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SOUTH BAY CRUISING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The first business meeting for 1952 was held on May 2nd. About 50 members were present. Treasurer Jack Held reported about 80 paid members. He would like to receive dues from about 20 members who have overlooked this matter. He has received the burgee shipment. If you paid for a burgee contact him - Babylon 1991 R evenings.

YEARBOOK - the data is almost complete. About six owners have failed to submit data on their yachts. After the May 15 deadline these yachts will be listed by name only. This year's book will be a photo offset job. Everyone at the meeting agreed that next year we should include a picture of every yacht and charge a small sum for the book. In view of these plans all owners are exhorted to get a good sharp photo taken of their boats. This book should be invaluable in fostering the aims of the Club - fraternity among the cruising yachts of the Bay.

The new BY LAWS were read and approved. Their revision was a herculean job and Fred Becker deserves a "Well Done" for his efforts. The Secretary will have a copy on hand for your examination at any meeting.

The ANNUAL CRUISE is set for the week of July 19-25. Chairman Henry Post read the itinerary of leisurely runs to Shinnecock and return. It should appeal to many -- already there are about 20 boats signed up. If you want to join the cruise please contact Mr. POST at Babylon 2218 J any evening.

The first function for the year will be an informal COCKTAIL RENDEZVOUS for those boats in commission early. It will be on Sunday June 1st on the beach west of the Fire Island Coast Guard Station.

Fourth of July weekend is a big one for the S.B.C.C. On the night of July 4 there will be a rendezvous at "Garbage Cove" (off the State Boat Channel about 1 1/2 miles west of Oak Beach). The next day the fleet will sail over to the Babylon Y.C. for a Handicap Race to Islip and back. All SBCC members and their crews are invited to a dance at the yacht club that night.

The Annual Race is set for August 3 over the same course as last year (Timber Point around West Island either way). A fleet rendezvous will be held in Great River the night before (Saturday) and several activities are planned (besides drinking). For any pilotage details to any of these anchorages call the Fleet Capt Mark Boettger at Babylon 1456 R. The new Handicap Rule has been mailed to all yacht owners. Please take these measurements and file the form with Ted Zimmerman at the earliest possible date. He will have plenty of calculating to do and we want the ratings by July 5th race. Tear off the second sheet and keep it for future reference. Note that sail numbers should be sewn on the sail. This will also help the "fraternity-while-cruising" angle too by identifying your boat.

A CREW POOL is being set up by the Secretary. If owners want extra hands for races or for vacation cruises why not try finding them among the Club members. Let me know your requirements and desires. If any non-owner wishes to "ship out" let me know your full list of sailing experience and capabilities.

A MARINE EXCHANGE will also be maintained by the Secretary. If your boat is for sale or you have equipment (sails, steves, anchors, lights etc) for sale or swap send me a full description and asking price or swap needs. If you are looking for a boat or equipment contact me with your requirements. NO COMMISSION TO CLUB MEMBERS.

The new official SBCC CHANTY was sung by Freeman Blodgood. The word "sung" is subject to qualification but the verses and tune were an instant success. He deserves our thanks. If the 300 verses keep you awake some night in an otherwise quiet anchorage don't curse him... just shift your berth about 2 miles up stream. It is hoped that members will add verses from time to time, particularly about their yachts... like "Oh you must have faith to sail Wraith"... etc etc

Jack Jebins gave a 15 minute lecture on yacht fire safety. It was very appropriate for the "flitting out" season. He reminded the members that a teaspoon of gasoline confined in the bilge can blow John and his "other wife" (yacht) from here to Bellport. If you want to be talked out of using an electric fuel pump call up Mr Jebins.

If any member has any questions or suggestions to improve the Club or cruising please call me at WH 3 2600 during the day (nights I'm a bachelor)