



From The Masthead

SOUTH BAY CRUISING CLUB

February -- 1964

Annual Meeting

This meeting is the highlight of the year's activities and the change in command accompanies announcements. At the January Meeting Commodore Everett Seidenberg made the following Committee appointments:

Entertainment	H. Berkely (Beaver) Knox
Handicap	Winslow Palmer (Rear Commodore)
Regatta	Merritt Smith
Cruising Chairman	Arthur Flynn (Fleet Captain)
Membership	Alex Pearson
Measurement	William Bradt
Public Relations	Jack Young
Year Book	Stewart Greene
Chanteyman	Winslow Palmer (by default)

Co-Chairmen will be appointed to several of the sensitive committees.

Commodore Seidenberg stated in part "The South Bay Cruising Club will continue to be concerned with the sailing environment and what is happening to it - channels, anchorages, cleanliness of the bay, the wetlands, the Great South Beach as a National Seashore, and inlets - both existing and future." He also stated that the SBCC will continue to send delegates to the Fire Island Waterways Assoc. and the Fire Island National Seashore Committee and thus be as active as possible to secure to the residents of the area all the protection and improvements possible. The Commodore will personally participate in these activities and welcomes all members to join him in this work.

With a membership of over 300 cruising and racing types we must and should make our club voice heard.

The meeting saw Hervey Garret Smith receive a Life Membership to the South Bay Cruising Club. This token of recognition was given to Hervey for his long devoted interest and the hard work and great contribution he has made. In receiving his silver Life Membership card he was given a standing ovation by the members present, and for once he could not express himself with his usual pungency. Keep it polished for a long time, Hervey.

The outgoing Commodore was presented with his flag, cap device and a plaque, all suitably framed and he too was tongue tied for the first time in the memory of the oldest member.

Cruise awards were given out by 1963 Cruise Chairman Bill Peck. Over one hundred ceramic mugs, suitable for hot toddies, cocoa and the like were distributed. All hands seemed to like them.

Demon Photographer and Film Editor Uncle Bob Paterson showed an edited version of the years activities which he personally took by hand. Everyone enjoyed this effort and the Board of Governors hopes that he will continue doing the job for 1964. Private showings of the edited sections will be available on request.

1964 Cruise notes

Art Flynn, Fleet Captain and Cruise Chairman has made up a questionnaire, included herein, which he hopes you will fill out and return to him. As we grow larger in membership the diversity of interests and times available for cruising are becoming more difficult to cope with. Your answers will help Art determine the variety and times of cruisescooperate.

ADELPHI PROGRAM

You have read in this newsletter about the program to donate eight one design racing craft to Adelphi. These boats will be used by the YRA for championship events throughout the spring, summer and early fall months. It is a joint venture that will benefit both Adelphi and the associated clubs in the GSBYRA. The fund raising drive has raised a considerable amount of money through the major donation phase and it is incumbent upon the membership as a whole to supplement the amount required. Your gift is tax deductible and the YRA wishes you to include Adelphi, this year, as part of your gift program. In doing so you will stimulate through this one of the finest sports in the world, as well as helping both the YRA and Adelphi solve an acute problem.

Please make out your checks to Board of Overseers - Adelphi Suffolk College and send them to John Beinert, 32 Robert Street, Babylon, L.I. You will receive a receipt from both Adelphi and Beinert to substantiate your deduction.

Your help is needed.

Your Newsletter

For fourteen years the Newsletter has kept our members informed of club events and an occasional notice of what mischief some of us were getting into or out of, but hardly enough of the latter has been available to the Secretary to make possible a lively and personal news sheet. We would like members to make contributions, with our privilege to edit unimpaired. Since so many of us belong to other yacht clubs on the bay we would welcome news of events such as invitation races, brawls, bashes and orgies. If you plan to make any special cruises and seek company this is the place to let the troops know. Do you need extra hands for a race? Maybe we can shanghai some for you. Are you running a sailor's boarding house? Let us know. If you wish to swap a pelican hook for a side becket double block where could you find a better place to advertise? And for free, too. This is truly your newsletter and we would even welcome libelous statements about the Handicap Committee or the antecedents of the Chanteyman. If we receive information concerning new shoals or anchorages we'll try to get it to you quickly but we do need your help.

DINNER DANCE REMINDER

The SBCC Annual Dinner Dance will be held at La Grange Restaurant, Saturday March 21, 1964. Keep the date in mind and plan to attend, guests are invited. Reminders will be coming your way again but now is the time to get your dinner party together.

HANDICAP INFORMATION

Win Palmer has completed a thorough study of the results of past years racing and will present to the Board of Governors his recommendations for 1964. A Skippers' meeting will be held shortly thereafter to have the final approved system explained. Also at this meeting other details of the season's program will be announced and discussed.

GSBYRA NEWS

While you will receive complete information regarding SBCC Races and YRA Invitation Races for all classes we felt that preliminary advice regarding Race Week would be valuable for planning your summer activity. This event starts at Westhampton, July 27, 1964 and winds up at Babylon, August 1, 1964.

News and Notes

Bob Schafer wishes to sell "Decatur", a 34' Van Dyke ketch, plenty head room, shoal draft, three years old, sleeps four, all found, all stainless steel hardware and fittings custom made, beautiful condition, can be seen in water now. Call MO 9-6751 for inspection and dicker.

"Doug's Cat" (ex "Kerry Belle") a fine Beetle Cat for sale. Mast and sail new in 1963. Owner maintained to Lloyds' AAI specs. Call Dr. Earl Douglas, MO 9-0761 for appointment and inspection.

Dick Blue, Sr. has his eye on a new boat and would like to sell "Blue Jacket" #28. This 26' sloop was especially designed for comfort and to get under the Shinnecock Canal Bridges without strain. She won a West Island Race some years back. Very Handy. Call MO 9-0214.

Our Fleet Gynecologist, Byron Martin (Home study degree) feels the need for broader fields and is willing to part with a practically brand new True Rocket-"Leander" #158. Sleeps two, 24 hp motor. Awning, dinghy; insurance paid to July; yard bill paid. Write to B. Martin, 327 East 58th Street, N.Y., N.Y.

Bill Milligan is so pleased with a painting of "T'ing hao", executed by Hervey Smith, that he is bringing it to the Spring Cocktail Party for all hands to admire. Other people may bring their wives for the same purpose. Bill, incidently, is a veritable fountain of boating lore and will contribute odd and unknown facts to round out the pages of this yellow journal. So he had better get cracking.

Our Fleet Surgeon advises moderation in all things for the 1964 season. We wish he would practice what he preaches when racing!

We hear that Bill Bradt, new Fleet Measurer, got dunked during the great freeze. He discovered that icy water has an elevating effect, a bulkhead he could never scale during the summer was as nothing when the 30° water attacked his vital parts. How are your spiles taking the ice?

Babylon Yacht Club has voted to build a pool. All members must pass an ABC Board test before being allowed to partake of the waters. This will be especially true of the Entertainment Committee sub-members.

We love to receive letters from children of members for their enjoyment of our program is a measure of our success as a family club, so we print, verbatim, one of the recent notes and it is a fitting close to this screed.

6 Flower Hill Lane
Bay Shore, New York
January 27, 1964

Dear Commadore Bienert,

Thank you very much for the mugs. We will enjoy using them.

They will always remind us of the fun we had on the cruise we had last summer.

Your Friends,

Russell,
Diana
Andrew P.
(Pearson)

John Beinert, Corresponding Secretary