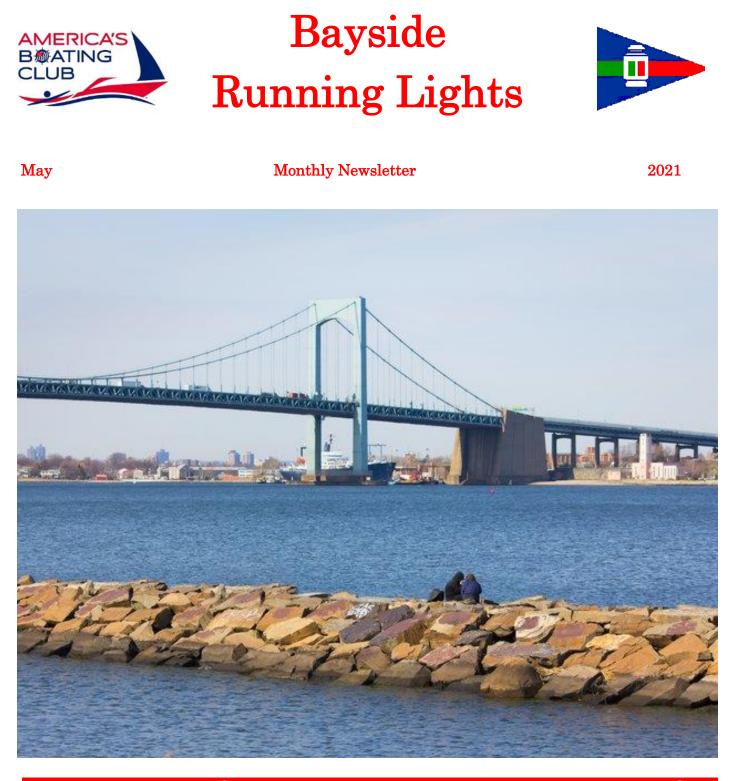
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Bayside Executive / General Meeting

DATE - 3 May 2021 TIME - Bayside Change of Watch

LOCATION - Virtual Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>MAY</u>

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- Bayside Change of Watch Virtual TBA
- Picnic with Oyster Bay P.S. (Harry Tappen Beach/Park – Details to Follow)
- 22-28 National Safe Boating Week





The Commander's Message

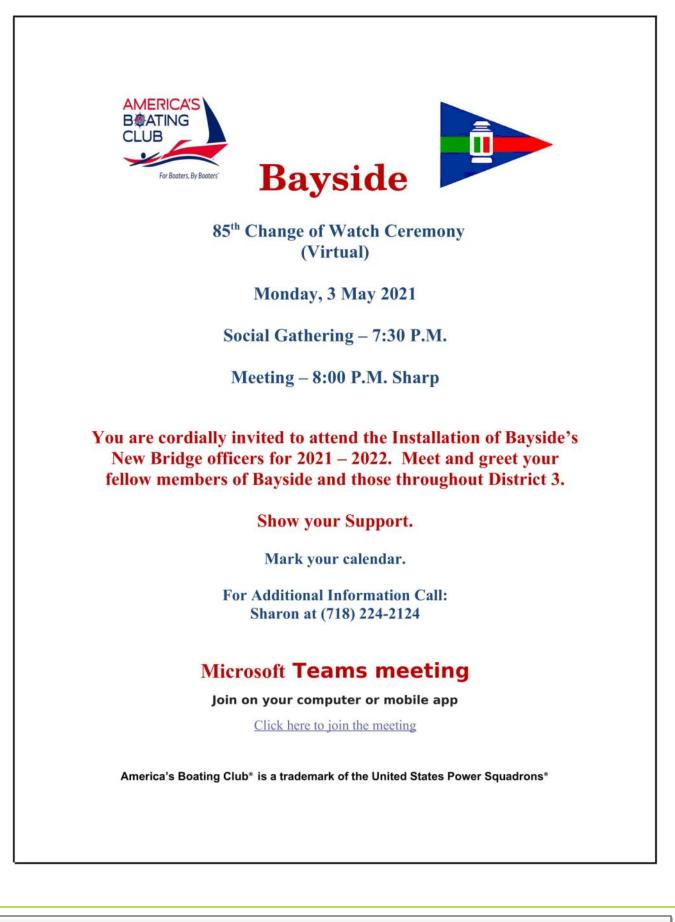
Cdr. Gil Allen, SN

Well, after 3 years as your commander, I will be leaving this position to a younger and very capable fellow squadron member, Seth Cirker, at our COW on May, 3, 2021. Having to deal with covid this past year and not being able to meet personally due to having to cancel all social squadron and district activities, including raft-ups, has proven to be challenging. We were able to have zoom meetings with face time and guest speakers. We were able to conduct some basic boating classes and some seminars either online or with social distancing. Our advanced boating classes were put on hold. I wish to thank my fellow squadron officers and committee members for there services. I particularly wish to thank the tireless efforts by Gene and Sharon Molteni and Sean Donohoe for their advice and leadership which keeps our squadron on track and functioning. The input we have received from Seth Cirker, Marco Michelson, Mary Ann Jordan and Dan Fannon are encouraging and pave the way for new ideas in furthering our goals. I am confident that our new administration will continue to advance the goals of our squadron.

Despite the challenges over the past year, I have enjoyed serving as your squadron commander. I look forward to the coming year when we can interact in person, continue educating the public and enjoy ourselves on the water with our boats.

Let's all stay healthy, happy and well!

Gil C. Allen, SN-CN Commander America's Boating Club of bayside







Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Seth Cirker, SN

For three and a half generations, Bayside has met the needs of boaters from one generation to the next in a uniquely professional and personal way.

I can personally attest to this as my grandfather Jerry Cirker, who taught me to sail aboard his Herreschoff sloop "Windlass", was a Bayside member. While records from his era are scarce, we know "Pop-Pop" was quite an active member. He was recognized at Bayside's 50th anniversary as having 25 Merit Marks with the grade of "N". Most interestingly, my grandfather taught Bayside's 1977 Sail Course, which was attended by P/R/C Guy Anastasio, who almost 40 years later, taught me in my first Power Squadrons course. It is through occurrences like this that our organization has been able to both accomplish our mission and grow.

I remember as a child, yacht club fleets were filled with sailboats from one end of the mooring field to the other. Some were "cruisers", spending their summers with other boats from their club's fleet, running up and down the sound from one destination to the next. Others raced. But these were not just any ole boat, racers owned boats that were custom designed and specifically built to be a namesake of their yacht club. The next time you see a sail having the letter "K" inside a circle, you are witnessing a piece of history, one of the few remaining Knickerbocker One Designs on the water today, a boat that has outlived its club.

Like golf to a golfer, for these boaters, boating was the fabric of life. Their friendships, free time and vacations all revolved around boating. From perfecting their game to expanding their social circle, boaters chased their passion thus providing the perfect opportunity for the United States Power Squadrons.

As we all know, times have changed. Things are vastly different now. When seen in yacht club fleets, sailboats are few and far between. Cruising boats have been replaced by bow riders. The prestigious one designs are decades old and quickly becoming relics of the past. Today boaters most often fish, pull water toys, day trip or use their boats as swimming platforms. Boating has gone from a lifestyle to a minimal-commitment summer activity.

At the same time, technology has forever changed boating. Long gone are the days when boaters had to know how to read charts, plot courses, obtain positions and prepare for emergencies. Today, boaters navigate with their phones and should something go wrong, with the push of a button, assistance is sent to their location.

While many hate to admit it, boating is not what it used to be. Accordingly, what appealed to yesterday's boaters may no longer be important today. It seems we've reached a crossroads, having arrived at a critical waypoint along our route. In everything Bayside does, from boating education to squadron activities, the question now presents itself: Do we continue on the same heading or do we change course? I look forward to addressing the challenges we face here with our new bridge members, officers and committee members. If you have any thoughts to share, I welcome you to join the process.

With what finally appears to be clear skies and smooth seas ahead, I am pleased to take the helm. I'm honored to be chosen as Bayside's Commander and most appreciate everyone's support throughout my journey on Bayside's bridge. With the outstanding leadership team we have in place, this should be a great year for Bayside.

Thank you.

Seth Cirker, SN-CN

Incoming Commander, America's Boating Club of Bayside





Educational Officer's Report

Lt/C Mary Ann Jordan, SN

As President Biden promised to reduce greenhouse gases to half of the 2005 levels by the end of the decade, energy experts and politicians debated whether that was a realistic possibility and what steps would be necessary to achieve this goal. One necessity identified would be to replace millions of gasoline powered vehicles with electric cars. That led me to think about the possibility of an electric revolution on the water. Was the use of electric motors in boats on a grand scale even possible? I knew an electric outboard could be used to power a dinghy for short runs, but what about inboards, planing power boats or large commercial vessels? When I researched the topic online, I was amazed by what I learned.

According to Kevin Desmond who wrote a book on the history of Electric Boats and Ships in 2017, their existence went back to the early 19th century. In fact the Golden Age of of electric launches was between 1880 and 1910. Maybe not so revolutionary or at least not so new!

Next, I looked into who was making electric motors. *Elco*, going back 125 years, is one of the oldest names in the marine industry. It built electric powered boats to ferry sightseers to the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. It is now manufacturing a line of electric motors, large and small, to power modern boats. One of Elco's more recent successes is their conversion of a New York State Tugboat from a diesel engine to an electric power train. The tug proved able to function well and even break through the ice on the canal.

The company explains its commitment to electrifying the boating industry in these words: "If only 5 percent of the approximately 13 million registered boats in the U.S. today repowered with electric, 1 billion pounds of CO2 emissions would be eliminated. In addition, more than half of the oxygen we breathe comes from the ocean and keeping our bodies of water free from emissions, oil, and other pollutants is key to ensuring the future of our fresh water and air."

Another much newer company, *Torqeedo*, is also a leader in the production of marine electric drives. The company was formed in Germany in 2004, when the founders decided to make an electric motor to power a boat that could be used on a lake where the use of combustion engines had been banned for environmental reasons. They have gone on to produce electric inboards and outboards, as well as drives for ferries and yachts used all over the world. *Torqeedo* also designed a battery that was used by the Emirates Team New Zealand's 75 foot yacht *Aotearoa*, a pioneer in hydrofoiling, which went on to win the America's Cup. The system it powered controlled speed, lift, maneuverability and stability during the race.

Torqeedo estimates that currently electric boats make up 2% of the boating market, which is similar to the overall market share of electric cars. However, the markets for both electric cars and boats are growing. Let's not forget the success of Tesla.

When the leader of Marine Innovation at *Raymarine*, Mark Johnson, chose a yacht for his family vacation, he chose a Pogo 30 powered by a *Torqeedo* Cruise 4.0 fixed pod, a lithium battery bank and a solar charging system. It provided a problem free vacation with plenty of power. Equipped with an electric motor and solar panels, Johnson reported, "Life on board is quieter and cleaner, and it's been two years since we've visited a diesel repair shop—that is cause for celebration."

Without the ability to prophesy, it is hard to say how the market for electric power in boating will grow, but it is off to a promising start. Clearly there are many innovations being developed to give the electrically powered vessels a greater cruising range, more speed and the ability to move greater weight than had previously been available.

Mary Ann Jordan, SN SEO, America's Boating Club of Bayside



Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Marco Michekson, AP

In anticipation of the resumption of more boating activities this coming Spring and Summer, and as our Safety Officer P/C Daniel Fannon AP emphasizes in this issue of <u>Running Lights</u>, let us not, in our haste, forget to attend to some of the most basic principles of boating safety that, ultimately, make it possible to have an enjoyable and relaxing outing on the water!

One of the most preventable deadly accidents that can occur on the water is Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning. The tendency to associate this condition solely with automobiles may contribute to lack of awareness of this risk, as we venture onto the open water in pursuit of peace and a disconnection from the urban world - that includes automobiles. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, tasteless, and colorless gas that is the byproduct of combustion of carbon-based fuels (inclusive of gasoline, propane, charcoal, and oil burners) that might originate from engines, onboard generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters. While most associated with gasoline-powered engines on boats, this gas is also produced by diesel engines, albeit in smaller quantities, but, under the right environmental conditions, can also cause CO poisoning.

On a boat, abnormal accumulations of CO may occur with: inadequately ventilated canvas enclosures; exhaust gas trapped in enclosed places; blocked exhaust outlets; another vessel's exhaust (CO from the boat docked next to you); the "station wagon" effect of back-drafting; and, at slow speeds, while idling or stopped, dangerous levels of CO can remain in and around your boat even if your engine or the other boat's engine is no longer running.

Carbon monoxide (CO) enters your bloodstream through the lungs, blocking the ability of the red blood cells to carry the oxygen your body needs. Prolonged exposure to low concentrations or rapid exposure to high concentrations can be deadly. Early symptoms of CO poisoning include irritated eyes, headache, nausea, vomiting, weakness, dizziness, chest pain and confusion. CO poisoning can cause a person to pass out and fall into the water and drown. A person who is sleeping or intoxicated can die from CO poisoning before ever having symptoms. Since these symptoms, when they are recognized, are like those of seasickness or intoxication, those affected may also not receive the medical attention they need in timely fashion. While anyone can be affected, persons who smoke or have underlying heart or lung conditions have increased susceptibility to the effects of CO.

CO poisoning is a life-threatening emergency that requires immediate action: evacuate the area and move affected person(s) to a fresh air environment; administer oxygen, if available; and call for medical assistance. If the victim is not breathing, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) should be initiated until medical help arrives.

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Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Marco Michekson, AP

Simple steps can be followed to prevent you, your shipmates and those around you from being affected by or succumbing to this condition:

- Know where and how CO may accumulate in and around your boat.
- Always maintain fresh air circulation throughout the boat. Run exhaust blowers whenever the generator is operating.

 Dock, beach, or anchor at least 20 feet away form the nearest boat that is running a generator or engine – exhaust from a nearby vessel can send CO into the cabin and cockpit of a neighboring boat.

• Know where your engine and generator exhaust outlets are located and keep everyone away from these areas.

- Never sit, teak surf, or hang on the back deck or swim platform while the engines are running. Teak surfing is **NEVER** a safe activity.
- Never enter areas under swim platforms where exhaust outlets are located unless the area has been properly ventilated.
- Although CO can be present without the smell of exhaust fumes, if you smell exhaust fumes, CO is also present. Take immediate action to dissipate these fumes.
- Treat symptoms of seasickness as possible CO poisoning. Get the person into fresh air immediately. Seek medical attention-unless you are sure symptoms are not related to CO.
- Install and maintain CO alarms inside your boat. Do not ignore any alarm. Replace alarms as recommended by the alarm manufacturer and check CO detectors regularly to be sure they are functioning properly.

Get a Vessel Safety Check (VSC). A VSC is a free bow-to-stern safety examination that can identify problem areas that could cause unsafe conditions on your boat.

More information about Carbon Monoxide poisoning can be found at <u>www.cdc.gov</u> and <u>www.uscgboating.org</u>

Fair Winds! Marco K Michelson, AP Executive Officer Elect



From the Safety Officer

Lt/C Daniel S. Fannon, AP



Back on the Water

It's May, and boat yards are busy with removing shrink wrap, engines being tuned, and hulls examined for landlocked vessels to be returned to their natural habitat – the water. After what now feels like decades adrift, many of our Bayside family who have been isolated and living in an emotional "on the hard" since the advent of Covid, are now venturing out to rediscover the joys of their boats and plan new travels on the open seas.

Not all of us will be out there, but for those of you who will, attention to safety will be even more important this season as the usual issues of boating safety will sail in concert with safety from this pandemic. After having both vaccine injections, it's easy to relax our guard, but I urge everyone to think carefully about interactions at marinas and being in contact with either passengers or other boaters. The more we take care now, the sooner life will return to some semblance of normalcy.

That said, we have a glorious advantage as boaters as there's nothing healthier and less a hiding place for Covid than sunshine, wind, and the water. So, my last word to you before launching out into this season is to be safe and to be adventurous. Take nothing for granted, and be grateful that life is a magnificent journey, and that as boaters, we are fortunate to know that there is nothing like life on the water.

Dan

Being Safe on the Water is No Accident.

Past Commander Daniel Fannon AP - Bayside Power Squadron, District 3 USPS





From the Crow's Nest

Lt/C Sean P. Donohoe, SN

I hate it when our change of watch is so early in the month because, depending on when you are reading this article, it may or may not have happened yet. Let this be a valuable lesson to everyone – do not delay reading the Running Lights when you receive it or you may miss out on the fun or gossip. Anyway, our virtual change of watch is or was Monday, 3 May. I was also really hoping that this one would have been in the real world and not the virtual world. I can't wait until we can remove the word virtual from our vocabulary. I think Moriches Bay Power Squadron is holding out until they can meet in person. Either that or the incoming commander is getting cold feet.

Congratulations to our new commander, Seth Cirker. I really don't think he will have any problems leading the squadron. This is a guy who ran the gauntlet of courses that are offered by power squadron and achieved the grade of Senior Navigator in two years. It took me two years just to complete the Navigation course. We now have a new face on the bridge in case you were tired of looking at the same old faces. Suzanne Zenkewich is now the administrative officer and Marco Michelson got promoted to Executive Officer. Congratulations to all the bridge officers and thanks for stepping up or staying on. No matter who is doing what, our change of watch gauntlet is almost over and then the summer/boating season will officially start.

The season will start just as Safe Boating Week starts and that will be a very busy weekend for us. Unfortunately, it will start with the "v" word – virtual district council meeting on Friday 21 May. This day is also "Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day." Since many people are working from home, I don't think it will have much of an impact. However, you could just pull the chord on an inflatable life jacket during a virtual meeting. I'm sure that will draw a lot of attention to life jackets as well as your sanity. Just make sure you don't turn your camera off or mute yourself. Fortunately, the next day, 22 May, we will be back to the "r" word - reality. Bayside will be setting up a table at the West Marine in Port Washington to actually talk to people face-to-face about boating safety. And of course, in between visitors, we'll also check out the weekly sales. I'm still thinking of buying my own kayak and you know, there is a fairly new kayak launch ramp right down the block from West Marine. I wonder if I could take a kayak out for a test drive. Too bad we didn't know someone in West Marine who could hook me up. After two days of doing power squadron business, we will have a day of power squadron fun on Sunday 23 May with a picnic and no, it will NOT be virtual. Although, based on our history of picnics and bad weather, we may want it to be virtual. Can the picnic be in-person and the weather be virtual? It will be B.Y.O.E. – bring your own everything and make sure you bring rain gear and thermal underwear.

Being single, I don't do much cooking unless you think microwaving food is cooking. Then again, being Irish, I boil a lot of my meals and many people don't think boiling is cooking either, but what do they know. Anyway, there are a lot of days when I don't want to microwave or boil, so I just order out and of course one of my main take-out dishes is Chinese food. And of course, after the meal comes the fortune cookie. After one particular meal, my fortune read, "Make serious decisions in the last few days of the month." I guess that's why all my bills come in at the end of the month. Maybe that's when I should decide to go fishing.

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From the Crow's Nest

Lt/C Sean F. Donohoe, SN

Speaking of fishing – P/D/C Karl Crutchfield told us a story about his latest fishing trip with his son. He caught a small stingray and surprisingly, it did what stingrays are named for – it stung him. How could he have been stung if his name is not Ray? Does that make it a sting-Karl? That sounds like something that would happen to me. On second thought, that can never happen to me because I can never catch any fish and when something like that does happen, it makes me glad that I don't catch any fish. Karl and I would make one hell of a fishing team.

I'm not sure what COVID-19 has in store for us this summer, but we are still planning events. We're planning for the best and hoping for the best. And hopefully those plans don't get disrupted and hopefully I will see everyone in attendance. Don't miss the last issue of the Running Lights for more information. After that, Sharon Molteni will keep blasting us with updates in the Bayside Blast.

Slán Abhaile, Sean



The Bayside Buzz

P/C Sharon E. Molteni, SN

We are hoping that the Pandemic will be easing in the near future. It has been difficult for everyone trying to navigate the rules, which differ from NYC to Nassau & Suffolk Counties. However, we have been doing well by operating with a few virtual courses and many virtual meetings.

This month we hold our <u>85th Change of Watch on Monday, 3 May.</u> There has been a lot of water under the bridge since 1936. During that time, we educated thousands of students in our public courses and thousands in our member courses also. It is rewarding to recognize the scope of what a volunteer/non-profit organization can do to further Boating Education in Bayside, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk...District 3.

The Change of Watch will be virtual. Check Page for the sign in code.

<u>Good & Welfare:</u> In April we attended the wake for a former member of Bayside, James Tagliaferro. Jim had been a member of Bayside for 50 years. After that he transferred to a neighboring squadron, which was closer to his home. It was our honor to attend and remember him and his family.

We are fortunate to celebrate what was accomplished in the past and what we can still accomplish today.

Upcoming Dates:

May 3 – Change of Watch (See Page 5)

May 22 – National Safe Boating Event -West Marine, Port Washington - 10 AM

May 23 – Multi-Squadron Picnic – Sunday, 12 PM, Harry Tappan Park, Glen Head, NY (Page 15)

June 2 - America's Boating Course (Flyer on page 16)

WATCH FOR MORE EVENTS FOR THIS SUMMER!

Best Regards, Sharon Molteni 718-224-2124



An Introduction from our new Administrative Officer

I was born in Brooklyn, moving to Elmont when I was eight. I attended Dominican Commercial High School in Jamaica, Queens, and got my first job working as a secretary for Seagram's Distillers. After a few years, I went back to school, starting the nursing program at SUNY Farmingdale. While going to school part time, I worked full time, first as a secretary for the Nassau County Fire Marshal and then as a dispatcher for the Nassau County Police Department. Upon graduation, I worked as a registered nurse in the operating room at North Shore Hospital and then on a surgical unit at Long Island Jewish Hospital.

As everyone knows after this pandemic, nursing is a very difficult job physically, mentally and emotionally, and I decided to change careers, continuing my education at St. John's Law School while still working at Long Island Jewish. When I passed the New York State Bar, I began working in the field of medical malpractice, defending physicians and hospitals, which is where I met my husband John. We married in 1994 and have two daughters (a police lieutenant and a first-grade teacher) from his first marriage. We're expecting our first grandchild in September!

Other than the Staten Island Ferry and the Circle Line, I had no boating exposure until the early 2000s, when we became members of TASCA after seeing a flyer at the LIRR station. John and I were intrigued, as a few months earlier we had joined Tradewinds Cruise Club, which is similar to a timeshare on a catamaran. Once we joined, we figured some boating experience would be a good idea!

I was brought up at Coney Island and Jones Beach and always loved the water. But boating was a totally new experience. Seeing the world from the water opened up a whole new adventure for me. We are avid travelers, and through our involvement with Tradewinds, we have sailed all over the world, from the British Virgin Islands to the Maldives and the Seychelles.

To me, there is nothing more peaceful and relaxing than being on a boat under sail, with only the sound of the wind and the waves. Luckily, John shares my love of sailing and we have enjoyed every minute of our sailing vacations around the world.

This past year has been hard on us all and hopefully things will be opening up soon. We are really anxious to start traveling again. One step in the right direction is that Bayside is planning an outdoor multi-squad picnic on May 23 at the Harry Tappan Beach in Sea Cliff. We'll keep you posted on the details and hope this will be the start of many social gatherings!

Suzanne Zenkewick





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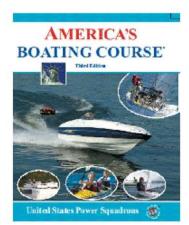
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- Name Tags: \$8.00 or \$9.00 depending on which pin is on the backside

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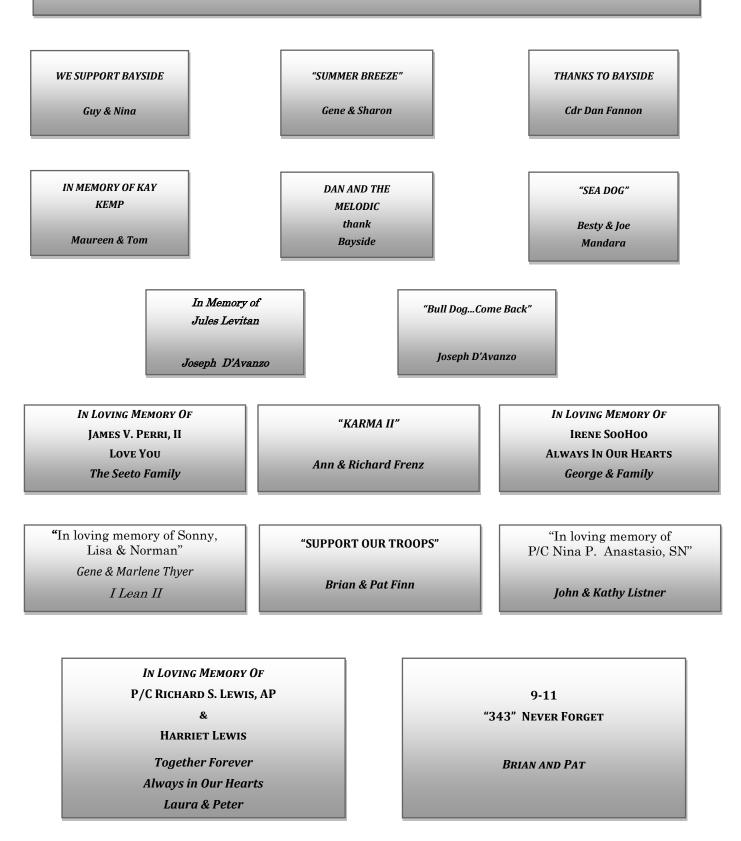




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