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Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron



Gull Chatter



Commander's Report

by Ronald Nackman, JN

"A View from the Bridge"

I hope your boat has been launched with all systems working, 'a-okay.'

The Escape is back at her slip at the Tappen Beach Marina but it is still a work in progress as we haven't mounted the radar, changed the fuel oil filter, treated the teak or washed the boat.

Here is a hint for those of you with diesel engines. Most of the diesel engine problems are due to contaminated fuel.

When I take on diesel, I filter it before it gets into my tank. In the spring time, before starting the engine, I pump out 3 to 4 quarts from the bottom of the tank and allow it to sit in a clear container. This year I found no dirt but found a small amount of water. I will pump more out and try to eliminate the water entirely.



On May 15th we had our multi-squadron picnic at the Tappen Beach Marina Park, it was a bit cool but the food and company were excellent.

We are looking forward to two noon to dusk Raft Ups. The first one will be in Oyster Bay West Harbor on July 23rd. The second will be in Oyster Bay Cove on August 13th. We hope that both motor boats and sailboats will attend.

The dates and places for the July and August executive meetings have not been determined, yet. Look for emails concerning those meetings.

Happy boating!

Ron Nackman, JN

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Dolphins
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Educational Report

Summer is here!

Summer is here and the weather is beginning to warm up. Hopefully, you will be able to get out on the water this summer. One part of a successful summer of boating is 'preparation' and 'companionship.'

We all know, from taking and teaching classes, that it's always safer to NOT boat alone because accidents can happen in spit second. So, if we are to practice what we preach invite someone, either a member or non-member, to take a ride with you for *safety sake*.

Don't fuel up or pump out alone. It's always better to take someone along to help with docking and 'sniffing'. It is said, that companions with exceptionally large proboscises can be extremely effective, here!

Remember it is important to inform your crew/guests (newbie and seasoned boaters) on how to correctly use your VHF/DC radio, fire extinguishers and the proper

by Thomas J Peltier, SN

use of 'the head.' Not exactly sure on how to properly instruct your crew?

Call me, and sign up for our new **Partner in Command Seminar** scheduled for this Fall. It can be a lot of fun as well as informative. In fact, Oyster Bay Sail and Power has six seminars scheduled: *How to Use a Chart, Using Your GPS, Sail Trim, Knots Bends and Hitches, Onboard Weather Forecasting and Hurricanes & Boats*.

These USPS® Seminars have been updated and revised. They are only 2 hours each but contain valuable information. They are excellent for both seasoned and newbie boaters.

Check our Fall schedule coming out soon and plan on taking a seminar or two. Boht seminars, and Advance Grade Courses are a great way to keep yourself and your crew informed.

Have a great summer,

Thomas



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

Fall Schedule: **Piloting:** **September (Syosset—Woodbury Center)**
 JN and N: **September (Syosset-Woodbury Center & M Post in Massapequa)**
 Seminars: **October through November (Roslyn Adult Ed)**
 ABC: **October (Syosset Adult Ed)**

Interested in the following courses: Call for more information

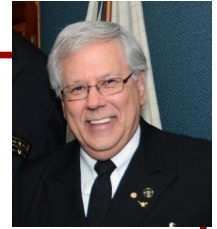
Electronic Navigation & Instructor Development Certification



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

Executive Officer

by Ronald Ferina, JN



At the last D3 Change of Watch on March 12th, we had a guest speaker from NOAA. Among the many fascinating topics discussed were marine charts, Local Notice to Mariners and the role of Coop Charting.

The United States Power Squadrons, through the Coop Charting program, is the ONLY formal means for NOAA to receive information as to the status of navigation aids. Missing and/or off-station aids could pose navigational dangers to commercial and recreational vessels.

Our involvement in this program is extremely important and goes beyond the “great day” we have on the water together. Our reports are systematically reviewed by NOAA to update charts; determine the urgency of the condition and notify and advise the Coast Guard to take action. This is particularly important work as NOAA moves away from paper charts to electronic charts at can be updated very frequently.

What is the date on your paper chart? If you use a GPS or chart plotter, you can update your charts as frequently as monthly. Now that is not to say every “off station” condition reported will spontaneously appear as an up-date. But if a buoy is more than 150 feet of station, poses a hazard to commercial traffic, and is verified properly, you can be sure the Coast Guard will be commissioned to follow up, resolve the issue and/or issue a **Notice** until resolved.

While our efforts have been exemplary over the past several years, we need to make an effort to complete our Coop Charting effort early this year. We are fortunate to have several skippers volunteer their time and vessels for this purpose and commend them. I hope to hear from them, and anyone else who would like to skipper their vessel to do Coop Charting this year. Last year we covered Hempstead Harbor; Oyster Bay & Cold Spring Harbor; Huntington Harbor and several buoys that mark the main channel of Long Island Sound (southern shore of Long Island Sound).

This year I hope to cover Manhasset Bay; Northport Harbor including all the southern buoys of Long Island Sound from Execution Rocks to Eaton’s Neck. I ask our boating members on the south shore of Long Island to plan a Coop Charting outing for those waterways. I invite any member, who would like to join us on a boat to please contact me as soon as possible so we can begin to organize and schedule crews.

It is a great day on the water! It gives everyone an opportunity to experience different boats, seamanship, piloting and charting skills using paper and electronic navigation. Please contact me via email at: rferina@optonline.net. I am looking forward to hearing from you to answer questions and to put you on our Coop Charting List.

Call my Cell Phone: 516 901 4359 (outside of business hours)
or Leave a message at Home: 516 935 0475 (anytime)

Ron

Admin Report

by Jennifer Nackman, JN



Hi All,

By the time you read this the Blessing of the Fleet will have been held. I hope many of you participated and enjoyed the day. Ron and I are looking forward to seeing you at the July and August raft ups. This should be a fun event.

We hope you will be able to participate in the Rendezvous East at the end of July in Greenport at Mitchel Marina. If you are going by boat, I suggest you call the marina and make your reservation soon if—not immediately. For those of you going by car you can contact me by phone for a list of accommodations in and

near Greenport. You must register for Rendezvous East activities by 20th July. Call John Yeamans at 631-736-0541 for details concerning fees for activities or check the websites (OBSPS / D3)

We will have an Oyster Bay Power Squadron Photo Contest to be judged at our September General Meeting. You may bring up to three 5x7 photos to enter the contest. The theme for the contest is ***Boating Safety***.

Have a happy summer and safe boating.

Jennifer Nackman, JN

Member Articles

Submitted by the P/C Ann Peltier, SN Boater Operator Certification Program *'On the Water Training'*

Were you ever apprehensive about learning something new, even though you thought 'It would be great if I knew how to...!' As small children we were often placed in that exact position; but hopefully, you had a teacher who guided you gently to success making the whole experience wonderful. Well, I was faced with the same situation a few years ago. I felt like a six-year old again, back on the first day of school wondering what problems lay ahead.

As part of one of the special events planned at our District Rendezvous, several people were encouraged to take part in the BOC testing program. **BOC** was new then and as the squadron's educational officer, at the time, I thought this was an excellent idea and encouraged members to participate in the **Boat Operator Certification Program**.

In fact, after reading excerpts from the course outline, I encouraged many of our senior squadron members to take this quick refresher course and contact one of our district examiners, Robert Holub, SN to be certified. However, little did I know that I would be 'captured' by Bob to put my 'boating skills where my mouth is' and take part in the **BOC Testing** at the 2011 District Rendezvous!

As an owner of a 34' cruiser, which I have enjoyed piloting, over the past 15 years with my family, I had my doubts and fears about this new experience. At first I told myself, 'I'm an instructor of the ABC and Seamanship courses. I've read the books! Then my thoughts turned to how little firsthand experience I had with smaller craft operations. Moreover, I was nervous about operating someone else's boat, concerned about being observed and downright worried about, 'Was I going to make it?'

Reading is one thing, but actually being called upon to do put into practice the boating skills learned in course material was another and that's what makes the BOC a *real* program for boaters.

With life jackets fastened and everyone instructed to what procedures we needed to demonstrate, we headed away from shore to the practice area. Bob immediately took control of this 'on the water' teaching situation.

With a thorough check list of information for the examinees, we were refreshed on what was expected of us and how we should undertake the tasks at hand. He reviewed carefully – so that everyone understood – the important principles needed to control the vessel.

He presented questions to the group and ensured that everyone acknowledged and understood the principles of

the exercise at hand. With review completed, we reached the practice site and then it was up to us.

Of course, I choose *not* to go first. I watched with enthusiasm how Bob guided each BOC examinee towards success. He calmly explained in detail how to operate the craft, how to successfully maneuver the vessel during the 'man-overboard' drill and how to guide the craft in the reverse slalom.



As I watched Bob, I became less nervous. In fact, I was almost relaxed. Until I heard, 'It's your turn!' With much trepidation, I took the wheel. Again, Bob reviewed with care how to increase speed, guide the boat through the water and to do a pivot turn using the one engine of this craft. Just because I was last, I received the same caring instructions. Just then a large vessel entered our practice area. Bob quickly, but calmly, guided me verbally over the large wake. In fact during the entire trip, Bob continued to ask questions of the other examinees, and myself, about emergency situations and what we would do. His questions revealed his years of 'on the water' experience and his ability to teach others about boat safety on the water.

I can say teaching the ABC and Seamanship courses in the classroom has been a wonderful experience for me. But during those times, I do not deal with waves, wind and the ever changing environment that can distract students. Teaching '*on the water*' holds a new respect for this former elementary school teacher.

That day doing the **BOC**, I learned a lot about: patience, remaining calm and the ability to not let the environment overshadow the safety of the crew. Oh, yes! I did pass. Thanks Bob!

So, now when I am before my students in the ABC and Seamanship classes, I am confident knowing what I have accomplished. I, therefore, encourage all seasoned boaters to put their 'boating skills where their mouth is' sign up for the **Boat Operator Certification Program**. District 3 has a fine group of BOC Instructors each ready and able to help you get your certification. This summer Angelo Giovanniello will be offering another opportunity to the members of D3. So contact him, our DEO or our SEO Thomas to learn more about this great USPS program. After all, sometimes you just don't know what you know!

Member Benefits



Enjoy on-line webinars. GLCC offers cruise-related webinars to USPS members at reduced USPS rate. Be sure to use the special NEW discount code **Basic1516USPS** when you sign up. Over the past six years GLCCSchool has served hundreds of students in the cruising community by providing a broad array of informative webinars addressing cruising-related topics and skills. Want to learn more about anchoring, general equipment, radar, boat maintenance, refrigeration, energy management, weather forecasting and similar topics, they are available right on your computer.

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron Spring Pictures

This year's Spring Freezy Picnic



Cdr Ron last minute snack.

Girl Scout Cookies goes with everything!

May's General Meeting 2nd half of Operations Training Great Meeting

Executive Meetings Can be Fun Too!



SAFETY Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

Summer Boating Stats — They're more than just numbers.

Most of us know, that statistically more accidents happen on those wonderful clear, calm days on the water. But sometimes, there seems to be specific days that have the potential for more accidents than others. With the 4th of July holiday quickly approaching (along with many people on vacation during the first two weeks of July) it appears that JULY, statistically, has the potential to be the most dangerous month on the water. As indicated in the 2015 Recreational Boating Statistics published by: *COMDTPUB P16754.29 / U.S. Department of Homeland Security / U.S. Coast Guard & Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety*

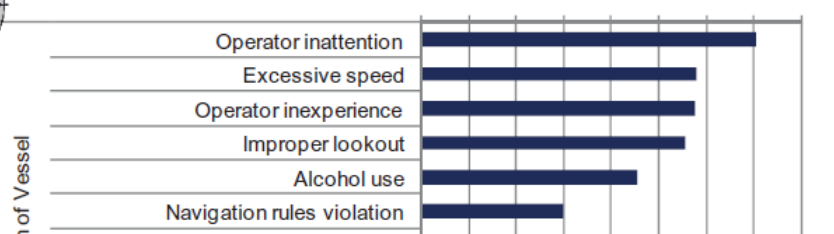
Last year, July boasted **954 Total Accidents** with a death total of **102** individuals for that month. Looking at the chart below, it clearly shows that there were 25% more **Total Accidents** in July than in the next summer month of August with **712 Total Accidents** reported.

Table 4 f PERCENT OF ACCIDENTS THAT ARE FATAL BY MONTH					
Month	Fatal Accidents	Non-Fatal Accidents	Total Accidents	Accidents w/ Deaths	Total Deaths
January	18	75	93	19%	19
February	19	65	84	23%	20
March	23	129	152	15%	26
April	50	209	259	19%	57
May	73	404	477	15%	78
June	90	553	643	14%	95
July	88	866	954	9%	102
August	73	639	712	10%	80
September	55	348	403	14%	59
October	43	138	181	24%	50
November	25	92	117	21%	28
December	12	71	83	14%	12
Total	569	3589	4158	14%	626

So the question might be, 'What causes all these accidents?' According to the stats – the top three causes are: Operator Inattention, Excessive Speed and Operator Inexperience.



Figure 5 PRIMARY CONTRIBUTING FACTOR OF INJURIES 2015



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OBSPS NEWS BLAST

Summer Calendar Updates

	Exec Meeting	General Meeting and Events
July	No Exec Meeting	No General Meeting <i>July 23rd - Raft Up</i>
August	No Exec Meeting	No General Meeting <i>August 13th, - Raft Up</i>
September	12th Executive Meeting 7:30 Syosset / Woodbury Community Center	19th General Meeting 2000 Sagamore Yacht Club



"One benefit of summer is that each day we have more light to read by."

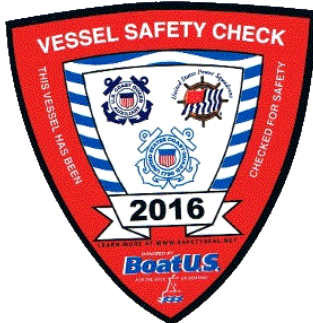
Jeanette Wall, American Author



Boater's Terms ?

Gunwale - (pronounced "gunnel") The part of a vessel near the side used for supporting one's midsection while one is engaged in the practice of heaving. This may be a funny word for some but not for those involved in the heaving.

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 rferina@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!**



District 3 Council Meeting

September 16th - Melville Marriott
Social Time 1830 (6:30pm)
Dinner 1915 (7:15pm)
Meeting: 2000 (8:00pm)

Registration Form is available
on the District Website
under the event date

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 choose.

Watch for district flyers.

Rendezvous East Greenport

29 July to 30 July

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in advance no later than May 15th***

Contact the marina at

631-477-2200

www.villageofgreenport.org

Minimum 2 night stay

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***Activity flyers will be available on
the District 3 website under the
event dates***

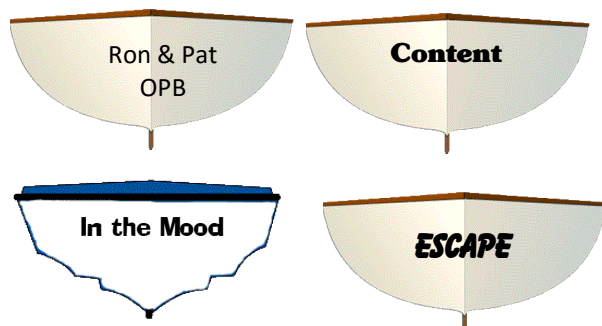
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GOOD AND WELFARE

Hey, George Reichle glad to hear you're recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Also, Thomas Peltier, is recovering from reconstructive foot surgery.

It looks like our educational team is really going to be hard to keep up with in the fall.

Glad to hear that our new Treasurer, Bob Henken, is feeling better.

Happy to learn that P/C Doug Durfee is recovering from surgery and back on his feet.

Good Luck to Ron Ferina and his New Position.

Congratulations Steve Ender our new Advanced Piloting member!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



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Stephen	Feldman
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Judith	Tantleff
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Meeting Schedule

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on the Refrigerator
So you don't forget about
these special events

OYSTER BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

No General Meetings July / August

Big meeting Scheduled for September!

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron Raft-Ups

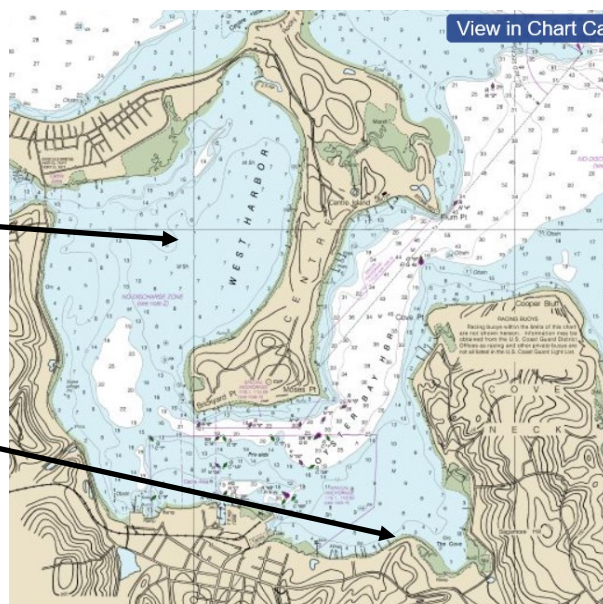
July 23rd, 2016

West Harbor, Oyster Bay, noon to dusk
*To get there, continue past the Oyster Bay mooring
field and keep Centre Island on your starboard.
Watch your depth*

August 13th, 2016

Oyster Bay Cove, noon to dusk

***So, gather your fenders and
lunch and join us for our
squadron raft-up the summer.***



**September 19th
General Meeting
Sagamore Yacht Club
Photo Contest
Theme: Boating / Safety
watch for flyers**

**October 17th, 2016
Sagamore Yacht Club
General Meeting
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
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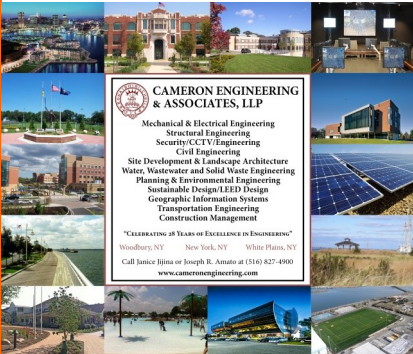
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Perhaps if the boaters were more educated we could help to reduce those numbers. As listed in the following table: 39% of those Operators involved in boating accidents had NO Education.

Table 22 • OPERATOR INFORMATION 2015			
	Vessels Involved	Deaths	Injuries
	5560	626	2613
Education of Operator	American Red Cross	5	0
	Informal	240	28
	Internet Course	74	6
	State Course	787	43
	US Power Squadrons	60	1
	USCG Auxiliary	156	4
	Other	207	8
	No Education	2183	220
	Unknown	1184	302
	No Operator	664	14

Looking at these statistics, many involved in safe boating endeavors, encourage boaters to get educated and follow a few safety tips that could reduce accidents during the busy summer holidays and summer season.



- **Always wear a life jacket.** It can be hot and sticky out on the waters of Long Island but wearing your life jacket may be the best insurance against drowning. Statistics consistently show that 80 percent of those who died in boating accidents were not wearing life jackets.

- **Vessel Safety Checks can Save Lives.**

Contact your local USPS Vessel Safety Examiner to ensure you have all the necessary equipment you need to stay safe on the water. As you know, Examiners are trained to help you establish the legally required safety equipment needed for your vessel.

- **Emergencies Happen without Warning.** For safety reasons, your vessel should be equipped with *easy-access emergency equipment*. Accidents happen, usually, without warning. Looking for PFDs, Flares or learning to use the radio during an emergency situation is NOT a good idea. Always, be prepared and ready for an emergency. Practice Man Overboard Procedures and instruct your crew and guests on how to use Fire Extinguishers and your Marine Radio.

- **Alcohol and Boating Don't Mix.** According to New York State you are legally impaired if your blood alcohol level is 0.08 or greater. The amount of alcohol consumed may be different for individuals. Intoxicated boaters can face both federal and state charges with penalties of up to one year in prison and up to \$100,000 in fines. Since alcohol will decrease the boating operator's ability to make good judgment calls, as well as, cause guests and crew to act inappropriately

during an emergency situation, it is recommended to keep your alcohol consumption for after you dock safely at home port.

- **Boater's Fatigue could be Dangerous.** The effects of the sun, wind, waves and a boat's motion in the water can add to an operator's impairment. A beautiful day on the water could end with both a tired captain and crew who may not be totally attentive to the surrounding environment.

- **Water, Water everywhere, nor any drop to drink!** Remember to keep yourself hydrated with water, not caffeine nor alcoholic beverages. Create a shady spot on your boat and keep yourself sufficiently cooled.

- **Float Plans are a Life Saver.** File a Float Plan with a friend or with one of the new Apps available on your smart phone. Your float plan should list where you're going, what your boat looks like, who is with you, and when you are expected to be back. Visit <http://floatplancentral.org/> for a complete plan along with instructions.



- **Keep a Lookout at All Times.** Watch out for other boats, the weather, marine life, or anything that is unusual. Keep aware of your surroundings by watching skies for changes in the summer weather and watch for hazardous boaters perhaps under the influence of alcohol or fatigued. Report any emergencies to local authorities by calling 911 or using your VHF-FM radio on channel 16.

- **Caution – Courtesy – Common Sense.** Always use caution. Never assume that the other guy knows what you're doing especially in close quarters like crowded marinas. Be courteous to all boaters: fishermen, paddle boaters, canoers, etc. And above all use *Common Sense*. If it seems like the wrong thing to do...it is.

- **Slow to Go can be Better than Fast to Finish.** Always maintain a slow but safe speed. Travel at speeds that you know you and your boat can handle. Many boaters love that 'speed' but remember your boat doesn't come with brakes.

Boating Courses are for all Boaters.

Whether boating for years or just starting out, there is always something to learn. Look into taking a boating course or as a USPS member sit in on a course as a proctor. There's always something to learn, or re-learn. Sometimes we just don't know that we didn't know!

In conclusion, 4th of July, along with Memorial Day and Labor Day, typically account for more than one third of all boating related accidents and fatalities each year.

Considering these facts, all boaters should use extra caution while boating during the upcoming holiday. Remember, sometimes 4th of July is the first and only time people venture out on the water. Take extra care so you can enjoy a season of safe and fun boating.



Take appropriate safety precautions — Take a safe boating course — Practice proper boater's etiquette —

Executive Meeting:

1st Monday of each Month from January to December

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