



From The Masthead

SOUTH BAY CRUISING CLUB

March, 1964

OUT ISLAND NOTES

Teddy and Ev Seidenberg and Pat and Fred Becker recently returned from a trip in the Bahamas, and report on the doings of the palm tree contingent.

Al and Chatty Wambach on the "Whitecap" at Man O'War Cay were first contacted by radiotelephone from Richie Albury's Abaco Sound ferry while crossing from Abaco to Hopetown, Elbow Cay, and came over for some day cruising and also in his capacity as Regatta Committee for the Hopetown Harbour Y.C.

The SBCC gave at least a modest account of itself with a 4th and 5th in the Hopetown February Regatta. All comers are welcome in these races, both visiting and local yachtsmen as well as native fishermen, with single-handers and smaller dinghies in Class B and larger craft in Class A -- no handicaps, right-of-way rules quite cloudy due to left-hand-driving Englishmen, every man for himself, and any means that the skipper devises for pushing off sand and coral banks perfectly permissible. By the way, the Bahama dinghies and sloops, and even the more finely built but beamier Abaco types, are amazingly adept, windward work included; considering their long shallow keel, underwater, silhouette, unstreamlined appearance, heavy weight, and loose-footed and baggy sails.

Commodore Seidenberg thereupon appointed Al Wambach as SBCC Out-Island Regatta Chairman.

Eleanor and Ed Chambers are living aboard "Adventure" at Yacht Haven, Nassau and are running a rapidly growing shopping and shipping service for the out islands. Because of the need for larger permanent living quarters they are with much sadness offering the "Adventure" for sale and hope to buy a Chesapeake-type freight boat for living on, cargo carrying, and cruising. Ed will deliver the "Adventure" to a Florida port for a purchaser. Contact him for details. Commodore Seidenberg appointed Ed - SBCC Nassau Fleet Captain.

It is hard to astonish the Nassau waterfront, which has in its day seen treasure galleons, pirate ships, men-of-war, slavers (both black and white), and gold-platers, but the "Westmoreland" from Brightwaters Canal, the world's longest catboat, provided a new spectacle moored at Yacht Haven.

For those interested in cruising any part of the distance from Florida to New York under sail, contact Gilbert Phelan of Brightwaters about returning on the "Westmoreland" this spring. For those interested in a similar venture under power aboard the "Whitecap", Al's 42' Matthews, get in touch with Ev Seidenberg or Fred Becker.

MEMBERSHIP NOTE

As a convenience to our membership we are including a membership application blank. If during your travels you find a likely candidate for membership, this form, if kept handy, will speed the process and take the grief off the backs of the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer or whomsoever you may be inclined to call. Do not toss it away.

Dues will be payable soon and we wish to call your attention to some changes in the form. Many members have been lax in notifying the Treasurer about changes in address, boat status, numbers on sails, etc. When you receive the new form next month please read it and send money.

CRUISING QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Art Flynn, Fleet Captain and Cruise Director, has sent in the following results of his survey:

The response to the recent Cruising Questionnaire indicates that most Skippers continue to show an interest in cruising the waters of Eastern Long Island, Narragansett Bay and Buzzard's Bay with a few hardy souls seeking company for a Maine Jaunt.

To accomodate the Gunk Holers as well as the Nomads of the Deep, the Annual Cruise will be divided into four or five groups:

- GROUP I For one week vacationers.
- GROUP II For two week Dunk Holers.
- GROUP III For two week Sea Rovers
- GROUP IV For three week Explorers.
- GROUP V For three or four week Blue Water Sailors.

Attached is the proposed itinerary for the Annual Cruise. A Sub Cruising Chairman will be delegated to head each Group and work out the details with the Skippers of his respective Group in planning and rendezvous points and other activities afloat, ashore, and in the sea below. If you intend to participate in the Cruise, complete the bottom part of the itinerary, detach and mail it to Art Flynn at your early convenience.

ITINERARIES FOR THE ANNUAL CRUISE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group I</u> <u>(One Week)</u>	<u>Group II</u> <u>(Two Weeks)</u>	<u>Group III</u> <u>(Two Weeks)</u>	<u>Group IV</u> <u>(Three Weeks)</u>
July 10	Smith's Pt.	Smith's Pt.	Smith's Pt.	Smith's Pt.
11	Cormorant Pt.	Cormorant Pt.	Cormorant Pt.	Cormorant Pt.
12	Three Mile Hbr.	Three Mile Hbr.	Three Mile Hbr.	Block Island
13	Mystic	Mystic	Block Island	" "
14	"	"	Cuttyhunk	Cuttyhunk
15	Shelter Island	Hamburg Cove	Wood's Hole	Wood's Hole
16	Dering or Coecles Hbr.	" "	Edgartown	Edgartown
17	Cormorant Pt.	Mattituck	"	"
18	<u>Great River</u>	Three Mile Hbr.	New Bedford (Padanaram)	Nantucket
19		" " "	Newport	"
20		Shelter Island Hbrs.	Wickford	Cape Cod Hyannis-Cotuit
21		Dering - Coecles	Block Island	" "
22		OR West Neck	Shelter Island Harbors-Group II	Marion
23		Cormorant Pt.	Cormorant Pt.	"
24		<u>Great River</u>	<u>Great River</u>	New Bedford (Padanaram)
25	WEST ISLAND RACE			Newport
26				Narragansett Bay
27				Wickford
28				Stonington
29				"
30				Montauk Hbr.
31				Cormorant Pt.
August 1				<u>Great River</u>

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To Cruising Chairman:

I expect to participate in the Annual Cruise in

☐ Group I; ☐ Group II; ☐ Group III; ☐ Group IV; ☐ Group V -
Cruise to Maine (Three or more weeks)

Remarks: _____

Mail to: Arthur J. Flynn, 4 Neptune Place, Massapequa, N.Y.

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SLIPPED DISC DEPT.

The GSBYRA will hold the eliminations for the Westin Trophy off Sayville, May 9th and 10th. This is a single handed series sailed in Penguins leading toward competition for the North American Single-handed Championship known as the O'Day Trophy. Interested parties, elderly or otherwise, may get in touch with Ted Zimmerman, 10 Sequams Lane North, West Islip, New York. Entry Fee \$10.00, bring your own boat.

HANDICAP DECISION

Rear Commodore Win Palmer presented the results of his study group's efforts to the last Board of Governors meeting. The Board adopted the recommendations without reservation and while we were part of the study group we will not attempt to deliver the complete story here. The Commodore will call a Skipper's Meeting early in April and at this time Win will give all hands a complete rundown on how the study was made and the methods used to arrive at the results.

We shall still have two systems under which we can race, the only real change involves the performance group. The adopted system will deal with a pure performance rating only and it seemed to offer the best chance for giving an equal opportunity to all for a chance at the hardware. This, of course, requires some history on the part of the yacht. New Boats entering the fleet for the first time will race under the Storm Trysail rule until sufficient time has been accumulated to afford the chance to enter the performance group should the skipper so desire.

The Storm Trysail Rule will continue for those who wish to race under rule alone. A slight change has been made for this group which deals with the NAYRU time allowance tables. It was found that due to the thin waters of our Bay these theoretical speed constants did not fit too well so a new constant has been added. Past experience has shown that this will fit our conditions of sailing much better.

Stand by for a notice of the meeting.

ADELPHI-GSBYRA PROJECT

In our last letter we announced the need for funds to help this program along. To date the results have been very slim and we think that many of us may have thought about it but took little action. If you have given consideration to this worthwhile program please let us have your donation made out to the Board of Overseers, Adelphi-Suffolk College. Send Checks to Beinert.

ANNUAL DANCE

As we go to press, March 18, 1964, the reservations amounted to 152 with a few more expected. While not as good as previous years attendance we can safely predict that everyone will enjoy the party. The Board of Governors extends special thanks to the Entertainment Committee for this effort.

HAROTACK AND RUM DEPT.

Early in May the Cruising Club will again hold it's Spring Cocktail Party at the Bayshore Yacht Club. Watch your mail for the announcement.

BYBLOWS

Anyone having a boat, gear or secrets for sail please inform the Secretary by letter or note handed out on the LIRR. We have the poorest memory of any club member (we carry a card around with our wife's name on it, but what did we do with it?) and will henceforth refuse MASTHEAD items unless in writing. We do not wish to catch hell from dissapointed advertisers or string men.

Bill Plauth wishes to sell the "Dorado".. 24' S.S. design Dolphin Class sloop, fiberglass const., aluminum spars, roller reefing, inboard Palmer engine...sleeps four on foam, rubber that is, clean ship. Very fast, excellent shape, good buy. AM 4-1876

Bill Milligan has the following items for sale or swap:

8 h.p. Volvo diesel, Penta MD-1, less than 100 hours use, generator, starter, prop., etc. Can be seen at Arnott's Ship Yard, Islip. Price about \$275 or trade equal value.

also

11' Moth, fiberglassed plywood, all equipment, dacron sails, \$295.00, can be seen at Seafarer showroom, Carver Street, Huntington. Will discuss trade or counterproposal. Bill Milligan, 479 Smith Avenue, Islip, N.Y.

Wanted:

Working Jib, Dacron, 26 luff - 22 leach, 10' or thereabouts -- Call Warren Bell at BA 3-2487.

We have several items of incidental intelligence offered this month but must hold up until the next letter. Space limitations prevent discussion of several personalities offered for keelhauling. And yes Mr. Milligan, Knot was derived from knots of the same name.

See you soon, Russel, Andrew and Diana and all the other future members of the SBCC.

Old Uncle John