

South Bay Cruising Club

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From the Helm

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As my term as Commodore rapidly approaches its end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Flag Officers, Governors, Committee Chairs, and the people who worked so hard on each of the committees for their outstanding service to the South Bay Cruising Club. Your hard work and commitment allowed us to carry on the proud heritage and traditions of our Club. We truly are a unique organization, and one of the finest sailing organizations on the Bay.

Mother Nature christened our Holiday Party with a blanket of snow. It would have been impossible to reschedule our party, and not being fair weather sailors, the party went forward with 80 members attending.

Unfortunately, Vice Commodore Bill Menger was unable to attend to receive in person a plaque describing his many accomplishments while a Board member of the Club over the past thirty continuous years. His accomplishments were many and varied, spanned over three decades, consisting of SBCC Board activities and as a member and/or chairperson of various committees including but not limited to Cruising, Program, Hospitality, Regatta, Measurement, and Education. He was also a Governor of the Club from 1978-1981 and 1984- 1999. Thank you Bill for such dedication to our organization.

Della, Sue, and crew did another outstanding job on the party! This was their 10th and last party, and as I understand, they are not retiring, but moving onto other positions on the Board.

been hard at work assembling a new Board and programs for the upcoming year. I hope everyone will give John and his officers all their support, by joining us at the January General Meeting for the "Changing of the Guard".

As this is my last Masthead Message, I would like to thank each of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for the past two years. It truly has been an honor and a very rewarding experience.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Healthy and Joyous New Year.

Sally 



Our Commodore Elect, John Davis, has

Sally shows plaque for honoree Bill Menger

From the Rear

John Davis

With winter fast approaching, we've been getting out on *Dragon Fly* as often as possible along with several other SBCC skippers and crew who love fall sailing. Thanks to the "Fall Series" instituted by Joe Mülle' last year, we had two great races in November. Although gale force winds wiped out the Turkey Race, and weather conditions early in the summer interfered with rendezvous, I think we had a complete season. I thank everyone who helped make that possible.

As this year comes to an end, so too does the term of the current SBCC Board of Governors, officers and committee chairpersons. To thank the outgoing Commodore and her Board, and to introduce your new officers, governors, and committee chairpersons, we have arranged a spectacular afternoon dinner party at the Riviera, on the bay, in Massapequa. Since each incoming Commodore gets only one chance to celebrate a new administration, we wanted to be sure to

provide a first rate experience for everyone attending. Our incoming Program Chairpersons, Richard and Adrienne Tesoro selected the Riviera because of its outstanding reputation, value, and location. We agreed on an afternoon event to take advantage of the views from this bay-front location. Early reservations are encouraged, and will be rewarded with a special discount.

We are all looking forward to the next two years, ready to face the challenges, and always looking for ways to make a great organization even better. Please give us your support by joining your new Board for this memorable event on January 10th. Look for more information in this edition of From the Masthead, and check the mail for your invitation

You can reach your commodore elect any time at:
Jdavisfly@aol.com or (631) 422- 2242 📞

From the Regatta Captain

Joe Mülle

As our season comes to a close, *Wild Blue II* has been readied for winter and the off-season projects will begin soon. Like last year, the list is long.

The Fall Series was well attended. November 1st saw sixteen boats compete on a near perfect day with Paul Rendich and crew aboard *Clipper* taking honors in the Spin class. Steve Penny and crew aboard *Absolut* won the Non-Spin class. Fall Series #2 having been postponed due to extremely low tides was rescheduled to November 22nd where twelve boats competed. *Brokher* won the Spin class and *Absolut* won the Non-Spin. For the series Harry Manko and Crew aboard *Full Circle* won the Spin Class and again Steve Penny and Crew aboard *Absolut* won in Non-Spin.

The Turkey Day Race was abandoned due to high winds. Post race activities took place at Aileen Eppig's residence where a small but merry group had a great time. Thanks go to Michael Simmon whose yacht, *Bersherter*, was on stand by for Race Committee duty, Race Committee Peter Capitain, who I met and discussed the race with early in the morning, and Aileen for opening her house for post race activities for the fifth year in a row.

Mark your calendars - February 10th at Mustang Sally's the 2003 Regatta Awards Party will be held. It's planned to be a stellar event!

We are in the process of collecting perpetual trophies for engraving. If you have one from last year, years past, or even a retired one, please get in touch with me. We'd like to track down any and all trophies that have been awarded, whether last year or twenty-three years ago. These trophies are our club's history and the club needs to be able to account for them to ensure they'll be available to future members of the SBCC.

With my time as Regatta Chairman winding down I would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in our racing program. I especially owe thanks to the Regatta Committee, which worked extremely hard to make sure our racing venue continued to be **the best on the Bay**.

Shortly I will be assuming the duties of Rear Commodore and truly look forward to continuing the traditions and responsibilities of the position. And while I probably will not be able to keep pace with current Rear Commodore Davis' always informative and humorous articles, rest assured I will try to have articles in the Masthead when space allows.

Don't forget to come out and cheer on the New Years Day racers. First Gun 1200 January 1, 2004 right off the Babylon Village Dock. Have a great Holiday season! 🎆

How About Celebrating The Fourth At Mystic Seaport

Dennis Krug

The SBCC three-week cruise June/July 2004 is planning on doing just that.

Led by Cruise Captain Dorothy Becker, the cruise will leave on Friday June 25 and head for Block Island with the usual stop at Cormorant Point. After Block Island the cruise will stop at Newport and Watch Hill, Rhode Island. The plan is to arrive at Mystic Seaport on July 3 and leave on July 5. Next, the cruise will proceed to Saybrook on the Connecticut River and then head west, stopping at Branford or Milford Connecticut, Northport, City Island and Sheepshead Bay. The cruise will arrive at Fire Island Inlet on Wednesday July 14 and stop for the night at Atlantique where the cruise will end on

Thursday July 14.

If this itinerary sounds interesting to you, it's important that you contact Cruise Captain Dorothy Becker at djb138@yahoo.com or 631-234-4062. She plans to make a group reservation at Mystic Seaport in December. The dockmaster expects the marina reservations to fill up in January. As of now there are two boats in the group. Reservations can be cancelled with no penalty up to 24 hours before. There is no payment other than the group fee until you get there. The Cruise Captain will pay the group fee, which will be refunded when the cruise arrives. 

From the 2004-2005 Regatta Captain

Jack Morgan

Hello everyone. My name is Jack Morgan and I will be your Regatta Captain for the next two years. Perhaps you have seen me sailing on the bay in my Tartan 3000. *Ceol na Mara* is her name and if you see me out there please come up and say hello - if you can catch me. Only kidding! Ah there's nothing like a little trash talk to get the competitive juices flowing. And speaking of competition, let's talk about the upcoming racing season. By the time you read this, the Regatta Committee will have had its second meeting. The temperature outside may be plummeting, but we have been focusing on the summer racing season ahead and it's going to be a good one. Here are some of the highlights:

1. First off, while not a summer event by any means, The Ed Brooks Memorial New Year's Day Race will be held on Jan. 1, 2004. The starting area will be in the vicinity of the Babylon Municipal Dock. First gun is 12:00. Spectators are encouraged to meet at the Babylon Dock. Why not bundle up and come down to cheer the racers on! I understand Commodore Davis will be bringing hot cocoa for all. We need someone to do race committee from the dock. Any volunteers?
2. We are bringing back the West Cup. This was a well-attended race two years ago that did not happen last year for a variety of reasons. It will be an evening race in mid-June with a post race gathering at Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club in Amityville. Don't miss it.
3. This year will see the return of the Babylon Yacht Club Rendezvous in late June. The weekend will begin on Friday with the Babylon Cup. The Smith Trophy Race will be held on

Saturday with rendezvous festivities taking place Saturday afternoon. Babylon Yacht Club is allowing overnight docking for this event so cruisers bring your boats. This will be a fun weekend. At the time of this writing, we are still looking for a rendezvous host boat. Contact Fleet Captain Dennis Krug if you are interested.

4. A brand new event still in the planning stages will be the Corinthian Race July 31. This race will be for Corinthian boats only. All spin and non-spin racers are encouraged to sign up as crew on a Corinthian Class boat. A post race party/rendezvous in the Willets Creek area is planned.
5. Super Blast! What's this you ask? A four race series in the Bay Shore/Babylon area. Three twilight races beginning Wednesday with post race gatherings every night. Saturday's race will be followed by; you guessed it, Super Blast. This will be the biggest event of the summer. You simply cannot miss it. August 11th - 14th.
6. One more item of note, the Foulke Trophy. This race is a classic and has received some fine-tuning. This year it will be a pursuit race. Briefly, this means that you will be allotted your handicap time at the BEGINNING of the race. There will be a staggered start. Boats with high handicap ratings start first with the lower handicaps following. First one over the finish line wins. Also, the course will be modified to have the finish out in the bay where there will be (theoretically) more wind. Mark your calendars, August 28th.

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From the 2004-2005 Regatta Captain

Jack Morgan

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Those are just some highlights of the upcoming season. Be sure to check the Masthead for information on all events. I would like to express my thanks to Commodore John Davis for giving me this chance to work on our racing program. I would also like to thank Rear Commodore Joe Mulle for his guidance and help in making this a smooth transition. Just one more thing, in the past couple of seasons I have seen a number of new racers showing

up at the starting line and it's a great thing to see. If anyone out there has never raced but is considering giving it a try, please don't hesitate to contact me any time either by phone or e-mail. Let's talk about racing! It's a great way to improve your sailing skills. It's also a great reason to go sailing. And it's fun. We need more boats out there so let's go!



Jack Morgan

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Going Ashore

Mike Duffy

Since we are in the off-season, I thought I would pass this along. About three seasons ago, it was a nice day, with wind switching from north to south. I decided to play hooky and go for a day sail in the ocean. As always the wind was right, but the tide was wrong coming back in; and I had a problem starting the motor.

So I anchored for a few minutes and went to work on my motor. By the time I got the problem solved the wind had picked up, and I no longer needed it.

However, because the tide was now moving I was not able to store the anchor line properly. The appearance of a large fishing vessel persuaded me to take the helm instead. After passing under Robert Moses Bridge with the boat reaching nicely on the incoming tide I decided to engage the tiller tamer and go forward to store the anchor line, keeping a sharp lookout for other boats. The work was proceeding, and the sails well set, when the boat came to a halt. The boat while sailing herself had evidently made an error in navigation. Since my boat only draws 30 inches, I got the anchor over, and tried to kedge the boat off the shoal. When I

got the bow out, the tide would push the stern in, and when I pushed the stern out, the bow would do likewise.

After twenty minutes of this I had the boat positioned exactly perpendicular to the shore. When I put the ladder over the bottom was resting firmly on the grass. I considered my situation. I had missed the last bus from Robert Moses to Babylon. I could have called Boat U.S. but I was afraid they would tell me to call the auto club. I decided to wait for the tide. After having been part of the landscape for about 2 hours some deer approached. I believe that with the ladder over the side, they might have mistaken my O'Day 25 for an older boat belonging to Noah! Eventually the tide came to the rescue. But it was a long day of playing hooky. Next time I'll have to put in for overtime!

The lesson in this. Lighthouses are aids to navigation, but should not be confused with buoys. Unless you are a landing craft, taking part in an invasion, maintain a distance-off greater than the distance from the lighthouse to the water. 

From the Hospitality Archives:

The Famous Eggnog Recipe as provided by Alec Yaxis and Don Zimmer

Quantity - one SBCC punchbowl-full

1 cup rum
1 cup cognac
2 cups bourbon
3 quarts eggnog
1 quart vanilla ice cream

Mix all ingredients together and serve.

NOTE: All the booze doesn't go in at first. Start with half the booze, as people are compelled to add more "punch" to the bowl as the evening wears on. And they think we don't notice...

Welcoming New Members

Corinne Conger and John Rambold

The following new members were voted in at the last board meeting: Associate member, Vincent F. Careri of Fort Lee, NJ was sponsored by Dennis Krug and Sue Montana. Please welcome Vincent. 

SBCC Rendezvous' The Riviera In January...

Adrienne and Richard Tesoro

Let's splice the mainbrace together!

First let's look at our rations of grog: Why, it's unlimited for the duration of the voyage! Yes, that means "open bar," sailors. This includes liquors, wine, beer, soda, and champagne.

Menu starts with an appetizer of bruschetta with tomato, red onions, garlic, mozzarella, black olives, basil & olive oil on toasted semolina bread.

This is followed by a garden salad with Caesar dressing and this is then chased by an intermezzo of lemon sherbet with creme de menthe.

Entree choices are prime rib of beef au jus, chicken francaise sautéed with lemon butter & white wine, salmon with dill sauce, or capon with wild rice & mushrooms.

Red bliss potatoes & mixed garden vegetables round it out.

A chocolate and vanilla sheet cake filled with canolli cream tops it off.

Not to be outdone, a touch of Viennese assorted pies, pastries, Italian cookies, fruit, and ice cream finale

Of course, coffee & tea, decaf too, and milk

Well, maybe not the Mediterranean but really Massapequa.... You will truly enjoy this party; we're planning a great afternoon with all the trimmings and we want to thank our current officers and committees and welcome in our new officers who will be taking the helm for 2004-2005 with a bang and a salute. The date for this premier sit down dinner event is Saturday, 10 January and the time will be 1330 to 1730 hours. Dancing and cheer will be the order of the day. **Gentlemen, jackets requested.**

Location is the Riviera at Massapequa on the Great South Bay, which is at 200 East Shore Drive in Massapequa. This is barely a stone's throw from the Boatyard Party we had in October. Music is in the offing as well so wear your dancing shoes and show off your sea legs and be a hotshot landlubber. This is plain sailing: in order to assure a proper set of sails for this skylark party we must plan in advance and ask you to pay in full when you make your reservations. Truly, we are sure you will understand, that to order food and set up for a sit down dinner of such magnitude and for so many people, same day walk in additional would be impossible to plan for. We cannot accept reservations after January 5th. Formal invitations will be posted later in December but there is no need to wait. *This is your official notice of the general meeting in*

January. 2004 is upon us! But Time & Tide waiteth for no man so, shake a leg, choose your entree, and mail us your check, call us by telephone or use that new fangled email chatterbox computer right now.

NEWS FLASH - SAVE! - Cost per person is \$34 if you pay by Monday, December 22nd. If your check is received after December 22nd cost per person will be \$38. So, for example, if you write that check right now for two people, it's \$68. After 22 December, it's \$76 for 2 people. *After Monday, January 5th, it's impossible to include you.*

Wow, waterfront view, unlimited bar, four-course dinner plus Viennese hour, and music all for \$34?! Amazing. Couple this with the fact that this is the farewell and thank you for your current officers and committees, SBCC's first General Meeting of the year, and the introduction of your newest officers and committees. *Be advised that the time for the general meeting will be 1600 hours.*

So PLEASE, write your check now and post it with your choice of entree to us so we can be as organized as possible. Mail your check made out to **South Bay Cruising Club to:**

Richard Tesoro
4 Westbridge Drive
Babylon, New York 11702

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SBCC Rendezvous' The Riviera In January...

Adrienne and Richard Tesoro

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You may make reservations and entree choices by telephone to 631-587-0300 and leave a specific message or send email to AAFT@juno.com. As always, a reservation is a commitment.

Our warmest wishes for a happy holiday season go to you and all of your family and crew, and God bless our families and our country's military, especially those serving so very far from home. Smooth sailing to you.

Richard Tesoro
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PS: for your entertainment and further edification, a translation of some of the nautical phrases used in the aforementioned piece, please see below:

Splicing the mainbrace: a traditional expression used in the Royal Navy for serving an extra tot of rum on rare and special occasions.

Grog: spirituous drink.

Sea legs: ability to function with ease.

Hotshot: a show off, skillful and lively.

Landlubber: opposite of a sailor.

Plain Sailing: uncomplicated and straightforward.

Skylark: frolic, from the skysail and the actions of young sailors who would climb aloft to the uppermost skysail on square riggers and slide down the back stay to the deck below for sport.

Time & Tide waiteth for no man: seize the day.

Shake a leg: hurry up!, from an interesting British warship custom which was abolished around 1840. We'll be happy to explain this one in person, not print.

Are we nuts? Yes, sailing and the sea is our passion and we think it should be FUN! 

Editor's Note:

I'd like to thank those who helped with the publication of From the Masthead during the past two years. It was truly a team effort. **Thanks** go to Board members who provided monthly articles in a timely manner. **Thank you** to those in the membership who submitted articles based on their experiences for our enjoyment. **Thank you** for the recipes, the web sites, and the Rigging Locker advertisements. A big **THANK YOU** goes to Mike Kohl for the many, many different pictures he submitted. **Thank you** to my proofreaders, Belle, Sue, Della, John, Joe and others who stepped up to the plate. **Thank you** to Bryan McLoughlin for being a good partner in the mailing effort and for your great ideas. **Thank you** Sally for this opportunity. **And THANK YOU ALL** for your support and encouragement. Take it away BELLE!

Memo from the Fleet Surgeon's Desk

Andy Peters, MD

Just a reminder to those sailing aficionados who plan to sail the Caribbean this winter or vacation in the Caribbean. Please wear white t-shirts when sailing or snorkeling. Don't forget the suntan lotion (spf 15 or more) and reapply after swimming. Polaroid

sunglasses are preferred and Advil, Motrin or Aleve are good analgesics for sunburn.

Enjoy the winter sailing season and you will hear from me in the spring. 

A Few Reminders; We Need Your Assistance

Cindy LaValle

The SBCC Board has asked me to remind all of a few administrative items, which are enumerated here.

1. To help to ensure privacy when emailing to a group of SBCC individuals, please use the Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) or a Merge procedure.
2. In order to detect SPAM from other important email:
 - Add **SBCC**: in the beginning of your subject line.
 - Send jokes to individual acquaintances only, not an entire list of people...

- And refrain from sending chain letters.
3. If you require a weekend website update after noon on a Friday, contact Dick LaBella by telephone as he doesn't regularly read email on the weekends.
 4. Please check the 2003 Yearbook for required corrections to your demographics. Contact membership, either Aileen Eppig or Sue Montana by early January if a change is required (unless you already have informed them of the required change).



SPIN

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Fall Series #1

		11/1/03			J. Holst	#13642		
		Course			Babylon "D"	Distance	8.1 nm	
SPIN		S SW 10-13 Kts					Sec	Mi/Sec
Place	Sail #	Yacht	Skipper	HCP	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Behind	Behind
1	404	Clipper	Rendich	114	13:39:52	1:14:28	0	0
2	51841	Full Circle	Manko	126	13:41:50	1:14:49	21	3
3	4830	Ericsean	Padden	195	13:53:31	1:17:11	163	20
4	759	Brokher	Eppig	210	13:57:33	1:19:12	284	35
5	11185	Maggie Lee	Christiansen	141	13:49:09	1:20:06	338	42
6	62	Slim	McLoughlin	227	14:10:59	1:30:20	952	118
		Course			Babylon "D"	Distance	8.1 nm	
NOSPIN		S SW 10-13 Kts					Sec	Mi/Sec
Place	Sail #	Yacht	Skipper	HCP	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Behind	Behind
1	7700	Absolut	Penny	168	14:19:06	1:38:25	0	0
2	14423	Cherry Pi	Marinaccio	210	14:25:49	1:39:28	63	8
3	5861	Dragon Fly	Davis	210	14:26:22	1:40:01	96	12
4	76	Spirit	Bogdan	161	14:21:14	1:41:29	184	23
5	1555	Ceol Ne Mara	Morgan	181	14:24:20	1:41:53	208	26
6	407	Annie B	Wheeler	227	14:30:38	1:41:59	214	26
7	1227	Kickin Back	O'Connell	149	14:22:19	1:44:12	347	43
8	30401	The Nordic Star	Harnett	216	14:31:35	1:44:25	360	44
9	13355	That's All	McMillian	175	14:27:55	1:46:17	472	58
10	210	Sirius	Incorvia	189	WDR	WDR	n/a	n/a

Fall Series #2

		11/22/03			B. Wheeler	#407		
		Course			Babylon "H" Shortened	Distance	3.9 nm	
SPIN		Variable 5 Kts					Sec	Mi/Sec
Place	Sail #	Yacht	Skipper	HCP	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Behind	Behind
1	759	Brokher	Eppig	210	14:08:16	1:47:37	0	0
2	51841	Full Circle	Manko	126	14:09:37	1:54:25	408	105
3	11185	Maggie Lee	Christiansen	141	14:11:13	1:55:03	446	114
4	4830	Ericsean	Padden	195	14:24:45	2:05:04	1047	268
5	62	Slim	McLoughlin	227	14:35:55	2:14:09	1588	407

		Variable 5 Kts		Course	Babylon "H" Shortened	Distance	3.9 nm	
NOSPIN								
Place	Sail #	Yacht	Skipper	HCP	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time	Sec Behind	Mi/Sec Behind
1	7700	Absolut	Penny	168	14:21:10	1:53:14	0	0
2	14423	Cherry Pi	Marinaccio	210	14:30:35	1:59:56	402	103
3	5861	Dragon Fly	Davis	210	14:38:28	2:07:49	875	224
4	76	Spirit	Bogdan	161	14:37:01	2:09:33	979	251
5	13642	White Cap	Holst	207	14:40:03	2:09:35	981	252
6	30401	The Nordic Star	Harnett	216	14:48:43	2:17:40	1466	376

Fall Series SPIN

SPIN					11/1/03	11/22/03	
	Sail				Race #1	Race #2	Total Pts
Position	Number	Yacht	Skipper	HCP	Points	Points	
1	51841	Full Circle	Manko	126	2.00	2.00	4.00
2	759	Brokher	Eppig	210	4.00	0.75	4.75
3	4830	Ericsean	Padden	195	3.00	4.00	7.00
4	404	Clipper	Rendich	114	0.75	7.00	7.75
5	11185	Maggie Lee	Christiansen	141	5.00	3.00	8.00
6	62	Slim	McLoughlin	227	6.00	5.00	11.00

NOSPIN

NOSPIN					11/1/03	11/22/03	
	Sail				Race #1	Race #2	Total Pts
Position	Number	Yacht	Skipper	HCP	Points	Points	
1	7700	Absolut	Penny	168	0.75	0.75	1.50
2	14423	Cherry Pi	Marinaccio	210	2.00	2.00	4.00
3	5861	Dragon Fly	Davis	210	3.00	3.00	6.00
4	13642	White Cap	Holst	207	2.50	5.00	7.50
5	76	Spirit	Bogdan	161	4.00	4.00	8.00
6	407	Annie B	Wheeler	185	6.00	3.00	9.00
7	1555	Ceol Ne Mara	Morgan	181	5.00	8.00	13.00
8	30401	The Nordic Star	Harnett	216	8.00	6.00	14.00
9	1227	Kickin Back	O'Connell	149	7.00	8.00	15.00
10	13355	That's All	McMillian	175	9.00	8.00	17.00
11	210	Sirius	Incorvia	189	11.00	8.00	19.00

Bob Foreman and Crew Race the Halifax Race on Jacqueline IV



Most of the crew are from the SBCC, including Barry Dwyer, the son of Bill Dwyer, former Commodore of



What A Day! What A Party!

Della Bucher and Sue Montana

When Mother Nature puts her mind to stirring the pot, she can really do a spectacular job. As sailors, we know what she can throw at us and she did a fine job Friday and Saturday. **BUT**, we also know as sailors that we do and can weather much of what she throws at us. Eighty of you did -- and we had a fine time. The many gifts we had to give out looked festive under the Sayville Yacht Club's beautiful tree. Nancy Sherman and her committee did another great job with all the table decorations. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food prepared by our faithful and hardworking committee. With the snow blowing, the lights twinkling and the revelers reveling, it all made for a cheerful "holiday"

party.

Sue and I would like to thank every person who volunteered and worked diligently to help us with the club's land parties over the last two years. We could not have done them without you. So pat yourselves on the back and accept our grateful thanks. Sue and I had a wonderful time planning the parties and serving the membership that participated in each event. We know you'll all give the same support in the future.

Our new Hospitality Committee has some wonderful times already planned. So expect

great doings for the 2004-2005 seasons! 🍷



The One-Week Cruise Log

Sally Eilbeck

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August 20, 2003

Wednesday morning is sunny, warm and clear. Some of our fleet is lost, but plan to rejoin us later in the week. Departure is scheduled for 10:30. Everyone mills around the dock, enjoying the great weather as Bill and I yell at the boys to "straighten out your stuff, and make Njord shipshape". Our next stop is Oak Island Lead, and a neat spot to spend the evening. As luck would have it, the few boats that are missing should free up the anchorage, for those that remain. Because of draft CJ2 is heading directly to Hemlock Cove, and is looking for company. The tide is low at the infamous turn into the *Lead*, so we all wonder if we'll make it ourselves. Oak Island is a great spot, but it can be buggy, I'm thinking - give us a bit more breeze please! Bill gets itchy and we drop lines at 10:20 and we're off. The wind is light, but by the time we round "Crazy Charlie" sails are up. A couple of boats hang a left and head into Dickerson's Channel, the balance continue north and round buoy 11 prior to heading west up the bay. I feel like the mother ship

yakking with everybody on the VHF, but that's really part of the fun. Nothing is going wrong and everyone is just enjoying the lovely day, what could be better? Barbara & Bill Madsen of *High Borne Lady* have invited everyone to their "party house" for cocktails this evening and the claming isn't bad in the *Lead*, so a fine day is in the making. The sail is a short one to the anchorage, and as we head south across the state channel and work our way in, I'm happy to learn the boys are going wind surfing with Tim Chambers of *OurTime*. While I really enjoy having the boys along, it can be a bit of a challenge if you don't keep them busy! Ah - *Wind Surfing* - I think, a break from the Chinese fire drill that I manage to orchestrate everyday. Bill will welcome the peace and quiet. I can feel that sometimes it's just too busy aboard for my husband. Wind Surfing will help keep the good ship lollypop a happy ship! Boy was I mistaken! As soon as surfing lessons start, young Chris is back aboard with a badly cut foot. Close examination reveals that his little toe is in need of stitches. I've asked Jen DeMarco, and we concur, a call is put into Chris's mom to fetch him for the ER visit. Justin takes Chris by dingy

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The One-Week Cruise Log

Sally Eilbeck

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to the Ocean Pkwy and I find myself saying, "yes you can come back if it's ok with your mom". Bill's putting on the sailcover, and appears to like the peace and quiet, but is visibly concerned about Chris's toe. I'm happy that we could reach Tony (Chris's mom) on the cell phone, because it is a bad gash and will require a few deep stitches to close and heal properly. Time slipped by and before I knew it Bill Madsen arrived in his *Dyer* launch to offer everyone a lift to his home on the east side of the island. It's become somewhat of a tradition to visit Barbara & Bill's during the cruise and one that I hope continues on in the future. Everyone put their best treats together and off we went, partaking of interesting stories of Oak Island history from Bill along the way. Packing the front and back porches, with so many SBCC members always makes for a wonderful time. Barbara gave a tour of *High Borne Lady* and talking to her is always a treat. She and Bill have lived the cruising life style for a long, long time and it's fun to hear about their travels. And they also make you feel so welcome. Once again this year, I couldn't believe the spread that our hosts put out. We all ate and drank to the point that I for one completely forgot about dinner.

August 21, 2003

Thursday morning arrives and Bill mentions that he "suspects" a change in the weather when I question him. Chris has rejoined us, but not before receiving a half dozen stitches to mend the baby toe, with a no swimming order from the ER doctor. The boys are both hungry and I offered up cereal, which seems to be "great". I make a mental note that they must be really starved because cereal is hardly "great". I'll put something more filling up for lunch; teenagers are impossible if you don't keep them full. It's a small price to pay for two nice boys, who are both fun and a lot of help to boot.

Our next stop is Hemlock Cove, less than 2 hours away, so it's a slow and easy morning once the hunger issue was addressed. No rushing out of our little hide away, one by one everyone starts heading for the Cove. By the time our group arrived everyone had listened to the weather on the VHF and the big discussion focused on the proposed ocean sail the following day. I decide, after talking

to Frank Peter, to hold a skippers/cocktail meeting. As a result of the weather tanking and a vote, it is determined that the prudent move is to call the ocean sail off. In fact most members are talking about leaving Hemlock the next morning and heading to Great River. Suspecting a bit of a breeze overnight, everyone checks their ground tackle and are buttoned up by 2300.

August 22, 2003

This morning all ears are glued to the VHF weather forecast. It's a nice day so far, but most members have planned to head to the River in Oakdale. *Njord & Grace* can't make up our minds, so we sit tight for the evening. Our crew is leaving today, leaving Bill & I a couple of days to fend for ourselves. My leg is feeling better and Bill thinks that what is needed is a soaking in the salt water. We take the dinghy to the sandbar and Christopher DeMarco joins us. The tide is at the perfect stage and we sit in 8" of water as all the baitfish gather around our legs. Later we explore the marsh; Christopher discovers the bank mussels and puts his toes to work looking for clams. The anchorage is all ours and we have a super day playing with the DeMarco children. All this playing has left us bushed and we decide to turn in early.

August 23, 2003

We are up early and the wind has turned north. We decide to join everyone in Great River by day's end. A quick check indicates that we need both water and food, a problem solved with a stop in Babylon. After a great sail home we water up and Bill runs to the butcher for tonight's dinner. The day has turned out to be just right. The north breeze makes for fast sailing to Great River, and there is just enough cloud cover that we don't bake on the way. Cocktails are on *Counterpoint* and the river is good shelter for the evening ahead. John & Corinne offer us a dingy ride to *Counterpoint* that we gladly accept. *Counterpoint* is packed with members from bow to stern, I've settled in the cockpit giving my leg a rest. I'm enjoying all the great conversation with many of the folks who we have sailed with during the week. As the sun starts to set on another fantastic day, Bill and I make our way back to

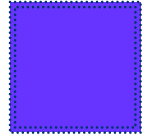
the *Njord*. 

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DEC	1  SBCC Board Meeting 1930	2	3	4	5	6  Holiday Party Sayville Yacht Club 1900 Hours
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4	5	6	7	8	9	10  General Meeting 1330 Hours Rivera Massapequa
11	12	13  Yearbook Committee Meeting 1700 Hours Aileen Eppig's Home	14	15	16	17
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25	26  SBCC Board Meeting 1930 LaGrange Inn	27	28	29	30	31
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