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By Boaters...For Boaters

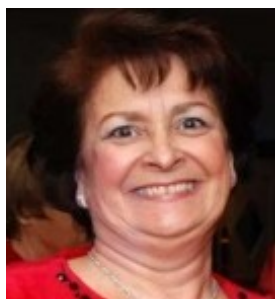
Gull Chatter



Commander's Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

"A View from the Bridge"



Lots of things are going on. As I write this, the sun is shining, the water is clear and I just finished the final chart work for our cruise to Greenport and the **America's Boating Club® - District 3 Rendezvous East**. The D3 Committee has planned a great weekend. Check the website for up to date information. It's not too late to be part of the fun. Right after the *Rendezvous*, we'll bring the boat back to Mattituck and then off to the **America's Boating Club®** National Governing Board Meeting in Minneapolis Minnesota. With a week full of activities and meetings — we'll really need a vacation when we get back.

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Oyster Bay **Sail and Power Squadron: a unit of the America's Boating Club®** has plans for some great activities this summer too! Ron Ferina is hosting again **Sail Long Island Sound** with the help of his sailing buddies. So, if you *have a need* for a slow pleasure cruise around 'The Sound,' give Ron a call. Also, he'll be organizing Coop Charting Cruises as well this summer. These are great opportunities to be sailing/cruising with the Oyster Bay **America's Boating Club®** membership.

I bet you notice by now that in less than 200 words I used **America's Boating Club®** four (4) times not counting this sentence. What's it all about? Well, the national organization and their marketing team see the **Rebirth** of this old **Nickname** as a way to help the public identify that our **Club** is about **Boating!** You've probably seen the national ads in popular magazines like *Soundings* these past few months. In fact, they have planned a FULL national campaign featuring the new name **America's Boating Club®**. And so far, it's been a great success.

So whether you see us as the **United States Power Squadrons®** or the **America's Boating Club®** you should know that our dedication to bringing safe boating information to our members and the public has not changed. That our devotion to friendship and camaraderie is stronger than ever. And that our commitment to be active members in our community has not wavered. We're about boating because we're an organization that's **For Boater...By Boaters™!**



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**Fred's
Defenders**

Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



Spring this year seemed extremely short and at this writing it is now the 1st day of Summer—let's celebrate. In fact, one of the world's largest solstice celebrations takes place at Stonehenge, England, where thousands gather to cheer in summer. So, it's officially: The Boating Season has begun.

Many of us still need to complete the final commissioning items on our boats, or our friends' boats, so that we can enjoy a summer of fun on the water. Checking fuel lines, hose clamps and water connections; plus, clean the boat from top to bottom, is a lot of work. But once complete, take a moment, grab a chair, a soda and sit on the deck and admire your hard work. In fact this would be a good time, to take a few minutes to thumb through some of the course material you have taken over the years with the United States Power Squadrons®. Sometimes it only takes a quick review to trigger a memory of important information that you thought was long forgotten. In fact, as you begin your summer cruises or day trips on the water, you will be **refreshed and confident** knowing you're ready for any situation that may arise this summer.

So enjoy your summer and take a look at the course offerings planned for the Fall 2018. Let me know which courses you plan on registering for and which courses you would like presented. Our teaching staff is ready to help you learn about boating. Maybe you've been wanting to teach or help out at a class. We're always looking for our members to join us.

It's been said: The best way to learn is to take a class...the best way to learn more is to teach a class! Don't have time right now to teach, think about being a proctor or helper. Give me a call and let's talk about how you can help us help other boaters.

Thomas

Safe Boating starts with Educated Boaters

On the Water portion of OB courses begin in the Spring. Call Tom to set up time/location

District 3 is planning to offer—During July—a **BOC** and a **Jump Start Program**

Watch for flyers and emails with information concerning dates, time, location and availability. These seminars usually have limited space, so you must act quickly. Give me a call and I will make arrangements for you.

2018	Summer Schedule	All Classes Start: 7:30PM
Piloting	9/12	Syosset-Woodbury Center
Navigation	9/12	Marjorie Post, Massapequa
Junior Navigation	TBA	
ABC Syosset	9/26	Syosset High School
ABC Roslyn	10/4	Roslyn High School

Interested in the following courses: Call for more information

Instructor Development..... Dates and Times to be Determined
and Instructor Recertification Seminar

Executive Officer

by Ronald Ferina, JN



It is NEVER too late for a Vessel Safety Check

Having a Vessel Safety Check is highly recommended. While it may not prevent a boarding by authorities, it will certainly help in minimizing the time and expedite the process. We have three certified Vessel Examiners in our squadron that will perform the **free** safety check.

Contact me at ronnfer@yahoo.com to set up an appointment. We are planning a scheduled **Vessel Safety Check Event** where all the examiners will be available in Oyster Bay in July. Watch for the **What's Happening in... Blast** for date, time and location soon.

In the meantime, perform your own pre-check.

- Do your navigation lights work?
- Do you have a sound producing device?
- Do you have the proper number a size of fire extinguishers?
- Do you have a type IV throwable floatation device?
- Are your PFDs still serviceable? Are they the proper size and type for your crew & guests?
- Do you have your ORIGINAL Coast Guard Documentation papers aboard if you are documented?
- Are your registration or documentation numbers and registration sticker properly displayed?
- Do you have the proper anchor and rode aboard?
- If you are less than 20 ft in length, do you have a capacity plate?
- Boat 26ft feet or more? Do you have an "Oil Discharge" notice & a "Pollution Regulation" placard attached to your boat?
- If you are over 39.4ft, do you have a copy of the **navigation rules** aboard?
- If you are powered by inboard gasoline engines:
 - Is the flame arrestor clean?
 - Does the bilge blower work?
- Do you have your ORIGINAL registration aboard?
- Are your flares up-to-date?
- Are they registering in the "green" area of the gauge?
- Do you have the proper number of PFDs?

Now that you did the pre-check and know you comply, let us do the **Vessel Safety** check so we can affix a sticker that tells the authorities you're operating a boat that meets state and federal requirements for safety!

Ron Ferina

Admin Report

by Jennifer Nackman, JN



Hi All

The Change of Watch in April was great. Take a look at all the pictures—see page 6. For a full version check out the website. Hope we snapped you at your best.

The Club has scheduled some exciting meetings for you this year. In fact, our May General Meeting featured Ron Ferina's **Man Overboard Seminar**. This was popular meeting with members from Ship 13, Oyster Bay's own Sea Scouts, in attendance.

As usually we will not be hosting general meetings in **July and August** but that doesn't mean we won't be getting together. July is our yearly **Raft-Up in Oyster Bay Cover** and August features **Co-op Charting Cruises** check with Ron Ferina's for details.

WOW, that was a fast summer! But we've al-

ready planned some Fall activities. For **September** we will be featuring some of our favorite summer photos at our **Annual Photo Contest**. So, take out those cell phones or bring your camera with you so you can get those wonderful pictures while on the water or visiting with friends and family. September 8th, P/C Cliff Chabina will be hosting our Oyster Bay **Julius Paider Fishing Tournament**. Just think, members (and non-members), this is a great opportunity to get paid for fishing. Watch for those Meeting Information flyers.

Ron and I will be cruising and enjoying sailing with friends and family this summer. Hope to see you on the water.

Jennifer

Member Articles**Submitted by Ann Peltier*****“Hope in the harbor – a kayaker’s fight for rescue”****Written by Petty Officer Andrew Barresi*

*On May 10th the US Coast Guard 1st District Northeast send out an email story that I just had to pass along to everyone. The article, entitled “**Hope in the harbor – a kayaker’s fight for rescue**” written by Petty Officer Andrew Barresi is coupled with several videos (check the links below for videos) and is a must read for all boaters.*

The story takes place in choppy October waters of Massachusetts and details the adventure of one lucky kayaker, Gary Pierce. As you read, keep in mind ‘what this kayaker could have done differently to avoid this drama.’



Pierce desperately dug his paddles into the choppy water. Stroke after stroke, he fought the October wind as the waves battered him. He counted his strokes to stay focused, and set his eye on a goal - a buoy he could see. Two hours later, worn out by the seas and exhausted from paddling, he was no closer to the buoy and no closer to land.

Gary Pierce, an easygoing entrepreneur who lives in the seaside city of Winthrop, Massachusetts, is part of a growing paddle craft community in the Northeast. Kayaking offers adventure, exploration, and exercise all in picturesque settings, but along with those benefits comes risk and danger, both of which can be reduced by being prepared.

Before he kayaked into Boston Harbor, Pierce took measures to reduce his risk. He filed a float plan with a friend by giving him a map of his intended route, and an estimated time he would return. In addition to the float plan, he checked-in throughout the trip with that friend.

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Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron



**Commodore Connie
And
Commander Ron**



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Farwell Address**



9 April 2018 47th Change of Watch



**Our sincere Thank You to all
our friends and members who
celebrated with us, tonight.**



**Winner 2017
Coop Charting Award**



**If you would like to see all the photos from the
Change of Watch please click on the camera below.**



**Oyster Bay
Commanders and spouses**



Multi-Squadron Picnic

June 10th, 2018

A great day with a slight overcast and a mist of rain late in the afternoon.
But it wasn't snowing nor did we require fur coats (as in years past).
This photographer says, "It was a success!"

SAFETY Report



I'm Stuck on you!



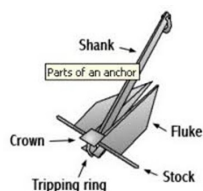
by Ann Peltier, SN

Over the past few years, Thomas and I have been teaching both the America's Boating Course® and the Seamanship Course. We are pretty confident that what we teach is an accurate rendition of what we do. However there is one thing I need to confess! For many years now, we have avoided dropping the **Anchor**. Yes, we have a Windless which works 'okay.' But getting that darn anchor up, even with the Windless can be a job.

While we were primarily boating on the South Shore, we would simply turn off the engines, take a GPS Lat and Long and press the MAN OVERBOARD setting on the handheld. On calm days (and if you know me - these are the only days I go boating) we would drift very little in the shallow water of the Great South Bay. We would stop for lunch and relax knowing we rarely moved more than a foot or so off our set Lat and Long and never heard a complaint from our MAN OVERBOARD.

So you're still thinking about, "Never drop the anchor?" In fact, we use to anchor-out and enjoyed wonderful days on the water with boating friends and family. But all too often, when it was time to go home, I'd have to assist the Windless to retrieve our anchor by yanking and maneuvering our boat until we would finally break free from the blackest, smelliest mud ever. That is why I had to learn a few tricks (which may help you) if you are determined to drop your anchor.

First you must know the sea floor: rocky, sandy, muddy, etc. Make sure you have the correct anchor for each situation. Next, have sufficient anchor rode with appropriate chain. And whether you have a Windless or not, try attaching a Trip-Wire to your anchor.



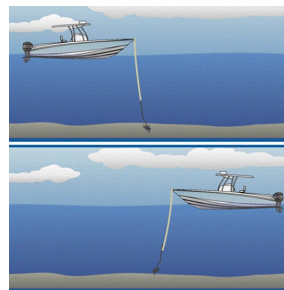
Six years ago, I read an article by Jim Henrick which included how to attach a Trip Line to an anchor. I kept a copy of **"How to Free a Fouled Anchor"**

published in **Boating Magazine** back in May 2012 in my library of reference. (So, thanks Jim for the tip) Anyway, anchors usually have a hole in the

forward portion of the shank so you can attach a trip-line. No Hole in your anchor! Try and drill a hole in the crown, insert a shackle or use a nylon tie-wrap to fasten the bitter end of the trip-wire to the chain there. Run the wire or nylon line back up along the shank. When the anchor gets stuck (and it will) the wire and/or nylon line will break under enough pressure



which will allow you to pull the anchor out by the crown rather than the tail of the shank. You could purchase an Anchor Saver (\$50.00 to \$160.00) available at your local marine supply store or catalog. But this works, too!



Complements of USPS® ABC

With or without a Trip-Line or Anchor Saver, try retrieving a fouled anchor from different angles. For example, if you were scoped out with the bow at 180°, reposition the boat and try pulling the anchor rode out backward at 0°. Remember, to always be careful not to foul your anchor line in your props as your maneuver your boat into position. Equally important, be careful not to swamp the cockpit especially if you are backing into seas.

When in rough sea conditions or emergency situations, you may have to "cut your losses" to get back to safe harbor. It is better to cut the line and drop a couple hundred dollars in the bay then threaten the wellbeing of your crew or craft. Always keep a sharpened knife handy. Another handy item to keep around is a clean 'white' laundry detergent bottle with cap. When forced to cut the anchor line attach the bottle to the line. When sea conditions and/or your emergency situation is over, you could cruise back and retrieve your anchor.

I know, cutting the line may seem sad at the time, but it could be a blessing in disguise. The way I see it is...you don't have to worry about pulling up that old anchor anymore.

OBSPS NEWS BLAST

Welcome to our New Members Roseann and Bob Corrado Allan St Juste Kim Allstadt

Joined our Club after doing outstanding on the ABC exam
and now they're in the Seamanship class.

"My escape is to just get in a boat and
disappear on the water." **Carl Hiaasen**
Miami Herald columnist
and author



Boater's Terms ?



Cleat – A projected piece of metal or hard rubber embedded into the sole of an athletic shoe that should never be worn on a boat. Or a metal or wooden object that is attached to a boat or a dock around which a rope can be tied.

Make an Appointment, today!



You've read this a hundred time. But it's true. 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 ready to visit your boat whether they're on the hard or in the water. It's **FREE** and examiners, recommend only proper safety equipment needed to help keep the boat owner and his 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.

Be first in your marina contact: Ron Ferina at ronnfer@yahoo.com or call 516 935-0475

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
Rendezvous East
27-28 July
Friday / Saturday
activities
Check flyer for
Full Details**

**[http://www.usps.org/
oysterbay/2018RendEast](http://www.usps.org/oysterbay/2018RendEast)**

**Poster Contest
due Rendezvous East
Theme
“America’s Boating Club
Saves Lives”
See flyer on Website for more
details.**

District 3

Educational Cruise

**Sunday
Sept 30th**



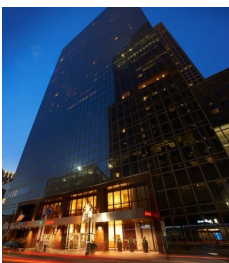
Boarding begins: 5:15PM
Departs prompt: 5:30PM
Return to Dock: 8:00PM
Location: Captree State Park
3500 East Ocean Parkway,
Babylon

Dress Warmly and bring binoculars
Bring snacks, bag lunch & drinks
but NO alcoholic beverages

**\$20.00/pp
Payable : USPS District 3**

Charts supplied by District. Cruise plan: 1 hr
daylight followed by 1 hr of twilight. Learn
about navigational light / buoys first hand.

Contact Thomas for more information
516 987-9715



United States Power Squadrons Governing Board Meeting

Minneapolis, MN, 12 Aug-19 Aug, 2018

**Make your reservations now before they're all gone!
Check the USPS.org website**

GOOD AND WELFARE

Congratulations to all our members who celebrated graduation festivities with their children and grandchildren. They make us proud!

Congratulations to our new Advanced Pilot—Kevin Kuo
and to our Weather Students
Diane Beecher, Teri Moscheeta and Ralph Parisi
Great job...wishing you fair winds and gentle breezes!

Congratulations to our new members Roseann & Bob Corrado who just purchased a new boat. Possible name: "Third Times a Charm."
I bet you'd like to know the story behind that one!

Glad to hear that George Reichle is well, now,
and back home here on Long Island

Happy Anniversary to our Sister Squadrons:
Port Washington Sail and Power Squadron—70 yrs
Neptune Sail and Power Squadron— 80 yrs
South Shore Power Squadron— 90 yrs
Join us at the Fall Conference Luncheon
as we Celebrate together!



Damian Deveraux
Ronald Ferina
Kevin Kuo
Mara Navaretta
Gilbert Olivier
Richard Scallon
Ami Shebiro

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



Thomas Cassano
Douglas Durfee
Stephen Fischer
Louis MacAri
Anthony Margetic
John McCann
Douglas Paul
Judith Tantleff



Donna Dunbar
Rhonda Ehrler
Howard Fein
Doris Gentile
Joseph Gentile
Gary Greenwald
Glenn Hoyvik
Deborah Lynch
John Randall IV
Lorena Stern

Meeting Schedule

	Exec Meeting	General Meeting and Events
July	None	None 27-28 Rend East- Greenport
August	None	None 12-19 National Gov't Board
September	10th -7pm	10th 8pm Sagamore Photo Contest

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

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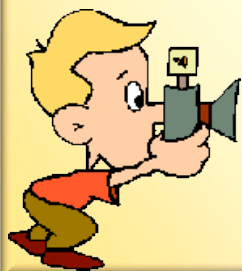
OYSTER BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
No General Meetings
July / August
Big meeting Scheduled for September!

This year's Photo Contest is
going to be great.

The weather has been
cooperating and we've got
lots of chances to snap
those perfect pictures.

Remember, the winner will
receive a nice gift certifi-
cate and have their photo
displayed 'Center Stage' at
the Plainview
Library Exhibit
in March.

Happy Summer
to all!



September General Meeting
Sagamore Yacht Club—8PM
Photo Contest—Theme
'Summer and Fun'
Presentation:
Hurricane Preparation
for your Home or for the Boat

We're Planning for the future.
October Fest Brunch Meeting.
 We'd like to know if you would like to
 enjoy an afternoon (or evening)
 celebrating October at a local restaurant.
 Please let us know!

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

Member Articles

“Hope in the harbor – a kayaker’s fight for rescue”

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Written by Petty Officer Andrew Barresi

He also brought a life jacket, but after returning to his kayak after exploring an island in the harbor, he found it had blown away. That gust of wind was the first sign for Pierce that paddling home would be a challenge.

He contacted his friend, and asked for advice on the quickest route back to land. He set out using the suggested route, but as the wind and seas increased, his progress slowed.

Pierce recalled his strategy: he set a goal of reaching a buoy in the distance, and would do one hundred strokes and then take a fifteen second break. “I did that for about two hours straight and I never got past the buoy,” he said. Pierce was exhausted, stuck, and the sun was setting. He decided it was time to call for help.

“When I finally made the decision to start calling 911, I couldn’t do it because I was soaking wet,” he said. His phone was misfiring from the moisture on the screen. After several attempts, he got through to a 911 dispatcher who transferred him to Coast Guard Sector Boston’s command center.

The command center staff quickly went to work gathering essential information such as the nature of his distress, a description of his kayak, and his location. After two hours of being pushed around by the seas, Pierce had lost his bearings and couldn’t give his exact location.

Operations specialists at the Sector Boston Command Center got Pierce’s general location from 911 based on cell phone triangulation. The watch team also asked Pierce to describe what he saw around him in order to narrow the search. Pierce described a lighthouse on an island with jagged rocks, which the command center team identified as Boston Lighthouse. After confirming the location, the team contacted the closest Coast Guard station.

Petty Officer 1st Class Luke Schaffer, a boatswain’s mate at Station Point Allerton was already getting underway with his 47-foot Motor Lifeboat crew for training when they received the call. They set a course for Boston Light and used their search light to try and locate Pierce. Even with the location narrowed down it was difficult to find Pierce in the dark.

Meanwhile, Pierce grew more fearful as the seas continued to build. The water was cold and he was exposed to the elements in his small kayak. The winds and seas had picked up and the situation was dire.

The command center stayed on the phone with Pierce and relayed information back to the boat crew in an attempt to lead the crew to Pierce.

Pierce grew more exhausted and more desperate with each passing minute. He could see the boat crew’s light, but they couldn’t see him. Pierce tried to activate the

Member Articles

flashlight feature on his phone but it didn't work with his wet fingers. He could see the boat getting farther away and he feared the worst. He held his phone above his head hoping the background wallpaper, a photo of his young son, was bright enough for the boat crew to see.

Exhausted, Pierce feared he had at most five minutes left before succumbing to the elements. "It was about that time that you start to say goodbye to your family," said Pierce.

"So I just did that, personally. I just told everyone that I loved them, and I just kind of expected that was going to be the end, and that's what I told the Coast Guard." But it wasn't the end.

No sooner had the thought of death crossed his mind, than one of Schaffer's crew members reached down and pulled him from the sea. According to Schaffer, Pierce was close to drifting into a rocky area too dangerous for the rescue crew. If even just a little more time passed, the outcome could have been very different, he said.

Pierce said the rescue was a wakeup call. He said he went straight home and researched safety gear for kayakers. He admitted there was more he could have done to prepare.

His cell phone worked, but a waterproof handheld VHF radio is a more reliable tool for communicating with the Coast Guard. Another lifesaving tool is a personal locating beacon. This would have allowed Pierce to send his exact position to the Coast Guard

"Hope in the harbor..."

command center with a simple push of a button.

Most importantly, according to Schaffer, is wearing a life jacket. "The biggest risk in this case was falling into the water without a life jacket," said Schaffer. If he had fallen into the cold water he might not have made it, he added.

Pierce held onto hope throughout his experience and lived to go home. Many kayakers who don't have a plan or are less prepared don't make it home. He said his hope is that others in the paddle craft community will learn from his experience. He said he will continue kayaking and even encourages others to take it up, but he cautions people to have a plan and be prepared.



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Having the right gear is not an attack on one's adventurous spirit, according to Pierce.

Instead, "these are things that make you feel like you're doing it the right way,"

I want to thank the USCG for sharing this wonderful true story. I hope that others will also 'eel like they're 'doing it the right way' when preparing to cruise, kayak or sail the waterways.

[-Video One \(Feature: Survivor speaks about rescue\)](#)

[-Video Two \(Safety tips for boaters\)](#)

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

Summer Boating Time



**Make a fashion statement
wear your life jackets**

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

America's Boating Club

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The Gull Chatter
Early Edition
July / August / September
2018