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Bayside General Membership Meeting

DATE - 18 October 2021

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

LOCATION - Virtual Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

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5

- District 3 Council Meeting (Melville Marriott)
- America's Boating Course Begins (details to follow)
- 13 District 3 Nominating Committee Meeting (Oyster Bay Skating Rink)
- Bayside Executive Meeting 1930 hrs (7:30pm)
 Bayside General Membership Meeting 2000 hrs (8:00pm)

<u>November</u>

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- D/3 Nominating Committee Meeting
- 6 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)





The Commander's Message

Cdr. Seth Cirker, SN

First, I'd like to express my appreciation to all those who participated at last month's Port Washington Yacht Club and Safe Harbor Capri Marina events. Many thanks to Marco, Carol, Gil, Gene, Sharon, Sean, and Guy for making these possible. Community-based events like these are becoming more and more important as we are seeing a decline in member referrals from the national organization. These "Meet & Greets" provide a unique opportunity in which we can raise awareness of America's Boating Club by sharing valuable information with our local boating community. Taking a one-two punch approach, we are following these introductory meetings with a series of six seminars that we believe will also be of value. Boaters are welcome to take all seminars or just those of personal interest. From here, we will determine if there's an appetite for our greater time commitment courses. As always, new member engagement and retainment remains key to our success. Adapting to changing times is the challenge. At our last General Meeting, John Zenkewich shared some thoughts he had on using QR codes, barcodes boaters can scan with their phones, to collect contact their information and provide them with helpful information. We'd welcome any other thoughts or ideas you might have here. Please let me know.

Next, I'd like to share a recent boating experience I had as a guest, alongside five others, on another Bayside member's boat. Immediately after leaving the dock, no sooner than taking fenders and lines in, blue lights appeared to port. A Coast Guard high speed response boat with a half dozen armed personnel requested to board. After two officers boarded, I did what any wise Commander would do in a situation like this, abandon ship. Glancing towards the Coast Guard helmsman, "Permission to board?" I requested and was welcomed on their vessel. When offered a tour of their boat, I responded, "No time, this should be quick. There's more boating safety knowledge and experience on these two boats than in the rest of the sound. They're all United States Power Squadrons officers having taken every course from safety certificate to celestial navigation". They snickered, likely only eager to put their two fellow officers though another checklist, which in the end, confirmed that all the safety equipment previously verified in a Vessel Safety Check was on board. With all boxes on their form checked, we were on our way, else we would have been headed back to the dock. Vessel Safety Checks payoff.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the 18th at our next General Meeting.

Seth Cirker, SN-CN Commander, America's Boating Club of Bayside







Set Your Sights on Bayside's

Worse Things Happen at Sea Holiday Party

Those who know the ropes are already on board Bottom's up to lots of scuttlebutt and a good square meal

A little too much down the hatch? In deep water, three sheets to the wind or keel over? No worries, landlubbers won't be left high and dry

We'll get them home in plenty of time for our next rendezvous



Don't Miss the Mark

Jonathan's Restaurant Sunday, December 5th – Time TBD

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Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Marco Michelson, AP

Amid the ongoing uncertainties of these times, it's tempting to let our imaginations wander into a wistful and utopian world where there are no pandemics, where the concerns of one's society become simplified by a focus on the family unit's sustenance, where boating activities are the central pillar of the family unit's and societal success, where there is such an abundance of resources from the sea that seasonal migration of fish enable villagers along Long Island Sound to merely scoop up with a net all manner of fish and bread loaf-sized clams at the seashore, where critical resources are not wasted and where the needs of society are in complete harmony with our environment[§]...

Strangely, what many don't know is that this *was* the reality of Long Island Sound living only a little over 200 years ago (only 10 generations), when the allure of this "Mediterranean" paradise of the West led explorers, merchants, and waves of colonists to settle in this area. Of course, the inevitable was to occur – natural resources previously relied upon by indigenous peoples were exploited for commercial gain, the rapid growth of populations strained the land, the byproducts of the industrial revolution and human waste contaminated the rivers draining into the Sound and, yes, the first pandemics were introduced into this new frontier, where indigenous residents of the North East, numbering in the tens of thousands, were decimated by the introduction of infectious diseases bought into the New World by settlers. As the staggering pace of population growth continued, uncontrolled pollution began to asphyxiate the Sound to the point where certain species of fish have disappeared, where the natural habitats of migratory marine animals have been disrupted and where even the food chain upon which humans rely has also become threatened. Fortunately, because of the work emanating from partnerships between conservationists and local, state, and federal government, awareness of this crisis has been brought to the fore and, in the last 1-2 generations, significant strides have been made to stem this tide of environmental destruction.

America's Boating Club^{*}, as the preeminent educational organization fostering a mission of "…improving maritime safety and enjoyability through education…" is in a unique position to support the safety of our mariners as well as the "safety" of our waterways. So, let's now imagine what we can resolve to do to assist in *reclaiming* the health of Long Island Sound and, on a what we, as some of the most devoted stewards of our waterways, upwards of 45,000^{*} members strong distributed among 450 squadrons^{*} across the United States and its territories, can accomplish in returning our local and national waterways to their natural state.

Fair Winds! Marco K Michelson, AP Squadron Executive Officer

^{*}Membership is approximate and based upon the description of the United States Power Squadron's dba America's Boating Club contained in Wikipedia's eLibrary

§T Andersen, <u>This Fine Piece of Water. An Environmental History of Long Island Sound</u>; Yale University Press, 2002





Educational Officer's Report

Lt/C Mary Ann Jordan,

As the temperature drops and the winds pick up, the boating season slowly winds down and America's Boating Club of Bayside makes plans for the nautical education of its members and other nearby boaters. Unfortunately, because of the continuing presence of Covid-19, the timing is still not right for in-person learning. As a result, course and seminar offerings will continue to be presented remotely.

An ABC Course is starting on October 7 and will run for five weeks. The following seminars are scheduled to take place during the Fall and Winter months: On October 4, Confidence in Docking and Undocking; November 1, Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio; November 29, Anchoring with Assurance; December 27, Using GPS; January 24, Man Overboard; and February 21, Basic Weather and Forecasting.

All these seminars will be presented virtually on Monday nights at 7:30PM. If you are interested in attending any of these seminars, please email Gene Molteni at eugene.molteni@verizon.net.

Other possible seminars that could be presented at later dates are: Propane Systems on Your Boat; Partner in Command; Man Overboard; Hurricane Preparation for Boaters; How to Use a Chart; Basic Weather and Forecasting; and, AIS Electrionics for Boaters. Let us know if you are interested in any of these topics. During these months when many of us are no longer on the water is a great time to learn more about boating and hone our skills in preparation for the Spring of 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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



Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Suzanne Zenkewich, P

Even after an excruciatingly long 18 months, Covid continues to impact our lives. Just when it looked like things were finally getting back to a semblance of normal, the Delta variant reared its ugly head, putting us several steps back to masks, mandates and restrictions. In New York City, proof of vaccination is now required to eat inside restaurants or go to gyms and places of entertainment.

Happily, even with the restrictions and the need for continued virtual meetings, our club has continued to do well. Membership is stable; we even have several new members. Attendance at our virtual meetings is stable, which is great considering we're not sure how long we will need to continue virtual meetings.

We have taken several steps to increase our club's exposure, including demo days at Capri West and Safe Harbor/Capri West Marina, raft ups, picnics, Rendezvous East and ABC classes. Other demos will likely be planned at Capri in Port Washington. A virtual six seminar series is starting October 4 and continuing approximately monthly through February 2022.

Our Facebook presence continues to grow, and we ask that all members "like" and share the articles on our Facebook page, which increases our exposure. Of course, posting photos from our events would also be great to show both the boating and social aspects of our club.

Although the Tobay Beach boat show was cancelled, the Norwalk and Newport boat shows have taken place, and the Annapolis boat show is taking place this month.

We are entering the holiday season and making plans for our holiday party on December 5. We are planning to hold the party at Jonathan's, a beautiful and popular American restaurant in New Hyde Park. We need a rough idea of attendance before we can finalize booking, so please email Kathy Listner at <u>klistner@verizon.net</u> or me at <u>suerapzen@gmail.com</u> as soon as possible to let us know if you plan to attend the holiday party. Further information about time and price will follow.

Suzanne Zenkewich Administrative Officer





From the Crow's Nest

Lt/C Sean P. Donohoe, SN

September was not a good month this year. As a matter of fact, September was not a good month last year. And it certainly was not a good month 20 years ago. That being said, I am taking a preemptive strike and skipping September next year – I don't want to take any chances. I drove all the way down to Raleigh, North Carolina for the Governing Board meeting only to have to drive back the next day because my basement got flooded from the remnants of Hurricane Ida. For me, this is unexplainable. I got a direct hit from Hurricane Irene in 2011, Hurricane Sandy in 2012, Hurricane Henri this year and numerous nor'easters over the years and did not get a drop of water in my basement, but Ida makes its way all the way from the Gulf Coast and dumps 14 inches of water in my basement. I think there were fish that size swimming in my basement afterwards. I have a theory – I think Mother Nature is afraid of me – she waited until I was out of town and then attacked. She didn't have the guts to face me head on. Ironically, it was almost a year to the date that my basement got flooded from a broken water pipe in my bathroom. I only lost an area rug when that happened. This time I lost the rug and every piece of furniture, the water heater and so much more. My refrigerator was lost and now I have to go all the way upstairs to get my Coke. And just like the flood from the broken pipe, I lost another four rolls of toilet paper and once again the insurance company would not replace them. I would put my toilet paper in the safe but that got flooded as well. On a positive note, my fishing poles did not get damaged which I probably could have used in my basement.

I know I'm preaching to the choir because many people reading this suffered a lot more from Sandy, so let's not talk about Mother Nature anymore. Let's talk about boating. Last month, Bayside held two more public boating events. The first one was on Sunday 12 September at the Port Washington Yacht Club and it was a very windy day. So windy, that I thought it was another hurricane – Mother Nature always finds a way into the conversation. The members of the club brought in their own boats to have a boat show. I thought they did this because they all wanted to sell their boats, but they were doing it to show everyone that the club was not just for tennis. We were there to spread the word about safe boating and show everyone that the power squadron was not just for tennis either. The club must have known I was coming because we were treated to a group of bagpipers. Either that or they also knew that we were halfway to St. Patrick's Day. I tried playing the bagpipes when I was younger, but every time I practiced, the neighbors called the ASPCA because they thought I was torturing an animal.

Our next event was a lot less windy. It was a repeat of what we did in June at Capri West Marina in Port Washington. We set up tables to demonstrate various boating aspects and promote our classes and seminars. This one was not as crowded as our first demo day. Maybe the boat owners were depressed that the season was coming to an end. On the plus side, we enjoyed a nice lunch at Butler's Flat Clam Shack, which is famous for its lobster rolls. You'd think it would be clam rolls. Either way, I had a hot dog instead. You can't go wrong with a hot dog.

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From the Crow's Nest

Lt/C Sean P. Donohoe, SN

After our September demo day, Gil took us for another boat ride. Shortly after leaving the dock, we got stopped by the Coast Guard for an inspection – like they were going to find anything wrong on Gil's boat. Apparently our reputation did not proceed us. Our commander, Seth Cirker was with us and he decided to follow the Coast Guard's example. When the Coast Guard officers boarded Gils' boat, Seth boarded their boat and he's not even a vessel examiner – yet. We tried to see if the Coast Guard wanted to make a trade – they get Seth and we get one of them. Gil's boat and a box of doughnuts made the offer very tempting, but they opted to stay with the Coast Guard.

This time of year is a very busy time for me. Newsletter articles are due, merit marks are due and reports for the squadron meetings, district meetings and the Fall Conference are due. On top of all that, I am still cleaning my house from the flood. Ironically, when I take a break from all my report duties, I clean my house and when I take a break from cleaning, I go back to my reports. I thought taking a break meant relaxing, so I think I'm doing something wrong. This is what happens when there is no union. On my next break, I will be putting up my Halloween decorations and getting candy that I have no intentions of giving out. Just like boating, have a fun and safe Happy Halloween!

Slán Abhaile, Sean



The Bayside Buzz

P/C Sharon E. Molteni, SN

What's the BUZZ? I want to assure you that Bayside appears to have been spared some of the Covid 19 infections that others have experienced but never say never. Luckily, Guy did not attend the National Governing Board Meeting, as planned, and, although Sean got there he couldn't stay because of flooding at his house from Ida.

Our Virtual General Meeting on September 20th went well, as it has been going. We will continue to focus on other possible venues for <u>teaching</u> and <u>meeting</u> since our regular venues are closed.

However, we are offering Courses and Seminars now. Just check the Squadron Educational Officer's report on Page Docking Seminar (virtual) – October 4th. ABC Course is (virtual) starting October 7th. Keep checking we are adding surprises all the time.

What's on the Horizon?

Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, December 5th. We are planning a wonderful Holiday Party (The first in 2 years) at Jonathan's Restaurant in New Hyde Park. The flyer on Page ... , with details, should <u>whet (not wet)</u> your appetite for an afternoon of good company, fabulous food and beverages. Don't miss it.

Watch your Email for surprise events.

America's Boating Club of Bayside has been providing Boating Education, Civic Programs and Camaraderie to its members and the public since 1936...85 years. We will continue to reach out (within Social Distancing Rules) in order to fulfill our mission. We welcome the assistance of all members. We welcome new members.

Bayside – Good & Welfare – October 2021

We hope that <u>Brian Finn</u> will be feeling better soon. The crisp air of October should give him a boost.

Please remember <u>Anna Lapicola</u> in your prayers. Anna is having surgery soon. Anna (known as Mom) is Mary Molfetta's mother.

Let's all watch out for each other.

Please be safe and stay well.

See you soon. Sharon Molteni, Secretary



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Meet & Greet" on September 12th at the Port Washington Yacht Club's Member Boat Show.













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District 3 - FALL CONFERENCE Melville MARRIOTT Hotel & Resort SATURDAY, 6 November 2021



SCHEDULE TIME OF EVENTS :

0800-0830 - Registration for members (Second Floor). All members must sign in on <u>individual Squadron attendance sheets</u> Squadron Commanders pick up Lunch Tickets for your squadron 0830-0910 - Opening Ceremony/Meeting - Assemble in Salons 1, 2, 3 & 4 0910-0945 - Chief Commander's Message 0945-1150 – Town Hall Meeting presented by Educational Committee Chairpeople 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 Tomato & Mozzarella Salad Penne Marinara, Chicken Piccata, Eggplant Parmesan Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Rolls & Butter Chef's selection of 3 Desserts Fresh brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Teas, Brewed Iced Tea in Table Pitchers

<u>LUNCHEON COST</u>:34.00 per person All luncheon reservations must be received by 30 October CASH BAR available BEFORE & DURING Lunch (1130-1300)

Cut Out and Return with Your Check to: D/Lt Richard Jost by 30 October 2021

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM (8 PEOPLE TO A TABLE)

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SQUADRON SITTING WITH:	Check Payable to: USPS DISTRICT 3 TO ENSURE SITTING WITH YOUR SQUADRON, CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DISTRICT BEFORE CUT-OFF DA <u>30 October 2021</u>	
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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 October

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- 2 Oct David Boyle
- 7 Oct Jennifer Vignone
- 22 Oct Steven Colvin, AP

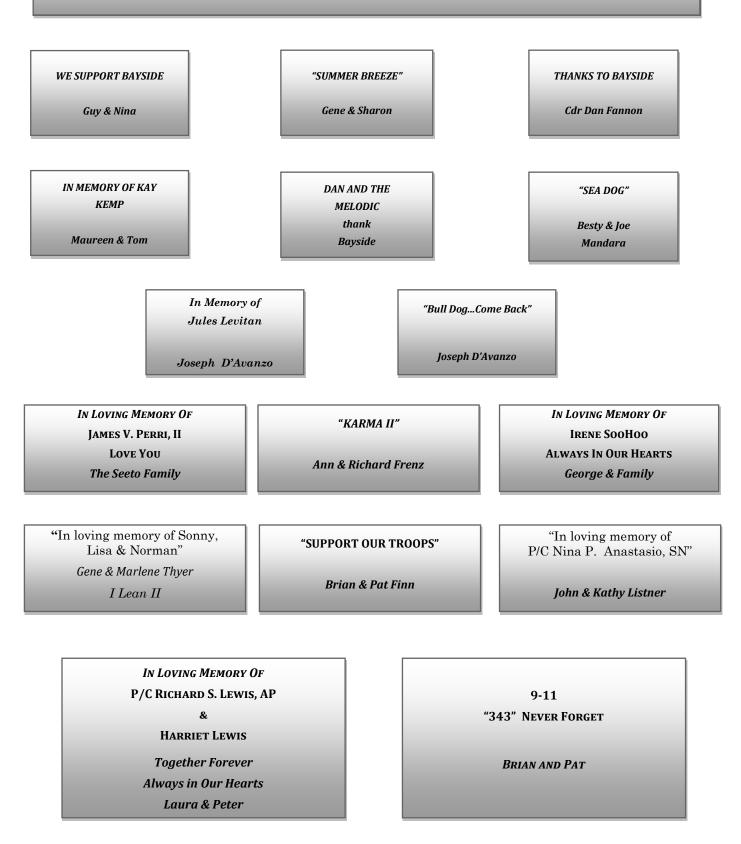




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