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America's Boating Club Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

By Boaters...For Boaters™

Gull Chatter

Commander's Report

by Ron Ferina, JN



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"A View from the Bridge"

As the boating season draws to a close, I like to take a moment to gather my thoughts, memories, and photos of the past six months enabling me to re-live those beautiful days during the "off" season. Although I miss my actual boating activities, this collection of memories provides me with that special feeling of "instant vacation" from the day-to-day business of my busy lives and helps me get ready for my next boating season.



However, there is another antidote for those 'winter blues.' It involves our squadron, which keeps me "in the season"... or at least close to it...all year long. Our educational programs start in late September and continue through the winter into early spring. What better time to take a class and advance your knowledge and keep you in the season.

During these non-boating months, it is also a great time to think about planning those repairs, maintenance chores, or upgrades your boat may need before pre-launch next year. Your fellow squadron members are an excellent resource for such topics and are more than willing to share and help with ideas and information.

We all like to share our experiences at our meetings. There is always something to share, to learn from, spur ideas or lend insight for the next season. Join our meeting, this is our club, and we are only as good and strong as our members. The Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron: the antidote for the "off-season" blues.



Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



What's New in Education

Fall is here and that means the Oyster Bay Teaching teams are ready to start with 2 sessions of the ABC Basic Course in conjunction with our 2 local HS Adult Ed Programs: Syosset and Roslyn. Syosset has decided that all classes will be via their Zoom-Classroom connection. Roslyn, also, has noted that all Adult Education classes will be held Virtually. Book distribution will be arranged individually. We plan to maintain a safe environment for our students and our instructors.

Last year, we had great success with our 'At Home Program' and many of our students enjoyed the carefree style of learning from home or the office. Furthermore, we will continue to teach all aspects of the ABC curriculum including Knots and Plotting using alternate educational opportunities: handouts, videos and detailed live demonstrations. Although there are many challenges...we will continue to develop new teaching strategies.

As you know, NY State requires all power boaters to obtain a Safe Boating Certificate by 2025. That is only four years away. As stated in the 2019 NYS Recreational Boating Report, there are 440,381 registered power boaters and a countless number of paddle craft boaters in the state. Unfortunately, most still have not taken a Safe Boating course. As a member, you have an opportunity to join us for one of our educational offerings and pass the word to friends and family—that our Teaching Teams are ready.

I hope you had a wonderful Summer and you will join us for one of our Fall/Winter courses or one of our popular seminars.

Thomas

2021 Fall / Winter Schedule— Sign up NOW Classes are planned both In-Person and Virtual

Piloting — 10 week Course will begin September 22nd

America's Boating Course 5 wks with Complete Review

Syosset - begins October 6th plus 2 free weeks 'Plotting'

Roslyn - begins October 19th

We continue to look towards a Blended Learning Criteria for our future classes.

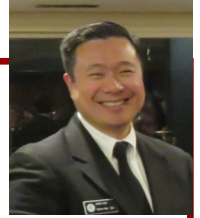
Additional Courses Scheduled:

Piloting (Oct) / Adv Piloting (Feb) / Jr Navigation (9/21) / Navigation (9/23)

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

Executive Officer

by Kevin Kuo, AP



Dear Oyster Bay Squadron Members,

It's that time of year again where the season ends, but you do not have to stop your interest in boating. As the season whines down, you can occupy your fall and winter months by shopping for clearance items. Life jackets are currently on sale, and it's a great time to replace any worn or non-compliant PFDs. If you are looking for expensive electronics, don't forget about **Black Friday** sales. In addition, there are great local deals on boats. Craigslist is a wonderful place to snag a decent end-of-the-season deal. Make sure to do your due diligence and inspect the boats with a marine examiner.

You can also maintain regency with skills required for boating by keeping up with your knot-tying skills. Or you could review past course material you may have taken through the USPS educational programs. Also, consider continuing education by taking new USPS classes that can really increase your ability to navigate on the water and make the most of your boating experience.

In the fall and winter months, it is a wonderful time to explore ways to manage the cost of boating. Unless you are an OPB (other people boats) boater, learning ways to do your own maintenance work will help you save some dollars while using the saved time to gain additional revenue streams, temporary or long-term. The combination of both will help significantly in reducing the possibility of the need to replace worn parts i.e., propulsion or vital equipment onboard your vessel while providing you the budget to do so.

Lastly, now could be the time to connect with other boaters and boating-related organizations. You can share your sea stories and tell them how the knowledge you obtained from being in the USPS helped you have the confidence to do long-distance or offshore boating. You might encourage them to look into joining a local squadron or taking some of the classes offered by the USPS/America's Boating Club. I hope you enjoyed the season and wish everyone an enjoyable and safe fall season!

Kevin Kuo,

Admin Report

Fred Douulton, AP



Dear Members, We have many activities planned for this up-and-coming season—October / November / December.

Unfortunately, we were forced to postponed our 50th Anniversary Celebration until Spring 2022. Our plan is to celebrate at the April Change of Watch. More information will be coming your way.

In the past, we have observed Oktoberfest by enjoying dinner at one of the various German Cuisines in our area. This year, again, we have made arrangements with **The Village Lanterne** (Lindenhurst.) Of course with the COVID restrictions we have limits. So please let us know if you will (and when your available) to join us this year. We are planning for dates between Oct 19 to 21 or between Oct 26 to 28.

We need your input.

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.

Member's Article - I was thinking—'What if...?' By Ann

Here's is today's question...*What if* a boater wanted to pass me while I'm cruising on the sound? Lots of things flashed through my mind concerning this simple question. However, since this is such a technological society, I thought "What would Google say?" So I Googled her. To my surprise, there were over 47,800 attempts by individuals to learn about similar "boat safety" related topics like this one. Try it—you'll be surprised to see what are some of the most frequently asked questions concerning safe boating.

For example, **Boat-ed** posted their 10 most commonly asked boating questions:

#1 - dealt with teenage boaters;
 #6 - related to how many life jackets should be on a boat if I have passengers aboard; and
 #10 - was concerned if he/she really needed a boat safety course after boating for over 25 years. In fact, the actual statement was "What...reason would I have to take a boating safety course?" Now that could turned into a '*What if*' question to think about.

Anyway, two questions that were part of **Discover Boating's** 'Top 5' were: #1 "Do you need a license to drive a boat?" and #3 "What are the Rules of the Road all about?"

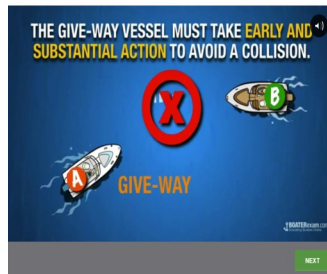
Furthermore, I was bombarded by thousands of safety diagrams, photos, and videos some as far away as Oregon. In fact, **USPS / America's Boating Club's** "Test Your Knowledge" quiz popped up. This was originally posted back in 2001 — <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nsbt/test.cgi>). Of course, you know, I had to take the quiz. I just couldn't help myself. Whoosh! So glad it got them right.

Anyway, back to my '*What if..*' question. Many boaters have told me that they are reluctant to boat on the weekends because of the many **new** boaters out there today who just

don't know the Rule of the Road nor have taken any safety classes; not in-person-not online.

So how can we turn my '*What if..*' scenario into a positive thought? As conscientious boaters, we should encourage all boaters we meet to take a boat class. Whether we're at the dock, at the marine store, or just generally talking with friends about our great boating activities, you could throw in the questions..."When was the last time you took a boating course?" Or, perhaps remind them that "USPS/America's Boating Club has many revised courses and NEW seminars" that suit all types of boaters.

Consequently, throughout our day (both on the water or on dry land) we have many opportunities to 'sell' safe boating. And let's not exclude **by example**. Think about sharing your boating experiences with others and contact your marina or yacht club manager about having one of our 'certified instructors' host a course or seminar at their location.



Knowing 'what to do,' 'how to do it' and 'when to do it' is so important for all boaters. What if the fairways or channel is narrow or crowded. What if you encounter a massive wake that could easily throw a passenger and crew member off balance.

What about distractions (music, loud talking, and yelling) while driving can equally be dangerous for the captain and crew. Knowing when it Stand-on and when to Give-way is paramount to ensure a safe voyage. And **What if** a boat wants to pass me. There are lots of questions and our safe boating courses may have the answers to some important questions and help with the *What if* questions that plague today's boater.

July / August / September



This Rendezvous we also celebrated Cdr Ron's Birthday.

Happy Birthday

The day started and ended just perfectly! We were able to enjoy a wonderful Summer Day at Greenport as our District joined together for the 2021 Rendezvous.

After the Flag raising, squadrons gather to enjoy a special day together. We had music and song from our favorite band—Joe and Madonna. Some of us danced the night away. Oyster Bay and Port Washington, again, supplied delicious watermelon and a special treat, for the over 21, watermelon martinis.



On 'Demo Day' Oyster Bay members (Ann & Tom) joined with Bayside PS at Capri West in Manhasset Bay to display the many different types of safe boating equipment boaters should have on board. Sharon, Carol and Ann took a minute to pose with some life jackets. It was a great day. We are planning another 'Demo Day' for Hempstead Harbor watch for flyers and announcement



September boat ride to Port Jefferson, thank you Cdr Gil Allen, it was a sweet ride for many reason.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Our District Commander **George Hoffman**, P/D/C **Richard Frenz** and Jones Beach Commander **Bob Natoli**, have all tested positive for COVID after attending the USPS Governing Board in Raleigh, NC. Although, our D/C is still in the hospital and in isolation, he sound perky. Rich and Bob are definitely on the road to recovery. D/C George reminds us ‘to wear your mask 'and make healthy choices. Please kept them, and all those who are battling this new variant, in your thoughts and prayers.



Covid may have stopped some but our Club enjoyed some spectacular and safe events:

- 10 members participate in **Cooperative Charting Cruises** and
- 5 members went on the **Geodetic Treasure Hunt**—which was a blast.
- 20 plus **VC Exams** were done during some of the hottest days of the summer.

Remember to keep in contact through social media - including Facebook and our website. However, if you need information or want to talk...the Bridge and Executive Committee is always available.

Keep a steady eye peeled for changes in dates, and locations for events, activities and meetings. With Covid restrictions changing daily, we will take special care to keep you informed with emails and updates to our website (www.boatosterbay.org) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/oysterbay.powersquadron).



***Have a wonderful
Thanksgiving!***



**Diane Beecher
Thomas Cassano.
Nancy Fein
Nicolle Navaretta
Richard Robson
Larry Weiss**



**Ada Ackerman
Diane Akseizer
Laura Cassano
John Navaretta
Michael Skupp
Norman St. George**



**Lewis Bass
Edward Fasano
Luke Kuba
Marco A Rojas
Henry Tiska
Rosemarie Zavatsky**

Safety Article

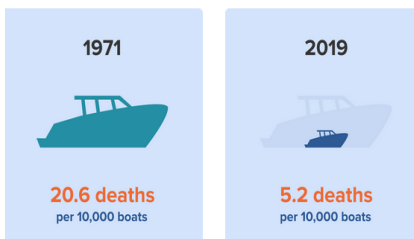
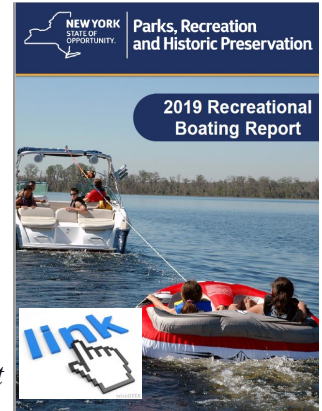
NYS 2019 Recreational Boating Report

by P/C Ann

After reading Thomas' Educational report, I was curious to learn more about the NYS publication he noted. If you are familiar with the report, you know that it is filled with charts, graphs, and tables. If not, here's the link. Hope you found it as interesting as I did.

According to the report, recreational boating is big business (as we know) amassing \$8 billion a year from NYS residents and her visitors. Statistics show that in 2019 the 'registered recreational boaters' number was 435,213; reporting only 5 reported fatalities the lowest in NY since 2006 and *that's still too many!*

Conversely, New York boaters saw a remarkable increase from 108 to 135 reported boating injuries in 2019. The report also stated: "2019 marks a significant year in the prevention of Recreational boating accidents and fatalities with the signing of Brianna's Law" which requires power boaters to obtain a safe boating certificate.



NY noted other key factors that may have contributed to this decrease in deaths while still recording a significant increase in boating accidents. In 1971, the federal government created a detailed standard for boat manufacturers with the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971. Based on statistics comparing 1971 to 2019 there is a significant reduction in deaths per every 10,000 boats.

Furthermore, improvements in technology, such as cell phones allowed for faster response times and increased communication among boaters. Previous reports noted that from 2005 to 2019 92% of all water victims were **not** wearing PFDs. Since industry-wide manufacturers have developed and improved PFDs that are far more comfortable to wear causing many boaters now darn their PFDs more often. Furthermore, today's life jackets have been developed to maximize safety for specific activities on the water i.e., riding a PWC, skiing, wakeboarding, canoeing and kayaking. With these new and improved PFD and the fact that more boaters are wearing PFDs, it is impossible to tell just how many people have been saved over the years.

Let's further examine some cultural changes in the boating world. For instance:

- 1) the effects of local government to strengthened BWI laws;
- 2) the idea that drinking alcohol while on the water is NOT cool
- 3) expansion of mandatory safe boater education requirements first for youths now for everyone (as stated in the Brianna Law)
- 4) the convenience of online education classes and seminars that help to educate the boater
- 5) availability of new and improved technical equipment (GPS, Radar, etc)

In 2020, boating became a new way to maintain social distance and consumer demand for new boats surged across the country. The [National Marine Manufacturers Association](#) (NMMA), representing North American recreational boat, engine, and marine accessory manufacturers, reports that retail unit sales of new powerboats in the U.S. increased last year by an estimated 12 percent compared to 2019. More than 310,000 new powerboats were sold in 2020, levels the recreational boating industry has not seen since before the Great Recession in 2008. However, we have not seen an educational increase that compares to this increase in boaters.

Maybe by 2025, we will see even fewer deaths and fewer accidents. We should strongly think about how we can bring comprehensive classes and boater education to these new outdoor recreational enthusiasts who have turned towards boating. We need to think about Safety and we need to think about Education.

Note: ¹www.safeboatingcouncil.org/federal-boat-safety-act/

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 Coronavirus—District Activities may be cancelled or re-scheduled depending on COVID restrictions and/or government regulations.
Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails.

District 3 Meetings

**If your part of Oyster Bay, you're part of District 3
Showing our support keeps our Club Strong**

Up and coming Meetings

All events are planned for In-Person at this time.

Location: Marriott-Melville

October 1st - Fall Council Meeting—presentation of
D3 Bridge Reports - Budget, Planning, and
Governing Board Report, plus more.

November 6th - D3 Fall Educational Conference

Click date to
learn more

DEO Bob Bernstein has planned an exciting day filled with
new educational and informative presentations.
Teaching Aid competition. Lunch option with friends.

District 3 - Sister Squadrons are planning fall/winter events.
Watch Facebook, D3 Website and D3 Emails for more detailed
information. That's the best part of being a member of D3/ USPS...
friendships that extends from shore to shore.

**America's Boating Club®
Annual Meeting 2022**

**Ponte Vedra, FL
Feb 19-Feb 27 2022**



Oyster Bay - Calendar

2021–2022 General Meeting and Events

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, Oyster Bay’s Activities and Meetings may be held by **Virtual Media**. Always check the website or contact the Commander or a Bridge Member to learn more about an event

2021	Exec Mtg	Gen Mtg	Whether Virtual or In-Person we hope you can attend!	
Jun	7th	18th	6th	Blessing of the Fleet OB - General Meeting / Commander’s Cocktail Hour
Jul	5th	NO	16th	OB - Scavenger Hunt
Aug	2rd	NO	8th	OB - Raft-Up and Overnight at Stamford, Riverside
Sept	9th	NO	50th Anniversary Canceled until April 2022	
Oct	4th	18th	18th TBA	OB - Bermuda Race (Game Night) & Photo Contest OB - Oktoberfest Meeting - mid-October
Nov	1st	8th	8th	OB - Veteran’s Day—Speaker Michael Riccardi & Dessert
Dec	7th	NO	12th	OB - Holiday Party Haypath Comm Center
2022				
Jan	3rd	10th	10th 21st	OB - Special Family & Friends Night Meeting D3 - Orientation Meeting
Feb	7th	NO	TBA	OB - Annual Non-Snow Bird Brunch / Meeting
Mar	7th	14th	14th	OB - Annual Meeting—Time to Vote
Apr	4th	11th	11th	OB - Change of Watch Meeting

Member Benefits

Road Scholar

Now is the time to learn more about your dream vacation!

Where do you want to learn?

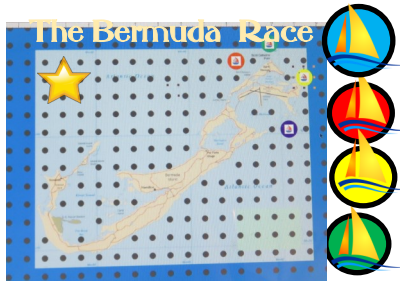
Search by location, interest or program number

For more information Contact: <https://www.roadscholar.org/>

2021 Oyster Bay Calendar

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

Due to the Coronavirus, Club Activities May be Postponed or Rescheduled Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails. When in doubt Call.



October 18th / 7:30pm

We have 4 Bermuda sailboat ready to for the Annual Bermuda Race all they need is crew. Join us at the Syosset Woodbury Community Center for our Annual Bermuda Race.

Great fun, Great Friends

Social Time 7:30PM - Meeting 8:00PM - Race 8:30PM

Plus...Photo Contest — Bring your Summer Photo and share your summer stories about boating, family, and friends.

Contest winners will be exhibited at the Plainview Library in March

NOVEMBER 8

Syosset Woodbury Community

HONORING OUR VETERANS

GUEST SPEAKER

MICHAEL V. RICCARDI

Bring a dessert that is part of your Thanksgiving traditions for all to enjoy

Making this one at the meeting



December Celebration Holiday Party

Sunday

12/12/2021

at the

Haypath Community Center

Bring a covered dish and share with friends

Call Dot or Ann for more information



Planning for In-Person Meeting for our October / November / December Meetings



District 3 - FALL CONFERENCE
Melville MARRIOTT Hotel & Resort
SATURDAY, 6 November 2021



SCHEDULE TIME OF EVENTS:

- 0800-0830 - Registration for members (Second Floor).
 All members must sign in on individual Squadron attendance sheets
 Squadron Commanders pick up Lunch Tickets for your squadron
- 0830-0910 - Opening Ceremony / Meeting - Assemble in Salons 1, 2, 3 & 4
- 0910-0945 - Chief Commander's Message
- 0945-1150 - Town Hall Meeting presented by Educational Committee Chair people
- 1200-1315 - Lunch in the Atrium (First Floor)
- 1330 - Meeting Reconvenes with District 3 Awards, Reports and Closing Ceremony

HOT LUNCH BUFFET

- Classic Caesar Salad with Parmesan Cheese & Garlic Croutons
- Tomato & Mozzarella Salad
- Penne Marinara, Chicken Piccata, Eggplant Parmesan
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetables
- Rolls & Butter
- Chef's selection of 3 Desserts
- Fresh brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Teas, and Brewed Iced Tea in Table Pitchers

LUNCHEON COST: \$34.00 per person

All luncheon reservations must be received by 30 October
CASH BAR available BEFORE & DURING Lunch (1130-1300)

Cut Out and Return with Your Check to: D/Lt Richard Jost by 30 October 2021

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM (8 PEOPLE TO A TABLE)	
RANK & NAME: _____ _____	SQUADRON MEMBER OF: <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red;">Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron</div>
SQUADRON SITTING WITH: _____ _____	Check Payable to: USPS DISTRICT 3 TO ENSURE SITTING WITH YOUR SQUADRON, CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DISTRICT BEFORE CUT-OFF DATE <u>30 October 2021</u>
CHECK NUMBER: _____ (Please NO CASH)	Send to: D/Lt Richard Jost Address: PO Bo 3 City & Zip: Wading River, NY 11792-0003
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; color: red;"> Please let Cdr Ron or SEO Tom know that you plan on attending the Fall Conference. </div>	_____ _____

**1 OCTOBER 2021
COUNCIL MEETING**

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

- Uniform F, Long Sleeve white shirt with Black Tie and Black Trousers
- A Check covering the full amount of the BUFFET DINNER should be mailed as soon as possible.
- Reservations are to be sent in sufficient time to be received by the Chairman on or before FRIDAY (24 September 2021) PRIOR TO THE MEETING
- All paid reservations received after the Friday before the meeting may be accepted but seating with their respected squadrons cannot be assured.

Discounted price \$34.00, Full price \$44.00 after Friday 24 September.
NO RESERVATION will be accepted at the door.
 No additional seats will be added to the tables.

- The attitude adjustment will consist of a CASH BAR at the hotel bar.
- 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.

Cancellations with refunds accepted by 1000 (10:00 am) on Monday before the scheduled meeting only.
 Attitude Adjustment to commence at 1830 (6:30pm)
 Everyone is expected to be seated for dinner at 1915 (7:15pm)

With your continued cooperation, an adherence to the above, it is believed we can have an enjoyable dinner meeting.

MEMBER TO: DISTRICT 3, USPS
 \$44.00 after 24 Sept
 Send to: [Redacted]
 11 Norton [Redacted] Balston, NY 1704 [Redacted] 951-661-5318

REVISED

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECKS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

OCTOBER 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

NAME _____
 PHONE _____
 SQUADRON _____
 NUMBER OF PEOPLE _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Watch for your invitation email for the 1 October Council Meeting



DISTRICT 3 UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS *Sail and Power Boating*



Good Morning D3,

The District 3 Council Meeting scheduled for 1 October has been changed to be a Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

The meeting link will be sent out via e-mail on the morning of the meeting.

Additionally, the start time for the meeting has been moved up one hour and will now begin 1900hrs (7pm).

District 3

This report is hot off the press from USPS/America's Boating Club®



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
September 29, 2021

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB® LAUNCHES BOAT WITH CONFIDENCE CAMPAIGN

*The Nation's Largest Volunteer Recreational Boating Safety Nonprofit Partners with
Marine Manufacturers to Champion Boating Safety and Boater Education*

Raleigh, N.C. – With Americans taking to the water in record numbers to enjoy the socially distanced fun and relaxation that boating provides, boating accidents, injuries and fatalities increased by approximately 25 percent* from 2019 to 2020, according to the U.S. Coast Guard's 2020 Recreational Boating Statistics.

To help reverse this alarming trend, the Nation's largest and oldest volunteer recreational boating safety nonprofit, United States Power Squadrons®, America's Boating Club® created the *Boat With Confidence Campaign*, a nonprofit-corporate partnership with boat and other marine manufacturers to champion boating safety and boater education. Funds raised through the campaign will allow America's Boating Club to provide recreational boaters with an extensive suite of in-person, online and on-the-water training opportunities that nurture safe boating practices.

Verne Gifford, Chief, U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division, said that America's Boating Club's educational mission has become even more important given the pandemic-fueled increase in boating activity. "With more new and inexperienced boaters on the water, educational partnerships like the one led by America's Boating Club are critical at a time like this."

During its 2021 Governing Board Meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina, on September 4, the organization launched the campaign and welcomed its first *Boat With Confidence Champion*, Grady White Boats.

"As the Nation's largest group of volunteer boating safety instructors and advocates, America's Boating Club is honored to welcome Grady White Boats as our first campaign Champion," said Mary Paige Abbott, Chief Commander, America's Boating Club. "One of the world's most respected boatbuilders, Grady White has a reputation for excellence and integrity, and we are pleased to have them onboard as we work to make our waterways safer for all recreational boaters."

Shelley Tubaugh, Vice President of Marketing for Grady White Boats said stepping up as the first campaign Champion was a no-brainer. "From the very beginning, our owner, Eddie Smith, established safety as a top priority for our team members and for our customers, so partnering with an organization that has been teaching boating safety for over 100 years is a

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natural fit for us," Tubaugh said. "We hope more marine industry companies join this campaign to help keep our waters safe through boater education."

To support this critical boater safety initiative, leading marine publisher Bonnier Corporation will provide an added incentive to marine manufacturers joining the campaign. "Bonnier has generously agreed to provide one free ad** in any of its publications to *Boat With Confidence Champions*," said Tammy Brown, America's Boating Club Marketing Director. "Thanks to the support of Bonnier, Grady White and other campaign Champions, America's Boating Club can continue its work of ensuring that boaters receive the education, skills training and safety resources they need to boat with confidence."

For more information or to join the *Boat With Confidence Campaign*, contact Tammy Brown at brownt@hq.usps.org. To learn more about America's Boating Club and its mission, visit americasboatingclub.org.

*From 2019 to 2020, boating accidents across the U.S. increased 26.3%, non-fatal injuries increased 24.7%, and fatalities increased 25.1%. Source: [2020 U.S. Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics](#).

**Free ads must be new, incremental ads, not already committed ads.

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About America's Boating Club®:

America's Boating Club® is a registered trademark of United States Power Squadrons®, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to boating safety and education. Our members are boaters and boating families who boat together, learn together, and contribute to their communities by promoting safe boating through education. America's Boating Club has over 20,000 members organized into more than 300 squadrons across the country.

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 2021

Executive Meeting:
1st Monday of each Month from January to December (Virtual ONLY)

General Membership Meetings:
2nd Monday of each Month from (Virtual Meetings at this time)
Always check Call to Meeting flyers and the website (boatoysterbay.org)
For more detail information: Dates—Times—Place of meeting



From **November 1st until May 1st** all kayakers, canoeists, and all persons aboard any vessel under 21 feet must wear Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices while enjoying New York's coastal