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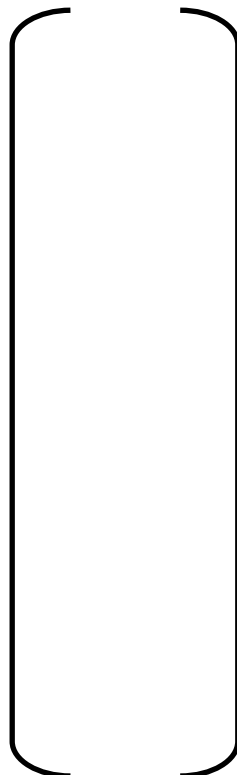
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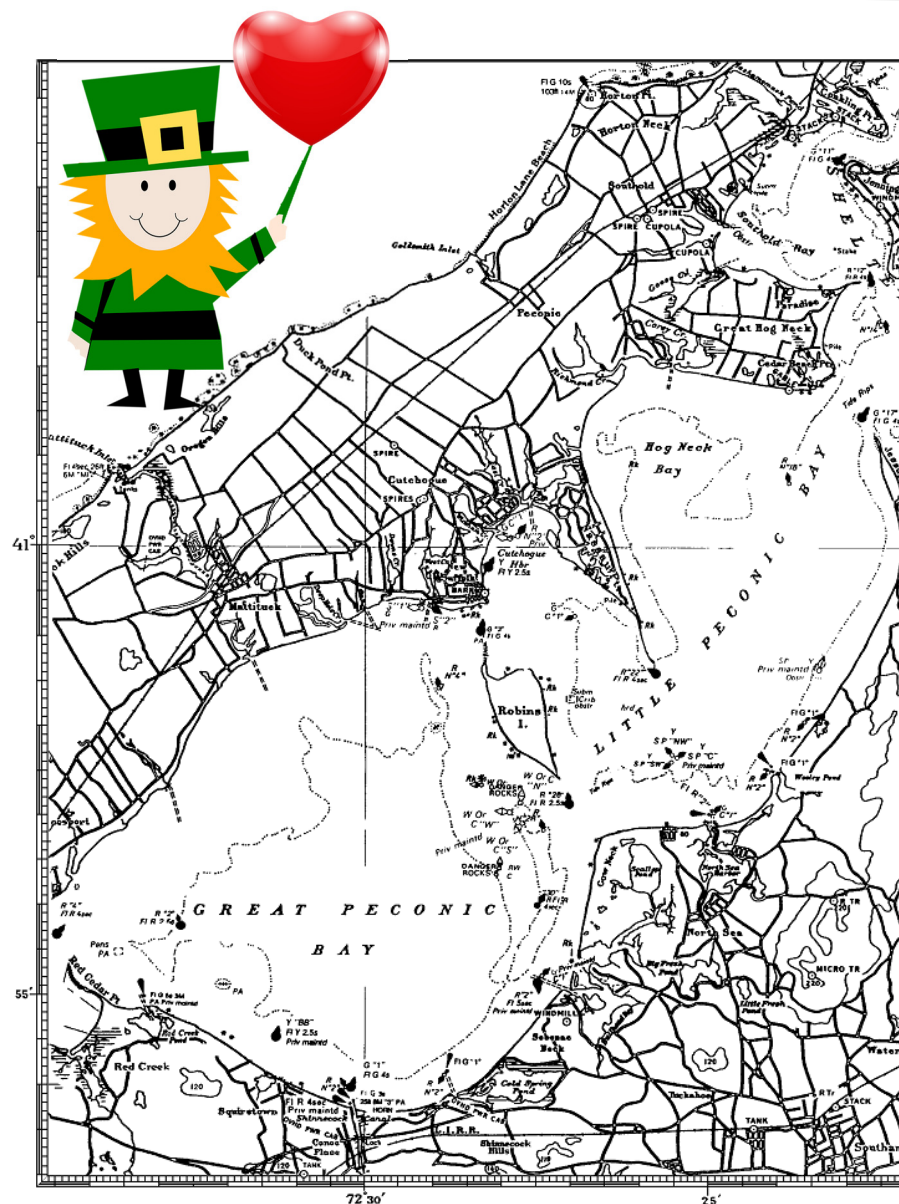
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Squadron Monthly Newsletter

Feb/March 2025



*Peconic Bay Power Squadron  
Over 85 Years on the Peconic Bays  
For Boaters, By Boaters*



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# Peconic Bay Power Squadron, Inc.

— Chartered August 12, 1939 —

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## Calendar of Events 2025

<b>Thurs 13 February 1900</b>	<b><u>PBPS ExComm Mtg.</u></b> (Virtual)
<b>Sat 15 February 1800</b>	<b><u>Valentines Dinner &amp; Dance</u></b> Riverhead Moose Lodge,
<b>2-9 February 2025</b>	<b><u>USPS Annual Meeting</u></b> Rosen Plaza, Orlando
<b>Fri 28 February 1900</b>	<b><u>D3 Council Meeting</u></b> Melville Marriott
<b>Thurs 13 March 1900 PBPS</b>	<b><u>PBPS ExComm Mtg.</u></b> Riverhead Moose Lodge
<b>Fri 14 March 1900</b>	<b><u>D3 Orientation Mtg</u></b> Venue TBD
<b>Thurs 20 March 1900</b>	<b><u>PBPS ELECTION Mtg.</u></b> Myles On Main, Main St. Riverhead
<b>Sunday 23 March 8:30-5:30</b>	<b><u>ABC COURSE</u></b> Riverhead Moose Lodge
<b>Fri/Sat 28 &amp; 29</b>	<b><u>D3 Spring Conference &amp; COW</u></b> Melville Marriott

## Good and Welfare

### Continued Prayers for Healing and Health to:

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

### Remembering:

*Our Members & Dear Friends Who Crossed The Bar in 2024*

*Donald Alfano, S*

*Ellen Wiederlight, AP*

*Deborah Zettl, S*

*MaryAnn Matlak & Barbara Rollins*



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(1 open position)

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## SHIP'S LOG HAPPY BIRTHDAY To FEBRUARY

Michael Bivona 8th  Maxwell Gardner 24th

## MARCH

Celeste Kime Flick 9th Elizabeth McArthur 23rd

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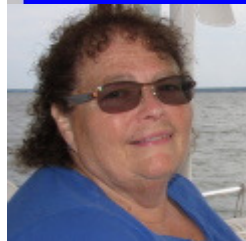
# SAVE THE DATE

**Peconic Bay Power Squadron Change of Watch**  
**Sun 4 May 2025, 1215-1530** at the Cooperage Inn  
2218 Sound Avenue, Calverton (631-727-8994)  
Ceremony, Luncheon, Raffle and More - additional info to follow

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## Commander's Report



As I write to you, Glen and I are once again, preparing to leave for the USPS Meeting in Orlando, Florida. We are excited to go for many reasons. We'll get to spend time with some of our old and new friends, we'll learn some new skills and we'll beam with pride as our Secretary Jinny Gilmore becomes a Life Member, with 25 Merit Marks. CONGRATULATIONS JINNY!!! It brings us joy to represent you. Her Award will be presented to Jinny at the D3 Spring Conference Saturday March 29th. Please come and join Jinny !!!

With each new year, we continue to face new challenges, but I am forever hopeful because many of you are willing to continue to assist our squadron, and others will step forward to assume new tasks and responsibilities. There are still many jobs to fill and many ways to assist. Please, Please, Please Help!!! We **Need** to Elect New Officers and Members at Large in March. All Positions **Need** to be filled. Let's Talk !!!

We will celebrate our squadron's 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> this year. PUT THAT DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR! Come and lend your hands and hearts and join us in our journey this year. If you have an hour or two, call XO Peter Young and volunteer at a Boat Show. Will you join SEO Helen Horton and our team at our First ABC Course of the year at the **Riverhead Moose Lodge on Sunday 23 March**, either as a student, proctor or Instructor ??? Join our members at the D3 Orientation Meeting on Friday 14 March, the Spring Conference and Change of Watch on Saturday, 29 March, Honor our members at the D/3 Memorial Service on Sunday, 6 April in Babylon. Continue to check our website for all updated classes, seminars and events. Call Bob SanAngelo if you need a new 2025 VSC decal, or want to help the squadron as an examiner. That decal shows our commitment to the public.

Now that Brianna's Law is in FULL EFFECT, we expect a very busy year for PBPS and our sister squadrons. WE NEED YOU ALL !!! How will **YOU** help in 2025 ??? 

Be a Beacon - Let Your Light Shine !!

Cdr Diane Sherman, P





## Education Officer's Report

Happy February & March to all PBPS members and families. We are conducting an ABC Class on Sunday March 23, 2025 at the Riverhead Moose Lodge. This is a ONE day, all day class and we need all hands on deck .....

Registration will begin at 8 am. Instruction begins promptly at 8:30am and concludes following the proctored exam at approximately 5:30 pm. The

MOOSE is providing the facility, free of charge, lunch and drinks for all. Books will be made available to students ahead of time (after they have paid online), so that they can begin to read/study prior to class. Commander Diane Sherman will be available to do this, but let's all pitch in to help. We appreciate any amount of time you can share that day, large or small. Please reply to Helen with your response and your availability ASAP. We need answers quickly.

Thank You for your willingness to share your time and talent. If you have specific Chapters/Sections you prefer to teach, please let us know that as well. Any topic is helpful. We will develop a schedule as soon as we have your responses ... More hands make light work.

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

NEO Chuck Wells & Cdr Diane at the D3 Fall Conference in Nov. *Photos by Glen Sherman*



*Above & Below: Peconic Bay Members and Associates, along with D/C John Pergola, Donna Young and Santa, enjoy a Fabulous Holiday Brunch at The Birchwood of Polish Town Restaurant in Riverhead.*  
*Photos by Glen Sherman*







Above: Dinner and a Sing-a-long with our friends from Patchogue Bay Power Squadron at our joint Holiday Party. Photos by Fred Smith & Glen Sherman

Below: Toys collected for those in need at our Holiday Brunch. Toys were donated to CAST of Southold, to distribute to East End Families. Photos by Glen Sherman



## 28 FEBRUARY 2025 COUNCIL MEETING

THE BELOW LISTED PROCEDURE WILL BE FOLLOWED  
FOR RESERVATIONS AT ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. USPS/ABC/D3 Logo Shirt or Similar Attire. Uniforms not required
2. A Check covering the full amount of the **BUFFET DINNER** should be mailed as soon as possible.
3. Reservations are to be sent in sufficient time to be received by the Chairman on or before **FRIDAY (21 February 2025) PRIOR TO THE MEETING!**
4. All paid reservations received after the Friday before the meeting may be accepted but seating with their respected squadrons cannot be assured.
5. **Discounted price \$25.00, Full price \$35.00 after Friday 21 February**  
**NO RESERVATIONS** will be accepted at the door....
6. The attitude adjustment will consist of a **CASH BAR** at the hotel bar.
7. Anyone arriving for the **MEETING ONLY**, will please wait outside the dining room until the meeting begins. Please adhere to this request so as not to confuse the servers.

Attitude Adjustment to commence at 1830 (6:30pm)  
Everyone is expected to be seated for dinner at 1915 (7:15pm)

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DISTRICT 3, USPS for \$25.00**

**\$35.00 after 21 February**

Send to P/R/C Angelo Giovanniello, SN,

11 Norton Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704

(H) 631-661-5318

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SQUADRON \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_





## Executive Officer's Report

Below: Friends Julio & MaryBeth bring Santa to Riverhead for the Town Tree Lighting.

Photo by Fred Smith



## Safety Report P/C Larry Hynes, SN

To all our Members, Spring is around the corner and it's almost time to think about planning the boating season. It's a good time of year to look over your safety equipment and see what additional equipment you may need, in order to have a safe and enjoyable boating season. Each month our National Headquarters, sends out to all our members through email, safe boating tips through the **COMPASS**. It's got a lot of good information that we should all look over it. It's also a good time to start planning, if you're going on a boating vacation this year. I know our Past Commander Steve Burke is planning on a Boating Vacation with Friends from his Marina to Rhode Island. It looks like it's going to be a good trip.

In our Education Department, we are offering a one day ABC Course at the RIVERHEAD MOOSE LODGE on Sunday March 23, 2025 (See the Flyer). We will also have an ABC course in May at PORT OF EGYPT MARINE in Southold. Have **YOU** taken this 8 hour course and Exam yet? Do **YOU** have your Card and Certificate? As of January 1, 2025, **IT IS NOW A MANDATORY NYS LAW**, if you are piloting under Power. If you have not taken it, **SIGN UP NOW!!!** If you'd like to help out our Education Department by teaching, assisting or proctoring parts of this course, we are ALWAYS looking for help. I believe we are going to have a very busy year to keep our waterways safe.

REMEMBER, this is your Squadron. PLEASE stay involved. Our Commander and Bridge are working hard to keep us together. SAFETY is all our responsibility.

Lawrence J. Hynes, Safety Officer  
631-740-0710

LHcruising@gmail.com

## Squadron Elections

Your Squadron selects its officers and other elected leaders via a democratic manner. This year, the annual meeting will be **in person** on **Thursday, 20 March 2025**, at **MYLES ON MAIN** Restaurant in Riverhead. The Meeting will begin @ 1900 hrs. Elections will be conducted to select the Bridge Officers and also the Members of the Executive Committee (members at large). In addition, members of the Audit, Rules and Nominating Committees will be elected. The proposed slate of candidates will be sent out to our membership, for the purpose of notification to the general membership prior to the election, as required in the squadron Bylaws, Article 9, Section 9.3. **Please note:** There are OPEN positions. Any active squadron member, as provided for in Section I 1.1, can nominate other candidates. Under our Bylaws, a member wishing to place in nomination, a candidate or candidates, must document this action by a written petition to the Squadron Secretary. The petition must be signed by at least 5 active members and must be filed with the Secretary at least 15 days prior to the election. The Secretary in turn, must notify the membership of candidates nominated in this manner, at least 7 days prior to the election. Finally, it should be noted that Section 9.7 of our Bylaws requires that a minimum of 10 percent of our current membership needs to be present at the meeting in order to constitute a quorum. We are at approximately 54 members now, so a minimum of 5 active members needs to be present. Thank You,

Below: Food collected by Members, Families and Associates of Peconic Bay Power Squadron at our November Dinner at Villa Paul. All food and monetary contributions were donated to BLAZE Church in Riverhead. In partnership with them, over 150 families were served within the Riverhead School District

Photo by Glen Sherman







## In Memorium

This month, we remember Deborah A Zettl, S, who crossed the bar on October 12th 2024. She was 69 years old and a 28 year member of the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, with 13 Merit Marks. Debbi & Mark first joined Peconic Bay Power Squadron on November 11, 1997. She took Seamanship in 1998. Debbi and Mark loved boating, loved Long Island, and loved spending this last decade in North Carolina.

Debbi enjoyed the friendship and support of the members of our squadron. She would keep in touch with everyone as she served the squadron for many years as the Good and Welfare Chairman. Mark served our squadron faithfully as Secretary. They remained members of our squadron when they moved to North Carolina.

We fondly remember Debbi. We ask you to keep her, Mark and their family in your prayers and in your hearts. We will miss you. You ran the race, you fought the good fight.

If anyone would like to send a card or note, please send it to Mark Zettl, 209 Shell Castle Lane, Vandemere, NC 28587

God Bless you all, Cdr Diane M. Sherman, P

*Below: Members, Associates and Friends enjoy Pre-Thanksgiving Festivities at Villa Paul Restaurant in Hampton Bays.*

*Photo by Glen Sherman*



Get ready for the 2025 boating season and meet the new state regulations, by taking

## America's Boating Course

Under the new law, ALL operators of motor boats must have completed a state approved safety course, regardless of age, beginning in 2025

Failure to comply could result in a fine of between \$100 and \$250. The new law does not apply to operators of sailboats under sail, rowboats, canoes or kayaks. America's Boating Course is the most comprehensive course that meets the law.

### The course will cover:

Boating law

Navigation

Safety equipment

Charts

Safe boating practices

GPS

Boating emergencies

Trailing

Personal watercraft

& much more

Students receive an America's Boating Course manual, and after passing an exam, a completion certificate and wallet card.

Many insurance companies offer discounts to boaters with completion certificates. (Students must be at least 10 years of age on or before 3/23/25)

**When:** Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025

Registration at 8 AM and Class runs 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

(Students must be present for entire instructional time & exam)

Lunch provided courtesy of the Riverhead Moose

\*Pick up student manual in advance at the Moose Lodge – Dates & Times TBD\*

**Where:** Riverhead Moose Lodge  
51 Madison St. Riverhead, NY 11901

**Cost:** \$65.00 per person (class size is limited)  
(\$5 discount/refund available for Moose members)  
Register & pay on line before 3/7/25 using  
PayPal at [www.pbps.us/education/schedule](http://www.pbps.us/education/schedule)  
(Advance registration IS required)

**Contact:** Vince Mauceri @ 631-566-4181  
or by email at [vamauceri@gmail.com](mailto:vamauceri@gmail.com)

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**Come and Join us at both of these FUN and AMAZING EVENTS !!! Your Squadron will pay for Lunch. Come see Jinny Gilmore receive her LIFE MEMBER AWARD !**



**UNITED STATES  
POWER SQUADRONS**



***DISTRICT 3***

***SPRING CONFERENCE LUNCHEON***

**NATIONAL REP NATIONAL LAW OFFICER**

**RUTH WITZTUM**

**29 March 2025**

**Melville Marriott - Long Island**

***BUFFET LUNCH***

***Ceasar Salad***

***Chicken Tuscany - Penne Primavera***

***Fresh Seasoned Vegetables***

***Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter***

***Assorted Desserts served with Coffee/Tea***

**\$25.00 per person**

*Cut and Return the Bottom Tab with payment to:  
P/R/C Angelo Giovanniello, SN  
11 Norton Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704  
for more information call 631-661-5318*

Payments received  
**after March 22nd**  
price increased to  
**\$35.00 per person**

***Make Checks payable to: USPS DISTRICT 3***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_

Please seat me with: \_\_\_\_\_



**UNITED STATES  
POWER SQUADRONS**



***DISTRICT 3  
CHANGE OF WATCH***

**29 March 2025 at 8PM**

**Melville Marriott - Long Island**

***Caesar Salad with Parmesan Cheese and Croutons***

***Choice of Entree'***

***Roast Prime Rib or***

***Chicken Mediterranean or***

***Filet of Sole with Lemon Beurre Blanc***

***Yucan Gold Mashed Potatoes - Julienne Vegetables***

***Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter***

***Red Velvet Cake with Coffee,Teas & Soda***

***Dine and Dance in the Beautifull Ballroom***

**\$60.00 per person**  
**UNIFORM "A" BOW TIE**

Payments received  
**after March 22nd**  
price increased to  
**\$70.00/person**

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Angelo Giovanniello, 11 Norton Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704 - 631-661-5318*

***Make Checks payable to: USPS DISTRICT 3***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

***Dinner Choice:*** Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Fish \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Reservations