

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

By Boaters...For Boaters<sup>TM</sup>

### **Gull Chatter**

### Commander's Report

by Kevin Kuo, JN



Dear America's Boating Club Members,

As we all hunker down for the winter, consider doing your boating season planning now. If you have any batteries, or safety equipment that needs to be added or replaced, now is a great time to hunt for them on eBay. There should be some great deals from those who might be selling brand-new items at significant discounts.

Additionally, consider taking the time now to create possible float plans for places that you might be interested in visiting this summer. To jump start your plans below are some interesting restaurants in Connecticut that offer dock and dine experiences.

L'escale Restaurant & Bar, Greenwich / Sunset Grille, Norwalk Crab Shell, Stamford / Sign of the Whale, Stamford The Restaurant at Rowayton Seafood, Rowayton

Additionally, make sure you maintain your physical health during this time. Even short bursts of exercise or mimicking motions that you would generally need to use will keep you fit for when the boating season arrives.

Moreover, if you are a captain interested in cruising with a small flotilla of vessels, don't hesitate to contact any of our bridge members. There are many years of experience organizing these types of trips, and we would love to help you make your plans a success. Whether planning a cruise with a float plan, reviewing your safety equipment and obtaining a vessel safety check, or effectively rafting up with the correct knots for appropriate applications, many of our members can help you resolve these and many other questions. The best time is now to start your preparations.

As always, we are looking for hospitality experts who can help our bridge plan events; if you have access to off-the-beaten-path experiences, please let our bridge staff know, and we would love to see if we can incorporate it for our members.

This year, I want to invite you to our 2024 Change of Watch ceremony. It will be held at The Fort Hill Estate on Sunday, April 7th, at 1 pm. A friend has volunteered this private residence for our event. We are forming a small committee of volunteers willing to assist with event details. Your help will make this event even more special. I hope you will contact me so we can discuss the details.

Finally, in the past, our organization supported our educational efforts through dues and class offerings; however, we have recently engaged in various fundraising activities. We hope the new funds can be deployed towards our mission and improve our members' experience. If you are familiar with fundraising, please consider assisting our squadron. Being part of the Club is more fun when actively involved. Join us at any of our events, whether on the water or on Zoom, sharing our skills as a civic service or joining us for some relaxing time together.

Happy New Year, one and all,

Cheers, Kevin Kuo, Commander

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As we enter the 1st Qtr.. of 2024, the Nominating Committee still has a few positions for those members who are will to volunteer 2-3 hours a month to help our Club Grow as we strive to keep our boating community safe.

Be part of the Bridge, a Committee or become part of a Event Team. Call Ron Ferina for more details.

Being an Active Member is a Happy Member. Check out our Photo Gallery for smiles.

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<sup>\*\*</sup>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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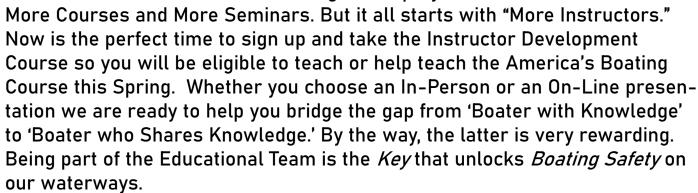


### **Educational Report**

by Thomas J Peltier, SN

### What's New in Education

Can't believe that January is here and we are starting a new year. Our Educational Team is also starting a new projection for 2024:



Watch for up and coming educational offerings for January / February and March. Remind your friends that on January 1st, 2025 all operators of vessels, propelled by mechanical means, are required to have taken an 8 hour safe boating course. And who has the best Course? We do! What better way to spend 8 hours. We're boaters helping boaters.

Contact me for more information. Happy New Year, All!

Thomas

### **2024 Schedule**— Sign up NOW

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

Winter America's Boating Course - Sign up now!

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

**February** - Planning Piloting and Advanced Piloting—register with Thomas

March - America's Boating Course—Blended Classroom 4 and 4 Virtual Syosset / Roslyn—Wednesday Start date— March 6th, 2024

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

\*\*\*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.

### **Executive Officer—Larry Weiss, Ap**

- Vessel Safety Check
  - Now would be a great time to become a Vessel Safety Examiner.

**Contact Larry Weiss for more details.** 

- Coop Charting Cruise -
  - ⇒ Winter 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. Besides who wants to say inside all the time!

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

### **Admin Report**

### **AO Elect — Kevin Monaco**

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

When 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 and ideas.

Join the team; it's a great way meet fellow Club members

and have a FUN.

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.
Jan	9th	<b>23</b> rd	Virtual - TBA	- Window into Taiwan— Live Streaming 1st Chapter of Engine Maintenance—Zoom
Feb	6th	NO	2/16	Chinese New Year— Dinner—Orient Garden
March	5th	12th	Annual	OB Meeting — Syosset-Woodbury Center Guest Speaker Heather Johnson—Friends of the Bay
April	2nd	NO	7th 14th	Change of Watch — Fort Hill, Lloyd Harbor, NY D3 Memorial Service

### **Did you know Page**

## **Congratulations**

Fall ABC class really did well. All passed with flying colors and continued to Chapter 5. "Can't wait for the next class!"

Four of the students are ready for Piloting.

Congratulations to **SEO**, **Michael Boland** from the **Great South Bay Power Squadron**, , for being the 1st recipient of the **Oyster Bay On-the-Water Activities Award**.

This award was initiated in 2021 to celebrate Oyster Bay's 50th Anniversary and to encourage all squadrons to involve their students, members, and the boating public in practicing the many theoretical skills learned in our boating courses and seminars. The award was accepted by Cdr. James Milton, JN of GSB.



Question: What winter month is the worse?

Question: When do we get the least snow fall on Long Island?

**Answers Below** 

## New Opportunities Available for Members

**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 start either January/February 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.

**Answer 1 :** The winner with the most snowfall, attacking Long Island is **January** with an average snowfall of 5.4 inches.

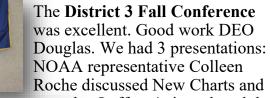
Answer 2: That would be from April 7 to November 22.

**Bonus Info:** The month with the least snow fall is *July* with an average total accumulation of 0.0 inches. Now that's good news!

## Photo Gallery

We had one special meeting in November. After a brief business meeting, we enjoy a presentation about "How to Get Them to Do What I Want!" Part of the presentation was taken from the OPT3. Everyone was involved. The end result: "We Need Goals" if we want members

to support our efforts. We will continue this discussion at our next Exec Mtg—you're invited



the Lafferty's introduced the *America's Boating Channel;* and Ann (from Oyster Bay) presented a workshop on the new ABC slides and how to effectively use Power Point both in the Classroom and On-Line.

Some of our favorite district friends were there, too. Cdr. Diane Sherman, P received the prestigious *Dominick Segrete*Award for her outstanding

contribution to, not only her squadron, but to other squadrons in the District.
She is a District gem!



Holiday Party at the

Homestead brought Oyster Bay and other D3 members together check out more pix on page 7

### GOOD AND WELFARE

Sorry to report that our member Ami Shebiro's mom passed away just before Thanksgiving. The squadron extends our sincere condolences to the family.

Yes, another new bay for Dennis and Denise.

Meet Camden born on December 13th, weighing in at 8 pounds 7 ounces. Mom, Baby and Grandparents are all doing well.





Take a moment and reach out to someone during this holiday time.



### Safety Article "Planning for Spring" by P/C Ann

With winter in full swing, my thoughts (like yours) turn towards Spring days when we will find ourselves on the water when the wind is not quite so blistery. While planning for this year's 'Spring Boating,' consider the many opportunities you can share to help yourself and others become safer boaters.

As you know, Oyster Bay created an *On-the-Water Activity Award* as one aspect to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Still, on a more important note, this award was developed to encourage other squadrons (and their SEOs) to establish practical on-the-water activities for their students, members, and the public. It encourages SEOs to take the theoretical information from their classes/seminars and help individuals practice the applications taught on the water in real-life situations. Of course, winter classes may not be ideal to include on-the-water activities, but let's think **Spring**!

Consequently, now is the perfect time to start planning these activities that will help hone critical boating skills. Or perhaps you would consider volunteering to share your boating knowledge, and you would be helping others have a safer time on the water this Spring and Summer.

USPS/America's Boating Club has several programs that fit with Oyster Bay's *On-the-Water Award* standards:

- **Jump Start**—The unique framework supports squadrons conducting one-on-one training sessions for a member or non-member in their boats. This program is tailored to each boat operator and their boat. The squadron mentor(s) will help the boat operation practice basic docking, how to use safety equipment, discuss pre-cruising checklists, and basic engine pre-departure activities. This program was created to reinforce skills and help boaters become more confident. And it is FREE.
- On-the-WATER Teaching Aid Guides These guides are available for all advanced boating courses, including related boat handling and navigational aspects. They focus on teaching the students how to take the basic knowledge presented in the classroom environment and transfer that desired skill to an on-the-water experience. Each guide is geared towards the course/seminar and meets the American National Standard Institute requirements for recreational power boating and the skills set taught.
- Hands-On-Training: Basic Powerboat—This program was designed for NEW boaters, providing them with essential skill-based techniques needed while operating a power boat. This program was developed under a US Coast Guard grant and also coordinates with the national on-water standard policies. This 8-hour training session includes 3 hours of classroom and 5 hours of on-the-water practical training experience at the helm. Students learn about safety equipment and proper procedures, boat control, maneuvering, and much more.

We all need refreshers from time to time. Even the best Chefs revert back to their tried and true recipes. So even if you are a seasoned boater, a day on the water (with new boaters) could help you, also, review some basic skills. Plus you'll have fun as you get into shape for the wonderful boating season ahead this summer.

## 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 Part 2 - Second Half—Leadership Development "Why Won't They Do What I Want?"

This 1½ 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: Thursday, 11 January 2024 starts 7:30pm Haypath Community Center



District 3 - Orientation Meeting

**Seaford American Legion Hall** 

Friday, 22 February 2024 Flyers Pg 15

District 3 — 1 March 2023

Council Meeting Marriott—Melville

NO Flyers at this time

Come for Dinner or Just the Meeting

District 3 — 15-16 March 2024
Spring Conference / Change of Watch
Marriott—Melville

Full day of Events

NO Flyers at this time

America's Boating Club®

Annual 2024



February 05-11

## Oyster Bay - Calendar

### 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 Heather Johnson— 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!

## Oyster Bay

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.

## January - General Meeting 23rd, 2024-Zoom

A brief business with up-to-date Calendar events

A Window into Taiwan live stream Flyer with Zoom connection will be sent prior to meeting

## February 16th Squadron Dinner

\$35.00 / person (Alcoholic Beverages paid separate)



**RSVP** 

Full Menu, Our own private Room, Full Service Details see page 16 Contact Ann / Kevin

## March 12th, 2024

Annual Oyster Bay Meeting
Location: Syosset-Woodbury Community Center

This is a special Meeting as we vote on: Next year's Bridge, 2024 Budget and Confirm needed Bylaw changes

> Plus: we welcome Heather Johnson from Friends of the Bay as she discusses the past, present and future projects that are so important to our local northshore waterways.

Joins us for a great night - Coffee / Cake and friendship!

Heather Johnson:

**Executive Director** at Friends of the Bay

## Blast from the Past....by P/C Dan Fannon Bayside Power Squadron



Thank you Dan for allowing us to re-publish this great article.

## The boatyard in winter

I encourage you to visit your boat and enjoy the beautiful experience of a boatyard in winter. My boat, *The Melodic*, stays in the water all winter on the Branford River, and I spend many hours onboard to assure it (and myself) that warmer sailing days are ahead.

However, the ice and cold can be particularly dangerous near the water, so here are a few things to remember:

- Watch out for slick conditions. Negotiating an icy ladder to get aboard a boat on the stands can be tricky. If you're not sure it's safe, spend your time examining your boat's bottom and below-water gear instead.
- Be prepared in case of emergency. You'll most likely be the only one in the boatyard in winter. If something goes wrong, yelling for help won't cut it. So make sure you have your cellphone with you, and let someone know where you are and when you expect to return.



- Take cold weather precautions. If you venture out onto the docks, you must wear a life jacket. Falling into the drink is never fun, but in winter, hypothermia can make it fatal. There's a small cove on the East River that, given a peculiar combination of eddies and currents, always traps the winter flotsam from western Long Island Sound and the Harlem, Hudson and East rivers. Every year authorities recover more than a few bodies, boaters who slipped off their docks or fell off boats into the frigid waters.
- Exercise caution when using a heater onboard. Taking an afternoon snooze aboard a floating boat in winter is one of life's great joys, but using a space heater onboard can be dangerous. If you have a radiant heater that works like a toaster with bright orange filament strips, or if your heater stays on when



tipped over, donate these lethal heaters to the nearest dump. Instead, buy a small, inexpensive ceramic or oil-filled radiator to use onboard. Since fire is always a possibility, keep your fire extinguisher at hand. Find out if your marina bans heaters of any kind. Your insurance won't cover any damage if that's the case.

Author: Daniel Fannon This article was originally published in 2021

Bayside Power Squadron "Running Lights" newsletter

### **USPS NEWS BLAST!**

## **America's Boating Channel Wins 2023 Go Global Award for Maritime Services**

### Congratulations...

to Marty and Sari Lafferty and their America's Boating Channel Team for being awarded the **2023 Go Global Award**. This prestigious honor recognizes Boating Safety and Boater Education Videos produced by USPS/America's Boating Club which were funded by a special grant from the U.S. Coast Guard. This government-sponsored event featured companies



from all over the world vying for recognition of their outstanding achievements, innovation, and leadership. Project Manager Marty Lafferty said, "We're grateful to be recognized with the **2023 Go Global Award for Maritime Services**. This honor is a tribute to our team's steadfast commitment to excellence in the development of cutting-edge boating safety and boater education video service offerings. It's an acknowledgment of our success in innovating to meet the evolving needs of recreational boaters everywhere as well as in penetrating international markets."

### **America's Boating Channel**

The America's Boating Channel is a remarkable accomplishment and during the past years it has launched many videos to help boaters become safer and smarter boaters. America's Boating Channel™ is produced for USPS/America's Boating Club by Lafferty Media Partners (LMP) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. These broadcast services feature professionally produced, safe boating and boater education videos as part of your informational television programing. It should be noted that America's Boating Channel had been recognized at 2022 International Boating and Water Safety Summit Communication Award committee for being the top Video Public Service Announcement (PSA) Series, and the 2021 National Boating Industry Safety Award as the Top Marine Media Outlet.

## **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 **Tuesday March 12th**,

2024

**Bridge** 

Commander Kevin Kuo, JN

Executive Officer Larry Weiss, AP

Education Officer Thomas Peltier, SN Ass't Ed Officer:

Administrative Officer Kevin Monaco Ass't Administrative Officer:

Combined: Ass't Treasurer:

Treasurer / Secretary Ann Peltier, SN Ass't Secretary:

**Elected & Reporting to the Membership** 

Audit Committee	**Jennifer Nackman, JN
Audit Committee	Ralph Parisi, P
Dulas Committae	Donna Dunbar
Rules Committee	**Douglas Durfee, SN
	**Ronald Ferina, JN
Nominating Committee	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
Charles Neuman, P
Glenn Hoyik, JN Dennis Puccio, S



# THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024



## **ORIENTATION MEETING**

Seaford American Legion Hall, Seaford, New York

- 1. Uniform F, Long Sleeve White Shirt with Black Tie and Black Trousers.
- A Check covering the full amount of the DINNER should be mailed as soon as possible
- 3. Price \$ 25.00,
- 4. NO RESERVATIONS will be accepted at the door.
- 5. The attitude adjustment will consist of a CASH BAR.

### Photographs will be taken of the Bridge and Advisors

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

### CHECKS PAYABLE TO: USPS DISTRICT 3, for \$25.00

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

22 FEBRUARY 2024 ORIENTATION MEETING	
NAME	
PHONE	
SQUADRON	
NUMBER OF PEOPLE AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$	

## Oyster Bay Sail & Power Squadron Meeting



Cdr Kevin 

kevinkuo97@gmail.com

### RSVP - To Reserve seating

\$35/pp

Chinese New Year is February 10th; come celebrate on Friday, February 16th at one of Long Island's Newest Asian Fusion Restaurant

### Orient Garden

### 101 Herricks Road, New Hyde Park

Modern Asian fusion along with authentic classic Chinese dishes A perfect Balance for your dining pleasure.

#### 4 Course Meal

Chicken Corn Soup,
Spare Ribs, Soup Dumplings, Pan Fried Dumplings,
Clams with Black Bean, Black Pepper Beef Steak, Peking Style Pork Chops,
Garlic Chicken, Walnut Shrimp, Fish Filet Sautéed with Vegetables,
Seafood Pan Fried Noodle, Lobster with Scallion and Ginger.
String Beans, Fried Rice
Tea / Dessert (Alcoholic Beverages Separate Check)
Gratuity included

### RSVP Early for this event!!

This is a RSVP event. Email, Text, Call to put your name on the list.

Chinese New Year 2024 is a Year of the Dragon, more specifically, Wood Dragon, which starting from February 10th, 2024, and lasting until January 28th, 2025.

The last Year of the Wood Dragon was 60 years ago, in 1964.

People born in the Year of the Wood Dragon (1964, 2024 and so on) are considered to be extremely creative and inquisitive beings, who like to explore many different paths in life which results in them being very open and liberal.



# Virtual Meeting January 23rd 2024



## Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron Membership Meeting



Contact Thomas for the sign in information.

Executive Meetings 2/9 starts @ 7:30pm

& General Meetings start @ 8pm

As the new year begins, we say goodbye to 2023 and bring in the new year with wishes for wonderful times ahead.

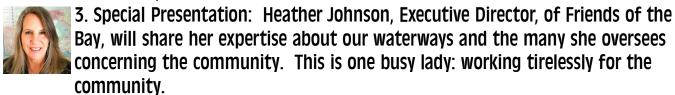
We begin January with a special invitation for you to join us for our first Zoom Meetings for 2024. The Executive Committee welcomes your support and ideas as they finalize events and activities for the 2024 calendar

## Oyster Bay Sail & Power Squadron's

Annual In-Person Meeting
Tues • March 12th, 2024
General Meeting - 8pm
Syosset - Woodbury Center

Plus, this Membership meeting will show your support for the new Bridge and the many events they plan to share with us.

- 1. 8 pm: General Meeting: Committee: Nominating / Budget / Audit Reports
- 2. Break for Coffee / Dessert



All Members are invited. Bring a guest, too, and to share in this outstanding presentation about our local waters. RSVP, so we are prepared with refreshments for all.

### **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 January, February, March 2024



General Membership Meetings:

2nd Tuesday of each Month (cam be Virtual or In-Person Meetings)

Always check Call to Meeting flyers and the website
(boatoysterbay.org)

Executive Meeting: Let Tuesday of each Month from January to December (Virtual ONLY) at Tuesday of each Month from January to December (Virtual ONLY)

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron