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Gull Chatter



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Commander's Report

by (Ann Peltier, SN) and Ron Ferina, JN



"A View from the Bridge"



It's a very trying time. Many things that we've done automatically in the past must take on a new twist. Our Change of Watch scheduled for April 13th has been postponed until the May meeting...we think??? Happily, the Annual Meeting went as scheduled and Ron Ferina, Exec Committee, etc., (see the Nominating Committee Report pg 12 for details) were Elected for 2020-2021. Furthermore, Ron, and the all others, have decided to assume their office effectively on April 13. The official swearing may be held at our next OB meeting or the next District Council Meeting. Only time will tell!

At this time, I want to thank all those who were such a help during my time as Commander. Furthermore, I want to wish Ron, the Bridge and all those who have said 'YES' and volunteered, the best of luck. Now, here's Ron....

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Our boats may be the only place to go and seek relief, at least, hopefully, for a short while. What usually serves as a platform for social gathering with friends, family, and other boaters, we may now see ourselves skipping with only our "first mates" (maybe second or third for some of us). Here is an opportunity to ensure you and your crew become more knowledgeable and practice safe boat handling, brush up on safety procedures and review the use of equipment aboard. (We generally don't do this with guests aboard)

A good start is ensuring that you have all the necessary safety gear ready to go. Check your PDFs; test your inflatable PDFs. Be sure your fire extinguishers and flares are not expired. Get a vessel safety check done early. They can be done before the boat is launched as long as the proper gear is aboard and stowed. Contact our **Vessel Safety Check** committee chair, Gerald Kenna (516 582-0265-cell or gpkenna@gmail.com) to arrange a Vessel Examination.

If you cruise to the Connecticut shoreline and waterways, or trailer to their lakes and rivers, be aware that a new permit is required for certain waterways. It is an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)* stamp. A \$20.00 fee for non-residents that 1) makes boaters aware of cross-contamination of aquatic life and 2) helps fund the states' environmental program. Go to the link below and type "AIS" in the search box for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Information and links to the waterways affected are given.

If you are a sport fisherman (or woman), you need to check the same website by clicking "**Online Sportsmen Licensing System**" and navigate to find the most current regulations regarding the types, sizes, and amount of fish you can keep. There are new rules for 2020, and may differ from New York State. The demarcation line between New York and Connecticut is clearly identified on your charts.

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Permits-and-Licenses/Permits-and-Licenses>

Stay healthy and I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Ron Ferina, Commander

*Not only another acronym, but one that has another marine meaning!!

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Ass't Secretary	position available	

Commanders Advisors:

P/C Ann Peltier, SN	Thomas J Peltier, SN	P/C Ron Nackman, JN
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

**D3
Sea Stars**

Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



What's New in Education

The outbreak of the Coronavirus has raised all of our concerns about our health and our safety. To better protect our members and students, and comply with current local health statues, we have postponed all our current classes until further notice. We are rescheduling all our future classes (those that were originally scheduled from April 1st and beyond) and dates will be confirmed once the town and schools re-open.

We ask for your patience during these challenging times. Take the opportunity to contact me if you would like to take a 'home course/seminar' or would like to be part of a 'Distant Learning Experience.' Also, while home, this would be a good time to hook-up with USPS-America's Boating Club's new digital library which has lots of interesting videos for you to enjoy.

<https://americasboatingchannel.com/>

The following is a list of courses/seminars that will be available soon. Register now for ***Engine Maintenance***. And please let me know if you are interested in any other courses and/or seminars. Please take every precaution to stay healthy.

Thomas

2020 Class Schedule—Sign up NOW

ABC.....

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Sagamore Yacht Club - *3 day class (April 14th, 20th, 21st)

Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club— *3 day class (May 6th, 13th, 20th)
**(these 3 day courses may be suspended after this publication,
 please contact me for up-to-date information)**

Engine Maintenance.....Waiting for Re-schedule Date

Boat Handling.....Waiting for Re-schedule Date

**Pre-Register required for
all Classes
 to ensure that book-s and materials are available**

Executive Officer

Due to the Coronavirus epidemic, all Club activities have been suspended.

But, we continue to plan for the future with **Cooperative Charting Cruises**, **Vessel Safety Check Weekends** and of course, our **Annual Blessing of the Fleet**.

Keep in contact through social media - including Facebook and our website. However, if you need information or want to talk...give us a call. The Bridge and Executive Committee is always available.

Admin Report

by Kevin Kuo, AP

Dear Fellow Boaters,

As I pen this article, we are amidst one of the most uncertain times since the Cuban Missile Crisis or September 11. It is alarming that a little over 28 percent of the US population had not lived through either event. For those of us who have lived through one or both, we know eventually life will return to normal. So, let's use some of this experience to anchor those who may not share such confidence and optimism.



Given we know so little about this new virus, it's difficult to make everyday decisions. A visit to the grocery store could spell contagion. If you are short items and have access to a grocery delivery service such as Peapod, Fairway Market Online, Fresh Direct etc., take advantage of these delivery services to minimize social contact. In addition, if your area is not covered by one of these services Shelter Rock Church is currently mobilizing to assist those who need help picking up groceries, you may contact their office for more details. Tel: 516.627.2270 / Email: office@ShelterRockChurch.com Furthermore, many local places of worship and community out-reach programs are available to you and your family. Reach-out if you need assistance. There are dedicated volunteers ready to help.

There is a silver lining to the uncertainty and inconvenience. A long-lost currency has reemerged from the abyss, Time. For those of you who were here at the March meeting, you were shown some simple techniques to get you physically ready for the boating season. If you are fortunate to be able to work from home, make sure to schedule some physical activity during this time and it will help prepare you for the upcoming season.

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Member's Article**by Steve Ender**

♪ ARUBA- JAMAICA- Oh I Want To Take Ya ♪

My wife Sharon and I finally had the pleasure of visiting Aruba the beginning of March. For years we've heard from so many people how wonderful this island resort is and it did not let us down. The weather is perfect, 85 degrees during the day and 77 degrees at night, with a year round NE trade wind. The location is perfect, outside the hurricane belt, about 15 miles north of Venezuela, at 12° 30' north latitude and 69° 58' west longitude.

Is it only about 19.6 mile long and 6 miles across, but filled with outstanding beaches, and exciting activities such as snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, wind surfing, jet skiing and Utility Terrain (UTV) trails. The restaurants are excellent with great food and an interesting assortment of seafood including Barracuda, Wahoo, Snapper, Mahi-Mahi, Grouper, Swordfish, Shrimp and Caribbean Lobster.



Sharon and I chose to go on a snorkeling and a sailing trip. We sailed on the Arusun, a beautiful 60ft. Formula II Ocean Racing Catamaran. Our 26 year old Captain, Amanda started sailing when she was just 6 years old and obtain her Captain's license when she was 16. In fact, her uncle sailed this boat around the world in 158 days. Amazing! He then brought the same boat to Aruba where it is currently

used by Aruba Water Sport Center. Capt Amanda made the trip exciting and more enjoyable getting the speed up to about 25 knots in the beautiful aqua blue of the Caribbean Sea. We spend the rest of the week unwinding, relaxing, reading, eating delicious fresh fish and enjoying the tropical weather.

Like all good things, we eventually we had to leave this island of paradise and return to the USA and the harsh reality of the dreaded Coronavirus. Many visitors experience this withdrawal from Aruba and there is special section in the airport called a "Designated Crying area".

We hope and pray everyone will get through this crazy time — safe and healthy and we will become a better society afterwards.



Sharon and Steve Ender

Photo Gallery....

This winter has been a quiet one for the squadron photographer. But, we did manage to get a few pictures of the Marine Electrical Systems Teaching Aid with the instructor Lt/C Gerry. 11 students registered and enjoyed the class.



While in Florida—getting ready for the Annual Meeting we stopped at Jupiter Inlet for a few days. We happened to stumble upon this gentlemen who knew the best fishing was on the other side of the safety guard rail. Which, it appears, was supported by



this Dad who knew the best strolling was along the forbidden rocky edge with his 2 year old son. I suppose Dad will wonder one day why his son 'just can't seem to follow the rules.' You can't make this stuff up.

The March Annual Meeting was great. We were a small group, but enthusiastic. Dr. Johnny Chang gave an informative talk about how we can prepare for the boating season with 'at home' exercises and stretches. Ron generously volunteered to be Dr Johnny's patient. Dr Johnny explained that you don't need expensive equipment — a simple chair will do. Using slow repetitive motions, you can



minimize strains and aches as you train your muscles for the jobs ahead.

Think about what activities you do on the boat and around the house and then condition your muscles, accordingly.

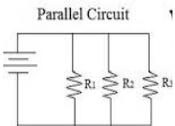


GOOD AND WELFARE

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend P/C Herbert Rubinfeld, JN who on 2 February died after a long illness. Herb was Oyster Bay's Law Officer for many years and he will be missed. Our love and prayers are extended to P/C Ruth and her family.

More sad news...Jennifer Nackman's Mom passed away in February. She was a sweet women with a beautiful smile. Keep Jenny and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to the eleven (11) students who participated in the Marine Electrical Systems course. A special Thank You to our instructor—Gerry Kenna for his outstanding teaching aids he shared with the class.



To all the wonderful Women and Men who have played such an important part in our lives. Your love and leadership continues to inspire.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



Jacqueline Bass
Clifford Chabina
Gerald DiCunzolo
Fred Doulton
Sabrina Margetic
Edwin Marks

Teri Moschetta
Joseph Musso
Sabrina Navaretta
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
Justin Corrado
June Frey
David Kessler
Lilly Margetic
Andrew Navaretta
Thomas Peltier
John Sossi
Dorothy Titus

Safety Article

by Ann Peltier, SN



Boating projects to do - Spring into Action

The weather is getting nicer and nicer and you're stuck at home - because of the coronavirus - thinking more and more about the upcoming boating season. Well, all is not lost.

You can use this time at home to do a little planning to help you get ready for the 2020 boating season. This is the perfect time to prioritize those boating projects you talked about. You remember, those repairs or upgrades you put off last summer—or during the winter. Below is a short list of projects that may save you lots of time when you put the boat in the water.

Mechanical Projects: Don't wait for the boat to be in the water. Now would be good time to talk to your mechanic (on the phone) about that special project you've been thinking about doing. Especially, at this time of year, he (or she) may give you a discounted price. Furthermore, parts may be on sale, as well.

Canvas and sails Repair: Did your Canvas and Sails look like they needed an upgrade/repair? The Sail and Canvas maker just might have lots of time. Let's face it...this is the *slow season*. Give your local guy a call. Winter Discounts might still be in effect. Repairs are always less costly than Replacement. "A stitch in time" can save you more than "nine." It could save you time and lots of cash.

Wiring Checked: If your boat is in need of an electrical updating. Now is the time to **charge** ahead. A corroded wire (or two) could put a **shocking** end to your boating season, quickly. I hope you took the **Marine Electrical Systems** Course, we just hosted. If you didn't, contact our instructor Gerry for help and guidance. He'll point you in the right direction.

Chart and electronics updates: Last year did you say, "I've got to update this Chart Plotter!" If your old chip needs updating; this is the perfect time. You know that old charted information may not be the best way to safely travel. Obtaining revisions and installing them into your Chart Plotter, before the boat's in the water, is easy as pie. Take a minute or two and sit down at the computer. Download updates and make corrections to your charts in the comfort of your home. Electronic software is ever changing and this Spring is a good time to **Look Ahead**. In fact, some of those old charts on the boat may be obsolete. You can download current charts from NOAA.gov.

The Tackle-box overhaul: You're never going to want to do this once the fish start biting. So now is the perfect time for clean-up and throw-out. You're in the house anyway, grab a comfortable chair and tackle that Tackle-box. Throw out those rusty hooks and clean those scaly knives and line. Oh, don't forget to put a drop cloth on the floor. This way you don't have to tackle another mess under your feet.

Being prepared is always good thing. Now might be a perfect time to **Spring** into action and prepare for the 2020 boating season. Think about it, you just might enjoy the time at home and save money as well.

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 NYS officials and the CDC
All District Activities Have Been 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 3

Council Meeting / Change of Watch

Because of the Coronavirus—March 27-28 was Cancelled

However, the District’s Change of Watch was fulfilled by means of
electronic ballot measures.

Please note that our new District Commander is
Betsy Mandara, N

and the District 3 website has been updated accordingly.

District 3 continues to plan for a wonderful fun filled year and invites all
members join us for some wonderful days together.

District 3
March 22nd 2020
**D3 Memorial
Service
Cancelled
See page 11**

District 3
June 14th, 2020
PaddleWheel Ride
on the
Lauren Kristy
\$62/pp boarding 12:15PM
[Check flyer](#)

District 3
2020
**Rendezvous
East
No Date Change**



**America’s Boating Club
Governing Board Meeting
Raleigh, NC
Sept 7th to 12th, 2020**

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While we do not want to give into fear and panic, it is important to be prepared. Like any voyage the best plan is to stay in the boat, likewise the best plan is not to contract the coronavirus through social distancing. However, if you or your family member must undergo quarantine, follow CDC recommended protocols. We as boaters are already accustomed to preplanning and adaptation, let us be a lighthouse to our friends and neighbors who may need comfort and direction.

Lastly, as the despair from those who are more anxious will descend on those of us who are less prone to worry, a stress reducing activity we can do is brush up on knot tying. If social distancing continues through our usual April meeting, we will have a **Zoom** call where we can have a knot tying contest. Contest will include proficiency with tying the knot as well as knowledge of the purpose or best use of such knot. Contest may include but not limited to the knots below.

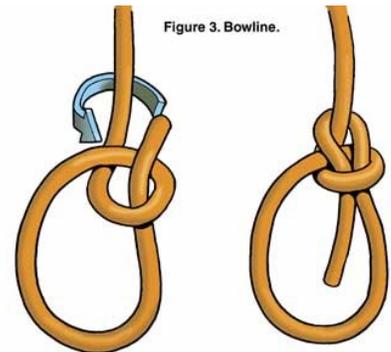
- Bowline Knot
- Anchor Hitch
- Ashley Stopper
- Clove Hitch
- Midshipman's Hitch
- Pile Hitch
- Zeppelin Bend
- Cleat Hitch (Dockline)
- Cleat Hitch (Halyard)
- Carrick Bend

Winner gets a case of Corona, when social distancing is lifted! This is a good Corona you can enjoy.

Best of luck and remember to be safe!

Kevin Kuo, AP (Administrative Officer)

Sailors Code #2 - "***Trust anyone whose boat shoes are more worn than yours.***"



With or without a commencement exercise...
CONGRATULATIONS to all the students who worked so diligently during this year in pursuit of their of academic achievements—especially, during this pandemic Coronavirus outbreak.

Enjoy your summer and best of luck to all.

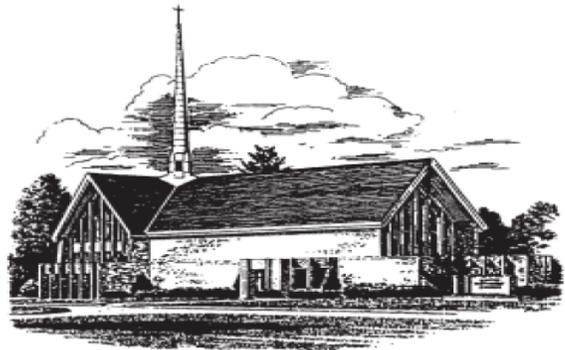
Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, all District 3 activities were cancelled or postponed including the Annual Memorial Service. Although, we were unable to come together to remember and celebrate those members who have journey their final voyage, we recall with joy the many hours of friendship and service they have shared with us.

We will miss you all, especially: Al Brown, Len Hecht and Herb Rubenfeld.

**In Memoriam Departed Members
United States Power Squadrons District 3
April 1, 2019 - March 15, 2020**

Rank	Name	Squadron
P/C	Wilbert Holmer, JN	Bayside
P/Lt/C	Judith Schuster, AP	Bayside
	Jack Soulier, AP	Bayside
	Herman Freeman, JN	Captree
	August 'Gus' Luhrs	Great South Bay
	Fredrick K. Hach, AP	Jones Beach
	Jean Fasini, P	Jones Beach
P/C	Robert Lyons III, P	Moriches Bay
P/C	Richard F. Sieback, SR, SN	Neptune
	Pasquale (Pat) Russo	Old Field Point
P/C	Albert E Brown, SN	Oyster Bay
P/C	Leonard Hecht, JN	Oyster Bay
P/C	Herb Rubenfeld, SN	Oyster Bay
	Michael Murphy	Peconic Bay
Lt	Friedrich "Fritz" Krug, P	Port Washington

**America's Boating Club®
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District 3
Annual Memorial Service**



The United Methodist Church
of Port Washington
35 Middle Neck Road
Port Washington, New York 11050
22 March 2020
1600 Hours

2020 Memorial Service Invocation By P/C Mary Anne McCoy, SN

We are thankful Lord, for the gift of life with both its joy and sadness.
Recall the good, forgive the fault, pour out the oil of gladness.
As we run the course ahead, stand watch by night and day.
Be both our compass and our star, to guide us on our way.
We thank You, too, for our fellow man, with whom we share the wheel.
We set the course and 'man the sheets,' but You are our mast and keel.

Father in heaven, we gather before You this day to remember our sisters and brothers of District 3 who have gone before us on their eternal voyage.
We are grateful for their lives and sharing their fellowships with us in our squadrons.
We thank You for their memories living in our hearts, and pray that You, have opened to them, Your gates to a fuller life; they may be received forever into Your joyful service.
Grant them safety in Your Harbor, with peaceful winds, calm seas, and angels at their sides.
We pray also for us, the families and friends of those passed on, that we may have solace and comfort, knowing that our loved ones are at peace.

Oyster Bay - Calendar

	Exec Mtg	2020		General Meeting and Events
April	6th	13th		Change of Watch—postponed to May
May	4th	11th 31st		Change of Watch—NEW DATE Spring Picnic and VSC Day—Tappen Beach
June	1st	7th 15th		Blessing of the Fleet Friends and Family America's Boating Club-Get-Together
July	6th	TBA		Summer Movie Night— "Under the Stars"
Aug	3rd			No General Meeting
Sept	8th	14th		Author Cynthia Barrett, Author <i>"Three Sheets to the Wind"</i>
Oct	5th	12th		Virtual Bermuda Boat Race—Game Night
Nov	2nd	9th		Veterans' Day Speaker
Dec	7th	6th		Holiday Party— No General Meeting
2021				
Jan	4th	11th TBA		No General Meeting Special Family/Friends Fun Night Gathering
Feb	1st	8th TBA		No General Meeting Snow-Bird Brunch
Mar	1st	8th		Annual Meeting
Dates and times may change. Always contact the Cdr for detailed information.				

Member Benefits

FRIGID-RIGID Marine-Quality Fiberglass Ice Chests, Coolers, Solar Refrigerator/Freezers. **10% discount** off retail price. Learn more by visiting their website at www.frigidrigid.com Check out their complete product line that will help you enjoy your boating adventure.

2020

**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

Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails.

Your wellness is important ! Take extra care during this time.

April General Meeting

**Cancelled due to the
Gathering Restriction
set by New York State**

May Picnic

May 31st

Tappen Beach

Starting at Noon

**Check the flyer on the
website for more
information**

June 7th,2020

Blessing of the Fleet

**This event is scheduled to begin
around noon.**

**Please watch for future emails and
flyers for information.**

Potential **NEW Date for
Oyster Bay's
Change of Watch**

May 11th, 2020

to be held at

Sagamore Yacht Club

**If the gathering ban is
lifted by state and local
authorities,**

**we are planning to
celebrate our Bridge,
lead by Ron Ferina, and
2020 Boating Season**

**always check
www.boatoysterbay.org**

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

As outline by our Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbott in her letter to the squadrons...“with regard to squadron and district meetings, votes, changes of watch, etc.procedure for conducting business when a national emergency has occurred, the National Committee on Rules position is “...for squadrons and districts to conduct business by the best available means while preserving the safety and security of our members;” thus you may make use of electronic(s)”

That being said, Oyster Bay has postponed its official Change of Watch (hopefully until May 11th) but the Commander—Elect Ron Ferina, JN shall assumed his position effectively on April 13th. The Executive Committee knows all will support this decision as we continue to work through these difficult times.

Nominating Committee Report

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Oyster Bay Sail & Power Squadron, the Nominating Committee respectfully submits the following members in good standing for the 2020-2021 year Bridge and Executive Committee.
The membership election shall be held on Monday 09 March 2020

Bridge

Commander	Ronald Ferina, JN	
Executive Officer		
Education Officer	Thomas Peltier, SN	Ass't Education Officer : Gerald Kenna, AP
Administrative Officer	Kevin Kuo, AP	Ass't Administrative Officer:
Treasurer	Ralph Parisi, P	Ass't Treasurer:
Secretary	Steve Ender, AP	Ass't Secretary:

Elected & Reporting to the Membership

Audit Committee		Donald Lustig, AP,
		Jennifer Nackman, JN,
		Ann Peltier, SN
Rules Committee		Dorothy Titus, AP
		Donna Dunbar
		Ann Peltier, SN
Nominating Committee		Thomas Peltier, SN
		Ronald Ferina, JN
		*Ronald Nackman, JN

Elected & Reporting to the Membership

Executive Committee

<u>P/Lt/C Donald Lustig, AP</u>
<u>Stf/C Douglas Durfee, SN</u>
<u>P/Lt/C Jennifer Nackman, JN</u>
<u>Dennis Puccio, S</u>
<u>P/C Ronald Nackman, JN</u>
<u>R/C Ann Peltier, SN</u>

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 (boatosterbay.org)

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

**Spring is a here! A time to get ready for 2020 Boating Season.
Think about how to stay safe on the water. Take a boating course or seminar.**

**Due to the Coronavirus pandemic
Oyster Bay will be hosting a NEW Distance Learning Experience
WATCH FOR DETAILS.**

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

It's the Law!
**Brianna's Law states that *all motorized boater operators* will need to
obtain a boat safety certificate by 2025!**

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The Gull Chatter
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