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

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Gull Chatter

Commander's Report

by Kevin Kuo, JN



"A View from the Bridge"

Dear Members,

I hope you all are having a good start to the boating season! There have been a lot of good days of boating the past couple of weeks!

Rendezvous East

If you have not yet registered for Rendezvous East, please do so and make plans to participate! It is a wonderful time to meet other squadron members as well as explore Greenport and the North Fork if you haven't already. This year's theme is Cruising Long Island, and if you have children or grandchildren who submit a poster for the contest, their ticket fee is waived. It will be a fun-filled weekend and definitely worth the trip, even if you decide to come for part of the weekend!

Marina Mess

The word is that many marinas are short-staffed, and some people need help getting their boats ready for the season. If this sound familiar to you or a friend of yours, do reach out to the squadron for guidance. Helping boaters is the value of the USPS / ABC shines. As you know, many of our members are familiar with prepping a boat for the season; therefore, if you or anyone you know is in need of help getting your boat into the water, we can connect you and provide the guidance you need.

VSC and ABC

Vessel safety checks and America's Boating Course - if you or anyone you know needs either of these critically important services, please reach out to the bridge. We can schedule an inspection and advise individuals about our current course offerings.

Hospitality Tip

Often overlooked is having sufficient personal floatation devices PFDs aboard when you take on guests! I recently watched a boat fail where a 25ft boat was overloaded with passengers, and it took a wave incorrectly; the front bow seats filled with water, and the occupants were scrambling to put on lifejackets. Unfortunately, they did not have enough on board for every passenger. This is a recipe for disaster, which can easily be avoided with an adequate number of life vests as well as learning proper seamanship techniques.

A Call to Participate

If you can participate more with the squadron by volunteering some time or expertise, please let us know. We are always looking for exciting events, speakers and activities, etc., that will benefit the members, so if you have connections or skills that can add value to our members, we welcome you to share with us!

Have fun and boat responsibly.

Commander Kevin Kuo JN

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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
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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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Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



What's New in Education

Hello Members and Friends

Summer is one of the best times for boating. Whether hoisting your sails or starting your engines, there is a lot to know and to remember. Seminars like 'Rule of the Road,' 'On-Board Weather Forecasting,' or 'How to Execute a Man Overboard Maneuver Properly' can be lifesaving! Taking a 2-hour Seminar is a perfect way to brush up on the latest techniques and technology.

We may be in those "haze, lazy days of summer." However, the Education Department is still hard at work providing you with valuable boating opportunities, which can be coupled with the "On-the-Water" activities for you to enjoy.

Oyster Bay has joined educational forces with Bayside PS, and many took the time to tune in to the Virtual *Boater's Weather Seminar* on the 21st of June. Our two Clubs will continue to share resources in the hopes of bringing to all our members a wide variety of Virtual Seminars that inform and entertain. Keep an eye out for more details as we enrich our join Club's library with these new and updated seminars.

Again, we have been invited, by our local Adult Ed High Schools programmers, to host the America's Boating Course. As you know, NYS law states, "*motor boat operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, will need a boating safety certificate beginning in 2022.*" Consequently, Thirty-something and younger boaters need to obtain safety certificates. Furthermore, by 2025 - all motor boat operators will require a safe boating certificate—what better way for you to obtain your certification than with our Club! Gives us a call to learn more.

Safe Boating starts with Educated Boaters

2022 Summer Schedule— Sign up NOW

Classes are planned for both In-Person and Virtual Sessions

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.

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.

- **Vessel Safety Check weekends are being planned for Oyster Bay and Hempstead Harbor.**
- **Coop Charting Cruises / Geodetic Marks Survey Hunts—7/22**

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:

July Coop Charting Cruise / Snack	ship assigned	Contact Tom for Assignment
July Geodetic Hunt	Friday 22nd	Between Bayville and Tappen Beach
Rendezvous East:	Jul 29 to Aug/1	Greenport, NY come by boat or car (check flyers for Reservations)
Aug Coop Charting Cruise / Snack	ship assigned	Contact Tom for Assignment
Sept General Meeting	Mon 12th	Photo Contest, New OPT3 (1hr Intro)
Oct Octoberfest & General Mtg	pick a date	Time to try some Fall Beers & Enjoy some time together.
Nov General Meeting	Mon 14th	Honor out Veterans Meeting & Holiday Dessert Menu
Dec Sunday Holiday Party		Haypath Community Center Alternate local restaurant

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 By Ann

This email crossed my desk. Amazingly, I had just finished my Safety Report on Long Island



Barb Jeff <jbk.woo@verizon.net>
Hello

To: Ann Peltier

Hello,

You've been on my mind- so I thought I'd send you some inspiring news from Terri Diane and I.

We sailed their boat back from Huntington to Glenn cove last Saturday. I plotted the course the night before and brought my tools with me.

Saturday the fog was so thick we would not have been able to Sail without the plotting. My numbers were the same or extremely close to Terri's!!!

The fog was incredibly thick the entire 4+ hours- we could not see land at times. I did a 60D STREET twice and IT WORKED!!!!!!

It was confidence building and an experience for us. We even had to use the horn to alert a power boater of our presence. We were so proud of ourselves - thanks to you and Tom.



Summer Fun



Date: Friday, July 22nd
Times: 2 hours Hunt
Rendezvous Time: Between 7 - 7:30pm
Rendezvous Location: Contact Tom for Charts



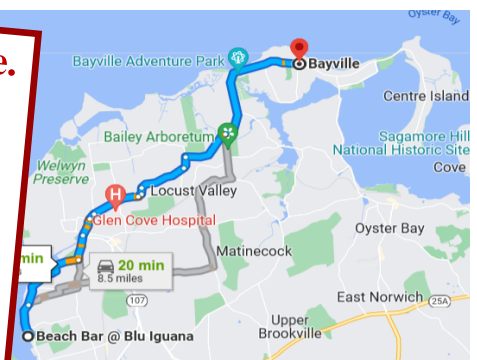
What could be more fun on a Summer's evening then to be with friends and be part of an

OLD FASHION ~ SCAVENGER HUNT

This year our Scavenger Hunt is between Bayville and Tappen Beach.

It's all about Geodetic Marks. There are dozens of marks waiting to be re-discovered and recorded.

**Need to know more.
Special Zoom
Presentation on
How to win the
Geodetic
Scavenger Hunt.
Contact Tom
for login.**



ATTENTION



Dear Members — Watch the mail for your 2022-2023 Roster.

Also, some of our members were unable to attend the 50th Anniversary Change of Watch, therefore we will be sending along your Anniversary Journal for your enjoyment.

Photo Gallery 50th Anniversary Pictures

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We received a few email like this:

-----Original Message-----

From: BETTY TISKA

Sent: Sunday, April 24, 2022 12:16 PM

To: Ann Peltier <apeltier@optonline.net>

Subject: Yesterday

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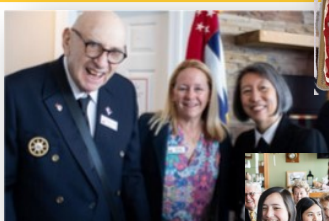
Ann — Yesterday's OBS&PS 50th Anniversary/Change of Watch couldn't have been more perfect. The presentations, members, venue(s), food — and even the weather all combined to make the day perfect.

I am sure your photographer took a photo of that fabulous cake — but just in case she didn't, mine is attached.

Unfortunately, I was enjoying myself so much that I only took one picture all day.

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Betty



We finally did it! We celebrated our 50th Anniversary and what a great party it was! Everyone had a great time. Even the Weather cooperated with blue skies and a gust of wind now and then for luck.

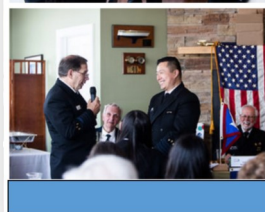
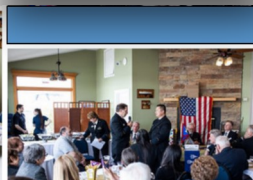
We proclaimed our Bench Site. Take a stroll along the Memorial Path and rest awhile as you enjoy the harbor on our bench.

There were a few surprises, too. Ann & Tom received not only a Plaque of Appreciation from the Club but an 'almost life-size' picture that everyone signed.

Unfortunately, D3's J/D/C was ill but that couldn't stop us. All the D3 P/D/Cs in the room were happy to present P/C Ron with his past commander's pin.

D/C John swore in Kevin, and then the new Commander happily was able to swear in two new members.

What a great day.



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Take moment remember — to all our members who are not able to joins us for our 50th Anniversary Celebration, we miss you!

GOOD AND WELFARE

Keep Shirley in your thoughts & prayers.

Did you hear that Daddio's Captain has a new hip?
What perfect timing. Now She and Harvey can really enjoy their adventure
to Israel. Shalom!

Keep Bill and Dot in your thoughts and prayers. Bill has had a few medical issues this
year. But, you know Bill—he'll be back on his feet in no time, especially with your
prayers and good wishes.

Please remember Steve Akseizer in your prayers and good thoughts as
he continues to recuperate.

Sadly, we report the passing of Barb Woo's Dad in June.
Keep the family in your prayers.

Our dear friend, Joe Lauricella from Pt Washington PS continues to gain
more strength each day. Thank you for your prayers.

Welcome Aboard to our 2 **NEW** members
Celeste and Kathrine Kuo—both sworn in at our Change of Watch.



Damian Devereaux
Ronald Ferina
Robert Hecht
Kevin Kuo
Mara Navaretta
Gilbert Olivier
Richard Scallon
Ami Shebiro
Paul Thompson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Peter Ackerman
Thomas Cassano
Douglas Durfee
Louis MacAri
Frank Martocci
John McCann



Donna Dunbar
Rhonda Ehrler
Howard Fein
Glenn Hoyvik
Jennifer Nackman
John Randall IV

Safety Article

Hey it's foggy out there!

by P/C Ann



The one great thing about boating around our **'Island'** is the beautiful waters we are lucky to experience: from the East River to the Long Island Sound, including all the unique Bays that dart in and out of the north and south shores; and of course the gigantic Atlantic Ocean. We are surrounded by water which can lead us to exciting places when we set out to cruise or sail.

However, if you're an early bird boater, or perhaps you calculated that the early morning tide is your best option for setting sailing, you probably encountered the **Long Island FOG**. With the mixture of the intense morning summer sun and the cool evening breeze off the water, foggy mornings are typical in our area.

You might even have wondered, "What is with this darn Fog every morning?" Which also may cause us to think, "Is all Fog the same?" The dictionary defines **Fog** as *"a thick cloud of tiny water droplets suspended in the atmosphere at or near the earth's surface which obscures or restricts visibility (to a greater extent than mist), reducing visibility to below 1 km."*

Similarly, Wikipedia states, *"Fog is a visible aerosol consisting of tiny water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the air...heavily influenced by nearby bodies of water, topography, and wind conditions. In turn, fog affects many human activities, such as ship-ping, travel and warfare."*

One other factor that contributes to Fog is the dew point. The dew point is **the temperature air needs to be cooled to (at constant pressure) in order to achieve a relative humidity (RH) of 100%, creating the possibility of rain.** In other words, air cannot hold any more water in a gas form or as water vapor which condenses into water, as dew or fog.

Dew point is simply the temperature when dew forms. Fog can develop when air temperature and the dew point are within 3 degrees Fahrenheit of each other. Dew point temperature can also help determine the height of cloud ceilings, such as the height of the base of cumulus clouds.

Consequently, high dew point temperatures indicate high humidity levels. Depending on the air temperature, dew point temperatures over 60 degrees usually indicate it's going to be "sticky," while dew point temperatures of less than 30 degrees usually indicate very dry conditions; but I digress.



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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**

Rendezvou East 2022

Get ready for our bigger then ever D3 Rendezvous.
Starting Friday night's 'Grand Horse Race' & continuing
through Saturday with an evening of dancing and
singing Under the Tent.

Join your squadron and district friends for a great
weekend celebrating...

the **America's Boating Club — District 3**

[Registration
Flyer](#)

[Activity Flyer](#)

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

Watch for D3 Flash Events

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

America's Boating Club®

Governing Board Meeting 2022

Raleigh, North Carolina



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	10th	OctoberFest Get-Together–Time/Place TBA
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
Apr	3rd	NO	10th Change of Watch
May	1st	8th	
Jun	5th	12th	Blessing of the Fleet–TBA

Member Benefits LTC Global— one of the nation's premier experts in Long-Term Care Planning— has supported USPS members since 2018.

Consider the high cost of Long-Term Care-LTC Global's programs are designed to help protect you, your family and your retirement security.

Check the USPS Member Benefit webpage for more details.



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.

*July 5th & Aug8th, 2022 / Oyster Bay
Executive Meetings - Virtual*
join us - contact Thomas for the Login
AGENDA: PLANNING OUR FALL SCHEDULE 7:30PM



July 22nd - OB Scavenger Hunt
See page 5 for details
Great Fun- Bayville, Hempstead Harbor!



August Get-Together, plus, Coop Charting Cruises
contact Thomas to arrange date, time and harbor
After the Cruise, plan on a refreshing drink & snack.
It's all part of Oyster Bay's
On-the-Water Activities available to all members

**Syosset / Woodbury Center
September**

7:30PM Meet & Greet then a fun 8:00PM Meeting
Photo Contest / Planning Events / NEW OPT3 1-hr Intro

The "June Commander's Cocktail Party" was a Blast.
Watch for more events here and on the Webstie
Don't miss out on these great activities.
They were planned by members for members to enjoy!

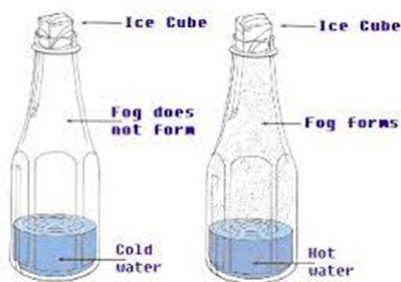
Safety Article **Hey it's foggy out there!**

by P/C Ann

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Of course, there is the scientific explanation: "Fog forms when the difference between the air temperature and dew point is less than 4.5 degrees Fahrenheit or 2.5 degrees Celsius, thereby allowing water vapors to condense, which turns these tiny droplets of varying degrees of concentration in the air."

Since I couldn't resist playing the 'Science Gal,' I looked up this (easy and fun) 4th- grade science project. You can suspend some air crystals and make FOG right in your kitchen. Note that the fog in the bottle on the right only happens because the water in the bottle is **HOT** and the air in the bottle (or above the water) is **COLD**



Now that we played with **FOG**. We can appreciate how fog develops in our area, especially the 'morning fog' scenario. Since the lowest temperatures of the day occur early in the morning, usually between 5 and 7 AM; consequently, the temperature drops closest to the dew point temperature during this time. In addition, the relative humidity rises as the temperature drops, so there is more moisture availability for condensation to occur. On a side note, with Fall's longer, cooler nights there is an even greater chance of encountering dense FOG in our region.

No doubt that early morning **FOG** is annoying, especially if you want to get underway. However, it doesn't last long – here's why. As you know, when the sun rises, it immediately starts to warm the air along with the ground considerably. This warming trend continues and leads to warmer air temperatures that may be warmer than the dew point temperature, which causes the fog. But as the sun continues to warm the earth and water surface, the rising temperatures continue to move away from the dew point, and we have 'burn off.' According to Channel 4's Weather Blog, you may prefer to say that the "**fog will dissipate through the process of evaporation.**"

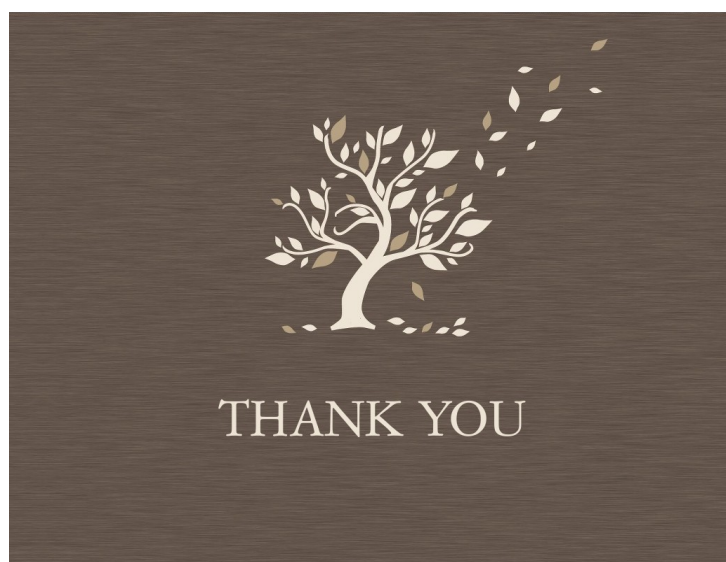
Now there are several types of FOG (including evaporation, freezing, and radiation fog – to name a few), and if you want to learn more about **FOG** check out this website (<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/fog/>) or even better take the **Weather Course** or Seminar with Oyster Bay.

One last thing. We may find yourself engulfed in FOG during our travels. As knowledgeable seamen, we should know some important safety tips when dealing with **FOG**.

1. **Reduce your speed** so you can stop quickly to avoid collisions.
2. **Minimize distractions.** Silence your cell phone and the stereo this will help you hear other boats in the water.
3. **Turn off cruise control.** You need to be in FULL control of your vessel.
4. Make sure you have a **clear view.** Clear away any hanging sunglasses or caps that may obstruct your view of the horizon.
5. **Turn on your running lights,** even in daylight.
6. And, **use sound signals** as recommend by USCG handbook.

Knowing about **FOG** is important! Being prepared to traveling in **FOG** is Life Saving.






We would like to Thank all the members of the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron who reached out to our family (in so many ways) especially with their prayers, love, and thoughtfulness. Your expressions of sympathy will be remembered in our hearts always.

Ann & Thomas
Rose, Henri & Emma
Jennifer, Christopher, Katie & Nick



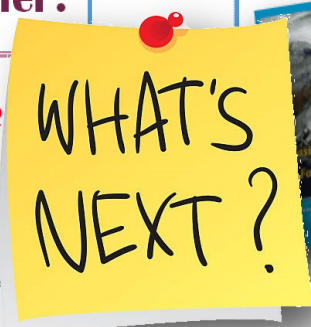
Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron
You can Sail this Summer!



Classes start
JUNE 7TH, 2022
7:30PM
(In Classroom session to be held at Syosset/Woodbury Community Center)

This unique course was designed to give student every opportunity to learn about sailing.

Blended Learning at its Best



Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Forecast the Weather Before you Cast Off!



2 hour Seminar
June 21st 2022
7:30-9:30PM
Virtual Presentation

FREE Seminar

Did you miss these offerings?

**Our Education Department will be sending out
NEW Educational Opportunities shortly.
Watch for emails and listings on the website.**

What is the real definition of a Voyage?

Any journey on a boat long enough to require at least two separate uses of the Head. However, that does not counting the one that always occurs within 10 minutes of leaving the dock.



What's New...

by Stf/C Ron Ferina, JN

Electronic Flares



Electronic flares (eFlares) are gaining popularity as more companies are bringing them to market, and the price is becoming competitive with traditional pyrotechnic devices.

Besides, eFlares offers the opportunity to stop storing unused flares in your basement or garage since most municipalities do not allow them for trash collection. Flares are considered hazardous material and must be handled properly for safety and the environment.

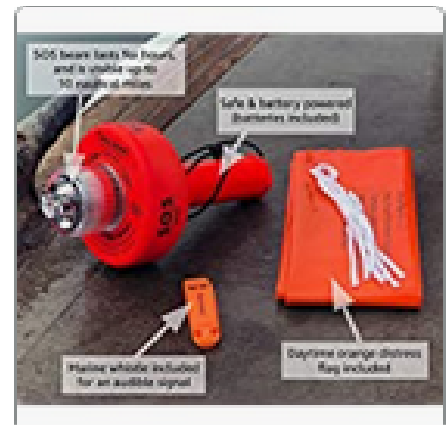
I recently purchased a unit equal to the price of two packages of four day/night flares. The deciding factor was to halt my growing expired flare collection and, as a safety factor, avoid having a high temperature, open flame, and hot slag on my boat in the event of an emergency. It also permits just about anyone to use it with confidence.

There are some things you should be aware of. These devices are Coast Guard approved for night use only. Since they compete against flares approved for day and night use, the eFlare is supplied with a daytime signal flag.

The operation time of the eFlare is safer and lasts significantly longer, about 6 hours, on a set of replaceable batteries. A spare set of batteries should be on hand.

The eFlare, like traditional flares, should be inspected periodically: at least twice a year, to check for battery leaks and to ensure they are still operational.

Some floatable eFlares automatically rights themselves when in the water (no buoyancy/flotation ring necessary). Some will maintain visible for over 6 miles with a light characteristic flashes S-O-S; three short, three long, three short.

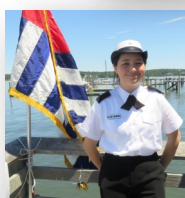
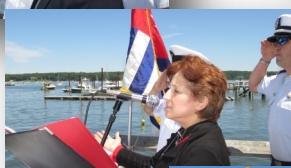
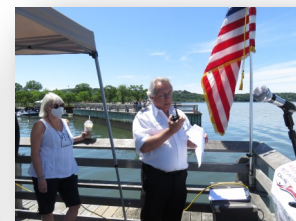


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Look into these new eFlares today.

Blessing of the Fleet - June 2022



Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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Celebrating 50 years—Teaching Safe Boating

The Gull Chatter

July August September
2022



Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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