

South Bay Cruising Club

From The Masthead



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From the Helm

Bob Van Tassel

I am pleased to report that the SBCC sailing season has officially started with Barbara and Frank Peter hosting our first rendezvous at Davis Park April 28. **WINDQUEST** was not quite commissioned in time for this event, but we look forward to joining everyone at the next rendezvous to be held at Unqua Heading. Our Fleet Captain and rendezvous hosts have some great events planned, so check the SBCC rendezvous schedule and come out and join the fun.

Our racing schedule kicks off the week of May 14th with the Bay Shore and Babylon Twilight series. If you have never done a race, I can attest that they are a lot of fun and a great way to learn how to sail your boat well. If you need some help in getting started racing or would like to crew, give our Regatta Captain Aileen Eppig a call.

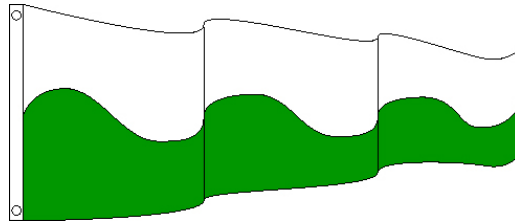
and her hospitality committee put together such great events, but they did it again with specialty foods, beers and wine from around the world. Congratulations to Flori and her dedicated committee for a super event.

Congratulations are also deserved for a job well done to Rich Troy and his yearbook committee. This year's book is outstanding! We view our year book as our "clubhouse" and it takes a tremendous effort by the yearbook committee to produce such a fine publication. The books were ready in time for the Spring Cocktail party and were distributed to all attending. The books will also be available at Commissioning Day, so make sure you pick up your copy. Rich also has a limited number of extra 2006 yearbooks available if you would like one give him a call.

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The spring cocktail party was held on the 21st of April at the Bay Shore Yacht Club. Over 115 members enjoyed a glorious sunny day with food and drink aplenty. I don't know how Flori



South Bay Cruising Club Commissioning Day 2007

Hospitality is now busy organizing our most traditional of gatherings, Commissioning Day. This event will be held on May 28, 2006 at the Babylon Yacht Club. Please come join us for

- 10:30 - 1400 Hours - Salty Sam Swap
- 1100 Hours - Creepstakes Race, Babylon Start
- 1200 Hours - Hospitality Food Service Begins
- 1400 Hours - General Meeting and Commissioning Ceremonies at

Monday, May 28, 2007

Babylon Yacht Club

Foot of Eaton Lane, West Islip, NY

Hot dogs, sandwiches, salads and desserts will be the food items for sale throughout the day. Beer, soda, coffee and tea will be provided free of charge.

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct vessels inspections and talk about the proper use of flares and fire extinguishers.

Invitations will be in the mail soon with more details.

A final important note on Commissioning Day Burgee Protocol: Your individual South Bay Cruising Club Burgees should not be raised until the Club's ensign is flying from a flagpole at the Babylon Yacht Club.

From the Regatta Captain

Aileen Eppig

The Skippers Meeting was Tuesday, May 2 at the West Islip Library. Guest speaker Bill Kirkpatrick spoke about the different ways to shorten races correctly. He is a US Sailing speaker who usually runs the race certification classes.

Our Racing Season starts May 15 in Bay Shore and May 17 in Babylon. The first weekend races are The Corinthian Race on Sunday, May 27 in Nicoll Bay, followed by the Creepstakes (single-handed) race on Monday May 28 in Babylon and the Smith Distance Race on June 2.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the regatta committee and of few others such as Joe Mullé who is Babylon Yacht Club regatta chair. It was easy working with Joe. He also reports that GSBYRA Men's Women's & Match Racing championship races are scheduled for Saturday June 2nd & info will be available shortly on GSBYRA's web site. The Babylon Yacht Club is looking forward to a good turn out from other clubs.

A number of racing boats are going to be sailing their spinnakers this year. This will be a joy to see.

Aileen Eppig 🏆

GSBYRA

John Davis

If you are checking out the 2007 schedule in the new yearbook or on the SBCC website, you are probably marking your calendar with the events that arouse your interest. One of my favorites this year will be the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association Race Week hosted by our friends at Bay Shore Yacht Club on July 26- 29.

The SBCC will be helping out with this event by providing committee boats and scoring for the PHRF division. Team spirited associate Michael Simon has offered us dock space for participating boats in need of a calm, deep water berth between races. Babylon Yacht Club has also volunteered dockage for boats joining the event. We will be getting all the details out to you a few weeks before Race Week, but set aside the dates now so you won't miss out.

Much earlier on the schedule will be the GSBYRA Championship Races hosted by Babylon Yacht Club on Saturday, June 2nd. The day will include the **Fenner Bowl** (men's championship), **Furman Cup** (match racing), and the **Henry Morgan Bowl** (women's championship). All races will be sailed in GSBYRA and privately owned *Flying Scott* class boats. Two GSBYRA owned boats are available to clubs without their own boat for a fee of \$100.00. All boats shall use matching sails owned by the GSBYRA.

Although only one team from each GSBYRA member club may enter each event, crew positions will be available on other boats. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the *Flying Scott* fleet. For more information, go to gsbyra.org or babylonyachtclub.org and click Regatta.

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

From the Fleet Captain

Dave Tedesco

I don't know about you, but the cold, raw March and April weather has caught me unprepared for the April 30 deadline to get *Phoebe Rose* in the water. My Spring boat prep is still not finished; I still have to rewire the bilge pump and do some rudder repair work prior to launch, which is only 5 days away! I'm also trying to get *Painkiller* ready for pick-up by her new owner.

Two winter highlights were the Cruising Awards dinner on March 10 at the Snapper Inn, and the Cruise Meeting on March 24 at the West Islip Public Library. Dennis & Adrian Krug and Bob Van Tassel did a great presentation on cruising the ICW and the Bahamas. And then there was the Spring Cocktail Party on April 21. What gorgeous weather and what delicious food to rekindle relationships with friends we haven't seen all winter. Thank you Flori and the Hospitality Committee!! That was one of the more memorable parties that June and I could remember.

We also have a great lineup of cruises to look forward to this summer! Whether you are an endurance sailor, a leisurely cruiser,

or a Bay cruiser, we've got something that will fit the bill for you this year.

- Frank Peter is leading a four week cruise to the Chesapeake beginning June 2.
- Bob Van Tassel will be leading a two week cruise to Marblehead, MA beginning around June 28 or 30.
- Rich Troy will be leading a two week cruise around Long Island beginning July 6 & 7.
- Della Bucher and Nancy Sherman will be leading the one week Around-the-Bay Cruise beginning August 12.

The Rendezvous season also got underway this April 28 at Davis Park. It is the first of 28 rendezvous planned from now until October. Come out and meet your old SBCC friends and meet new ones at the raft-ups. I've gleaned so much knowledge just from listening to the more experienced sailors talking...

...because it's all about sailing!

Dave 

Ship's Store

Sue Montana

Is your burgee REALLY ready for Commissioning Day? Still haven't gotten your SBCC tie at that special price? Have you heard rumors that there will be some new SBCC items debuting at the SBCC Commissioning Day Party? Contact the Storekeeper at thesuemt@optonline.net, or phone 631-567-7028 if you can't wait, or if there are other SBCC items you are interested in purchasing.

Two-Week Around Long Island Cruise

Rich Trov

Why cruise around Long Island?

- Long Island is blessed with some of the best boating and beach destinations!
- Come see some of America's most expensive homes "up close and personal", from the comfort of your boat!
- Enjoy the wide range of scenery available: From the beautiful steel canyons of Manhattan to the idyllic landscapes of the East End.
- Be near to your family and friends, so they can join you for parts of the trip.
- If you want an extended trip, leave your boat on a mooring along the way, go back to your "day job" obligations, then return to your boat on subsequent weekends while you make your way back to home port.

We're planning on leaving Saturday July 7th and returning Sunday July 21st. Most of the time we will be alternating between a travel day and a "lay day" at our destination port. Our destinations currently include Zach's Bay, Sheepshead Bay, City Island (or Port Washington), Oyster Bay, Cold Spring Harbor, Northport, Port Jefferson, Mattituck, Sag Harbor, Montauk, and Shinnecock. Almost all allow an easy walk into the shops and restaurants of the towns. Tours of the lovely destinations are planned, using our boats as tour vehicles. One planned tour includes the Thimbles, very large rock islands with houses just east of New Haven - scenery that should look more like the Maine coast than something near at hand to Long Island. Other planned tours will go past the docks of some very expensive real estate.

This will be the 5th cruise around Long Island for *Fun Sway*, so the waypoints are "locked and loaded".

So far the following folks have expressed an interest in attending this cruise: Barbara & Charlie Becker, Chris & Sandy Carlberg, Tom & Joyce Gotard, Jerry & Jean Holwell, Don & Marian Metznik, Dick Parker, Alan Sherman, and Dave & June Tedesco.

If you are interested in attending, please contact me by email to 'richa@newsguy.com' right away. Please be sure your email has 'SBCC Two Week Cruise' in the subject line.

A special request to our SBCC members: Please let me know if you have friends or contacts at those destinations that can get us discounts on dock space, mooring space, or other benefits along the way.

Atlantique Update

Charlie & Barbara Becker

This year Islip Town residents will be required to get a \$20 Atlantique Beach Marina permit. These permits will be processed by MAIL ONLY! To receive an application for the permit call the Town of Islip Parks & Recreation (Marquerite Coddington) at 224-5413.

The NEW mooring fees are:

RESIDENTS

	Mon-Thurs.	Fri/Sat/Sun.& Holidays
A Berth (15' or wider)	\$42.00	\$49.00
B Berth (11' to 15')	\$34.00	\$40.00
C Berth (less than 11')	\$25.00	\$31.00

NON-RESIDENTS

	Mon-Thurs.	Fri/Sat/Sun.& Holidays
A Berth (15' or wider)	\$75.00	\$81.25
B Berth (11' to 15')	\$60.00	\$70.00
C Berth (less than 11')	\$44.00	\$59.00

(All fees include electricity)

Discounted Sundays for residents only on the following dates:

June 3, 10, 17: September 16, 23, 30

A Berth-\$31.00 B Berth-\$24.00 C Berth-\$19.00

The town has also changed the number of consecutive days a boat can stay in the marina and a new payment procedure. They are trying to eliminate the number of boats that "are left there" with no one on board.

Salty Sam

Carole Sheppard & Barbara Peter

On Commissioning Day, the SBCC traditionally held an auction or tag sale of "all things nautical". We haven't done this in awhile and thought that your garages, basements, lockers, and storage sheds must be filled with great STUFF that you are not using. Gather it all up and bring it to the Babylon Yacht Club on Monday, May 28th, where it will be tagged with your sail number and the asking price. If it sells, you will receive 90% and the SBCC will receive 10% of the sale price. If it doesn't sell, you get to take it back home and store it for another year. Look for us starting at 10:30 on the east side of the club if it's sunny, or on the porch if it's rainy. Remember: ALL things nautical.

Over The Bowsprit

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May		1	2	3	4	5 Dark & Stormy Unqua Heading <i>Mistress</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Rendezvous Atlantique <i>Counterpointe</i>
13	14	15 Bay Shore Twilight Spring 1 1930 <i>Manko</i>	16	17 Babylon Twilight Spring 1 1930 <i>Padden</i>	18	19 Margaritaville Bellport <i>Maggie Lee</i> Short Races 1200 Bay Shore <i>Grauer</i>
20	21 Deadline for June MASTHEAD	22 Bay Shore Twilight Spring 2 1930 <i>Grauer</i>	23	24 Babylon Twilight Spring 2 1930 <i>Marinnaccio</i>	25	26 Rendezvous Connetquot River <i>Silent P</i>
27 The Opener Willetts Creek <i>Chillin</i> Corinthian Race, 1100 Nicoll Bay <i>Rendich</i>	28 Commissioning Day Babylon Yacht Club - <i>Hospitality</i> Creepstakes 1100 Babylon <i>Eppig</i>	29 Bay Shore Twilight Spring 3 1930 <i>Eppig</i>	30 SBCC Board Meeting West Islip Public Library 19:30	31 Babylon Twilight Spring 3 1930 <i>Marinnaccio</i>		

Hospitality

Flori Grottoli

I've heard from many members that attended the Spring Cocktail Party Culinary Cruise and I am pleased to report the event was well received. Everyone found the food to be tasty and the beer selection fun.

As always, many many thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to insure a great party. Without them nothing gets done.

And kudos to our bakers who brought us many unique and delectably delicious desserts!

A silver bracelet was found at the Spring Party. Please see Flori if it belongs to you.

Over The Bowsprit

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June					1	2 Spring Family Weekend Watch Hill Arcadia 4 Week Cruise Sore Thumb Vixen Smith Trophy 1200 Bay Shore <i>Davis</i>
3 Spring Family Race, TBA <i>Christiansen</i>	4	5 Bay Shore Twilight Spring 4 19:30 <i>Grauer</i>	6	7 Babylon Twilight Spring 4 19:30 <i>Grauer</i>	8	9 Rendezvous Oak Island Fenian
10	11	12 Bay Shore Twilight Summer 1 19:30 <i>LaTorre</i>	13	14 Babylon Twilight Summer 1 19:30 <i>Capitain</i>	15 Babylon Cup 18:30 <i>Capitain</i>	16 Rendezvous, Hemlock Cove Silhouette
17	18 Deadline for July MASTHEAD	19 Bay Shore Twilight Summer 2 19:30 <i>LaTorre</i>	20	21 Babylon Twilight Summer 2 19:30 <i>Morgan</i>	22	23 Rendezvous Bellport Dodona
24 Commodore's Cup, 1200, Nicoll Bay <i>Hartnett</i>	25 SBCC Board Meeting West Islip Public Library 19:30	26 Bay Shore Twilight Summer 3 19:30 <i>Padden</i>	27	28 Babylon Twilight Summer 3 19:30 <i>Schneller</i>	29	30 Sing or Swizzle Hemlock Cove Grace 2 Week Cruise Sore Thumb WINDQUEST BYC Inviational

Shinnecock Gin Pole Update

Joyce & Tom Gotard

Recently Tom & Joyce Gotard and some friends took advantage of a nice Spring day and went out East to the Shinnecock area where they were entertained by the antics of about half a dozen seals at the inlet waters. They took a look at the locks and the gin pole site and were happy to see that Suffolk County has relocated the Southern gin pole to a more favorable position. The previous location required sailors to maneuver their boats into a narrow slip off the canal with the bow facing West and then to back out into the current which could be quite strong depending on the time of day. Of course you would be having your mast protruding either off your bow or off your stern.

Just thinking about it gives most sailors feelings of discomfort. Now they can dock broadside to the West bulkhead under the roadway facing North, lower the mast and be on your way continuing straight ahead to the locks. This new position may help to influence your decision to use the locks this year.

New Members

Marian & Don Metzник

The following new members were voted in at the last Board Meeting:

Alan and Sherman

76 Shore Road, Patchogue, NY 11772

631-289-0411, asherman13@yahoo.com

Yacht: **Elaine N Me**, Hunter 310, 31' Sail #13, Home Port - Patchogue

Sponsors: Bob & Carole Sheppard, Dennis & Adriana Krug

Jonathan Bartow

239 Fire Island Avenue, Babylon, NY 11702

631-277-2504, bartow67@earthline.net

Yacht: **South Bound**, Pearson 26, Sail #4817, Home Port - Babylon

Sponsors: Rick LaTorre and Dan Mc Millan

Please welcome them. 🍷

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Mike Duffy has created a CD with all the photos that could not be put in the yearbook due to space limitations and had these available for everyone at the spring party. I believe there are several hundred photos of SBCC events on the CD! Please contact Mike if you would like a copy. Thank you Mike for making these available.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our program chair Frank Peter, for organizing a very informative weather seminar which was held at the National Weather Service Station at Upton NY (I now know where Upton is!). About 20 of our members drove out to Brookhaven National Laboratory and were able to see first hand how our weather is predicted and how it is made available to the public. There was a special emphasis in how marine weather data is collected and how it impacts boaters in our area. We were informed that the marine weather now includes a special forecast for the South Shore Bays. Data collection is limited for this area and the National Weather Service is seeking observations from local sailors. To report weather activity on the water or a discrepancy in a forecast don't hesitate to call 800-226-0218. A meteorologist will be on-call 24/7.

Commissioning Day for the SBCC will be held at the Babylon Yacht Club on Monday, May 28th. The day will begin with our traditional single handed "Creepstakes" Race at 1100 hours with the general meeting and Commissioning ceremonies at 1400. Our hospitality committee will have food and drink available beginning at 1200 hours.

This year we will be having a "Salty Sam" at Commissioning Day, so plan to bring down all that marine gear in the garage and attic you're not using. This is a great opportunity to move some items from your garage to another member's garage! Please refer to the announcement in this MASTHEAD for details.

I am sorry to say that I was a premature in advising that the center span of the Robert Moses Bridge would be open in April. Due to the poor weather this past month the scaffolding will not be cleared until the promised date of May 25th. All bridge work will not be completed by then, but provisions will be made to open the middle of the center span.

Bob 

Flotsam & Jetsam

The Editor

My thanks to Jarrett Fifeld who enthusiastically volunteered to help with the MASTHEAD. I look forward to working with him.

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: 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

For Sale - 1986 Newport 30 MkIII One owner. Yard maintained. Many upgrades. Newer main, 110% jib on re-built Harken furling. Universal 18 diesel, 3 blade prop. New battery system with monitor & charger, 3 burner propane stove. Dodger and cockpit cover. Complete cockpit enclosure. Custom closed cell foam cockpit cushion. Depth sounder, Icom VHF with remote, Loran, GPS. New sandvick interior lights & interior cushions. Norcold ac/dc refrigeration. Hot/cold pressure water. Shower. New head, much more. Dingy and motor also available

Price - Asking \$27,500

Contact - Larry Lowy at 516-317-6579 or lowy53@optonline.net

For Sale - O'DAY 322, 1988 sloop, *Saga* wing keel, very clean, lightly sailed, cruising equipped, 16 HP Yanmar diesel, all canvas, North full batten main, sleeps 6, AB refrigerator, two burner propane stove & oven, many extras, equipment list available.

Price - Asking \$36,000

Contact - Ray Rothaug, 631-277-5154, rayroth@optonline.net

For Sale - 1983 Wavelength 24, *Redneck* hull #26 formerly owned by Capt. John Williams. Newly refurbished and ready to race! New (2006) 3.3 Mercury Outboard and Aramid tape drive sails. Equipment list available.

Price - Asking \$15,550

Contact - Daria Williams @ tkinc11795@aol.com or 631-422-4453

For Sale - Montague CX folding bicycle. 26" wheels, 18" frame, 21 speeds. New in 2002 & used 1 summer

Price - \$300

Contact - Jerry Holwell at 631-581-1823

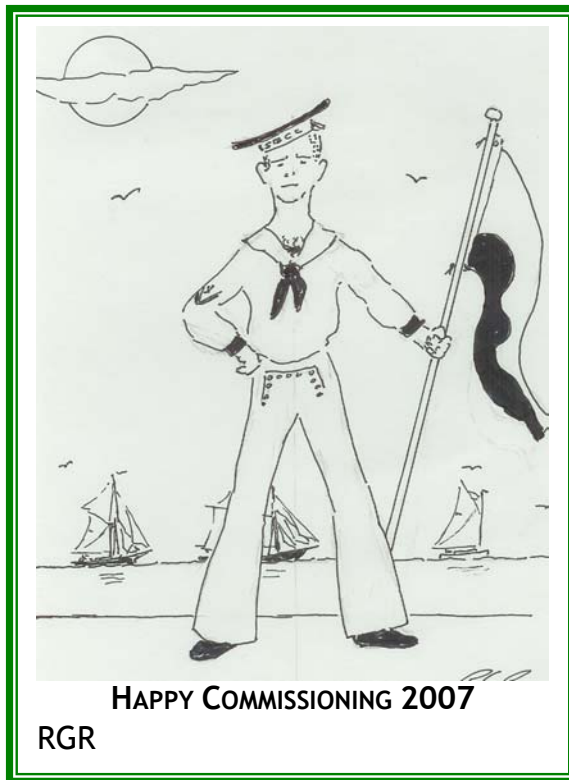
Listings in The Rigging Locker are for nautical items for sale by **SBCC MEMBERS ONLY**. Ads will run for 3 months only unless an extension is requested. Send the written advertisement by mail to:

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



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