

South Bay Cruising Club

From The Masthead



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From the Helm

Bob Van Tassel

I am pleased to report that on this 56th anniversary of the South Bay Cruising Club our club remains strong and healthy. We currently have 228 members and are financially solvent with adequate funds to meet current and future needs. Through the efforts of our committees we met our budget goals for 2006. This would not have been possible without the continued enthusiastic support of our members who volunteer their time so freely.

Maintaining our membership and attracting new sailors to the SBCC remains a top priority. Our club, like many others, is aging in our population and it seems like a whole generation has missed the pleasures of sailing and enjoying our beautiful waters and good fellowship. Where are all the younger families? Is life so structured between work, school, and other responsibilities that people cannot find the time to be together and enjoy a family activity? This has not always been true.

Recently while reviewing some of the past SBCC year books, I was struck by the following written by

past commodore Roger Ramsdell about the 1979 cruise to Nantucket. There were 55 SBCC boats in Block Island (we also had a cruise to the Chesapeake and to eastern Long Island that year) with a total of 35 club boats continuing on to Nantucket. Roger wrote, "Friday, July 13th. Lay - over day on Nantucket. That night was Adults Night Out - the teenagers baby-sat while Mom and Pop stepped out ...35 SBCC yachts with 78 adults, 31 teenagers and over 25 young children were in Nantucket...notally taken of dogs, cats, birds and hamsters." I know my children have fond memories of that cruise.

What can we do to attract new sailors and their families to the pleasures of sailing and the SBCC? Ed Pshedesky has volunteered to head a committee to explore how we can promote our club and the benefits of being a member. A number of "cruising" members have volunteered to help Ed, but I would like to have participation from the "racing" members. If you can help or have some ideas, please contact Ed directly.

This year we included a member survey form with the dues notice

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Hospitality

Flori Grottoli

The dates are set...Hospitality is rested...and another year of party planning has begun!

ALL HANDS ON DECK! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The first item on the agenda for 2007 is volunteer recruitment. Please help in any way you can - planning, shopping, cooking, serving, set up, baking, or clean up. Just a few hours of your time goes a long way to making the parties a great success. Volunteer for one party or several - all help is deeply appreciated. Please contact me at 631-789-0555 or at cavalieri@mindspring.com.

SPRING COCKTAIL PARTY

Mark your calendar for the 2007 Spring Cocktail Party to be held at the Bay Shore Yacht Club on April 21 in the afternoon. This is the first event of the year and it kicks off the cruising, racing and rendezvous season on the Great South Bay. I promise you great food, beautiful views and relaxing conversation with friends and fellow sailors.

Join the fun!
Flori

Storekeeper

Sue Montana

By now everyone who wanted an SBCC T-shirt, sweatshirt, burgee, etc. has purchased one from the ships' store. For 2007 your Storekeeper has been authorized to replenish the inventory. What would you like to see adorned with the SBCC logo? Playing cards? Toilet paper? Bandannas?

Yes, I'm kidding! But what would you purchase from the store? Please send me an email at thesuemt@optonline.net or drop me a line with your suggestion.

Ed Brooks Memorial Race Results

Monday, January 01, 2007

Course Babylon I x2 Distance nm

Wind 12-15knts SSW A=650 B=550

Race Committee J. Holst Sail#13642

Class: Non Spin Start Time: 12:15:00

Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	1	51841	<i>Full Circle</i>	Manko, H	132	12:57:49	0:42:49	0:40:48
2	5	103	<i>Anna</i>	Glynn, J	306	13:09:02	0:54:02	0:41:02
3	3	1121	<i>Ailanthus</i>	Grauer, W	207	13:02:49	0:47:49	0:41:03
4	2	31880	<i>Courageous</i>	Einsetler, M	139	13:01:04	0:46:04	0:43:28
5	4	60	<i>Fun Sway</i>	Troy, R	169	13:04:25	0:49:25	0:44:40
6	6	2402	<i>One More Time</i>	Duffy, M	252	13:12:08	0:57:08	0:46:18

From the Yearbook Editor

Rich Troy

It's that time of year again, and everyone's input for our next Yearbook are requested!

► Sift through your 2006 pictures and send your best digital or physical shots to Mike Duffy (see last month's **MASTHEAD** for more details).

► Were you a cruise captain in 2006? Did you take a special sailing or racing trip with your boat in 2006? Please send us your write-up and pictures.

► Did you have a new baby in your family in 2006? Please send us a picture and some details.

► We'd also appreciate any pictures you take at the 2006 Racing Awards.

Please send your submissions by early February, to enable us to make our Yearbook deadlines, electronically, via email if possible.

Membership

John Holst

Happy New Year Everyone!

We are off to a great start, 3 new families and 1 old friend have joined us in January.

Harvey & Madeline Kolin

9 Hidden Harbor Dr., Babylon

631-422-3333, harvey.kolin@cbmoves.com

Sailing **Wind Song** a Catalina 27, Sail #4583, out of Babylon

Sponsors-John Holst & Bill Danilczyk

Steve & Bobbi DeLise

5 Captain's Walk, Bay Shore NY 11706

631-968-5864, swdelise@att.net

Sailing **Warlock** a C&C 25 Sail# 664, out of West Islip

Sponsors- Aileen Eppig, Marty Kind, Robert Foreman

Steve Jr. & Jennifer DeLise

2 Bay 9th Street, West Islip

631-321-4909, swdjs@optonline.net

Sailing **Warlock** a C&C 25 Sail# 664, out of West Islip

Sponsors- Aileen Eppig, Marty Kind, Robert Foreman

Laurence and Barbara Schaefer

117 Sequams Lane West, West Islip

631-669-3646, thewafers@optonline.net

Sailing **Loon** a 35' Person Yawl, Sail #2827, out of West Islip

Sponsors: Aileen Eppig and Marty O'Connell

At the January Board meeting I reported that 93 members have already paid their 2007 dues- Thank You for being so prompt!!! As for the 108 who have yet to send in their dues, please do so ASAP. The deadline was January 31st.

It is important to check your information on the notice and make the necessary corrections. The data in the database is only as good as what you provide to us. The yearbook committee will be pulling the data for the 2007 yearbook any day now. Also, please remember to fill out the 2006 Survey Form and return it with your dues notice.

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To date I have received 48 survey's; 46% of those who have paid dues, and only 21% of the club membership. The results to date:

Club Events	Too Many	Just Right	Not Enough	No Opinion
Cruises	2.08%	50.00%	4.17%	35.42%
Parties	0.00%	60.42%	2.08%	29.17%
Races	4.17%	29.17%	6.25%	52.08%
Rendezvous	4.17%	54.17%	0.00%	31.25%
Educational Seminars	0.00%	18.75%	35.42%	37.50%
Youth Activities	0.00%	8.33%	18.75%	64.58%

Committee	Volunteers
Cruising	4
GSBYRA *	1
Handicap, Scoring & Measurement	2
Historian	1
Hospitality	11
Mailing	0
Membership	2
Program	1
Protest	1
Regatta	2
SSER CAC Liaison **	1
Storekeeper	0
Trophy	0
Welcoming	3
Yearbook	4
Webmaster	1
Masthead	0
Pump Out	1

This is a great opportunity to express your opinion and make recommendations for the 2007 season, the Committee Chairpersons are listening. This is also a great opportunity to indicate your interest in volunteering for a committee or event. Of course you can always pick up the phone and call a chairperson.

Membership declined by 12 members in 2006. I would ask everyone to talk about the activities of the club and the benefits of membership with other sailors. If they are interested you can have them call me or provide their contact information and I will call them.

Membership applications are available on the website for your convenience. When sponsoring a new member please take an active role. Introduce them to the activities of club. Spend time with them going to a rendezvous or race. Encourage them to volunteer for a committee and/or an event. The committee chairs are always looking for help. Volunteering for the Hospitality committee would be a great way for a new member to meet the other members of the club.

In Memoriam

It is with deep sorrow that the South Bay Cruising Club must report the passing of Bill Dunleavy on December 18, 2006 and Cadman H. (Fred) Frederick on January 29, 2007. Bill and his wife Barbara did extensive blue water and coastal cruising; they were awarded the Club's Green Water award in 1985. Bill and Barbara have been members since 1972. Fred was an SBCC member from 1967-1982.

The Officers, Governors and Board extend their sympathies to their families.

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requesting your input on club events. If you have not already done so, please complete and forward the survey form. The board and committees will be reviewing the surveys to better understand what is working and where we can enhance our programs. I wish to thank the members who have indicated a desire to serve on a committee on the survey. There is no better way to get to know your fellow club members and get the most from your membership. I have asked our committee chairs to contact each volunteer.

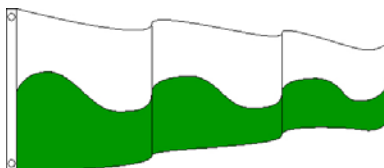
The SBCC finished 2006 with a great Holiday party at the Unqua Yacht Club in December. The party was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the festivities well into the night. I wish to thank Unqua Yacht Club for the use of their beautiful club house and the Hospitality committee for their hard work.

Our first functions for 2007 will be the Race Award party on Tuesday, February 27th at Mustang Sally's in West Islip followed by the Cruise Award dinner at the Snapper Inn on Saturday March 10th. Our Trophy committee has been hard at work on both the race trophies and cruise awards; so plan to come out and pick up your award or just support your fellow members.

On Saturday, March 24th the SBCC will be presenting a program on cruising at 1300 hours at the West Islip Library. Topics will include preparing for a cruise with an overview of the planned SBCC 2007 cruises. There will also be a presentation on cruising the ICW to Florida and the Bahamas.

Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming events.

Bob 



**South Bay Cruising Club
2007 RACE AWARDS**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2007
1900 Hours**

**Everyone is Welcome
New members this is FUN
Get Your Crew Together and Race on Over to**

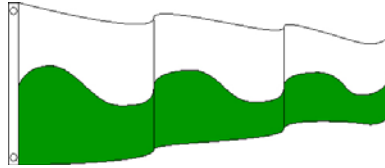
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263 Higbie yLane, West Islip, N.Y.
(4 blocks north of Union Blvd.)**

THE EVENT FEATURES:

**Delicious Hot Buffet
Cash Bar
AWARDS Presentation
\$10.00 per person**

**RSVP to Aileen Eppig
(631) 669-2398
Brokher759@aol.com**

visit mustangsallysli.com for directions



Join the Party
South Bay Cruising Club

Cruise/Rendezvous Recognition
Awards Banquet

Snapper Inn
Overlooking the Scenic Connetquot River

March 10, 2007
6 PM to 10 PM
General Meeting at 7:30 PM

RSVP
Captain365@yahoo.com
Landline
631.589.3466

Reservation required by 7 March
\$42.00 per person
Cash Bar

Check payable to SBCC
To
Frank Peter
24 Center Street
Sayville, NY 11782

South Bay Cruising Club

Minutes of the General Meeting

12/09/06

Unique Corinthian Yacht Club, Amityville, New York

19:45

Officers Present: Bob Van Tassel, Commodore; William Grauer, Vice Commodore; Jeff Mattera, Treasurer; Matt DeMarco, Rear Commodore and Laura LaTorre, Recording Secretary

Officers Excused:

Governors Present: Joyce Gotard, Sally Eilbeck and Bob Forman

Governors Excused: Richard La Bella, Dennis Krug, Bob Shepard and Richard La Torre

Committee Chairpersons Present: Dave Tedesco, Fleet Captain; William Grauer, Handicap; Sue Montana, Storekeeper; Don and Marian Metznik, Welcoming; Rev. Dick Parker, Chaplain; Della Bucher, Trophy; Dr. Jennifer Demarco, Fleet Surgeon; Tom Gotard, Historian; Frank Peter, Program; Flori Grottoli, Hospitality; Belle Baxter, Corresponding Secretary; Rich Troy, Yearbook; Barry Pittman, Protest; Mike Duffy, Scoring; John Holst, Membership

Committee Chairpersons Excused: John Davis, GSBYRA Representative; Aileen Eppig, Regatta; Ed and Helen Pshedesky, Mailing

1. **Commencement of the Meeting**
A quorum being present, Commodore Van Tassel commenced the meeting at 19:45.
2. **Approval of the Minutes**
By motion, seconded and adopted the reading of the Minutes of the November 27, 2006 meeting was waived.
3. **Report of the Treasurer**
Treasurer, Jeff Mattera reported that the South Bay Cruising Club is sound financially for the year 2006.
4. **Report of the Fleet Captain**
Fleet Captain Dave Tedesco reported that there will be three cruises to be held in 2007. The four-week cruise will commence June 1 and will include the Chesapeake Bay area. The two-week around Long Island cruise will start July 6th and Rich Troy has been confirmed as cruise captain. The one week bay cruise will start in the middle of August.
5. **Report of the Regatta Captain**
Regatta Captain Aileen Eppig was not present. (It was noted however, that protests were being heard and appeals were resolved.)
6. **Report of the Membership Committee**
Membership Chairman, John Holst reported that dues notices with an attached committee questionnaire would be mailed out in early January.
7. **Report of the Fleet Chaplain**
Fleet Chaplain, Dick Parker wished everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy Kwanzaa.
8. **Report of the Program Committee**
Program Committee Chairman, Frank Peter reported that last year an Internet questionnaire was sent out that had to do with seminars. Only one person sent back a response. He would appreciate any comments on seminars that members may have. Members can expect one

seminar on weather in March. The seminar on weather would cost \$35.00 to be paid ahead of time. Commodore Bob Van Tassel asked for a show of hands of those interested in this seminar and approximately 12 hands were raised. The tentative date of the cruise awards is March 10th.

9. Report of the Hospitality Committee

Hospitality Chair, Flori Grottoli, reported that although the invitations to tonight's party read 6:00- 10:00 PM the contract had listed the party ending at 11:00PM so there will be an extra hour to dance. She extended thanks to her core group on the Hospitality Committee and to Nancy Sherman for the table centerpieces. She also extended thanks to Mike Duffy for taking the holiday photographs tonight and to everyone who brought ornaments. She particularly wanted to thank Rich Tesauro who supplied photograph ornaments of various members' boats. Finally she extended thanks to all those members who baked for tonight's party.

10. Report of the Fleet Surgeon

Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Jen Demarco reported that she had a word of advice, "don't overindulge this holiday season".

11. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Corresponding Secretary, Belle Baxter reported that this is "your Masthead" and requested members to please let her know if they have something to submit to the Masthead.

12. Report of the Yearbook Committee

Yearbook Chairman, Richard Troy reported that the yearbook is the only "property" that the Cruising Club has. The Yearbook Committee will be starting work on the 2007 Yearbook in mid January. Vince Piazza is a new member on the Committee. All members producing the current Yearbook have agreed to come back. He is looking forward to another good year and welcomed all members to look him up if they had any comments or questions.

13. Report of the Historian

Historian, Tom Gotard had no report.

14. Report of the Storekeeper

Storekeeper, Sue Montana had no report.

15. Report of the Trophy Committee

Trophy Chair, Della Bucher reported that she is spending money and that the last protest is settled.

16. Report of the GSBYRA Representative

GSBYRA Representative John Davis was not present.

17. Report of the Handicap Committee

Handicap Chair, Bill Grauer had no report.

18. Report of the Protest Committee

Protest Committee, Barry Pittman had no report.

19. Report of the Mailing Chair

Mailing Chair, Ed Pshedesky was not present.

20. Report of the Welcoming Committee

Welcoming Chairs, Marian & Don Metznik reported that if you are a new member to please come and see them. Don welcomed all new members in attendance.

21. Report of the Scoring Committee

Scoring Chairman Mike Duffy had no report.

22. **Report of the Chantyman**
Chantyman Matt DeMarco had no report.
23. **Governor's Reports**
A. Sally Eilbeck reported that Jack Nielsen has had a little spell and is at Good Samaritan Hospital. She asked that members keep him in their prayers and possibly send him a note of well wishes.
B. Bob Forman was not present.
C. Joyce Gotard wished all a happy holiday.
D. Richard LaBella was not present.
E. Richard LaTorre was not present.
F. Bob Shepard was not present.
G. Dennis Krug was not present.
24. **Report of the Vice Commodore**
Vice Commodore, Bill Grauer had no report.
25. **Report of the Rear Commodore**
Rear Commodore, Matt DeMarco had no report.
26. **Report of the Commodore**
Commodore, Bob Van Tassel had no report.
27. **Other Business/ New Business**
Old business none reported.
New business – Belle Baxter sought to acknowledge the work of the Pump-out Committee, particularly Joel Becker and Sue Montana. There are now three new pump-out boats that have been put into operation in just three years.
28. **Schedule of Next Meeting and Adjournment**
There being no further business before the Board, Commodore Van Tassel adjourned the meeting at 2005.

Laura LaTorre

Recording Secretary

South Bay Cruising Club Seminar

Introduction to Weather

National Weather Service
Brookhaven National Laboratories
Upton, NY

Attendance Limited

If interested contact Frank Peter at 631.589.3466
captain365@yahoo.com

GSBYRA

John Davis

Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association regatta followed by a shooting on the Connetquot River

An irate 23 year old college student, whose supper had been dumped from the table of his moored 25 foot cruiser by the wake of a passing speedboat, turned the usually peaceful waters of the Connetquot River into a shooting gallery.

Using a doubled-barreled shotgun loaded with bird shot, the youth, Thomas Ward of Brooklyn, vented his anger on passengers of two speedboats and, until arrested by State Police, made the river unsafe for navigation for nearly an hour. Four men, targets of his weapon, received flesh wounds, none of which was serious. After being held overnight, Ward was arraigned before Justice John Kube on charges of first degree assault.

The trouble started when Ward, accompanied by three other youths whose names were not released, put into the Connetquot River from the Great South Bay, where they had watched the regatta of the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association. Ward moored his boat, *Peg*, on the East side of the river just above Great River, and had just put his supper on the table when a speedboat, owned by Ambrose Felton of East Islip, passed downstream.

According to the story that Ward later told police, the wake from the speedboat caused his boat to rock and the supper, dishes and all, crashed to the cabin floor. Ward, in anger, grabbed a shotgun from the cabin, dashed on deck and blazed away at the speedboat.

Gustave Schantz of East Islip, a passenger on the craft, was hit in the shoulder by several pellets. Felton steered the boat to Snapper Inn and notified State Police. Before the Police arrived, a second speedboat owned by Bertz Geltz and accompanied by Stanley Maxwell and Edward Walters, all of Oakdale, passed downstream. To their surprise they were greeted by a blast from both barrels as they passed Ward's boat. Geltz was hit in the face and body while Walters received pellets in the right arm and neck and Maxwell was shot through the nose.

These men also rushed to the Snapper Inn and called the police. Shortly after they arrived, Sergeant Daniel Giasheen and Troopers Robert Dalvin and Herman Boshack cautiously approached Ward's boat in a rowboat they commandeered at the Inn. The policemen had no trouble arresting Ward who, according to police, offered no explanation for the shootings other than that he had been deprived of his supper.

(This incident occurred on August 6, 1936 and was reported in the August 7, 1936 issue of *The New York Times*)

You can reach your GSBYRA Delegate any time at Jdavisfly@aol.com or (631) 422-2242

Great South Bay Notes & News

The Point O' Woods Yacht Squadron on Fire Island is looking for a few qualified senior sailing instructors for the summer season. Applicants must be 18 years old or more and U.S. Sailing certification is preferred. POWYS is a small yacht club offering instructions to younger kids as well as an active racing program for older kids and instructors. Lessons are given in Mercury's and Optis, and they actively race in 420's and Sunfish.

The job includes housing and meals, and you can't beat the location just a few steps from the beach. There is a large community of young people at Point O' Woods for the summer and the teaching experience promises to be fun and rewarding.

Contact Alger Rollins, Vice Commodore POWYS at (978) 857-7370 or alger.rollins@comcast.net

From John Davis

A Basic Race Management Seminar will be held at the Westhampton Yacht Squadron (WYS) on Saturday, March 31, 2007. The seminar is sponsored by United States Sailing and the Westhampton Yacht Squadron with a certified U.S. Sailing Instructor conducting this event. It is a good opportunity for those interested in sailboat racing or race management to sharpen their skills.

Registration is limited to 35 on a first come first-served basis regardless of club affiliation. If you wish to register, go online at www.ussailing.org/recemgt. Links that apply are "education", "race officer", "scheduled seminars". When you find "scheduled seminars", look for the seminar at WYS and click "register online". Just follow the instructions to register. U.S. Sailing will send

WYS a list periodically of those who have registered.

For a description of the seminar, details, and procedures go to the U. S. Sailing website, WYS seminar.

Loran users could soon be facing a closure of the land-based; low frequency radio system that has served mariners for decades.

The Department of Homeland security (DHS), parent agency of the Coast Guard, zeroed out any funding for the continuation of Loran in its FY07 budget but Congress voted to put the money back in for one year. Now, the Coast Guard is requesting public comments on the issue until February 7, after which they will evaluate the future of the system.

Recreational boaters concerned about Loran's possible closure may submit comments by going to <http://dms.dot.gov>, clicking on "comments/submission" and using Coast Guard docket number USCG-206-24685.

"With the GPS signal being relatively weak, there is concern that it is susceptible to jamming, which could present national security problems if it is the sole navigation system for the U.S.," said Elaine Dickinson of Boat U.S. Government Affairs. "Testing has shown Loran to be virtually jam-proof. There is a strong case to be made for keeping Loran as a relatively low-cost, ground-based backup to satellite-based GPS," she added.

"Shutting down Loran just doesn't make sense," said Dickenson, noting that the Coast Guard just spent \$160 million to modernize and largely automate the Loran system. There are thousands of mariners, in addition to aircraft pilots, who still use Loran receivers.

Over The Bowsprit

February

- 19 - Deadline for March **MASTHEAD**
- 26 - SBCC Board Meeting, 19:30, West Islip Public Library
- 27 - Racing Awards, 1900, Mustang Sally's

March

- 10 - Cruising Awards & General Meeting, 1800, Snapper Inn
- 19 - Deadline for April **MASTHEAD**
- 24 - Cruising Seminar, 1300, West Islip Public Library. Topics will include preparing for a cruise with an overview of the planned SBCC 2007 cruises. There will also be a presentation on cruising the ICW to Florida and the Bahamas
- 28 - SBCC Board Meeting, 19:30, West Islip Public Library

April

- 21 - Spring Cocktail Party, Bay Shore Yacht Club
- 23 - Deadline for May **MASTHEAD**
- 30 - SBCC Board Meeting, 19:30, West Islip Public Library

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