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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 of Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron,

I am excited to be your commander for another year! Reflecting on the past two watch cycles, I am elated that many improvements have been made. We received the National Member Involvement and Retention Award, the bridge and executive committees are being populated with a few new members, and attendance at many of our squadron activities is increasing.

Compliance Advocacy: As the deadline approaches to comply with Brianna's Law, I urge you to adopt a "**Each one, Reach one**" mindset. Recently, I struck up conversations with two long-time boaters who were unaware of the new law. I informed them of the importance of getting compliant as soon as a new law goes into effect; I trust that boarding by the Coast Guard to ascertain compliance will become a regular occurrence on the water. Therefore, use social media, word of mouth, email, and text all people you know who are interested in boating and urge them to take our ABC class. In addition, I found that the NY Safety certificate is valid for other states and Canada as it is nationally accredited. It is a good selling point for encouraging people to get their safety certificate.

Cruising together: I would encourage those in our squadron who have boats to consider a raft-up, regional cruise, or a formation sailing drill this boating season. We would need a cruise planner and captains to materialize this event. If this interests you, please get in touch with Kevin Monaco, our incoming Administrative Officer, so we can start planning for these activities.

Collaboration: It is important that we recognize that we collaborate with other groups that share our common interests, agendas, and goals. The Coast Guard Auxiliary, Friends of the Bay, The Stirling Harbor Foundation, and Waterfront Center are just a few organizations that we could connect with and find out if there are any activities or missions where synergy can be established between our organizations.

Comradery: I have recently been installed as the District 3 Administrative Officer; while some of my time will be diverted to visiting other squadrons, it will allow me to share with you what other squadrons are doing to advance their mission and engage members in their respective areas. If you would like to attend some of these other squadron events, which are open to all members of District 3, please check the district calendar on our webpage. Be mindful that some of these events may require RSVP and a fee. With great inter-squadron exchanges, we can collectively grow our mission together.

I look forward to serving you all for 2024~2025 and hope you will RSVP to come to *Oyster Bay's Change of Watch* to be held at Fort Hill Estate in Lloyd Harbor, NY. Hope to see you there.

Bravo Zulu,
Kevin P. Kuo, JN
Commander, Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron



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Secretary/Treasurer	Ann Peltier, SN	631 447-1051

Assistant Position Your name would be perfect here!

As we enter the 2nd Qtr. of 2024, the Nominating Committee would like to thank all those who have agreed to be Active Members in our squadron. There are still several positions available where you can share your talents with others and help to foster Safe Boating in our community. Volunteer for 2-3 hours a month as we strive to share our skills and knowledge with all boaters. Event Team & Member Committees need YOU!

Call Ron Ferina for more details.

Active Members are Happy Members. Check out our Photo Gallery for smiles.

Rules Committee Donna Dunbar Stf/C Douglas Durfee, SN **	Audit Committee P/Lt/C Jennifer Nackman, JN ** P/Lt/C Ralph Parisi, P	Nominating Committee P/C Ronald Ferina, JN** P/C Ronald Nackman, JN P/C Thomas Peltier, SN
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Executive Committee	Barbara Dornau Stf/C Douglas Durfee, SN Stf/C Ronald Ferina, JN P/Lt/C Glenn Hoyvik, JN	P/Lt/C Jennifer Nackman, JN P/C Ronald Nackman, JN Charles Neuman, P 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 "8 months Left"



District Commander (elect)
John Pergola, AP
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Pergola's Patriots

Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



What's New in Education

With spring already here, many boaters are looking toward another season of fun-filled days on the water. We can show others that we are **safety boater advocates** by how we boat and by talking about the classes we've taken. Think about sharing some boating theories and skills you learned during your USPS classes. Talk to your mooring/dock mates about some of the informative seminars, courses, and many videos available on the America's Boating Channel.

And, of course, when OB members get together, one of the topics to surely come about is "boating." Learning from each other, our past experiences and the knowledge we gained in the classroom gives us an edge to "BOATER FUN."

There is still time to take a course/seminar before Summer. Give me a call and let me know what you would like to learn more about. As Henry Ford said, "Anyone who keeps learning stays young."

Thomas

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.

America's Boating Course — Sign up now!

March 6 - **America's Boating Course—5 week Course 4 Virtual / 1 In-person**
Mid-Summer Classes - Zoom to start
Yacht Club Sessions scheduled for April / May contact Tom for details.

April - **Boat Handling, Spring Seminars - To Be Determined** dates to follow

May - **Piloting and Advanced Piloting—register with Thomas**

***Share what you know with boaters who need to know. NYS law requires ABC is taught by a Certified USPS Instructor - take the ID course and be part of the team.

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

Executive Officer—Larry Weiss, AP

- **Vessel Safety Check -**

- ⇒ Still time to become a Vessel Safety Examiner.
Contact Larry Weiss for more details.

- **Coop Charting Cruise -**

- ⇒ Spring Geodetic and Marina Verification Program
- ⇒ Take a walk by the marina, look for a Geodetic mark in your neighborhood. Thomas has all the details ready for the asking.

- **Beach / Harbor Clean-up -**

- ⇒ Let's get together and head to the beach / harbor and cleanup the area so we can enjoy the summer.

The Club has many events, activities both in person and virtual throughout the year. Watch for emails and text messages and join in on the fun.

Admin Report

AO Elect — Kevin Monaco

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

Virtual—Executive Meetings will begin @ 7pm

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

Support our new 2024 AO elect Kevin with your suggestions, ideas and participation.
Have a little spare time, join the team, it's a great way meet fellow members .

2024	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 our meetings. This is your Club and we want to provide you with events that will bring a smile to your face.
April	2nd	7th	7th Change of Watch—Fort Hill, Lloyd Harbor, NY 14th D3 Memorial Service (flyer pg 15)
May	7th	14th	14th General Meeting – In Person Syosset—Haypath Community Centre
June	4th	NO	9th Blessing of the Fleet— Details to Follow Commander Cocktail Party—place BTA
July	9th	NO	22nd **Raft-Up / Cruise Planning - Details to follow Cruise to Connecticut / Dinner 27th District 3 Westhampton—Rendezvous (26-28)

Did you know Page



Congratulations

We have 2 new members since our last publication.

Peter Franzone is from Bayville. Peter was in the Spring ABC course and stated on his application that he's a 'very handy' guy. Nice to hear, Peter. We're glad Peter's friend Chris (a Power Squadron member) recommend him to join our Club.

Kevin Hardiman mailed in his application after viewing some D3 Facebook pages. Living in East Norwich, Kevin is a power boater **who enjoys lots of sports.**

Nautical Phase

Feeling blue is originally a sailing term. If a ship lost its captain during a voyage, the sailors would sail blue flags, indicating their loss.

So if you're **feeling blue**, you're actually referring to the **blue flags** that used to sign the ship's crew was in mourning.

How long does it take for Varnish to dry?

Thin coats typically dry tack-free within **24 hours**. The thicker the coating, the more solvent is trapped and the longer it stays tacky. (Varnish applied too thickly may retain a slightly tacky feel even after it has completely dried to the surface touch.)

The best temperature for varnish application is **between 70° to 85° Fahrenheit**, without too much humidity. If it's under 65°, your varnish could take days to dry. If it's over 85°, you risk the that the solvents in the varnish will evaporate too quickly, which makes it set up too fast, causing brush marks and bubbles. Its all in the timing!

New Opportunities Available for Members

Instructor Development Course

Are you interested in sharing your boating knowledge, make new friends and become an active member of the Club. The 6-7 week course will start this Spring just in time for you to be able 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 Sail & Power Squadron Meeting



What a wonder time we had at The Orient Garden thanks to our friends Ada and Peter for making all the arrangements. We had Chinese Lions dancing all around us. What fun!



March 18th was Oyster Bay's Annual Meeting which included our guest speaker Christine Suter from Friends of the Bay.

Christine shared with us FOB's mission and how they are helping to keep our Oyster Bay shoreline and waterways health for us and the next generation of boaters, swimmers and visitors.

Thank you Christine for an outstanding presentation. In addition, FOB, like many volunteer organizations, are on the look out for those who would like to join them. Contact Christine for more information.



D3 newly installed Executive Officer Bob Natoli joined us and talked about Rendezvous Easthampton, see page 15 for marina reservation flyer.



GOOD AND WELFARE

Good news concerning Gil Allen, our dear friend from Bayside PS. He is working hard at physical therapy both at the facility and at home and doing great.

Jeff Woo gave us a little scare. But he is right as rain. Take a look at the great smile of his on page 6. One happy man.

Keep Barbara Dornau's Dad in your thoughts and prayers. He's getting stronger every day. Barbara has certainly been a good nurse with her favorite patient.



Congratulations to all our graduates. Graduation (no matter at what level) is a major milestone, and it certainly calls for a 'well done', we know you are ready for the next adventure!. *Sharing: Someone wrote this in my year book:*

way back when: **Hard work: ✓ Diploma: ✓**
Get a job, make some money: Now, that's a check you can spend!

Speaking of Grads.....Ron and Pat Ferina are excited to announce that their eldest daughter, Kim, will be presenting her doctoral thesis in April. Congratulations to a our new Ph.D., Dr. Kim. We are so proud of your hard work and accomplishments.



Reach out to someone. Take the Time to Share the Moment.



April

- Norman Sorenson
- Alice Sorenson
- Jacqueline Bass
- Clifford Chabina
- Kevin Hardiman*
- Theresa Moschetta
- Joseph Musso
- Charles Neuman
- Ralph Parisi



- Shirley Durfee
- Patricia Ferina
- Ronald Nackman
- Jim Friscia
- Robert Tatem, Jr



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



HAPPY

BIRTHDAY!

Safety Article “Plan a Shakedown Cruise”

by P/C Ann

The weather is slowly getting nicer and nice and we're thinking more and more about the upcoming boating season. With a little planning you can get a jump on some really important things that need to be completed before you take the boat out for her seasonal 'shakedown cruise'...and perhaps save a little money, as well.

Since 'daylight saving time' has granted us more daylight hours (for example: sunset for mid-April is around 7:30pm and by May 15th sunset will be around 8:00pm) that should give you time to do some pampering and prepping. One key phase may be “Make your appointments, Now!”

Engine and prop: Getting your boat's motor worked on in June is like waiting to buy Taylor Swift tickets for her August Concert. Make your appointment with your local mechanic 'Now'; especially if you have a specific project in mind.



Canvas and sails: Canvas and sails are notoriously cyclical businesses so don't feel guilty about asking for a discount. He knows you'll be back. Having a working relationship with your Canvas Guy may pay off in the end. From new Bimini tops, repairs on deck canvas and sails no one wants to get stitched-up because their Canvas / Sails aren't ready.

Wiring: Every boater should check for corroded wires and prepare to fix them before launch. There are some great articles and YouTube videos out there that could help with some do-it-yourself project. Too much work? Call a local marine electrician for advice and an appointment.

Paint and varnish: Generally, you need warm weather for these projects, but consider taking smaller objects like hatch boards, tiller handles or wood trim projects, home where you can work on them in a well-ventilated garage or carport.

Line splicing: Maybe you've always wanted an extra-long spring line or dock lines that will actually fit your boat's cleats. Gather your line, sing a sea chantey tune and start splicing because you won't want to do that project in the summer.

Chart and electronics updates: Does your chart plotter have an old chip, or are you using 10-year-old paper charts? Your helm electronics software may have available downloadable updates that may make them perform better and keep you safer. With NOAA out of the paper chart business, take a few minutes each night to download your favorite charts, put them in protective sleeves and collate your personal chart book.

Tacklebox overhaul: You won't want to clean that smelly tacklebox once the weather is warm enough for fishing. Perhaps, during those **April Showers** days, you can grab that old box and give it a good once over. You'll be tacklebox ready when the fish are ready to be tackled.



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DISTRICT 3 & USPS NEWS

Always check dates & times on the website

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

**14 April, 2024
1600 Hours**



Flyer Pg 15

**District 3 - USPS
Safe Boating Week
19 - 25 May 2024**

District 3 — 29 June 2024 **NO Flyers at this time**
**District 3 - North Shore Picnic and
Geodetic Hunt**

All are invited — Enjoy a day of Sunshine & Friends

District 3 — 26-28 July 2024
**Summer District Gathering
Easthampton Rendezvous**
Full day of Events Planned

Activity Flyers not available this time.

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Governing Board 2024



Pittsburgh, PA
Sep 22-Sep 30

2024 General Meeting and Events ([flyers on website](#))

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

2024 will continue to hold standard General meetings on TUESDAYS as well as special Dinner event throughout the year. Watch for DATE / DAYS Changes

Ex Mtg		Gen Mtg	Event
Jan	9th	23rd	Virtual–Window into Taiwan– Live Streaming
			??? 1st Chapter–Engine Maintenance
Feb	6th	NO	16th Chinese New Year– Dinner–Orient Garden, N Hyde Pk
Mar	5th	12th	Annual OB Meeting – Syosset-Woodbury Center Guest Speaker Christine – Friends of the Bay
Apr	2nd	7th	7th Change of Watch – Fort Hill, Lloyd Harbor, NY 14th D3 Memorial Service
May	7th	14th	Gen Meeting – In-Person
June	4th	tba	9th Blessing of the Fleet – Details to follow Commander Cocktail Party–Cooper’s Bluff
Jul	9th	NO	22nd **Watch for Raft-up Information** Cruise to Connecticut for Dinner 27th District 3 West Hampton - Rendezvous (26– 28)
Aug	6th	NO	Day Trip to the Planetarium - No date 11th Coop Charting Geodetic Hunt and Dinner
Sept	10th	17th	Photo Contest & Boater’s Bingo
Oct	8th	NO	tba Octoberfest– Dinner
Nov	5th	12th	Honor our Veterans Presentation and Holiday Dessert
Dec	3rd	NO	1st Holiday Party– The Homestead Restaurant

Member Benefits

Keep your boat safe by using a SmartPlug for your shore power needs.

The SmartPlug is a revolutionary shore power system created to replace the outdated and problematic twist-type design. SmartPlug products provide superior protection against loose connections and corrosion - the leading cause of fires. SmartPlug’s unique and patented shore



power products are the first and only products to be tested and certified to meet or exceed current U.S. and Canadian code requirements since the industry standard twist-type products were introduced over 75 years ago. USPS discount!



2024

**Oyster Bay
Calendar**

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

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

**Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron
Change of Watch**

Date : April 7th 2024
Location : Fort Hill, 31 Fort Hill Dr, Lloyd Harbor
Time : 2 to 5pm (Deli Style Lunch served at 2:30PM)
RSVP : Limited to 70 guest s
Join us for a beautiful day together as we cheer
on our 2024 Bridge and Committees.
Attire : Uniform A, Blazer or appropriate Attire (w/ Name Tag)

We will again be supporting "Spring into Action" Drive. Please
donate Toiletries, Clothing, Magazines, Books for our Long Island.

May 14th 2024

General Meeting

**Planning Session:
Coop Charting Cruise
Summer Cruise /Dinner**

Place: Haypath Comm Center
Time: 8:00PM

As Always - coffee / dessert

**Causal Club Attire
and Name Tag**

June 2024

NO General Meeting

OB Get Together at a
local pub to share stories
& plans for summer
boating activities.

Location: ??

Time: 8:00PM
1st drink on the Commander
**Causal Club Attire
and Name Tag**



New District 3 Officer

At the Change of Watch for District 3 our own Cdr Kevin Kuo, JN was installed as the D3 Administrative Officer. Dedicated to educate, not only to Oyster Bay boaters, but all boaters on Long Island, Kevin took his seat on the Bridge dais with a big smile. Congratulations Kevin, we are here to support your efforts.



Safety Article "Plan a Shakedown Cruise"

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A **Shakedown Cruise** is a unique nautical term used by boaters when they take their boats out for a pre-season spin checking for problems. Always consider performing a shakedown cruise even if the boat was tip-top operating condition last year. Once in the water, don't gun it. The boat has been resting on the hard for months. Start slowly and let her build up to her full potential. Hold each new RPM setting for a minute or two before adding more speed. As you progress, check to ensure trim tabs are responding properly, gages are working and checking for any potential problems.

Don't Forget:

- Checking to ensure your registration and boat insurance policy are current and valid.
- Get a **FREE Vessel Safety Check** from one our VS Examiners. Call Dennis and he will be able to set up an appointment, Having the required equipment on board including approved life jackets, unexpired fire extinguishers, and various other equipment can save lives.

And for real plus to enhancing your boating skills, think about taking a class, seminar or gather with other boaters at one of the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron events, where education can make your boating more fun!

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 2024-2025 year
Bridge and Executive Committee.

The membership election shall be held on

Monday, March 18th, 2024



Bridge

Commander	Kevin Kuo, JN
Executive Officer	Larry Weiss, AP
Education Officer	Thomas Peltier, SN
Administrative Officer	Kevin Monaco
Combined:	
Treasurer / Secretary	Ann Peltier, SN

Ass't Ed Officer:
Ass't Administrative Officer:
Ass't Treasurer:
Ass't Secretary:

Elected & Reporting to the Membership

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

Elected & Reporting to the Membership

Executive Committee

Barbara Dornau	P/Lt/C Jennifer Nackman, JN
Stf/C Douglas Durfee, SN	P/C Ronald Nackman, JN
P/C Ronald Ferina, JN	Charles Neuman, P
Glenn Hoyik, JN	Dennis Puccio, S

America's Boating Club®

United States Power Squadrons®

District 3
Annual Memorial Service



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

14 April, 2024

1600 Hours

All Squadron Members and Guests Welcomed

**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

**A local business that supports
Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron**

Precision Auto Works

16 Jerusalem Ave, Hicksville, NY 11801, (516) 931-7810

Offers Oyster Bay members a free oil change with tune ups. Cheers, Cdr. Kevin



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For Boaters, By Boaters™



Rendezvous Westhampton

*Westhampton Beach
Village Marina*

July 26 - 28 2024



MARINA Reservation

Notify D/C John Pergola, AP by returning this form to:
71 Highland Ave Patchogue, NY 11772

Name/Rank _____ Squadron _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Name of Boat _____

Length _____ Beam _____

Westhampton Beach Village Marina

SLIP RESERVATIONS are limited and are a first come-first served basis.

You will be notified if a slip is assigned and when you can register on Dockwa.

- Please check here if you are requesting a slip.
- Please check here if you are planning to raft up.
- Please check here if you are willing to raft up if a slip is not available.

**Rates – Monday to Thursday - \$3.00 per foot
Friday, Saturday & Sunday - \$4.00 per foot
Raft up - FREE**

**Electric – One 30 amp plug - \$12.00 per day
Two 30 amp plugs - \$24.00 per day
One 50 amp plug - \$24.00 per day**

PHONE 631-377-9013 www.westhamptonbeach.org MONITORS VHF CHANNEL 68

Coordinate 40 degrees 48'22" North, 72 degrees 38'22" West

Staying at Other Marina: _____

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 2024



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)
Special Dinner / Event meetings are planned for this year.
Always check Call to Meeting flyers and the website (boatoysterbay.org)
For more detail information: Dates—Times—Place of meeting

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron