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 03 **Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Zoom**
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- APR** **07** **Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Venue TBD**
 11 **D-3 Memorial Service – United Methodist Church, Port Washington**
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2021 is USPS's 108th Year of Education for Safe Boating (Founded Feb 2, 1914)

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr. Carol Johnson, AP



Before I start my report, on behalf of the entire Captree Power Squadron, I'd like to congratulate the USPS on celebrating its 107th Anniversary on February 2nd, 2021.

The year is moving right along as we are already in the second month of 2021. February has always been known as the "month of Love" with Valentine's Day on the 14th. Valentine's Day is more than just showing your love for your better half; you can also use it to show your appreciation to all your friends, family and colleagues who help to make your world a better place.

Since we are still in a pandemic quarantine, it is not always apparent the work that is going on within America's Boating Club on the National level and all the way down to our Squadron's level. But the work and planning are still being done and although virtual, meetings are being held and it is business as usual, with a twist.

The United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting will run from February 15th through the 26th, with sessions scheduled at different times to accommodate members in all time zones. Registration is not required for meetings and everyone is invited to attend. Having the Annual Meeting held virtually is a unique opportunity for all members to take advantage of the various activities at the convention. Check your email for more information or contact one of Captree's Bridge members on how to participate in the USPS Annual Meeting.

The D/3 Orientation Meeting was held on January 22nd. New District Bridge members were introduced and information on upcoming District events were discussed. Ops3 Training will be given via Zoom on April 15th. All members, especially those with aspirations for moving up to a

Bridge position, should have this all important training. Also discussed at the meeting were plans for Rendezvous East and the Moonlight Cruise, both of which depend on the status of Covid-19.

Captree meetings continue to take place virtually and, as always, we would like to see as many members as possible participate. The meetings allow us to keep informed and give us the opportunity to see how everyone is doing.

On January 14th, Frank Verderber emailed all members the most current copy of the Captree Roster. I'd like to thank Frank on behalf of us all for his hard work setting up and researching our members to ensure the accuracy of the Roster. Please take a moment to look at the information that is listed for you in the Roster and if there are any changes you might like to see or updating that is necessary, please email Frank.

I draw your attention to the following page which shows the Slate of Nominees to be voted upon at our March 17 General Membership/Elections Meeting. Those nominated, especially the Bridge positions, will lead Captree for the next 1 to 3 years, depending on their terms of office. If you are interested in filling any of the positions lacking a nominee, please contact me.

My prayers and positive thoughts are with you all for your continued health and happiness, and it is my sincerest hope that we will be able to get together in person very soon.

Carol

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING & PROPOSED SLATE CAPTREE POWER SQUADRON

The Annual Meeting of Captree Power Squadron will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 8:00 PM, via Zoom or at the Moose Lodge, for the purpose of election of Officers, Assistant Officers, and members of the Elected Committees. The following are recommendations submitted to the Squadron Secretary by the Nominating Committee for Captree's 2021 general elections.

Elected Officers for a 1-year term beginning May 2021 and expiring April 2022:

Commander	Lt/C Jack Stange, AP
Executive Officer	<i>To be nominated at Annual Meeting</i>
Education Officer	Lt/C George A. Tracy, SN
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Linda LaDez, S
Secretary	Lt/C Michael Richter, AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Frank Verderber, SN

Elected Assistant Officers for a 1-year term beginning May 2021 and expiring April 2022:

Assistant SEO	P/Lt/C Gene Johnson, AP
Assistant AO	1st Lt Maria McSweeney
Assistant Secretary	1st Lt Paul Rondinello
Assistant Treasurer	P/Lt/C Robert Silz, AP

Elected Committee Members:

Executive Committee Members-at-Large:

2-year term expiring April 2023	Garry Biggs
2-year term expiring April 2023	1st Lt Charles Cooper, AP
2-year term expiring April 2023	Stephen Katsur
2-year term expiring April 2023	P/C Thomas Zimmer, AP
*2-year term expiring April 2022	Robert Fisher, P
*2-year term expiring April 2022	P/C Leonard Schiede, JN
*2-year term expiring April 2022	P/Lt/C Robert Silz, AP
*2-year term expiring April 2022	P/C Charles Virga, AP

Nominating Committee Members:

*3-year term expiring April 2022	P/Lt/C Robert Silz, AP
*3-year term expiring April 2023	P/C Thomas Zimmer, AP
3-year term expiring April 2024	<i>To be nominated at Annual Meeting</i>

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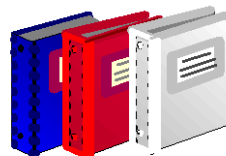
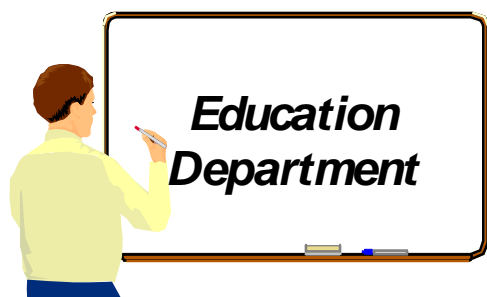
*3-year term expiring April 2022	Lt/C Michael Richter, AP
*3-year term expiring April 2023	P/C Thomas Zimmer, AP
3-year term expiring April 2024	Lt/C Frank Verderber, SN

Auditing Committee Members:

*3-year term expiring April 2022	P/Lt/C Eugene Johnson, AP
*3-year term expiring April 2023	Garry Biggs
3-year term expiring April 2024	<i>To be nominated at Annual Meeting</i>

* Elected in a prior year - No Election Required in 2021

Lt/C George Tracy, SN
Squadron Educational Officer



All is well at the Education Department.

Our **Weather** course got off to a good start on January 12 via Zoom with four students. It is held every Tuesday ending on March 16.

We are also teaching **ABC** via Zoom on Thursdays with 18 students enrolled. Our first class was January 14, and the final exam is scheduled for February 11. Our Education Department, as well as our entire Bridge and many of our members, contributed to making this course a success; more on this later. Check out the screen shots from the first class on the following page, compliments of Jerry Cappa. We are planning another Zoom **ABC** beginning in March or early April. Watch for details.

Assistant SEO Gene Johnson and I represented Captree's Education Department at the District 3 virtual **Orientation** Training held on Friday, January 22. We learned a great deal about how to conduct online ABC testing, the availability of E-books for most of our courses, and other interesting educational stuff.

USPS America's Boating Club will hold its **Annual** meeting virtually beginning on February 15. The **Annual** meeting has several interesting sessions related to education. For more information, check out the following:

https://www.usps.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=1330

Teachers have a lot of class!

George



First Virtual ABC Boating Class

America's Boating Club Captree conducted its first ever "virtual" ABC Basic Boating Class on Thursday, January 14, 2021. We had both members and non-members participating via Zoom from throughout Long Island and upstate New York. Text books were distributed via mail and electronically. The first night's course sections were taught by SEO George Tracy, Assistant SEO Gene Johnson and P/C Charlie Virga.

The class participants were impressed with the instructors and overwhelmed with their many years of experience.



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Section 2

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Length of Boats

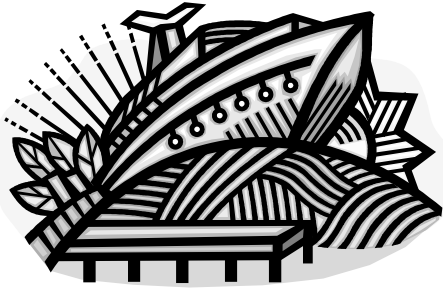
Class 3: 40 ft to less than 65 ft

Class 2: 26 ft to less than 40 ft

Class 1: 16 ft to less than 26 ft

Class A: less than 16 ft

Boating is fun... we'll show you how



Lt/C Linda LaDez, S
Administrative Officer

Welcome again to 2021! Although we still are fighting Covid-19, life goes on, both at home and at Captree. I previously discussed a February “Bowling/Italian Feast” event as we had last year but I think we all agree it’s still too risky. We have also been talking about Rendezvous East in Greenport (sponsored by District) and a Captree Summer cruise leaving from Greenport to Mystic and Essex Connecticut, and then back home with a stop at Westhampton. John and I did the front half of this cruise by boat back in 2016 and it was a lot of fun. This year, John and I are doing it by car and have booked lodging by the marinas the boaters will be docking at. I encourage you all to join us, either by boat or car. The Verderber’s did it by car in 2016 and we took their suggestions in lodging. If you can find the time to drive up, even for a day or two, and join us in any of the harbors, we would definitely welcome the company, and the added fun. Remember, the more the merrier!

The Captree cruise starts in Greenport with boats arriving on Thursday or Friday, in time for District’s Rendezvous East activities which start on Friday. (See the Cruise itinerary on the next page.) John and I are going out on Saturday. Babylon to Greenport is an hour and half drive by car. We booked Townsend Manor and they still have rooms available. In the past, we have been there until Monday. Book a room or take a drive out over the weekend; it’s a fun place. We normally do a Captree “Sunday-Funday” around the pool with a BBQ dinner. On Monday the boats depart for Mystic. We will drive to Mystic via the ferry since we are already in Greenport and meet the boats there. If you are leaving from the Babylon area, Mystic is only two and a half

hours’ drive over the Throg’s Neck bridge. We will be hanging out in Mystic on Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday. Let me know if you are interested in a day trip or overnight and I will let you know exactly where we be and the accommodations if you plan to stay. On Wednesday, the boats leave for Essex which is a 2 hour and 15-minute drive from the Babylon area if you wish to join us there. Definitely do-able for a day trip. Personally, I would recommend an overnigher. Again, call me for overnight accommodations. If you’ve never been to Essex, it’s a cool little town. In the past we’ve gone shopping, enjoyed a nice cocktail hour, BBQ and lots of fun. On Friday morning the boats leave for Westhampton. John and I will head home. On Saturday morning John and I will take a drive out to the Westhampton marina and join up with the Captree boaters again for a day of fun. It’s only an hour car ride from Babylon, so think about joining us that day. If you can’t make the whole trip by boat, jump in at any time by car and join us for a day or days of fun and relaxation. Hope you will consider joining us anytime along the way.

I’m sure you are looking forward to Captree’s Fall Rendezvous on September 17, 18 and 19. Mark your calendars now. I’m not sure of theme yet but will keep you posted. I do welcome any suggestions you might have. More to come on this event!

In the meantime, please all stay smart and stay safe!

Linda

Captree Summer 2021 Cruise*

Thursday, July 29th – Sunday, August 8th

This timing coincides with District's Rendezvous East in Greenport from Friday, July 30th thru Sunday, August 1st which is pending at this time.

Thursday July 29: Depart home for Greenport

Thursday night through Sunday night: July 29, 30, 31 & Aug 1 - Townsend Manor Inn & Marina, Greenport, NY

Monday Aug 2: Depart Greenport for Mystic

Monday night & Tuesday night: August 2 & 3 - Mystic Seaport Marina, Mystic, CT

Wednesday Aug 4: Depart Mystic for Essex

Wednesday night & Thursday night: August 4 & 5 - Brewer Essex Island Marina, Essex, CT

Friday August 6: Depart Essex for Westhampton

Friday night & Saturday night: August 6 & 7 - Westhampton Village Marina, Westhampton, NY

Sunday August 8 depart Westhampton for home

Townsend Manor Inn & Marina, Greenport

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Reservations to be made through www.dockwa.com after January 1
Call Townsend for Inn reservations.

Mystic Seaport Marina

(860) 572-5391

Reservations to be made through www.dockwa.com after January 1

Brewer Essex Island Marina

(860) 767-2483

Reservations to be made through www.dockwa.com after January 1

Westhampton Village Marina

(631) 377-9013 - Marina # but marina is closed. Phone message directs you to Jennifer at
(631) 702-1555 for Q&A

Reservations to be made through www.dockwa.com after January 1

ONLY 10-11 TRANSIENT SLIPS AVAILABLE so you need to reserve in early 2021

** Note: Besides the Townsend Manor Inn in Greenport, there are Hotels/Inns/B&B's in Mystic and Essex if you would like to join by car. Kathy and I did it back in 2016. Not sure what is available, and affordable, in the Westhampton area.*

Email, call or text me with questions

Frank Verderber, Captree Summer Cruise Coordinator

fverderber@optonline.net or 516-817-3873 Cell

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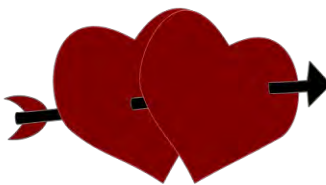
Our sincere sympathy to:

The family of Ann Miller, S, on her passing last April. Unfortunately, we were only recently informed of this sad news. Annie was an active member of Captree for many years. Most will remember her wearing fancy hats at our events, attending our monthly meetings, and handling the fifty-fifty Dark Horse raffles. During her years of involvement, Annie achieved Life Membership and earned 26 Merit Marks. She will be missed.

Our best get well wishes to:

Maria McSweeney and Kathy Verderber who both are recovering from January knee surgery.

Happy Valentine's Day!



Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please help keep us informed of any illnesses, deaths or happy moments of our members and their family.

Call or send it to:

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WELCOME ABOARD

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 January 2021. If there are any additions or corrections that need to be made, please notify me by email at fverderber@optonline.net or phone (516-799-1778).

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Boat Name: The Fab Four

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

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

Associate Members - 2020

John & Maria Allison (Great So Bay)
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Massapequa, NY 11758
johnallison@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

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

02-06 Maria McSweeney
02-17 Michael Scalia
02-20 Jack Klein



Happy Valentine's Day

**Please send Birthday & Anniversary information to
Madelyn Virga at nanavirga@aol.com**

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

February 2021, how did we get here so fast? It seems like we just started 2021 yesterday and now we are into the second month of the year. Unfortunately, we are still experiencing COVID-19 throughout the world including our country. Our lives have changed in so many ways since last year and we all wonder how much more it will continue to change.

With the news of the success of two new vaccination drugs that are now available to all of us, it makes the outlook appear encouraging. The problem is scheduling to get the vaccine. I am now in Florida and because of the slow distribution of the vaccine, it now has become available at our supermarket's pharmacy. PUBLIX, similar store to Stop & Shop or Shoprite in New York, has been selected to administer the vaccine in the State of Florida. The only way to get an appointment is with your cell phone or going on-line and if vaccine is available, an appointment can be made. This has been as difficult as winning the lottery. However, in the long run, there is hope, and maybe by the start of our boating season, we will all be vaccinated and back close to normal.

As bad as it has been with socializing in Captree, we did manage to have a New Year's Cocktail Party on the evening of Friday, January 8th. Although attendance was low, it was a means to see some of your friends for a little while via Zoom and get out of doing nothing.

Thanks to our Education Officer George Tracy, we started a Weather course on January 12th and our ABC basic boating course on January 14th, both via Zoom. Assisting George with the ABC class were Gene Johnson, Jerry Cappa, Mike Richter and me. These classes were the first virtual classes Captree has ever attempted. Weather had four students and eighteen students were recruited for ABC. Teaching this way, especially ABC, is not as easy as when we have actual hands-on classes where the students come in, fill out their registration cards, and we hand out the necessary course material live. All of this had to be done remotely.

Since I was not involved with the Weather class, I can only speak to the ABC class. It started with

George introducing himself and explaining the course program. For the January 14th class, George taught one section, Gene Johnson another, and I taught a third section. It was strange for me to look at my laptop and point to an item on the screen and then realize that the students could not see what I was pointing to. As a result, I learned a new way to teach without using my finger or my laser pointer.

Our second ABC class was on Thursday, January 21st. This time we had Bob Silz joining us as we had to teach five sections that night. It was a learning experience for all of us. I am sure by the time the students take their test we will have it all figured out.

It is amazing how modern-day technology has changed our lives. However, if I go back a long way, I can remember when my children took a boating course over the local radio station WBAB from Babylon. The children had to go to the station and pick up their books and a blank test sheet. Then each Saturday for a number of weeks (not sure of the total) they listened to the instructor giving the course. The final week was the test. They took their test sheet and listened to the questions being asked and put their answers on the sheet. When they were finished, I drove the children to the radio station to hand in their test sheets. A couple days later we got a call that they passed their test. We then went down to the station where they were presented their certificate. We have come a long way to achieve the same results.

Everyone, please stay healthy and wear your masks. We **will** beat this Covid-19 dilemma. It might also be helpful to say a prayer every once in a while; it may go a long way. Again, stay safe!

Charlie Virga

“Be Involved & Stay Involved”

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<p>THINK SUNSHINE <i>"Annie"</i></p>	<p><i>High & Dry</i> <i>Joanie and J.J.</i></p>
<p>NOT DEAD YET (Name on future boat) - Rosaria</p>	<p>SANTANA Jack & Maryann</p>
<p><i>Charisma</i> <i>Bob & Katie</i></p>	<p>BEACH HOUSE The Richters</p>
<p>MAY ALL YOUR SUMMERS BE ENDLESS MADELYN & CHARLIE</p>	<p><i>Linda & Steve</i></p>
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