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#### **COMMANDER'S REPORT**

#### Cdr. Jack Stange, AP



everyone! Captree's June General Membership meeting was held at the Moose Lodge on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It was our first membership in-person get-together in over a year and was a huge success with nearly 35 members and guests in attendance. combination of social interactions and business matters gave the meeting a special feeling. In addition, having a guest speaker from the Coast Guard who addressed concerns about navigation conditions on the south shore was great. A big thank you to our guest speaker Chief Petty Officer Evan Hughes and the Coast Guard PR officer from New Haven who arranged for the speaker.

As mentioned above, having a good turnout of members and guests was great. It made for a very supportive atmosphere when we swore in eight new members. Pictures of that ceremony and the eight new members are included in this *LOG*.

I want to give kudos to our **ABC** instructors and support personnel who conducted three 5-session **ABC** classes via Zoom since January. With the completion of these classes, 57 students graduated and received their safeboating certificate.

When I arrived early to set up for the June meeting, I saw a female member that I had seen before at pre-Covid meetings. We first reintroduced ourselves and then she generously asked what she could do to help. I asked her to continue with the 50/50 Raffle as I knew she had done it in the past. This member was Marylou Krzeski who joined Captree in November of 2017. Several days later while reading Newsday, I came across an article about

the volunteers at the Literacy Suffolk organization, and recognized Marylou, centerstage in a photo accompanying the article. Her generous spirit, both at Literacy Suffolk and Captree, is a prime example of her dedication and heart, which have fostered our success for over seventy years.

Now on to other items/activities during the very busy month of July.

First is Captree's Summer Picnic on July 11th at the Robert Moses West Boat Basin. Come by boat or by car. Next up is the Moonlight Cruise to Flynn's on Fire Island on July 21st. At the end of the month, District 3 is holding its Rendezvous East in Greenport (July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>). Shoving off from Greenport on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Captree's Summer Cruise to Mystic and Essex Connecticut and then back Westhampton Beach and home. Members will be participating both by boat as well as by car. Three of the boats joining the Captree flotilla are from the Great South Bay Power Squadron. Welcome GSB! A big "Thank You" to Frank Verderber for coordinating this event. Lastly, as always, we will continue with our weekend raftups. Captree's website has been updated to include raft-up locations.

As you can see, Captree has a busy month of activities planned for July. All are encouraged to show their support to Captree by participating in these upcoming activities.

Jack



## Lt/C George Tracy, SN Squadron Educational Officer



All is well at the Education Department.

We have completed our May-June **ABC** Zoom class with 12 graduates. Thanks for the excellent instruction provided by Gene Johnson, Charlie Virga, and Bob Silz and for the organization and marketing done by Jerry Cappa and Michael Richter. We do not anticipate additional education activities until Fall. We will, however, be planning for our **Boat Handling Course**, which is described below.

**Boat Handling** begins on Tuesday October 14. **Boat Handling**, which replaces the old **Seamanship** course, is the first of the advanced grade USPS courses. The cost is \$75 for members and \$175 for non-members. The course has been redesigned into six classes followed by a final examination. The six classes are:

- Rules of the Road: A Practical Approach
- Confidence in Docking and Undocking: Slow-Speed Maneuvering
- Boating with Confidence: Handling Your Boat Underway
- Anchoring with Assurance: Don't Get Carried Away
- Emergencies on Board: Preparation to Handle Common Problems
- Knots and Line Handling: The Knots You Need to Know

For more information on this course, check out the PowerPoint download available on the following:

https://www.usps.org/departments/13000/13000-educational-committees/13180/13180-boat-handling

Please let me know if you are interested in this course! As I write this, I am in Jackpot, Nevada enroute to North Cascades National Park in Washington state. I hope to see many of you at the end of the month in Greenport.

Teachers have a lot of class!

George Squadron Educational Officer



#### Lt/C Linda LaDez, S Administrative Officer

Happy Summer all! I'm sitting here writing this article in 95° weather with 80% humidity and I can't believe I wished for the summer to come. I must have been thinking Spring!

Despite the heat, we have a fun-filled summer scheduled. First up is the Captree Summer Picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 11 at the Robert Moses Boat Basin. This will be our first "Social Event" since the start of Covid. It will be a fun day. We will start with a breakfast of bagels, Mimosas and Bloody Mary's at 9 am and continue to our lunch-time meal and desserts. Bring your chairs and coolers filled with your favorite libations (wine & beer only please) and let's hang out all day. It will be great to socialize with everyone again. Please get back to Frank with your RSVP by July 5th so he can finalize the food requirements for this event. We had a great time in 2019 staying till the sun was going down. Let's do it again!

Next up is a first-time event - a Summer Moonlight Cruise to Flynn's on Fire Island for dinner on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Thirty-eight members and guests have signed up (and paid). It should be a blast! <u>Unfortunately, no more reservations can be accepted.</u>

We had our first Captree Summer Cruise meeting on June 23rd at our home. About 20 people attended; I am getting so excited! Frank Verderber did a fantastic job giving us all information about the entire cruise and the waterways, including mastering the Shinnecock Locks. It should be a great trip. Come join us for a day or stay for the night. We are planning a fun time!

Besides our weekend raft-ups, we have two other events this summer. First is our August 25<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting at Mike and Dianne Richter's home. The Richter's will open their home to Captree for this meeting and are hosting a fantastic BBQ with steak, shrimp and all the fixins. This is also a time to come support your new Bridge members as they are presented their flags-of-office. We had a great time last year and I'm sure this year will be just as fun. Watch for a flyer in your email in the near future.

The last event is Captree's Fall Rendezvous on September 18 and 19. Of course, it will be held at Cedar Beach Marina. Permit is in hand and I've already arranged for the 20 x 40 tent. We will have a pot-luck lunch (bring a dish) and an Irish-themed corned beef dinner this year. Also on the agenda is our infamous "Basket Raffle". I've started planning for our raffle basket-making night at my house (always a good time). Watch for details. And lastly, let's not forget our Sunday morning bacon and egg sandwich breakfast. Yum yum!

So, please take a look at our calendar-of-events, watch for event flyers, and get your RSVPs in. The sooner you get the RSVP in, the easier it is for the chairperson of the event to plan a spectacular event for you.

Again, I am looking forward to a fun-filled summer and John and I hope to see you all real soon.

Linda



## District 3 Rendezvous East



## Mitchell Park & Marina, Greenport, NY 30 July - 1 August 2021

#### **Friday 7/30**

1600 – 1700 (4-5PM) Set-up and Bracelet Distribution

**1700 – 1830** (5 -6:30 PM)

District 3 Lines Commanders' host "Welcome to Greenport" Get-Together

1830 (6:30)

Free Time! Dinner on your Own or picnic under the Tent 7:30 Greenport Summer Band Concert on Mitchell's Lawn

**2000 – 2200** (8-10 PM)

**D3** Lines entertainment and refreshments

#### Saturday 7/31

900 - 1000

**Continental Breakfast--courtesy of Peconic Bay Power Squadron** 

1030

Assemble for Flag Raising...... On the Lawn

1100

Flag Raising

1130 - 1215

Incoming Commanders' Meeting with D3 Bridge -Tent

**1300 – 1530** (1-3:30 PM)

Squadrons' Hospitality Mixer - Theme "Sailing Beyond Covid!"

**1530 – 1600** (3:30- 4 PM)

Clean-up/Set-up for Dance

1630 - 1730 (4:30 - 5:30 PM)

Relax! Tour Greenport, Games on the Lawn, Dock Walk-Greet Squadron Boat Captains

**1830** (6:30PM)

Evening Program Bracelet check-in

**1900 – 2300** (7 -11PM)

"Sailing Beyond Covid!" Theme Dance

**2200** (10PM)

Raffle Drawing and Clean-up

#### Sunday 8/1

**1100** – Departure time for boats *Safe Trip Home!* 









**D3** Lines 2021 - 2022

## Mitchells Marina, Greenport, NY 30 July – 1 August 2021

	30 July – 1 August 2021
<u>ACTIVI</u>	TY REGISTRATION
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Name/Rar	(Cell #)
Squadron:	Address:
Guests Na List nam	nmes:es & ages of children & guests under 21yrs. Children under 14yrs Free with Poster Contest entry, 15 to 21yrs = ½ price
	e events: Enter the number of people and amount \$ for events you are attending
-	lay evening, 30 July ( <u>5-6:30PM)</u> COMMANDERS' host " <u>Welcome" <b>Get-Together</b> aturday daytime,</u> 31 July ( <u>1-3:30PM</u> ) <u>Squadrons' HOSPITALITY</u> Event
	NUMBER OF ADULTSX <b>\$20.00</b> + (\$for Youths) SUB TOTAL\$
2) <i>Fric</i>	day night, 30 JULY ( <u>8 -10PM)</u> "Sailing Beyond Covid Social" & refreshments
	NUMBER OF ADULTSX <b>\$15.00</b> + (\$for Youths) SUB TOTAL\$
3) <u>Sat</u>	urday night,* 31 July (7-11PM) Theme DANCE "Sailing Beyond Covid"
	NUMBER OF ADULTSX \$15.00 + (\$for Youths) SUB TOTAL\$
OR:	
Weeke	end PACKAGE: SAVE \$5.00 & Come for ALL EVENTS!
	NUMBER OF ADULTSX <b>\$45.00</b> + (\$for Youths) SUB TOTAL\$
	Please send Registration form & payment in by July 15 <sup>th</sup>
<u>PAYMEN</u>	T Note: All events require bracelet for admission Your Check #TOTAL CHECK AMOUNT \$
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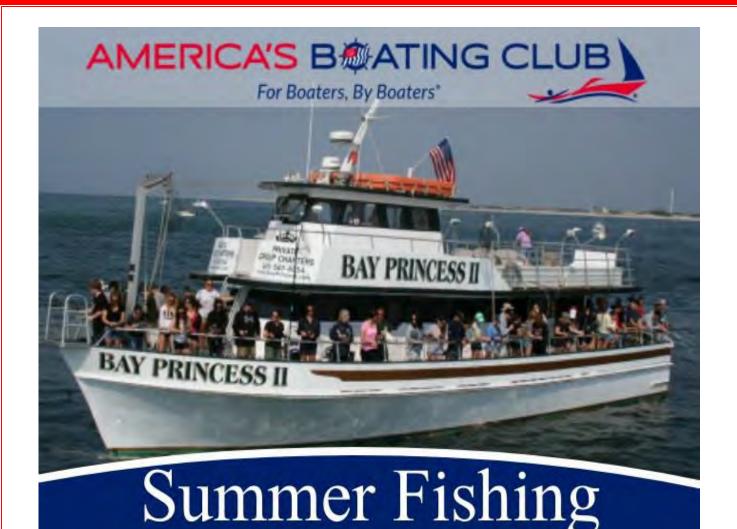
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\*Saturday night - We provide the Tent, Tables, Chairs, Tablecloths and Entertainment for Your Enjoyment Bring Your Own Food, Beverage, Squadron Pennant, Theme Table Decorations & dress!

5 Fairfax Dr, Farmingville, NY 11738

Questions? Able to Volunteer? Contact: <a href="mailto:jyeamans@optonline.net">jyeamans@optonline.net</a> 631-736-0541, c# 631-807-7378

**"USPS DISTRICT 3"** 



AUGUST 28

Aboard the Bay Princess II out of Captree State Park

Trip

\$63 / per person 12pm to 4pm Saturday, 28 AUG 2021 65' Twin Diesel fishing boat. Bay or Ocean fishing based on sea conditions. D3 has rented the entire boat. Bait / Tackle/ Poles /Reels all provided!

Bring your own lunch. Beer/Wine Permitted.

Name: Squadron:	Phome: e-Mail:
# of Adults x \$63 = \$	Gratuities included. Bring your own lunch! &/or snacks!
# of Children (12 & under)x \$32 = \$	Make checks payable to "USPS D3" Mail to: Stf/C James M Milton, JN 105 Jefferson St.
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$	East Islip, NY 11730



## NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT John Hassler

My name is John Hassler and I joined Captree in March 2021. I live in West Islip with my wife, Denise. We have two children, Amanda 29 and John 27. I am a Systems Consultant.

We have a Chaparral SSI 26.5'. Our boat has no name. I have been boating for 15 years.

What are your favorite boating activities? Mooring offshore and hanging with friends and family.

Where do you keep your boat docked? Bay Shore Marina.

What towns have you lived in? Massapequa Park, Lindenhurst & West Islip.

Where will we find you when you are out on the water? Democrat Point, Sore Thumb, Fire Island Inlet, Connetquot River, just about anywhere there is a beach and a raft!

What do you do when you are not on your boat? Playing golf, bike riding, going to clubs to listen to music!

What is your favorite drink? Manhattan on the rocks.



What is your favorite food? NY Pizza.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Chocolate.

What is your favorite piece of gear/equipment on your boat? *Garmin GPS*.

What was the best time you ever had on your boat? Too many to choose just one! I just love sharing the beauty of the Great South Bay with family and friends.

What do you hope to get from joining Captree?

Discovering interesting spots to anchor and have fun on

the water while making some new friends and acquaintances along the way.

Are you more of an optimist or pessimist? Optimist

**Do you enjoy making plans or being spontaneous?** *Both; will the judges accept that answer?* 

What three words would you use to describe yourself? Calm, Dependable and Outgoing.

**What achievement are you most proud of?** My beautiful family, everything else is just gravy.

What is your favorite quote? "We're gonna need a bigger boat!"

Interview by Michael Richter Membership Chair





#### A note from Frank Verderber - Roster Publication Editor

Welcome to our newest Captree Members. All members and Associate members are asked to check their information listed in the Captree Roster issued again in February 2021. If there are any additions or corrections that need to be made, please notify me by email at <a href="mailto:fverderber@optonline.net">fverderber@optonline.net</a> or phone (516-799-1778)

#### New Captree Members - 2020 & 21

John & Dyan Latini 16 Rockaway Place Massapequa, NY 11758 jjliny@yahoo.com dycaslat@yahoo.com Boat Name: The Fab Four

Moataz (Mo) B. Ramadan & Safaa (Sophie) Meshref 24 Garfield Place Lindenhurst, NY 11757 moataz.b.ramadan@gmail.coms.meshref@aol.com
Boat Name: Mo-Tivation

Rosaria Catania 24 Canterbury Ct. Oakdale, NY 11769 laxmom14@aol.com

Peter Teresco 20 Charles Street Massapequa Park, NY 11762 taxman1959@yahoo.com Boat Name: Ro-Sea's Choice

John Hassler 313 Martin Drive West Islip, NY 11795 john2csi@gmail.com 26' boat but no name

Sal Cino 162 Granada Parkway Lindenhurst, NY 11757 gerehead06@aol.com 27' boat but no name

Ralph & Daniel Somma 33 Cutter Place West Babylon, NY 11704 rsomma@sommafirm.com danman928@hotmail.com Boat Name: It's Aboat Time Paul & Kathy Robinson 36 Nicole Court Copiague, NY 11726 pcrobinson@gmail.com myadvertisers61@gmail.com Boat Name: Dreams Afloat

#### Associate Members - 2021

John & Maria Allison (Great So Bay) 21 Fairview Road West Massapequa, NY 11758 johntallison@me.com Boat Name: Fanta-Sea

Laura Gill, AP & John Gill, AP (Jones Beach) 31 Brewster Road West Massapequa, NY 11758 lollygil@aol.com Boat Name: Livin The Dream

P/C Henry Lynn, JN & Arlene (Hempstead Bay) 10 Firethorne Lane Valley Stream, NY 11581 lynn6996@aol.com Boat Name: Golden Girl



### **BIRTHDAYS**

07-05 Pavlos Mourdokoutas

07-11 Camille Mercurio

**07-21 Linda Linhart (Member's Spouse)** 

07-21 Marylou Krzeski

07-22 Michael Richter

07-31 Maria Allison (Assoc. Member)

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

07-08 Joe & Joan Smith 07-30 Jack & Barbara Hoogervorst



If you would like your Birthday and/or Anniversary posted on this page, please send your information to Madelyn Virga at <a href="mailto:nanavirga@aol.com">nanavirga@aol.com</a>



## MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Finally, with Covid-19 under control, it looks like the month of July will be chock full of in-person social activities for Captree. It actually started with last month's in-person Executive Committee meeting and General Membership meeting, both held at the Moose Lodge. It was great to meet in person again rather than through a computer screen.

Speaking of the June General Membership meeting, it was great to see over thirty-five members and guests attend and enjoy the evening. Because of Covid-19, we were unable to hold in-person meetings for over a year and therefore were unable to swear in the new members that recently joined Captree. However, with most restrictions lifted, and the re-start of in-person activities, we were able to swear in eight new members. They included:

John & Dyan Latini, Boat Name: The Fab Four Peter Teresco, Boat Name: Ro-Sea's Choice John Hassler, 26' boat but no name Ralph Somma, Boat Name: It's Aboat Time, Paul Rondinello, Boat Name: R & R Paul & KathyRobinson, Boat Name: Dreams Afloat

#### "WELCOME ABOARD"

As I mentioned above, July is a busy month with several activities scheduled. First, is our Fourth-of-July daily raft-ups over the July 4th weekend. Next is our Executive Committee meeting on July 7th that will be a BBQ meeting in the LaDez's backyard. Then on July 11, we are holding our Summer Picnic at the Robert Moses Boat Basin from 9am to 4pm. You can come to the Picnic by boat or car. For those who are coming by boat, we will use the west marina to dock since this is near the pavilion where we setup our tables. For those coming by car, you must park at Field 3 and walk to the marina. If you must drop something off, you can drive to the marina and unload, but you must park in Field 3. Since we are starting early, there should not be a problem getting a parking space in Field 3. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish or dessert for the noon meal. Picnic coordinator Frank Verderber is asking that you inform him if you plan to attend and what you intend to bring so he can make sure we do not have an overabundance of the same dish. In addition, we are requesting you bring your own chairs and beverages to drink. Beer and wine only please. We had a great time in 2019 and this year should be just as much fun. Please join us!

Following our Picnic is Captree's Moonlight Dinner Cruise to Flynn's on Fire Island on July 21 on the "Moonchaser" which will leave from the Captree Boat Basin at 7:00 PM (be there by 6:45 PM if attending). This should also be an evening of fun with a boat ride, a great meal at Flynn's, and a ride back in the evening with on-board music.

The last two events in July are the beginning of Captree's Summer Cruise on July 29 and District's Rendezvous East in Greenport on July 30 & 31. Both are great activities. The first stop for the Summer Cruise is Greenport to coincide with the District Rendezvous. This is a great trip to make if you never ventured out of Great South Bay and always had the aspiration of going outside of the area to try your boating skills. I made this trip for about 10 years when the District Rendezvous was in Sag Harbor. The first time I was a bundle of nerves not knowing how I was as a captain and the responsibility I had for my crew. To be sure the trip would be a success, I brought along a more experienced boater to render assistance had I needed it. End result – a successful first trip. By attending the District's Rendezvous all those years, I met many USPS members from other Squadrons and over the years have formed lasting friendships. Oh, I forgot to mention the fun Madelyn and I had on those trips and the memories that we will never forget.

Now back to the Captree Summer Cruise. Again, it starts on July 29 with Greenport as the first port-of-call. Then off to Mystic on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Essex, Connecticut on August 4th, followed by the last stop in Westhampton Beach on August 6<sup>th</sup> and back home on the 8th. I will report on the cruise next month.

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Eight new members were sworn in at our General Membership Meeting on June 16, 2021. We wish all our new members many years of boating fun with Captree and hope that each new member will increase their boating skills by taking the squadron's advanced boating courses. Being of service to the squadron can help a member achieve one merit mark per year. Twenty-five merit marks entitles the member to belong to the organization without paying yearly dues.



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