



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

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## Gull Chatter

### Commander's Report

by Ron Ferina, JN



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### "A View from the Bridge"

The pandemic has wreaked havoc with our squadron plans all year and it doesn't seem over yet. We need to continue to be vigilant. Our main source of social interaction is the virtual meeting ground of the internet.

The virtual meetings and events we have had, and are planning, gives all our members the opportunity to meet each other without having to leave our homes. While meeting in person is preferred, I feel that these virtual meetings could be better attended with their many advantages:

- You don't have to travel to the gathering.
- The meetings are much more casual and
- we continue to strive to present interesting events to share.

The last meeting we had was great. Our guest speaker wrote a book about the nautical terms and expressions that we commonly use. She conducted a wonderful presentation from *Texas*. Join us for our virtual meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

Our next meeting will feature our Photo contest. Submit your photos electronically to Kevin Kuo, our Administrative Officer as soon as possible. Submit photos that you have taken this year relating to the peace and serenity of the water; from your boat or the beach or your Virtual World.

I do hope you will make an effort to join your fellow members. Our squadron is all about our members. We cannot serve you if we don't know who you are.

### On another note...

#### Stay warm and dry

The short boating season may have you delaying putting your boat up for the winter. We do have some nice weather in October albeit a bit chilly if the sun is not out.

September, October and early November is prime sailboat racing season. Dressing properly is the key to extending your season. Dress in layers, so as the temperature and sun heat up, you can remain comfortable by removing layers. Keep those layers handy because before long, you will be looking to add them back.

Water proof socks can keep you dry and warm. A base layer that wicks perspiration away should be worn under your pants and shirt. Some base layers are fleece lined, which are great for really cold days.

Your pants and shirt should be water repellent and of a quick drying material. A light wind breaker with a high collar and hood is strongly recommended.

A good part of losing heat is from your neck and head. A hat should be worn. I find a balaclava is best for colder days as well.

Have a heavier jacket handy. Be prepared. Water temperatures are usually warmer than the air this time of year, so getting a bit wet is not so bad .... at first.



Quick drying apparel is important. If your clothes don't dry by the time the temp and sun begin to go down, you will get very uncomfortable and risk hypothermia.

Enjoy the last days of the season; make them memorable because they predict a long, cold winter ahead.



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Sea Stars**

## Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



### *What's New in Education*

The Coronavirus certainly did one thing...it established a whole new way for us to present classes to the public and to our members. We have been informed by the our local schools (Syosset and Roslyn) that we will not be presenting our America's Boating Course within their classrooms. However, they have continued to support our educational opportunities by placing full page ads in their Adult Education Bulletin.

In addition, they have most helpful with providing assistance in the technical aspects of preparing a Virtual Classroom venue. Your Educational Department is working to ensure that we have the knowledge to present the Virtual Venue that is best for our members and those that seek to take our USPS courses.

So, where does that leave us? Douglas is teaching Virtually the N course. Ron and Jen (assisted by Kevin) will start the Piloting Course, soon. Ann and Ron Ferina (Syosset and Roslyn respectively) will start the America's Boating Course the first week of October. And if any member is interested, *in any course or seminar*, please let me know so I can establish a Virtual Classroom.

The Coronavirus has certainly changed things, but not Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron's dedication to EDUCATION! Contact me if you'd like to take a course / seminar or be part of this NEW Educational Virtual Team.

*Thomas*

### 2020 Class Schedule — Sign up NOW

**Because of the Corona Virus Pandemic, State and Local Restrictions have required our classes to be limited (to allow for Social Distancing) thereby causing us to invite you to our NEW **Virtual Classroom**.**

**Both Syosset and Roslyn Adult Education Departments are planning to open their day-time schools but will not be reopen evening classroom space. Town facilities have acknowledged they will not be providing any classroom space in the Fall.**

**The schedule is as follows:**

**Syosset Registered Students - Wednesdays — October 7th start date**

**Roslyn Registered Students - Tuesday — October 13th start date**

**At this time, Sagamore Yacht Club and Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club (the yacht clubs which were planning on offering a 3 day course) are unable to establish a workable schedule. This is a very unique time for USPS educational department, we are working to bring education to you. Please contact me for up-dated information.**

**All Classes must Pre-Register  
to ensure that books and materials are available**

## Executive Officer

Due to the Coronavirus epidemic, many Club activities have been suspended.

But, we continue to plan **Cooperative Charting Cruises** and **Vessel Safety Check Weekends** while the weather continues to cooperate.

Keep in contact through social media - including Facebook and our website.  
 However, if you need information or want to talk...give us a call.  
 The Bridge and Executive Committee is always available.

## Admin Report

by Kevin Kuo, AP

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well and you have had a wonderful season! While COVID-19 still continues to have its challenges, much of our daily life is adjusting to it. It's like the old adage, *when the wind shifts adjust your sails*. I am excited to bring you a calendar of events through Spring of 2021. As this boating season comes to an end, we hope that you can stay connected with us through the planned events that have been lined up.



### Whether Virtual or In-Person our events need your support!

<b>Oct 16</b> – Decommissioning Ceremony Photo Contest	Possible location Café Al Dente (previously Spinnakers) of the Home- stead—still working on location. I am still pending photo contest en- tries. Please send photos to <a href="mailto:kevinkuo97@gmail.com">kevinkuo97@gmail.com</a>
<b>Nov 9</b> – Leadership Presentation	Guest Speaker—Naval Academy Graduate Robert Madden See Bio below.... <a href="https://www.sterlingwealthmg.com/Robert-Sterling--Madden,-CLU,-ChFC,-CFP.e351997.htm">https://www.sterlingwealthmg.com/Robert-Sterling--Madden,-CLU,-ChFC,-CFP.e351997.htm</a>
<b>Dec TBD</b> – Holiday Party	Harbor Mist 1 pm <a href="https://www.harbormistrestaurant.com/">https://www.harbormistrestaurant.com/</a>
<b>2021</b> <b>Jan 11</b> - Movie Review Night	This is like a Book Review but even better. <b><i>Turning Tide</i></b> - watch the film before the meeting & we'll have fun filled discussion.
<b>Feb TBD</b> – Lunar New Year / Valentine Date Master Chef	Celebrate with us the Lunar New Year and prepare for Valentine's Day at Master Chef - <a href="https://masterchefcc.com/page-gallery.html">https://masterchefcc.com/page-gallery.html</a>
<b>Mar 8</b> – Boat Ownership Presentation	Annual Meeting and Presentation - "Introduction to boat ownership and boat hacking"
<b>Apr 12</b> – Change of Watch	Place / Time To Be Determined
<b>May TBD</b> – Spring Picnic	Uniform "Whites" Anniversary Photo Yearbook

## Member's Article

The USPS-America's Boating Club's Governing Board was really different this year. Our standard lecture-hall meetings were replaced with Virtual Meeting Formats. Hopefully, you took sometime and logged into one of the Education Department's Virtual Meeting open to the membership. Some of the hot topics were — ***Changing Squadron Culture, Instructor Recertification, Using Open CPN and the America's Boating Channel.***

These, as well as other Department Seminars, were made available using **Free Conference Call**. In fact, you can review what happened at the virtual meeting by logging in to the USPS Member Site and watching the recorded sessions. It's almost like being there. See for yourself what has been happening nationally during the pandemic.

Marty Lafferty, AP; Project Manager for **America's Boating Channel** was the man "behind the scenes" for the Educational Department Seminars. Coordinating all those conference call was quite a task. What a great job! Thanks Marty for all your hard work. That being said, I would like to take a moment to remind you about one of Marty's great passions. Marty has been producing **America's Boating Club -YouTube** videos about boating which are available to everyone—members and the public.

Click on this link <https://americasboatingchannel.com> and you will be overwhelmed by the dozens of educational, entertaining and engaging videos now available on the ***America's Boating Channel***<sup>™</sup> featuring digital media programs created especially '***For Boaters, By Boaters.***' Some of my favorites are the ***America's Boating LIVE*** originally broadcasted during the height of the pandemic.

[ABC LIVE](#)

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[Electronic Navigation with GPS](#)

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Now Playing



Link up here <https://youtu.be/4goGel-LSmo> and enjoy these entertaining and informative videos. In fact, many of the USPS instructors are featuring these videos during their class sessions (even virtually). For sure, these videos make a great companion on the boat, too. Download a few to your phone, laptop and/or tablet and when you are anchored out...tune into the America's Boating Channel. There is something for everyone including Nautical Arts and Crafts. I told you...there's something for everyone.


The America's Boating Club continues to develop and refine unique and timely information for you, the boater. It's there for you to enjoy. It is as simple as ABC—America's Boating Channel. Stay Tuned for more.

# Photo Gallery... Virtual Meeting Pictures Page 6

What happened in August? Oyster Bay invited the whole squadron (and friends) to cruise around Bermuda. What a great adventure. It was a very close race! AO Kevin challenged us with, some times unique questions, as we circumvented the island. I only have one thing to say: *“Call me Ishmael.”*

**Boats in the Race**  
Blue.....Escape  
Red.....Hot Chile Pepper  
Yellow....Serendipity  
Green.....In the Mood





**Virtual Meeting—Oct 14th, 2020**  
Cynthia Barrett joined us all the way from Texas to discuss her fun book *“Three Sheets to the Wind.”* 11 members and friends joined us for this great presentation about how nautical expressions and words became part of our language.

## **Welcome Aboard**

The Club is happy to welcome a new member...  
**Norman St. George** who joined us in September.  
Norman has a Sailboat which he docks in Oyster Bay.

## GOOD AND WELFARE

*Some things may have been on PAUSE due to the Coronavirus, but not in the Ackerman house....*



*Peter and Ada Ackerman are happy to announce the arrival of their 1st grandchild on July 24th...a brand new Baby Girl. Congratulations! Plus, they are proud parents of a NEW boat. No name as of yet for either new arrival. Good Luck Ackerman's. You certainly had a bountiful catch this summer.*

Good News—Jenny reported that P/C Ron finally was able to have some needed surgery. All is well and he is recovering nicely at home. In fact, it was reported that he went out for a quick sail the other day. Keep up Healthy, Commander!



More great news....The Ender family happily announced that their daughter will be wed in October. The Bride and Groom will have a small COVID wedding with immediate family and make their home in New Jersey. Congratulations Steve and Sharon. MAZEL TOV!



We are saddened to report the passing of our good friends, **P/C Wilton Widman, SN** from South Shore PS. Will and his late wife, P/C Peg, were dedicated supporters of Oyster Bay. They frequently joined us on many occasions over the years: Picnics, Dessert Meetings and Changes of Watch.

We will miss them both. Our condolences to the Widman family and the member of the South Shore Power Squadron.



- Diane Beecher
- Nancy Fein
- Leo Kamp
- Nicolle Navaretta
- Livio Percan
- Richard Robson
- Larry Weiss



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



- Ada Ackerman
- Diane Akseizer
- John Navaretta
- Michael Skupp



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

## Safety Article

by P/C Ann

### Autumns Social Distancing on the Boat

When there is a chill in the air and the breeze seems to go right through your sweatshirt, you know...it's **Fall**. Looking back, we certainly had one unique spring and summer – with social distancing extending to include boating. In fact, many boaters chose to boat alone, avoided raft-ups and beach gatherings which caused this season to be tagged a year of ‘boater isolation.’

However, one surprising aspect this year was that more people than ever purchased boats and ventured out to ‘isolate’ on the water with their family.

Consequently, our local papers recorded more accidents on the water especially involving those who had NOT taken a boat-safety

course. Another interesting turn of events for the Summer of 2020, on Sept 4th, Nassau County joined Suffolk County and declared “an extension of the 2020 summer.”<sup>1</sup> With local pools, parks and beaches remaining open, the boating season just got longer, too! Happily marina and town docks will be available because of the extension which means a few extra weeks of boating.



But will boaters take the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Autumn?

Think how great being on the water will be among the beautiful colors of Autumn. Plan a Fall boating adventure so you can enjoy friends – from a safe social boating distance. We know as the days get shorter, the water will get colder. Colder water means less opportunity to swim comfortably. So, consider a docking or mooring gathering. Plan a short trip to a nearby marina and reserving a couple of slips. Spend the day picnicking on your boat or at a nearby park then enjoy the cooler evening with cup of hot cocoa on the deck. This one great way enjoying boating with friends, once again.

Many boaters, whether they're fishing, sailing, or just cruising the day away prefer this time of year because of the quieter waters and freedom of no traffic. However, that's the problem! Boaters must be conscience of special Fall/Winter Safety precautions. In the Fall the weather changes quickly. Don't be fooled by Autumn's sunny days. It is not uncommon to leave for a day on the water with the sun shining and the day warm. But as the sun begins to set, the weather

(1) <https://longislandbusiness.com/2020/09/curran-extends-nassau-countys-2020-beach-season/>



# 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 the Coronavirus and restrictions set by NY State and local authorities, all District Activities Have Been either cancelled or re-scheduled—dates to follow Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails. Your wellness is important! Take extra care during this time.

## District 3 Council Meeting 2 October 2020

**Because of the Coronavirus our Council Meeting will be held Virtually**  
D/C Betsy Mandara, N and her Bridge continues to work with squadrons and district members during this unrepresented time of Social Distancing. Check the District 3 website & Facebook page for updated information.

District 3 2020  
Nominating Committee

**October 15— Meeting TBA**

Interested in being part of the  
District Experience  
Contact Cdr Ron for more information

District 3 2020  
Fall Conference

D3 has a New Page & a New LOOK!  
Check out Facebook and take a minute to LIKE America’s Boating Club of Long Island We have a Members ONLY Group, too! It’s even simpler and easier to know what’s going on in District 3 with these two Facebook connections.

Well, it looks like the Coronavirus has created another ‘PAUSE’ for District 3. The Fall Educational Conference has been rescheduled for January 2021. D/C Betsy hopes that we’ll be able to come together at that time. Keep a look out for more information—watch for District –wide email.



**America’s Boating Club  
Annual Meeting — Ponte Vedra, FL  
14 Feb to 21 Feb 2021**

# Oyster Bay - Calendar

## 2020 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

	Exec Mtg	Gen Mtg	<b>Whether Virtual or In-Person we hope you can attend!</b>
<b>July</b>	6th	TBA	Blessing of the Fleet - watch for announcements Summer – “Virtual Movie Night”
<b>Aug</b>	3rd		Cruise around Bermuda—Virtual Meeting
<b>Sept</b>	8th	14th	Author Cynthia Barrett, Author <i>“Three Sheets to the Wind”</i>
<b>Oct</b>	5th	16th	<b>De-Commissioning Meeting</b> —(check WEBSITE for details) Fun night—come In your ‘Summer Whites’ uniform “F” or “G” Plus—Annual Photo Contest!
<b>Nov</b>	2nd	9th	Veterans’ Day Speaker - <i>Leadership by Robert Madden</i>
<b>Dec</b>	7th	6th	Holiday Party— No General Meeting—Restaurant to be announced
<b>2021</b>			
<b>Jan</b>	4th	11th	<b>Virtual Movie Review Night</b> <i>Turning Tides</i> / watch at home before the meeting
<b>Feb</b>	1st	8th	<b>Lunar New Year and Pre-Valentine Dinner</b> Master Chef
<b>Mar</b>	1st	8th	Oyster Bay’s Annual Meeting / “Intro to boat ownership”
<b>Apr</b>	5th	12th	11th District 3—Memorial Service 12th Oyster Bay’s Change of Watch
<b>May</b>	3rd	10th	Spring Picnic—Dress in Whites for Picture Day!
<b>Jun</b>	7th	NO	Blessing of the Fleet—TBA

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**2020****Oyster Bay  
Calendar**

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So you don't forget about  
these special events

Due to the Coronavirus / COVID-19 Pandemic  
All Club Activities Have Been Postponed or Rescheduled  
Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails.  
Your wellness is important ! Take extra care during this time.

## General Meeting - 1st Ever De-Commissioning Party

### October 16th, 2020

Location: **The Homestead or Café Al Dente**  
as of this print—still working on it.

Time: **6pm (check the web or Cdr Ron.)**

We have a special meeting planned for October as we gather with Social Distancing. As you know NYS law requires dinning while drinking, so our plans were for a Dinner Meeting this time.

Join us—its easy with separate checks.



Since many are putting their boats away, now is a perfect time to get-together to celebrate friendship.

Wear uniform "F" or "G" (basic White shirt / Black pants.)

Hats if you have them but NO tie is required.

All detailed in the Operations Manual

## Photo Contest!

What a crazy summer with social distancing and such. But our Photo Contest is still a go! We moved it to October—this will give you more time to submit that perfect pictures.

Prepare your photos, of your Virtual Summer, as you done in the past.

4 x 6 or 5 x7— are welcomed.

You may enter up to 3 photos but don't forget to put your name on the back of each entry.

All photos will be judged by the members at the October Meeting.

For more information contact AO Kevin.





September 12th, 2021, *Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron* will be Celebrating 50 years of teaching Safe Boating in Community!

You are cordially invited to be part of this outstanding milestone. We'd like to make this weekend spectacular. Maybe we can start on Saturday with a tree planting in the park or some other memorable event. We are open to ideas. So, don't be shy—send them along.

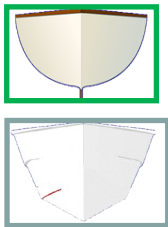
However, on Sunday, we are planning a Picnic at Roosevelt Park Marina (if permitted by the town) and everyone's invite.

Hamburgers and Hot Dog will be prepared by the *Club*. Or, feel free to bring your own special entrée to share with your friends. Don't forget your drinks and chairs. And be prepared to stay for Coffee and Cake. Weather permitting we'll enjoy the waterfront together. Clouds and Showers don't bother us...we've got tents!

We will be producing a commemorative **50th Anniversary Journal** with some pictures from the past you may had forgotten about. Better yet, send us your pictures (either from the past or now) and be part of this 'keepsake' Journal.

*Happy Anniversary!*

We were hoping you'd help by off-setting the cost of the 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebratory Journal to be published 12 September 2021.

Boat Message Pick your Hull Sail or Power		\$ 10.00	4 to a page ENLARGED SPACE FOR YOUR FULL MESSAGE
Business Card Style		\$ 30.00	3 to a page
1/2 Page Supporter		\$ 50.00	Picture Collages welcomed
Full Page Supporter		\$ 75.00	

## Safety Article

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by P/C Ann Peltier

...changes quickly to brisk breezes. Always be prepared by taking extra clothing which you can layer and don't forget your foul weather gear.

Before you leave for your day on the water share your boating plans (float plan) with family or friends, let them know where you are planning on boating and when you anticipate returning.

Double check your boat for any maintenance issues before you leave the dock. This is not the time of the year to be stuck on the water with so fewer boaters around. Remember, with fewer boaters on the water your chances for a tow or assistances from another boaters is reduced.

**Wear a life jacket!** A fall overboard can be deadly at this time of year. Wearing a life jacket serves many purposes. First, it will help you keep afloat. Remember you're probably wearing more clothing now (sweatshirt vs tee, sneakers vs sandals, etc.), as when you were boating in the



summer. This extra float time just may help get you back into your boat. Second, always have your ladder out, a looped line or some other means to get back into the boat.

The water can get really cold as the days get shorter. Take a look at the comparison chart below. Cold water can super-charge Hypothermia. Cold water is responsible for thousands of drowning each year. And one last thing to remember, New York State requires that all boaters on recreational watercraft less than 21 feet in length - including motor-boats, canoes, kayaks, rowboats and sailboats **must wear** a personal flotation device from Nov 1 to May 1.

Planning an Autumn boating adventure can be both beautiful and safe. With our extended summer giving us a few more days on the water, pandemic or not — we can enjoy some special time together as we boat responsibly during this 'social distancing' boating season of 2020.

Long Island Sound Month	Water Temp	Hypothermia Before Exhaustion and Possible Unconscious
July/August	82 / 67	60° to 70° 2 to 7 hours
September	75 / 59	
October	64 / 47	50° to 60° 1 to 2 hours
November	53 / 38	

**Executive Meeting:**

1st Monday of each Month from January to December

**General Membership Meetings:**

2nd Monday of each Month from January, March, April, May and from September to November

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

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

**Due to the Coronavirus pandemic**

**Oyster Bay will be hosting a NEW Distance Learning Experience**

**It is always a good time to think about a Safe Boating Course.**

**Join our NEW Virtual ABC Classroom experience.**

**from our classroom directly to your home—approved by NY State**

**It's the Law!**

**Born on or after January 1st 1993 you will need a  
an approved NY State Safe Boating Course  
this year.**

*Social Distancing can't keep us apart – we continue to work for a safer, healthier boating world.*

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**The Gull Chatter**  
**October / November / December**  
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