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I do solemnly pledge to:

Abide by the Bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons;

Promote high standards of navigation and seamanship;

Maintain my boat and operate it legally;

Render assistance whenever possible;

And conduct myself in a manner that

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Lt Robert Fisher, P
P/Lt/C Robert Silz, AP
P/C Charles Virga Jr., AP

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P/C Charles Virga Jr., AP - 1yr

Members

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Lt Charles Cooper, AP - 3yr

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Members

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MARCH	01	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	03	D-3 Council Meeting – Melville Marriott
	15	Captree Annual General Membership Meeting – ELECTIONS – Moose Lodge
	17-18	D-3 Spring Conference & Change-of-Watch – Melville Marriott
	19	Captree's 72nd Anniversary (Founded 19 March 1951)
APRIL	05	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	16	D-3 Memorial Service – Cross of Christ Church, Babylon
	19	Captree General Membership Meeting – COW Ceremony – Moose Lodge
MAY	03	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	TBA	D-3 Council Meeting – Melville Marriott
	17	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge
	27-29	Memorial Day Weekend Daily Raft-ups – Daily Locations TBA
JUNE	Wkends	Impromptu weekend Raft-ups – Locations at captreeboaters.com
	07	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	TBA	Captree Summer Picnic – Robert Moses West Boat Basin, Parking in Field 3
	21	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge
JULY	Wkends	Impromptu weekend Raft-ups – Locations at captreeboaters.com
	04	July 4 th Raft-up – your choice of location to enjoy the Day and then the Evening Fireworks
	05	Captree Executive Committee – Location TBA
	TBA	Captree Moonlight Dinner Cruise to Flynn's - Departing Captree Boat Basin 7PM
	TBA	D-3 Rendezvous East
AUGUST	Wkends	Impromptu weekend Raft-ups – Locations at captreeboaters.com
	TBA	Captree Summer Cruise - Tentative
	02	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Location TBA
	16	Captree General Membership BBQ Mtg – Location TBA
SEPTEMBER	02-04	Labor Day Weekend Daily Raft-ups – Daily Locations TBA
	06	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	06	Basket Making for Fall Rendezvous – Moose Lodge
	TBA	Tobay Boat Show
	TBA	Captree Fall Rendezvous – Cedar Beach Marina
	20	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge
OCTOBER	04	Captree Executive Committee Meeting – Moose Lodge
	18	Captree General Membership Meeting – Moose Lodge
	TBA	Captree End-of-Season Brunch – Captain Bill's, Bayshore
	TBA	D-3 Council Meeting – Melville Marriott
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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr. Jack Stange, AP



Hello everyone!

I'd like to first thank those Captree members that joined me at the District 3 Fall Conference on November 5th at the Melville Marriott. Besides me, attending were Carol & Gene Johnson, Bob Silz and Tom Zimmer. Captree, as a Squadron, did very well with awards and recognition at the Conference. I accepted for Captree a "MIRA Award" certificate for our member involvement and member retention efforts in 2022. Although no award is presented for second place, it was announced that Captree placed second behind Patchogue Bay for District's "Cruise and Rendezvous Award". Had we one additional boat at the Rendezvous in Greenport this past summer, we would have won for a second consecutive year. Recognized for "Educational Proficiency" (Grade of Advanced Pilot and three electives) were Mike Richter AP, Mike Scalia JN and Ed Starling N. Lastly, certificates of completion of "Operations Training" were awarded to Garry Biggs, Bob Fisher, Linda LaDez, Mike Richter, Bob Silz, Cdr. Jack Stange, Kathy Verderber, and Frank Verderber. Check out the Conference pictures in this **LOG** that were taken by Bob Silz.

Next, I thank all who attended our November 16th General Membership meeting as it was Captree's last formal meeting for 2022. The month of December brings a different vibe for Captree when the Holiday season begins. On December 4th Captree will be holding the annual Ladies' Luncheon at Goccia D'Oro II on Montauk Highway in Lindenhurst and the annual Men's Spaghetti Dinner provided by the Boy Scouts at the Babylon HS. Most important, is the membership's festive Holiday Party at Palmer's in Farmingdale on Friday, December 9th. **If you have not responded that you will be attending these events, please do so as soon as possible.** Flyers are on the next two pages.

As everyone prepares to embrace the Holiday season with family and friends, we would be remiss not to recognize those members who have experienced pain and suffering this past year due to illnesses and the loss of loved ones. Our prayers were with you then and will continue as you heal. Hopefully, 2023 will bring better times for all at Captree!

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Jack

Ladies' Holiday Luncheon

Sunday, December 4th

1:00 p.m.

at

Goccia D'Oro II

485 W. Montauk Highway

Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Menu Includes:

Appetizers, Penne alla Vodka

Choice of: Chicken Francese

Eggplant Parmesan

or Veal Marsala

Wine, Soda, Coffee, Tea & Dessert

Cash Bar will be offered

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Gift Exchange: \$20.00

Name(s):

attending: _____ at \$50.00 per person = \$ _____

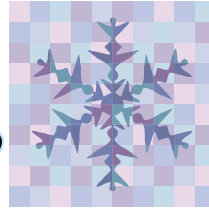
**Make checks payable to:
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**Send to:
P/C Carol Johnson, AP
155 Skidmore Road
North Babylon, NY 11703**

RSVP: ~~On or Before November 28, 2022~~ **ASAP to Carol at
631-943-6611**

CAPTREE POWER SQUADRON HOLIDAY PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022



7:30 – 10:30 PM

Palmer's American Grille

123 Fulton Street (Hempstead Tpke), Farmingdale

\$70 PER PERSON – Sit-down Dinner, Beer, Wine, Liquor & Soda

Mixed Baby Greens Salad or Caesar Salad

Fresh Mozzarella & Tomato Appetizer

Entrée choice of

Chicken Palmer – prosciutto, spinach, fresh mozzarella with a merlot demiglace, or

Farfalle with mushrooms, fresh tomatoes, and basil, or

Grilled Honey Herb Atlantic Salmon

Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Juice, Soda

All Beers, House Wines & House Liquors

Optional Holiday Card Exchange and Toys-for-Tots Donation

RSVP BY THURSDAY, DEC 1: Rossie Teresco

20 Charles Avenue

Rossie's Cell 516-380-4176

Massapequa Park, NY 11762

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CAPTREE POWER SQUADRON

NAME(s) _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____ X \$70 = \$ _____

**Congratulations to the following Captree members
for earning a Merit Mark during 2022**

John Allison

Michael Richter

Garry Biggs

Matthew Richter

Charlie Cooper

Kathy Robinson

Bob Fisher

Margie Ross

Carol Johnson

Bob Silz

Gene Johnson

Jack Stange

Marylou Krzeski

Ed Starling

Linda LaDez

Pete Teresco

Dyan Latini

Rossie Teresco

John Latini

George Tracy

Camille Mercurio

Frank Verderber

Dave Pafundi

Kathy Verderber

Dianne Richter

Charlie Virga

Tom Zimmer

Good and Welfare



Our best get well wishes to:

Linda LaDez who was recently hospitalized with cardiac issues,
Gene Johnson who is recovering from a fall,
Tom Zimmer who had eye surgery,
Jack Stange who experienced blood clots in his legs,
Rossie and Pete Teresco's granddaughter, Raelynn, who was hospitalized with
numerous respiratory infections,
Kathy Robinson who is recovering from rotator cuff surgery, and
Dave Pafundi who will be undergoing shoulder surgery to repair a torn bicep tendon.

**Wishing you the gifts of peace, love and joy
this holiday season!**



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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14 Harbor Place
Massapequa, NY 11758
516-799-1778
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**Lt/C Michael Richter, AP
Squadron Education Officer**

MY TOP TEN PHONE/TABLET APPLICATIONS (Apps)

To all Captree Members

When I started boating in 1969, I read about the weather in the newspaper, got my chart (sometimes) and went out on the boat hoping for the best. Today with the use of computer applications, we have much more data available to help ensure a safe and adventurous trip.

Here are my favorite boating applications (apps) which I have found enhance my boating experience.



Dockwa
Dockwa, Inc.
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Dockwa:

This is the go-to application when you are traveling and need to stay in a marina. Dockwa lists everything you need to know about many marinas, such as the phone number, VHF channel monitored, rates, check-in/out times, amenities, services, cancellation policies, whether there is water and electric, showers, a swimming pool, a restaurant, fixed or floating docks, laundry, ice, gas pumps and pump out facilities. Dockwa allows you to make your reservations through the app and even communicate with the dockmaster through messaging. Dockwa also includes reviews from other users and pictures of the facilities. The Dockwa Blog is filled with great articles on all aspects of boating and is a wonderful resource to increase your boating knowledge.

I use Dockwa to plan my summer. I like that it keeps all my past and future reservations in my account for easy reference. Some marinas only accept reservations through Docka. I give a big thank you to Katie Fisher for introducing me to Dockwa when I first joined Captree.



Windy.app - wind & weather
Marine forecast & wind speed
[OPEN](#)

Windy.app:

There are many weather apps but Windy.app gives you so much information on one screen making it an invaluable resource for boaters. It includes local forecasts from NOAA, temperature, humidity, wind speed, gust speed, precipitation for 10 days out, and oceanic conditions including wave heights and swell periods. You can customize your own screen so you see only the data that you are interested in. An active chart and the use of color gradients gives you data visually so it can be interpreted quickly and easily.



United States Coast Guard
U.S. Coast Guard
[OPEN](#)

United States Coast Guard:

This app provides many resources to the recreational boater. With it you can identify boating safety laws by state, determine what safety equipment is required on your boat, review a copy of the "Rules of the Road" and access weather information from the closest NOAA buoy.

It also has interactive features. If you observe pollution or suspicious activities, or see a problem with a navigation aid, a hazard to navigation or a marine life issue, you can report it directly to the USCG while the app automatically logs your coordinates. You can also send a picture along. All screens give your coordinates to make locating the matter easy.

Another benefit is the ability to request a Vessel Safety Check which is then sent to volunteer VSC Examiners within 20 miles of your port. You can also file a float plan with up to three family members or friends, easily and digitally. Of course, it also allows you to call for emergency assistance giving your coordinates for easy locating.



America's Boating Club
Bluestone Apps, LLC Mobile
[OPEN](#)

America's Boating Club:

This app should be on every ABC Member's phone & tablet. With it you can access weather radar, tide charts, navigation rules, request a VSC and see which squadrons are teaching USPS courses and seminars. It shows how to tie knots and explains the identities of buoys, nautical flags, and navigation lights. Lastly you can access videos on the America's Boating Channel and even sign up to become a member.



MarineTraffic - Ship Tracking
World's #1 ship tracking app!
[OPEN](#)

Marine Traffic:

This app displays real-time positions of ships and yachts transmitting AIS information. Click on the ship icon and see a picture of the ship, its name, present speed, flag, port of origin, destination, length & breadth, call sign and MMSI number. See every AIS transmitting ship on the water, worldwide. It's a useful app when Dianne asks "what do you think that boat is out there"?



YachtWorld - Yachts for Sale
Yachts & Boats for Sale
[OPEN](#)

YachtWorld and Boat Trader:

These apps will help you locate the boat of your dreams anywhere in the world. Although they seem to have the same functions, each may often list different boats. Once you fill out your filters, input your



Boat Trader - Boats for Sale
Buy & Sell Boats in the US
[OPEN](#)

desired parameters or boat manufacturer and model/year, you can then pull up all boats meeting your requirements, view pictures, specifications and prices of the boats and you can even schedule to see boats through the apps.

NAVIGATION APPS

Navigation apps have replaced charts and chart plotters on many boats. These apps allow me to carefully chart a course while sitting at my kitchen table and then transfer the route over to my chart plotter on my boat. To benefit from full functionality, these require subscriptions or purchasing of the charts. These three apps are all similar but have some differences which explains why I use all three:



Garmin ActiveCaptain®
Garmin
[OPEN](#)

Garmin Active Captain – This is the digital companion to your Garmin chart plotter. Plot your waypoints and routes ahead of time and when you get on board sync them to your chart plotter. If your plotter is new enough, you can sync them wirelessly through your plotter's wifi signal, otherwise, you may have to transfer the data through an SD card.



Boating Marine & Lakes
Nautical and fishing charts
[OPEN](#)

Navionics – With this app you can see all the detail in charts and create waypoints and routes which can be transferred to any plotter through a GPX file. This app has become a popular alternative to the traditional chart plotter on your boat. If your tablet has a GPS chip in it (those with cell service do), your location will show on these charts and you can easily navigate a pre-planned route. I've used Navionics on my iPad as a second chart plotter as it reacted and reloaded faster than my original plotter.



Aqua Map: Marine & Lake charts
Boating, sailing & fishing GPS
[OPEN](#)

AquaMap – I've recently discovered this app and have been impressed by two features it includes: wave heights and a satellite view. Garmin Active Captain and Navionics both include weather, wind, tides, and current data, but AquaMap also includes wave heights and satellite views. The satellite view shows the image of the cutouts of the channels which gives you more information than a chart does. With a satellite view you can see which side of the channel might be deeper.

I hope that you find some of these apps as useful as I do.

Better boating through education.

Mike Richter

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 last issued in October 2022. If there are any additions or corrections that need to be made, please notify me by email at fverderber@optonline.net or phone at (516-799-1778).

New Captree Members – 2022

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Boat Name: It's About Time

Sherry Faggione
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Boat Name: It's About Time

Jill & Mike Zoccoli
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Boat Name: Reel Nauti

Reinstated Captree Members – 2022

Maria Allison
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Boat Name: Fanta-Sea

Joe Tavella, sons Brian & Christopher, & spouse Gigi Gracey
79 Inlet Drive
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joehockey64@aol.com
gigigracey1962@gmail.com
Boat Name: Delirious

Associate Members - 2022

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Lindenhurst, NY 11757
grandpa209@yahoo.com
Boat Name: Therapy

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

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

12-01 Joan Smith (Member's Spouse)

12-20 Fran Cooper (Member's Spouse)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



If you would like your Birthday and/or Anniversary posted on this page, please send your information to Madelyn Virga at nanavirga@aol.com

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

December 2022! Wow, another year is about to end, but not before some great Captree activities planned for December. Before I give you the details of this month's events, I would like to thank all our Captree members who supported our activities throughout 2022. Not only am I referring to our social events, but our educational programs, our monthly meetings, and District meetings and events as well.

Captree starts December with the Ladies' Luncheon at Goccia D'Oro II on Montauk Highway in Lindenhurst on Sunday, December 4th. This tradition has been going on for as long Captree has had its Charter - 1951. It is a time for the women of Captree to get together and chat about Captree as well as what happened recently in their lives and over the years. I am sure there will be pictures passed around and discussions about vacations, and of course, their families. It is a great way for new members to get to know the long-standing women of Captree. Speaking for my wife Madelyn who attended these for years, the friends she made at these luncheons are still her good friends today. Check out the flyer in this **LOG** and if you wish to attend, please call Carol Johnson ASAP at 631-943-6611 as the due date to respond has passed.

While the ladies of Captree are celebrating at Goccia D'Oro II, the men of Captree will be gathering at George Tracy's house at 19 Lewis Circle, Babylon, at 2 PM for some Holiday beers and snacks. Then around 2:30-3:00, they will depart for the annual Boy Scouts' Spaghetti Dinner at the Babylon High School. If you can break away from watching football that day, please join in on the fun. There is no flyer for this event so if you are interested in attending, please text or call George at 516-991-8355 ASAP so he can pre-purchase the tickets and reserve a table or two for Captree.

On Friday, December 9th, Captree is holding its annual "Members' Holiday Party" at Palmer's American Grille at 123 Fulton Street, (Hempstead Turnpike) in Farmingdale. It is a sit-down dinner with appetizer, salad, three entrée choices, dessert, and a full bar with a choice of beer, house wine, and house liquor from 7:30 to 10:30 PM. As we have traditionally done in the past, we will continue to

have an optional exchange of Christmas Cards and again this year we will be collecting unwrapped toys for the Marines' Toys-for-Tots drive. It is a great way to give a child something that they may not get for Christmas. Come to Palmer's and enjoy the evening and spirit with your fellow Captree members. Check out the flyer in this **LOG** and if you wish to attend, please call Rossie Teresco ASAP at 516-380-4176 as the due date to respond is December 1st.

As you can see from the above, December will be a busy month, however, there was also a lot that happened in November for Captree. First was the District Fall Conference on the 5th where Captree received several awards and recognition for other accomplishments. Commander Jack Stange speaks to this in his report. Then came Captree's General Membership meeting on the 16th when the "Just Desserts" theme was reintroduced. This was captured in some of the pictures included in this **LOG**. Thank you to those on the Executive Committee for providing the delicious desserts. Last was Captree's second "Turkey Shoot" held at the Suffolk County Skeet, Trap and Sporting Clays in Yaphank on November 19th. The weather was cold with the morning temperatures in the 30's, but sunny. To help warm up Captree's marksmen were shots of Rumchata mixed with Fireball served by Mike Richter. Six Captree members attended the event with Mike Richter scoring the highest with 46 hits out of 100 clays. Next was John Latini with 41 hits, Frank Verderber with 39 hits, Pete Teresco with 38 hits, and Ed Starling with 17 hits out of 50 clays. As you can see from the pictures in this **LOG**, Tom Zimmer also attended but did not shoot due to an eye procedure earlier in the week. To recap the morning, the group started around 9:00 AM, and went through 10 stations and finished by 11:30 AM. At each station clays were launched by machines in different patterns in two separate directions making it a challenge to hit your target, despite using a 12-gauge shotgun. Last year we called Mike "Cowboy Mike". I think we should come up with a new name for him. If you come up with a good name, let me know and I will post it here next month.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

I want to take this opportunity to thank all Captree's VSC Examiners who really did a great job this year by performing 161 inspections compared to 69 inspections in 2021. Being a VSC Examiner myself, I know how much time it takes to complete an inspection when you consider the time to travel to and from the vessel, as well as the inspection itself. If you are lucky and can do multiple inspections at one location, you save travel time but not inspection time, which is unpredictable, because each boat is so different. Listed below are the results of Captree's 2022 inspections by VSC Examiner.

Name:	Inspections
John Allison	6 *
Dave Pafundi	6 *
Mike Richter	22 *
Larry Ross	5
Margie Ross	11
Jack Stange	1 *
Ed Starling	6 *
Pete Teresco	50 *
George Tracy	7
Frank Verderber	13 *
Charlie Virga	15
Tom Zimmer	19
Totals	161

- Excludes 5 inspections shadowing a Certified Inspector

A message to all Examiners - remember each inspection that you perform may save some boater's life. Having boat owners aware of the safety requirements for a boat will make them wiser boaters going forward. I thank you for your time.

On a completely different topic, I am Chairman of the Nominating Committee this year, probably the hardest job I have had in all my years in Captree. I have made many calls in an attempt to fill open positions on the Slate of nominees for our new year, which will start May 1, 2023, and continue until April 30, 2024. Some of the positions require little time, and other more important positions require more time.

If you follow sports, no matter what sport it is, there must be a total team effort to win. I will use a metaphor here to describe where we are at. Our first team is great; however, our bench is weak. We need support from all our members, first team and bench, to make this a winning team. Too few Captree members do all the work while others gain the benefits. At this point, as you read this, you are probably saying to yourself that this is not a great holiday message. No, it is not! However, it is the truth. We need both first team players and bench players on this year's team to fill the Slate of open positions for the upcoming fiscal year. If you think that you want to be part of Captree's team for 2023-24, please call me, I will be most happy to answer any questions you may have and provide details of any position you may be interested in. My cell is 631-335-4169.

In closing, besides Captree events, December has both days of remembrance and days of celebration. Wednesday, December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day, a day to remember those that gave their lives for this country as the US entered WW II. Sunday, December 18th is the first day of Hanukkah, an eight-day celebration of those of the Jewish faith. Wednesday, December 21st is the first day of winter (Winter Solstice). Sunday, December 25th is Christmas Day, a day to gather and celebrate with family and friends. Remember and enjoy these days.

Madelyn and I wish all our Captree friends a joyful and *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year!*

Charlie Virga



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Captree members who attended the District 3 Fall Conference on November 5th:
(L to R) Bob Silz, Carol Johnson, Tom Zimmer, Gene Johnson, & Cdr. Jack Stange



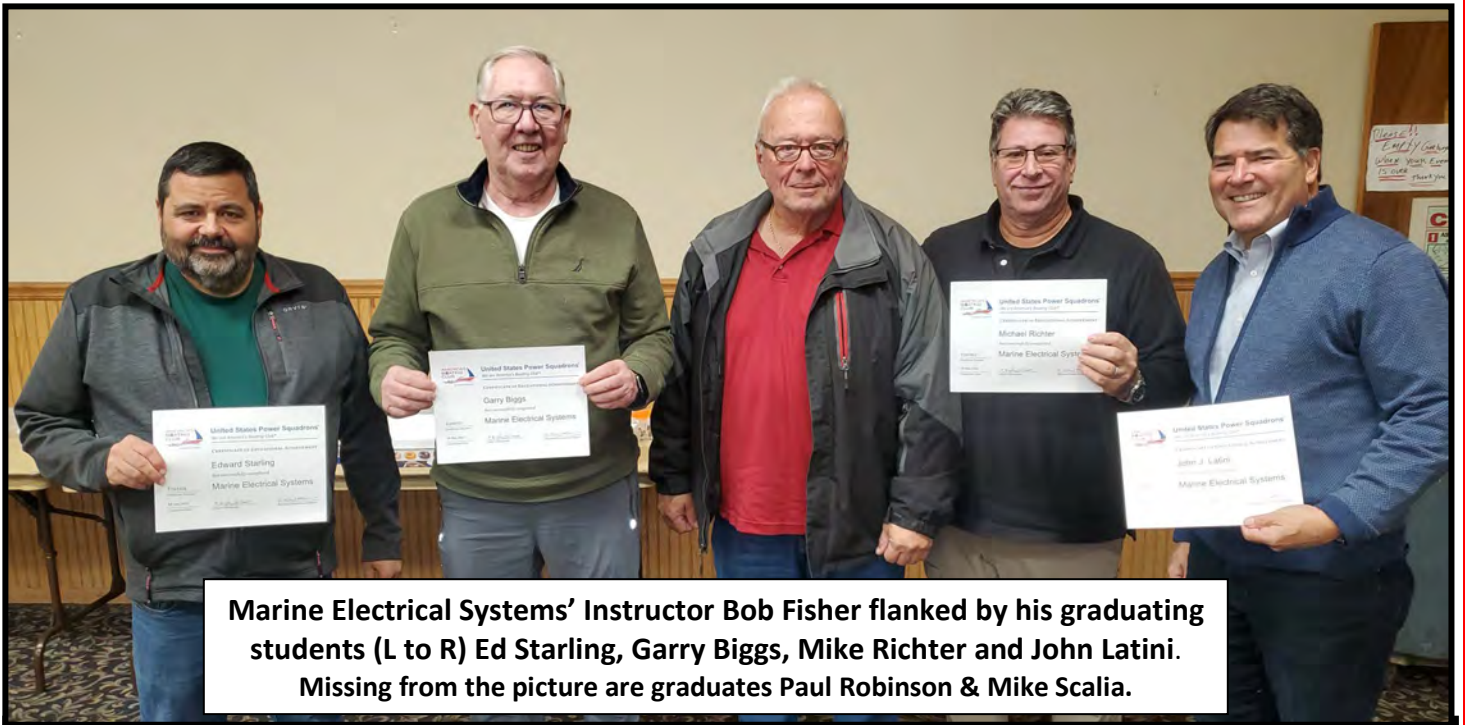
Cdr. Jack Stange (far left) receiving a "MIRA" certificate from National at the D-3 Fall Conference recognizing Captree for its member involvement and retention efforts in 2022



Bob Silz (far left) and Cdr Jack Stange (far right) receiving a Certificate of Completion at the D-3 Fall Conference for "Operations Training" from District Instructors Angelo Giovanniello and Ann Peltier.



(L to R) Bob Fisher, Garry Biggs, Mike Richter, & Frank Verderber receiving their Certificates of Completion for "Operations Training" at Captree's November General Membership Meeting. Missing from the picture are Linda LaDez and Kathy Verderber.



Marine Electrical Systems' Instructor Bob Fisher flanked by his graduating students (L to R) Ed Starling, Garry Biggs, Mike Richter and John Latini. Missing from the picture are graduates Paul Robinson & Mike Scalia.



Captree members enjoying our "Just Desserts" theme for our November General Membership meeting.





Captree "Sharpshooters" at this year's "Turkey Shoot":
(above L to R) Pete Teresco, Ed Starling, John Latini, Tom Zimmer, Frank Verderber & organizer "Cowboy" Mike Richter



Captree's mighty "Sharpshooters" after a day on the clay shooting circuit



Pete Teresco taking his best shot



Mike Richter & Tom Zimmer posing for a picture between rounds



Frank Verderber about to take aim



Ed Starling & Tom Zimmer posing for a picture between rounds



Pete Teresco with remote in hand ready to launch a clay



John Latini watching the action



Sharpshooter John Latini taking aim and firing at a clay



"Cowboy" Mike Richter taking down a clay



Ed Starling firing at a clay launched high in the sky

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