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Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron



Gull Chatter



Commander's Report

by Ronald Nackman, JN

"A View from the Bridge"

Goodbye and Hello! Those are the thoughts that run through my mind when I contemplate the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron's Change of Watch scheduled for 3 April 2017 at the Sagamore Yacht Club in Oyster Bay.

existing members, just might help us bring more people into our classrooms and attending our meetings. More about that later.

It is noted by the Coast Guard that boating (especially small-craft boating) is becoming more popular each season. You would think that would encourage more people to seek out premium courses, like ours, to help them learn more about boating here on Long Island. Again, more about that later.



I wish to thank those of you who co-operated with me this past year, the job couldn't be done without your support, help and dedication. As the new Watch begins, I hope that you will continue your support and help and Lord knows I need lots of help and I hope we can all have fun and satisfaction, in the meantime.

Hope to see you at Oyster Bay's Change of Watch - Hospitality time 7:30P.M. and the Meeting starts at 8:00P.M. We plan on fun evening and it will be more fun if you're there.

Ron Nackman, JN

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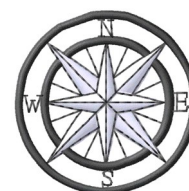
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Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



Hello Members,

The D3 Spring Conference is over and as I write this, it still feels like Winter! I am steadily recuperating and with the help of my good friends and family, I am getting around.

In fact, Ann and I attended the Seminar hosted by Ron Ferina: “**Basic Weather Forecasting.**” What a great time we had. The material is fresh and new and certainly helped us refresh some of those important signs of a pending storms we learned in the USPS Weather Course.

As you can see we all seemed to enjoy ourselves.

Actually, class was scheduled to end at 9:30PM but it was almost 10:00PM when the custodian started to put out the hall lights.

As you can see, we have 2 Seminar Groups available this Spring at the Roslyn HS. Both groups were designed to help boater (whether experience or a newbie) gain some important information



necessary for a comfortable and safe outing on the water.

We again, will be hosting the ABC class at the Bayville Bridge Marine Sales & Tackle, located at 9 Ludlam Ave. This is a 2 day (4 hours each day) course includes a full review and exam on the second day **is our only** 2 day course. All students are required to pre-register at least 2 weeks in advance.

Furthermore, they must read the book and do all the homework assignments in Chapters 1 through 4. We have had success with this venue. It is a fast paced course but still contains opportunities for students to ask questions and learn the basics. Remember, all students must pre-register and pick up their books 2 weeks before the course begins.

For now, I will be rolling along on the shore. See you at the marina.

Thomas

Safe Boating starts with Educated Boaters

Spring Schedule:

ABC:	March 1st, 2017 (Syosset Adult Ed)
ABC:	May 27 & June 3 day course Bayville
Seamanship:	April 25th, 2017 (Syosset-Woodbury Center)
Seminar Series:	Roslyn HS
Group 1	May 4th How to use a Chart
	May 11th Using your GPS
Group 2	May 18th Basic Weather Forecasting
	May 25th Tides and Currents



Interested in the following courses: Call for more information
Electronic Navigation & Instructor Development Certification

Executive Officer

by Ronald Ferina, JN



Little Stuff mean a lot!

As the 2017 season approaches, we are thinking about getting the boat ready. Perhaps doing routine maintenance; repairs, up-grades and updates; planning what gear and provisions go back on the boat for that first ride out after a long winter. Don't let the "big" stuff over-shadow the importance of the *little stuff*.



Are your PFDs in good shape? Do any need to be replaced? If you use inflatable life vests, be sure to manually inflate them and check to see if they are inflated to the same level after 24 hours. If not, they must be repaired or replaced. (Repairs should be done by factory authorize services).

Check your first aid kit; anything missing, damaged or out dated? How about that tube of sun block you left on the boat from last year. There are expiration dates on that too. Are your flares outdated? Air horns may not have an expiration date but the air horn can may be a bit rusty from last year. Determine if it will be okay for another season. Will it work when you need it?



Are your fenders inflated? They may look that way until they compress between your boat and the dock. Check the poundage and test them out by stepping on them. An let's not forget those docking lines. Are they frayed or dried out and stiff. Plunk them in a bucket of water with a cap of laundry softener—Downy will leave them smelling sweet. Rinse them well and hang them up on a tree (if you can) to dry out thoroughly. If they're still stiff, it's time to replace them.



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Admin Report

by Jennifer Nackman, JN



Hi All,

Hope the winter was okay for you. Ron and I had an opportunity to visit relatives in warmer weather. It was great fun. Now that Spring is here we are getting ready to do our Spring Clean-up and prepare our boat for a summer of cruising.

There were several great things going on while we were gone. **Feb Not Snow Bird Lunch** March we had an exhibit at the Plainview Library: showing off our 2016 summer photos and current course material.

This Spring really will be busy with so many squadron and district events. April 2nd will be the D3 Memorial Service. We are thankful that we do not have a name to enter this year. This is a beautiful and moving event. Please come and support District 3 as we celebrate those members who have taken their final voyage.

April 3rd will be our Change of Watch. We invite everyone to come and enjoy a wonderful evening. Ron, again, has agreed to be the Commander. Come and wish him well.

May we are planning our Spring Multi-Squadron Picnic. As always there will be food, fun and friends to enjoy the day together. The May General Meeting will feature..... Sound great!

June we usually don't have a squadron meeting but the Blessing of the Fleet will be the June 4th. Like always watch for flyers with detailed information about these events.

The best way to enjoy the squadron is to be part of the squadron. Join us for meeting, events and activities....this great!

Jennifer Nackman, JN

Member Articles

Submitted by



We're in the Library!

Need a good book go to the Plainview Library and while you are there, check out our phone display. It has already attracted some attention.

Little Stuff mean a lot!

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My fire extinguishers are fine... they have been in the green ever since I got them ... six years ago!!



Sea cocks in good working order? When were they lubricated last? Hmmm. Better to check it out now!

Navigation lights... check... side lights... check. All lights working? I can tell they are because I see them on my hand when they are on. Maybe so, BUT... are the lenses crazed over, cloudy or going opaque? Remember they are supposed to be seen from 2 miles away... not 2 inches on your hand; time to check and replace them if needed.

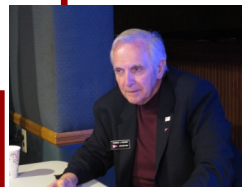
It's the small stuff that can drive you crazy when you out on the water. Now would be a good time check the Little Stuff.



Ron Ferina

USPS Annual Meeting was a blast. We learned about lots of new Marketing plans that the national organization has in the works.

At our General Meeting on



March 13th, projectionist—Thomas Peltier— showed us some of the new videos that

are available to members and USPS teachers. Everyone enjoy and appreciate these new videos.



To see these videos first hand just log on to the type in (<http://uspsdml.org/>).

They are so professional and informative. Let us know what your think by dropping the SEO Thomas a line at TJP98@optonline.net

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Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

Holiday Party



What a holiday party we had. We had food, fun and friendship all around. Our annual Oyster Bay Auction was a huge success with one of our members walking away with her Holiday done!

Our friends from Port Washington were there and they brought along a special guest...Mary McCoy. So glad that Mary could join us. Plan on being at our next year's party
Save the Date:12/3/2017

Annual Meeting January 2017

With the 20° weather many members decided not to brave the night; so we had a quiet annual meeting. Two of our members Lee Stern and Leo Kamp received their Operations Training Certificates. We voted on Bylaw change concerning moving our meeting night to the second Monday of the month and presented the new Bridge and Commander for 2017-2018.

As usual we celebrated with a great movie, hero and of course popcorn!



Crumbs on the floor?
No problem we have our own "Merry Maid."
Thanks Harvey



SAFETY Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

Safety means being Prepared

The weather is slowly getting nicer and nice and you're thinking more and more about the upcoming boating season.

Well, with a little planning boaters can get some really important things done now...and sometimes save a little money. Because the Spring Pre-Season sales are starting. So think about those repairs or upgrades you put off last summer and still didn't get to last winter. After all a *Safe boater is always Prepare Boater.*

Here are some common projects boaters should look at doing before the spring turns into summer.

Engine and prop: Planning on working on your boat's motor in June is like waiting to buy Luke Byran tickets at the door. Now would be good time to talk to your mechanic on those special projects you've been thinking about. Also, check the internet for sales for parts and be prepared to talk \$ and ¢ with your mechanic.

Canvas and sails: You were noticing that your canvas and sails looked a little shabby last year. Right! Don't wait for summer to find a sail and canvas maker. Now would be a good time to contact friends and the marina about a Canvas/Sail maker they recommend. Contact him and ask for that all important *Pre-Summer Discount!* So if you're thinking about a new Bimini top, repairing the canvas or sails – a stitch in time can save more than nine...it could save cash.

Wiring: Every boater could use an

an extra 12-volt outlet at the helm or knows of a wire or two that may be a tiny bit corroded or needs upgrading. There are some great articles out their try BoatUS, Boats.com and don't forget YouTube to learn some important info. The internet can be a great source of information especially for the do-it-yourself guys and gals.

Paint and varnish: Generally you need warm weather for these projects, but did you consider taking home your hatch covers and boards, tiller handles or small wood trim projects, and working on them now in a well ventilated basement or heated garage.

Chart and electronics updates: Does your chart plotter use an older chip. Many of us are plagued with old plotters that need revisions. But new chips could be expensive. With electronics software changing so frequently, now would be a great time to sit down at the computer and make those

corrections to your charts. Go to NOAA.gov and download the new updates.

Spring tacklebox overhaul:



You're never going to want to do this once the fish start biting. So now is the perfect time to do that all important clean-out. Sit down at the table on one of those rainy *April day* and get that tackle-box in shape. Throw out those rusty hooks and clean those scaly knives and line. Oh, and don't forget to put a drop cloth on that kitchen table.

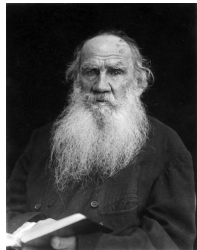
Now is time to get into action. After all Being Prepared could mean being Safe.

OBSPS NEWS BLAST

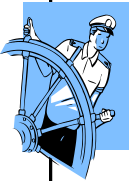
Spring Calendar Updates

Exec Meeting General Meeting and Events

April	March 27th	3rd - Change of Watch Meeting 7:30pm
May	1st	8th General Meeting 21st Picnic
June	5th	No General Meeting 4th Blessing of the Fleet



Spring is the time of plans and projects.
Leo Tolstoy



Boater's Terms ?

Head - Before you buy a boat...a **Head** is the part of your body that sits on top of your neck. After you buy a boat...a **Head**, you realize, is equivalent to your home bathroom. When your engine does start...a **Head** is a place you just flushed away a lot of money.

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.

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

DISTRICT 3 & USPS NEWS

**LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENING IN DISTRICT THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.
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District 3 Council Meeting

May 19th 2017

Marriott Melville

Meet & Greet: 6:30pm

Dinner: 7:15pm

Meeting: 8:00pm

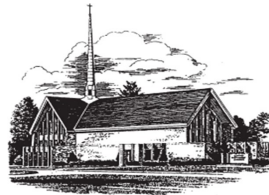
**Contact: Angelo Giovanniello
631 661 5318**

District 3

Memorial Service

April 2nd 2017

**Watch for district flyers
Check out the D3 website**



**The United Method
Church
Port Washington
1600 (4pm)**

**Join your friends as we remember
all those squadron members who**



District 3 Ducks Game

May 21st

Buffet and Game

**Start off Safe Boating
Week with a real**

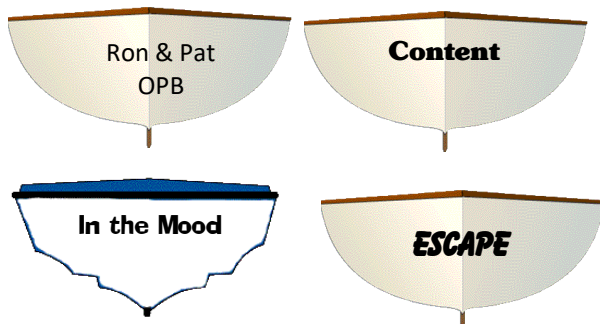
Safe Boating Week

May 21-27 2017

**D3 Nominating
Committee Meeting
14 June**

District 3 Rendezvous East July 28-30

**Make your reservations 'Greenport' now!
Check the D3 website for more information**



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GOOD AND WELFARE

Fran and Jordan Pekor welcome a new baby girl—one more member for Oyster Bay! Sad news—Helen Chrysler passed away over the winter. Our prayers and thoughts with the Rod and the family. Keep Rod's 10 yr old grandson in your prayers as well. He is being treated at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia.

Tom Peltier is back in a cast. He had additional foot surgery on Dec 28th. Watch out he's got a new knee scooter equipped with a bell!

To all our friends who are vacationing in Florida and California, come home soon.
We miss you!



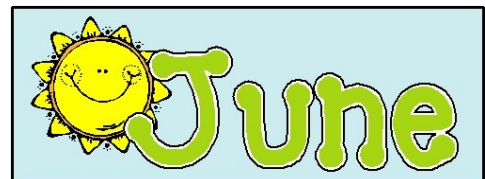
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!



Shirley Durfee
Steven Ender
Patricia Ferina
Jim Friscia
Robert Henken
Ronald Nackman
Elliot Rosensweet
Robert Tatem



Stephen Akseizer
Jonathan Bass
Eric Dochter
June Frey
John Gangone
Leonard Hecht
David Kessler
Lilly Margetic

Andrew Navaretta
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Dorothy Titus



Meeting Schedule

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So you don't forget about these special events

OYSTER BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Change of Watch Meeting

3rd April 2017

7:30pm Meeting Social Gathering

8:00pm Change of Watch

May 8th

General Meeting

Featuring the

John Poppke

Sagamore Yacht Club

Due the Storm that Never Happened
we had to cancel John back in March.

But he's ready to join us in May.

Learn about fiberglass and how to save
lots of money by doing your own
repairs.

Spring Picnic

May 21st Tappen Beach

Wear your life jacket to work

June 2017

NO General Meeting

June 4th Blessing of the Fleet

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

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

Spring days in Oyster Bay



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

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

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

America's Boating Club
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