorenson
Norman Sorenson
Irwin Tantleff



Shirley Durfee
Steven Ender
Patricia Ferina



Jim Friscia
Ronald Nackman
Robert Tatem, Jr

Stephen Akseizer
Jonathan Bass
Justin Corrado
June Frey
Leonard Hecht
David Kessler
Lilly Margetic



Andrew Navaretta
Thomas Peltier
John Sossi
Allan St. Juste
Harvey Stern
Dorothy Titus

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

8. Start the engine. First look to see if it's clean? It may sound crazy but a clean engine means someone cared. Gunk and grime may mean neglect. Listen for unwarranted noise and excessive vibration. Look for smoke and smell for fumes. You don't want to start your boating season requiring a costly engine overhaul.

9. Test the oil. Does it feel gritty between your fingers? The grit could indicate serious engine wear and milky oil may mean water is present causing corrosion. This is really bad news.

10. Talk to the owner. Don't interrogate him/her. But take the time while inspecting the boat to ask those important questions about if she's been in a collision or has had major repairs done. Also, find out who did the repairs for future reference. Ask how she 'handles' in open water. Find out all you can about her history. The more you know the better you'll be prepared during this important decision time. Most importantly, remember to keep you emotions in check while you are doing your initial evaluation and interview. Over enthusiastic buyers may pay more than they should.

Now, you've done all you can. The real test comes when you hire a Marine Surveyor and Marine Mechanic - who will no doubt - want to take her out for a short cruise. And yes, you should go along. Norm LeBlanc, a surveyor based in Massachusetts, notes that a marine surveyor *provides an effective reality check for buyers caught up in the excitement of buying a new boat*. "The buyer is wearing rose-colored glasses. I'm the one who doesn't have them on," LeBlanc reminds us.

Of course, it's not the job of a surveyor to tell you what to do or how to proceed. However, a good surveyor will make you fully aware of what you're getting into. As part of the survey, you will also receive an estimate of the boat's true market value, which is a useful negotiating tool.

Don't make the mistake of underestimating the cost of fixing the "little things"; same goes for older gear that is still "functioning" but needs to be upgraded. While a few minor repairs might not seem daunting, a whole laundry list can be both time-consuming and costly. A new dodger for a 30-foot sailboat could run you \$1,900, minimum. Installation of a new head and holding tank may cost \$2,500. What seems 'simple' could turn into a project with a big price tag and hours of work.

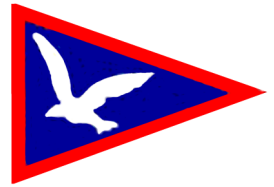


Always keep a 'personal' red flag list: moisture, blisters, engine problems, etc. near your heart. They could be the key to purchasing the Best Boat. Maintain your sense of humor at all cost. After all, it's JUST a BOAT. When advised by the professionals and those

that know...**walk away**. You know there is another **Best Boat** out there, you just have to look for her.



*Oyster Bay
Sail and Power Squad-
ron*



*Change of Watch
8 April 2019*

*Sagamore Yacht Club
2000 (8:00pm)*

Commander Ann Peltier, SN
and the 2019-2020 Bridge
cordially invites you to attend the



**48th
Change of Watch**

***Social Time
7:30pm to 8:00pm
"Cash Bar" Available
Charge Cards **ONLY*****

***Deli Dinner
Served at
7:30pm***

***Come and Celebrate with
our Bridge and visit with
some old friends.***

***Refreshments
Coffee & Cake
after Ceremony***

This bridge wants you to be comfortable!
So it's your uniform choice: Uniform A, Blazers, or
Squadron Shirt. Don't forget your name tag.

Meeting Schedule

Exec Meeting		General Meeting and Events
April	1st	8th—Oyster Bay's Change of Watch 8PM
May	4th	11th— Coop Charting Seminar and Op Training 3
June	43rd	No Meeting 2nd—Blessing of the Fleet 9th—Picnic—Tappen Beach

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

2019



April — Change of Watch 8:00PM
Sagamore Yacht Club
Deli Dinner @ 7:30PM

The Bar is open—No Cash / Credit Cards ONLY

May 13th
General Meeting
Coop Charting Seminar
and Cruise Plan
Plus, a look at Ops
Training 3

Sagamore Yacht Club
8:00PM
Coffee, Tea & Refreshments
for your pleasure
Casual Attire

June 9th 2019
Spring Picnic
at Tappen Park
Glenwood Landing
12:30 to 5:00Pm



The 'barbie' will be hot &
ready for you.
It's a '**Share your Lunch**' Picnic.
Don't forget your chair &
favorite drink. Please call Ann
and RSVP
So we know you're coming
Check website for flyer

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

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



**Spring is a perfect time to take a
Boating Course.**

**Remember NY State Law
November 1 to May 1st**

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

America's Boating Club

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The Gull Chatter
April / May / June
2019