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

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Gull Chatter Commander's Report by Kevin Kuo, JN

"A View from the Bridge"

Dear Members,

I am excited to announce that with the help of the Bridge and membership, Oyster Bay Power and Sail Squadron was awarded **SECOND PLACE** for the Membership Involvement and Retention Award (MIRA) at the USPS Governing Board. As we close out the 2023 boating season, I ask you to help the Bridge to formulate our schedule of events for 2024. Events that you enjoy — keep our 'members involved' and involved members say in our Club. It's a win-win for all.

Membership Meeting and Activities Recommendations

Recently, suggestions were: Casino Day / Night / Weekend at Mohegan Sun; Tour of air traffic control tower; the Stirling Harbor Foundation 5-day sailboat cruise. As we consider the activities for 2024, please do not hesitate to send more recommendations, ideas and suggestions.

Community Outreach

We plan to renew and promote more outreach events to improve our footprint in the community. For 2024, Friends of the Bay has invited us to participate in the fall environmental cleanup in Oyster Bay. Many community organizations may profit from our boating knowledge and help. If you know of such an organization, please share that info with one of the Bridge officers.

Fundraising

By the time this publication is released, we should be on our final days of the soft launch of fundraising with Doublegood. Some members and friends of the commander have already contributed. Funds collected will help the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron's mission, including community outreach events, boater education to the public, subsidized member activities, and equipment upgrades.

Thank you very much for your continued support as members, and we hope to see more of you at our meetings.

Cheers,
Kevin, Commander



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As we enter the 3rd Qrt. of 2023, the Nominating Committee is looking for members who have a few hours each month to help our Club Grow.
 Be part of the Bridge, a Committee or a Event Team member. Give Ron Ferina a call & he'll be glad to put you on the list of Active Members.

Rules Committee Donna Dunbar Douglas Durfee **	Audit Committee Jennifer Nackman, JN ** Ralph Parisi, P	Nominating Committee Ronald Ferina, JN** Ronald Nackman, JN Thomas Peltier, SN
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Executive Committee	Barbara Dornau Stf/C Douglas Durfee, SN P/C Ronald Ferina, JN	Kevin Monaco, S P/Lt/C Jennifer Nackman, JN P/C Ronald Nackman, JN Dennis Puccio, S
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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. as of 1/1/2024 "12 months Left"



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Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



What's New in Education

With Fall in full bloom and Winter around the corner, we may all may have some spare time—since our boats are now safely stored for the winter.

The Club is busy putting the final touches on the Fall-Winter Educational Schedule of Seminars and Courses (see below). We are happy to share with our Sister Squadron – Bayside the presentation of the NEW Weather Course (all virtual for your convenience). This Weather Course is all NEW and worth taking again. Course starts October 17th.

Also, we will be starting the Engine Maintenance Course with a Virtual Chapter 1. Gil Allen, from Bayside, will be monitoring our classes. You know Gil, ready to help all members learn more about how to take care of their boats both inside and outside.

At the Governing Board, NEO Chuck Wells announced that all seminars created and released, were designed so squadrons are able to educate its members in safe boating techniques. With that in mind, we will be continuing our virtual seminar presentation this winter. **Thomas**

2023 –2024 Schedule— Sign up NOW

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

Winter America's Boating Course – Sign up now!

October — NEW Weather Course—Virtual hosted by Bayside Oct 17th
 Preparing for Hurricanes and What Boaters Should Know
 America’s Boating Course—Blended Classroom 4 and 4 Virtual

November — Engine Maintenance—Chapter 1 with the rest to follow
 This course will be Blended—some Virtual and some In-Person
 Interested members should contact Thomas immediately to save a space

December — Planning on 1 - Virtual Seminar—featuring the America’s
 Boating Channel “Best of Show” presentations.

***Share what you know with boaters who need to know. NYS law requires ABC is taught by a Certified USPS Instructor.

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

Executive Officer—Larry Weiss, Ap

Fall's cooler weather is perfect time for a:

- **Vessel Safety Check (especially for those late season fishermen)**
 - ⇒ **Or, you can become a Vessel Safety Examiner**
 - Enjoy meeting fellow boaters while helping boaters stay safe**
 - ⇒ **Contact Larry Weiss for more details.**
- **Coop Charting Cruise -**
 - ⇒ **Winter Geodetic and Marina Verification Program**
 - ⇒ **A wonderful time to get out and about**
 - ⇒ **Check with Thomas on details**

The Club has many events, activities and virtual gathers during the winter months. Watch for emails and text messages.

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 Usually via Zoom

Many of our activities and events have become 'Annual' events due to the overwhelming participation of our members.

Become the 2024 AO (Administrative Officer).

It is a great way to get to know your fellow Club members while your having a FUN Activity.

	Ex Mtg	Gen Mtg	Event	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.
Oct	3rd	NO	4th	Octoberfest—Oak Chalet— 6pm \$55/pp—Confirmed
Nov	7th	14th	18th Seminar	Leadership USPS & Holiday Dessert Sampling D3 Fall Conference—Marriott Engine Maintenance—Virtual (Date TBA)
Dec	5th	NO	3rd	Holiday Party— The Homestead Restaurant
Jan 2024	2nd / 9th	9th/ 16th	Virtual Seminar	New Calendar Announcements. Town Hall Meeting TBA—Virtual

Did you know Page

Congratulations



James Hutchinson, Howie (Howard) Hutchinson
& Kevin Monaco all passed their
Boating Handling Course. Well Done guys.

Congratulations to Peter Ackerman Oyster Bay's brand
new Vessel Safety Examiner. Contact Peter or Ron Ferina
about a Fall Vessel Safety Check.

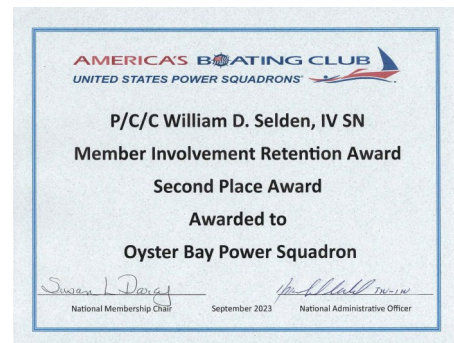
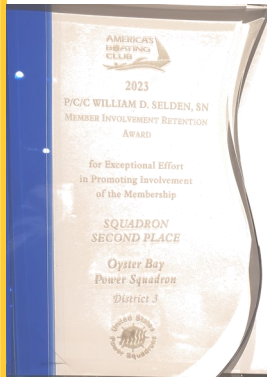


Congratulations to all (Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron and
its members) as 2nd place winners of the MIRA Award.

This award recognizes
member retention and member
participation for Club activities
and events.

Way to go Oyster Bay!

*P.S. Jones Beach came in 3rd.
What a District!*



New Opportunities Available for Members

“New Operation Training—Why Won’t They Do What I Want?”

**This Seminar in about Getting the Job Done – In the Squadron, in the
District or in your Home. Date and Time has not be confirmed.**

Watch for Updated Flyer

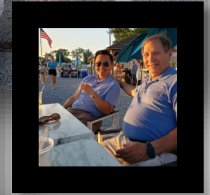
Instructor Development Course

**Are you interested in sharing your knowledge of boating, making new
friends and being an active member of the Club. The 6-7 week course
will being in early August, just in time to help teach the ABC (Basic
Boating Course) in our community. You have the Knowledge - we’ll show
you how to Share it with the Community.**

Oyster Bay - Coop Charting Activities

Whether we were out on our boats or searching the beaches for Geo Marks— Oyster Bay members (and our friends from Patchogue Bay— Cdr Loretta and PDC John) enjoyed another Coop-Charting Team events.

After our GEO Hunt , this year, we stopped by the Bayville Crab Shack for a quiet dinner with Cdr Kevin. So sorry that Ron and Pat couldn't stay for the beautiful Sunset! Our Coop Charting Captains (like Ralph, Ron, Diane and Teri) invited members to join them for buoy verification cruises. Coop Charting has a way of brings Members together



D3 - Summer Beach Blast

The D3 Beach Blast was great fun. Some of us arrived by Ferry (a very pleasant ride) others came by boat. Either way we joined together for a warm, but fun, afternoon with lots of laughs and friendship. What a BLAST!



GOOD AND WELFARE

Good news – Gil Allen, our dear friend from Bayside PS, is on the road to recovery. He’s ready to drive. But his good friends Linda and Marty are watching him closely. So, he’ll be taking it slow. Gil has agreed to be part of our Engine Maintenance Virtual Course. When I spoke to him, he said he’ll be available to answer questions. Thanks Gil for always being so thoughtful. Can’t wait to see you even if it is in a tiny box on my computer screen.

Sadly, we report the passing of **Past District Commander Dan Katz, SN** from Port Washington Power Squadron. Danny’s daughter reported that Dan passed away on March 7th, at the age of 94. Danny continued to be involved in our district even though he lived in Sherburne, NY. In addition, it was reported that, Pat, his loving wife, passed away on April 15. Please keep the Katz family in your prayers. As you can know, this is a difficult time for them.

We were saddened to learn that Teri Moschetta’s Dad passed away on August 17, 2023. Teri’s Mom is recovering from Hip Surgery. Diane is recovering from Covid. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

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



Grandparents are all smiles! Denise and Dennis have a new (and I mean NEW) Baby Girl to love. Born August 11th. Can’t get any newer then this picture sent in at 7:50PM the day she was born. Congrats!



Nancy Fein
Diane Beecher
Livio Percan
Larry Weiss
Thomas Cassano
Nicolle Navaretta
Howie Hutchinson



Michael Skupp
Laura Cassano
John Navaretta
Noah Hutchinson
Barbara Woo
Norman St. George
Diane Akseizer
James Hutchinson



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



Henry Tiska
Kathrine Kuo
Luke Kuba
Rosemarie Zavatsky
Edward Fasano
Kevin Monaco
Lewis Bass
Marco Antonio Rojas

Safety Article 'The Perfect Safety Gift List'

by P/C Ann

I just had an epiphany: this edition is for October, November, and December. *Whooh!* I can't believe it is fast approaching the end of the year, which, of course, brings me to the *Holiday Times* – which started me thinking, "What the heck do I get Thomas this year?" With no boat in sight for 2024, I couldn't help but think about what would be the perfect gift for him and some of our boating friends. No matter what the occasion finding the perfect gift can be stressful.

Of course, the best gift would be a NEW boat. Nothing too big, maybe a 28' or 31' with outboards, and of course I'd like a potty. Since I haven't saved enough from my '*secret shopper fund*,' I must be more practical. So, I asked some of my boater friends (those with and without boats) and found a few interesting ideas I'd like to share with you.

The first gift the guys down at the marina mentioned was dockside equipment. Leading with a new dock box (which is a little hard to wrap) on the top of the list. However, Dock Lights in pretty colors came in as a close second. LED strip lights run about \$30.00, or you can go all out and purchase LED changeable lights in the \$500.00 range. So pretty at night.

With newer technology popping up everyday the dream gifts for some, in my small survey, included upgraded GPS/chart plotters, fish-finders, and satellite messenger. If you really want to say "I love you" look into some of the outstanding safety products available for today's boaters: emergency signaling devices, communications gear, and life jackets. Personal safety products are excellent gifts, even for those without boats. Everyone should have their own Life Jacket, and they make an ideal holiday gift.



A new stand-out in the marine world is the [IBEX award-winning Vesper Cortex](#), which combines VHF, AIS, and remote monitoring — so you can gift three new safety enhancing goodies, all in the same box. What a gift!



And for that 'special couple gift,' how about tickets to a cruise around Manhattan? The District had a cruise last September. We had a blast. You could always treat yourself and go along with them making it an extra fun adventure. Also, ½ day or whole-day fishing trips are always a fun, not to mention the available Whale-Dolphin Watching excursion as they migrate through the New York waterways. during the fall months.



Of course, all fishermen and women love new poles, lures, and a new fancy tackle box. With projected cold weather this winter, this would be a perfect time to clean out those rusty hooks and smelly lines and upgrade to a new, easy-to-open fishing box, or one of these washable, easy-to-carry tackle boxes with a shoulder strap.



Regardless of whether the occasion is Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Father's Day, Mother's Day, or a special birthday, you have wondered what would be the Perfect Gift? Well whether a boater, non-boater or land-lover any gift giving with LOVE is usually the Perfect Gift. Happy Holidays to all!

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 - Council Meeting—Melville Marriott
Friday, 20 October 2023
Come to Dinner or Just the Meeting**

**District 3 — November 18th 2023
Fall Educational Conference
Marriott—Melville
Registration - District Luncheon Buffet
Open to all members and D3 Boating friends
Flyer on [District Website](#)**

**District 3 Part 2 - Second Half—Leadership Development
“Why Won’t They Do What I Want?”
This 1 ½ hour Seminar is filled with fun activities that help us
“Get the job Done’ while fostering volunteerism.
Pre-register with Ann (apeltier@optonline.net)
to ensure ample supplies are available
Date: **Wednesday Nov 29th starts 7:30pm**
Ice Skating Rink—Bethpage**

****D3 2024 January Orientation Meeting**

**Always check dates &
times on the website**

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Annual 2024



**February
03-14**

2023 General Meeting and Events ([flyers on website](#))

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

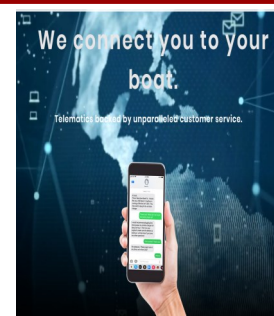
2023 According to the recent survey taken, the Club will trial a new meeting Night. TUESDAYS. Watch for DATE / DAYS Changes

	Ex Mtg	Gen Mtg	Event
Jan	10th	10th	Virtual 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 Change of Watch—Haypath Community Center 16th D3 Memorial Service
May	2nd	2nd	Gen Meeting—Cruise with Co-Op Charting
Jun	6th	NO	4th Blessing of the Fleet – more info to follow Commander Cocktail Party—Cooper's Bluff
Jul	11th	NO	22nd **Watch for Raft-up Information** Cruise to Connecticut for Dinner 29th District 3 Beach Bash—Watch Hill
Aug	1st	NO	Day Trip to the Planetarium 11th Coop Charting Geodetic Hunt and Dinner
Sept	13th	19th	Photo Contest & Boater's Bingo
Oct	3rd	NO	4th Octoberfest— Oak Chalet Restaurant
Nov	7th	14	Leadership USPS & Holiday Dessert Sampling
Dec	5th	NO	3rd Holiday Party— The Homestead Restaurant

Member Benefits



24/7 third party monitoring— team continually monitors essential functions of your boat every 60 seconds. **24/7 Alarm response**—Problems? Don't worry the Boat Fix team is on it around the clock. Let us handle the stress. **24/7 mechanical support** Engine problems? Free telephone access to experienced Boat Fix technicians anytime for immediate assistance. **24/7 GPS tracking**- Secure your boat against unauthorized use and theft. **Save \$20 on the cost of the device**



2023

Oyster Bay Calendar

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

Because of flu or COVID outbreaks, our meeting/events May be Postponed, Rescheduled, or held Virtual-ly. Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, or call a Bridge member for details.



October - General Meeting

[View Flyer](#)

Annual Oktoberfest 10/4/2023

Music starts at 6PM / Dinner served 6:30pm

Cost \$55 per person / Special Menu prepared

Oak Chalet Restaurant / 1940 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore
More information contact Ann (apeltier@optonline.net)

November 14th General Meeting

[View Flyer](#)

2nd Half — Leadership

“How can I get people to do what I Want?”

Annual Holiday Dessert Tasting Party.

**Bring your favorite Holiday Dessert.
Home made or Store bought— we'll be ready to
taste it all! Coffee and Tea available**



December 3rd, 2023

[View Flyer](#)

General Holiday Brunch Meeting

Time: 1:00 to 4:00 PM



**Share the gift of food for those in need.
Donate a box grocery item for our local food pantry**

**Once again, we will celebrating the end of 2023 beginning of
2024 at The Homstead, 107 South St, Oyster Bay.
This is a Separate Check event !**

USPS Governing Board NEWS

Well, it was a quiet Governing Board this year, although Kansas City offered many interesting sights. Unfortunately, Thomas and I were unable to attend the many planned activities prepared by the Meetings Committee because of our own committee commitments. Still, we did steal away to the Truman Presidential Library one afternoon. We enjoyed learning about his years in office (4/12/1945 to 1/20/1953). After all, we were just kids when he was president. The Library was fascinating and well-planned for people of all ages. I enjoyed all the manipulatives (created for school children) and the interactive activities.



Back to the Governing Board - I attended several engaging presentations. However, some overlapped, so I couldn't participate in all of them. **Admin** introduced us to a new management system (**Imis**) that will be released in December. They are still working on the program's ins and outs and how it will interact with our current data, but they feel it will be the beginning of bringing HQ into the 21st Century. Additionally, squadrons and districts can log on to the system to collect Dues, Plan events and Collect payments as well as manage their calendars. More on this in the future. **The Executive Department** focused on local squadron issues, shared success stories for guidance, and introduced new resources for Paddle Craft Safety, which are now available. **The Secretaries Department** had lots to offer including: IT Seminar announcing the new eBooks release, Flags and Etiquettes updates, HADCom's new Document Library Team, and many more. **The Education Department** provided seminars on *Apps for Boaters* and the *MuVIT* (or Boat Simulator), which by the way District 3 owns 2, and it is available for all squadrons to use for the asking. There was a lot, but alas, there was only 1 of me. To learn more, check out each department on the USPS website for more detailed presentation information. Or, perhaps next year you will join me for the Annual Meeting in Florida. Always great fun!

Saturday found us at the actual Governing Board meeting with 141 other members. That is a small number compared to other years. Chief Fraser told us at 1010AM we had 189 members watching from home. The meeting, as you may know, was streamed 'live.' The BOD announced that 332 members (in-person and on-line) were present. Then the reports started. The **USPS Planning Ctm** report reminded us to set clear goals for our squadrons and districts as we look to the future. The **NEO** (National Education Officer) proudly announced the updated seminars and courses that will be coming shortly. Of course, the



Secretary's Department had the most special announcement: **Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron** took 2nd place in Member Retention. Pricilla Clark and Chief Commander Fraser (with R/C Sue Darcy at the podium) presented us with this beautiful crystal trophy. Oh, what fun!

All in all we had a great time. 19 members from District 3 were in attendance and enjoyed dining and laughing together. Whether a Governing Board or a Annual Meeting—Always Great Fun. See you there!

USPS NEWS BLAST!

In addition to the new newsletter inserts published by HQ, here is a link to current [America's Boating Channel](#) that you may find interesting. National has provided Editors with these great releases, you may have seen on our website, about pertinent boat safety topics.

- In mid-July, JENN NOLAN FISHING (JNF), made its debut on America's Boating Channel's available on your smart TV. JNF is a generational television program series featuring women professionals with a strong emphasis on conservation and safety. Fishing from boats represents the fastest growing segment of water sports activity.
- Furthermore on n 31 July, it was announced that our **America's Boating Channel** is a one of the finalist in the prestigious 2023 Go Global Awards. The winner will be announced after our publications (6-8 November 2023). Watch the Oyster Bay Blast for the results.
- The final 3 videos of **Season Seven** will made their national debut. Here are links providing you with your personal access for you to preview. The links take you to streaming and downloadable content, with each video's release date Indicated by its title.

Marine Radio Etiquette (released August 30)

[Marine Radio Etiquette – Streaming Version](#)

[Marine Radio Etiquette – Download Version](#)

Navigating Locks (released September 10)

[Navigating Locks – Streaming Version](#)

[Navigating Locks – Download Version](#)

Border Crossing (released September 20)

[Border Crossing – Streaming Version](#)

[Border Crossing – Download Version](#)

All members be reminded that since [America's Boating Channel's](#) launch, all of its videos have been available to USPS members to screen and download for free at bit.ly/USPSABC. There is an index to help members find exactly what they want.

The [America's Boating Channel](#) is OUR boating safety and boater education video service provided by our national organization with the help of dedicated and talented members who donate their time and skills so we can be safer and more informed boaters. Thank you Marty and your all those associated with this project.



20 OCTOBER 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

THE BELOW LISTED PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR RESERVATIONS AT ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. *USPS/ABC/D3 Logo Shirt or Similar Attire. Uniforms not required*
2. *A Check covering the full amount of the BUFFET DINNER should be mailed as soon as possible.*
3. *Reservations are to be sent in sufficient time to be received by the Chairman on or before **FRIDAY (13 OCTOBER 2023) PRIOR TO THE MEETING!***
4. *All paid reservations received after the Friday before the meeting may be accepted but seating with their respected squadrons cannot be assured.*

Discounted price \$25.00, Full price \$35.00 after Friday 13 OCTOBER

5. **NO RESERVATIONS** will be accepted at the door....
6. *The attitude adjustment will consist of a CASH BAR at the hotel bar.*
7. *Anyone arriving for the MEETING ONLY, will please wait outside the dining room until the meeting begins. Please adhere to this request so as not to confuse the servers.*

*Attitude Adjustment to commence at 1830 (6:30pm)
Everyone is expected to be seated for dinner at 1915 (7:15pm)*

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 3, USPS for \$25.00
\$35.00 after 13 OCTOBER**

Send to Stf/C Angelo Giovanniello, SN,
11 Norton Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704 (H) 631-661-5318

NAME _____

PHONE _____

SQUADRON _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____



District 3

United States Power Squadrons®

Fall Conference

November 18th 2023

Opening Ceremony 9 AM - Full Day of Event
Marriott—Melville



Town Hall Meeting

Guest Speaker—*to be announced*

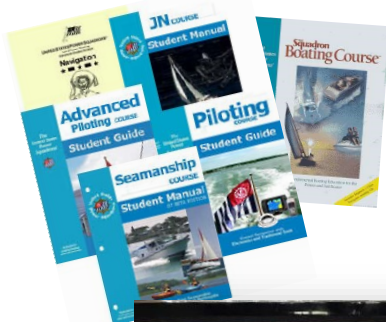


Break-Out Sessions

1. How to use Power Point /Present an On-Line Course
2. Bringing America's Boating Channel to D 3

Teaching Aid Competition / Show & Tell

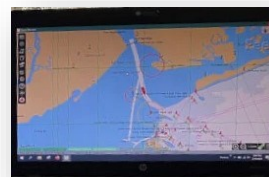
Each Squadron is welcome to bring their NEW teaching aids to share. Contact Ron Ferina for Details.



A Buffet Luncheon is planned
\$25.00 per person
Early Reservation Suggested
Contact Angelo for Details



Updated version
District 3 Simulator



Join the fellowship of District 3 and be part of the Fun!

Don't Delay – make your reservations as soon as possible.
For more information—watch for updated flyers and announcements.

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 October- November - December 2023



Executive Meeting:
1st Tuesday of each Month from January to December (Virtual ONLY)
General Membership Meetings:
2nd Tuesday of each Month (can be Virtual or In-Person Meetings)
Always check Call to Meeting flyers and the website
(boatoysterbay.org)

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron