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GREAT SOUTH BAY POWER SQUADRON BESTOWS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP TO GINA LIENECK

East Islip, New York, September 11, 2019.....Great South Bay Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, has elected to bestow Honorary Membership to Gina Lieneck of Deer Park, New York. Gina's family was involved in boating accident on August 17th, 2005 which critically injured her, and her husband, and killed her 11-year-old daughter, Brianna.

Since the crash, Gina Lieneck has been tirelessly advocating for a bill that would require individuals to take an eight-hour course on boating safety before they can operate a motorized boat. After several stalls in Albany over several years, on August 6th, 2019, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed 'Brianna's Law' in Copiague, NY. Under the new bill, all motor boat operators born on or after Jan. 1, 1993 must complete a safety course to operate a motor boat beginning in 2020, those born after Jan. 1, 1988 must complete a safety course beginning in 2022, those born on or after Jan. 1, 1983 must complete a safety course beginning in 2023, and those born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 must complete a safety course beginning in 2024.

At the September board meeting of Great South Bay Power Squadron, Commander James Milton nominated Gina Lieneck for Honorary Membership. The board approved the nomination unanimously. Gina will be presented with her certificate of honorary membership at the September 27th General Membership Meeting at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, located at 65 Champlin Ave, East Islip, NY by the Commander. Honorary Memberships are only awarded to those individuals who work to further the ideals and missions of the United States Power Squadrons, which Gina has clearly done. Since 2010, only one other person has been awarded Honorary Membership in Great South Bay.

The *United States Power Squadrons and America's Boating Club* is a non-profit organization of boating enthusiasts who have a common interest and appreciation of recreational boating, boating safety, and education. As a public service, America's Boating Club offers and provides Safe Boating Courses. Through this course, over three million students have already learned how to make their boating safer and more enjoyable.

For additional information on any of our Public Safe Boating Course, please go to "GSB" *Public Course Schedule,*" at www.BoatGSB.org, or send an email to: marieawallach@gmail.com or call Marie A. Wallach, Squadron Educational Officer at 631-269-7169.

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