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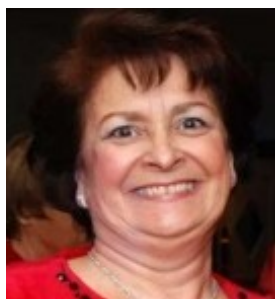
By Boaters...For Boaters™

## Gull Chatter



### Commander's Report

by Ann Peltier, SN



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

Can you believe this...**January 2019**. It seems like just the other day we were planning the Spring Picnic. With the new **Year** upon us, you can be sure that the Club has been planning some new and some tried-and-true activities for your enjoyment. Check out Jennifer's Article on page 4 for more details.

In fact, the whole Bridge has been busy preparing for 2019. Ron Ferina has been working on Vessel Safety Activities and Scheduling while helping members become **Examiners**. Thomas has been arranging for some new Seminars to be presented to the

Squadron and to the Community. Like I said, the

Bridge has been very busy working to help your Club be the best it can be.



In fact, the America's Boating Club (USPS®) has also been busy preparing for the Annual Meeting in Orlando.

If you're in Florida, don't forget to stop by and see for yourself the inner workings of our Club. In fact, on Thursday there will be a special **Roundtable**, open to all members, which was designed especially for you. This year...***What would I do if I was Chief Commander?*** ...will be our topic heading. The **Roundtable** will be focusing on the new Marketing Plan, Development of our Squadrons for Today's Members, Gaining and Keeping Members and lots of other topics. I could use your support. So, sign up and be part of this **Roundtable** where your voice can be heard...loud and clear.

With Spring around the corner, it won't be long before everyone will be busy getting their boats in the water or, at least, helping others get their boats ready for the Spring/Summer Boating Season. That's what friends are for...I'm told. Now would be the perfect time to get ready for 2019 because in a blink of an eye... we'll be looking at 2020.

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**Fred's  
Defenders**

## Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



The Education Department at USPS® America's Boating Club is busy creating, updating and reviewing all our courses and seminars. "But why?" you ask. Our Club needs to remain the leader in Boating Education and the only way we can accomplish that task is to continuously refine our teaching materials ....and I guess our teachers, too!

When you Take or Teach one of our Courses / Seminars, you help the Education Department learn more about what works and what is no longer pertinent in our courses /seminars. Consequently, through member involvement the Ed Dept. has refined many courses like Seamanship, for instance. This year, USPS, will be rolling out the NEW "Boat Handling Course" - a slimmed down Seamanship Course with 6 Chapters and / or 6 Seminars with a pick and choose attitude. **Oyster Bay**, however, will be offering the NEW "Boat Handling Course" with the full 6 Chapter—each re-defined and updated—complete with the new student involvement approach. Come and proctor just one class – your opinion and input is important. Take a look and check out our Winter / Spring schedule. If you're interested in any course or seminar, not listed, please let me know.

*Thomas*

**Safe Boating starts with Educated Boaters**

**On the Water** portion of OB courses begins in the Spring 2019. Call Tom for times & locations

**Jump Start** is a new program where USPS members volunteer to mentor members and non-members on their boats. Call Tom to find out more about the NEW program.

### **2019 Winter Schedule**

**All Classes Start: 7:30PM**

Advanced Piloting (12wks)	1/08	Syosset-Woodbury Center
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### **Spring Schedule—tell your friends**

ABC Syosset	Wed 3/06 to 4/17	Syosset High School
ABC Roslyn	Wed 3/06 to 4/17	Roslyn High School

Interested in the following courses:

<b>Engine Maintenance.....</b>	<b>Call if you're interested</b>
<b>Instructor Development.....</b>	<b>Call if you're interested</b>
<b>Partner in Commander.....</b>	<b>Call if you're interested</b>

## Executive Officer

by Ronald Ferina, JN



### What Happened to the Three Mile Limit?

Trade across the “high seas” did not take place until the Phoenicians developed sailing ships capable of sailing too far off lands. Sometime around 2500 B.C., the need for “international” agreements and treaties gave rise to maritime or admiralty law. The law of the sea states that the sea is free for all nations but does not belong to any of them.

Sovereign nations were entitled to territorial water three miles from their shoreline and the high seas were defined as the waters between the “three mile limit” of nations. Today, based upon evolution of maritime law and a 1982 United Nations Convention on Laws of the Sea, sovereign nations are entitled to 12 nautical miles as territorial water. An additional 12 nautical miles, a Continuous Zone, extends the nations rights and terrestrial law in matters of taxation, customs, immigration and pollution.

The convention also defined an “Exclusive Economic Zone” to be 200nm beyond the Continuous Zone that reserves the natural resources within that zone for the sovereign nation. The high seas today are the waters between the borders of the Exclusive Economic Zones. While the “Law of the Sea” sets jurisdiction over coastal water, ownership of natural resources and navigational rights, maritime or admiralty law can still, and often does, take precedence anywhere in territorial, navigable water (except inland waterways). Cases involving maritime accidents (collisions, injury, or loss of life) may be settled under maritime law; determined on a case, by case basis. This is why, in part, maritime law is complicated and difficult to understand.

Hi everyone.

Happy New Year to all! Here is a list of some of the activities that are planned for this new year 2019.



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| <b>January</b>  | General Meeting—14th Presentation “Part 1 Op Training” and a <i><b>Special ABC NYS and Federal Review Game</b></i> with Host Ron Ferina. I know there will be prizes. |
| <b>February</b> | No General Meeting but that join us for " <i><b>The Annual Non-Snow Bird Brunch</b></i> " <b>2/10</b> see flyer for full details                                      |
| <b>March</b>    | Oyster Bay <b>Annual Meeting</b> 11th, includes a Movie & a Special ‘Light Sandwich Dinner’ for you to enjoy.   |
| <b>April</b>    | Our <b>Change of Watch</b> will be on the 8th. Come and support the new Bridge and Commander  |
| <b>May</b>      | General Meeting 13th - Lighthouse presentation and discussion about Vessel Safety Exams.  |
| <b>June</b>     | No General Meeting but our <b>Annual Spring Picnic</b> will be at Tappen on June 9th  |
| <b>July</b>     | No General Meeting but a Cruise to Greenport for the District3 Rendezvous. It will be a great weekend.  |

Wow, I only listed activities to July and it's a full calendar already. We're planning more on the water and on the shore activities for all everyone to enjoy. Join us and watch for flyers.

**Submitted by Nominating Committee**

The membership election shall be held on **Monday 11 March 2019**

Commander.....Ann Peltier, SN  
Executive Officer.....Ronald Ferina, JN  
Educational Officer.....Thomas Peltier, SN  
Administrative Officer.....Kevin Kuo, AP / Ralph Parisi, P  
Treasurer.....Robert Henken, AP  
Secretary.....Steve Ender, AP  
Ass't Educational Officer.....

Audit Committee.....Donald Lustig, AP; Jennifer Nackman, JN  
Rules Committee.....Len Hecht, JN; Dorothy Titus, AP;  
Douglas Durfee, SN  
Nominating Committee.....Thomas Peltier, SN; Ronald Ferina, JN;  
J/P/C Ronald Nackman, JN

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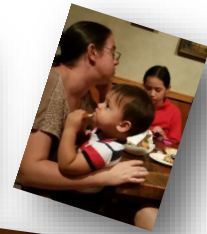
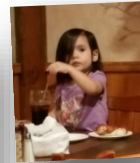
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<https://www.usps.org/index.php/memberbenefits2/709-fugawi>





# Photo Gallery....



**Octoberfest** was a great time with friends, music and lots of good German food. It looks like even the kids enjoyed themselves because we certainly enjoyed having them with us!

Our **November General Meeting** had lots of delicious treats.

Plus we were able to celebrate the presentation of Henry Tiska's 50 year plaque by P/C Len Hecht. Did you know that Hank was one of Oyster Bay's Charter Members?

Congratulations, Hank and Betty!

We also had an opportunity to swear in ONE of our new members, Paul Thompson.

One more thing...Congratulate to Kevin Kuo who created the 1st Place Piloting

Teaching Aid for District 3. Ann's Teaching Aid Activity for Instructor Development also won 1st Place.

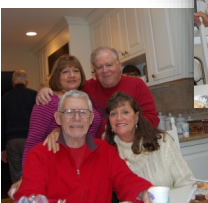
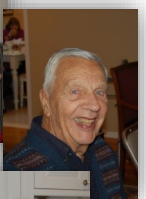
We also had a presentation from Cdr Ann about Identity Fraud and those pesky Robo Calls. What a great night!



Our New Member Paul



Did you ever wonder what would happen if you were having a party and the venue you selected had double booked. Well, that's what happened to Oyster Bay. But that didn't stop us. Marion Henken, wife of Bob Henken, immediately offered her home and hosted 30 people with 5 minutes notice. What a great lady. Thank you Marion and Bob for your hospitality and kindness.



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## SAFETY Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

# “I want to buy a boat!”

Recently, one of my ABC students asked me, “When do you think is the perfect time to buy a boat?” Well, that’s a great question, I thought. Way back, when we purchased “*In the Mood*” it was the Spring. But Thomas looked for almost a full year before we purchased her. So, I really had to think... “When would be the best time?”

If you ask around, lots of experienced boaters might say the **Fall** is the best time for buying a boat because most of the manufacturers start offering discounts around September and October. At this time of the year, when boat demands begin to decline, buyers of new or used boats often find the best prices. Search the web and local boating magazines during the Fall and check the prices yourself. In addition, many private sellers don’t want to pay for winter storage and are now willing to lower prices, too.

The **Winter** might seem like an odd time to buy a boat but many people feel that this is the absolute *best time*. Why? According to Christine Kaplan, owner of the 40-year old brokerage City Yachts, says timing is everything. In our area where there is a definite off season. Kaplan says, “...always buy in the off season.”

### Furthermore, **Fall - Winter**

seems to host a lot of Boat Shows. Boat shows bring together a large selection from the most popular manufactures from across the globe, allowing you to explore various models across all ranges of price, size, and style. Exhibitors show off new models and display the latest features, and you can look at dozens of boats without going from one dealer location to the other. The “Boat-Show Season” usually starts around October, in our area, and can last through March – especially, if you’re willing to take some weekend trips.

More importantly, at Boat Shows, if you know exactly what boat you want, because you’ve done your homework on pricing, you can get a great deal at these events. In fact, even dealers in warm climates are eager to sell their year-end inventory, so there is usually a chance for a great quality-deal even if there is no off-season for boating in that area.

Now, if you ask boat owners, ‘when NOT to sell a boat’ they’d say, “**Spring and Summer**” because this is the prime boating season. Most boaters are out using their boats and most are not eager to sell. Moreover, when the boating season is perfect, it could-in fact-drive the price up. But, let’s think about this for a minute. With so many boats at the marinas, this could be a perfect time for you to gather information about various boats you may be interested in owning. What better way to strike up a conversation with a dock mate then to tell them “I really like your boat.” And augment the conversation with questions about ‘how it handles’ and ‘typical engine maintenance routines.’ Finding out firsthand about the pluses and minuses of a boat could be invaluable information when you’re shopping and you just might find a skipper who is thinking about selling.



Whether you are buying in the height of summer or the chill of winter, knowing how the different

seasons affect boat sales can improve your overall shopping and purchase experience. The really best time to buy a boat is when you’re sure you found the boat of your dreams because I don’t think there is ever a bad time to buy a boat.

Keep safe and look for my next article which will focus on what to look for when you are buying a ‘new’ or ‘new-to-you’ boat.

# OBSPS NEWS BLAST

## Welcome Aboard to our New Members Peter and Ada Ackerman

Peter and Ada joined our club after taking the ABC course in Syosset. They got a first hand look at our group at the Holiday Party. They will be sworn in at the January Meeting.

## January Meeting Rules of the Road—Fun Contest with Ron Ferina—3 High Score Prizes



“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”

Dame Edith Sitwell, British Poet



### Boater's Terms ?

**No Wake Zone** - An area of a waterway in which you are prohibited from waking people who may be sleeping. Or perhaps, an area on our waterways, usually near the shore, where a vessel must reduce its speed, while maintaining steering, so as **not** to provide a wake.

**Now is a perfect time to become a Vessel Safety Examiner  
It's easy just click here and follow the directions...**



**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](mailto: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

#### Council Meeting

**March 8th, 2019**

Marriott Melville

Dinner's served 7:15pm

Meeting starts 8pm sharp

Check flyer on our website  
for more details.

This is a great way to learn about  
the *America's Boating Club* and  
the members who help to make  
it work.

### District 3

#### Spring Conference

and Change of Watch

Saturday, 30th

As always this is a very exciting  
event in District 3.

Plan on a whole day of activities  
or just come for the meeting.

Meeting sign in: 7:45

Seminars: 10:00

Lunch: 12:30

Meeting Resumes: 1:30

Demonstrations and Seminars to  
enhance your boating skills.  
There's always something new.

Watch for district flyers  
Check out the D3 website

### District 3

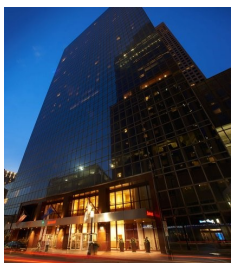
#### Orientation Meeting

February 1st, 2019

New & Returning Squadron

Officers' Special Meeting

Check flyer for full details



## **United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting**

**February 17-23 2019**

**Orlando, Florida**

**Check the USPS.org website**

## GOOD AND WELFARE

Our prayers and love go out to our sister squadron  
Bayside on the passing of P/C Michael Frigano, SN  
...a really nice man who always made me smile.

**Congratulations to our Fall Piloting Class**  
Great Job to all the students who passed with  
flying colors: Teri, Diane and Paul  
*and now on to A/P*

**Congratulations to Peter Zavatsky on his election to  
the President of the Commercial Division of the  
Long Island Board of Realtors.**

**Congratulations to Milan Margetic on his OFFICAL  
Retirement & is plan to Cruise the Caribbean  
this Winter**



Albert Brown  
Joan Cassano  
David Goldsmith  
Donald Lustig  
Peter O'Malley  
Elizabeth Paul  
Ann Peltier  
Thea Skupp



Sharon Ender  
Lloyd Hochberg  
Lance Kuba  
Milan Margetic  
William Titus



Peter Chen  
Joseph Frey  
Brenda MacAri  
Dennis Puccio



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!**

## Meeting Schedule

### Exec Meeting    General Meeting and Events

<b>January</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>14th—Op Training / ABC Review</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>No General Meeting</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>11th— OB Annual Meeting</b>

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

# 2019



**January 14th—General Meeting 8:00pm**  
**Sagamore Yacht Club**  
**Begin Operations Training and stay for the**  
**Rules of the Road Contest-with Ron Ferina**  
**3 High Score Prizes**

## February 2019



**NO General Meeting**

**Instead we have the.....**

**“The Annual Non-Snow  
Bird Brunch”**

**Call Ron or Ralph to  
make your reservation  
today!**

See flyer for details



**March 11th, 2019**  
**Oyster Bay**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**Sagamore Yacht Club**  
**(Vote for the 2019 Bridge)**  
**Then Join Us for a**  
**Movie & Dinner**  
**Meeting 7:30pm**  
**Movie 8:00pm**

To learn more about these and other activities offered by the OBSPS just go to the  
website at [www.boatosterbay.org](http://www.boatosterbay.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](http://boatoysterbay.org))

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



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.'

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**The Gull Chatter**  
January / February / March  
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