

South Bay Cruising Club

From The Masthead



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From the Helm

Bill Grauer

Preparations are going full-steam for the 2008 sailing season. All the committees are making their plans and reaching out for volunteers.

Our first two official activities; the New Year's, Ed Brooks Memorial Race, and the 'Change of Watch Brunch and General Meeting' have been successfully held. Within these pages John Holst will be reporting on the Race and Aileen Eppig will give us details on the Brunch. I was at both events and they were great events, due in large part to the members who gave their time to set it up. Thanks to all of you.

By the time you receive this, our third event - the Eric Forsyth video presentation of his cruise to the Antarctic - will have taken place. Thank you Eric.

Coming up in the very near future is the Race Awards, which will take place on Feb 5 at Mustang Sally's in West Islip.

Please put Sunday, March 2 on your calendar. On that date we will be hosting an all-day educational seminar with the main topic being marine weather forecasting. The speaker will be the well known Ken Campbell of 'Commander's Weather'. Also speaking will be Tom Castiglione from North Sails who will give a short talk on new sail trim techniques. This event will take place in the state-of-the-art Boulton Center in Bay Shore. Please visit your SBCC website (www.sbccsail.org) to see the photo of the interior of this beautiful facility.

That will be followed very quickly by the Cruise awards which will be on March 7, at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore. Whether you are getting an award or not, both the cruise awards dinner and the race awards buffet are fun events and I encourage you to attend.

In this issue of the Masthead you will also find the dates of some of our key events so that you can make early plans to be involved.

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Fleet Captain

Della Bucher

It's 2008 and I celebrate 10 years enjoying the people and events that make up a Great South Bay Cruising Club and a new assignment as Fleet Captain. I've been busy asking you all to host rendezvous during the sailing season. Thank you to all who have volunteered. Our schedule is full. YES! I love to shake things up a bit so here is one date to star on you calendars....

May 10th is the Saturday before Mother's Day sooo it's "Mom's day off—Dad's in the galley." There will be no host boat, but we'll meet and raft up in the "River" and the men will do the ladies proud. Start planning boys!!

Our young cruisers have an advocate in Mike Duffy and his Youth Committee. They are planning some fun and interesting events for the kids to participate in during a few rendezvous. We are hoping to entice your children, grandchildren and their friends to learn about and enjoy some games and to enter into the sailing heritage of SBCC. The Spring Family Rendezvous, June 2nd at Watch Hill will kick off this new venture with some games to make our small sailors aware of what makes up their floating weekend homes. July 17th in Hemlock Cove and again one day during the One Week Cruise on the Bay plans are to have sailing dinghy instruction and possibly a race. (Adults would be in the dinghy if needed) This would round out this new undertaking by the club. Please Captains, if you have young children in your lives, bring them to participate in this revived program... These events will begin at 1300 hrs - so come early. The adults rendezvous will begin as usual at 1600 hrs+ The One Week cruise on the Bay has always been a favorite of the club. I am looking for cruise captains. The week begins Sunday August 10th -16th. Please let me know if you're interested in planning and running this wonderful week for your fellow sailors. I am also looking for a Captain to plan a second off the bay cruise for either two or three weeks. The Habanero Captains are doing the first two week cruise which will leave the bay on June 20th. I will announce a cruise meeting some time in March. Look for this date to be announced either through the e-mail method or by Masthead. And so sailors...

It may be Winter with our boats on the hard
While we're off for adventure with our pard.
But time marches on toward Spring
And we begin boat sprucing up - Kaching, Kaching!!
So dream on sailors, dream on
For white sails and sparkling waters
You'll soon be sailing upon.

Della

From the Regatta Captain

John Holst

The New Year and the 2008 racing season are already off to a good start. The annual Ed Brooks Memorial race took place on New Years day. Five crews braved the elements to race from the Babylon town dock out to G9 and back. Mother Nature threw everything at us: cold, 20-30kt winds, rain, 3ft chop with waves breaking onto the dock, fog, a 90 degree wind shift and eventually no wind. Despite it all, 30 spectators and 30 racers seized the moment and enjoyed the day. After the race we retreated to Pier 44 for warmth, food, and drink.

I would like to thank Aileen Eppig for graciously donating three bottles of Champagne for the awards. Thanks to the crew of Whitecap that came out to help me run the race. Congratulations to Harry Manko and crew for the first win of the 2008 season.

The Regatta committee has already met three times and spent many hours preparing for the 2008 season. All of our contributions to the yearbook have been submitted and are in the proofing process as I write this article. We have implemented some changes and I would like to take a moment to explain why changes were necessary and what was changed.

On December 1st I attended the US Sailing Race Management class. It was excellent and I learned a great deal about what it takes to host a successful event. I believe that past SBCC Regatta Committee's have done an outstanding job of delivering a significant racing program while making it look very easy. I hope to follow in those footsteps.

However, I was surprised when the instructor poked fun at the SBCC for our usage of the signal flags. He said we were a throw back to the old rules and not a club to be emulated. I took offence, but being new in the position just listened. During the break I talked with the instructor to understand his criticism.

Upon reviewing the RSS and the SBCC NOR more carefully, indeed there were conflicts with the A, C, F, H, and I flags. I consulted with some of the more experienced racers in the club to see what they thought. I wanted to understand if this was a big deal or not. What kind of changes could be made and what the impact might be.

The conclusion was that we were doing a disservice to our skippers and to any visiting skippers by utilizing outdated practices and not documenting them correctly.

Basically we had two choices; apply a band aid by adding language to the NOR documenting our alternative usage for each of the flags that have a conflict, or remove the conflict. I am not one for band aids. When a problem crops up on Whitecap, I fix it to the best of my abilities so that it never comes up again.

At the next Regatta meeting I shared the issue, my concerns and potential solutions with the committee. After a very healthy discussion the Regatta Committee has decided we will no longer use the letter flags to designate the courses. Instead we will use the number pennants. The courses have changed very little. They have been re-measured, the buoy information simplified and made consistent from venue to venue. I would like to thank Harry Manko for the many hours he spent organizing the information and publishing the new Course Cards. A copy of the Course Cards is available on the website. We all feel that this will be a very useful aid.

The Regatta Committee also decided to continue using Time on Time for scoring. However, this year we will use a set B Factor of 550. The reason for this was the difficulty in consistently and accurately determining wind speed and thus the selection of the proper B Factor for each race. It led to many conflicts and disagreements. After discussing and debating all of the data, various suggestions and solutions, we decided to try a set B Factor for the 2008 season.

The Foulke Trophy race will be scored Time on Time. There will be a staggered start (details to follow later in the year) in an attempt to keep the race as competitive as possible and not just a parade of boats down the bay.

The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions have other minor corrections and updates and you should read them in preparation for the 2008 season. My advice is to remove any old yearbooks from your boat to eliminate any possible confusion.

The Spring Skipper's Meeting will be held Thursday May 1st, at the West Islip Library, Meeting Room A, from 7-9PM. Mark your calendars now.

The agenda will include:

- ☀ Calendar
- ☀ NOR and SI
- ☀ Course Chart
- ☀ Race Committee Assignments
- ☀ Free Giveaways (you must attend to get them)

Our season will commence Tuesday May 13th with the Bay Shore Twilight. The full calendar of events will be posted on the web site shortly.

Enjoy the winter!

John

From the Program Committee

Aileen Eppig

This year started with the Change of Watch brunch. Snapper Inn provided a wonderful brunch with JY 15 racing on a windy day outside. It was well attended with families and friends making it a lovely day. Our new Commodore, Bill Grauer, has many wishes for the Program Committee - Racing and Cruising Awards, Weather Seminar, potentially a CPR course, and Commissioning Day. In 2009 new racing rules come into play and we're planning a discussion with Dave Perry in January or February.

If you happened to miss the brunch you missed many good things. In attendance were all the committee heads, officers and more. The **Weather Seminar** is coming up on Sunday March 2 with Ken Campbell from Commander Weather at the Boulton Center in Bay Shore <http://www.boultoncenter.org/eventView.asp?idEvent=777> . The \$75 cost for the full day includes breakfast, lunch, a workbook from Ken and North Sail Trimming tips, look on the YMCA website to register or send me an email at Brokher759@aol.com. Those that attended the brunch were able to take advantage of a special offer, Bill decided to allow 30 tickets at \$30 which were taken in 10 minutes - what a crush...

The next event is the Racing Awards on Tuesday Feb 5 at Mustang Sally's in West Islip, for the lovely price of \$10.00. The Cruising Award Event is on March 7 at Captain Bill's in Bay Shore. Don't miss these events! Many thanks to Della for arranging for the wonderful awards.

Aileen

Attention all Masthead Readers:

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Cyberpoosh@aol.com

Share the love of Sailing...

Know a child who wants to learn how to sail?

Share this link to local sailing lessons:
http://www.ymcali.org/forms/gsb/gsb_brochure.pdf

Ed Brooks Memorial Race Results

SBCC 2008 Ed Brooks Memorial

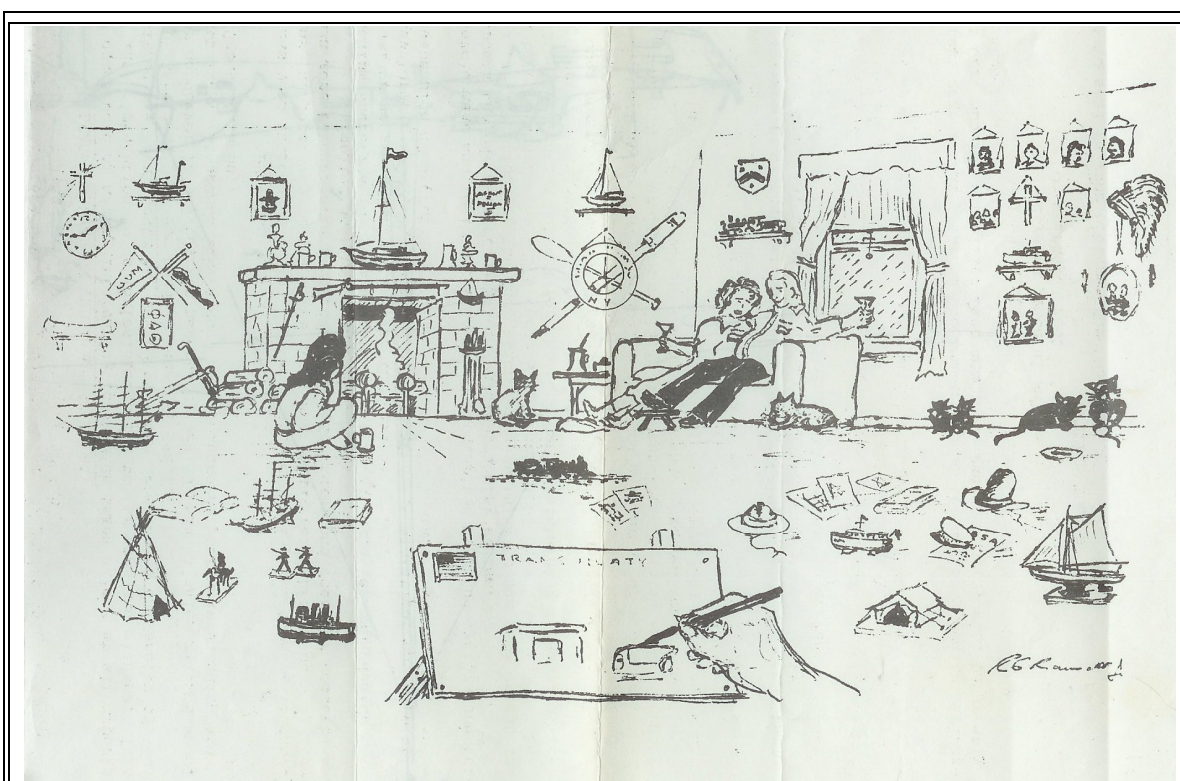
Course: Babylon Dock – 9 – Back Distance: 2.3 nm

Wind: 21-5knts S A=650 B=550

Race Committee: J. Holst

Class: Non Spin Start Time: Monday, January 01, 2008 12:05:00

Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected
1	1	51841	Full Circle	Manko	132	12:33:17	0:28:17	0:26:57
2	2	1555	Ceol na Mara	Morgan	176	12:36:29	0:31:29	0:28:11
3	3	1121	Ailanthus	Grauer	207	12:38:53	0:33:53	0:29:06
4	5	664	Patrica Ann		306	13:01:11	0:56:11	0:42:40
5	4	76	Spirit	Bogdan	166	12:52:24	0:47:24	0:43:02



Winter Afternoons....

SBCC Officers, Governors and Committees

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OFFICERS

Commodore	Bill Grauer
Vice Commodore	Matt DeMarco
Rear Commodore	Sue Montana
Treasurer	Jeff Bieselin
Recording Secretary	Laura LaTorre
Fleet Captain	Della Bucher
Regatta Captain	John Holst
Corresponding Secretary	Marceil O'Connell
Fleet Surgeon	Jennifer DeMarco
Chantyman	Matt DeMarco
Fleet Chaplain	Dick Parker

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Governor	Bob Van Tassel
Governor	Sally Eilbeck
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Governor	Bob Sheppard
Governor	Bob Forman
Governor	Joyce Gotard
Governor	Dennis Krug

COMMITTEES

Cruising	Della Bucher
GSBYRA Delegate	John Davis
Handicap & Measurement	Bill Danilczyk
Historian	Tom Gotard
Hospitality	Bill Eilbeck
Mailing	Ed & Helen Pshedesky
Membership	Debby & Jim Harris
Program	not yet filled
Protest	Barry Pittman
Regatta	John Holst
Special Projects	Rich Troy
Storekeeper	Dan & Jane Glinski
Trophy	Dave & June Tedesco
Yearbook	Vince Piazza
Webmaster	Rich LaBella
Welcoming	Aileen Eppig
Scoring	Chris Beach
Youth Activities	Michael Duffy

From Frank Peter:
*Courtesy South
 Bay Cruising Club
 Cruising Guide*

**Shinnecock Canal
 County Marina**

Is open to
 transient yachts
 beginning May 1,
 you may linger for
 2 weeks!

Permits are
 available by
 telephone:
 631.852.8291

Electric, water,
 showers and pump
 out services are on
 site.

GSBYRA

John Davis

Much like the SBCC and all the other sailing clubs on the bay, the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association has been busy scheduling and planning 2008 sailing events. The premier event run by GSBYRA since the early 1900's continues to be Race Week. For the first time in many years, the GSBYRA Race Week will be returning to Bellport this summer. The Bellport Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) will host the four day event beginning on Thursday, July 17 and ending on Sunday, July 20. Adding to the festive atmosphere surrounding the event will be the Bellport Day celebration on Saturday, July 19 sponsored by the chamber of commerce and the village of Bellport.

The most frequently asked question related to sailing in Bellport relates to docking facilities in the area. Since the BBYC clubhouse is located on village property, boat slips have to be procured from the village or nearby property owners. While the BBYC offers an electric hoist and ramp for the smaller boats, PHRF boats need safe docking near the racing area. Volunteers from BBYC are trying to locate suitable docking and hope to have a solution to the problem prior to the spring.

The 2008 calendar of events, notices of race, and sailing instructions will soon be available on the GSBYRA website, www.gsbyra.org, and additional information will appear each month in future Masthead issues. Please feel free to contact your GSBYRA Delegate any time at Jdavisfly@aol.com

John Davis

Important Note:

Future editions of the Masthead will notify members of all General Meetings.

Copies of the minutes will be available to SBCC members but will not be printed in the Masthead.

A copy of the minutes will be available by request via phone or email at Marceil@optonline.net, email preferred.

Membership

Debby & Jim Harris

Happy New Year Everyone!

A reminder to members who have not yet paid their membership dues that they are due by January 31st.

Also important, please, verify 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.

Thank You!

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In addition, you will find the names of each of the committees and the chairperson of the committee. If you see a committee that you feel would be of interest, please contact the chairperson, or contact me, and we will get you on the committee (unless it is already oversubscribed - which doesn't often happen) or get you onto another committee. Being on a committee is one of the best ways of meeting other club members and contributing to the success of your club. One of the new committees this year is a Youth Activities committee. This committee has some very good ideas for getting the children involved for several of the key rendezvous. Michael Duffy is heading this up and you will be hearing more about this from him in the future.

Regards,
Bill Grauer 

SOUTH BAY CRUISING CLUB
Cruising / Rendezvous

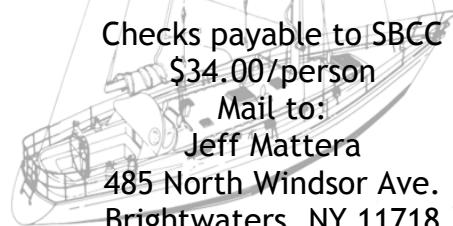
Participation Awards Buffet
and

General Meeting
on the water at
Captain Bill's
122 Ocean Ave
Bay Shore

March 7, 2008
Friday
1830 - 2230

RSVP by March 4th
jmmattera@yahoo.com
631-968-6127

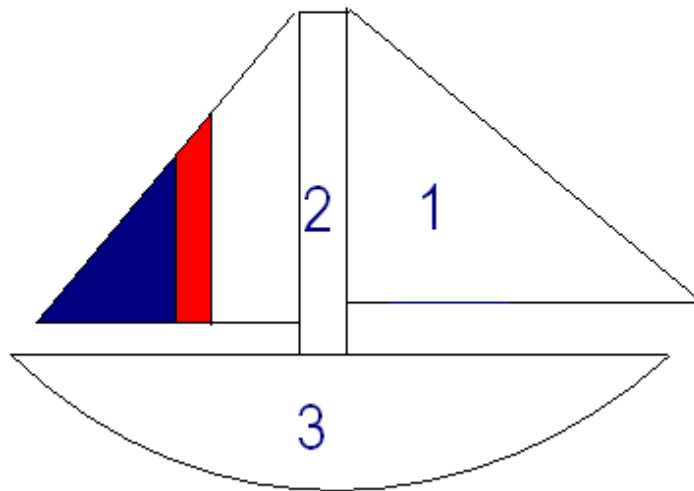
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KID'S cORNER*Callie O'Connell*

"If one does not know to which port one is sailing, no wind is favorable." ~Seneca

- 1 put a picture of an animal
- 2 gray
- 3 light blue



$$1+2= \quad 2+2= \quad 3+2= \quad 4+2= \quad 1+4= \quad 3+5= \quad 5+2=$$

$$3=S \quad 4=A \quad 5=I \quad 6=L \quad 7=G \quad 8=N$$

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 What's the word??
 Find out in the next Masthead!

Hey kids, do you have some sailing art or pictures u want to put into the Masthead? E-mail me and it could be right here in the KID'S cORNER. Email me at crysum411@optonline.net

From the Rigging Locker

Wanted: Dyer 'Dink' 10' sailing dingy.

Call and let's discuss.

Contact: Marty O'Connell 631-422-2216 or martocon@kb5gang.com

For Sale: *Lylas* Classic Island Packet 1983 Mark II 26' LWL 30' LOA. Professionally maintained, ready to cruise, perfect for The Bay (draws 3') or coastal cruising with new factory centerboard, chart plotter, VHF with cockpit mike and controls, Neil Pryde Mainsail stack pack with lazy jacks; galley, head w/sink & shower, cockpit shower & more. Price includes West Marine dinghy with brand new Mercury 3 HP.

Price - \$29,000

Contact - Dennis Payett, 631-665-4233 or payette@adelphi.edu

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 \$48,000

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

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: 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: 25 lb. Danforth-type anchor with 6' of chain and 150' anchor line with depth markings - spliced & shackled.

Price: \$175.00

Contact: Marilyn Brous (631) 264-3861 or mbrous@suffolk.lib.ny.us

For Sale: 25lb CQR Plow Anchor. Hinged Plow. Hot Dip Galvanized Steel. Easy anchor roller storage. Attach a trip line to the eye on the horn for easy break-out. Manufacturer lifetime warranty against breakage.

Price: \$250.00

Contact: Mark Randazzo Work -631-467-5500 ext. 1418, Home- 631-567-2064

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

For sale: O'Day Day Sailer, 17', 2 HP motor, trailer. Main and Jib, downhaul, topping lift, windex, sail cover, anchor. Draws 7" with board up, 3'9" down. Trailer has new tail lights, tire, and jack. Great sailer!

Price: \$925

Contact: Joan Petroske @ 631-878-6126

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:

Marceil O'Connell
133 Tahlulah Lane, West Islip, NY 11795
Or
Email to Marceil@optonline.net

Over The Bowsprit

February

- 5 - Racing Awards, 1900, Mustang Sally's
- 25 - SBCC Board Meeting, 19:30, West Islip Public Library
- 24 - Deadline for March MASTHEAD

March

- 2 - Marine Forecasting Seminar, Boulton Center, Bay Shore
- 7 - Cruising Awards & General Meeting, 1830, Captain Bill's
- 25 - Deadline for April MASTHEAD
- 31 - SBCC Board Meeting, 19:30, East Islip Public Library

April

- 5 - Spring Cocktail Party, Bay Shore Yacht Club
- 26 - Deadline for May MASTHEAD

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Corresponding Secretary
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