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Bayside General Membership Meeting

DATE - 15 November 2021

TIME - Executive Committee Meeting (7:30pm) General Membership Meeting 2000hrs (8:00pm)

LOCATION - Virtual Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>November</u>

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- D/3 Nominating Committee Meeting
- D/3 Fall Educational Conference (see flier on page 14)
- 15 Bayside Executive Meeting 1930 hrs (7:30pm) Bayside General Membership Meeting 2000 hrs (8:00pm)

<u>December</u>

- 5 Bayside Holiday Party (Jonathan's Restaurant New Hyde Park - flier on page 5)
- 6 Executive Committee Meeting 1930 hrs. (7:30pm) (Virtual Meeting)





The Commander's Message

Cdr. Seth Cirker, SN

A big shout-out to Gil, Dan and Sean for their work on a committee that was formed to find and implement a new investment strategy for Bayside. With rates near zero, our long-standing approach of placing unused funds in interest-bearing savings accounts has ceased producing any income for us. Recognizing this, we sought to do something different.

By taking a careful look at our revenue and expenses over the past few years, we were able to comfortably predict future cash flow requirements and thus identify excess funds that could be used for investment purposes. The greatest challenge we faced here was finding a revenue generating, but safe investment opportunity. I was shocked with what was discovered. In terms of dollars, at current rates, our investments will be generating more than 7% annually. In terms of safety, these are bonds, fully backed by the US government.

Now, depending upon who you ask, 50% say we couldn't find a safer investment, while the other 50% say we are completely doomed and may as well have thrown that money away or bought a boat with it. Knowing nothing more than how fast a boat sinks, I was in favor of taking the bonds approach.

Seriously, if you are looking for an interesting investment, check out I Bonds, their interest rate is based upon inflation, so when inflation is high, they return an unusually high rate. When inflation decreases, and they stop producing extraordinary returns, they can be easily sold.

This weekend I'm headed to the District 3 Fall Conference. This will be an in-person, half-day luncheon event held at the Melville Marriott on Long Island. Representatives from both District 3 squadrons as well as the national organization will be there, giving reports on their activities. At this conference awards are also presented to squadrons which excel in educational offerings and membership. The Fall Conference provides a great opportunity to meet fellow squadron members and share lessons learned from the differing approaches that squadrons are taking. If you haven't been to a District 3 Fall Conference, I highly recommend you join us next year.

Getting into the holiday spirit, Kathy Listner and Suzanne Zenkewich have been doing a fabulous job organizing Bayside's upcoming holiday party. It will be held on Sunday, December 5th from 1 to 5 PM at Jonathan's Restaurant on Jericho Turnpike in New Hyde Park. RSVPs are due by November 29th. The cost is \$45 per person, with a cash bar being available. If you are interested in attending, please email <u>klistner@verizon.net</u> or <u>suerapzen@gmail.com</u>. We hope you can join us.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 18^{5h} at our next General Meeting.

Seth Cirker, SN-CN

Commander, America's Boating Club of Bayside



AMERICA'S BRATING CLUB of Bayside

Slease Join Us As We Celebrate Our 2021 Holiday Party

Jonathan's Restaurant Sunday, December 5th 1-5 PM \$45 per person (soft drinks included – cash bar available)

> 2499 Jericho Turnpike New Hyde Park, NY 11040

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Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Marco Michelson, AP

The Fall Season inevitably brings with it concerns related to the coming colder months and the work of decommissioning. Among the many items on our "to-do" checklists should be a thoughtful approach to the care of the boat's batteries to avoid any inconvenient surprises in the Spring!

Winter is not kind to batteries and the retention of battery function will be dependent upon several variables. Assuming, for the purposes of this illustration, that a (lead-acid) battery is disconnected from any power source at the close of the boating season (e.g., September/October in the Northeast), battery health will be affected by all (but not limited to) the following factors: (a) Self-Discharge Rate: each type of battery chemistry and construction type (i.e. flooded cell vs. Sealed Valve Regulated) is associated with different rates of self-discharge, with flooded lead-acid batteries having the greatest rate of self-discharge rate per month, followed by Gel and Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) batteries, the latter of which hold their charges to a greater degree. Lithium batteries experience an extremely low amount of self-discharge, as well, but, because of the more complex battery management systems that are required to maintain this type of battery configuration, this discussion will be limited to lead-acid based battery types; (b) Resistance to Depth of Discharge: flooded lead-acid batteries are, generally, more susceptible to a deeply discharged state of charge than Gels or AGM's; this is particularly relevant for Cranking Batteries (with thinner plates) that cannot be subjected to the same level of discharge as Deep-Cycle batteries (with thicker plates) without causing irreparable damage; and (c) Charge Acceptance Rate (i.e., ease of recharge): while this is affected by baseline State of Charge, generally, Gel's and AGM's recharge more quickly[§].

Thus, we can easily anticipate the outcome of attempting to start an engine in the Spring with a flooded lead-acid (e.g., Cranking) battery that has been disconnected from any charging source over the Winter! So, if it is your practice to disconnect your flooded cell batteries, it is recommended that, beforehand, the flooded cells are checked and the cells topped-off, as needed, that the batteries then be fully recharged (then perhaps stored in a more controlled environment) and rechecked periodically off the charger (at least every 2-3 months) throughout the winter. Alternatively, if it is chosen to leave the batteries on a trickle charge throughout the winter, it is equally important (whether they are at home or still on the boat) that they be monitored to ensure that overcharging does not occur (e.g., that the electrolyte does not gas off) and that the charger is a multi-stage (i.e., bulk, absorption, float) device that is correctly matched to your battery type and that it can appropriately monitor the battery state of charge and battery temperature. For boats that remain in the water and where it is necessary to retain battery charge for powering safety devices (e.g., bilge pumps), the previously noted monitoring is especially critical and, if a battery charger is installed in a gasoline engine compartment, such chargers must be ignition-protected[¥].

Fair Winds!

Marco K Michelson, AP Squadron Executive Officer

 [§]Calder, N. <u>Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual, Fourth Edition.</u> 2015. International Marine/McGraw-Hill Education
[§]The Boater's Guide to Winterizing (<u>https://www.boatus.com/-/media/files/boatus/the-boaters-guide-to-winterizing.ashx</u>)

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Educational Officer's Report

Lt/C Mary Ann Jordan,

America's Boating Club of Bayside began its education agenda for the 2021-2022 year with its Fall course offerings. An *ABC* course taught by Sean Donohoe is coming to a successful conclusion soon. Eight students are enrolled in the *Boat Handling* course taught by Gene Molteni, which consists of six seminar sessions, and will finish at the end of November.

Starting the second week of January, Bayside will be offering *Marine Navigation* and it will be followed immediately by *Advanced Marine Navigation*. These two courses replace *Piloting* and *Advanced Piloting*. They have not been offered since 2019 because of the pandemic. Depending on Covid conditions, we are hoping to offer both as blended courses with some instruction delivered remotely and some hands-on practice in person.

In the Spring, we will offer either a newly revised Weather course or the soon to be revised Engine Maintenance course. Both have been popular in the past. Please let us know if you are interested in either class. Drop me an email at: maryannjordan@gmail.com.

When these courses finish, it will be time to take your new skills out on the water!

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



Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Suzanne Zenkewich, P

Now that Halloween is over, the holiday season is in full swing, and the stores are going wild with Christmas carols and Christmas decorations. Hopefully, the problems with the distribution systems will ease up and we will be able to have our usual Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, which are sorely missed after last year's pandemic. It will be great to celebrate together after more than eighteen months!

Our holiday party is planned for December 5 at Jonathan's in New Hyde Park. This beautiful American-style restaurant will be a nice change and we are hoping for a good crowd of friends and family.

The cost is \$45 per person which includes a full meal with six entree selections, salad, dessert, coffee, soft drinks and a cash bar. Please send your payment to Sean Donahue by Venmo or check as soon as possible. We are so looking forward to getting together again!

At the last meeting, Mary Ann Jordan gave a great presentation about the ferries of New York City and the revitalization of several areas of the city. This is something most of us didn't even know about, and sounds like a great way to spend a day on the water. We are hoping to schedule a squadron event in the spring, including the ferry ride, sightseeing and lunch at a waterside restaurant.

John and I are enjoying the boat handling course and the seminar series and highly recommend both.

We're looking forward to seeing you all at the holiday party. There is much to be thankful for this year!

Here's to a wonderful, safe and healthy holiday season and a great 2022.

Suzanne



From the Safety Officer

Lt/C Daniel S. Fannon, AP



SURVIVING THE FUEL DOCK

One of the most stressful aspects of boating for me is fueling. Fortunately, since my total 50 gallons of diesel can carry me around 200 miles at 10 kph it's not a frequent problem, but still, with separate starboard and port tanks and their bronze fills located on the exterior, narrow catwalks, it's a real juggling act. Actually, it's not that difficult to safely fill the tanks and be on my way, but what makes it nerve-wracking is the environment that most of us face at the fuel dock. Everything there is Hurry, Hurry, Hurry ! Unless you are there at an off hour, many fuel docks are busy places where one of the big problems is that it's easy to be intimidated by waiting boaters who are lined up and drifting nearby showing their impatience by

tooting horns and yelling to "finish up and get outta there". I can't tell how many times I've seen that happen, and it's usually the boaters in overloaded bowriders who see a fuel dock the same way they see filling the gas tank in their car. It's all drive in, fill 'er up, and hurry away. Well, kids, it's not the same thing. Boat fueling is more complicated, dangerous, and it takes time. I am always tempted to look at the impatient mob, point to my backside, and sing a chorus or two of "Besame, Besame Mucho!", but instead, I just ignore them as I suggest you do as well.

There's no mystery to safety at the Fuel Dock if you follow these basic steps without fail.



- If you can, chose a time when the fuel dock isn't very busy usually late afternoons or very early in the morning.
- Once you are tied up, it's engine off, no electrical switches to be turned on until the fueling is done, and all your passengers are off the boat and on the dock.

• Ventilating gas fumes from the boat during and after this process is essential. Close all ports, hatches and doors at the beginning, and then open everything at the end to thoroughly ventilate any gas fumes from the interior of your boat, especially the bilge.

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From the Safety Officer

Lt/C Daniel S. Fannon, AP



• A good idea is to surround the fill nozzle with a small towel to absorb any spill before it gets on your deck or into the water.

• Many dock pumps fill at a high speed, so before you start, ask the attendant how fast the flow will be so that it doesn't overpower your fill capacity. Using the nozzle trigger, start slowly, and don't use full speed if the fuel starts to back up. It can belch out a gallon or more if you force it too quickly.

- Do not overfill, and wipe up any spillage.
- Once your tanks are full:
- 1. open all your windows, doors, and hatches to ventilate the interior
- 2. Turn on your bilge blower to draw out any gas fumes that have

accumulated. Run the blower for at least 5 minutes – use that time to pay the attendant for your purchase.

- 3. Do the **Sniff Test** in the engine compartment and the bilge. I mean literally stick your face down into the bilge and make sure there are NO gas fumes. Don't start your engine until you are thoroughly sure that all the fumes are gone.
- Start your engine, and if all is well, then reboard your passengers, cast off, and be on your way.



Since gas fumes are heavier than oxygen, they can settle at the bottom of the bilge where, if not completely ventilated, can easily be ignited by a spark from the engine or any part of your electrical system. That's why the **Sniff Test** is essential. Each year, there are needless fuel dock disasters where boats literally explode from fumes igniting. It's not a happy sight for the boat or its passengers.

Filling your tanks safely is a simple matter if you methodically take care to follow these steps. Besides, how often do you get a chance to sing "Besame, Besame, MUCHO!" ?

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 would like to report on the Fall Conference, but it has not happened yet. I just hope that we are still able to have an in-person conference as I am writing this article. The council meeting last month was supposed to be in-person, but it was changed to virtual after some members got covid after attending the governing board meeting in Raleigh, North Caolina. I think we're safe this time because no one went to Raleigh before the Fall Conference, however, I did go to North Carolina to visit my sister, but I was more afraid of getting flooded again than getting covid. As I mentioned in my last article, Mother Nature waits for me to leave before striking and she did it to me again. While in North Carolina, New York City was hit with a nor'easter. Needless to say, I was more than a little paranoid. Some people say I have PTSD but what I really have is PFD - post flood distress and now I feel the need to carry a PFD at home and not just on a boat. Just before the flood, I installed cameras in my house which is ironically, how I knew I got flooded. Now I'm afraid to check the cameras when I leave the house. Do you remember the movie Paranormal Activity? It was about people who caught scary supernatural activity on their home cameras. That being said, when I check my cameras, I would rather see ghosts in my house than water – unless there's fish in the water.

Did you check out this month's member news from national? Stf/C James Milton from Great South Bay wrote about upcoming seminars given by The Great Lakes Cruising Club. As I was reading the article, I noticed the title of one of the seminars started with Happy Hooking and naturally I thought it was about fishing. Needless to say, you know what happens when someone jumps to conclusions and assumes. The full seminar title is Happy Hooking: The Art of Anchoring. As you all know, I can't hook a fish even if I had a hook in one hand and a fish in the other, but I think I can manage to get an anchor hooked into the bottom of the seabed. It is a lot easier than trying to get a small hook in the small mouth of a fish. One time, I even managed to hook a cable. Of course I did not see the sign that read in big black bold letters, "CABLE CROSSING – DO NOT ANCHOR." That reminds me of something that our commander, Seth Cirker mentioned. I believe he was referring to a general principle from the world of sales. The short version is that it would take at least seven encounters with someone to get your point across. Clearly that is not true. I've had more than seven encounters fishing and I still can't catch one. I've had no encounters with underwater cables, but I can catch them.

Speaking of fishing (and I usually do in my articles) I had to postpone one of my basic boating classes. Unfortunately, I have only one student and he couldn't make one of the classes because he had a fishing trip in New Hampshire planned. When he got back, he told me that he caught a boatload – pun intended. Now when people tell me that they've caught fish, I just respond, "Yeah, but did you catch a cable?" He goes on these trips all year long including December. I don't know if that is dedication or insanity. I know if I did that, it would be insanity since I would just be wasting my time and money.

I mentioned in my last article how this was a busy time of year for me especially as squadron treasurer and district assistant treasurer. I'm also treasurer for my own finances which means I have to be extra careful to make sure I deposit and withdraw money from the right accounts. After being treasurer for the squadron for two years and assistant treasurer for the district for seven months, I can now say with absolute certainty that I am glad I became a COP instead of a CPA.

I hope everyone had a fun Halloween last month. It's amazing how times have changed. I remember a time when people would wear a mask to scare other people. For this past Halloween however, the best way to scare other people was to not wear a mask. Halloween is now over, and we are right in the middle of the holiday season and as usual, the stores skipped over Thanksgiving and went right to Christmas. We went from Halloween candy to Christmas cookies but there is still a lot of eating in between. And speaking of eating, the Bayside Holiday Party is back, and I hope everyone can join us at Jonathan's in New Hyde Park on Sunday 5 December. We need to make up for lost time. It's a new year, a new venue and new faces but the same fun, food and friendship so send me your reservation and your money, but don't worry, I will put it in the right account.

Let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New...I'm getting like the retail stores. From my family to yours – Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Slán Abhaile, Sean



The Bayside Buzz

P/C Sharon E. Molteni, SN

<u>AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB of Bayside</u> will celebrate its <u>85th Anniversary</u> this month. We were chartered November 14, 1936, before many of us were born. It was a very different time and yet we probably share many challenges that existed at that time. We grew quickly although the Depression, World War II and the Korean War engulfed us. Our membership spread to Nassau and Suffolk Counties, which started the formation of 8 new squadrons: Neptune, Manhasset Bay, Little Neck Bay (Port Washington), Smithtown Bay, Sewanhaka, College Point and Great Neck. This was followed by the formation of Oyster Bay Squadron in 1971 from Manhasset Bay. Unfortunately, Manhasset Bay, College Point, and Great Neck have dissolved.

As we start the beginning of our 86th Year, we should reflect upon the men and women who came before us. What will our legacy be?

Virtual Meetings October & November

We had a wonderful meeting in October with 25 members on-line. Lt/C Mary Ann Jordan, SN led us on an adventure in NYC. and showed us how to explore New York City on a dime. (NOT EXACTLY A DIME BUT AT LITTLE EXPENSE). We definitely enjoyed this unique opportunity to see the city from a different perspective.

November means its our 85th Anniversary. This is a unique status shared by few squadrons in USPS. We'll celebrate virtually because our Holiday Party is being held (in person) on December 5, 2021. (See <u>Page 5</u> for the details)

<u>NEW MEMBER</u> - We are delighted to welcome our newest member, Sean Hourigan. He is a member of the FDNY and signed up for the Boat Handling Course. Welcome Aboard.

<u>GOOD & WELFARE –</u> It is with deep sadness that we received notification of the passing of <u>Carl G. Sciabarra, AP</u> in late September from his wife, Diane, AP. Carl & Diane have been members since 1992. She advised that he had suffered from a long-term illness.

HOLIDAY PARTY SUNDAY - DECEMBER 5, 2021 JONATHAN'S RESTAURANT Reservations Required - \$45 per person

(See <u>Page 5</u> for details)

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day Sharon & Gene 718-224-2124





Ship's Store

AHOY MATEYS! Updated Prices For The Following Items

- Squadron polo shirts with the burgee sizes: S/M/L/XL \$25; XXL \$27; XXXL \$29
- Two sizes of Bayside Burgees: Small for boats less than 27' — \$30.00 Large for boats greater than 27' — \$35.00
- Name Tags: \$8.00 or \$9.00 depending on which pin is on the backside

OTHER ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE

If you wish to order, please contact Mary Ann Jordan at 718-767-3683

Look who celebrates Birthdays this November

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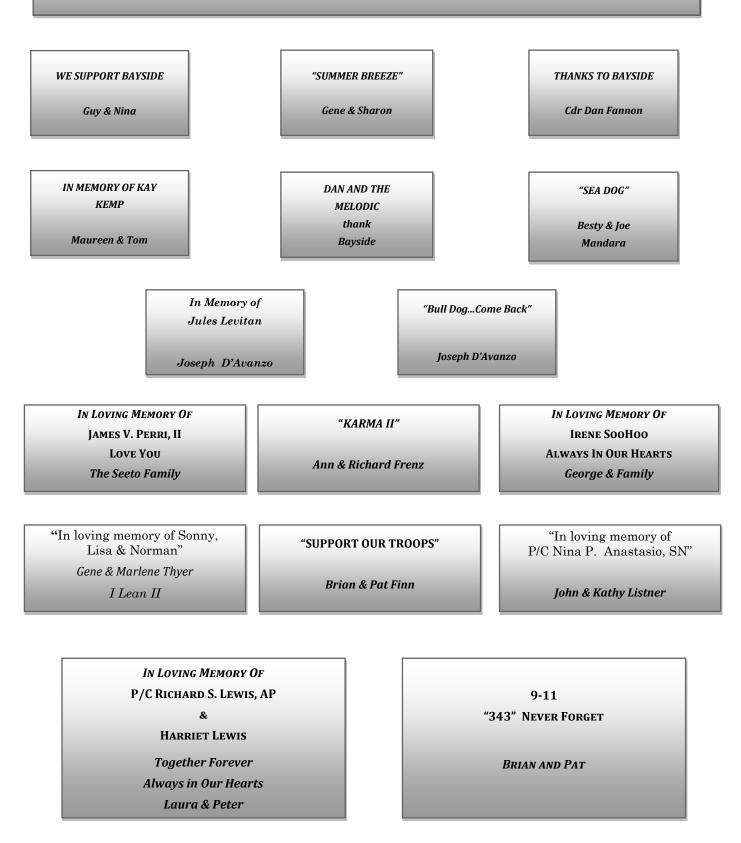




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