



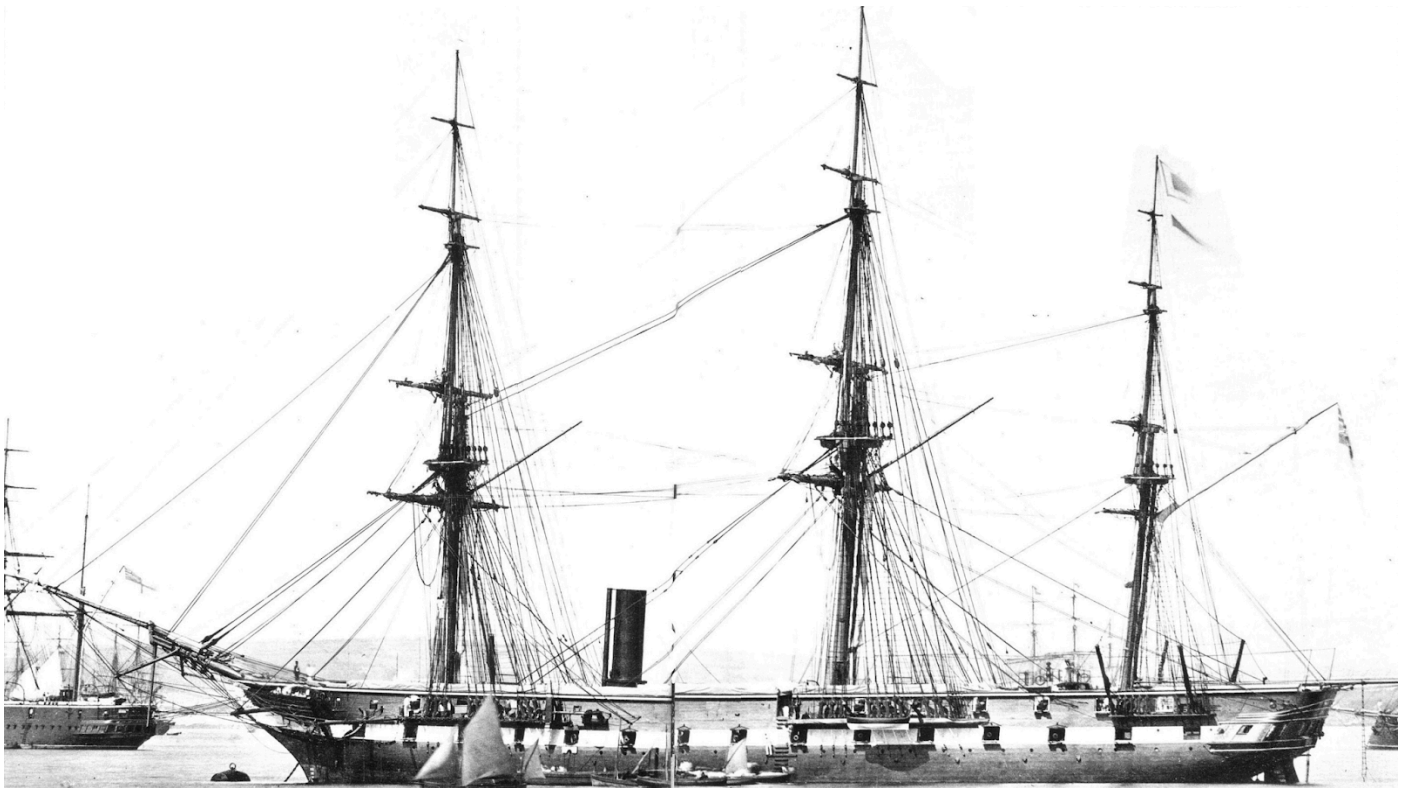
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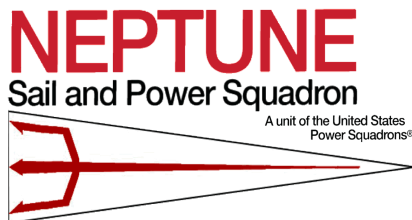
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General News:

Welcome to our March/April Newsletter for the squadron. A periodic member publication to keep up on events, meetings, education offers and general news.





Neptune Sail and Power Squadron
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – APRIL

March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. April showers bring May flowers. We can certainly check off the rain, and the furry carnivores, but recent weather and happenings are reminding us to be extra careful when out on the water. The recent bridge disaster with a large container ship teaches us that even the certified professionals can make mistakes when steps are missed, and care is not completely taken. We teach at the USPS how to operate and maintain our boats so we can be safe to ourselves and our loved ones, as well as those out on the water with us. Education is the key to wisdom and looking at these recent events reminded me of the importance of avoiding that one pitfall; complacency.

I attended the District 3 Change of Watch in March with some of your fellow squadron mates. Due to a late minute D3 Bridge assignment, yours truly volunteered as fellow color guard member as I took our National Flag from the dais to rest in the time-honored ceremony. The borrowed hat didn't fit too well and I almost tripped on the flag as I marched solemnly with the colors held in front of me. But my sergeant Bob Dearing kept a close eye on my first trial at the color guard position. Believe me; I had no idea I was going to do that when I came to that meeting. It's that pageantry and tradition that's on full display at these District functions that I think those who haven't attended would enjoy and learn something from. I know it was an honor for me to act as color guard.

It was also nice to hear from the Chief Commander and hear his take on what challenges we face at this time which I reflected on at our own Change of Watch. I thank you all for coming out to that affair and am happy to assume command for an unprecedented third year in a row. My ask then as now, is to seek out and bring in new members to our squadron. We offer so much to the boater starting off with the best education for the dollar you can get in any boating organization short of the military. We also offer on the water and off the water social gatherings, informative meetings, and civic outreach efforts to make our waters cleaner, our harbors safer for all types of boaters, and our experiences on the water happier. I think we have a winning solution and want you all to share our vision and what we offer to your fellow nautically-oriented associates, friends and acquaintances.

We have lots of fun things planned for our meetings coming up, and I hope to see you out at our next membership meeting (calendar attached). And thank you to our squadron bridge officers who assumed again their offices of responsibility and for their excellent input and work, and to Ross Herzog who will take the helm on membership. I want to keep Ross very occupied this year with membership applications. So please stay safe, seek happiness and keep your eye on the clouds because they are telling you something!



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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – 10 MARCH 2024

In like a lion,,,,,

At the time of this writing, the wind's howling outside, whitecaps were seen deep into Cold Spring Harbor and beach parking lots were flooded with windblown water and heavy rain. A virulent low pressure system churning just north of Maine was the culprit that brought some truth to that old saying about March coming in like a lion and leaving like a lamb. And what better subject to kick off this week's Weather Class starting off with our own Joe Kerner, your Squadron Education Officer AND District 3's Assistant Education Officer. I look forward to seeing Joe in action and discovering new information from when I took the same class over 35 years ago before Doppler Radar and satellite imagery when forecasting was more like reading the tea leaves than pure science.

This month is our Change of Watch when most squadrons will be observing this honored and important ceremony where we all pledge our time and efforts into making our squadron the best it can be. My message (spoiler alert) will be similar to last year's message as will your squadron's bridge. We will have more of a "continuation" of watch versus a change. But change is inevitable in any facet of an organization and in life. And change is typically good, especially with our new bridge members who I'd like to call out now.

Ross Herzog, who was a former English teacher, is now our Membership Chairman and I have already been graced with his artful penmanship and exactness with the new member forms that cross my desk. And my sincere thanks to Toni Fiori our Squadron Treasurer who helped facilitate this new member. New members breathe new life into any squadron with their new faces and stories that bring new ideas and energies that can only benefit our organization tremendously. And the new faces on the bridge will also include Sally Couluris who will be our new Executive Officer. Sally has always been a great source of help, information and guidance during my days as your Commander and as ASEO, Executive Board member and newbie into Neptune some years ago. I look forward working with my right (or left) hand wing-person.

We are still looking for a Squadron Secretary. With the advent of AI, the task is a lot easier and leaves creative space for the newsletter and other things to make our squadron more entertaining and functional. What I happily discovered is that your bridge is made up of wonderful people with huge ideas and spirit that will make our squadron better than before, and more enjoyable. This spring will see some great topics reviewed at our meetings, including a tale of something called travelling "The Loop". Stay tuned Neptune for what will be a fun Spring Season and get those tarps off your boats!

Member News

Northport Yacht Club - March 21, 2024

Our Monthly Meeting for March was the Neptune Change Of Watch held at the Northport Yacht Club and filled with an abundance of appreciation, remembrance .

Here are some highlights of the evening:



















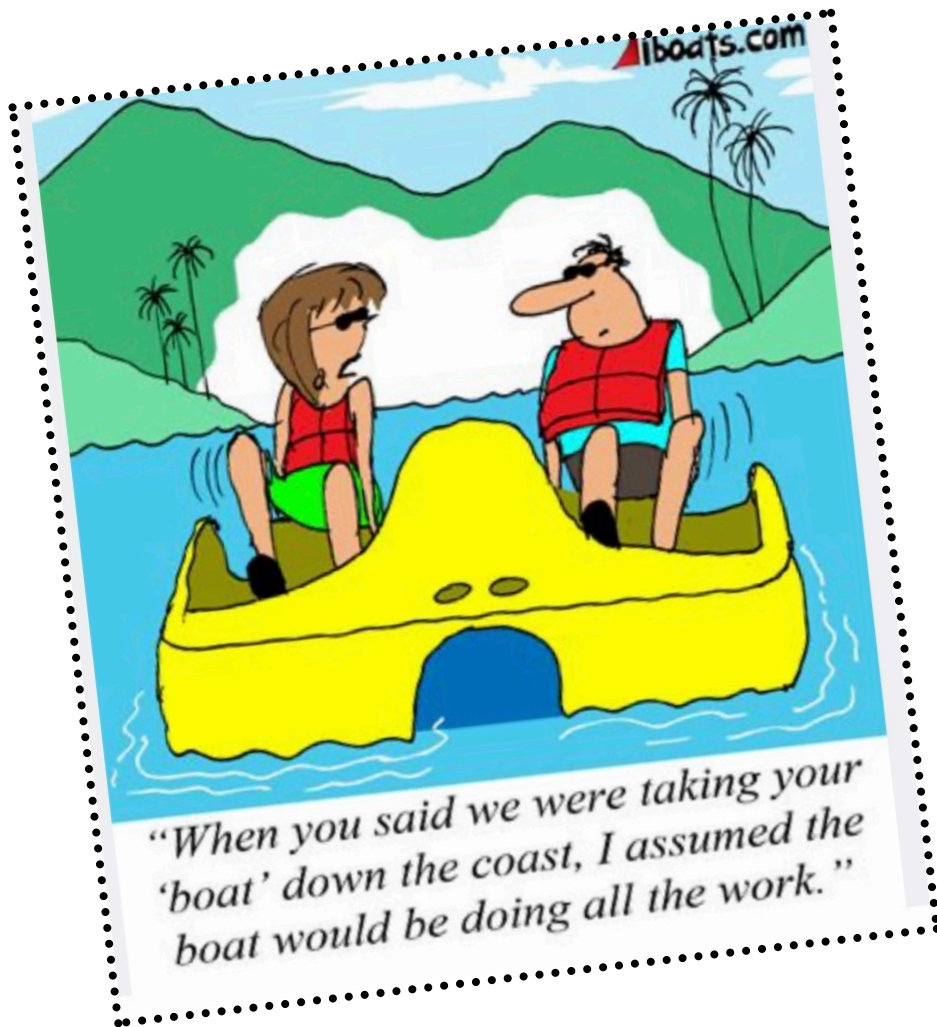


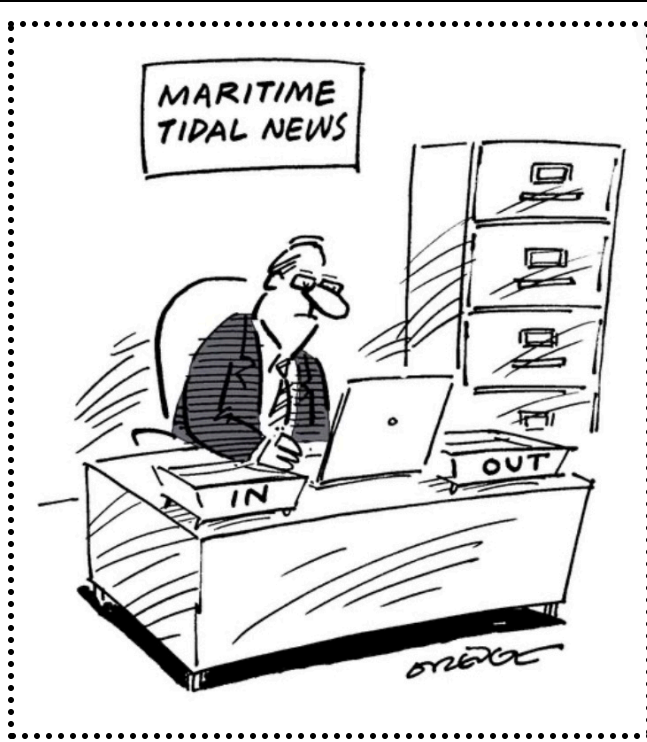


2024 Bridge and Executive Committee List



<u>BRIDGE:</u>			
	Cdr	Stuart	Timm
	ExO	Sally	Couluris
	SEO	Joe	Kerner
	Asst. SEO	Phil	Plonski
	AO	Tony	Pozun
	Treas.	Toni	Fiori
	Asst. Treas.	Marie	Thayer
<u>EXEC. COM:</u>			
		Mel	Adler (as PC)
		Valerie	Donofrio
		Warren	Grossman
		Gloria	Hall
		Ross	Herzog
		Florence	Kerner
		Dave	Olive
		Angela	Whiteley

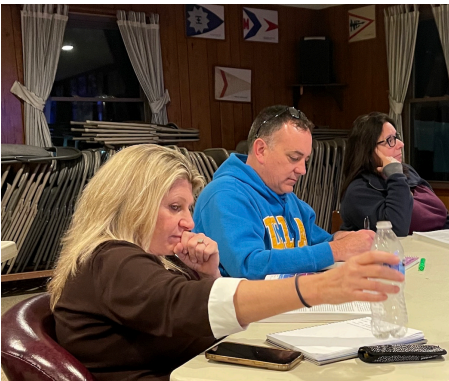




Education News

Marine Weather

The Marine Weather Course will begin on March 12th, 2024 and is interesting and well attended.



Paddle Smart

There was discussion during our January meeting that a Paddle Smart Presentation will likely take place during Safe Boating Week. For more information about this please reach out to Joe Kerner 917-971-5629.

ABC Classes

Anyone interested in taking this class should reach out to Joe Kerner 917-971-5629.

Advanced Piloting

There was discussion during our January meeting that this class will most likely be offered September 2024. Anyone interested in taking this class should reach out to Joe Kerner 917-971-5629.



Water Quality Presentation

April 18th Northport Yacht Club

RSVP: waterqualityli@gmail.com

Stephanie Quarles spoke about the upcoming

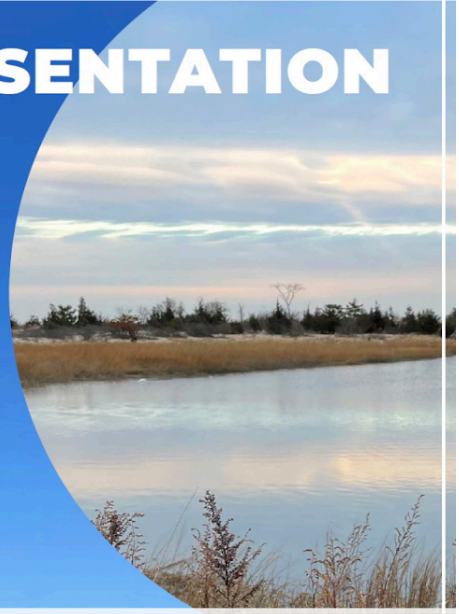
Water Quality Presentation. If you would like to attend this event kindly RSVP for availability.



NORTHPORT YACHT CLUB | 11 BLUFF POINT RD | NORTHPORT, NY 11768

WATER QUALITY PRESENTATION

Learn about the quality
of our waterways,
solutions to protect
them and how
you can help.



SPEAKERS:

MARINE SCIENCES

Dr. Ryan B. Wallace

Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies
and Sciences, Adelphi University

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

David Ansel

Vice President of Water Protection,
Save the Sound

Adrienne Esposito

Executive Director,
Citizens Campaign for the Environment

Kevin Mc Donald

LI Policy Advisor, Nature Conservancy

GOVERNMENT

Keith P. Brown

NYS Assemblyman

Jennifer Juengst

Deputy Suffolk County Executive

THURSDAY | APRIL 18TH, 2024

6:15 PM

**Cash Bar & Complimentary Appetizers
Program starts at 7:00 PM**

Please register by email
waterqualityli@gmail.com

Safe Boating Week

Safe Boating Week is May 18th -24th.

Neptune still **needs volunteers** to help set up, break down and to work at the booth during the event (sat/sun).. Volunteers should reach out to Commander Stu Timm for more info. Volunteers will also get a Neptune T-Shirt.

Here is some preliminary General Info on Events Safe Boating Week (Note schedule subject to change):

- 5/19 - Boating Festival Mill Dam Park
- 5/20 -Knot Tying presentation at Ketewomoke Yacht Club
- 5/21 - Suddenly in Command with Joe Kerner at Ketewomoke Yacht Club
- 5/22- Radar Presentation at Wyncote Yacht Club

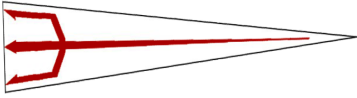
- Vessel Safety Inspections please contact Janine Burns for more info

- Anyone interested in purchasing a LIFEVAC device & how to use- please contact Tony Pozun.

More info to follow as it becomes available.....



Squadron Upcoming Meetings & Events -



General Membership Meetings

Neptune Sail and Power Squadron

Squadron Events & General Meeting Schedule



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2024 thru December 2024

MONTH	DATE	MEETING	LOCATION	PROGRAM	COMMENTS
JANUARY	1/17/24 Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Harbor Boating Club	Tony Pozun RN Doing the Ditch	1830 hours
FEBRUARY	2/21/24 Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Harbor Boating Club	Joseph Kerner Reading Charts	1830 hours
MARCH	3/21/24 Thursday	Neptune COW	Northport Yacht Club	Change of Watch	1830 hours
APRIL	4/17/24 Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Harbor Boating Club	Phil Plonski Presents on the Great Loop	1830 hours
MAY	5/16/24 Thursday	Membership Meeting BBQ	Northport Yacht Club	NOAA Charts	1830 hours
	5/18 – 5/24	Safe Boating Week	Town of Huntington		TBD
JUNE	6/19/24 Wednesday	Membership Meeting	Harbor Boating Club	Line Splicing Adam Waywell	1830 hours Confirm with HBC
SEPTEMBER	9/19/24 Thursday	Membership Meeting	NPYC	Pasta Night	1830 hours
OCTOBER	10/16/24 Wednesday	Membership Meeting	HBC	open	1830 hours Confirm with HBC
NOVEMBER	11/21/24 Thursday	Membership Meeting	NPYC	Thanksgiving Buffet	1830 hours
DECEMBER	12/14/24 Saturday	Holiday Party TBD	40 School La. Lloyd Hbr. NY	None	1930 hours

Executive Committee Meetings & Events

The Neptune Executive Committee meets monthly.

Interested in joining the Neptune Executive Committee? We are currently seeking a Secretary.

If interested please reach out to Stu Timm.

MONTH	DATE	MEETING	LOCATION	COMMENTS
JANUARY	1/4/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
FEBRUARY	2/1/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
MARCH	3/5/24 Tuesday	Executive Committee	Joanina Restaurant	1900 hours 35a Gerard St. Huntington NY
APRIL	4/4/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
MAY	5/2/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
JUNE	6/6/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
JULY	7/11/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
AUGUST	8/1/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
SEPTEMBER	9/5/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
OCTOBER	10/2/24 Wednesday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
NOVEMBER	11/7/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours
DECEMBER	12/5/24 Thursday	Executive Committee	Virtual	1900 hours

DISTRICT Events

District Events are generally open to all members.

Any questions on District Events kindly contact Commander, Stu Timm.

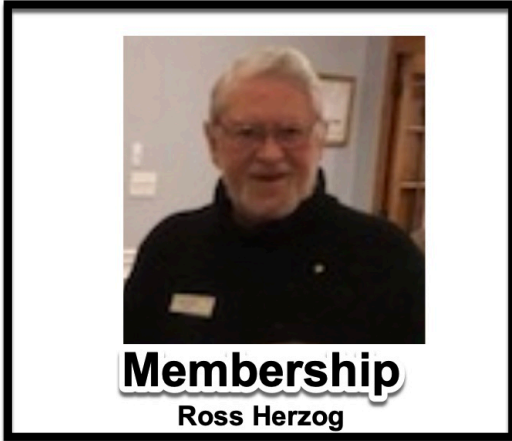
DISTRICT EVENTS



2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS (2/1/24)

MONTH	DATE	MEETING	LOCATION	PROGRAM	COMMENTS
MARCH	3/1/24	D3 Council Meeting	Melville Marriott		1830 hrs. drinks 1915 hrs. dinner 2000 hrs. meeting
	3/15/24 Friday	D3 Change of Watch	Melville Marriott	Dinner / Dance	Evening
	3/16/24 Saturday	D3 Change of Watch	Melville Marriott	COW / Spring Conference	0800 - 1500
MAY	5/17/24 Friday	D3 Council Meeting	Melville Marriott		1800-2200 hrs.

Membership



Membership Note:

If you have friends and associates who are boaters, please encourage them to join us.

They can contact me at:

drherzog615@gmail.com

I will forward to them our unique tri fold and application form. Thanks!

Ross Herzog, 631-406-7514

EASTER + Nautical

Those of you who read the newsletter know that I like to put a ship on the cover each publication that has something related to the month of publication. For this publication I tried to find something Easter Nautical (which trust me is not an easy combo to find) so here they are.

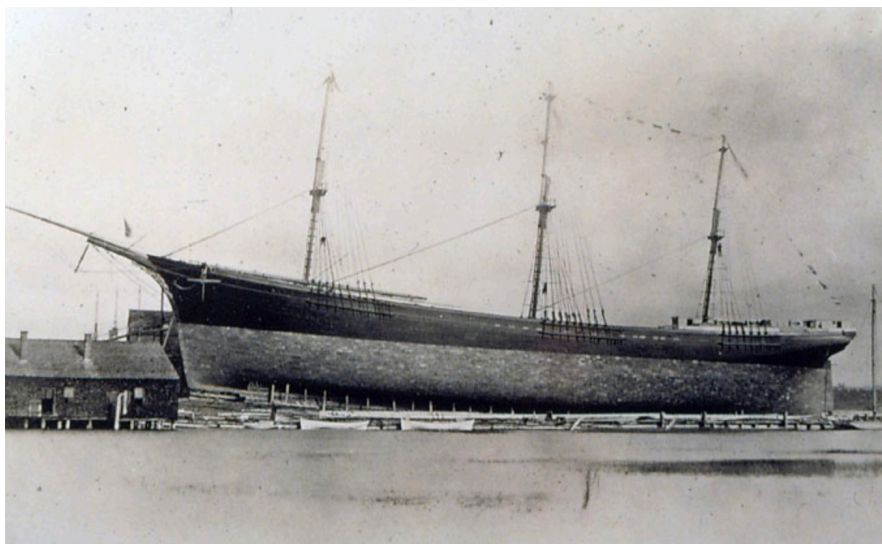
HMS Topaze -The Cover Ship. This British Ship sailed to **Easter** Island in 1858. The crew removed two **moai** **Hakananai'a** and Moai Hava and shipped them to Britain.

Hoa Hakananai'a is a moai, a statue from Easter Island. It was taken from Orongo, Easter Island in 1868 by the crew of a British ship and is now in the British Museum in London.



Easter Island -*Jacob Roggeveen was the first European to have visited Easter Island, and did so in 1722. He arrived to the island at Easter Sunday, which is why he chose to call the island Easter Island. Read more about the 1722 Easter Island visit in the [ship logs from Jacob Roggeveens voyage](#).*

Down Easter (ship) - Selected this one just because the ship has **Easter** in the name.




Treasurer Reminder:

Please consider supporting the squadron in any way that you can. Sign up for classes, buy Raffle tickets, help expand Membership, make a small donation to the squadron. We need more income for the squadron and it takes all of us to pitch in and help.

Sea Scouts Volunteers

Any boaters interested in supporting & volunteering for Sea Scouts should contact Penny Gadzini <pennylyn.gadzini@gmail.com> .



**SEA SCOUTS
ROCK**

SEA SCOUTS ROCK!

And we are inviting all youth age 14-21 to join the adventure! We meet two Thursday nights a month at St. Paul's UMC, Northport. And we sail whenever possible. Highlights of the past year include: summer sail instruction and racing, an overnight cruise, frostbiting, a Sea Shanty sing, service projects and inspiring Landship Ceremonies.

This is a BSA program sponsored by the US Coast Guard Aux; our program offers adventure, friendship, life skills, leadership development, and fun. Like BSA, scouts have the opportunity to work toward advancement. Rather than the goal being Eagle, our ranks are oriented toward the sea: Apprentice, Ordinary, Able and Quartermaster. For more information call or text Skipper Penny at (917)287-0583 or e-mail at pennylyn.gadzini@gmail.com

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[Neptune Boating Club Link](#)

[Website Newsletter Link](#)

Need a Vessel Exam for 2024?



Please coordinate with Janine Burns and Christopher Forstbauer



Interested in volunteering & helping the squadron? We could use help with the following positions:

- Squadron Secretary
 - Newsletter Editor/Ideas
 - Website Development
 - Fund Raising Ideas
 - Marketing
 - Boosting Membership
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Thank you!
Until the Next Newsletter....