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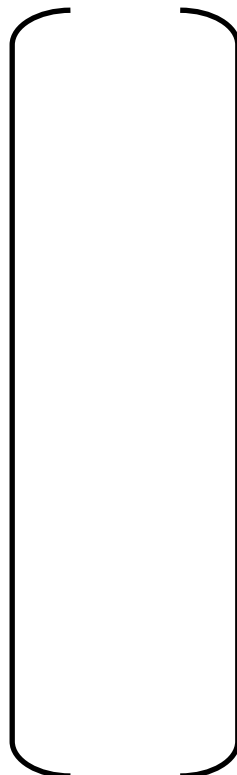
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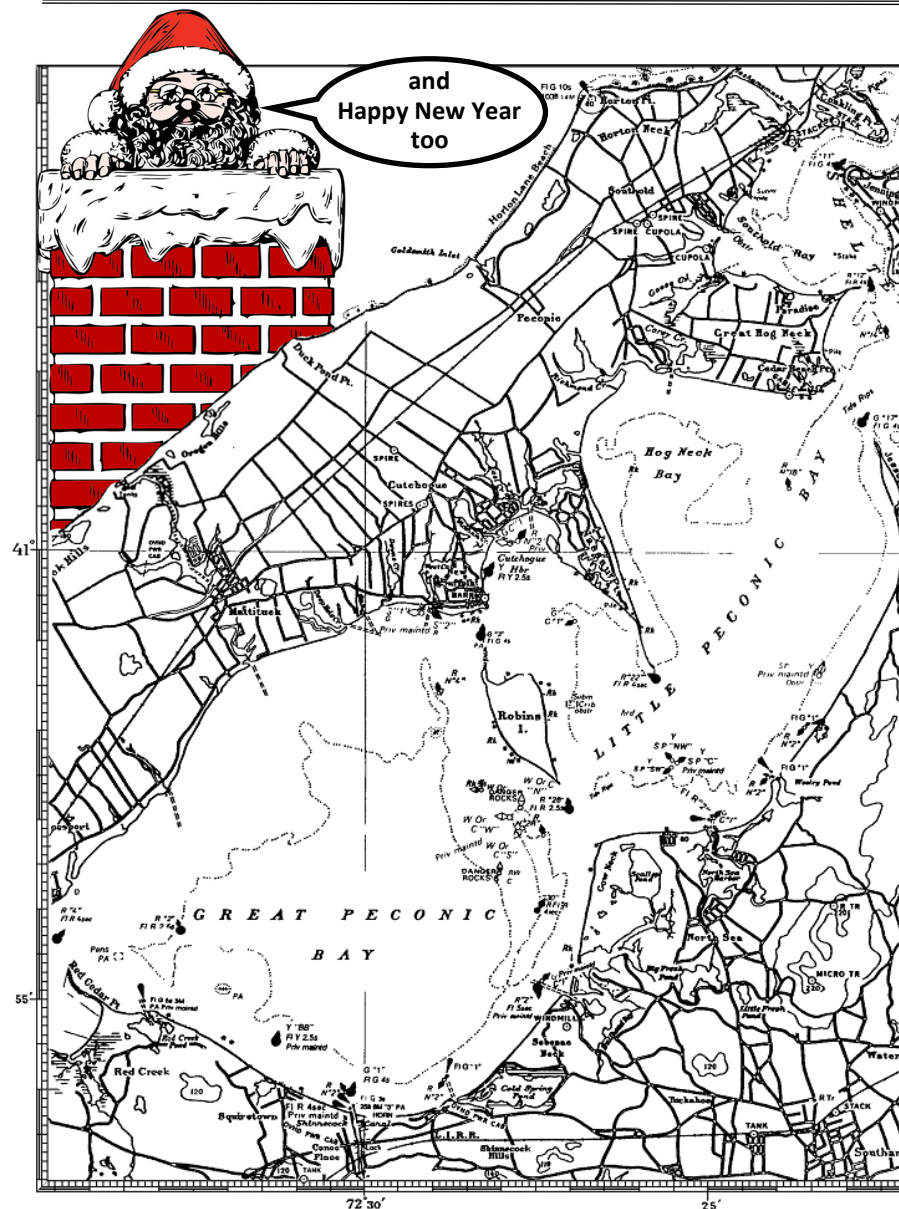
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## Calendar of Events 2024-2025

- Saturday 7 December 1300** Riverhead Parade, Tree Lighting & Santa arrives by Boat, Riverhead Waterfront
- Thurs 12 December 1900** PBPS ExComm Mtg.  
Riverhead Moose Lodge
- Friday 13 Dec 13 1900** Patch Bay/Peconic Joint Holiday Party  
Suffolk Boat Club, Patchogue (See Flyer)
- Sunday 15 Dec 1230-1400** Peconic Bay Holiday Brunch  
Birchwood Rest, Riverhead (See Flyer)
- Thurs 9 January 1900** PBPS ExComm Mtg.  
(Virtual)
- Thurs 13 February 1900** PBPS ExComm Mtg.  
(Virtual)
- 2-9 February 2025** USPS Annual Meeting  
Rosen Plaza, Orlando
- Thurs 13 March 1900 PBPS** ExComm Mtg.  
Riverhead Moose Lodge
- Thurs 20 March 1900** PBPS ELECTION Mtg. (Venue TBD)

## Good and Welfare

### Continued Prayers for Healing and Health to:

**Pat Blanchard, Steve Burke, Jeff McArthur,  
John & Anita Martinelli, Glen Sherman.**

### Remembering:



**Our Dear Friend P/Lt/C MaryAnn Matlak of Jamesport, passed away on September 23, 2024, after a long illness. MaryAnn joined Peconic Bay in 2001 and was a member for 18 years. During that time she was our Treasurer and was involved on many committees. She was a Good Friend to this Commander and many others. We pray for her and for her Daughters Corrine and Kaitlyn.**



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(1 open position)

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We encourage squadron members to contribute to this publication. All articles must be received by the 18th of each month to be considered for publication in the following month's issue.



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## SHIP'S LOG HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### December

**Deborah Zettl 3rd**  
**Tom Riecker 7th**  
**Richard Cuciti 14th**  
**Sandra Timpone 26th**  
**Denise Riecker 27th**  
**Barbara Bivona 31st**

### January

**Benita Matthes 3rd**  
**John Martinelli 5th**  
**George Woodhull 5th**  
**Barbara Woodhull 13th**  
**Bob Walther 18th**  
**Matthew Pfister 27th**



## Commander's Report

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year 2025 to one and all. The lights of every holiday fill the darkness of the night and our hearts with hope.

Dinner at Villa Paul was delicious, as always. The company was fantastic, with a few surprise guests. Thanks to all of you, we once again donated non-perishable food, giftcards, cash & checks to BLAZE Church in Flanders. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> year partnering with them to help feed over 100 families in the Riverhead and Flanders communities. Glen and I are humbled as we deliver the food to very grateful Pastors, Keith and Amy Indovino. Join in this month's efforts, by coming to brunch on **Sun 15th Dec at The Birchwood Restaurant** in Polish Town, Riverhead. The food is fabulous. We'll be collecting toys for needy children in our area. Whatever you can share – we are grateful. We will also be joining our **Patchogue Bay Squadron Family on Friday Night 13 December @ 7PM** for a De-Licious Italian Buffet, Desserts, Fellowship and A Holiday Sing-A-Long. We went last year and it's a HOOT !!! See The Flyers for Both Parties. Come and Join in.

As we enter 2025, our Nominating Committee is looking for people to fill **ALL** positions (large and small). The need is **GREAT**. MOST BRIDGE POSITIONS ARE OPEN AT THIS TIME. **WE CANNOT EXIST UNLESS WE FILL THEM!!!!** There is room for everyone to join in. Have a few hours? Speak to P/Cs Fred Smith, Larry Hynes or Bob SanAngelo on how you can share your time and talent. I am one small drop of water but together WE are an ocean!!

Have you, your family members and friends completed our 8 hr. Safe Boating Course ??? Do you **all** have your Cards and Certificates ??? It is REQUIRED as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. We will need Instructors, Proc-tors and Assistants to step up, as we map out this years courses. You don't need certification to assist us in the classroom, just a willingness to help your fellow boaters. We have the tools and materials. Come join the TEAM !!!

As you enjoy all of the holidays, remember to hug your loved ones and stay safe on and off the water. (continued in XO report)





## Education Officer's Report



Happy December & January all PBPS members and families. By now, most of our boats are tucked away in barns, garages, or outside at our homes or at our marina. Are you fortunate enough to own a custom fitted cover? Lucky you. Certainly you placed 2 x 4 vertical boards in strategic places, so there is NO sagging of your cover. Otherwise what happens? The sagging spots collect water. When water freezes it

expands and damages your cover. Good bye cover.

No custom fitted cover? Shrink wrap it yourself or pay a marina. Unless you own all the tools necessary and are a DIYer, better off paying the marina. Their basic steps are:

- Measure highest point of your boat from the deck, cut several 2 x 4s
- Attach them to flat surfaces with padding on top (otherwise those top sharp edges will tear the shrink wrap fabric)
- Lash down the 2 x 4s across the beam and from bow to stern
- Place shrink wrap over the entire hull and cut at bottom allowing several inches
- Use a propane-fired heat gun to seal overlaps and over entire surface
- Tape the seams at the overlap points
- Tie down the shrink wrap to the trailer or storage frame. That's it!

Cost? A 25 ft boat requires about 30 ft of shrink wrap, tape, boards, lashing straps – maybe up to \$2,000? A general estimate from a marina, states \$25 - \$30 per foot – you can bet that counts the bow sprit and swim platform.

Tell your boat you'll see her in the spring.

Meanwhile enjoy fellowship with your fellow squadron members all through the winter. Maybe enroll in a USPS online seminar, watch America's Boating Channel on TV and online YouTube videos. All good info!

My contact info is on the inside back cover. As always, for more info, visit Peconic Bay Power Squadron at <http://www.pbps.us/education/schedule>. ⚓

Safe Boating Through Education

Lt/C Helen Horton, AP, SEO







*Above:* Cdr Diane & Stf/C Glen enjoy D3 Friendship and a Beautiful Skyline Cruise along the East River, including a close-up view of Lady Liberty (right),.

*Below:* President Pamela Setchell from the Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society, gives a talk at the October D3 Council Meeting.

*Photos by Glen Sherman*



Students in Southold Junior High School participate in an in-school ABC class. This class is a partnership between Southold School District and Peconic Bay Power Squadron. P/D/C Fred Smith, Cdr Diane Sherman and Lead Instructor/Southold Teacher Jason Wesnofske share Safety information with the class .

*Photos by Glen Sherman*







## Executive Officer's Report

*(Continued from Commander's Report)*

Continue to be lighthouse beacons to one another and to our community – lighting the way for safe passage through life's journey. Glen and I wish you all - peace, love and joy. Be a Beacon - Let Your Light Shine !! ⚓

Cdr Diane Sherman, P



## Safety Report <sup>with</sup> P/C Larry Hynes, SN

Hello to all my friends. Nancy and I spent the month of October in Florida at The Villages. We were so lucky that Hurricane Milton did not damage our area. We just got heavy rain and wind, but we felt so

bad for the people along the West and East Coasts that got hit. There was so much damage and unfortunately people died, especially due to the tornados. We're home now and it's time to enjoy our family and friends for the holidays. Our squadron has a lot of upcoming events. Please check our schedule. I attended the District 3 Fall Educational Conference, always fun. Nancy and I attended the November Dinner at Villa Paul and we hope to see you at our Christmas parties. On Boat Safety, I know it's time to put our boats away for the winter. I make sure that it's properly winterized. I get a lot of emails from National with reminders on both Safety and taking Online courses. Remind all of your friends and neighbors, that starting January 2025, all boat operators must be certified with an eight hour course and proctored exam. Nancy and I wish you well and hope to see you. Remember, this is YOUR squadron. Please stay involved. Our Commander and Bridge are working hard to keep it going, but we can't do it without YOU !!! Safety is all our

RESPONSIBILITY !!!

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Above: NEW Headquarters' Executive Director Maureen Healey speaks to the Membership at Saturday's GB Meeting.

Below: Comedian David Kaye kept us laughing at Thursday's Comedy Night.

*Photos by Glen Sherman*







PHOTOS FROM THE SEPTEMBER GOVERNING BOARD IN PITTSBURGH:

Above: Chief Commander Ralph Bernard enjoying The Pittsburg Pirates Game with Members. Photo by Glen Sherman

Below: Male costume contest at Saturday Night's BilgeSwabber's Ball . Our own Glen Sherman won 1st Place. Photo by Steve Erickson



# Riverhead Tree lighting

DECEMBER 7, 2024  
RAINDATE 12/8  
TOWN SQUARE  
1:00 Lions Club Parade  
2:30 Santa Arrives by Boat  
Photos with Santa  
Musical Performances;  
Crafts; Games & Bonfire!!  
5:15 Tree Lighting

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More info:  
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**Come and Join us at both of these FUN and AMAZING EVENTS !!!**

**PATCHOGUE BAY & PECONIC BAY**

Cordially invite you to Celebrate the Holiday Season at our Joint

**Holiday Party**

**Friday, 13 December 2024**

At the Suffolk Boat Club ~ 55 Crescent St, Patchogue, NY

1900 hours

**Appetizer ~~~ Dinner ~~~ Dessert & Coffee**

\$ 30/pp

Must pay in Advance

**RSVP by: 30 Nov**

to: D/Lt Kathleen Wells,

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Kathleen Wells- Patchogue Asst. Treasurer has set up a payment method through VENMO.

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**AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB**

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**Peconic Bay Power Squadron  
Annual Holiday Brunch  
Sunday 15 December 2024**



At The **Birchwood** of Polish Town  
512 Pulaski St. Riverhead (631-727-4449)

**Brunch begins 1230, Buffet served until 1400  
which includes**

Peel & Eat Shrimp, Kielbasa & Kraut, Peirogies, Honey Baked Ham,  
Roast Beef, Chicken, Fish, Pasta and Polish Delights of the day,  
Custom Omelets, Eggs Benedict, French Toast, Waffles & Much More!  
Cakes, Pastries, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice + 1 free mimosa included

**\$50.00pp, children(3-10)-\$25.00 (under 3 FREE)**

Includes Gratuities (Bring the children, young & old)

**\*Bring a camera for photos with Santa\***

➤ Please bring an unwrapped gift (\$10 or less) for  
donation to a needy child via the Moose toy drive. ◀

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Make checks payable to PBPS so we **receive** your RSVP by 5 Dec  
to:

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

15 Dec 2024 Birchwood