

America's Boating Club Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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Gull Chatter

Commander's Report

by Kevin Kuo, JN



Dear Oyster Bay Members,

Mission of the USPS – We want YOU!

As I take the helm of the second year of my Watch, I want to thank all the members who have come back to offer their time and expertise to further the mission of the United States Power Squadrons and our Club. While safe boating education is our primary mission, we are also engaged in Co-Op Charting, Vessel Safety Checks (VSC), and Blessing of the Fleet. Please let me know if you would like to become an **Instructor**, VS Inspector, Co-op Charting Captain, or assist with the Blessing of the Fleet, which our incoming XO Larry Weiss has successfully organized each year. Perhaps, you would like to volunteer to be part of one of our other squadron activities. As Commander, I am here to help you find the activity that you will find interesting and rewarding. And, of course, the more help we get from our members, the better our organization can serve each other and the community.

Connect and make it FUN!

At the most recent District Change of Watch, the incoming District Commander Christopher Smith was encouraged, by Past District Commanders, to have fun during his Watch. So likewise, I want to remind you that your membership gives you access to the activities offered by other squadrons, and you can find out about these activities on the District 3 website:

District 3 website home - https://www.weboatsafe.com/ District 3 Calendar - https://www.brownbearsw.com/cal/uspsdistrict3? display=M&style=B&positioning=A

Perhaps, you would like to plan an activity for our squadron with a few members of our Club: visit another squadron, join an activity, invite others sister squadrons to our activities. I recommend you visit the Oyster Bay Facebook page to receive and deliver information to the group. For those who do not have or want to use Facebook, visit the District website or connect with me or any bridge officer regarding Squadron or District events and activities.

Suggestions

We are always eager to hear suggestions from our members on how to make our collective experience better. Please note that we are currently bridge light, so if you can suggest and help us with planning and implementation, it would go a long way to making it happen.

Cheers. Kevin

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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. The Below are those who have volunteered and soon to be elected at the Change of Watch on 4/11.

Rules Committee Donna Dunbar Douglas Durfee **	Audit Committee Jennifer Nackman, JN ** Steven Ender, AP Ralph Parisi, P	Nominating Committee Ronald Ferina, JN** Ronald Nackman, JN Thomas Peltier, SN
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**Committee Chair

It's the Law!

Born on or after January 1st 1993 you will need an approved NY State Safe Boating Course this year.



District Commander Christopher Smith, JN 7 Baltic Place Amity Harbor, NY 11701 ctsmith 19@optonline.net

All American Anchors

Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN

What's New in Education

We had a successful Fall-Winter season with our Blended ABC and Piloting Classes. The Tides and Current Seminar was attended by 11 members. Consequently, we are planning more FREE seminars this Spring, but no decisions have been made at this time on subject matter. Remember our 2-hr Seminars are FREE for Club Members. Watch for Educational Emails for potential subjects, times, dates. But in the meantime, below is our listing of some of Courses schedule for the Spring-Summer season.

One course, our members have asked about is <u>Engine Maintenance!</u> If anyone would like to help teach 'just ONE session' of that course, please contact me so we can discuss the details. We may be partnering with our sister Club Bayside Power Squadron for this course, but we are looking for members who can share their knowledge. Having an Expert Mechanic teach the course would be wonderful, but we all have gained special knowledge concerning Engine Maintenance considering many of us have worked on our boats and cars over the years. Please, consider sharing what you know and help your fellow boaters learn more through education.

Thomas

April ABC Syosset/Roslyn Adult Ed.	Location: Syosset HS Last 3 classes - Chapter 5			
April 20th Boat Handling	3 Virtual / 3 Classroom Thursdays			
Date variescall Ann Instructor Development	Virtual / ?? Classroom			
***Share what you know with boaters who need to know. NYS law requires ABC is taught by a Certified USPS Instructor.				

2023 Spring / Summer Schedule — Sign up NOW

We continue to look towards a <u>Blended Learning</u> Criteria for our future classes. Classes may be Virtual - if required by school Adult Ed Programs.

America's Boating Course — Sign up now!

All Classes must Pre-Register to ensure that books and materials are available. Contact Thomas (TJP98@optonline.net)

Executive Report

Preparing for next season think about:

Vessel Safety Check appointment now being accepted, now.
 Becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner.

Meet other boaters, Help boaters stay safe, be an Ambassador of the America's Boating Club and the *Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron*

Examiner's Seminar - available

 Coop Charting - Hunting for Geodetic Marks can be a fun way to enhance your exercise program this Spring.
 Enjoy friendship with Club members and Earn points for the

Coop Charting Honor Roll.

Special CC Hunts planned for this summer

Admin Report

Available Position

We have in-person and virtual events scheduled. Always check the website for dates, times, and locations.

Executive Meetings will begin @ 7pm / Events you don't want to miss

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	Ex Mtg	Gen Mtg	Event	
April	4th	NO	11th Flyer	Change of Watch — Haypath Community Center This is an exciting time for those who have volunteered. Show your support and cheer them on. Tuesday, 7PM Lite Snack, 8PM Meeting
May	2nd	2nd	<u>Flyer</u>	In Person—Syosset Woodbury Community Center Open discussion Summer Raft-Up and Cruises Summer Event schedule
June			4th	Blessing of the Fleet — more info to follow Sunday, approx. noon gathering see flyer for details
	6th	NO	9th Flyer	Friday Commander Cocktail Party & Gathering A Fun night to enjoy a social time. This is a Separate Check event. Come for Dinner or just have a Drink with the Commander and friends.

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.

Did you know Page



It is always a pleasure to welcome a new member!

Jeff Woo husband and sailing partner to our Ass't SEO Barb who has joined our Club. Jeff took the ABC basic course with Hempstead Harbor Club and was convinced that he could learn more. So he signed-up as a family member and plans to take the next available course—Basic Boat Handling (a six part Course/Seminar).

An all new OPERATIONS TRAINING!

Learn more about USPS / America's Boating club look at the past and learn about what the future has in store. This is a wonderful opportunity to see how you can help and direct the Club into the next level.

Topics: What is expected of members, committee leaders How can members be part of the growth & development of our Club's Future.

Angelo Giovanniello & Ann Peltier will host the NEW OPT3 for all members of the District 3. Plans for an in-person meeting Call Ann or Angelo to learn how you can earn POINTS for the Club!

Received this from our Good Friend Sharon @ Bayside. Hope you enjoy it!

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. (*Sir Winston Churchill loved them*)

- 1. The last thing I want to do is hurt you...but it's still on my list.
- 2. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak
- 3. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- 4. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
- 5. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
- 6. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Cdr. Kevin Kuo, JN.



Our February Lunar New Year Celebration at Albert's Mandarin Restaurant was a big success. Although, it did start off with a slight hiccup when the Sunday headwaiter didn't know that a party of 32 would be arriving at 1pm when they opened. But in a few minutes with the help of one of members, we were seated and ready to place our order for a fabulous luncheon. Thank you all, especially Teri for her negotiation and Ada for her interpretation. And of course to Gene, Sharon, and Guy from Bayside as well as Diane and Glen from Peconic and all our members who came to share friendship and Good Fortune in the coming year.

"xin nian kuai le"



USPS Annual Meeting

So many things were happening at the USPS Annual Meeting,! But, we always find time to

enjoy a refreshing time-out and gather at the District Hospitality Suite.

Current D3 members and those who have moved on to

warmer climates stopped by to share laughs and memoirs. Next USPS meeting is in Kansas City, MO. It should be great.



The District 3 Change of Watch Honor Guard had one great looking addi-

tion. Our very own Cdr. Kevin Kuo, JN. The Honor Guard serves as the "Guardian of the Colors" and escorts the United States of America flag and USPS Ensign to post on ceremonial occasions.

Thank you Commander for stepping up.









GOOD AND WELFARE

Sadly, we report the passing of Alice Hoyvik, aka Mom to so many of us, on January 17th, 2023. Alice frequently accompanied Glenn to many Oyster Bay events including the our



Holiday Parties. We will miss her warm smile and laughter especially when she was bidding on those holiday prizes. Please keep Glenn, and his family, in your thoughts and prayers especially during these difficult times.

Happy News! Congratulations to Barbara Woo our NEW *USPS / America's Boating Club* Certified Instructor. Great Going Barb!

Some of our members have a lot going on. Take a moment and reach our to someone in the Club you haven't spoke to in awhile. It may be the one thing that brightens their whole day.

HAPPY



Jacqueline Bass
Clifford Chabina
Fred Doulton
Theresa Moschettta
Joseph Musson
Sabrina Navaretta
Charles Neuman
Ralph Parisi
Alice Sorenson
Norman Sorenson



Shirley Durfee
Steven Ender
Patricia Ferina
Jim Friscia
Peter Manning
Ronald Nackman
Robert Tatem, Jr



Stephen Akseizer
Jonathan Bass
Graceann DeGeorge
Andrew Navaretta
Thomas Peltier
Ruth Rubenfeld
Harvey Stern
Dorothy Titus
Jeffrey Woo

Safety Article Anchoring - How & When by P/C Ann

As we head into the Spring / Summer days, we all start thinking about boating and how much fun it can be for everyone. Several of our members and friends enjoy anchoring out, for an overnight stays. Although, I am not a big Anchor-Outer, there were many times we anchored out and we did have a blast. However, there are several things we should keep in mind when we plan on anchoring. I checked my trusty library and found a great article from the USPS Compass that I'd like to summarize for you.

We all know that anchor failures can ruin your day. Whether it is a fouled anchor, an anchor that is dragging on the bottom, or lines that somehow get wrapped around the keel or props, a wonderful day on the water turns into a nightmare. Here are a couple of tips from that article.

Dealing with a fouled anchor

You may not be able predict a fouled anchor, but you can take steps to monitor the situation and keep yourself and crew safe.

- Set an alarm for the time of tidal change.
- Set depth sounder alarm to alert you about unsafe water depth
- Set an alarm on your GPS for location changes.
- All stay alter to how the boat moves, especially when the tide changes from low to high.
- As the current and tide change, adjust the anchor-line scope accordingly.
 This will help to keep the anchor line free of the keel/propeller/rudder.
- Of course, know the type of sea bottom you're anchored into.

Coping with a dragging anchor

How will you know that your anchor is dragging? It will be obvious by changes in the intensity of your boat's rolls or changes in the other boats' positions in your anchorage. What to do? Of course if you are in danger of hitting another boat or fouling its anchor, you must react to this situation quickly.

- If you have enough space, try resetting the anchor.
- Release additional rode; pull on it sharply to try to get it to bite.
- If the anchor still does not dig in, or if you do not are enough room to maneuver, check that the propeller is clear and start your engine and repeat your anchoring process.

• Once the anchor has been reset, **consider adding a sentinel** to the anchor rode. This will help keep the angle of pull on the rode as low as possible.

- Always reset your GPS alarm & select a new range for this new location.
- At night, you may have to rely on the other boats in the anchorage to establish your position. Keeping in mind they will be moving also. So always take notice of nearby lighted buoys or lights on shore.

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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

District 3 Memorial Service
Sunday, April 16th, 2023
We gather together to remember and celebrate those members who have gone before us.
Contact Cdr. Kevin for Dinner Details
(flyer page 16)

District 3

Council Meeting—Melville Marriott
Friday, 12 May 2023
Come to Dinner or Just the Meeting
Being part of District 3 can help make our Club strong.
Contact Cdr. Kevin about being a Delegate and
For Dinner Details

District 3 (Operations Training)
Learn more about your District—a Special OPT3 Seminar is planned for April. Contact Ann to learn more

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Governing Board 2023



Always check dates & times on the website

Kansas City, MO

Oyster Bay - Calendar

2023 General Meeting and Events (flyers on website)

Always check the website or contact the Commander or a Bridge Member for the latest information

2023 According to the recent survey taken, the Club will trial a new meeting Night. TUESDAYS. Watch for DATE / DAYS Changes

Ex Mtg Gen Mtg Event				
Jan	10th	10th	Vi	irtual Meeting "Inlet Waterways" & Boaters Bingo
			17th	Tides and Current—Virtual Seminar
Feb	5th	NO	2/5	Chinese New Year— Luncheon
Mar	14th	14th		Annual OB Meeting— Syosset-Woodbury Center
Apr	4th	NO	11th 16th	Change of Watch—Haypath Community Center D3 Memorial Service
May	2nd	2nd		Gen Meeting—Cruise with Co-Op Charting
Jun	6th	NO	4th 9th	Blessing of the Fleet — more info to follow Commander Cocktail Party—Cooper's Bluff
Jul	6th	NO	29 th	*******Watch for Raft-up Information District 3 Beach Bash—Watch Hill
Aug	8th	NO	11th	Coop Charting Geodetic Hunt and Dinner
Sept	12th	12th		Photo Contest & Bermuda Race
Oct	3rd	NO	10th	Octoberfest—The Village Lantern
Nov	14th	14th		No Presentation announcement at this time
Dec	5th	NO	3rd	Holiday Gathering

Member Benefits



<u>LightStream</u>, is a national premier online consumer lender offering fast and easy low-interest financing for any boat purchases, with no age or model restrictions (**plus, there's no inspection required**). Good-credit customers can get funds up to \$100,000 as soon as the same day if all conditions are met. Apply online using their quick application process It's fast, easy, and there are no fees, prepayment penalties, or home equity requirements. Check the USPS webpage under Member Benefits for a direct link.

2023

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.

April Change of Watch

View Flyer

Tuesday, 11 April 2023

Commander Kevin Kuo, JN and the 2023-2024 Bridge

Cordially invite you to share with us this special event Please RSVP your desire to attend.

May 2nd, General Meeting

View Flyer

Location: Syosset-Woodbury Community Center
Exec Meeting 7PM & General Meeting 8PM
Ready to Cruise Presentation
1 hour Seminar on the NEW rules for Co-Op Charting
and how the NEW charts can be used to help our cruising

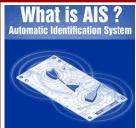
June Meet-Up

View Flyer

Annual Commander's Cocktail Party
Location: Cooper's Bluff / Time: 6pm until ???
This is our most causal meeting ever.
Come in Uniform, Casual Attire, Squadron Shirt
Plan on Dinner or Just Drinks, it's up to you
Separate Checks to make things easy.

Member Article

AIS by P/C Ron Ferina



The Automated Information System (AIS) was developed and put into practice in the 1990s. It was developed to be an early-warning collision system for ocean going commercial vessels. In the early 2000s, the technology migrated to recreational with chart plotters and VHF radios equipped with AIS receivers for collision avoidance with commercial traffic. Over the last 20 years, recreational vessels could be equipped transceivers, not only to receive early warning from other vessels, but

to transmit their own unique signal. Today, AIS can be integrated into your marine electronic systems linking your VHF radio, chart plotter, and radar electronics.

But as the technology advanced, the AIS expanded its function beyond anti-collision to tracking fishing fleets and commercial cargo ships at sea, monitoring ocean currents, aiding in search and rescue (personal AIS beacons for MOB), and creating aids to navigation (ATONs). Wait a minute!! "... creating ATONs"??

Several years ago, NOAA ceased printing paper navigation charts. With GPS and chart plotters being as powerful and inexpensive as they are, electronic charts are less expensive to maintain, but more importantly, electronic charts can be updated weekly with the most recent information improving safe passage. The Automated Information System has expanded beyond ship-board transceivers to a network of land based systems. These land based systems can transmit, in real time "virtual ATONs" that your on-board AIS receiver plots onto your chart plotter, augmenting your electronic chart. Some AIS transmitters are mounted on existing buoys, transmitting information to your marine electronics.

There are three types of "virtual ATONs":

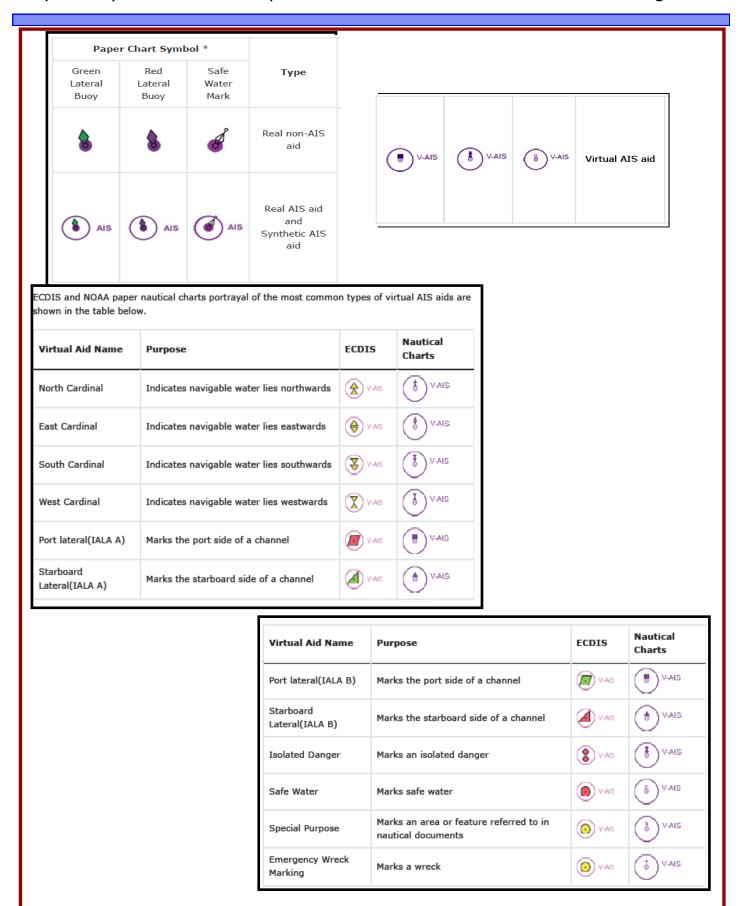
<u>Real AIS ATON</u> - A physical aid to navigation structure on which an AIS transmitter is affixed and from which AIS messages are broadcast.*

<u>Synthetic AIS ATON</u> - A physical aid to navigation structure, without an AIS transmitter, but for which AIS messages are broadcast from another (usually land-based) location.*

<u>Virtual AIS ATON</u> - An aid to navigation with no physical structure. It exists only through AIS messages broadcast from another location. A few uses of virtual ATONs include environments where buoys are moved seasonally, such as in sea ice, or where a marker needs to be placed quickly, such as to mark a newly identified isolated danger or wreck. These aids can only be seen on an Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS), or other AIS enabled display, such as a ship's radar.*

Virtual ATONs have their own unique symbols used on electronic "paper" charts and that which is broadcast and displayed electronically to a chart plotter. The following are the symbols for virtual ATONS and it is highly recommend you review the article and symbols from the source cited here.

^{*} **source:** https://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/publications/portrayal-of-ais-aids-to-navigation.html



I was thinking.... New Year's Resolutions by P/C Ann



Handling sailboat keel wrapping

When the tide changes from low to high, your anchor rode can become wrapped around the keel. Especially, in wing keel sailboats, the current can cause the boat to swing in such a way that the keel becomes entangled by the anchor rode. As mentioned before, a sentinel anchor on the anchor rode just above the bottom at low tide will help keep the anchor line near vertical when current is slack and minimize the chances of a keel

wrap. Always use care when starting your engine in case the anchor rode has become wrapped around the shaft and / or the propeller.

Freeing an anchor or anchor line

- Fouled anchor lines can occur both at anchor and as well as when you're preparing to depart. Know where your anchor rode is. Freeing a fouled anchor or line requires patience and a cool head.
- For a wedged or deeply set anchor, motor forward so the rode is past vertical. If the anchor doesn't release, fall off and approach from a different direction.
- When the anchor line appears to lead from under the boat instead of from the bow, the rode could be wrapped around your propeller. Don't put the engine in gear. Identify the line's direction, using a dinghy or snorkel gear if needed to confirm, and free the line. Know your capabilities before you venture in the water. If you are not able to complete the task, think plan B. Call for HELP!
- If two anchor lines are wrapped around each other, select the one with the least amount of strain, loosen it carefully and untwist the lines.

Watch "Anchoring a Boat – Doing It Right" and "Anchoring – Problems to Avoid" from America's Boating Channel to learn more hands-on tips for dealing with anchoring failures. These videos are a wonderful way to learn more about what will keep you safe on the water. Attending Club meetings and talk to experienced boaters who love to Anchor. There's a wealth of knowledge available to you.



America's Boating Club® United States Power Squadrons®

District 3Annual Memorial Service



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 576 Deer Park Ave, Babylon, NY 11702

16 April 2023 1600 Hours

All Squadron Members and Guests Welcomed

This year Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron had no members to submit to the Memorial Roll. We are blessed.

Your attendance will honor and remember those members of District 3 who have passed during this last year.

Uniform "A" with Cap or appropriate attire Commanders will arrived 1500 hours (3:00PM) Squadron Members arrive 1530 hours (3:30PM)

Always check the website or call the Bridge to check on Dates/Times

Oyster Bay Sail & Power Squadron's Tuesday • April 11th Change of Watch Meeting



Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron Change of Watch

Tuesday, 11 April 2023



and the 2023-2024 Bridge cordially invites you to attend the

52nd Change of Watch

and welcome the new Bridge as they begin their Watch

Social Time: 7:00pm / Meeting Time: 8:00pm

RSVP Event

Contact Ann (apeltier@optonline.net)

Call: 631 447-1051 / Text: 516 521-5226

Our Club will be supporting the "Spring into Action Collection Drive" to support the Northport VA Center. Please help us help those who served our country. All Sizes are welcomed but the most needed items include:

Toiletries -toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, unscented deodorant, body wash, unscented lotion, nail clippers, and shampoo;

Clothing- all sizes (men's underwear 2XL & 3XL, men's sweat suits size 2XL & 3XL, socks, flip flops, pajamas, and scarves, and

Entertainment items magazines, movies, and CDs (Greatest Hits '50s & '60s.

See Flyer

Special Announcement

Welcome and Best of Luck during your Watch Year. The following members were presented at the Annual Meeting and were unanimous voted into officer. Join us at the Change of Watch to officially wish a successful year

Bridge

Commander Kevin Kuo, AP

Executive Officer Larry Weiss, AP

Education Officer Thomas Peltier, SN Ass't Ed Officer: Barbara Woo, P

Administrative Officer Available Ass't Administrative Officer:

Combined: Ass't Treasurer:

Treasurer / Secretary Ann Peltier, SN Ass't Secretary:

Elected & Reporting to the Membership

	**Jennifer Nackman, JN
Audit Committee	Steven Ender, AP
	Ralph Parisi, P
D 1 0 '''	Donna Dunbar
Rules Committee	**Douglas Durfee, SN
	**Ronald Ferina, JN
Nominating Committee	Ronald Nackman, JN
	Thomas Peltier, SN

Elected & Reporting to the Membership

Executive Committee

Barbara Dornau Kevin Monaco

Stf/C Douglas Durfee, SN P/Lt/C Jennifer Nackman, JN P/C Ronald Nackman, JN

Dennis Puccio, S

Special Announcement

We have determined that Monday nights for Executive and General Meetings has become burdensome for many of the attending members. Consequently, as indicated in 9.1 of Bylaws, the Committee has considered new regular meeting dates that best serve the membership. Please review the calendar on page 10. You will note that the Executive Meetings are now scheduled for Tuesdays and many of our in person General Meetings are also on Tuesdays. We will continue to host special events at various times. Always check flyers & website for detailed information.

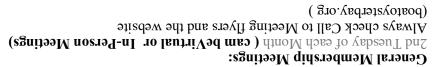
Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

America's Boating Club PO Box 13 Oyster Bay, NY 11771 Celebrating 50 years—Teaching Safe Boating

> The Gull Chatter April May June 2023



Spring is a wonderful time to boat but don't forget to dress in layers and wear your life jacket.



Executive Meeting: lst Tuesday of each Month from January to December (Virtual ONLY)



Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron