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Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron



Gull Chatter



Commander's Report

by Ronald Nackman, JN

"A View from the Bridge"

The summer is officially over, autumn has begun and it is time to think about winterizing, covering and winter storage for your boat.

Various systems have to be winterized including the engine, fresh water system, and the holding tank. It is a good idea to change lubricating oil before putting your boat in the winter so that the accumulated acids do not nibble away at engine parts.



Time spent winterizing your outboard now will save time and effort in your spring start up. You will avoid carburetor build up of vanish.

But, is it also autumn for USPS? This is a wonderful education organization and engenders friendships. It has been established that we are faced with declining numbers and declining participation on all levels: local, district and national.

It is up to each of us to keep USPS afloat. It is simple! Come to meetings, participate in the many activities (squadron and district), and volunteer your time. Just a few hours a month can make a difference. Go out and proselytize at your marina, yacht club, boating store. We have so much to offer. Our club needs an infusion of youthful, and new members who can profit from our courses and experience.

We all joined the power squadron because we recognized and understood the value this organization would bring to our boating experience and our lives.

Now is the time to share your thoughts and beliefs with others. Join us for our next meeting and bring a friend.

Ron Nackman, JN

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Dolphins
2016-2017

Educational Report

Fall is almost here and while some of us are thinking about putting our boats away; others are preparing for the joy of Fall boating. We should not forget that if we did not receive a VSC during the summer, there is no time better than now. The VS Examiner will not only inspect your boat checking your boat for safety, but he/she could also suggest some winterization tips.

Part of your fall regiment, hopefully, includes signing up for one of our special seminars. See the list below for more details. And of course, **members can receive a 10% discount from the squadron!** You can't lose - whether learning something new or refreshing your memory—it's a win/win situation.

These seminars were created by USPS® as part of their educational program series. Focusing on helping boaters from beginners to those with 30 years of boating experience, everyone will walk away happy they came.

In just two hours, these seminars target specific boating information and there is NO test. Plus, you will take home one of our handy laminated 'Quick Guide' pamphlets for your future reference.

by Thomas J Peltier, SN

All seminars must have a minimum of 4 paid students (family members may attend at an additional \$10.00 fee).



Let USPS help you and your family, learn about what you need to know to be safer on the water and enjoy the last of your Fall boating days on the water.

Call me for more details: 516 987-9715

Thomas

Boating – Getting from Here to There

(2 sessions) Priced \$100.00

How to Use a Chart ————— 10/20

How to read a Chart/ Features on Charts / Aids to Navigations / How to plot a Course

Using Your GPS ————— 10/27

What Your GPS Can Do / Waypoint Navigation / What does this Button Mean? / How to Navigate Safely

Boating—Weather and Tides

(2 Sessions) Priced \$100.00

Basic Weather Forecasting ————— 11/03

Importance of Air Masses / Detecting Storms / Approaching Fronts / Good and Bad Clouds

Tides and Currents ————— 11/10

Height of Tides / Speed of Current / Staying on Course / Tide Tables

Safe Boating starts with Educated Boaters

On the Water portion of OB courses begins now. Call Tom to set up time/location

- **Special Seminar Package— October 20th through November 10th (Roslyn Adult Ed)**
- **Advanced Piloting—January 2017**
- **Weather—January 2017**
- **Interested in the following courses: Call for more information**

Pre-Register: Call Thomas to ensure sufficient teaching materials are available.
516 987 9715 or TJP98@optonline.net



Executive Officer

by Ronald Ferina, JN



As everyone can tell from those brisk afternoon winds, Autumn is here. I for one, am thrilled and excited about the sailing opportunity available to me and my crew. One way to enjoy a sail was to do our Co-op Charting and what a great time we had. From Manhasset Harbor to Eaton's Neck - its all good. We completed, with several cruises, Oyster Bay, Huntington, Bay and Hempstead Harbor. There is still time to get a few more sail in, so contact me if you're interested in coming along.

The Boat Show, with the rain and wind, was rescheduled Saturday -10/8 to Monday 10/10 from 10am to 6 pm. Take time to visit the show and District 3 has brought the Simulator in again. So, stop by the booth and give it a try. You'll get a kick out of how real it all feels.

Fall days, with the wind blowing, always seems like a good time to look around the marinas, beaches and neighborhood. Help keep our environment clean. Start your own clean-up campaign with the family at the marina. Offer prizes to the kids and grandkids. Ice cream is always a happy reward.

Don't forget the Fall Educational Conference on November 19th. Contact Cdr Ron about attending the meeting and lunch. It's always an informative day. Check out the flyers on the [District 3 website](#) for more information.

See you at the next meeting *Ron Ferina*

Admin Report

by Jennifer Nackman, JN



Hi All

Our latest social activity was the picnic on a beautiful autumn day at Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay. Although, it was a small group, the food was excellent as usual and we all had a lot of fun, staying later than usual.



Gary Nackman gave a well-received talk at our September General Meeting about preparation for the Bermuda Race. He has participated in this exciting race four times. Everyone enjoyed the evening it was good to see so many sailors and power boaters.

The winners of the Photo Contest were announced, the first place went to me and the second, Ron Nackman. Thank you

for your votes and better luck next year Ron!

We are looking for speakers for our next up and coming meetings—especially October and November. Next Meetings are October 17th, and November 21st. If you have any suggestions, contact me by phone.

We are planning our December Holiday Party to be held on Sunday December 4th at the Haypath Community Center...between 1 and 5pm. As always, we will be doing a covered lunch dish. More on that later, so, watch for emails and flyers.

Please keep in touch. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Jennifer Nackman, JN

Member Articles

Submitted by the Lt/C Steve Ender. AP

Huntington Lighthouse MusicFest

The boats were rocking and rolling and so was the music on Saturday September 3rd. Despite choppy water the 10th Annual Huntington Lighthouse Music Festival was a lot of fun for those who enjoy combining boating and listening to music.

The Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society pulled off a great show featuring bands from near and far. The music started at 11 am and continued to till dusk and included Rock n' Roll, Reggae, Blues, Motown, Country and Caribbean.

High on top of the Huntington Lighthouse the music bellowed deep into the surrounding harbors and raised \$28, 000 for the reconstruction of the structure. First built in 1912 to resemble a small castle repairs were underway in 2002 after the Coast Guard considered demolishing it.

Boaters were anchored, attached to mooring or tied up while they ate, drank and barbequed. Tee shirts and

memorabilia were delivered to our boat to purchase and raise money for the cause.

Safety was well maintained by The Coast Guard, The Bay Constable, and local Fire Boats. We were happy we braved the rough water and look forward to going next year.

Hope to see you there.

The Enders



USPS & BoatUS - Boating Safety Partnership. All USPS members are eligible for a 50% discount on your BoatU.S. Membership and a 10% discount on all water towing service levels. We stand together promoting boat safety as a shared mission. In fact BOATUS offers a premium discount including marine insurance policies. **New BoatU.S. Members:** Join online at www.boatus.com/join or call 800-395-2628.

Existing BoatU.S. Members: make sure you are receiving your USPS discount, if not e-mail membership@boatus.com or call 800-395-2628 and mention the code GA80000P.

Member Benefits

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron Summer Pictures



2016 Duck Game



2016 Rendezvous East

2016 Exec Meeting

A good meeting always has a well planned agenda and cookies!



SAFETY Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

Inspection—part of Fall/Winter Preparation

With cooler weather just around the corner, the Long Island boating season (for most of us) is coming to a speedy end. Many boaters are thinking about preparing their boats for winter storage. In most cases, one word could help you enormously...INSPECT!



As an internet user, all you have to do is Google 'prepare my boat for winter' and you'll be inundated with url after url, telling you what you should do. While reading through article after article there seems to be one common thread of advice..."Examine"... "Check"... "Look at" ... in other words "INSPECT."

Whether you prefer to keep your boat in the water or out, covered or not, on the land in the open or cloistered in a warm shelter, you know your boat must be safe ready for Spring. Most boat owners have created your own winterizing checklist. But always start with your owner's manuals – both boat and motor – and the manufacturer's recommendations for winterization.

A new boat owner, who never did a winterization job before, or an 'old salt', always take the time and ask your power squadron friends and those boat yard professionals for their advice. You might find out some information that will save you lots of money. For example:

- Hose clamps should be snug & should not show visible signs of cracks or fissures. While flushing out your engine and adding non-toxic antifreeze, check hoses for leak, cracks or dimples.
- Inspect and replace gaskets, O-Rings where signs of leaking are visible
- Handles and levers should open and close easily. Replace any rusty handles and apply lubricant
- Remove plugs - inspect and clean. Change plugs if needed
- When changing your oil and filter check the old oil for debris
- Inspect your hull for blisters and take care of them before you launch next season
- Check over your batteries. Make sure it is fully charged and switches are off. Now is good time to coat terminals with an insulating film of grease or terminal protection spray

After all, the time you spend now could have an enormous effect on your boat's performance, save you time, energy and a tone of money come next spring. Remember the old adage..."A stitch in time saves nine." So, it seems now would be the perfect time to *inspect* your boat

Ann

OBSPS NEWS BLAST

Fall / Winter Calendar Updates

	Exec Meeting	General Meeting and Events
October	10th	17th General Meeting — Winterize your boat.
November	7th	19th D3 Fall Conference 21st General Meeting — Thanksgiving Desserts
December	12th	No General Meeting 4th Holiday & Member Appreciation Party




HAPPY THANKSGIVING

“The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest.”

Mark Twain






Boater's Terms ?

Capsize - This depends on the size of your head.
Or it means the bottom of your boat is at the top and the top is at the bottom.
In other words, your boat is up-side-down.

Now's the time to Get Involved!



The Vessel Safety Check Program was developed to serve the recreational boating public. The Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron is proud to announce that our Vessel Safety Examiners are ready to visit your boat.

These examiners, recommend the proper safety equipment needed to help keep the boat owner and his crew safe. When all items (on their detailed check list) are found to be in good working order, a decal is awarded and attached to the boat.

Yes, some boaters do fail the check list! All non-complying issues are discussed with the boat owner and suggestions are given to help correct problems including repairs or replacements. A follow-up examine will be scheduled when the vessel is in compliance. Since the USPS is not a law enforcement agency and the report is not shared with anyone outside our organization, boat owners feel a sense of confidence. Schedule a Vessel Safety Exam at your leisure to determine if your vessel is in compliance with current regulations.

Contact: Ron Ferina at ferina@optonline.net or call 516 935-0475

DISTRICT 3 & USPS NEWS

**LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENING IN DISTRICT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL DISCOUNT!**



TOBAY Boat Show

Massapequa, NY

Fri- Oct 8 (10am to 6pm)

Sat- Oct 9 (10am to 6pm)

Sun-Oct 10 (10am to 6pm)

Biggest *In-the-Water* show on LI
and

USPS District 3

will have the Boat Simulator there for
you to try.

<http://www.nyboatshows.com/tobay/>

District 3

Nominating Committee

Meeting

November 9th, 2016

Watch for district flyers with
more information.

District 3

Fall Conference

November 19th, 2016

As always this is a very exciting
event in District 3.

Plan on a whole day of activities or
just come for the meeting.

You choice! But don't miss out.

Meeting sign in: 7:45

Seminars: 10:00

Lunch: 12:30

Meeting Resumes: 1:30

Demonstrations and Seminars to
enhance your boating skills.

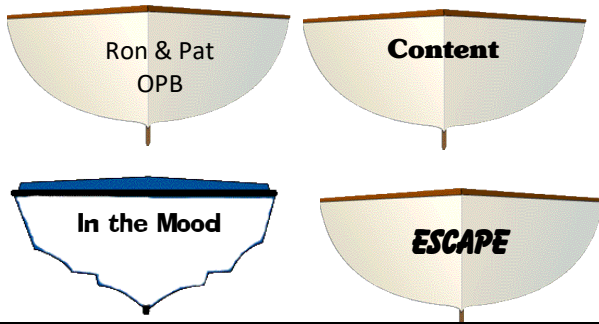
There's always something new.

Watch for district flyers
Check out the D3 [website](#)

United States Power Squadrons Annual Meeting

Feb 19-26, 2017 Orlando, FL

**Make your reservations now before they're all gone!
Check the USPS.org website**



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Join the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron Fleet TODAY!

GOOD AND WELFARE

Hey, this was a great summer.

Thomas Peltier is walking around without a cast (after 3 months) but is scheduled for additional surgery early October...Good Luck!
 Joe and Doris Gentile celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary,
 Joe and June celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary.
 Ron and Pat Ferina waiting for grandchild number 8...good going guys!



- Thomas Cassano
- Nancy Fein
- Patrick Gaillard
- James Izzo
- Leo Kamp
- Edmund Lynch III
- Nicolle Navaretta
- Charles Pitman
- Dolores Reichle
- Richard Robson
- Larry Weiss
- Mary Werner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



- Diane Akseizer
- Richard Caminari
- Laura Cassano
- John Navaretta
- George Reichle
- Mary Ann Rocchi
- Herb Rocchi Jr.
- Michael Skupp



- Lewis Bass
- Elena Budkina
- Rosemarie Eccleston
- Luke Kuba
- Brian Mulcahy
- Jeffery Pananello
- Henry Tiska



Meeting Schedule

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

OYSTER BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

General Meetings

October 17th

Join us for our De-commissioning Seminar

Bring your note pad and pencil

and start your personalized winterizing checklist

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

General Meeting

November 21st, 2016



Share your favorite dessert and celebrate Thanksgiving together. Watch for November flyer with more information



December 4th

Holiday Party /General Meeting
1 to 5pm

Haypath Community Center

Bring to Share a 'Covered Dish' Event
This is a perfect time to join together with friend before the hectic holiday season begins.



Look for flyers and check the website for more information

To learn more about these and other activities offered by the OBSPS just go to the website at www.boatosterbay.org or contact: Cdr Ron Nackman

Support those that Support Oyster Bay

Frank Albano and Greg Ferguson
Senior Financial Advisor

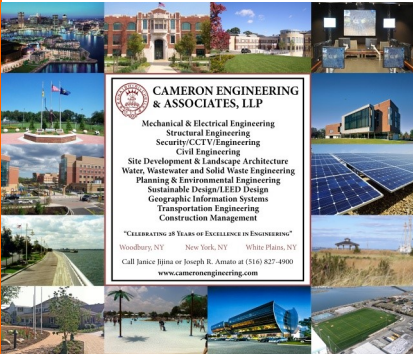


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Just a thought or two!

Home storing your boat

Make sure your cover is tight and that there are no tears and holes to accumulate water and/or snow. Look up and inspect those tree branches over your boat. Are they a potential threat to your vessel? Now would be the time to 'trim a tree' before it's laden with snow and ice.

Boat Yard Storing

Take a trip to the yard after your boat is on up. Inspect the area around the boat. Ensure that they have 'batten down the hatches' and if necessary covered the boat to help keep the snow and rain out.



A one-inch thickness of ice covering one square foot of surface weighs almost five pounds!

On a typical 30-foot powerboat, that could add 1,500 pounds per inch of ice, high above the water-line.

Think about it!



Executive Meeting:

1st Monday of each Month from January to December

General Membership Meetings:

3rd Monday of each Month from January to 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

Fall is a cool time to Boat



**Remember NY State Law
November 1 to May 1st**

**You must wear your life
jackets...it's the law**



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