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From The Masthead



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From the Helm

Bob Van Tassel

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I was certainly overly optimistic about getting the cover off **WINDQUEST** early, since as I write this I am looking at a heavy layer of ice coating the dock and cover. Hopefully with spring officially coming this week the weather will finally start warming up and I can begin work on several boat projects. Before you know it I will be rushing to complete the commissioning work in order to join the club at our first rendezvous held at Unqua heading on May 5th.

I had the pleasure of attending the Race and Cruise awards this past month. Both were very well attended and our members had a great time. The awards for our racers and cruisers were outstanding! Thanks to Della Bucher, Trophies, Frank Peter, Programming, Dave Tedesco, Fleet Captain, Aileen Eppig, Regatta Captain and all their assistants for two super affairs.

Our next land event will be our annual General Meeting and Spring Cocktail Party at the Bay Shore Yacht Club. Our hospitality committee has a great event

planned and I am sure it will be a sell out. So get your reservations in early since capacity is limited at the yacht club.

If all goes as planned, the 2007 year books will be available at the April party. Rich Troy and his committee have been hard at work to produce an attractive and informative year book. I can tell you that the draft is great, the result of the hundreds of hours of work by our dedicated year book committee.

This season will be the first for three new pump-out boats on the South Shore. Two will be operated by the Town of Brookhaven and one by Town of Islip. Joel Becker and I have recently attended meetings with each town to discuss their operational plans and offer our advice and continued assistance to publicize the pump-out boats and improve land-based facilities. The towns have been very receptive to our suggestions. Now it is up to us to take advantage of these new facilities and demonstrate our willingness

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From the Regatta Captain

Aileen Eppig

SBCC Spring Skippers' Meeting

Tuesday May 1, 2007

1900 - West Islip Public Library

Revised Schedule and Revised Sailing Instructions.

All skipper and crews are welcome.

The Northport Yacht Club and the Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS) are presenting a two part seminar explaining how to manage a sailboat race course.

This seminar is titled: *Race Course Management 101*; and will be given by Mr. Bill Kirkpatrick, Race Management Chair for the YRALIS, and also the Area B Officer for U.S. Sailing

The seminar will illustrate how to establish a course to include; pin placement, starting sequence, horn and flag etiquette and tie breakers, etc. This will be very informative for beginners, and will be an excellent refresher for those who want to move on to US Sailing Race Officer Certification. Please note: completing this seminar does NOT lead to US Sailing Race Officer Certification; it is intended for those with limited race committee

experience.

This seminar is open to our members who are interested in eventually becoming race officers or who just want to know how to set up a race course for their own club. Race Committee's for Wednesday nights or Tri-club races on Sunday mornings are always in need of PRO'S (Principal Race Officers), assistants to hoist flags, or operators to run mark boats. These courses will give you the skills and confidence to become a valuable member of the Race Committee, as well as providing information that will assist you on the race course.

Participants should have a copy of the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, and the current version of US Sailing's *Join the Race Committee*. These are available from US Sailing (www.ussailing.org) and West Marine.

The seminar will take place on April 19, 2007, and May 3, 2007, at 7:30pm, at the Northport Yacht Club, Bluff Point Road, Northport, NY. Interest should be directed to Tom Bolen @ tangled@optonline.net, or 261.7633

Aileen 🏠

KNOT CHALLENGED?

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<http://www.animatedknots.com/indexboating.php?LogolImage+LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com>

Hospitality & Programming

Flori Grottoli & Frank Peter

ALL ABOARD!!!

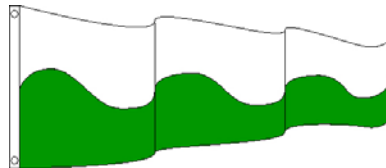
Don't Forget - The Spring Cocktail Culinary "Cruise" is sailing from the Bay Shore Yacht Club on April 21st at 4 p.m. and it promises to be a gastronomic delight! **Deadline to send your check for \$22 is April 14th.** Remember, space is limited!

We are still in need of bakers...so please call Flori at 631-587-2078 and let me know what you will be bringing. All SBCC desserts are welcome!

Also, now is the time to volunteer a small amount of your time for the party. Help us serve, setup, or cleanup. Please call me to volunteer....it truly is a fun experience!

See you at the party!

Flori



NOAA Weather Facilities Tour & Presentation

April 14, 2007

1700 hours

Brookhaven National Labs

Center St Upton, N.Y.

Attendance Limited to 30

Driver's license required for Identification

RSVP captain365@yahoo.com

Membership Committee

John Holst

We are off to a great start in 2007. So far we have eight new members and two associates have upgraded to regular membership. Let's keep the momentum going and continue to invite fellow sailors to join our wonderful organization.

The results of the 2006 Survey are complete and have been a big help to the board and committee chairs. A total of 74 surveys were returned which represents 32% of the club membership. There were 44 members who volunteered to help on the various committees.

I would like to apologize to the Masthead and Pump-out committees for leaving them off the survey. Both do a great job for the club and if anybody is interested in volunteering for them please contact the chairperson. Thank you to everyone who participated.

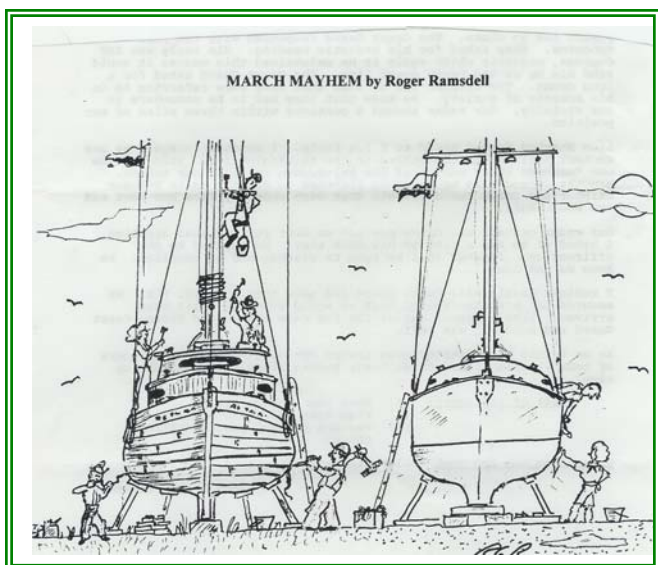
There are still 48 members who have not sent in their dues. The reason the dues are due by January 31st is that starting February the club has to start paying bills such as taxes, insurance, yearbook printing, printing and postage for the **MASTHEAD**.

As a reminder a second notice has been mailed to those who are delinquent please return them ASAP.

See you on The Bay!!!

		Just Right	Not Enough	No Opinion
Club Events	Too Many			
Cruises	1.35%	48.65%	5.41%	37.84%
Parties	0.00%	64.86%	4.05%	24.32%
Races	6.76%	29.73%	6.76%	50.00%
Rendezvous	4.05%	58.11%	0.00%	29.73%
Educational				
Seminars	0.00%	17.57%	36.49%	39.19%
Youth Activities	0.00%	6.76%	17.57%	68.92%

Committee	Volunteer Total	Committee	Volunteer Total
Cruising	6	Regatta	2
GSBYRA *	3	Storekeeper	0
Handicap, Scoring & Measurement	3	SSER CAC	3
Historian	1	Liaison **	0
Hospitality	12	Trophy	0
Mailing	0	Welcoming	3
Membership	3	Yearbook	5
Program	1	Webmaster	0
Protest	1	Pump-out	1
		Masthead	0



With the late onset of Winter I'm renaming this Roger Ramsdell drawing "April Madness!!!" Looking forward to seeing you all on The Bay by Commissioning Day - Monday May 28 at Babylon Yacht Club.

Over The Bowsprit

April

- Saturday 14 - NOAA Tour - Brookhaven National Lab, Upton, NY, 1700
- Thursday 19 - Race Management Seminar Pt. 1, Northport Yacht Club, 1930
- Saturday 21 - Spring Cocktail Party & General Meeting, Bay Shore Yacht Club, 1600
- Monday 23 - Deadline for May **MASTHEAD**
- Saturday 28 - Rendezvous, Davis Park, **Vixen**
- Monday 30 - SBCC Board Meeting, West Islip Public Library 19:30

May

- Thursday 3 - Race Management Seminar Pt. 2, Northport Yacht Club, 1930
- Saturday 5 - "Dark & Stormy", Unqua Heading, **Mistress**
- Saturday 12 - Rendezvous, Atlantique, **Counterpoint**
- Tuesday 15 - Bay Shore Twilight Spring 1, **Manko**, 1930
- Thursday 17 - Babylon Twilight Spring 1, **Duffy**, 1930
- Saturday 19 - "Margaritaville", Bellport, **Maggie Lee**
- Tuesday 22 Bay Shore Twilight Spring 2, **Grauer**, 1930
- Thursday 24 - Babylon Twilight Spring 2, **Marinaccio**, 1930
- Saturday 26 - Rendezvous, Connetquot River, **Silent P**
- Sunday 27 - Opener Rendezvous, Willets Creek, **Dream Voyager**
Corinthian, Rendich, Babylon, 1300
- Monday 28 - Creepstakes, Eppig, Babylon, 1100
Commissioning - Babylon Yacht Club, 1200
- Tuesday 29 - Bay Shore Twilight 3, **Eppig**, 1930
- Wednesday 30 - Babylon Twilight 3, **Marinaccio**, 1930
Deadline for May **MASTHEAD**
SBCC Board Meeting, West Islip Public Library 19:30

**South Bay Cruising Club
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
March 10, 2007
Snapper Inn, Oakdale, New York
19:30**

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

Officers Excused: Jeff Mattera, Treasurer

Governors Present: Joyce Gotard, Bob Shepard, Dennis Krug,

Governors Excused: Bob Forman, Richard La Torre, Richard La Bella and Sally Eilbeck

Committee Chairpersons Present: Dave Tedesco, Fleet Captain; Rev. Dick Parker, Chaplain; William Grauer, Handicap; Sue Montana, Storekeeper; Don Metznik, Welcoming; Tom Gotard, Historian; Della Bucher, Trophy; Ed & Helen Pshedsky, Mailing; John Holst, Membership; Mike Duffy, Scoring; Flori Grottoli, Hospitality; Rich Troy, Yearbook; Dr. Jennifer De Marco, Fleet Surgeon; Program Committee, Frank Peter

Committee Chairpersons Excused: John Davis, GSBYRA Representative; Barry Pittman, Protest; Aileen Eppig, Regatta; Belle Baxter, Corresponding Secretary

1. Commencement of the Meeting

A quorum being present, Commodore Van Tassel commenced the meeting at 19:30.

2. Approval of the Minutes

By motion, seconded and adopted the reading of the Minutes of the December 9 General Meeting was waived and the Minutes were approved.

3. Report of the Treasurer

Treasurer, Jeff Mattera was not present.

4. Report of the Fleet Captain

Fleet Captain Dave Tedesco reported that there are four cruises lined up for this year. Frank Peter will captain the four week cruise in June to the Chesapeake. The two week cruise will begin in July and will head to New York City and Connecticut. Commodore Van Tassel will lead another two week cruise in June that will include Marblehead and will spend the Fourth of July in Provincetown. The one week Great South Bay Cruise will take place in August and will be led by Della Bucher and Nancy Sherman. Twenty-seven rendezvous have been scheduled for this upcoming season.

5. Report of the Regatta Captain

Regatta Captain Aileen Eppig was not present.

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6. Report of the Membership Committee

Membership Chairman, John Holst reported that six new members have joined the club this year. Two associate members have become full members. Approximately 200 members have paid their dues (which were due on January 31). Anyone still owing dues can send them in as soon as possible.

7. Report of the Fleet Chaplain

Fleet Chaplain, Dick Parker had no report.

8. Report of the Program Committee

Program Committee Chairman, Frank Peter reported that there will be a Cruise Meeting on March 24th at West Islip Library. It is open to everyone and will include a presentation on cruising the ICW. Details were provided in this month's **MASTHEAD**.

9. Report of the Hospitality Committee

Hospitality Chair, Flori Grottoli reported that the Spring Cocktail Party will be held on April 21st at the Bay Shore Yacht Club. Invitations will be mailed out next week.

10. Report of the Fleet Surgeon

Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Jen DeMarco had no report.

11. Report of the Corresponding Secretary

Corresponding Secretary, Belle Baxter was not present.

12. Report of the Yearbook Committee

Yearbook Chairman, Richard Troy reported that the next meeting would be on Monday and that they are on track to deliver the Yearbooks at the Spring Party.

13. Report of the Historian

Historian, Tom Gotard had no report.

14. Report of the Storekeeper

Storekeeper, Sue Montana reported that members should let her know what items they would like to purchase with an SBCC logo. She is in the process of restocking the Store.

15. Report of the Trophy Committee

Trophy Chair, Della Bucher reported that she had spent all of the money allocated to the Trophy Committee.

16. Report of the GSBYRA Representative

GSBYRA Representative John Davis was not present.

17. Report of the Handicap Committee

Handicap Chair, Bill Grauer no report.

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18. Report of the Protest Committee

Protest Committee, Barry Pittman was not present.

19. Report of the Mailing Chair

Mailing Chair, Ed Pshedesky reported that a new permanent committee had been formed under the title "Member Development". The purpose of the committee is to advise the board on ways to promote new membership. The first act of the committee is to ask the membership to seek out new members this spring. A membership application is included in this month's **MASTHEAD** for that purpose.

20. Report of the Welcoming Committee

Welcoming Chairs, Marian & Don Metznik reported that new members Barbara and Bill Ludlum were present and welcomed them to the SBCC.

21. Report of the Scoring Committee

Scoring Chairman, Mike Duffy had no report.

22. Report of the Chantyman

Chantyman, Matt DeMarco had no report (however he did provide an a-cappella version of the "Cruise Song" to the delight of all present).

23. Governor's Reports

- A. Sally Eilbeck excused.
- B. Bob Forman excused.
- C. Joyce Gotard had no report.
- D. Richard LaBella excused.
- E. Richard LaTorre excused.
- F. Bob Shepard had no report.
- G. Dennis Krug had no report.

24. Report of the Vice Commodore

Vice Commodore, William 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 reported that the Weather Seminar to be held at Brookhaven National Laboratory is to be announced. He thanked the Program Committee and Hospitality Committee for tonight's event. He announced that the Leukemia Cup will be held at Sayville Yacht Club in August and Gary Jobson will be in attendance. There will be a cocktail party on June 10th at Sayville Yacht Club to promote the event. He offered congratulations to Joel Becker and the Pump-Out Committee. At a meeting with the Town of Brookhaven arrangements were begun to align pump out boats with the SBCC rendezvous schedule. There will be a meeting Monday to further discussions. In September 2008 there will be a mini OPSAIL in Bay Shore in honor of their Tri-Centennial.

27. Other Business/ New Business

Old business - none reported.

New business - none reported.

28. Schedule of Next Meeting and Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Commodore Van Tassel adjourned the meeting at 2000.

Laura LaTorre

Recording Secretary

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to improve the water quality of the Bay and surrounding waters.

Many of our members have contacted me regarding the recent announcement by Brookhaven and Islip to pursue having the Great South Bay designated a No Discharge Zone (NDZ). As I understand the NDZ designation, no boat sewage waste, whether treated or not, would be permitted to be discharged into the bay. Gray water from showers and sinks would still be allowed. Since only sewage treated by Type 1 (Electrosan type) and type 2 (more sophisticated) marine sanitation devices (MSD's) can now legally pump overboard, it is only these units which will be effected. The NDZ designation does not address the major sources of pollution such as inadequate cesspools and fertilizer run-off. I encourage our members to become familiar with the NDZ designation,

particularly if you are contemplating modifying or upgrading your on-board marine head.

I am pleased to report that those of us that live on the west end of the Bay with tall masts should shortly be able to once again pass under the Robert Moses Bridge. The DOT has advised that the painting of the bottom of the center span is finished and once the final inspection is completed the scaffolding will be removed. This should happen by mid April.

I look forward to see everyone at the General Meeting and Spring Cocktail party. The Hospitality Committee has a great event planned and I am sure it will be a sell out. So get your reservations in early since capacity is limited at the yacht club.

Bob 

The Scoop on the Poop

Pump-Out Initiative Status Report

We have made great progress in improving pump out facilities in Southwest Suffolk County. We have continued meeting with Islip and Brookhaven town officials to optimize the utilization of the boats they acquired last year

As a result of our initiative, Islip acquired and operated a pump-out boat with great success at the end of the 2006 boating season and is in the process of installing a new pump-out station in Brown's River. East Islip will be dredged and the Bay Shore station might be moved to make it more accessible. Paul, the Islip town boat operator, will be returning for 2007, and will be operating the boat on weekends from Memorial Day through Labor Day. We hope that we convince the town to extend the season. The "Islip Pump-Out Boat" can be called on VHF Channel 73 during its regular hours.

In November, Brookhaven took delivery of two pump-out boats for use on the South Shore. They will be in service for the 2007 boating season. One will be stationed at Cory Creek near Blue Point and the other in Mastic. Brookhaven has indicated they will consider extending the summer season.

Babylon upgraded the land-based unit at Tanner Park.

The committee is actively looking for new members to help with this worthwhile initiative. If you would like to join the club members who are already working together, please contact Joel Becker. A concerned group of boaters has been communicating the status of various pump-out facilities via the following: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pumpoutfacilitystatus/> this site would enable members who join the group to post and receive updates on the status of all facilities on the Bay.

Flotsam & Jetsam

WANTED - Volunteers to help with the MASTHEAD. There's plenty to be done, some computer literacy is required. Please contact me, Belle Baxter at 631-661-3621 or belbax@suffolk.lib.ny.us if you're interested.

From the Fleet Surgeon

Jennifer DeMarco, DO

TICK-BORNE DISEASES IN NEW YORK STATE

It's time for a reminder that tick activity and risk of tick-borne disease transmission are at their highest from April to November. Most common is Lyme disease from the deer tick carrying the Lyme bacterial pathogen *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Less common diseases that you should be aware of and that come from a variety of ticks include Babesiosis, Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Human Monocytic Ehrlichiosis, and Tularemia.

If you know you have been exposed to a tick, you should see your physician, especially if you have symptoms. Symptoms to watch for include, but are not limited to: fever, chills, headache, fatigue, myalgias (muscle aches), arthralgias (joint pain), and/or a rash. Remember it is not typical to have the flu during the summer, so if you have flu-like symptoms see your doctor. Symptoms are likely to occur within several days to several weeks after exposure.

If you remove a tick from your skin you should try to save it in a jar or small bag for proper identification by your doctor, especially in the event you become ill. People most at risk, are the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems.

The best defense against tick borne disease is regular tick checks. Light colored clothes, long sleeves, and long pants can also help as preventive measures. Of course insect repellents are useful, but please use these responsibly as they can cause toxic and allergic reactions. Spray repellents only outdoors, away from children, don't spray your face or open skin, and wash off repellent at the end of the day.

**GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY APRIL 21 AT THE SPRING COCKTAIL PARTY**

The Rigging Locker

For Sale: *Salt Heart*, 27' Catalina, 1980, new 22 hp 3 cyl. Universal Diesel, new radio & compass, roller furling, dodger, cockpit rain cover & cushions, bimini 6 sales, 3 jibs, spinnaker, pole & drifter.

Price: Asking \$11,500

Contact: Joe McCormack at 631-563-1326

For Sale: *Courageous* 1983 Morgan 366 C/B performance cruiser, rebuilt Universal 25HP '05, new hot water heater & heat exchanger, new RAYMARINE electronics package, chart plotter, folding prop, racing bottom. One main 5 genoas, 3 spinnakers.

Price: Asking \$55,000

Contact: Mike or Jenn Einsetler at 631-539-4331.

For Sale: *NEVERMORE II*, 1985 Mark 25, 25 foot shoal draft (3') fractional rig, displacement 4100 lbs., 2 Evinrude 8hp outboards, sleeps 5, galley, porta potty, cradle, sails easily and can be single-handed, VHF, knot meter, depth finder, cockpit cushions. Good race record. Nice cruising boat.

Price: \$8,800

Contact: Bill Ludlum at 631-472-0270 or bbludlum@aol.com

For Sale: 10' sprit rigged sailing dinghy. This boat is one of several "Little Dipper" class boats built by Cruising Club members. It is very stable and sails and rows well.

Price: \$475.

Contact: Bob Van Tassel, 516-551-4712

Listings in The Rigging Locker are for nautical items for sale by **SBCC MEMBERS ONLY**. Ads will run for 3 months only unless an extension is requested. Send the written advertisement by mail to:

Belle Baxter

28 Shore Road

Babylon, NY 11702

Or email to: belbaxt@suffolk.lib.ny.us

FROM THE MASTHEAD

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