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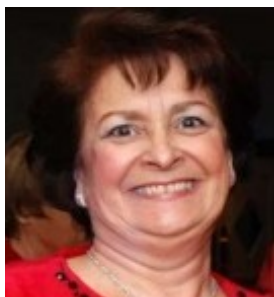
Gull Chatter

Commander's Report



by Ann Peltier, SN

"A View from the Bridge"



It's true, summer is over and we are officially into Autumn. That means we've had a full season of boating...well some of us have and we're ready for those great Autumn days on the water characterized by brilliant sunsets with dashing colors.

Brianna's Law was signed into effect this Summer on August 6th and it states that...all operators of motorized watercraft in New York State, inclusive of all tidewaters bordering on or lying within the boundaries of Nassau and Suffolk counties must complete a state-approved boating safety course. Our Club is ready to take action. We are preparing our Certified Instructors and asking our members to help us pass out flyers in the community about the law. Flyers will be available at the October 14th General Meeting.

This time of year also means that the National Governing Board has taken place and those of us who attended learned about the "Next" step in the USPS-America's Boating Club's marketing plan. After careful review of their Phase 1, it was determined that **Print Ads** in national magazines did not produce 'the return on the dollar' as anticipated. Consequently, you'll be seeing less print ads in boating magazines and more ads on the internet. Look for Facebook and Google ads popping up when searching these medias.

Thomas and I had a great time in Louisville. In fact, this year we arrived two days early to the conference so we could visit some of the sites. We walked in the 99° (hottest day of the year in Louisville) weather to see the famous Churchill Downs – home of the Kentucky Derby. What an outstanding place. They even had some of those wonderful hats the ladies love to wear for us to try on. Plus, we had an opportunity to learn about *bourbon* and then it was down to business.

Even though, the Governing Board was poorly attended with a 284-member count after lunch time, we had 3 days packed with interesting seminars and meetings. Check out the new Member Benefit on page 7. **Dan Boater**. This exciting new benefit was a hit with many of our members who travel extensively and it is FREE until your next dues enrollment. With Medical and Travel Hotlines and much more, it is well worth the \$25.00 fee next year. But this year it's FREE. Take a look and see what you think!

With those cooler days of Autumn, we all seem to get a bit renewed. Take a minute and contact Ron Ferina about one of our Fall Coop Charting Cruises. Or, call Thomas to learn more about local Geodetic Marks. They're right there in your neighborhood and perfect way to enjoy an Autumn walk in the park. Thanks for all your help this year.

See you at the next meeting... *Ann*

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Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



What's New in Education - straight from Louisville

The Governing Board was great. Although, I was busy with Co-operative Charting, I was still able to learn about some new things happening in USPS. First, there will be an emphasis on e-learning. Now this may scare a few, the national organization is working hard to help squadrons use their resources wisely. Think cold winter nights and now think e-learning. It could be nice to stay home and still not miss that class. Also, there will additional new videos produced. If you haven't had a chance— here's the link <https://americasboatingchannel.com/> . The committee will be taking these videos and breaking them down into short segments (2-3 minutes) helping views focus in on what is of interest to them. Of course, the Ed Dept is working on revising many courses and seminars to keep them current. That's all for now...come to the next meeting to hear my full Report. *Thomas*



2019 Class Schedule—Sign up NOW

ABC.....

Syosset HS....start date: Wednesday September 25th

Roslyn HS.....start date: Tuesdays October 15th

**Piloting — Wednesday...September 11th starting at 7:30PM
Syosset Woodbury Center**

JN — Began September 17th —location N Babylon

Radar “NEW” Course — October 3rd Syosset Woodbury CC

Electronic Courses — Spring 2020

Executive Officer

Ronald Ferina, JN



The 2019 boating season is nearly closed. Some boats are on the hard already; others, squeezing out the last nice days that fall has to offer. The harbors and marinas begin the annual migration of our water-born passion to their terrestrial hibernation. We are left with the memories, and experiences of the past season to hold us over till the boats awake in the spring.

The holidays of November and December numb our thoughts of the past summer until January. If you are a football fan, January playoffs and the Super Bowl makes it easier to get through to the next season. Some of us are snowbirds, further delaying the onset of missing the feeling of a boat under your feet. Staying in touch and active with the friends and fellow boaters of the squadron, perhaps taking a seminar, or joining in on the upcoming activities, will help get through the doldrums of the winter. As for me, I usually get to mid-February before the pangs of missing my boat set in. It is the “alarm clock” that reminds and motivates me to increase my exercise, to get ready, physically, for the upcoming season.

Just wanted to add there is still time for Coop Charting. Coop Charting has always been a favorite activity for the **Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron**. You may think it's too late, but not so! Keeping information update and accurate is important all year long. The United States Power Squadrons®, through the **Coop Charting** program, notifies the US Coast Guard the status of navigation aids. These missing and/or off-station aids could pose navigational dangers to commercial and recreational vessels. Our squadron's involvement in this program is extremely important and goes beyond the “great day” we have on the water together. Please contact me or Thomas Peltier to learn more about Fall Cruise Schedule - we still have some great day ahead!

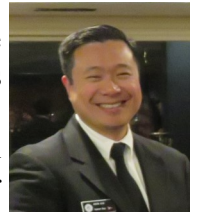
Admin Report

by Kevin Kuo, AP

Creative Interest

Dear Boaters,

Hoping your boating season was filled with fun memories on the water! With the passing of Brianna's Law it is a great opportunity to publicize the America's Boating Club's ability to bring our boating friends into compliance. This, in conjunction with the introduction of the NYS Enhanced Driver's license, is a great way to convince them NOW is an excellent time to sign up for the America's Boating Course. Plus, you can request an anchor on your NY State Driver's license to show that you are in compliant with Briana's Law.



While organizationally we are doing our best to grow the club, the most compelling way is through personal invitation. You know the reason why ***you joined!*** Connect with others who may share similar interests and encourage them to join. Personally, I primarily joined for the discounts towards education, but I found, as I get more involved, there is community here that has been largely lost on the younger generations.

Another selling feature for joining **America's Boating Club** is **Coop Charting!** This on-the-water activity is an excellent opportunity for people who may not have boats or access to friends with boats to join and get involved. The ABClub's Coop Charting can provide many with a hands-on-experience onboard a member's boat and to get a feel for boating, the organization and its members.

Lastly, a boating culture is imparted through initiation. Most of us can remember when we were first introduced to the world of recreational boating. Likewise, the future of our club rests on the current generation of boaters to cultivate and initiate people toward the desire for boating and club membership. Who do you know that might become a recreational boater? You know how to spot them all you need to do is provide the encouragement!

Sail fast, sail safe!

Kevin Kuo, AP— Oyster Bay AO

Member Articles

Boating Around Long Island



Fall is a great time to visit some of the most colorful spots on Long Island. Whether you're traveling by Car, Bike or especially by Boat, now is the time to experience these beautiful destinations. To be sure, some fascinating adventures await boaters at the beginning of Autumn. Just one thing, always check with local marinas or dockage facilities before venturing out to ensure there is availability and that they are still open.

Maybe you'll start with a trip to **Cold Spring Harbor!** For boaters interested in Long Island maritime history, Cold Spring Harbor is the place to be. Its home to the *Whaling Museum & Education Center*, as well as the *Fish Hatchery and Aquarium*. The village boasts a quaint downtown with a mixture of boutique shops and numerous highly rated restaurants plus its a really nice town to take a stroll.

Port Jefferson is one of those special towns that encourages boaters to explore this port village. Dock (or park) and take your pick of the many restaurants and shopping options available. No matter what's your favorite dinning pleasure 'The Port' has a place for you. In fact, all year there are many on-land attractions such as the 'Theatre,' The Port Jefferson Village Center and Harborfront Park.

Of course, one popular stop is **Greenport!** A favorite destination for our District 3's Rendezvous. This former whaling center, is always a great stop whether by boat or car. This town always has something exciting happening. Walking along the avenues. Window shopping is great fun. With miles of restaurants and snacks along the way, you'll find it difficult to choose just one place to stop. This is one delicious port of call.

Shelter Island has 8,000 acres of natural beauty which encompasses more than one-quarter of the island and is run by The Nature Conservancy. For boaters, Coecles Harbor offers quiet protection from the outside on the island's eastern side, while West Neck Harbor has must-see sunset views.

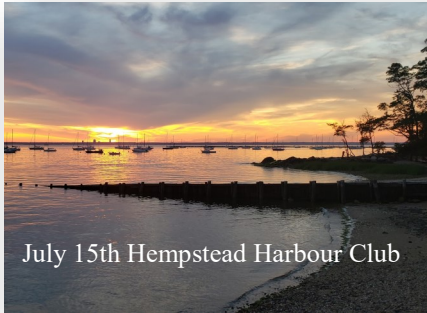


Many boaters are immediately drawn to "The End" of Long Island—**Montauk Point**. The Montauk Point Lighthouse and Museum, seems to call to everyone. Montauk is a great fishing stop, either near the shore for smaller catch or further out for big game such as tuna, marlin and sharks. There are plenty of private charters and party-fishing excursions available. Don't forget to explore Hither Hills State Park.



And of course there is **Oyster Bay**. A charming seafaring community. Its home to the annual fall **Oyster Festival** that draws thousands to this quiet little town. Boaters can soak up local charms of this beautiful harbor or venture ashore. The hamlet is the site of the *Oyster Bay Railroad Museum* a fun stop. Plan on a full day and visit President Theodore Roosevelt home at Sagamore Hill, truly a great adventure back in time. Boaters may decide to anchor in Morris Cove or the busier West Harbor both have wonderful evening views.

During these cooler boating days, there are still many great boating days ahead and a number of marinas with dockage to support transient boaters. Just make sure you always make reservations and check accommodations before you travel.



July 15th Hempstead Harbour Club

Invited by the Hempstead Harbour Club to give a "Man Overboard" Seminar. What a great night!

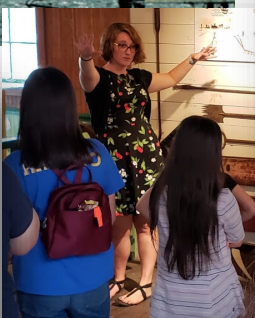
A Summer of Fun!



Rendezvous East!

What a great time we had in Greenport. Friday night's karaoke was great fun. But Saturday was the best day yet! There was lots of good things to eat and with great weather (accompanied by warm sea breezes) everyone was delighted. For me...the most exciting thing was that MA and I learned to take a selfie."

What do you think?



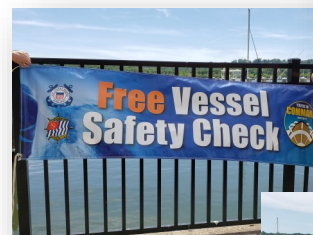
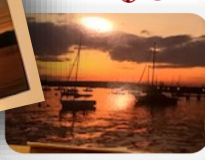
August 17th

We took a road trip to the Long Island Maritime Museum in West Sayville. Happily Cdr Gil from Bayside joined our party. Stf/C Doug and some of our young friends were there too!. Thanks to Ms. Erin we had a great tour and everyone enjoyed the time together. Although, at times some of our young friends didn't seem all that excited. They had a good time and volunteered to help at their *Seafoodfest* the next week. Thanks girls!



to Pat, Lee, and Glen

And the Winners are...



On June 9th, a small but energetic group of Vessel Examiners went to Tappen Marina and performed over 10 VS Exams. Well Done!



SAFETY Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

“Fall Boating - a wonderful way to spend the day”

The end of summer doesn't mean the end of the boating season. With crisp, cool air and fewer people on the water, Autumn might be the best time of year to go boating. In fact, many boaters delay pulling their boats, so they can take advantage of these perfect autumn boating days. Furthermore, I've been told that 'some of the best fishing occurs in the fall.' These fisher-men/women are also, blessed with picture perfect fall colored views along the shoreline.

But the arrival of shorter days and cooler temperatures presents unique challenges for boaters that can make for dangerous situations. We must always be thinking safety. Here are a few safe boating tips that will make your *Autumn Boating* even better.

Wear a PFD. Boaters should always be wearing their PFD. But it's even more important when it's cold. During autumn, the days might be warm, but chilly evenings mean the water is getting colder each day. Wearing a PFD will help protect you from 'initial shock' and hypothermia if you go overboard.

Dress Appropriately. Fall days can bring fluctuations in temperature. Dress in layers so you can adapt if it gets warmer or cooler. Bring an extra set of clothing and always bring rain gear. Make sure your PFD fits over your bulky "fall layers" – jackets, sweat-shirts, etc. Consider a flotation wear designed to keep you afloat and insulated.

Watch the Weather. Autumn storms can form unexpectedly and often bring strong rains, winds, and rapid temperature drops. Keep an eye on the weather before and during your trip so you're not caught by surprise. Always keep an eye out for approaching fronts.

It's quiet out there - make sure you can be heard. Compared to busier season—summer, there may not be other boaters in your vicinity at this time of year. Many areas cut back their on-water law enforcement

presence, so water patrol may be fewer and farther between. That makes it even more important to make sure your VHF radio and cell phone are in good working order. Remember, always be tuned to Channel 16 on VHF radio. Channel 16 is a direct link to the Coast Guard who can launch a rescue quickly while nearby boats may be listening and can lend a hand, too.

Check your boat's systems before you head out. With shorter days and colder water, it becomes extra important to have your boat's systems working *PERFECTLY!* With darkness falling earlier in the day, make sure your boat's navigational lights are working, check that your emergency flares are up to date, and carry a few waterproof flashlights and extra batteries to help unload passengers and gear at the dock after dark.

Know how to use your electronics. The appearance of sudden fog and earlier sunsets can quickly change your perspective, even in familiar waters. You should be comfortable with using your chart plotter and radar especially if visibility becomes a problem.

Gas up before you go. Fewer boats on the water could mean fewer places to get gas. In fact, some fuel docks close early during the fall season and once their out of gas...they close for the season. Don't assume you can fill up at your destination always contact the gas docks your planning on using before heading out.

Have a Float Plan. Let someone know where you'll be and when you expect to be back. At this time of year, if you do get in trouble on the water, time is of the essence.

While the arrival of Autumn – it's shorter, quieter and more colorful days on the water. Many boaters would declare, however, they are the best days on the water. And whether it's Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter always think Safety First and of course,...Happy Boating!



Member Benefits

You're never far from help when you travel with DAN Boater®. Affordable annual protection for cruisers, sailors and everyone who loves to travel. DAN Boater is dedicated to your safety on land and water. Whether you need tips on travel safety, first aid information in the field, or an emergency medical evacuation or repatriation, help is just a call away. The new MOU provides each member with 1 year *free* membership. Learn more - <https://danboater.org/>

OBSPS NEWS BLAST

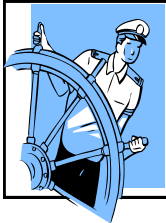
On July 15th, Ron Ferina was invited to the Hempstead Harbour Club to present a **"Man Overboard"** Seminar. Over 40 members of the club took the opportunity to learn more about this important subject. Thank you to our member Teri for recommending the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron. It was a great experience for everyone!

It's the Law!

Brianna's Law was passed on August 6th, 2019. Signed by Governor Cuomo, this new law, states that all operators of *motorized watercraft* need a safe boater course. Help the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron spread the word about our outstanding educational opportunities. See our community flyer on page 13. Contact Cdr Ann to pick up some of these important flyers to distribute around town.

"Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale."

— Lauren DeStefano, American Author



Boater's Terms ?

Buoy – Something in the water that indicates there is something worth noting and it even may help you locate where you want to be.

Vessel Safety Checks in the Fall? Of course! There is always a good time for a Vessel Safety Examiner



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. 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
Nominating Committee
October 2nd, 2019
Ice Rink—Bethpage

District 3
Council Meeting
October 18th, 2019

Marriott Melville
Meet & Greet: 6:30pm
Dinner: 7:15pm
Meeting: 8:00pm

Contact: Angelo Giovannello
631 661 5318
Dinner Reservations Required

District 3
Educational Conference
2 November

8:00 - 8:30 Registration
8:30 - 9:10 Opening Ceremony
9:10 - 9:45 Chief's Message
9:45 - 11:50 Town Hall Meeting
12:00 - 13:15 Meeting Reconvenes
Awards, Reports &
Closing Ceremony

Lunch Reservations \$26.00
CASH BAR: Before / After Lunch
(11:30 to 13:00)



Plan on joining us? Contact Cdr Ann
so she can arrange seating.



America's Boating Club

Annual Meeting
Ponte Verde Beach, FL

February 9 to 15th, 2020

Check the USPS.org website

GOOD AND WELFARE

Congratulations to Celeste and Kevin—a new baby boy Kaius A. Kuo. He arrived on 9/12. Kaius is of latin origin meaning “Rejoice.” And that’s what we did as he weighed in at 9lbs 6oz and measured 22in long.
Welcome aboard, Kaius!



Congratulations to Donald Lustig by this publication he should settled into his new home in Plainview. Best of Luck!

June Frey is recovering from hernia surgery. But you know June, a little surgery can’t keep her down she’s off to Virginia to visit the kids.

New Baby on the way for Dennis and Denise Puccio. That will be their #1 Grandchild. Happy Days ahead!



DECEMBER



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
TO ALL!**

Diane Beecher
Thomas Cassano
Nancy Fein
Leo Kamp
Edmund Lynch III
Nicolle Navaretta
Livio Percan
Richard Robson
Larry Weiss

Ada Ackerman
Diane Akseizer
Laura Cassano
Mark Maleno
John Navaretta
Mary Ann Rocchi
Herb Rocchi Jr.
Michael Skupp

Lewis Bass
Luke Kuba
Henry Tiska

Meeting Schedule

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

2019



	Exec Meeting	General Meeting and Events
Oct	10/07	10/14 October Meeting Octoberfest—10/04 FRIDAY!
Nov	11/04	11/11 General Meeting Presentation by James Law
Dec	12/02	Holiday Party hosted by Marion Henken. Please contact Cdr Ann For more details. RSVP a must!

Squadron Activity Oktoberfest Dinner/Brunch The Black Forest Brew Haus

Please RSVP preference with date(s).

Fall Get-Away Trip: Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum October-November

What dates work for you (weekday/weekend)
Please RSVP preference with date(s).

October General Meeting

Sagamore Yacht Club
10/14/2019 at 8PM

Nautical Games & Sea Activities

A great night to have some fun
with games and activities with a
nautical theme. Of course Coffee
and Cake will be ready for you
when you arrive.

Holiday Party — 12-01-2019

**Hosted by Marion Henken at her home.
Bring a dish to share and a treasure
from your attic. The Auctioneer will be
there. RSVP is a must. Contact Cdr Ann**

November General Meeting Sagamore Yacht Club

11/11/2019 at 8PM

James Law & Civil Air Patrol

Visit with Dr. Rev. Law as he
tells us about his roll and
adventures with the
Civil Air Patrol.

An outstanding photographer,
Dr. Rev. Law, Mission Chap-
lain, specialized in
disaster support and
Search and Rescue.

Don't miss
this wonderful
presentation...it's one of kind.



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

Executive Meeting:

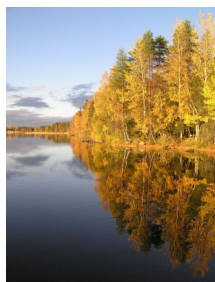
1st Monday of each Month from January to December

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 (boattoysterbay.org)

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



**Fall... perfect times to
take a Boating Class**

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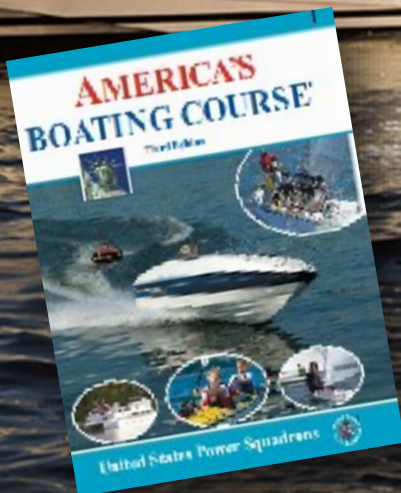
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We have a class that is just right for you!

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Phase-In Schedule

- If you were born on or after January 1st, 1993, you must complete a course by 01/01/2020,
- If you were born on or after January 1st, 1988, you must complete a course by 01/01/2022,
- If you were born on or after January 1st, 1983, you must complete a course by 01/01/2023,
- If you were born on or after January 1st, 1978, you must complete a course by 01/01/2024
- All operators of motorized watercraft must complete a course by 01/01/2025...regardless of age.