

South Bay Cruising Club

From The Masthead



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From the Helm

Bill Grauer

The Race Awards were held at Mustang Sally's on February 5th. Della Bucher and her committee did a fine job in preparing the trophies. Each trophy had a photo of the recipient's boat - what an outstanding job. Aileen Eppig and John Davis did a great job of making it a fun and entertaining experience for everyone. We congratulate the accomplishments of all the race participants. My particular recognition to our spinnaker champion, Aileen Eppig and our non-spinnaker champion, Richard LaBella.

The Weather Seminar was a smashing success. Held at the beautiful Boulton Center in Bay Shore, we had over seventy people sign up. About half of the participants were from other clubs, many from the north shore and several from off the island, including CT, NYC, and NJ. We even had one gentleman come from Hershey, PA.

Ken Campbell gave us a very in-depth analysis of low pressure areas and how to get to the favorable (or least scary) quadrant of a nasty weather situation. Right after lunch, Tom Castiglione of North Sails delivered a presentation on sail trim and boat

trim (called sitting on the rail - not on the cabin).

And speaking of lunch - what a lunch Sally Eilbeck and her friend Nancy Galbraith prepared. Sally had the buffet set up with three parallel tables, with traffic moving on each side of the tables. Thus, six service lines were created, and the time to get everyone fed was about seven minutes. Incredible. And Nancy's home made deserts were Fantastic.

Thanks to everyone who assisted with this seminar. These included, Paul Kind, Bob Forman, Jeff Mattera, Bill and Sally Eilbeck, Nancy Galbraith, Aileen Eppig, Frank Peter, Roger Daisley, Andrew Hemingway, Harry Manko, Rich & Adrian Tesoro, John Holst, Jarrett Fifield, and Vivian Grauer.

The Cruise Awards seminar on Friday, March 7 at Captain Bill's was exceptionally nice. Della did a great job with the trophies and awards. Dave Tedesco did a fine job of making the evening enjoyable for all. The food was very good and Bill Danilczyk (with assistance from Rich and Sue

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From the Fleet Captain

Della Bucher

Are you beginning to get the itch to sail?
Are you planning what you'd be doing to
get your beloved boat ready for launch?
Are you, like me, thinking of going on a
cruise with your fellow sailors? Well, it
won't be long before we'll all be hailing
each other in our respectful boatyards,
asking advice, giving a helping hand or
just sitting on each others boat resting
on the hard and chit-chatting about past
summers or speculating about the
summer coming.

della . calm needs a lot of bright-work
done as the product I used last year did
not weather well at all. Sooo ... it's back
to square one! That's taking it all down
to bare wood once again and starting
over with a product that will hold up for
awhile. Ah well, that's boating
maintenance, especially when you have
as much wood work to contend with as I
have.

I am still looking for a Captain or two
who would like to head a second cruise.
If you're interested, please contact me
either by phone or e-mail.

Hm 631-539-2707

Cell 631-379-3060

mbucher@suffolk.lib.ny.us

I measure all of my daybreaks at home
Against the South Bay mornings I have
known,
Anchored in the stillness of emerging
light
Waiting for dawn to open my shadowed
eyes.

I hear the wind singing in the clothes-
line,
Moaning in the roadside telephone
wires.
And I know that it is the same wind that
Soon, soon will frolic in drum-tight
rigging.

**Come, launch and sail!
Be free with me!**

Della *della . calm*

Contributed by Belle Baxter:

US Coast Guard Aux, Flotilla 1-7 out of West
Sayville is offering a GPS/basics of navigation
course for \$55 for six Wednesday nights - April
2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7.

For more info go to
<http://a0140107.uscgaus.info/members.html>

From the Regatta Captain

John Holst

On February 9th and 10th I attended the US Sailing Advanced Race Management class held at the American Yacht Club. The instructors were extremely knowledgeable, and shared many interesting experiences. Tom Duggan is the Race Officer for the 2008 Summer Olympics and Peter Reggio was the Race Officer for the Americas Cup in Valencia. Both of them have used Commanders Weather and know Ken Campbell personally. They highly recommended using the service to all taking the class. They suggested our Weather Seminar as a great preparation for all those planning on hosting a regatta. I expect several of the attendees to join us on March 2nd.

Perhaps the best part of the weekend was sitting in the bar after the test was done sharing a drink with Joe Mülle' and Pete Capitain. The bar at the AYC is outstanding! The walls are covered with half models and all sorts of nautical memorabilia. It has the most spectacular view of Long Island Sound with the Throgs Neck Bridge, the Whitestone Bridge, and the NYC Skyline as a backdrop. This was the perfect place to kick back after two days of lectures on managing a race.

The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and calendar have been posted on the website. The biggest change has been the identification of the courses. As I discussed last month our usage of A, C, F, H, and I flags conflicted the Race Signals defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. So this year we have numbered the courses 1-10, and the Race Committee will use the numeral pennants One to Zero (zero indicating course 10) to indicate the course to be sailed. Harry Manko has created two new course cards that can be placed back to back and laminated. For those that attend the Skippers Meeting you will get one FREE. If you miss the meeting you will be able to purchase the laminated page from the store or download them from the website and laminate them yourself.

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

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. Only ten weeks to the first start!

John Holst

Hospitality

Bill Eilbeck

OUR FIRST HOSPITALITY PARTY IS APPROACHING, SO CIRCLE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDER AND PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

THE SPRING COCKTAIL PARTY and General Meeting

LOCATION: BAY SHORE YACHT CLUB -
WEST SHORE ROAD, BAY SHORE, N.Y.

DATE: SATURDAY - APRIL 5, 2008

TIME: 1600 - 1930

COST: \$ 15.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES BEER, WINE, SODA, and HOR
D'OEUVRES, DESSERTS WITH COFFEE OR TEA).

RSVP BY 3/28 PLEASE, AS ALWAYS A RESERVATION IS A COMMITMENT.

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT: BILL@JONATHANARNOLD.COM
BILL EILBECK 631-332-6282

CHECKS PAYABLE TO SBCC.

BILL & SALLY EILBECK
P. O. BOX 144
BABYLON, N.Y. 11702

Contributed by Jeff Bieslin:

Did You Know ???

That as a SBCC member you are entitled to a discounted BoatU.S. Membership. The regular membership fee is \$25.00, use group ID # GA83761S and receive a 50% discount on the regular membership fee.

Additionally, the SBCC belongs to Yachting Club of America, website www.ycaol.com User ID club1040, password y100446c. Members are entitled to reciprocal privileges at many clubs we frequent when we are on our cursing adventures. Login to the members only section for details on what is available.

GSBYRA

John Davis

Planning continues for the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association Race Week to be held at Bellport Bay Yacht Club in July. Efforts to find dock space for visiting boats have produced a few slips in the area with the possibility of a few more in the near future. Volunteers are also being sought to assist with committee boats, safety boats and various tasks at the clubhouse.

Racing begins Thursday evening, July 17, and ends on Sunday, July 20, with a total of five PHRF races. A barbeque and party will be held Saturday evening and an awards ceremony will follow racing Sunday afternoon. If you are interested in racing or would like to volunteer to help with the event in any way, please contact me or visit www.gsbyra.org for more information. The Bellport Day Festival has been scheduled for the following weekend to avoid overcrowding in the area.

Immediately following Race Week, the South Bay Scooter Club will sponsor the 2008 Optimist National Championship Regatta hosted by the Village of Patchogue at Patchogue Shore Front Park. This prestigious event will attract sailors on all levels from around the country with a possible 300 boats racing. Racing is scheduled for July 23 through July 27. There is a shortage of volunteers for this event including jobs on the water and on the land. If you would like additional information on the Optimist Nationals visit www.ice-scooter.org. You can also reach the event Regatta Captain, Roger Baker, at Rdbakjr505@cs.com if you would to get involved.

Please feel free to contact your GSBYRA Delegate any time at Jdavisfly@aol.com

John Davis

Courtesy South Bay Cruising Club Cruising Guide - Update

VHF Digital Selective Calling (DSC)

In the current issue of the Cruising Guide we state that the Coast Guard will phase in their new Rescue 21 VHF communications network over the next three years (2004 - 2007)

Local waters now (Spring 2008) covered include New York, Long Island Sound, Delaware Bay, Atlantic City and New Jersey's Eastern Shore.

Youth Activity Committee

Mike Duffy

Next Generation Youth Activities

As many of you already know, the South Bay Cruising Club has restarted the Youth Activities Committee.

Our goal is to increase family participation in the SBCC, by providing new activities for the children and grandchildren of our members at Club events.

We are working with the Committee Chairs who are responsible for the various programs in order to do this.

We received a suggestion that we try to organize some sailing at the rendezvous, using small boats brought along by members. With the cooperation of the Fleet Captain we were able to schedule two "Next Generation" sailing events this year. Although these are not sailing lessons, a member with experience in youth sailing, Has planned sailing games that will enable the children to develop their sailing skills. Thanks to new member Kevin Regan for his help with this.

The first of these will occur on June 21st at Connetquot River with small boat sailing up river from 1pm to 4pm prior to the "Come as You Are" Rendezvous.

Sunday morning June 22 will be the "Up a Lazy River" Canal Tour and Float.

The second coincides with the July 19th "Pirates' Feast" Rendezvous at Hemlock Cove. There will be a small boat rally from 1pm to 4pm, followed by the rendezvous get together. Sunday morning will offer a "Pirates' Treasure Hunt" in the Cove.

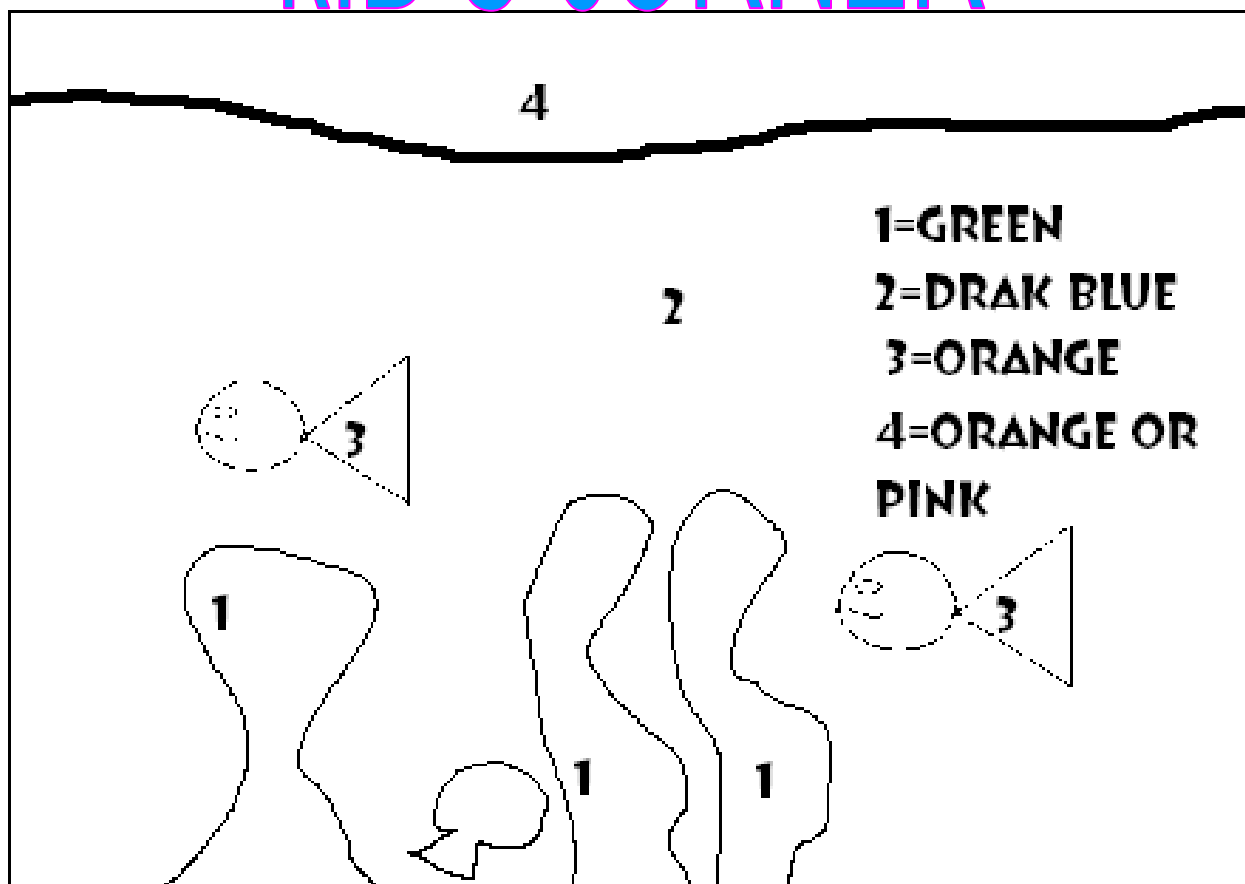
Some of the area yacht clubs will be joining us at these events. This will provide an opportunity for our next generation, to sail with children from other clubs.

Members who can bring along small boats to these events please contact Mike Duffy [631] 669 2386. or email mtduffy51@msn.com

We are working on additional activities and would appreciate hearing your ideas. .

We wish to thank both the Membership and the Leadership for their support for this project.

SBCC Youth Activities

KID'S cORNER*Callie O'Connell***KID'S cORNER**Unscramble it!

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levoc hich _____

qaruse tnok _____

igeruf 8 _____

Word box- clove hitch, figure eight, square knot, bowline

The answer to the last masthead's math question was... SAILING congrats to all who participated or even got the right answers! If there is anything that you like or don't in the KID'S cORNER e-mail me at crysum411@optonline.net. If you have sailing artwork e-mail that and it might be in the next masthead!

Important Update:

Cruise Meeting
Wednesday, March 19, 2008
1900 hrs - 2100 hrs
West Islip Public Library

***Come find out what's planned for a great
season of sailing and fellowship!***

Contributed by Kevin Padden:***Solving Rudder Slop:***

Really good suggestion from the Ericson Owners Website. The rudder had about 1/4" of slop. Found there is a bronze bushing at the bottom of the rudder tube, which happens to have a grease fitting in it. Apparently not used.

The fix was to install a bronze silicon shim. Using .040 thickness, which is the thickest I found, will use 3 wraps around the base of the rubber post to build it up to .12" per side, for a total of .24", removing all the play!

The contributor indicated he found the shim in 0.10 thickness, since that didn't seem to be available I developed the multiple wrap solution.

The .040 thickness comes in a 6"x50" sheet and costs about \$40.00 (on the McMaster web site).

Contributed by Frank Peter:**South Bay Cruising Club Cruising Guide**

Today navigation is almost automatic with GPS and electronic charts, just program some way points or routes into your GPS or Chart Plotter connect it to your autopilot and you are underway.

Or if you have a computer on board with electronic navigation charts and it is connected to your GPS the captain can watch the ship's progress on the screen.

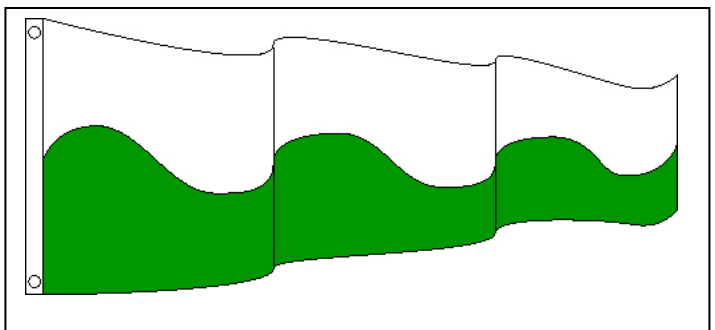
Recently NOAA and the US Army Corp of Engineers began distributing charts for free. However if you have tried to download a number of charts you have found it to be a time consuming practice. Last year I stumbled upon "Managing the Waterways" a small business located in the mid west that downloaded and assembled these charts on one DVD...

For \$39.99, I purchased one, **it included 3,000 marine navigation charts.**

The charts look just like the paper ones we use every day. I have found that the Capn's Program and Maptech Program work well with the DVD.

Interested? Contact

www.managingthewaterway.com



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Troy, and Mike Duffy) gave us an interesting presentation of some of their cruising aboard Bills' catamaran, *Runaway*.

On Wednesday March 19, Della will be holding a cruise meeting to discuss the two off-bay cruises and the on-the-bay cruise. Everyone is welcome whether you plan to go on a cruise or not. The first two-week cruise will leave FI inlet at dawn on Saturday, June 21.

John Holst will conduct a Skippers meeting on Thursday, May 1. This is open to everyone, even if you do not plan to race.

I want to congratulate Pete Capitain, John Holst, and Joe Mulle on completing the training for the Race Management certification. This US Sailing, two-day course, was held at American YC in Rye, NY.

I also want to recognize our newest members, Joe and DJ Greco who have a Hunter 29.5 and hail from Patchogue. Their boat, Tanzanite, sail number 295, is also berthed in Patchogue.

Saturday, April 5 will be our Spring Cocktail party and General Meeting, to again be held at the beautiful Bay Shore YC, from 1600 to 1930. Show up and get your new Yearbooks - hot off the press - and enjoy some time with your friends. And for only \$15 pp, how can you go wrong?

Which brings me to our Yearbook committee. Vince Piazza and his committee have done a fine job of getting the book to the printer earlier than scheduled. The galley proofs have already been prepared and approved. Vince assures us that the books will be available for the Spring Cocktail party.

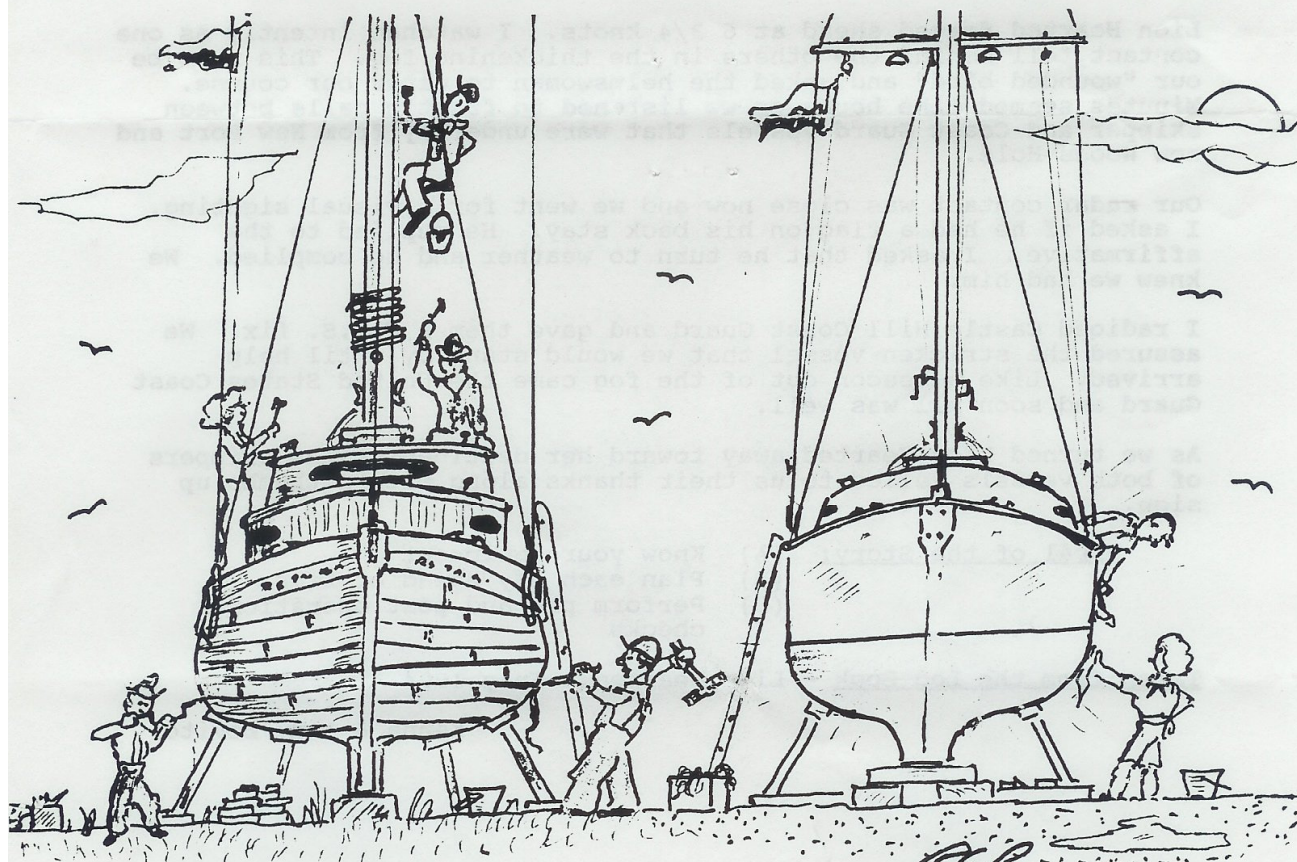
We have started something new this year and it seems to be gathering a great amount of momentum. I'm talking about the Youth Activities committee headed up by Mike Duffy. Michael has several special events planned for the children and grandchildren. Please try to get your families to attend these special events with the children.

The village of Bay Shore, along with the Town of Islip, is preparing to hold a *Tricentennial Harbor Festival* (THF) celebration on September 6th. I have asked Sue Montana to represent the SBCC at their planning meetings and Sue attended their recent meeting on February 25. We will give out more information as this project matures.

Unfortunately, I bring you news of the passing of two of our former members, both prior Commodores. In the past several weeks we lost William P. Carl, JR. at the age of 90, and Commodore in 1951. We also lost Fred C. Eggerstedt, Jr., Commodore in 1970-1971 and who died at the age of 97. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

In closing, I would just like to thank all of you who are giving your time and talents to participate and run all of our activities and committees.

MARCH MAYHEM by Roger Ramsdell



Happy Spring to all!

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

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

March

19 - Cruise Meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 1900-2100, West Islip Public Library

25 - Deadline for April **MASTHEAD**

31 - SBCC Board Meeting, 19:30, East Islip Public Library

April

5 - Spring Cocktail Party and General Meeting, Bay Shore Yacht Club

26 - Deadline for May **MASTHEAD**

28 - SBCC Board Meeting, 19:30, West Islip Public Library

May

1 - Skipper's Meeting, 19:00-21:00, West Islip Library, Meeting Room A

20 - Deadline for June **MASTHEAD**

31 - SBCC Board Meeting, 19:30, East Islip Public Library

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