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

By Boaters...For Boaters™

## Gull Chatter



Commander's Report

by Ann Peltier, SN



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

Welcome Summer! That sounds so good to me. Plus, lots of things are happening. In a few short weeks we'll be heading to Greenport to enjoy a long weekend with our squadron and district friends at the **District 3 Rendezvous East Event (July 26-27)**. The Committee has been busy planning another great weekend filled with fun thing. From Friday night to Sunday – there is something for everyone. Check the website for up to date information. It's not too late to be part of the fun.

After the *Rendezvous*, Greenport hosts, the **Montauk's Free Summer Concert every Monday**. It is a series of various types of music presented in the Village Green. Details are not posted yet, but will be available soon. After the Monday concert, we're planning a short cruise to Mystic. It's been awhile since we've been there. I'm sure it will be great side trip before we head back to Mattituck.

**Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron** has plans for some great activities this summer, too! Although we don't host General Meetings during the summer, that doesn't stop us from getting together. July and August – we've got Coop Charting Cruises. These are great opportunities to be sailing/cruising with other from the Club. They're always so much fun and benefit to all boaters. Ron Ferina is always available for "Summer Sails." So, if you *have a need* for a slow pleasure cruise around 'The Sound,' give Ron a call. This year the Town of Oyster Bay again will be hosting its **Music under the Stars** at our local park during July and August. As soon as the schedule is set, we're planning on an evening of fun together as we listen to some wonderful FREE music.

**America's Boating Club®** National Governing Board Meeting will be meeting in Louisville, Kentucky this year beginning on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Last time Thomas and I were there, we were stuck in a blizzard. This should be quite different. We're planning on going a little early to visit some of the exciting attractions: Louisville Slugger Museum, Churchill Down and the Derby Museum and a of course a walk through the famous Tom Sawyer Park. We'll need a vacation when we get back. Hope you'll think about joining us.

Looks like my Summer just came and went. I hope you took lots of pictures. Because September Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron hosts our Annual Photo Contest. In addition, give me a call. I'd to hear from you about things you'd like the Club to provide for your entertainment and educational needs. So call me and we'll talk. See you this summer...on the water having fun.

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Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron Teaching Safe Boating in Our Community for Over 45 Years



## Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



This summer has the possibility of being the best boating season ever. Weather predications are calling for a mild summer just right for boating—whether you're powering or sailing. So, think about all that educational information you have gathered and put it to work for you. This year consider taking more advanced courses like the **NEW Boating Handling Course**. This new course is compact and filled with important information about the **Rules of the Road, Emergencies on the Water** and much more.

Interested in more advanced material...Piloting and Advanced Piloting? We're planning on offering both these courses. Piloting in the Fall and immediately after Advanced Piloting. Both courses are designed to help you navigate your way around the Long Island and beyond.

We'd like to put on some Seminars for you. But, with today's list (click here) <https://www.usps.org/index.php/departments/13000/13000-curriculum/13000-seminars> is so extensive. It's hard to determine what you'd like and need. So take a minute, click on the link, and browse the list. Then let me know and we'll make sure we offer that seminar this season.

I hope you have a wonderful summer of boating. Feel free to contact me with any question about courses, seminars or the BOC **Boater Operator Certification**. The America's Boating Club® is working to bring you the most up to date boater information. Give us look and you'll see why we're the BEST!



**Safe Boating starts with Educated Boaters**

### 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 — Beginning September 17th —location N Babylon**

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

**Electronic Courses — Spring 2020**

## Executive Officer

by Ronald Ferina, JN



The **Blessing of the Fleet** on June 2<sup>nd</sup> was met with good weather. About **20** vessels participated were blessed by **5** members of the clergy of various denominations from Oyster Bay. Thanks to all those who assisted Larry Weiss, chairperson of the Blessing, to reinstate this boating community event.

**Vessel Safety Checks** are conducted either by appointment, examiners walking the dock or boat ramp offering VSCs. Or, you can pre-arrange a VS Check. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, our vessel examiners provided prearranged exams to **Tappan Beach Marina & Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club**. Vessel Safety Checks were also done at **Sagamore Yacht Club** on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our squadron now has **4** certified Vessel Examiners and, to date, has performed **22** safety checks. Vessel Examiners are available through the boating season just email me at [ronnfer@yahoo.com](mailto:ronnfer@yahoo.com) to schedule a Vessel Safety Check to arrange an appointment.

**Coop charting** will get underway in mid-July and continue over the next 6-week period to give the captains who volunteer time to fit their schedule. We typically cover **Hempstead Harbor, Oyster Bay, Oyster Bay Harbor, Huntington Bay, Huntington Harbor, Centerport and Northport Harbors**. Since 2006-2007, our squadron has won the District 3 Coop Charting award 9 times. Last year we ranked number 8 nationwide. Captains who wish to participate, and anyone who wishes to join us on the boats, please email me. Let me know what area you can cover and an approximate time frame you have available. Captains: let me know if you will need crew.

Do you prefer a land-based activity? Before GPS and laser surveying instrument, **geodetic markers** were used for reference points for surveying the land. These markers are still in use as reference and maintained by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS). Locating them in your community and reporting their condition is a great activity. You can enjoy getting out, getting some exercise and getting in touch with our local history. Maps of the locations of the markers in your area are available on the internet. Go to [www.ngs.noaa.gov/datasheets/](http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/datasheets/).

Providing **seminars to local yacht clubs**, falls under two flags of the bridge. Obviously, under the Education Officer and the Executive Officer as it is a service to an external organization. Tom Peltier and I have been approached by Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club to provide a **Man Overboard** seminar to their membership. After two recent incidents, this topic has risen to the forefront of their bridge. Two of our members, also yacht club members, recommended the Oyster Bay Sail & Power Squadron as potential educator for their club's members. We will present our **Man Overboard** seminar on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, this will lead the way for us to provide other educational opportunities and be their "go to" for safe boating education.

## Admin Report

by Kevin Kuo, AP

### Price, Perception and Paradigm



I hope everyone's boating season has gotten off to a wonderful start! 2017 new boat sales data indicates that new boat sales have gone up 4.7 percent from 2016, and a whopping 141.6 million Americans, adults and children, went boating in 2016. This should herald great news for the US Power Squadrons - America's Boating Club® with new students for the America's Boating Course and potentially new membership. However, while these numbers are promising, Millennials, while they participate in boating in the same rates as their parents they are far less likely to own a boat. This change in trend has long term ramifications for the Club and the small water craft industry as well. We are aware that there are promising solutions, but to keep our hobby alive for future generations, we need to know what hurdles are keeping people from owning a boating: Price, Perception and Paradigm shift in ownership.

#### Price

Both Forbes and Times magazine have reported that younger adults earn less and as a result conventional boat ownership would seem like a pipe dream, however for frugal Millennials they can pursue trailerable boats to avoid mooring and storage costs and for sailing, those with tight budgets can consider older fiberglass hulls or "classic plastics." This is where our club can help first time boaters with finding and evaluating used boats and possibly advise or perhaps coordinate on a local and national level with lenders to help with financing options.

#### Perception

Another big obstacle for young people to get involved with boating beyond cost is familiarity. For most people investing in a big ticket item is daunting and even more so when there isn't any familiarity on how stuff works. With nearly 75% of Millennials not knowing how to change a flat tire the prospect of owning a boat and then having to fix something that's broken on the water is even more daunting. The unpredictability of this unknown is sometimes even more challenging than the financial burden. This is where our members can help potential boat owners by letting them know about on the water services that can help with emergencies should they arise.

#### Paradigm Shift

The sharing economy is becoming more popular among young adults so inevitably there will be a decline in conventional ownership. There has been a 51% increase in boat charters since 2015 according to a Bareboat Charter Industry study. Chartering is fun and easy on demand boating but doesn't build community, nor does it necessarily foster safe boating habits. To help keep the recreational boating community thriving into the future, we can assist young boaters by perhaps offering to be a conduit for shared boat ownership. Anchors Aweigh!

## Member Articles - Remembering Len Hecht, JN



**P/C Len Hecht, JN** valued member of the **Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron** who joined 2/15/1973 passed away on March 31st, 2019. With 46 Merit Marks, it is clear that P/C Len was always willing to help out. Elected as Commander in 1977, Len was a strong leader who was liked and respected by the membership. Now, most Commanders did their time and moved on, but not Len. He continued to volunteer and to serve! In fact, he volunteered to be on the Bridge, again, in 1996, 2000 & 2001. Always working and always helping the our Club & its members.



Len believed that the relationship between the Oyster Bay Sai and Power Squadron and the Sagamore Yacht Club was a special one. Each club had strong valuables to share and to appreciate: Oyster Bay PS had the valuable tools of boater education and the Sagamore Yacht Club had an equally valuable tool of fellowship.



In later years, Len preferred to work behind the scenes...quietly and without fanfare. But for those that knew - Len was the unsung hero...a true **PATRON of Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron**.



Len was a dedicated Advisor and Mentor to many Commanders and Oyster Bay Power Squadron's Liaison to the Sagamore Yacht Club.



Now, Len wasn't all about the power squadron and the yacht club. Len loved and enjoyed activities with his family and he happily shared their many adventures of sailing, along with Eileen, the sound and out to Montauk with us all. Of course, The Bridge over Bayville story, as he called it, was one of his favorites.



Gather here are a few pictures with P/C Len working with the children on Marine Education Day, helping to handling collections at the OB Beach



Clean-Up, gathering information at District Educational Conferences, attending meetings both Executive and General and enjoying the comradery of the his fellow members. We will miss you dearly Commander!



We the members of the **Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron** mourn the loss of **P/C Len Hecht, JN**, but we are consoled, by our faith, that when the final watch changes for us and we too crossover, our friend will be waiting to guide us to safe anchorage.

### The 2019 Change of Watch



The Change of Watch is a special night where squadron members and District 3 members join forces to wish all a successful new year. There were some seasoned members—back for more— and some new members who volunteered to help spread the word about safe boater education in the community. Everyone works together. It's lots of fun. Thank you all for coming and being part of our special celebration! Even Bloopers are fun ...see below.





## Cooperative Charting



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The What, Where... and Why



R/C Thomas J Peltier, SN  
United States Power Squadrons / America's Boating Club  
R/C of the Cooperative Charting Committee



The May General Meeting was indeed a wet one. With pouring rain, all day, it seemed like only the ducks were willing to go in that weather. But not true...because the Oyster Bay Power Squadron came to hear all about the Blessing of Fleet, June 2nd, 2019 and Cooperative Charting—one our squadron favorite on the water activities. Thomas, Ron and a special guest, Stf/ C Bob Holub introduced the “NEW” Cooperative Charting Program to the members. All were ready to take on the challenge and move our squadron from 8th in the country to 1st. Good Luck Coop Charting Skippers and Crew!



## SAFETY Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

### “Be in the Know before you Go!”

No matter how much boating experience you have, it's always a good idea to review basic boat safety tips. Think about it, not one professional athlete, entertainer or teacher, would consider heading out to perform without first practicing, reviewing, or updating their skills sets. Well, boaters should think like pros. A safe and comfortable voyage requires the captain and the crew to be know that they are prepared for anything. I jotted down a couple of basic safety tips to think about, so you can ‘be in the know before you go.’

**Be Weather-Wise!** Always check the weather conditions before departing. There are many ways to find up-to-date weather information. Today's TV and Radio Forecasts tend to be pretty accurate. Smart phone APPs can provide to-the-minute area information. Wx Channel, on your Marine Radio, loops up-to-date weather information. But sometimes all you have to do is look up!  If you notice dark clouds approaching, changes in the wind or a sudden drop in temperature, be wise and head for a safe harbor.

**Check it Twice List!** Proper boating safety includes being prepared for any possibility on the water. Develop a Pre-Departure Checklist and make sure to include items that are frequently forgotten: Fresh Water, Snacks, Flashlight w/extra batteries and bulbs, Charts and Extra Line. Of course, you should have a “Will it Work When I Need It To List.” This list should include items like – Radio (both Marine & FM/AM), Handheld GPS, Fire Extinguishers, Fully charged Boat Batteries, Inflatable Life Jackets, Navigational Lights and such. 

**Think about the Common Sense Approach!** One of the most important parts of boating safely is to use your common sense. This means operating your boat at a safe speed at all times, especially in crowded and confined areas. Stay alert and assign a Lookout for small crafts, divers, swimmers and vessels with restrictive mobility. Being right may be great but it doesn't make common sense when the Give-Way ocean liner heading for you.

**To Know is to Know!** Always have a general idea where you'll be sailing or cruising even if it's only an afternoon excursion. Plan *the* course, use your Charts and GPS and review where possible danger or problem areas may arise. Knowing ‘the course like the back of your hand’ is great, but if you are forced to deviate from your ‘back of hand course’ you may wind up stranded aground unexpectedly. So be prepared with up to date charts which you can download free from NOAA.

**Plan with a Float Plan!** I've had many experienced boaters tell me, “I could sail these waters with my eyes closed. Everything will be fine!” But that one time you're out on the water, with no one in sight, your radio dead, you might just think...“I wish I had told someone where I was going and when I was returning to port.” In fact, it's easier than ever to file a Float Plan. You can download the Coast Guard Mobile APP – on your smart phone. It has a Float Plan built in and some other great features like: a list of safety regulations, Navigational Rules, Nearest NOAA buoy, Reporting of hazards or suspicious activities, as well as, requesting emergency assistance.

**One-for-One!** Of course don't leave home without 1 life jacket for each person on board. Did you know that the majority of drowning victims are the result of boaters NOT wearing their lifejackets? Make sure that your family, friends and crewmates are not part of *that* statistic. Not only have Life Jackets on board, but encourage everyone, including the captain, to wear their Life Jackets at all times. Today's Life Jackets are becoming more comfortable and they could save your life. 

So experienced or novice, it's always a good idea to review those basic boat safety tips you learned in the America's Boating Course. Perhaps, think about taking a more advanced course: Boat Handling, Piloting or Advanced Piloting. Consider the many Seminars available from USPS. Contact our Educational Officer – Thomas- to arrange a seminar that you think would be interesting. Having a safe and comfortable voyage requires being prepared and by practicing, reviewing, or updating potential lifesaving skills sets. Be a Pro – Make sure your Know!

## USPS Vacation Center

## Member Benefits



USPS Vacation Center offers exclusive discounts for all your travel needs including tours, car rentals, vacation packages, and hotels: includes *FunJet/TNT*, *Orlando Vacations* from \$55/night and *Endless Vacation Rentals*. Check out on the national website. Don't miss these outstanding discounts.

# OBSPS NEWS BLAST

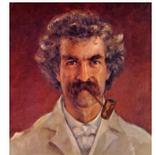
Congratulations to our NEW:

“S” for Seamanship = Dennis & Peter  
and

“AP” Advanced Pilots = Diane and Teri

There was a great difference in boats, of course. For a long time I was on a boat that was so slow we used to forget what year it was we left port in.

*Mark Twain*



## Boater's Terms ?



**Yacht** – When two boaters are talking about their boats, the one with the larger boat would have the yacht. However, when a boater is discussing how much it will cost to rent a slip...it’s just a boat!



**Vessel Safety Check Day  
June 9th—Tappen Marina**

Gerry, Ron and Thomas started the season off with 10 vessel safety exams. 3 boaters made appoints for the following week. Call Ron and make an appoint today!

**Now is a perfect time to become a Vessel Safety Examiner  
Contact Ron Ferina for more information**



**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 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. Ron Ferina at [ronnfer@yahoo.com](mailto: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  
Rendezvous East  
26-27 July  
Friday / Saturday  
activities  
Check flyer for  
Full Details**

**[http://www.usps.org/  
oysterbay/2019RendEast](http://www.usps.org/oysterbay/2019RendEast)**

**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 Giovanniello  
631 661 5318  
Dinner Reservations Required**

**Poster Contest  
due at Rendezvous East  
Theme:  
“America’s Boating Club  
Saves Lives”  
3 age groups:**

**See flyer on Website for more  
details.**



**United States Power Squadrons  
Annual Meeting**

**September 8-15 Louisville, KY  
Check the USPS.org website**

## GOOD AND WELFARE

Sadly we learned of the passing of Larry Weiss' Dad (Daniel) on June 7th 2019. Please keep Larry and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Celeste and Kevin—we're getting a new member this fall!



## **Congratulations to the Sagamore Yacht Club on their 75th Anniversary.**



back to school

To all our young students and to all our dedicated teacher...have a great year.



...and we remember them.



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
TO ALL!**



Damian Devereaux  
Ronald Ferina  
Kevin Kuo  
Mara Navaretta  
Gilbert Olivier  
Richard Scallon  
Ami Shebiro  
Paul Thompson



Peter Ackerman  
Thomas Cassano  
Roseann Corrado  
Douglas Durfee  
Stephen Fischer  
Louis MacAri  
Anthony Margetic  
Frank Martocci  
John McCann  
Douglas Paul  
Judith Tantleff



Jack Angel  
Robert Corrado  
Donna Dunbar  
Rhonda Ehrler  
Howard Fein  
Doris Gentile  
Joseph Gentile  
Gary Greenwald  
Glenn Hoyvik  
Deborah Lynch  
Jennifer Nackman  
John Randall IV  
Lorena Stern



### Meeting Schedule

	Exec Meeting	General Meeting and Events
<b>July</b>	1st	No General Meeting Rendezvous East 26-27
<b>August</b>	5th	No General Meeting Coop Charting Cruise
<b>September</b>	3rd	9th General Meeting Photo Contest

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the Refrigerator  
So you don't forget about  
these special events

# 2019



July / August 2019—No General  
Let's Picnic on the water during our  
Coop Charting Cruise  
Call Ron Ferina for more details

**Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron - Road Trip**  
LI Maritime Museum—\$8/pp—Saturday August 17th—1PM  
Join us for a fun tour of this wonderful Museum  
**Contact Kevin** - [kevinkuo97@gmail.com](mailto:kevinkuo97@gmail.com) or Cdr Ann for details

**September 9th General Meeting**  
**Sagamore Yacht Club**  
**8:00PM**  
Summer Photo Contest  
Coffee, Tea & Refreshments for your pleasure  
Casual Attire

Mark your Calendar - More Up-Coming Dates:

October 7 Executive Meeting  
Get ready for Oktoberfest.  
December 1st Holiday Party

October 14 General Membership Meeting  
November 11th General Meeting

To learn more about these and other activities offered by the OBSPS just go to the  
website at [www.boatosterbay.org](http://www.boatosterbay.org) or contact: Jennifer Nackman

**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](http://boatosterbay.org))

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



**Summer & Fall... perfect times to  
take a Boating Classes**

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**Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron**

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**The Gull Chatter**  
**July / August / September**  
**2019**