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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,

As we enjoy a beautiful boating season, please encourage your friends who may not have yet acquired their NYS safe boating certificate to do so before compliance becomes mandatory for all power driven boat operators in 2025.

I encourage you to come meet members of other squadrons at the District 3 **Beach Blast** event that will be held at Watch Hill, Fire Island on Saturday July 29. The location is accessible only by boat or ferry. Be on the lookout for the flyer for details.

I am delighted to report that we have added many new members and I thank the membership for the collective help in recruitment. Connect with members by attending meetings to expand your boating network and gain knowledge on seamanship, maintenance, repair or find potential crew.

Please remember to check your emails regularly for upcoming events and I encourage you to attend one of the *Commander's Cocktail* hours at *Cooper Bluff*, in Oyster Bay. If you are able to inform or 'entertain' the commander with an interesting quirk of maritime or naval history you will be entitled to a free drink! Fair warning, as an astute student of naval and maritime history you will need to bring your 'A game' as cringe worthy stories may illicit consequences outlined in "Rocks and Shoals."

It is my hope that any member who wishes to serve on the Bridge let it be known to myself or Ann Peltier and we will work with you to get you on a track towards gaining leadership experience.

Wishing everyone a safe summer and look forward to seeing you at the next membership meeting,

Kevin Kuo, JN

Commander

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadrons

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This new Watch year, will be an exciting year with planned activities for both On-the-Water and On-the-Land. Be part of the crew and volunteer for a committee or Bridge position.

Available — your name here would be perfect

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



NEW

Admin Officer

District Commander Christopher Smith, JN

7 Baltic Place Amity Harbor, NY 11701 ctsmith 19@icloud.com

All American Anchors

### **Educational Report**

by Thomas J Peltier, SN

### What's New in Education

Summer is upon us and they are planning lots of activities for members of the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron...from On-the-Water events: Four (4) sessions with Ron on the **Serendipity** in completion of the Sail Course and Cruising with Co-op-Captains to learn about Buoys, and Ranges (part of ABC & Boat Handling) and we get to do Coop-Charting stuff, too.

Since we had a great response from the members, again, this Summer we plan on continuing our Virtual Summer Seminar Evenings. We are planning some fun Virtual Activities for participants as we learn about **Weather**— **Hurricane Preparedness** and "What makes the **Boat Go**" taken from Chapter 1 of the Engine Maintenance course.

Unfortunately, our main instructor, Gil Allen from Bayside PS, was in a serious auto accident (we do wish him a speedy recovery) and therefore, unable to host the **Engine Maintenance Course** as we had planned. We are looking for boaters who will volunteer to share their expertise in 1 or 2 disciplines dealing with this Course material. Hopefully, we'll be able to present the balance of the course this Fall, The entire Teaching Team is ready to help prepare you for Class either Virtual or In-Person. Give me a call and we can talk. Furthermore, we invite all members to share their boating knowledge — to help present courses and seminars information to others.

This Fall we **will host** another Instructor Development Course. Please sign up with Ann and join the 'Teaching Team of Oyster Bay." Have a great summer.

### Thomas

July — Sail Course—	-4 classroom sessions and 4 On-the-Water sessions
August — Preparing fo	r Hurricanes. What Boaters Should Know
Instructor Development	Beginning in August and you'll be ready to teach /assist for the Fall Basic Boating Classes.
	with boaters who need to know. NYS law requires ABC is aght by a Certified USPS Instructor.

### **2023** 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.

Fall America's Boating Course - Sign up now!

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

### Summer is a perfect time for a:

- Vessel Safety Check
  - ⇒ appointment now being accepted. Contact Dennis Puccio
  - ⇒ Becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner. and become a local Ambassador for the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron
  - ⇒ Examiner's Seminar available
- Coop Charting Cruise Check with Thomas to schedule your cruise date and time. Our Skippers are ready.
- Coop Charting Hunt for Geodetic Marks can be a fun way to enhance your exercise program this Summer.
   It's all about friendship with Club members

# **Admin Report**

### **Available Position**

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

#### Executive Meetings will begin @ 7pm

In the past years we have be years the Executive Committee and been working together to develop both Intra and Inter Squadron activities. Many of our activities and events have now become 'Annual' events due to the overwhelming participation of our members. The Committee asks perhaps, you have a few hours per month to volunteer. Being the AO (Administrative Officer) is a fun and rewarding opportunity to get to know Club members. Contact Ron Ferina Nominating Chair for more information. Full Calendar Pg 10

	Ex Mtg	Gen Mtg	Event	Please watch for emails and flyers. Let us know if you have a special event or activity that we'd like us to host at one of meetings. This is your Club and we want to provide you with events that will bring a smile to your face.
Jul	1 1 th	NO	TBA TBA 29th	**Watch for Raft-up Information** Cruise to Connecticut for Dinner District 3 Beach Bash—Watch Hill
Aug	1st	NO	TBA TBA	Day Trip to the Planetarium Coop Charting Geodetic Hunt and Dinner
Sept	5th	19th		Photo Contest & Bermuda Race
Oct	3rd	NO	TBA	Octoberfest

# **Did you know Page**

### **Welcome Aboard to our New Members:**

Jimmy, Tara and sons Noah & Michael Hutchinson, joined our Club after taking the blended Basic Boating ABC classes. Jimmy introduce Howie Hutchinson, his brother, to the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron when he, Tara and Howie enrolled in the Boat Handling Course. We've had some fun days during our classes On-line and In-Person. More to come from these avid fishermen.

Congratulations to <u>Charles Neuman</u> on an outstanding job completing his Piloting Course. Also, congrats to Ass't SEO <u>Barbara Woo</u> who took the Piloting course, again. Yes, she even took the test — and upped her grade score by 10 point. Well done you two!

A special Thank you to Helene Goldsmith for her contribution to the Northport Veterans Facility in response to our *Spring into Action* April Vet Drive. We know these deserving Vets appreciate your kindness. It is never too late to *Spring into Action* and share with others

# New Opportunities Available for Members

"New Operation Training—Why Won't They Do What I Want?"
This Seminar in about Getting the Job Done — In the Squadron, in the District or in your Home. Date and Time has not be confirmed.

Watch for Updated Flyer

### **Instructor Development Course**

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



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

### GOOD AND WELFARE

On April 28th, 2023, Sabrina Navaretta, a CLUB member since the day she took the America's Boating Class died in a tragic car accident. Sabrina couldn't wait to take the ABC classes and was ready to power-up her jet ski and parents' boat *Final Decision* around Oyster Bay Harbor. Although Sabrina might have been the smallest student in the class, she was by far the brightest star in the room. She was always ready with questions about the material she read and was equally ready to raise her hand with the correct answers. I'd say 'born to be on the water' would describe this gal! This wonderful and beautiful girl will be missed by all who know her and her spectacular smile. Our deepest condolences to her siblings Andrew and Nicolle, all her family and friends and of course to John and Mara — her loving and adoring parents.

Sadly, we report the loss of Larry Weiss' Mother, Charlotte Weiss on June 5th, 2023. Please keep Larry, Donna and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

We send our sympathies to Tara Hutchinson, one of our new members, with the recent passing of her Dad. Tara and family are also caring for Jimmy's mother who is recovering from surgery. Please keep them in your prayers.

Also, as Thomas reported our Bayside PS friend Gil Allen was in a serious auto accident. He is now in a rehab facility. Gil is unable to take calls nor answer emails. But I'm sure he'll know when you send your love and prayers for his full recovery his way.

Grandparents Alice and Norman Sorenson are happy to announce the arrival of their a New Grand Baby Girl *Abigail Joy*. Although, not their 1st grandchild, this little one immediately captured their hearts.



Ronald Ferina Robert Hecht Michael Hutchinson Kevin Kuo Mara Navaretta Gilbert Olivier Richard Scallon Ami Shebiro

Paul Thompson

Damian Devereaux







Donna Dunbar Rhonda Ehrler Howard Fein Glenn Hoyvik Jennifer Nackman John Randall IV Lorena Stern



# Safety Article 'How to Avoid Running Aground'

by P/C Ann

It's beautiful day and your are so ready to get on the boat (sail or power) and enjoy a wonderful day with friends and family...until it somehow when wrong. Running aground (or grounding) can certain put a kink in a day of fun.



Although serious, in some cases running aground can be more of a nuisance than a danger. It all depends what time of day - high tide or low tide, how stuck are you, are your propellers imbedded in the seabed? Oh one more thing, "Was that seabed sand or rock? Sometimes your quick reaction to the situation can save you hours of time. But the best way to avoid sitting waiting for SeaTow or the 'tide to rise' would be to think "Prevention!"

### **Quick Tips:**

- ► Obtain & Study charts of local waters either paper or electronics.
- ► Plan you cruise and know what to look for on the chart.
  - ▶ When charting your cruise, be mindful of the marked water depths indicated. In this portion of the Bowditch Bay chart you can clearly see the curvature of the sea-floor and how the seem to show you the way.
- ➤ You could install a depth sounder on your boat. Remember this measures the water depth below the boat not in front of the boat. So if your cruising, even at just 5 knots, you may not have time to demonstrate your evasive *Maneuver Skills* when the 'low water below Alarm' goes off.

So all that said. "What to do if your boat runs aground?"

- ▶ *Don't panic*. Check your passenger and tend to any injuries that may have been sustained do the sudden stop.
- ► Everyone should put on their life jacket. It's the safe thing to do.
- Now check the hull. With a little luck, all is fine and no water is seeping into the bilge.
- ➤ You should consider turning off the engine(s) to prevent the cooling system ingesting any sand or seafloor debris.
- ► Lift I/Os or Outboards if able. This will help to prevent propeller(s) and lower foot damage.
- ▶ Inboards, keep your fingers crossed. When the boat is afloat again, use your googles and take a closer look at propellers and shaft for damage.
- ► If the hull seems watertight, check the bilge carefully, you may be able to refloat the boat by shifting weight off of the impact point. Move crew and gear carefully. In some incidents, you may be able to jump out and push the boat into deeper water.
- ► Of course, always take care to observe the hull is not breached. If the hull has been breached. You should seek professional help.

If you're just stuck with not immediate or sericeous problem there is one last option: relax aground until the tide rises and let mother nature gently lift you up. Of course, continuously check the hull for any signs of water leakage - it will give you something to do.... and check your Boat Handling / ABC books for more information on **Preventing Grounding**. Until then...stay afloat and have a great summer.

# DISTRICT 3 & USPS NEWS

Lots of things happening in District the next few months. Make your reservations early to receive a Special Discount!



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

District 3 — July 29th 2023 All NEW Beach Blast @ Watch Hill

Don't have a boat. No Worries! It's a pleasant ferry ride from

Patchogue with free parking. D3s Agenda supports friendship and relaxing day at the beach.



All Members & Friends are Invited Sign up TODAY!

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 to ensure ample supplies are available Est Date Mid-Aug

District 3 - Council Meeting—Melville Marriott
Friday, 20 October 2023
Come to Dinner or Just the Meeting

\*\*D3 Fall Conference November 4th 2023 - Melville Marriott

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Governing Board 2023



Always check dates & times on the website

Kansas City, MO

# Oyster Bay - Calendar

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

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

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

	Ex Mtg	Gen N	/ltg	Event
Jan	10th	10th	Oth Virtual Meeting "Inlet Waterways" & Boaters Bingo	
			17th	Tides and Current—Virtual Seminar
Feb	5th	NO	2/5	Chinese New Year— Luncheon
Mar	14th	14th		Annual OB Meeting— Syosset-Woodbury Center
Apr	4th	NO	11th 16th	Change of Watch—Haypath Community Center D3 Memorial Service
May	2nd	2nd		Gen Meeting—Cruise with Co-Op Charting
Jun	6th	NO	4th	Blessing of the Fleet — more info to follow Commander Cocktail Party—Cooper's Bluff
Jul	11th	NO	22nd TBA 29th	**Watch for Raft-up Information** Cruise to Connecticut for Dinner District 3 Beach Bash—Watch Hill
Aug	1st	NO	TBA 11th	Day Trip to the Planetarium  Coop Charting Geodetic Hunt and Dinner
Sept	5th	19th		Photo Contest & Bermuda Race
Oct	3rd	NO	10th	Octoberfest—location & date to be Confirmed
Nov	7th	TBA		Leadership USPS & Holiday Dessert Sampling
Dec	5th	NO	3rd	Holiday Party— The Homestead Restaurant

## Member Benefits



<u>LightStream</u>, is a national premier online consumer lender offering fast and easy low-interest financing for any boat purchases, with no age or model restrictions (**plus, there's no inspection required**). Good-credit customers can get funds up to \$100,000 as soon as the same day if all conditions are met. Apply online using their quick application process It's fast, easy, and there are no fees, prepayment penalties, or home equity requirements. Check the USPS webpage under Member Benefits for a direct link.

2023

# **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, Rescheduled, or Virtual Watch for Up-Dates on our Website, Social Media and emails. When in doubt Call.

July - No General Meeting

7/22 IT IS RAFT-UP TIME!

and

CRUISE TO CONNECTICUT...learn more
This is a perfect time to be on the Water



# NO General Meeting

Annual Geodetic Treasure Hunt

August 11th, 2023

Contact Thomas for your Special Geo-Map

We're planning on Dinner (with Geo-Results)
Wall's Wharf. Outside if weather is nice
Inside if weather doesn't cooperate



See page 14



# **Sept 19th General Meeting BOATS BINGO NIGHT**

WIN FUN PRIZES and ENJOY our In-Person Meeting
Annual Photo Contest
Check out the flyer on Page 15



### 2023 Rendezvous East

"District 3 Beach Blast" Watch Hill, Fire Island NY July 28-29, 2023



Good Day District 3 Members!!!!

We are excited to announce our plans for Rendezvous East are complete, and the only thing left to do is attend!!!

Saturday Morning, July 29, assorted bagels with butter and cream cheese will be served. We will also be having a fresh coffee and tea bar set up with sweeteners, milk, and cream.

Midday lunch will consist of assorted heroes along with a tossed salad, Greek Pasta Salad, Broccoli and Cheddar salad, Homemade Potato and Macaroni salad, Cole Slaw and Pickles.

Plan on staying later under the tent enjoying music, drinks, and friendship??? Starting at 6pm be our guest to enjoy a "special" cocktail created by D/C Chris Smith, JN along with hot dogs, bratwurst sandwiches and sauerkraut!!!



In celebration of America please wear your best RED WHITE and BLUE attire as prizes will be given out for the most festive & creative ideas!!!!

#### How do I get to Watch Hill??

If coming by private boat, it is IMPORTANT to reserve your slip using Dockwa at dockwa.com https:/dockwa.com/ July is a very busy time of year for all boating activities, and you are urged to reserve your slip NOW to ensure you have a spot. Event description "District East Event" Another option for transportation is the Fire Island Ferry departing from Patchogue. Address is 160 West Ave. Patchogue NY. Below is the schedule.

To ensure that you attend our opening ceremony on Saturday July 29 please take the 9:30 am from Patchogue.



#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS Mon. 7/3, Tues. 7/4 & Mon. 9/4 Labor Day Lv. Patchogue

- 9:30 AM 11:30 AM
- 1:15 PM 5:15 PM
- 3:15 PM 7:15 PM



- Lv. Watch Hill **★** 10:15 AM 12:15 PM
- 2:00 PM 4:00 PM





I'm READY!!!! How do I attend!!????

Please complete the tear off below and enclose a check made payable to USPS District 3



Send payments to: D/Lt/C Sean Donohoe, SN 61-55 77 Street Middle Village, NY 11379



\*\*\*\*\*\*deadline for payment is July 19th please send check early so we can prepare accordingly. Thank You!

NAME: Adults \_\_\_\_\_x \$25 = < 12yr x \$5 =

Total Enclosed: \$



Squadron/Club:			
Circle one:	Arriving by:	Ferry	Box

Circle Days you will be at the rendezvous. Thurs Fri Sat Sun **How far is the walk from the Ferry Dock** to the D3 Tent?"

Ans: Approximately 475 feet

#### Ferry Schedule:

- 1st Ferry leaves Patchogue 9:30AM Allow time to park, purchase ticket & board
- Last Ferry leaves Watch Hill 4PM (rain or shine ferry)
- **Late Special Ferry** departs WHI @ 8PM (weather permitted)
- Last Special Ferry (CASH ONLY) departs WH@ 10PM Need prepaid tickets

Available at

https://www.davisparkferry.com/wh-schedule





### 2023 WATCH HILL FERRY SCHEDULE

⊛ 19 May thru 22 June &

& HOLIDAYS Mon. 7/3, Tues. 7/4 & M Lv. Patchogue	Lv. Watch Hil
★ 9:30 AM	<b>★</b> 10:15 AM
★11:30 AM	★ 12:15 PM
1:15 PM	2:00 PM
★ 3:15 PM	★ 4:00 PM
5:15 PM	6:00 PM
7:15 PM	8:00 PM
SATURDAYS & 7/2, 9/3 ONI	LY 10:00 PM

& NOTES 3

PHOLIDAY SCHEDULES Holidays will run on Saturday/Sunday Schedules, please check notations carefully or call to confirm.

★ RAINY DAY SCHEDULE

Marked trips will run rain or shine, referred to as a "Rainy Day Schedule." All other trips may be cancelled in rains; windy, or otherwise inclement weather. Updates will be posted on our website, or call the office to confirm - 631.475.1665

Lastly, please note that there are two different ferry terminals in the area.

The Watch Hill Ferry terminal is located at 160 West Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772.

The sign at the terminal will say "Patchogue Watch Hill Ferry Terminal", and parking is free.

If you come across the one labeled "Sandspit Marina / Davis Park Ferry Terminal", it means you have passed the Watch Hill terminal.

Thank you, and if you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out to James Milton or D/C Christopher Smith.

Photos are attached for your use/reference.

# Oyster Bay Sail & Power Squadron



Date: ..... Friday, Aug 11th

Times: ..... 2 hours Hunt

Rendezvous Time: ..... Between 7 - 7:30pm Rendezvous Location: Contact Tom for Charts

What could be more fun on a Summer's evening then to be with friends and be part of an

### OLD FASHION ~ SCAVENGER HUNT

This year our Scavenger Hunt is Bayville & Centre Island.

It's all about Geodetic Marks and there are dozens all area waiting to be re-discovered and recorded.



### The Geodetic Scavenger Hunt Rules:

- Contacting Tom to pick your Geo-Section. He will provide you with charts (maps) and recording sheets. You'll need a smartphone; so you can take pictures. 1st come, 1st pick.
- 2. Go it alone or form a team (not more than 4 on a team)
- Start the HUNT when it is <u>convenient for you</u> and your team but you are restricted to only 2 hrs. You're on your HONOR only 2 hrs.
- Between 7 7:30 pm to submit your findings.
   meet at Walls Wharf Restaurant
  - The team with the most Geodetic found and documented WINS

The winning team will be entitled to 1 free drink each.

It's all in fun and the **Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron** will get credit in accordance with the Coop Charting Program.

Contact Tom (tjp98@optonline.net) to learn more! Geo Sections are going fast.

# Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

# General Members Meeting

Tuesday - Sept 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 8:00pm Syosset - Woodbury Community Center "Executive Meeting 7PM"

### It's BOATS BINGO Night

Join the fun and play along for fun prizes and you just might

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3	29	45	56	68
1	19	43	50	72
11	25	FREE SPACE	49	61
9	23	31	58	63
4	27	42	54	71
			mythesking	ocards.com

learn a thing or two. Topics will include information found in the America's Boating Course.

#### 2023 Annual Photo Contest



Bring in your summer photos.

Everyone's a winner when we share photos of boats, kids & sunsets.

Sorry, NO Digital pictures will be accepted for the contest, but you can always share with your



phone pictures with us that tonight.

### Announcing ALL NEW

Blended Boating Course 4 plus 3 America's Boating Course

Wednesday

4 Session Virtual / 3 Sessions In Class Location: Syosset High School Participants will need access to computers, tablets or smartphones with video capabilities.

ALL MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED

Contact : Thomas TJP98@optonline.net

> Check out the website (www.boatoysterbay.org) for detail flyers on special events.

# FALL CLASS SCHEDULE PLANNED

Student Register Now!

Piloting - Ad Piloting

Navigation - Navigation

Instructor Certification

Contact Tom 516 987 9715

All students must Pre-Register

If you enjoyed the Seminar Series please contact Thomas to request additional seminars.



Schools Open

They're back in School

### **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

July August September

2023



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: lat Tuesday of each Month from January to December (Virtual ONLY)

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron