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Commander's Report

"A View from the Bridge"

Well the summer is finally here. With this nice weather, I see more and more boats cruising the Sound. We had a great Blessing of the Fleet. A special thank you to Larry Weiss and his team. What a great day.

The squadron has many things planned that, hopefully, will interest all our members both on the water and on the land...picnics, parties, cruises, sails, movies, and lots more.



First things first! Did you have a 2017 Vessel Safety Examine? Contact Ron Ferina and make an appointment with one of the VS Checkers. It's that easy. In addition, Ron is also planning some Coop Charting Cruises this June and July. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn about the USPS Cooperative Charting Program.

by Ronald Nackman, JN

We don't have meetings during the summer. But that doesn't mean we can't get together for some fun. Make sure you watch for flyers and check the web (www.boatoysterbay.org) and Facebook for events and activities.

Jenny and I will be cruising up to Martha's Vineyard again this year and stopping off at Rendezvous East in Greenport (July 28 - 30) on our way back. Hope that you plan on joining us for the fun filled weekend.

And if you feel like taking a sail, just give me a call. Jenny and I are always happy to share our sailboat with our members. In fact, Ron Ferina has a whole list of sailors who would welcome crew and/or guest. So call, come sailing or just keep in touch. Happy Summer.

Ron Nackman, JN

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Educational Report

by Thomas J Peltier, SN



Hello Members,

The Long Island summer weather is a great time to be out on the boat enjoying our beautiful waterways. It is also a great time to think about a special program offered exclusively by USPS® to members and non-members. ***Practical on the Water Training*** can be a real 'life saver.' Even if you've been a skipper for years, now would be a good time to share your love of boating with your wife, children and friends.



The ***Practical on the Water Training*** offers you an opportunity to learn 'first hand' how to handle a

small craft under the direct supervision of a USPS Certified Instructor. In past years, over 100 people here on Long Island have taken this course and all were trilled with the professional and technical qualities presented.

First, enjoy a the 4-hour classroom presentation, which is then followed by a 4-hour on the water practical. Students overjoy demonstrating skills learned and quickly master them with the help of their instructor.

You can even register on line:

members \$50.00 and non-members \$60.00 for this course which will be held on Sunday August 5th, 2017.

In addition to ***Practical On the Water Training***,

District 3 is offering the **Educational Cruise**.

What's the Educational Cruise? Well, it's the best time ever! We'll board the Miss Freeport V at around 5pm and cruise the Freeport area for about 3 hours. We'll return back to dock no later then 8pm. While we're gone, we'll be checking navigational light characteristics (both day & night) and observing land formations along the coast.

This ship is limited to 150 passengers and it's *first come -first reserved*. So plan on joining us on 15 October 2017 for an outstanding adventure.

Please see the flyer on page 13 and send in your check for **\$20.00 to me** so I can make your reservation. Let's all plan on taking the **Educational Cruise** together.

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
Weather	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	
Group 3	Crew Over Board	July 11th
	Partner in Command	July 25th
Navigation:	Syosset/Woodbury Center	Oct 15th



Executive Officer

by Ronald Ferina, JN



Coop Charting 2017

The United States Power Squadrons® is the only organization that routinely and periodically checks the positions of navigational aids. Neither the United States Coast Guard nor the USCG Auxiliary conducts this service. NOAA (*National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration*) relies on individual squadrons to survey and report off station buoys within their local area. This is an important undertaking and civic duty that our squadron performs every year.

We cover all the harbors from Manhasset Bay to Huntington Harbor, and the buoys on the south shore of Long Island Sound between those two harbors. We have boats and skippers ready and willing in each of these harbors to take member volunteers to assist in verifying the positional accuracy of the government aids to navigation. A crew of 3-4 per vessel works well; one to record the latitude and longitude of the buoy being surveyed; one to read off the latitude and longitude from a GPS; skipper to pilot the vessel and the fourth to track the positions from paper charts.

Once the data is collected, the latitude and longitude data is loaded into an excel spread sheet to determine its distance "off station". If it is greater than 150 feet, the information is submitted to NOAA for processing.

In addition, individual squadrons receive recognition and credit for all buoys surveyed and for the number of squadron members are aboard.

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Admin Report

by Jennifer Nackman, JN

Hi All,

The hot summer days will be quickly be upon us. Hopefully, Ron and I will be enjoying the cool breezes of Martha's Vineyard by then.

I just wanted to mention that, as usual, there will be NO General Meetings during the summer months. It seems that July and August are quiet months. But that's not entirely true. Oyster Bay will be hosting many Coop Cruises and everyone is invited.

We have a great September Meeting planned. Unfortunately, due to scheduling problems, we changed the date to **September 25th**. We will still be at the Sagamore Yacht Club. I hope this will not be a problem for you.

As in the past, our September meeting will feature our Annual Photo Contest. Last year we had several outstanding entries and it was

hard to pick a winner. There will be a \$25.00 prize for 1st place. Just think, your summer photo can be a winner which will be displayed at the Plainview Library in March.

Also, at the September meeting, we will have Dr Kessler joining us. He will be discussing the *Sun and Boating* a topic that is important to all of us.

The Fall Picnic will be at Roosevelt Field on Sept 24th, flyers will be posted on the web-site with more information. Along with the flyer for the Annual Julius Paider Fishing Tournament. Now would be a good time to check the squadron and district calendar for events. In the meantime, I wish you happy sailing...

Jennifer Nackman, JN



The Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron's Membership Committee is happy to welcome 3 new members:

Peter Chen, Kevin Kuo, and Ralph Parisi

These members joined after they completed the ABC Course in Syosset HS and are now on to Seamanship. Welcome aboard and Best of Luck in Seamanship!

Member Articles

I was just thinking about the time when...? By Ann Peltier

Summer is a busy time for most people. Most of us look to have an *adventure* or a vacation that will be memorable. Perhaps, these times are important, so we can reflect upon them during the cold, windy days of winter. I'm not sure. But I do know one thing, most of my special memories are about fun things.

Think about those 'best times' of your life...they all seem to involve food, family, friends and fun. Hey, that sounds like the power squadron...like our picnics and brunches. Not to mention our meetings where the table is always filled with lots of good things to eat.



Another aspect of 'good memories' involves doing something...like when you built that birdhouse with the kids, made those special holiday decorations or simply made a chalk hop-scotch on the driveway.

In fact, planning and doing helps to make the memories even stronger, more lasting. Being part of the power squadron is another way to make memories. Joining in on the fun or helping to plan an event. There are many ways to be part of the action. Just ask...'Need any help?'...and I bet you'll be making memoirs that will last a life time.



USPS Boat Insurance Program with discounts up to 38%

This exclusive insurance program is available to most USPS members and is based on the premise that USPS members represent a class of "preferred risk" boaters. Since 1988, this program has proved members with service, reliability and outstanding coverage. Check Member Benefits at www.usps.org for more information. Additional Educational and Boat Operator Certification (BOC) Program Discounts.

Member Benefits

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

Change of Watch

Commander Ron agrees to take the helm, again.



Spring Picnic

The 3 Sister Squadron Picnic was another Chilling experience. If fact it was so cold—I didn't take many pictures. We had our dedicated members and a few new members join us. We laughed...because laughing makes you warm and we ate...because that's what we do. Anyway, next Spring Picnic will be when it's warm.



Some thought it was Cold?



You decide!



Some thought it was HOT!



General Meeting 5/8



At the General Meeting a group of us came out to hear John Poppke talk about Fiber Glass polishing and repair. Thank you John for an excellent presentation. We learned a lot.



Blessing of the Fleet

What a wonderful day! Thanks to the marvelous turn out of the world's best clergy, Town Supervisor Joe Saladino, CG Aux Cdr John Hubbard and the 35 or so boats that came to be blessed. For more pictures [click here](#) to see the whole parade.



SAFETY Report

by Ann Peltier, SN

Little Things Mean a Lot!

As the 2017 summer boating season begins, most of us have successfully put our boats in the water. In fact, BoatU.S. reports that during July 4th holiday weekend, “thousands of recreational boaters will take to the waterways...” making it one of the busiest days on the water not only here on Long Island but all across the country.

As we prepared the boat for launching, we thought about those routine maintenance projects and miscellaneous repairs; including some necessary upgrades and updates; along with planning what gear and provisions go back on the boat for that first ride out after a long winter.

However, don't let the “big” stuff over-shadow the importance of the “little stuff” like: Are your PFDs in good shape? If you use inflatable life vests: Did you manually inflate them and check to see if



they are inflated to the same level after 24 hours?

Remember, repairs should be done by an authorized factory representative.

Now is a good time to check your first aid kit. If you used items last year, double check and see what is missing, damaged or out dated. Be prepared by reading over articles about basic first aid or watching a first aid video on what belongs in your first aid kit as a refresher. Check out these two videos:

http://www.firstaidweb.com/first_aid.php
or <http://www.firstaidweb.com/cpr.php>

How about those tubes of sun block you left on the boat from last year. They have expiration dates on them too.



The sun is the number one cause of skin cancer. So make sure you not only have sun block but extra hats, sun glasses and light cover ups for yourself and your guests.

Hopefully, you got a Vessel Safety Check. NO! Well, contact Ron Ferina right away and make an appointment with one of our Vessel Safety Examiners. They will help you keep your boat in tip-top safety shape. Check your flare and fire extinguisher dates. It's a ‘little thing’ but it will be very important in an emergency if they are out of service because they are too old.

Take a quick look at your air horn. Is the can a bit rusty from years of sitting on the shelf? Will it be okay for another season or is it time to buy a new one? In one ‘little’ second you can test it to make sure it still works.



Walk around the boat. Are your fenders inflated and firm? They may look good; but flat fenders compressed between your boat and the dock won't be much help. Speaking of the dock. Are your dock lines in good shape? It only takes a quick minute to look them over to see if they are frayed/dried out or too stiff for use.



Whether you're planning on a 4th of July water adventure or just a summer of boating pleasure, take a little time to check out some of these items. You will be happy you did because like the song says, “Little things means a lot.”

Have a wonderful and safe Summer!

OBSPS NEWS BLAST

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A survey could take 2 to 6 hours aboard, under power or sail, and is a great day on the water with other members doing an important job. I invite you to contact me to join us on the water, helping out, expanding your knowledge and making new acquaintances at ronnfer@yahoo.com or call my cell after business hours at 516 901 4359. We will try to accommodate your availability to organize a schedule.

I will be conducting a survey of Oyster Bay Harbor on Saturday, July 8th at 3pm aboard a 30ft sailboat. I would be happy to have you aboard.

Ron Ferina



At the Beach time you enjoyed
wasting, is not wasted. t. s. eliot



Boater's Terms ?

Heave - A shipboard method for eliminating lunch when seas become rough. This is best done in proximity of a gunwale. Or, it can describe a method of throwing a line a good distance. Both definition seems to involve throwing...one up and one out!



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

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 Rendezvous East July 28-30

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

**District 3 Calendar
available so you can
schedule a whole summer
of activities with members
in our sister squadrons
around Long Island.**



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**

USPS—New Website

**Check out the new webpages
Comments and Suggestions welcome**

**D3 Nominating
Committee Meeting
4 October**

USPS Governing Board, Dallas Texas

September 10-17 2017

Check the Ensign for details.

Join the Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron



GOOD AND WELFARE

Sad news— On April 22nd we lost our dear friend & member Dave Craft. Dave was not only our Vessel Safety Chairperson but also a member of our Executive Committee.

Dave was an active member of many organizations and dedicated to each.

We will miss you.

Keep June Frey in your thoughts and prayers while she continues to undergoes required procedures at Presbyterian Hospital in New York.

Did you hear—Tom Peltier has dropped the walking boot and the cane. Maybe he will get on the boat this summer.

Waiting patiently — Larry and Donna Weiss are expecting their first grandchild in late September. No matter boy or girl— boating is in his/her future.

Congratulations to the **Kuo** family. Kevin is a new member and now he has a new Baby Boy! How great another new member for Oyster Bay.

Congratulations to all our Children, Grandchildren and special young people who have graduated from high school and college this year. We are so proud of you all!



Alice Feldman
Stephen Feldman
Ronald L. Ferina
Brenda Marks
Mara Navaretta
Gilbert Olivier
Jordan Pekor
Richard Scallon
Ami Shebiro



Thomas Cassano
Douglas Durfee
Stephen Fischer
Karl Lherisson
Louis MacAri
Anthony Margetic
Frank Martocci
John McCann
Douglas Paul
Judith Tantleff



Jack Angel
David L. Craft
Donna Dunbar
Rhonda Ehrler
Howard Fein
Doris Gentile
Joseph Gentile



Glenn Hoyvik
Bradley Knese
Deborah Lynch
Jennifer Nackman
John J. Randall IV
Lorena Stern

Meeting Schedule

Exec Meeting General Meeting and Events

July	None	No General Meeting
August	None	No General Meeting
September	25th 6:30pm	25th General Meeting

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

**July &
August**
NO General Meeting

OYSTER BAY SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

Sept 25th 2017

7:30pm Meeting Social Gathering

8:00pm Meeting and Presentation

Dr Dave Kessler

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.

Fall Picnic

Oct 1st Roosevelt Marina
Look for flyers for more info

***WANT TO GO SAILING?
HOW ABOUT A DAY ON THE WATER?
OYSTER BAY HAS SHIPS LOOKING FOR
GUESTS AND CREW...CALL RON FERINA FOR
MORE INFORMATION.***

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 (boattoysterbay.org)
for more detail information: Dates—Times—Place of meeting

Summer boating days in Oyster Bay



**Remember wear your
Life Jackets...they save lives**

Oyster Bay Sail and Power Squadron

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

The Gull Chatter
July / August / September
2017



PRACTICAL ON THE WATER TRAINING

Sunday August 6th, 2017

9:00AM to 5:00PM

This ***On-the-Water Certification Program*** is an outstanding opportunity for both ***power boaters*** and ***sailors*** and is available to **Members and Non-Members** are welcome.

Space is Limited
Registration required prior to Seminar

USPS® presents
Practical on the Water Training

This is an eight hour seminar with the perfect combination of classroom training and hands-on ***On-the-Water-Training***.

It provides an explanation of how your boat handles and why.

Video clips let you visualize the maneuvers prior to your experiencing them on the water.

It covers:

- use of lines
- departing the dock
- operating in a fairway
- holding course-range
- pivoting
- mooring
- backing up
- docking
- steering-slalom
- and quick stop

Each student receives a copy of the book *Start Power Boating Right*, a DVD, and a Certificate of Competition of his/her training.



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Lunch Included

Certified Instructors will provide you
with the best boating instruction
that will last a lifetime.





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