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### BULLETIN BOARD

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| <b><u>JUNE</u></b> | <b>02</b>     | <b>Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge</b>                       |
|                    | <b>16</b>     | <b>Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge</b>                        |
|                    | <b>23</b>     | <b>Captree Summer Cruise Pre-Trip Mtg – LaDez’s Backyard, 7pm - BYOB</b>       |
| <b><u>JULY</u></b> | <b>Wkends</b> | <b>Impromptu weekend Raft-ups – Locations TBA</b>                              |
|                    | <b>03-05</b>  | <b>July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Daily Raft-ups – Locations TBA</b>              |
|                    | <b>07</b>     | <b>Captree Executive Committee Mtg – LaDez’s Backyard – BYOB BBQ</b>           |
|                    | <b>11</b>     | <b>Captree Summer Picnic – Robert Moses Boat Basin, Field 3 – TENTATIVE</b>    |
|                    | <b>21</b>     | <b>Captree Moonlight Dinner Cruise to Flynn’s Departing Captree Boat Basin</b> |
|                    | <b>29-31</b>  | <b>Beginning portion of Captree Summer Cruise - JOIN US - IT WILL BE FUN</b>   |
|                    | <b>30-31</b>  | <b>D-3 Rendezvous East – Greenport</b>   |
| <b><u>AUG</u></b>  | <b>Wkends</b> | <b>Impromptu weekend Raft-ups – Locations TBA</b>                              |
|                    | <b>01-08</b>  | <b>End portion of Captree Summer Cruise - JOIN US - IT WILL BE FUN</b>         |
|                    | <b>04</b>     | <b>Captree Executive Committee Mtg – LaDez’s Backyard – BYOB BBQ</b>           |
|                    | <b>25</b>     | <b>Captree General Membership Mtg – Richter’s Backyard – BYOB BBQ</b>          |
|                    | <b>28</b>     | <b>D-3 Fishing Trip – Captree Boat Basin</b>                                   |

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## COMMANDER'S REPORT

**Cdr. Jack Stange, AP**



Hello everyone. **WE ARE FINALLY THERE!** Our boat bottoms are painted; hulls are waxed; new zincs are installed; filters and fluids are changed; engines all tuned; and lines, anchors, PFD's, flares, and fire extinguishers are inspected and stowed. We are ready to launch. Eyes and ears on the weather channel hereinafter.

Because of the terrible weather, our plans for daily raft-ups during the Memorial Day weekend were scrubbed, however, there will be plenty of sunny days moving forward, and the Captree Squadron will again be rafting up with lots of food, fun, and frolics on the water. As discussed at the May General Membership Zoom meeting, raft-up locations will vary this year to accommodate members from both Nassau and Suffolk Counties. In addition, you will find an array of other activities, both on land and at sea, in the **LOG**. There is always something for everyone to enjoy, so join us if you can.

On Friday, May 21st, District-3 held its regularly scheduled Council meeting where it discussed Rendezvous-East in Greenport. Great news – the event is a go, so make plans to join the weekend activities with members from all the Squadrons on Long Island. Details for the daily events will be available shortly.

Following Rendezvous-East is Captree's multi-day Summer Cruise to Mystic and Essex Connecticut and then back to West

Hampton Beach and home. This **LOG** again includes the details for those going by boat or car. Further, all those participating are invited to attend a meeting at Linda and John LaDez's home on Wednesday, June 23rd at 7pm to discuss everyone's preferences for extracurricular activities and dining. Cruise coordinator Frank Verderber will have options for Mystic and AO Linda LaDez will have options for Essex. Greenport and Westhampton Beach activities will also be put on the table for discussion. The LaDez home is at 36 Bunnell Place in West Babylon.

Because of the great success the country and NY has had in combatting Covid and getting everyone vaccinated, in-person activities can again resume. As such, Captree will be holding its June Executive Meeting on June 2nd and General Membership Meeting on June 16th **in-person** at the Moose Lodge. If you have not been vaccinated, you are required to wear a face covering. Face coverings are optional for others. So come on down so we see what you look like in person, rather than on a computer screen. Watch your e-mails for details for the June 16th General Membership meeting to be sent by our Secretary in early June.

Now that we are back to near-normalcy, let's all enjoy this summer's boating and social events safely and healthfully.

**Jack**

# Good and Welfare



**Our best get well wishes to:**

Paul Rondinello who is recovering after being injured in a car accident.

**Happy Father's Day to all the Dads!**



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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Massapequa, NY 11758  
516-799-1778  
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**CAPTREE  
MOONLIGHT CRUISE AND DINNER AT  
FLYNN'S**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 21, 2021**

**CRUISE TO FIRE ISLAND ON THE  
"MOONCHASER"**

**MUST BE AT CAPTREE BOAT BASIN DOCK BY 6:45**

**BOAT LEAVES AT 7 PM SHARP**

**DINE ON THE WATER AT A HOT AND COLD BUFFET**

**SWAY TO THE MUSIC & ENJOY THE PARTY ATMOSPHERE**



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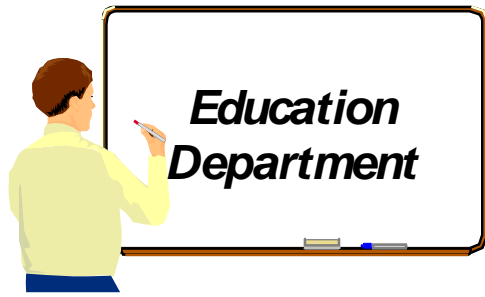
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**RSVP BY JUNE 19, 2021**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CAPTREE POWER SQUADRON**

**MAIL TO: LINDA LADEZ  
36 BUNNELL PLACE  
WEST BABYLON, N.Y. 11704**





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



All is well at the Education Department.

We have begun our third **ABC** Zoom class with 14 students enrolled. The class will end on June 15. I do not anticipate additional education activities until Fall. We will, however, be planning for our **Boat Handling** course, which is described below. We will need to decide on in-person, zoom, or a blended delivery method for this course as well as our **ABC** courses. At this time, we do not have all the data we need to make this decision as we are uncertain about room availability and USPS and governmental regulations. Based on our success with the **ABC** Zoom classes, I am in favor of continuing them, however, we will have to wait and see. As of now, our approval for Zoom **ABC** classes by USPS expires at the end of the year.

**Boat Handling** will begin on Tuesday, October 14. It replaces the old **Seamanship** course and is the first of the advanced grade USPS courses. The cost is \$75 for members, \$175 for non-members. It 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:

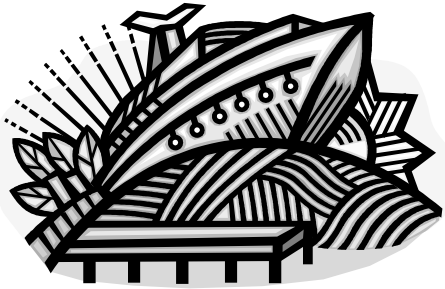
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Please let me know if you are interested in this course!

As an FYI, I will be doing some extensive land-yacht travelling this summer in my motor-dingy and thus will miss most of Captree summer activities. However, I will be going on the Greenport-Connecticut Cruise and look forward to seeing you then.

Teachers have a lot of class!

**George  
Squadron Educational Officer**



Lt/C Linda LaDez, S  
Administrative Officer

Good Day all! Oh, the sun is shining (at least today as I write this article), the boats are going in and we are looking forward to a fun filled summer! I think we have so much packed in that we are making up for last year!

This month we will be holding our first in-person membership meeting at the Moose Lodge on June 16. It will be so great to see all our members again. Of course, we will respect the CDC guidelines making sure everyone is comfortable. It's a big room with plenty of space. We look forward to everyone joining us.

Of course, we will be having our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July raft-up and with the 4<sup>th</sup> landing on a Sunday and Monday being a declared holiday as well, I see 3 days of daily raft-ups. Check your emails since we are alternating locations between Captree Cove and other coves on the south shore to accommodate members from both Nassau and Suffolk counties.

We are still waiting for the permit for the Summer Picnic at Robert Moses and hope to get an answer soon. Tentative date is Sunday, July 11th. As soon as we get a response from the State, we will be sending out an email. So, keep checking your emails! This was a fun Sunday in the past and I am looking forward to it again.

Next is the NEW event added by our squadron - the Captree Moonlight Cruise and dinner at Flynn's of Fire Island on Wednesday, July 21. We sent a flyer and email with brief description in May and you can also find a flyer in this **LOG**. Please remember that there is limited seating so RSVP as soon as possible. Deadline is June 19. Any questions please call me @ 917-596-6927.

Of course, the next event is the Captree Summer Cruise. It starts on Thursday July 29 at Townsend Manor Inn and Marina in Greenport in

conjunction with District's Rendezvous-East. Following that weekend in Greenport we depart on Monday, August 2nd for Mystic and then Essex Connecticut. We end in West Hampton on August 6th and 7th. Come for a day, an overnight, or do the whole cruise! You can join us by car as well. For those participating in the Summer Cruise, there will be a "pre-trip planning meeting" at my home on Wednesday, June 23rd at 7pm.

August also brings the General Membership meeting at the Richters' on Wednesday, August 25th. Mike and Dianne will graciously open their home to the squadron with a great BYOB BBQ. That evening the members of the Bridge are presented with their flags-of-office. Mark your calendars and come support your Bridge.

The final event I will discuss today is our annual Fall Rendezvous. It is set for September 18 and 19 at the Cedar Beach Marina. We will begin with our annual basket making at the LaDez's home the week prior (date TBA). It's a fun night with a glass of wine, or two, as we decide who can make the most creative basket with the goodies we get to fill them! As I mentioned before, this year's theme will be Good Luck to the Irish! Corned beef and cabbage with, of course, Irish soda bread on Saturday evening. We will still have our pot-luck lunch and dessert bar on Saturday. Please let me know what you will be bringing as a dish for the pot-luck lunch or dessert bar. And, let's not forget our Sunday morning bacon and eggs breakfast.

So, as you can see, we are planning an event filled summer. We hope to see you all on the water. Any questions or ideas please call me. Always welcoming a helping hand or idea!

*Linda*

## **Summer Cruise Meeting Announcement**

**Captree Summer Cruise** – There will be a pre-trip planning meeting starting at 7pm at Linda and John LaDez's home on Wednesday, June 23rd. It's BYOB. We will be discussing food and activity options for each of the ports-of-call as well as route planning.

## **Captree/D-3 Summer Activity Pocket Guide**

Below is a cut-out **Activity Pocket Guide** for you to carry in your wallets to remind you of all the Captree and District activities planned for the Summer of 2021. Please note that it excludes weekend raft-ups.

### **2021 Summer Activities**

- June 2 – Captree Exec Com Mtg – Moose Lodge
- June 16 – Captree Gen'l Membership Mtg – Moose Lodge
- June 23 – Captree BYOB Summer Cruise Pre-trip Planning Mtg – LaDez's
  
- July 7 – Captree Exec Com Mtg – BYOB BBQ at the LaDez's
- July 11 – Captree BYOB Summer Picnic – Robert Moses Boat Basin – TENTATIVE
- July 21 – Captree Moonlight Cruise & Dinner – Flynn's
- July 29-Aug 8 – Captree Summer Cruise
- July 30-31 – District Rendezvous East – Greenport
  
- Aug 4 – Captree Exec Com Mtg – BYOB BBQ at the LaDez's
- Aug 25 – Captree Gen'l Membership - BYOB BBQ at the Richter's
- Aug 28 – District Fishing Trip – Captree Boat Basin
  
- Sept 1 – Captree Exec Mtg – Moose Lodge
- Sept 15 – Captree Gen'l Membership Mtg – Moose Lodge
- Sept 18-19 – Captree Fall Rendezvous – Cedar Beach Marina

# Captree Summer 2021 Cruise Update as of 5/30/21

**Thursday, July 29th – Sunday, August 8th**

The timing coincides with District's Rendezvous East in Greenport from Friday, July 30th thru Sunday, August 1st.

## **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**

(631) 477-2000

Reservations can be made through [www.dockwa.com](http://www.dockwa.com)

Lodging reservations - Call Townsend Manor Inn at 631-477-2000

## **Mystic Seaport Marina**

(860) 572-5391

Reservations can be made through [www.dockwa.com](http://www.dockwa.com)

Lodging reservations – Suggest you call the Whaler's Inn at 860-536-1506

## **Brewer Essex Island Marina**

(860) 767-2483

Reservations can be made through [www.dockwa.com](http://www.dockwa.com)

Lodging reservations – Suggest you call the Griswold Inn at 860-767-1776

## **Westhampton Village Marina**

(631) 377-9013 -

Reservations can be made through [www.dockwa.com](http://www.dockwa.com)

**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 and stayed in the Inns suggested above. Linda and John LaDez are doing it by car this time. I'm not sure of what is available, and affordable, in the Westhampton area, but it's only a short day-trip by car from the Babylon area.***

***Email, call, or text me with questions***

***Frank Verderber, Captree Summer Cruise Coordinator***

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## **As of May 30th, the following have made reservations:**

Frank & Kathy Verderber

Tom & Pam Zimmer

Michael & Dianne Richter

Ed & George Tracy (Jen, Sarah & Kyle – Greenport only)

Garry Biggs

Peter and Rossie Teresco

Dave & Cindy Parfundi (Friends of the Teresco's)

Jack Stange, Jerry Cappa & Ed Starling (Greenport only)

John & Dyan Latini (Greenport only)

John & Maria Allison – Associate Members (Essex only)

John & Linda LaDez are going by car and staying in Greenport, Mystic, & Essex. They are doing a day trip by car to Westhampton Beach.

Sophie Meshref & Guest by car





## NEW MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

### Sophie Meshref

My name is Sophie Meshref and I joined Captree in September 2020. I live in Lindenhurst; I have two sons and I am married to Moe Ramadan who is also a member of Captree. I am in the accounting profession.

I am presently seeking to purchase a boat, preferably a 19'-21' center console. If you hear of any for sale, please let me know! I have been boating for 3 years.

**What are your favorite boating activities?** *Going to different coves and beaches on the South Shore, rafting up with the Club and spending wonderful times with other members.*

**What towns have you lived in?** *Merrick and Lindenhurst.*

**Where will we find you when you are out on the water?** *Hemlock Cove, Garbage Cove, Gilgo and Cedar.*

**What do you do when you are not on your boat?** *Hanging out with family and friends, the gym, hiking, travelling, a glass of wine near the fire pit, basically anything outdoors.*



**What is your favorite vacation spot?** *I have multiple favorite vacation spots coz I like to try new places, but in general I prefer anything near the water.*

**What is your favorite drink?** *Margarita.*

**What is your favorite food?** *Seafood.*

**What is your favorite ice cream flavor?** *Vanilla.*

**What is your favorite piece of gear/equipment on your boat?** *The speakers...lol.*

**What was the best time you ever had on your boat?** *Viewing the sunset.*

**What do you hope to get from joining Captree?** *Become a better boater and gain more wonderful friends.*

**Are you more of an optimist or pessimist?** *Optimist*

**Do you enjoy making plans or being spontaneous?** *Usually, I make plans but I enjoy being spontaneous too.*

**What three words would you use to describe yourself?** *Friendly, fun and love life.*

**What achievement are you most proud of?** *I am proud of starting my MBA.*

**What is your favorite quote?** *"Life is short, enjoy it and stay positive."*

**Interview by Michael Richter**  
**Membership Chair**

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

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Name: Livin The Dream

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Boat Name: Golden Girl

# JUNE CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

06-06 John Gill (Associate Member)

06-12 Barbara Hoogervorst (Member's Spouse)

06-22 Jack Stange

06-24 Steve Katsur

06-28 George Tracy

## ANNIVERSARIES

06-04 Michael & Holly Ferruso

06-29 Charlie & Madelyn Virga

06-30 Jack & Pat Klein



**Please send Birthday & Anniversary information to  
Madelyn Virga at [nanavirga@aol.com](mailto:nanavirga@aol.com)**

# MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

With the start of June, we as a country and as a world can look forward to a near normal life, much like we had a year-and-a-half ago. There are still some obstacles in our path, however, we are almost there.

As members of Captree, you know that for the last year-and-a-half Captree stopped all social gatherings. Those social events are the basis for getting our members to know each other, both old and new. That was missing, but now it is time for us to gather again at in-person meetings and events.

We will be holding our June General Membership meeting once again in person at the Moose Lodge. If this is your first time attending an event at the Lodge, the address is 883 South Broadway, Lindenhurst. The meeting generally starts at 7:30 PM and includes a brief business segment followed by a short presentation of a topic of interest to our membership. The business segment provides our members an awareness of what transpired over the previous months and what we are planning for down the road. Beverages can be obtained at the bar if you wish to indulge, and coffee and dessert are available during the presentation. If food is being served prior to the meeting, you will be informed in the meeting notice sent by our Secretary.

Most important, after all the months we have been away from each other, this is a great way to enjoy gathering and discussing with each other what is going on with our lives.

Although our social gatherings did not take place during COVID-19, Captree did continue to hold meetings and ABC Boating classes through ZOOM. The technical end of those classes was handled by George Tracy, Mike Richter, and Jerry Cappa. The instructors included Gene Johnson, Bob Silz, and me. All should be thanked. Over 50 students were taught during three 5-week sessions with instructors located in Florida and various locations in New York. It was a learning experience for each of us, and with each session, we got better and better.

An interesting part of utilizing ZOOM is to see just how relaxed the students are. I said this before in my

previous articles that ZOOM classes may be the new norm. It is much easier for the students. They come home from work, sit down and have their dinner, and then view the course without having to leave their home. When the class is over, there is no travel time back home in the dark; just turn off the computer and relax.

Another interesting observation with ZOOM classes was that more women took the course. I believe that they wanted to learn with their partners to help when they are out together on the water.

For those Captree members over 65 and who are Vessel Examiners, you can continue to perform inspections with no restrictions. That age issue briefly discussed at prior meetings turned out to be a non-issue. While on the topic of Examiners, Captree needs Examiners! If you want to become an Examiner, study the USPS Examiner Power Point presentation on our web site (USCG PPT presentation also there) and then take the USPS practice test as many times as you wish. Once you feel comfortable to take the USPS final exam, contact me at 631-335-4169. After passing the USPS final exam, you will have to do five inspections with one of Captree's qualified Examiners to finish the process. Being an Examiner is interesting; you meet new people, and you see different types of boats. The best part is that you contribute to the safety of the person and the person's boat you just inspected.

There is a flyer in this month's **LOG** about a dinner cruise to Flynn's on Fire Island. This looks like a great night to relax on a boat ride, have good food, and most important, spend the night with your Captree friends. If you wish to join the event, RSVP by June 19 to our Administrative Officer Linda LaDez. If you have any questions about the dinner cruise, call her at 917-596-6927.

Have a great month, and stay healthy!

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