



From The Masthead

SOUTH BAY CRUISING CLUB



SPECIAL BULLETIN

Last minute information from Cruise Chairman Bill Peck
about annual S.B.C.C. cruise -- starting Saturday, July 7

Better come. It's going to be a great cruise. Weather is guaranteed by Nostrodamus Peck, or your money back. Here's the schedule:

Friday, July 6: Early starters will rendezvous at Smith's Point Friday night. Bill suggests deep draft boats don't try the Bellport - Smith's Point channel at night. If you don't make it by sundown, anchor between Howell's Point and the Bellport Yacht Club.

Saturday: Rendezvous at Cormorant Point. Bill suggests that preliminaries to dismasting be done so the boats can get an early start Sunday, to get through Shinnecock Canal shortly after noon.

Sunday: Through Shinnecock Canal. On to Dering Harbor for the night. Skip West Neck Harbor on South Side of Shelter Island; mosquitoes are real "cannibals" according to latest information. From Dering, it's an easy run over to Greenport for supplies. Orders taken here for Three-Mile Harbor lobsters.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Leisurely sail to 3-Mile Harbor. For three days, cruisers will loaf, fish, race, and picnic. Plans will be made by the Skippers on a day to day basis to stay loose. Here are some suggestions that have been made: Children's picnic, Cruise to Coecles Harbor with dinner at Ram's Head Inn, Sail to Bostwich Bay and picnic, Fishing contest, Short race and rendezvous at Long Beach. Let's have your ideas.

Thursday, July 12: Skippers cruising for one week will start back for Shinnecock. Those staying out for 2 or more weeks will head for Montauk, Block Island and points beyond. Skippers will make plans as they go so bring your ideas and your chart.

Bill will appreciate it if those who plan to join the cruise drop him a card if they haven't already. Address to E. W. Peck, 9 Montrose Avenue, Babylon. Include your address and phone number in case there's any change in plan. Also include names of your crew, guests, children, dogs, etc. Good Cruising.

Latest information on channels and shoals

Many conflicting reports on the condition of Intracoastal Waterway from Babylon to Shinnecock Bay. Bill has contacted many people who have recently sailed these waters and has concluded that passage can be made by boats drawing up to 3½ feet. With favorable tide, 4-foot draft boats should get through. Here's the information on shoaling:

Bellport Bay: The channel between nuns 6 and 12 is reported shoaled on eastern side. Boats should keep to starboard on the way out. Low tide is about 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 7.

Pattersquash Island: Shoaling reported between green lights 17 and 19, although there are no specifics. Bill reports boats drawing four feet have been going through. Caution recommended but no problems anticipated.

Moriches Inlet: Again, many conflicting reports. Fishing boats going through the Inlet, which is in good shape and navigated by boats drawing 4 feet and more. Report no problems but skippers are advised not to rely entirely on channel markers. Coast Guard advises stay north of the channel between cans 31B and 33, until you hit shoal water, then a sharp turn south to the middle of the channel, and then proceed east. Expect Moriches Coast Guard to be on hand to provide latest information and assistance if needed. High tide here will be 12 noon. Suggest all boats try to get through by 2 or 3 P.M.

Ponquoque Drawbridge (at entrance to Shinnecock Bay): Reports of shoaling to the west. No detailed information but this is an annual problem and skippers should now be experts at finding the water.

Official chantey of S.B.C.C. (To be sung on the Annual Cruise.)

Great South Bay is mighty shoal
Heave away
Heave away
The Commodore needs a sounding pole
Oh Connetquot River

The Annual Cruise is underway
Heave away
Heave away
Fourteen boats aground all day
Oh Connetquot River

Moriches Coast Guard can't be found
Heave away
Heave away
The picket boat is hard aground
Oh Connetquot River