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Bayside General Membership Meeting

DATE - 10 January 2022

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

LOCATION - Virtual Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 5 Bayside Holiday Party
(Jonathan's Restaurant New Hyde Park - flier on page 5)

January

- 10 Executive Committee Meeting - 1930 hrs. (7:30pm)
General Membership Meeting - 2000 hrs. (8:00pm)
(Virtual Meeting)
- 22 District 3 Orientation Meeting
(Melville Marriott)



The Commander's Message

Cdr. Seth Cirker, SN

With this month off, our next General Meeting will be on January 10th. While we were hoping to be back to in-person meetings, it doesn't appear this will be the case in January. Although some may be disappointed, others, like those who are out-of-state and squadron members with significant drive times, will greatly appreciate a winter virtual meeting.

For those craving in-person events, the Progressive New York Boat Show remains on schedule for January 26-30, 2022 at the Javits Center. Here, the United States Power Squadrons / America's Boating Club typically has a booth which District 3 members help staff. Those representing the organization receive complimentary admission – not a bad deal, hang out with fellow boaters while getting to see one of the largest indoor boat shows for free. If this is something you might be interested in, please let me know and I'll get you registered.

Just the other day, I received an email from the United States Power Squadrons Chief Commander, Mary Paige Abbott congratulating me on receiving a Merit Mark for 2021. For those unfamiliar, *"A "merit mark" (MM) is awarded by the chief commander to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award; it is by and large the only official recognition members receive for their efforts."* Besides being fun, volunteering at boat shows is a great way to get on the path to a Merit Mark.

One of the greatest challenges any volunteer organization faces is using its precious volunteer resources as efficiently and effectively as possible. In terms of our core mission, promoting boating safety, this boils down to ensuring we reach as many boaters as we can.

Like increasing attendance at meetings, virtual classes have attracted students who otherwise would have been unable to attend in-person ones, most often due to the lengthy drive-times encountered in our area. Interestingly, from a performance perspective, we have been seeing similar results on the proctored exams for these virtual classes as those of previous in-person classes. Recognizing this, virtual classes or a hybrid format consisting of both virtual and in-person sessions are likely to continue well past COVID. In the future, a hybrid model might even combine eLearning content provided from the national organization with an in-person follow-up from local squadrons.

Another opportunity we have seen become more common with virtual classes, was the "pooling" of teaching resources by multiple squadrons. While no stranger to joint squadron classes, as Bayside and Port Washington have co-taught boating safety certificate classes for the last few years, the ease of doing so virtually is likely to expand this model to other courses and seminars.

Along these lines, I welcome any other ideas you might have relating to how we can best leverage our resources to have the most impact possible.

Wishing everyone happy and safe holidays. See you on the 10th.

Seth Cirker, SN-CN

Commander, America's Boating Club of Bayside



Executive Officer's Report

Lt/C Marco Michelson, AP

When preparing for medical emergencies on board, much attention is, of necessity, placed upon learning the principles of basic first aid and how to appropriately stock the vessel's first aid kit to align with the type of boating that is to occur, the expected duration of the journey and the anticipated complement of passengers and crew. What is often not given much consideration, however, are those preventive measures that should be entertained while still onshore, that could mitigate the risk of medical problems developing or, when faced with a medical emergency underway, could facilitate the delivery of rapid, appropriate, and life-saving care while awaiting the arrival of professional emergency responders.

This process begins with an assessment of the physical and medical condition of each passenger and/or crew member that comes on-board. Such assessments should not evoke visions of in-depth interrogations of one's medical history or disregard for an individual's medical privacy. On the contrary, the simple observation of an individual's infirmity, for example, would be sufficient to ensure that all passengers are reinforced with the principles of safely maneuvering about the vessel ("one hand for yourself and one hand for the boat"), pointing out all handholds, reinforcing the need to remain seated, particularly when negotiating a large wake, and, for those who are new to smaller sailboats, the need to always be aware of the movement of the boom(s), sails, running rigging, lines and winches. Simple orientation to such hazards helps in reducing the risks of falls and injuries to the head and back, the latter being among the most reported injuries caused by sudden and violent twisting motions or falls.

Moreover, simply entreating all who board that, if there are pre-existing medical problems that the captain or crew should be aware of, to bring such concerns, in confidence, to their attention. This is an extremely valuable exercise that can identify medical conditions (e.g., insulin-requiring diabetes) and/or medications being taken (e.g., blood thinners) that could become critically relevant when assessing sudden changes in a person's condition while underway. The value of maintaining this information cannot be overemphasized, both for ease of reference when managing a medical emergency and when communicating with emergency responders when requesting medical assistance[§].

Thus, a simple, yet focused, evaluation of an individual's risk of injury and medical history prior to departure, particularly among those who are new to boating, is extremely helpful in facilitating the delivery of care if a medical crisis occurs. Sensitively inquiring about these issues is often also welcomed by individuals who may, otherwise, be very anxious about boating with underlying medical conditions and serves only to enhance the enjoyment of the individual's boating adventure - *"An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure"*- Benjamin Franklin

Fair Winds!

Marco K Michelson, AP

Squadron Executive Officer

[§]Further information on this and related topics (and sample medical information forms) can be found in the *America's Boating Club Boat Handling Course (Emergencies On Board)*



Educational Officer's Report

Lt/C Mary Ann Jordan,

In my report last month, I mentioned that we were hoping to offer Marine Navigation starting January 11 as a blended course with some instruction delivered remotely and some hands-on practice in person. As of now with COVID uncertainty rearing its ugly head again, we will focus on presenting the course remotely and see what possibilities ensue for getting together in-person.

Our Commander, Seth, has written in this issue about how successful the remote classes and meetings have been in expanding our attendance for both types of events. Even performance on the course assessments has been comparable to that of students who took our in-person classes. His conclusion that remote learning is here to stay seems realistic. Our only challenge is to develop the social side of our membership in America's Boating Club of Bayside. My favorite slogan from several years ago for how membership in this organization should operate is: Come for the education; stay for the friends! At our holiday party, this week, that spirit was much in evidence. How wonderful it was to visit with friends in person, have private and small group conversations and catch up on all the news after months of not seeing our friends except as small pictures on our screens.

So far, the general report is that participation in remote classes does not always translate into continuing membership in our organization. We are going to have to consider what events and activities may encourage the development of friendships and long term membership among people who encounter us first online. The executive committee of Bayside would welcome any ideas you have.

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



Administrative Officer's Report

Lt/C Suzanne Zenkewich, P

Welcome to the holiday season!

After a socially distant, outdoor (read "cold") Thanksgiving last year, we thoroughly enjoyed being with family and friends this Thanksgiving, especially with the newest member of our family, our four-month-old granddaughter Madison!

Here's a song for holiday cheer and we all look forward to being together next year! A healthy and happy 2022 to all!

Sailor Santa

<https://youtu.be/hPKoT7jFKrU>

By Gordon Mac Martin/Beth Travers 11/13/2020

Climate change is coming, North Pole will soon be gone
Snowbirds may be singing a tropic Christmas song

If Santa was a sailor, would he live in the North Pole
Or would he live in the tropics, where he would never get cold

Would he have eight tiny reindeer, that would pull his magic boat
Or would he have eight aquatic friends to help keep him afloat

If Santa was a sailor, he could sail the seven seas
To deliver all the presents on a steamy Christmas Eve

Would he still have a big, red sack, to bundle all the toys
Or would he fill his vessel with a treasure chest of joy

The North Pole may be melting, water is rising high
But my nauti (cal) children, listen now, "It's Christmas! Don't you cry!"

If Santa was a sailor, he wouldn't drink eggnog
He'd Yo Ho Ho & sip a bit of rum by the ole Yule Log

He'd decorate the yardarm, with starfish and pirate gold
To make the season festive for children, young and old

If Santa was a sailor, both adventurous and bold
The toy factory would be a yacht, with Caribbean soul

And Santa'd be the Admiral, the elves, his jolly mates
Who steer good cheer around the world, on a tropic Christmas Day

Yeah, steer good cheer around the world on a tropic Christmas Day!



From the Crow's Nest

Lt/C Sean P. Donohoe, SN

My last few articles started off with something negative, so I will start this one with something positive. This year may have not gotten off to a good start, but at least we will finish it on a high note. Congratulations to Gil Allen and Maureen Biglin who have received their 25th Merit Mark and have achieved the status of Life Member. Gil got his last merit mark after completing his third term as commander. Needless to say, he got it the hard way. Maybe we should give him an extra merit mark and give him a head start on the next twenty-five merit marks. Both Gil and Maureen have something to look forward to – they are halfway to Member Emeritus in the year 2046. Isn't it ironic? For some, Life Member is a title and for others, it's a sentence. If I continue on my current course for the next two years, I too will get life – I mean Life Member.

Last month, District 3 had its Fall Conference and fortunately, we were able to have it in-person. Unfortunately, it was a smaller gathering compared to our last one. As they say in the restaurant business, it was an intimate crowd (insert your own joke). We were also able to have a national representative join us. The national administrative officer, V/C Ralph Bernard and his wife, Nance attended to deliver the chief's message and discuss other issues relating to the organization. V/C Bernard's presentation was highly informative especially when he got to the issue of the board of director's proposal that we merge districts and create sectors or zones. That got every member's attention so no one was sleeping at that time. Just to be clear, this is a proposal and a committee is being formed to evaluate it. During this whole discussion, the topic of marriage, somehow, got worked into it and believe me, I am not the one who brought it up. V/C Bernard had an interesting comment about that issue. He was comparing something that we were discussing to marriage and he said, "You can be right or you can be happy." I choose to be single. My advice to the members of the board of directors is that they do not form any new committees. I formed one when I became commander and it was nothing but trouble. Remember the old saying – those who don't learn history are condemned to repeat it. Again, that's why I'm single.

V/C Bernard wasn't the only speaker. Police Officer Robert Jenkins from the Suffolk County Marine Bureau joined us. He talked about the patrol areas around Suffolk County which, I think, is a lot bigger than anyone realizes. He also talked about all the various types of boats that the marine bureau uses as well as enforcing Brianna's Law. Education, power squadron issues, law enforcement and marriage – I think we covered all the important issues for a Fall Conference.

After all the Halloween candy and the stuffed turkeys, did everyone save room for the Bayside Holiday Party which has yet to happen as I write this article. I have not been visited by the ghost of Christmas future, so I can not tell you what happened but I'm sure everyone will have or had a great time. It was held at Jonathan's Restaurant in New Hyde Park on Sunday 5 December. I don't think our editor, John Listner sent a copy of the Running Lights to the North Pole to let Santa Claus know that we have changed restaurants. I've been collecting money for the party and Santa hasn't made a reservation yet, so if he shows up, make sure he pays and get cash. Never take a check from a guy who has no visible source of income. Everyone pays and besides that, he still hasn't brought me the boat I've been asking for every year. I also have a confession to make – I have commented many times how the retailers and the radio stations start Christmas earlier each year. This year I am no different. I put my tree up on November 3rd but I had a good excuse – it's a new tree and I had to make sure the lights were working and I had enough ornaments.

At this time, I will wish everyone and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. My last few articles ended on a positive note, but unfortunately, this one will end on a sad one. We were saddened to learn that Dan Fannon's beloved dog, Millicent had passed away suddenly. Millicent, just like Dan's previous dog, Mabel, became a beloved member of Bayside. Dan often brought both dogs to our meetings as well as our events. Just remember – all dogs go to heaven.

Slán Abhaile, Sean



The Bayside Buzz

P/C Sharon E. Molteni, SN

Here we are preparing for the Holidays again...in extended Covid Time. We are adjusting to the new rules and learning to live with them. We are flexible. I am writing this before our Holiday Party on December 5th. This will be our first in-person social event in two years. It is unbelievable and exciting. Hope to see you there.

However, we have continued progressing with well attended virtual classes and meetings. P/C Dan Fannon entertained us at our November 15th General Meeting with a History of USPS and the Bayside Power Squadron/America's Boating Club. His production was to celebrate Bayside's 85th Anniversary and the membership loved it. We had 28 members at our virtual meeting.

What's on the horizon? We start our 86th year with a virtual meeting on January 10th. Program to be determined. February brings the America's Boating Club Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra, Florida. Mark your calendar for February 20 – 27. Details about the meeting are in the latest issue of the Ensign Magazine. A few members of Bayside will be attending and I'm sure a few snowbirds will be there also. That will be followed by our local meeting on February 28th.

Good & Welfare:

Just to let you know that Mary Molfetta's mother (Mom to us) has been transferred to a Rehabilitation Facility in Commack. We are praying for a full recovery after a very difficult hospitalization.

In addition, our sympathy goes out to Dan Fannon on the unexpected passing of his beloved partner and companion, Millicent. She passed the day before Thanksgiving at the age of 5 ½.

Although our Holidays will continue to be celebrated differently this year, it only means we must continue to be very diligent in our actions.

Let us share the many blessings that we receive.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hannukah!

Sharon & Gene





Look who celebrates Birthdays this December

Compiled by: P/C Sharon E. Molteni, SN

- 1 Dec Ebi Victory
- 11 Dec Alexander Victory
- 13 Dec Candy Ward-Ruchala
- 13 Dec P/Lt/C Joseph C. Santopietro, P
- 16 Dec David Yagerman
- 19 Dec Marco Michelson
- 20 Dec P/C Edmund T. Turner
- 22 Dec Christopher Koehler
- 22 Dec Gusteau Duclos
- 24 Dec Carol Dolan
- 31 Dec P/R/C Guy J. Anastasio, SN

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