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

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## Gull Chatter

### Commander's Report

by Ron Ferina, JN

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



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Despite the herculean task to bring vaccines to bear against Covid 19 in record time, we will still be challenged to stay safe by extending social distancing, mask wearing, and hand washing for some time until the "all clear" comes from the CDC. The light is, however, at the end of the tunnel... and it is NOT an on-coming train.

Every level of the America's Boating Club: National, District, and Squadron, will continue keeping our members safe and in touch by virtual means. The Annual meeting for National will be Virtual. District has planned several Virtual meeting for January and our Squadron's Annual meeting will also be Virtual.

The plan, at present, is to host all our Executive and General meetings virtually and we are setting the stage for a spectacular Virtual Change of Watch. This can be a great time! Virtual meetings allows you to log in and meet other members from the comfort of your own home. Our Administrative Officer continues to plan activities for both virtual and in-person meeting options for the coming year (2021) always keeping in mind the prevailing conditions at the time. We hope you take advantage of the extended social activities planned for you.

One special note, 2021 marks our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Oyster Bay Sail & Power Squadron. Fifty years serving our members and boating community in and around Oyster Bay area. If you are interested in helping with the planning of this special event, please let us know. Whatever we do, your part of this historic event, even as a participant, will make it special.

*Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!*



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Ass't Secretary	position available	

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**Flag Lt:** Patricia Ferina, P      **Chaplain:** Patricia Ferina, P

### Executive Committee

Douglas Durfee, SN	Donald Lustig, AP
Jennifer Nackman, JN	Ronald Nackman, JN
Ann Peltier, SN	Dennis Puccio, S



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and P/C Joe (also SN)



## D3 Sea Stars

## Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



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

I'm happy to say that all our Virtual America's Boating Students passed with flying colors. Both primary instructors (Ron for Roslyn and Ann for Syosset) met the challenge of Virtual learning "head on." In addition, Douglas is still working Virtually with his Navigation students and Ron, Jen and Kevin have submitted the Weekend Cruise for grading which is part of the Piloting Course. It was all done Virtually — to the satisfaction of ALL!

The **3 "P"** method certainly played an essential part in Oyster Bay's Educational Program: ***Preparation, Patience and Practice***. Each instructor had to become familiar with *Free Conference Call* the on-line educational venue we selected.

Teaching Virtually certainly has its challenges:

- make sure all electronic equipment is ready for class
- working with new teaching aids
- engaging students.

But, there are some positive features as well:

- students don't need to leave the comfort of their home
- can log in at any location
- able to concentrate on material without external distractions.

I want to thank these enthusiastic instructors for the time, energy, dedication and patience. It is because of these men and women that we had another successful Fall Educational Season. Thank you!

*Thomas*

### **2021 Early Spring Schedule— Sign up NOW**

**Because of the Corona Virus Pandemic, State and Local Restrictions have required our classes to be limited (to allow for Social Distancing) thereby causing us to invite you to our NEW **Virtual Classroom**.**

**We have been invited back to Syosset and Roslyn Adult Education to participate in their Virtual Classroom this Spring. At this time, Sagamore Yacht Club and Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club (the yacht clubs which were planning on offering a 3 day course) are unable to establish a workable schedule. This is a very unique time for USPS educational department, we are working to bring education to you. Please contact me for up-dated information and continue to log in to the Website. Boatosyterbay.org**

**All Classes must Pre-Register  
to ensure that books and materials are available**

## Executive Officer

Due to the Coronavirus epidemic, many Club activities have been cancelled.

**Vessel Safety Checks** and **Cooperative Charting Cruises** have been suspended because of the winter weather. But you can still do **Coop Charting Geodetics Mark Hunts**. Find out more about this great opportunity to take a refreshing walk and find Geodetic Markers in your own neighborhood.

Contact Thomas for more information or check the **USPS.org** website under the Executive Department > Cooperative Charting for more full details.

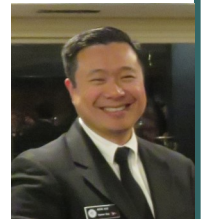
“Always keep in touch” the Bridge!

## Admin Report

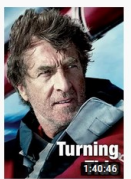
by Kevin Kuo, AP

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well. We still find ourselves challenged by the COVID-19, but we continue to meet and learn Virtually. I continue to work to bring you a calendar of events through Spring of 2021 into the Summer. Winter may be void of boating but not void our determination to share together through planned events that have been lined up.



**All Meetings Listed are planned Virtual Events —join us !**

<b>Jan 11th -</b> Movie Review Night	This is like a Book Review but better. <i>Turning Tide</i> is a wonderful movie which is available on YouTube to rent for as little \$3.99. Now make sure you get the subtitle version. Now watch the film before the meeting & we'll have fun filled discussion. Use the link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suFl1RpSIJY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suFl1RpSIJY</a>	
<b>Feb 8th -</b> Lunar New Year & Pre-Valentine Date	Celebrate with us the Lunar New Year and prepare a Pre-Valentine's Day with a special "Luxury Lifestyle Hacking" presentation by Kevin Kuo. Open Discussion Welcome. Bring a Date and let's enjoy a comfortable evening together.	
<b>Mar 8th -</b> Boat Ownership Presentation	Oyster Bay's <b>Annual Meeting and Nominating Report</b> Presentation - <i>Why did I become a Member of USPS/America's Boating Club of Oyster Bay</i> . Hosted by Kevin Kuo discussion with anecdotal stories from the past. .	
<b>Apr 12th -</b> Change of Watch	Place / Time To Be Determined by Restrictions on Gathering. NO Covid—Planning a 50th Anniversary Change of Watch Celebration at Sagamore Yacht Club.	
<b>May 10th -</b> Open House	We are planned events to support our 50th Anniversary. Picture taking day TBA and more.	
<b>June 14th -</b> Cocktail Hour	We're planning on an outdoor gathering. More to come. June Get-together Virtual or In-Person.	

# Nominating Report

The membership election shall be held on **Monday 8 March 2021**

Commander.....	Ronald Ferina, JN
Executive Officer.....	Kevin Kuo, AP
Educational Officer.....	Thomas Peltier, SN
Administrative Officer.....	Fred Douulton, AP
Treasurer.....	Ralph Parisi, P
Secretary.....	Steve Ender, AP
Ass't Educational Officer.....	Gerry Kenna, AP

Audit Committee.....Ann Peltier, SN; Jennifer Nackman, JN;  
Donald Lustig, AP

Rules Committee.....Dorothy Titus, AP; Douglas Durfee, SN;  
Donna Dunbar, ESQ

Nominating Committee.....Ronald Nackman, JN; Ronald Ferina, JN  
Thomas Peltier, SN

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

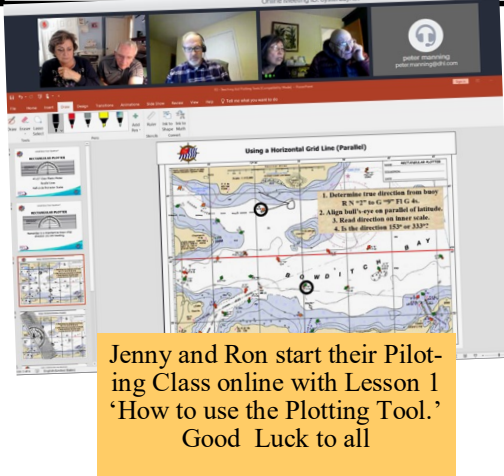
**Port Captain / Angler Liaison — Peter Ackerman**



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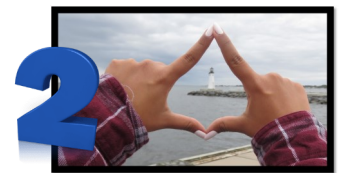
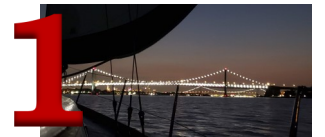


October Executive Meeting: The Bridge plans many Virtual Activities in response to the Covid Virus restrictions on Gathering. The committee also discussed with our Law Officer, Donna Dunbar, our future of In-Person meetings and the Pros and Cons of such events. They continued to discuss—Virtual Classes, Holiday Restaurant Gathering and 2021 Activities.



The **Virtual General Meeting on October 16th** was very different and lots of fun. This was our **1st Decommissioning Celebrations** with 2 special twists: Our Annual Photo Contest and Your Friday Night Dinner Special Event.—everything looked delish!

Photo Contest winners: Jenny won 1st and 3rd and Emma won 2nd. But, I give Kevin an **Honorable Mention** for the 'I Wish...Auto.' We had lots of laughs. Some of us wore our "Whites." It may be Virtual but we're still having Fun!



## Welcome Aboard

The Club is happy to welcome a new member...

**David Tuck**  
who sails his 43'  
Cheoy Lee 'GLORY'  
out of Huntington

GoToMeeting

Talking: Thomas & Ann & Ron Ferina

View Active Cameras

Date	Time	Event	Address	Status	Description
12/28/20	1930	Home for the Holidays	Virtual		Virtual
01/06/21	1900	Maritime Smuggling on Long Island	Virtual		https;
01/11/21	1930	Turning Tide movie review	Virtual		Memt
02/08/21	1930	Presentation on luxury lifestyle hacking	Virtual		Preser
03/08/21	1930	Why did you become a member?	Virtual		Discus
04/12/21	1930	Change of Watch	Virtual		Chang
05/10/21	1930	Invite a friend to join	Virtual		
05/23/21	1330	Spring Picnic tentative	Tappen Beach Sea		
06/06/21	1330	Blessing of the fleet confirm date with Larry	Oyster Bay		
06/14/21	1900	Commander's cocktail hour	Canterbury's		
07/12/21	1900	Top Gun Mavrick Movie Night	TBD		
08/09/21		Summer local raft up or road trip	TBD		
09/13/21	2000	Photo Contest	TBD		
10/11/21	2000	Virtual Bermuda Race - Game Night	TBD		
11/08/21	2000	Veteran speaker - TBD	TBD		
12/13/21	2000	Holiday Party - TBD	TBD		

Executive Committee was busy planning a 2021 calendar of events for our squadron. Watch for updates and some really special NEW activities.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

We sadly report that our dear friend from the South Shore Power Squadron **P/C Pearl Bauer** passed on October 4th. Affectionately, known to many as 'Lady Pearl' - she was a sweet woman, along with her late husband P/D/C Ed Bauer (who passed in April 2020) supported the **Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron** in many ways over the years. We will miss them both.



**Congratulations:** David Tuck (our new members) has successfully completed Piloting. Well done Dave

The members of the **Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron** extends our sincere condolences to D/Flag Lt Sean Donohoe (Bayside PS) and his family with the passing of his mother Dorothy. Dorothy passed away at home on December 10th after a long illness. We will miss you Dorothy.

### **A note from Ann:**

I would like to thank all those who, so graciously, participated in the submission of my name to District 3 and the USPS / America's Boating Club Chapman Committee. Your support and kindness is greatly appreciated. And a special Thank You to Thomas (Oyster Bay's SEO) who I know continues to lead the way in education both in our squadron and our district. Thank you all!

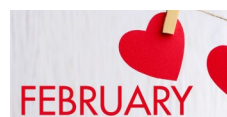


## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!

Rodman Chrysler  
Gilbert Friedenreich  
Donald Lustig  
Judi Manning  
Ellen Minet



Ann Peltier  
Ruth Rubenfeld  
Thea Skupp  
Peter Zavatsky



Sharon Ender  
Arnold Gallo  
Lance Kuba  
William Titus



Joseph Frey  
Brenda MacAri  
Dennis Puccio  
David Tuck

## Safety Article

by P/C Ann

I just heard on the news that the tide will be very high this weekend. Which started me thinking about the Rule of Twelfths. I know, you're saying "You started to think about...WHAT?" But it's true! My mind works in many strange ways...as you know. Anyway, I did a quick search and found a great article I had saved in my personal library from BoatUS by Mel Neale from 2016 that refreshed my memory about **12ths** and I'd like to share it with you.

Basically, the tide tables tell you 3 very important facts: time of high tide, time of low tide and the heights of each. To apply the 'Rules of Twelfths' you can divide by 12. It kind of looks like this chart on the right.

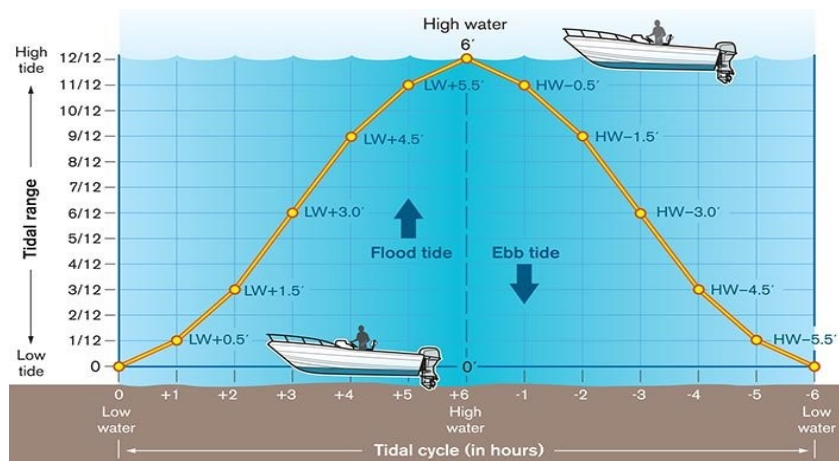
So, why is this important you ask? If you're planning a summer cruise you may need to know just how much water is

below your boat at any specific time of day and at a specific location. To learn more, access the tide tables, the "Rule of Twelfths" to get the answer. This easy-to-use guide for "semi-diurnal" tides, which means there are two nearly identical complete tidal cycles a day (high, low, high, low, all within approximately 24 hours) will help you stay out of trouble.

The basic rule states that it takes about 6 hours for a tide to complete its rise (flood) and its fall (ebb). The "slack" period (when the tide is reversing directions) may vary depending upon your location and other factors, like moon, wind, etc. Slack tide was important to me because, I was not particularly fond of the rock-n-rollin' going through the Plum Gut out east.

You can find the NOAA tide tables for free at [https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide\\_predictions.html](https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide_predictions.html). This animated table is up to the minute information. In fact, you can change the date for up to 31 days forward which is great for planning trips. There is so much information available at that website to maintain a "safe and comfortable" voyage.

For fun, plan a hypothetical cruise up the Connecticut River or someplace you plan to visit this summer. Don't forget start with your chart, also available online for free, to create your journey. Let me know how your hypothetical cruise turned out. It may be winter now, but Summer Cruises are just around the corner and now seems a perfect time to learn the "Rule of Twelfths."





# DISTRICT 3 & USPS NEWS

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



Due to the Coronavirus and restrictions set by NY State and local authorities, all District Activities Have Been either cancelled or re-scheduled—dates to follow  
Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails.  
Your wellness is important! Take extra care during this time.

## District Orientation Meeting

**January 22nd, 2021**

Learn more about Squadron & District tasks at this Virtual Presentation with  
Breakout Rooms  
Contact Cdr Ron for more information

## **D3 2020 - Fall Conference Virtual January 15th, 2021**

The 2020 Fall Educational Conference was Paused until now!

Check the website for the Detailed Flyer

## District 3 Virtual Council Meeting MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> 2021

**Because of the Coronavirus our Council Meeting will be held Virtually**

D/C Betsy Mandara, SN and her Bridge continues to work with squadrons and district members during this time of Social Distancing.

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

## District 3 2021 Change of Watch

**Change of Watch has been scheduled Virtually**

**Watch for more details and information on our website**

**March 12 and March 13, 2021**

This weekend has been reserved for a ( Virtual ) district wide Meeting  
Contact Cdr Ron for more information



## **America's Boating Club®**

**Annual Meeting — Extended for**

**7 Feb to 21 Feb 2021**

**watch website & flyers for detailed information**

# Oyster Bay - Calendar

## 2020–2021 General Meeting and Events

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, Oyster Bay's Activities and Meetings may be held by **Virtual Media**. Always check the website or contact the Commander or a Bridge Member to learn more about an event

	Exec Mtg	Gen Mtg	<b>Whether Virtual or In-Person we hope you can attend!</b>
<b>July</b>	6th	TBA	Blessing of the Fleet - watch for announcements Summer – “Virtual Movie Night”
<b>Aug</b>	3rd		Cruise around Bermuda—Virtual Meeting
<b>Sept</b>	8th	14th	Author Cynthia Barrett, Author <i>“Three Sheets to the Wind”</i>
<b>Oct</b>	5th	16th	<b>De-Commissioning Meeting—</b> (check WEBSITE for details) Fun night—come In your ‘Summer Whites’ uniform “F” or “G” Plus—Annual Photo Contest!
<b>Nov</b>	2nd	9th	Veterans’ Day Speaker - <b><i>Leadership by Robert Madden</i></b>
<b>Dec</b>	9th	—	Holiday Party— Rescheduled—Details to be announced
<b>2021</b>			
<b>Jan</b>	4th	11th	<b>Virtual Movie Review Night - <i>Turning Tides</i></b> / Watch at home before the meeting Movie Review at the meeting
<b>Feb</b>	1st	8th	<b>Lunar New Year and Pre-Valentine Dinner – Think RED “Luxury Lifestyle Hacking”</b> presented by Kevin Ku
<b>Mar</b>	1st	8th	Oyster Bay’s Annual Meeting / “Why Did I Join?” Discussion
<b>Apr</b>	5th	12th	11th District 3—Memorial Service 12th Oyster Bay’s Change of Watch
<b>May</b>	3rd	10th	Spring Picnic—Dress in Whites ... “It’s Picture Day!”
<b>Jun</b>	7th	NO	Blessing of the Fleet—TBA

## Member Benefits

USPS Members get 25% off vacation rentals worldwide

Choose from locations around the world, or in your own backyard. Prices as low as \$400.00 USD for up to

7 nights on a a 1 bedroom unit. Check out bookings available 877 782-9387



**For more information Contact: [Endless Vacation Rentals](#)**

# 2021 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 / COVID-19 Pandemic  
All Club Activities Have Been Postponed or Rescheduled  
Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails.  
Your wellness is important ! Take extra care during this time.

## January 11th Virtual Meeting Movie Review Night



Yann Kermadec sees his dreams come true when he suddenly replaces his friend, Frank Drevil, at the start of the Vendee Globe the solo sailboat race around the world. But what does fate have in store? **Rent on YouTube**

Watch this exciting movie and be prepared for a full Movie Review Discussion.

Bring your own popcorn and enjoy the Gathering.  
Meeting starts at 8PM but sign on early for  
Social Time at 7:30PM

**Turning Tides Challenge!**

## February 8th Virtual Meeting



We're Celebrating with **RED!**

Come to the meeting in your favorite **RED** attire. Don't stop there have a **RED** dessert or appetizer for us to visually enjoy.

**"Luxury Lifestyle Hacking"**

presentation by Kevin Kuo.

Open Discussion Welcome. Bring a Date and let's enjoy a comfortable evening together.

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## March 8th Annual Meeting—Virtually

You are invited to attend this year's Annual Meeting as the Nominating Committee presents the 2021 candidates for election. **Virtually** voting for your conveniences.

After the vote, Kevin will be hosting an all NEW presentation entitled

***Why did I become a Member of USPS/America's Boating Club of Oyster Bay.***

A lively discussion with anecdotal stories from the past.

Whether here in New York or in your favorite Winter location, we hope you plan on attending so we can establish a quorum. It is so easy to login (from anywhere).

***Contact Thomas ( [tip98@optonline.net](mailto:tip98@optonline.net) ) for full details***

Reminder: Daylight saving time 2021 in NY will begin  
2am on Sunday March 14th





September 12th, 2021,  
***Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron*** will be  
Celebrating 50 years of teaching Safe Boating  
in Community!

You are cordially invited to be part of this  
outstanding milestone. We'd like to make this  
weekend spectacular. Maybe we can start on  
Saturday with a tree planting in the park or some  
other memorable event. We are open to ideas.

So, don't be shy—send them along.

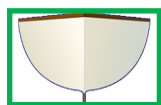
However, on Sunday, we are planning a Picnic at Roosevelt Park Marina  
(if permitted by the town) and everyone's invite. Hamburgers and Hot  
Dog will be prepared by the ***Club***. Or, feel free to bring your own special  
entrée to share with your friends. Don't forget your drinks and chairs.  
And be prepared to stay for Coffee and Cake. Weather permitting we'll  
enjoy the waterfront together. Clouds and Showers don't bother  
us...we've got tents!

We will be producing a commemorative **50th Anniversary Journal** with  
some pictures from the past you may had forgotten about. Better yet,  
send us your pictures (either from the past or now) and be part of this  
'keepsake' Journal.

*Happy Anniversary!*

We were hoping you'd help by off-setting the cost of the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebratory  
Journal to be published 12 September 2021.

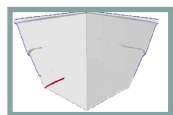
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Welcomed

Full Page Supporter \$ 75.00



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Forward your Journal Sponsorship Donation to:

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P/Cdr Ann Peltier,  
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Patchogue, New York 11772

Send your old pictures or your Expression of Congratulations via email to the Anniversary Journal Editor at

[apeltier@optonline.net](mailto:apeltier@optonline.net)

or include them with your Journal donation.

Either way your support will be welcomed.

Journal Advertisement:

All ads must be placed May 1st, 2021. If you require any assistance preparing your ad, please contact Ann Peltier at 516 933 -1768 or by e-mail at [apeltier@optonline.net](mailto:apeltier@optonline.net)

Boat Label	\$ 10.00	_____
Business Card	\$ 30.00	_____
1/2 Page Supporter	\$ 50.00	_____
Full Page Supporter	\$ 75.00	_____

As a participating supporter, your name will be posted on the  
the *Gull Chatter* Supporters' Page.

## *The Tail that Wags the Dog. I-911*

Technology trickles down hill!

*By Cdr Ron Ferina, JN*

Most of the electronic devices on your boat are descendants of military and/or commercial maritime technology developed for defense or commercial needs. For example, your depth sounder/fish finder trickled down from sonar which was **developed** during World War I to counter the growing threat of submarine warfare. Shipboard loran, radar, GPS, AIS, VHF radio, satellite phones, EPERBs and PLBs: all *trickle down technologies*. These common, everyday items, have become commonplace on our vessels as the cost for the technology drops and technology advances for the military leaving us with the remnants of “obsolescence”.

I have been an instructor for the Power Squadrons for well over 10 years, and when VHF radio and cell phone use come up, we (instructors) always encourage VHF radio over cell phone use in an emergency and for good reason.

- 1– A VHF broadcast reaches more rescue-capable agencies at one time than a cell phone
- 2– Vessels in your vicinity hear your distress call simultaneously  
(other recreational vessels are likely to be “on scene” to assist before government agencies)
- 3– Immediate communication with the Coast Guard
- 4– Calling the Coast Guard’s general number with a cell phone gets you to a call center  
(we all should be able to relate to that: press 1 if you agree: press 2 if you disagree ...)
- 5– Dialing 911 gets you to a land-based dispatcher that needs to relay your call, or worse, relay your information about your situation that they most likely will not understand.  
 (“Help...I am 2 miles north of Oak Neck Point” or “...at Latitude blah-blah, Longitude blah-blah”)

BUT wait a minute!! Recently, the Coast Guard has embraced the lowly Smart Phone! Did the technology, built for the consumer market, break the “Not Invented Here” syndrome? **It certainly did!**

The U.S.Coast Guard recently completed beta trials this last year in U.S.C.G. Sector One (The N.E. including Long Island Sound and rolled out their “i-911” program to minimize the “search” in Rescue operations of recreational boaters in trouble. The GPS built into your cell phone can track you...if you allow someone to access it. The Coast Guard can too, but they need your permission.

So, you are in trouble and need help. You dial “i-911” which immediately is picked up by the Coast Guard’s Rescue 21 system. The incoming call displays your cell number. The Coast Guard texts you to get your permission to track you with your cell phone. You reply “yes’ and within seconds, they can track you (actually your phone) in real time, within 30 feet of your location. They have just eliminated the “Search” in “Search and Rescue”.

A few caveats, however:

- 1– Your phone must be set to allow location service to be on
- 2- You need to be within 15 miles of a cell tower (20 miles in some cases)



If you contacted the Coast Guard by VHF radio, which is still the very much the preferred method, they may ask to track you by using your cell phone — just dial i-911.

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*Social Distancing can't keep us apart – we continue to work for a safer, healthier boating world.*

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## **Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron**

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Oyster Bay, NY 11771

# **The Gull Chatter** **January / February / March** **2021**



Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

(14 cover)

**Due to the Coronavirus pandemic  
Oyster Bay will be hosting Virtual Meeting and featuring a  
NEW Distance Learning Experiences**

**It's always good to think about a Safe Boating Course.  
Join our NEW Virtual ABC Classroom experience.  
from our classroom directly to your home—approved by NY State**



**Executive Meeting:**

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

**General Membership Meetings:**

2nd Monday of each Month from January to December (Virtual Meetings at this time)  
(boatoysterbay.org) For more detail information: Dates—Times—  
Place of meeting

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