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Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron



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Commander's Report

"A View from the Bridge"

Autumn has arrived and on our latitude it signals the boating season will be ending shortly. It is time to start preparation your boat for storage and selecting a cozy winter location. The following are some of the things that Jen and I do. We change the lube oil and filter and transmission fluid so that the acids that have accumulated don't harm engine parts over the winter. We put antifreeze into the salt water side of the engine cooling system and refresh the antifreeze in the fresh water side. We drain our hot water heater and put non-toxic antifreeze into it and the fresh water drinking system of the boat. We empty out of the fresh water tanks and put a bit of antifreeze in there as well. We also put antifreeze into the head system. We lube and close all the seacocks except for those draining the cockpit. We stuff a rag into the exhaust outlet to keep the critters out that are looking for a winter hideaway. We also put antifreeze into the bilge, bilge pump and shower sump pump.



Jen and I won't be performing these tasks this year! In mid-August, I gave my Bristol 40, which I purchased new in 1972 as a present for my 40th birthday to a non-profit

by Ronald Nackman, JN

organization. It was a difficult decision considering all the wonderful places it took me over the years, e.g. Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, the coast of Maine, Nova Scotia, Grand and Petit Manan Islands, Bermuda and the Chesapeake Bay. For the most part all these trips were trouble free even in the face of fog, gale winds and tropical storms. All these travels were based on the knowledge that I acquired in Power Squadron classes and I am happy to share with members and students.

This past summer we traveled to and from Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard where we stayed for a few days. On the way home to Hempstead Harbor we stopped at Greenport and enjoyed the District 3 Rendezvous East. It was a wonderful journey and we enjoyed sharing the adventure with our good friends Clyde and Gloria.

But now I must say...

Parting is more sorrow than sweet.



Ron Nackman, JN

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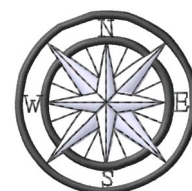
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Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



Hello All,

The USPS Governing Board had us hopping for sure. Although a small membership turn out, there were many new items presented in the Educational Meeting.



Back in April 2017, we had our first glimpse of the ***Jump Start Program***. This new program was designed so that experienced squadron members could coach and mentor 'new' boaters (or boater who purchased 'new to them' boats) learn the skills necessary to master and enjoy their new family addition. The program allows members to provide up to 2 hours of one-on-one customized training for students on their boat where they can learn close quarter maneuvering, man-overboard procedures, docking and more. Want to learn more about this program, just give me a call for more details.

The Educational Department is revamping many of our courses and hope to announce at the Annual Meeting their new 'NAMES.' Some of the courses will be divided into modules. National feels that many of today's students are looking for specific subject matter and are not willing to sit through 10

to 12 weeks of classes. New Seminars are still being produced and some squadrons are having success offering them to the public. However, they still remain somewhat popular with the membership. You can take a seminar on your own...a home study scenario. All you have to do is contact me and I will order them for you. It's that easy.

One of the big items was 'blended learning.' Many students just cannot commit to classroom attendance each week due to family and work commitments. The National organization is encouraging squadrons to us ***Go To Meeting*** a computer app that allows the instructor to interact with students through the internet. In fact, last month we had an Instructor Development Recertification class where 2 people participated via internet. It appeared to be very successful. We might just try that this winter when it seems just too cold and snowy to go outdoors.

One last thing, check page 14 and make your reservation for D3s **Educational Cruise**. It's only \$20.00 and you'll have the best time ever.

Thomas

Safe Boating starts with Educated Boaters

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



Fall Schedule	Location	Start Date
ABC	Syosset Adult Ed	Sept 27th
	Roslyn Adult Ed	Oct 5th
Piloting	Syosset/Woodbury Center	Sept 13th
JN	Syosset/Woodbury Center	Sept 14th
Seminar Series	Roslyn Adult Ed	Nov 30th
Group 1	How to Use a Chart/ Using Your GPS	
Group 2	Basic Weather Forecasting/ Tides & Currents	

Executive Officer

by Ronald Ferina, JN



We're Part of the USPS Cooperative Charting Program

Again this year the members of Oyster Bay sailed and cruised during the summer to check out the many buoys within our harbors. A special thank you to Ron, Jenny, Peter and Kevin who charted buoys in and around Hempstead Harbor. In addition, during the late summer Lee, Harvey and Donald charted Huntington, Centerport and Lloyd Harbors. While Steve, Doug and myself did Oyster Bay. It was great fun being with friends as we ensured that all buoys are affixed and on station.

What's so important about that? The USPS Cooperative Charting Program plays an important part in helping recreational boaters stay safe on the water. This On-the-Water program is not only fun, helps keep boaters safe, but it is an excellent way for members – with or without – boats to participate in squadron activities.

Moreover, discrepancies in buoy locations are reported immediately to the Coast Guard, NOAA and the US Army Corp of Engineers. As you can see, keeping the accurate information on the charts is an important task and Oyster Bay is ready to help. In fact, for over 10 years, OBSPS has participated in **USPS Adopt-a-Chart Program**. If you would like to see the charts we adopted check out the NOAA website:

Chart 12364 (http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/12364_01.shtml) (check Side A or B) and our other Chart 12365 (<http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/12365.shtml>)

All NOAA charts are free and available on their website. So before cruising and sailing take the time to look at the charts at www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/. It could certainly make your boating more fun and a lot safer. If you'd like to be part of this program, you've got time. Reporting doesn't end until Dec 31st. For more information and help in understanding the process in participating and reporting buys, please contact me directly.

Admin Report

by Jennifer Nackman, JN



Hi Everyone,

If you missed the last meeting on September 25th, you missed a great one. Our very own member, Dr. Dave Kessler discussed skin cancer and boaters. . . what to look for and how to prevent it. Dr. Dave took questions and was even prepared to do some 'on the spot' diagnosis for those present. Thank you Dr. Dave for a great presentation.

Besides learning the importance of keeping ourselves covered and using appropriate sun block, Oyster Bay hosted its Annual Photo Contest with 20 entries outstanding entries. Our winner was Lee Stern whose two photos tied for first place. Lee was kind and declined the prize gift card – giving it back to the squadron.



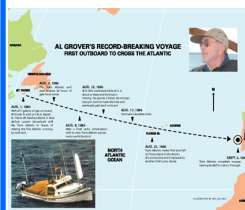
The **Fall Picnic, Oct 1st**, was great fun filled with wonderful food, fun and friends. **October 9th General Meeting** will be something new. Again, one of our very own

members (Kevin Kuo) will be discussing the history 'sea shanties' and grace us with a violin solo. Carney Hall has nothing on us.

At the **November 13th General Meeting** we will be our celebrating **"Holiday Desserts Contest."** Bring your favorite dessert whether homemade or store brought. . . and we'll be the judge. In addition, Al Grover, who set out to cross the Atlantic in a small outboard in 1985 will be discussing his voyage and accomplishments that put him in the Guinness Book of World Records.

And lastly, December will be our Holiday Party at the Haypath Community Center. Our auctioneer will be on hand, so bring those ATTIC TREASURES and get ready for lots of fun.

Jennifer Nackman, JN



Member Articles

by Lt/C Steve Ender

Look Who Came to Jones Beach this Summer!

Look up in the sky! Is it a bird? (No). Is it a plane? (Not really). It was the *THUNDER-BIRDS*, F-16 fighter jets.



On May 28th the US Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, created in 1953 and the third oldest formal flying aerobatic team in the world, put on a spectacular show at the Jones Beach.

Flying high above in delta and diamond formations as well as the demonstration maneuvers, the Jones Beach sky was filled with these wonderful planes celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the US Air Force.

The Thunderbird Squadron tours the United States and much of the world, performing incredible formed and solo fly-bys in specially marked aircraft.

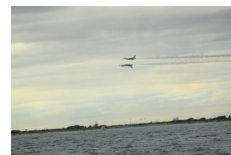
In addition the 106th Air Rescue National Guard and the Golden Knights (US Army Parachute Team) joined the celebration.



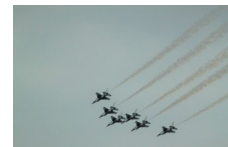
In addition, world renowned civilian pilots Sean Tucker, Dave Windmiller and Matt Chapman also performed breath taking aerobatic tricks.

Despite over cast skies the 14th Jones Beach Air Show was well attended both on the water and land. Next year the US Navy Blue Angels will return to the beach.

You shouldn't miss it.



Here a few of the shots I got as they whizzed by.



TRAVELERS



The USPS Member Benefits Committee has develop new partnerships for us to enjoy; among them is Travelers Insurance who will give power squadron member a significant discounts on auto, home and renters insurance. Learn more about these new benefits by login to USPS.

Member Benefits

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron



Rendezvous East 2017 was great. The weather was pleasantly warm and we all enjoyed a wonderful days and nights under the tent with friends and a couple of clowns.

Yes, we were lucky to have the Shriners view with us. They made balloon animals for the children and even for some of us other kids, too.

As usual, squadrons supplied the lunch, which we enjoyed while the DJ played some 'oldies but goodies.'

We ended the day by celebrating Cdr Mary Anne's birthday with red velvet cake.

The sunset was spectacular, as you can see, and we all went home – or to our boat – happy to know that we have some really special friends in District 3.



SAFETY Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

There's a Storm A-Comin'!

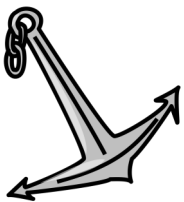
The late summer and early fall months are some of the greatest times for boating. But, this year's late season boating was filled with threats of severe weather warnings. Harvey, Irma, Jose and Katia got a great deal of 'press.' These widely published storms are a big concern for coastal areas like Long Island. For sure, boaters and homeowners need to be alert and plan on how to minimize the threat these storms can present.

With today's modern equipment, hurricanes are easy to detect, but they are still hard to predict exactly where they will strike. While on the boat you can always check with NOAA via your VHF to learn more about pending storms. Knowing the speed and direction of a storm can be critically important information to the skipper who must make the necessary decisions to avoid danger.



Hurricanes can be frightening and cause substantial damage to boats and marinas. Consequently, you will feel more confident that you are making the safest decision if you practice advance planning and preparation and making sure you have everything in place long before the storm hits. You don't want to end up securing your boat and 'battering down the hatches' in adverse weather conditions.

Long before the storm season happens, you should **make ready**. Prepare fenders, longer lines, even heavier lines and larger anchors to help secure your boat should be part of the plan. Whether at a mooring or at the dock have chafing gear easily accessible. Most important, your boat will need a secure tie down.



The plan should be to act early, especially if you must move your boat to a different location. Remember that as the water level rises or drops, conditions will change dramatically and swiftly.

In marinas and canals, other boats that are tied down with cross-canal lines may obstruct you. Bridge clearances will be reduced, and bridges that normally open may stay shut to facilitate evacuations by road. Once the wind picks up, your escape route may become un navigable.

When you secure your vessel, think about reducing wind resistance and remove Biminis, Sails, Awnings and other canvas. When the wind gets up above 60 knots, it can seek out and exploits even the smallest weakness in canvas and fabrics and in no time destroy the whole structure including metal framework holding it together.

Furthermore, remove any chairs, poles, flags and decorations that could be carried off by strong winds and become projectiles that could damage your boat, your neighbors or harm bystanders.

Be prepared with a fully charged battery in case your bilge pump is called on for extra duty. Dock lines should be long enough to adjust for increased water level surges and adjustable from the dock.

Hauling your boat may be a good idea. In fact, some insurance companies will even pay for your haul in 'storm threat' situation. More importantly, know your coverage. Take a moment to read your policy and ensure you have enough coverage.

Remember that the best way to keep your boat safe is to have a plan and be ready long before the first breeze begins and well before a hurricane threatens your safety.

OBSPS NEWS BLAST

October

Executive Meeting—Cancelled

General Meeting—9th New USPS Program / Violin Solo

November

Executive Meeting— 13th @ 6:30pm

General Meeting—13th @ 8:00pm –

Al Grove Across the Atlantic

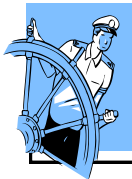
December

Executive Meeting—4th

3rd Holiday Party / NO General Meeting

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn.

Author...Elizabeth Lawrence



Boater's Terms ?

Keel - A stopping device for your boat. It works by contacting the bottom of your boat to the sea floor, thus inhibiting forward motion.

Make your appointment Now!



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.

Would you like to become a Vessel Examiner? It's a fun program and you get a chance to make lots of boating friends. Contact: Ron Ferina at rferina@optonline.net or call 516 935-0475 to learn how you can be part of this exciting power squadron program.

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 Educational Cruise October 15th

Check out page 14 for the flyer.

Whether you are new to boating or an experienced old salt this is a great cruise. Don't delay it is restricted to 150 people.

District 3 Council Meeting

20 October 2017

Marriott Melville

Meet & Greet: 6:30pm / Dinner: 7:15pm

Meeting: 8:00pm

Contact: Angelo Giovanniello (631 661 5318)

D3 Nominating
Committee Meeting
4 October

USPS—New Website
Check out the new webpages
Click on the links below
usps.org and [public site](#)
I think you'll really like it!

District 3 Calendar is available so we can create a full schedule of activities both with our squadron and with our sister squadrons. Check it out!

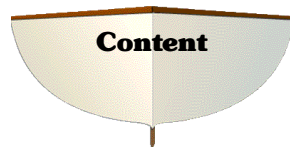
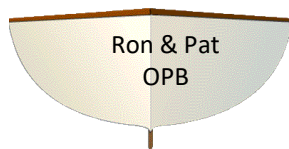


District 3 Fall Educational Conference.

Check out page 13 for see some of the great things planned for this year's Fall Conference. Not to mention the Teaching Aid Competition and our District's own simulator. As always, it's a full day and one you should miss.

District 3
Play & Dinner Evening
Sunday, 12 November, 2017
Show time: 1400 (2:00 PM)
Followed by dinner (Cash Bar)
Cost: \$37 Checks payable to
USPS District 3
Contact P/C Carol Johnson
Phone: 631-242-6117
email: cej917@aol.com
Flyer on OB Website

Join the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron "Gull Chatter Fleet"



Join the Fleet has been part of the Oyster Bay for years. But to date we only have 4 ships. Please join our fleet with a \$20.00 contribution. This money is used to off-set some of our day-to-day expenses...like meeting refreshments, printing of flyers and Gull Chatter, etc.

How about an ad for our Gull Chatter. Ask your local merchants if they would like to help us spread the word about Safe Boating Classes in our community. Give Ann Peltier a call for more information.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Congratulations to Larry and Donna on birth of their 1st, grandchild.
Check out the proud grand-dad on Facebook.

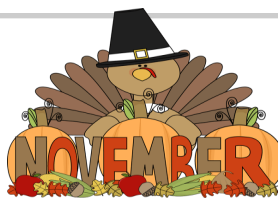
Happy Days for Milan and Lilly the proud owner of a new 39' Hallberg Rassy named **Tramonta**. We see **Clear Sailing** ahead!

Well it may not be good news...but Cdr Ron and AO Jenny have given their beloved Bristol 40, **Escape**, to a non-profit organization where she will help others learn about sailing.

Also, George, Ass't SEO, and Delores have sold the, **INHERITANCE**, who is now on her way to Nova Scotia where another family can enjoy the thrill of boating.



Thomas Cassano
Nancy Fein
James Izzo
Leo Kamp
Edmund Lynch III
Nicolle Navaretta
Dolores Reichle
Richard Robson
Larry Weiss



Diane Akseizer
Laura Cassano
John Navaretta
George Reichle
Mary Ann Rocchi
Herb Rocchi Jr
Michael Skupp



Lewis Bass
Elena Budkina
Rosemarie Eccleston
Luke Kuba
Henry Tiska

Meeting Schedule

	Exec Meeting	General Meeting and Events
October	2nd	9th General Meeting
November	Cancelled	13th General Meeting
December	4th	NO General Meeting 3rd Holiday Party

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

Fall Picnic

Oct 1st

Roosevelt Marina

Look for flyers on website
for more info

OYSTER BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

9th General Meeting

7:30pm Meeting Social Gathering

8:00pm Meeting and Presentation

New USPS Program—Jump Start (short)

Sea Shanties & Violin Solo by Kevin Kuo

13TH NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING SAGAMORE YACHT CLUB

Al Grover, who grew up in Freeport, NY and broke the Guinness Book of Records for powering the smallest boat across the Atlantic Ocean in 1986. At 90+, Al and is still very active. Don't miss this fantastic presentation.

'Holiday Dessert Contest'

Judges needed, No experience necessary

NOVEMBER—D3 COUNCIL MEETING

Check pg 13 for Flyer w/details.

DECEMBER 3RD HOLIDAY PARTY LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER!



Check out our Holiday
flyer on the OB website
or call Jennifer



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



District 3's Educational Cruise 15 October 2017

3 hour cruise ONLY \$20.00



Join our 3-hour USPS® District 3 **Educational Cruise** aboard the Miss Freeport V. The cruise is scheduled to depart at 4:30PM (boarding begins at 4:15pm) on Sunday 15 October 2017 from 85 Woodcleft Avenue, Freeport, NY.

Bring your own meals, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Dress warmly and bring your binoculars if you have them.

USPS — District 3 will provide charts so you can follow the buoy systems as we cruise along. The timing of the cruise has been planned so that we will have a minimum of an hour of cruising during the daylight hours followed by a minimum of an hour cruising during twilight when the navigational light characteristics can be seen.

The ship is scheduled to return to the dock around 7:30pm. Sign up now - space is limited to **ONLY 150 passengers**. Each person who participates in the cruise must also sign a "Statement of Responsibility."

Want to learn more contact Thomas at 516 987-9715 / TJP98@optonline.net



District 3 - FALL CONFERENCE
Melville MARRIOTT Hotel & Resort
SATURDAY, 4 November 2017



SCHEDULE TIME OF EVENTS:

0745- 0815 Registration for members (Second Floor).

All members must sign in on individual Squadron attendance sheets

Squadron Commanders pickup Lunch Tickets for your squadron

0815-0925 Opening Ceremony/Meeting - Assemble in Salons 1, 2, 3 & 4

0930-1015 Chief Commander's Message – R/C William J. McManimen III, SN-CN ANEO

1030-1145 D3 Expo – Salons 5 & 6 – Information for all advanced courses and electives as well as training aides will be available. In addition, voting for the people's choice awards of teaching aids will be held.

1200-1315 Lunch in the Atrium (First Floor)

1330- Meeting Reconvenes with District 3 Awards, Reports and Closing Ceremony

HOT LUNCH BUFFET

Classic Caesar Salad with Parmesan Cheese & Garlic Croutons

Antipasto Salad

Penne Marinara

Chicken Marsala

Breaded Tilapia

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

Chef's selection of 3 Desserts

Fresh brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Teas, Brewed Iced Tea in Table Pitchers)

SPECIAL DISCOUNT: \$23.00 per person

(For Reservations received prior to 23 October 2017)

\$36.00/per person (all Reservations received **AFTER 24 October 2017)**

CASH BAR available BEFORE & DURING Lunch (1130-1300)

Cut Out and Return with Your Check to: P/C Charles Virga, Jr, AP, BEFORE 23 October 2017

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM (10 PEOPLE TO A TABLE)	
RANK & NAME: _____ _____	SQUADRON MEMBER OF: _____ _____
SQUADRON SITTING WITH: _____ _____	Check Payable to: USPS DISTRICT 3 TO ENSURE SITTING WITH YOUR SQUADRON, CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DISTRICT BEFORE CUT-OFF DATE 23 October 2017
CHECK NUMBER: _____ (Please NO CASH)	Send to: P/C Charles Virga Address: 695 Peconic Avenue City & Zip: West Babylon, NY 11704

Member Update - Governing Board 2017 - Dallas, Tx - 9/12 to 9/17

By Ann Peltier

As in the past, Thomas and I traveled, by car, to participate in USPS® Governing Board. We were happy to stop along the way and visit some of our favorite spots: Nashville and Memphis. And no, we didn't see Elvis this year either!



We arrived to warm but comfortable weather. As usual, that was the last time either of us saw the outside of the hotel again...confining ourselves to meetings. Unfortunately, the Governing Board was a little disappointing with only 306 members (which is about 1/2 of normal attendance) and many seminars and programs cancelled. In fact, this was the smallest Governing Board that we ever attended.

Now I'd like to blame the weather, but attendance was low long before there was a threat of storms. But unfortunately, with devastation left behind by Harvey, the aftermath of Irma in Florida, and the possibility of Jose racing toward us...many members cancelled at the last minute. That being said, the meeting went on with some good news to report and some 'not' so good.

Now I'm a *'give me the bad news first'* kinda gal. So here goes.....we had 8 squadron approved for dissolution this year and many that were named as 'in trouble.' This decline in membership and squadrons across the nation is of paramount concern for all USPS. We know from past meetings, member involvement and branding ourselves in the community is an excellent way for us to let people know about the importance of our organization, our superior teaching staff, plus, the dedication and commitment to our community. Which brings me to some of the **good news**.

Blessed with a very large Grant, the National Marketing Committee has developed 11 new videos and a full print campaign for squadrons to use. Furthermore, they are planning a national print and radio campaign for 2018. Not to be out done, the Secretary's Department was busy at work, too. They released a new dual USPS website with a really snappy new look for the public side. Login at usps.org and notice that you have 2 options:

Please click [here](#) to access the public site.

Please click [here](#) to access the member login page.

or click on beyondboating.org and enjoy the new look. Either way, I think you'll be impressed.

Now for a little bad news...sometimes new things cost money! And the majority of the membership voted for another \$2.00 dues increase, effective 2018, to help offset the new marketing campaign. This offset, we were told, will help to keep us in the black during these high profile campaigns.

Member Services will be taking a more predominate role in helping squadrons and districts keep their data and membership records up to date. Cooperative Charting is working to update information on their website and Member Benefits released several new benefits this year. The Education Department has been working to **Modularize** several courses so they can be taken together—as in the past—or in individual chapter, or in modular form, as people find of interest. This experimental program caused quite a stir. We'll have to wait and see how it turns out. In addition, Education re-announced new program **Jump Start Program**. This new program can be a giant step forward. Read more about it in Thomas' Educational Report on page 3.

To learn more about what went on at the Governing Board, join us at the October Meeting on October 9th at the Sagamore Yacht Club. See you there.....*Ann*

Executive Meeting:

1st Monday of each Month from January to December

General Membership Meetings:

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

Always check Call to Meeting flyers and the website (boatoysterbay.org)
for more detail information: Dates—Times—Place of meeting

Fall is a colorful time for boating



**Remember wear your Life Jacket...
between Nov 1st and May 1st
it's the law!**

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

America's Boating Club
PO Box 13
Oyster Bay, NY 11771

The Gull Chatter
October November December
2017