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Two Week Cruise to Southeastern CT

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We set out to have a nice, relaxing cruise and we got it! There was a bit of shuffling around as pairs of boats took off on different tangents, but from the Cruise Captain's perspective, it was near perfect.

One of the best parts for me was that we found a lot of new things. New anchorages at ports we had visited in the past, brand new ports, and new friends!

In the days before cast off, everyone was reporting in. Boats weren't ready, engines were protesting, crews were shuffling. Everyone was asking - how many boats are going?

We started out with 8 SBCC boats at the Fire Island Inlet entrance - half at Sore Thumb and the rest at the Robert Moses Boat Basin. Nine club boats left the inlet on Saturday - *Vixen*, *Counterpoint*, *Midnight Sun*, *Ailanthus*, *Heart of Gold*, *Classy Lady*, *City Girl*, *Captain's Lady* and *Habanero*. Many of us actually sailed a good part of the way to Shinnecock Inlet.

Leading the way into Shinnecock Inlet, *Midnight Sun* reported "there are breaking waves in the inlet, but not too terrifying". They were right. *Vixen* showed the

fleet a comfortable anchorage about 1.2nm east of the inlet.

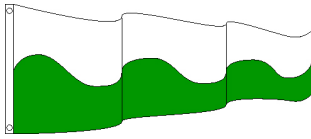
To beat the lousy weather forecast for late afternoon and to maximize the "push" around Montauk Point, the fleet raised anchor at 0500 and set off. *Habanero* led the way and later learned *Heart of Gold* had engine trouble that caused them to stall right at the point where you are able to throw a rock across the narrow channel between the rock jetty and the green buoy. They were smart that they threw the anchor so quickly, and lucky that it caught before they wound up on the rocks! *City Girl Towing*® was right there to escort them to the dock to make repairs. This wasn't the first, or last, we heard of *City Girl Towing*®.

We made it to Montauk Lake in good time and even got to sail a good portion of the leg. *Counterpoint* and *Vixen* continued east to Block Island, but they would meet up with us later. *City Girl* led the fleet to another wonderful anchorage in the Lake, and provided a tow to *Classy Lady* who arrived as the sun was going down and drifted out of the channel. *Captain's Lady* hosted a rendezvous and

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Hospitality

Bill Eilbeck

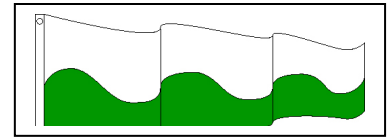


South Bay Cruising Club's SUMMER BLAST

August 9 Saturday 1500-1900

Vanderbilt's Wharf

Reservations *Required* by August 1
(no lobster or steak dinner without reservation))



Lobster \$25.00

Includes clams on the half shell
or

Broiled Chicken \$15.00
or

Landlubbers Steak \$ 20.00
or

Free hot dogs, chips and soda
for children under 12

All meals include fresh corn, macaroni or
garden salad, rolls and lots of surprise
deserts with coffee or tea

Cash bar - complimentary beer
(1500 - 1700)

Please call 631-661-1507 **to confirm reservation**

Check payable to SBCC
Mail to
Bill Eilbeck

PO Box 144 Babylon, NY 11702

By land: Montauk Highway, 27A, to Vanderbilt Blvd,
Oakdale South at 7-11 to end

By sea: River and dinghy,

South about ¼ nm. Wharf on east side

From the Fleet Captain

Della Bucher

I don't need to tell many of you about the Spring Family Weekend at Watch Hill hosted by Captains Margaret & Lee Christensen. Nineteen families from the fleet and 4 families by ferry were treated to games, a great hamburger & hotdog picnic and desserts. It was a wonderful, fun filled weekend for the children and adults. Thank you to all that made this a special time for our young sailors.

Counterpoint's Captains Joel & Dorothy Becker were gracious to take on Shoot'n the Breezes' rendezvous. We were having a quiet, lovely time until late evening began with rain that escalated into a spectacular and loud booming thunderstorm marching over the bay toward the Hemlock anchorage. How appropriate that the rendezvous title was "Lightning Strikes." We all rotated 180 degrees on our anchors and guess whose anchor didn't hold - mine!! And so, at mid-night, I'm in the process of re-anchoring - it finally took hold after the 3rd try. Thank goodness for my windlass. I came back to the cockpit covered with mud and salt. Oh well! I stripped down, pulled out my cockpit shower, soap and washed myself down. Clean and "sweet smelling" ☺ I climbed into my bunk at 2:30 am and slept until 7 am. It's drizzling, but no rain or wind and I decide to go home. Arriving at my dock, I hear a hail on my VHF from Captain Peter that Counterpoint must be towed home. Later I hear that Vixen also had to be towed. And so ended another eventful weekend on the bay. The following weekend Captain Mike Duffy hosted 14 boats on his new vessel Loon. We had a grand NON-STORMY evening and an uneventful night. I was unable to attend the "Sing or Swim" rendezvous hosted by the Captains DeMarco and crew, but I have heard that all had a good time.

July has some fun rendezvous posted so check your yearbook and come on out and support the hosts and enjoy your fellow sailors company.

August starts with the Captain Grottoli's rendezvous in the River followed, of course, by the champagne breakfast on the 3rd. On August 9th, Bill Eilbeck is planning a generous, mouth-watering delicious BLAST at the Wharf. So come hungry! The day after, I hope to see a huge fleet set out for the One Week Cruise on the Bay with our leader this year Captain Belle Baxter. The Captains Eilbeck will once again give us the picnic fantastic on Wednesday at Atlantique. On Thursday, Captain Nancy Sherman will again lead out a group to the Oakdale Lead and a dinghy dinner to Captree while I'll have dinner aboard della . calm for whoever follows me to Coast Guard Cove.

The 2-Week cruisers are all back home safe and sound and to you all I say

"The strongest memories we will take when, sad, we sail away
Are friendships made that will not fade for many and many a day."

To Pitcarin-A Voyage of Discovery
Margot Buchanan

And so my fellow sailors

Come, launch and sail!
Be free with me!

Della -
della . calm

From the Regatta Captain

John Holst

The 2008 Racing season is well under way.

Two of seven Championship races have been sailed. The Babylon Cup was well attended with 6 Spin boats and 10 Non-Spin. The party afterwards at the BYC was excellent, as usual.

The West Island Race is scheduled for August 2. It's always a difficult choice deciding which way to round East and West Fire Island and very satisfying not running aground in the East Channel.

The Foulke Trophy race is scheduled on the full moon August 16th. This is one of my favorite races, probably because it cures the craving. By the time I get home I have finally had enough of the bay.

The Twilights are running like clock work. Remember the Babylon Mid Summer 2 is NOT on Thursday. It is on Wednesday July 16th. Thursday the 17th starts the GSBYRA Race Week in Bellport.

Don't forget the West Cup on Friday July 11th with the after party at the UCYC and the LMM Old Timers Race on Saturday July 12th.

The new 2008 RC Procedure Guide and Scratch sheet are available on the web site. They have been mailed to all RC chairs for July. The format is similar to the year book and it now includes the RC Cards created by Harry Manko. Total page count was reduced and the envelope eliminated thus reducing postage cost. The center page is a full size scratch sheet which can be pulled out and used to score the race.

Whitecap is finally in the water and we will be on station as RC for the West Cup.

Thank you to all of the RC committees and to Scoring for all of your hard work. You and your crew make the program work.

See you on the Bay!

John



Many Thanks to Harry Manko and Bob Bennett for the continuous supply of SBCC pictures!

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three days into the cruise, it was the first time the fleet was face to face.

Next day was a leisurely sail to Fishers Island, timed to cross The Race at slack water. The wind died at The Race and we motored around to the West Harbor and all tied up at the Fishers Island Yacht Club, with happy hour on the deck of their clubhouse. We arrived in plenty of time to walk around, then had time to walk around again Tuesday morning before the short trip to Mystic.

If you have not been to Mystic Seaport by boat and spent at least 2 nights there, you must put this on your wish list. It is wonderful! Thanks to advice from Governor Bob Forman, we had made arrangements to be berthed at the north docks in the heart of the museum grounds. Mystic Seaport reminded me of the Bethpage restoration village, but it is a boating village. Dozens of buildings and ships with volunteers dressed and playing the role of the old time rope twisters, sail makers, kitchen wenches, etc. And a short walk to town provided everything your heart could desire, from groceries to ice cream to a marine consignment shop.

During happy hour in Mystic, the fleet began discussing changes to the itinerary. Some boats wanted to go east to Newport, some west through the East River, and no one seemed interested in New London. These discussions would go on over the next few days as charts and Eldridge were consulted, mileage calculated and alliances forged.

From Mystic, *Classy Lady* headed west to her summer berth in Connecticut. *Captain's Lady*, *City Girl*, *Midnight Sun*, *Ailanthus* and *Habanero* headed to Watch Hill, RI, another short run. The group was tired and everyone retired early, except *Ailanthus* who deployed his dinghy and checked out the beaches, then the town. First thing next morning, *Midnight Sun* and *Ailanthus* left for Newport and shortly thereafter *City Girl* and *Captain's Lady* started westward.

Habanero was alone! Watch Hill was one of our prime destinations of the trip, so we stayed 2 days and it was wonderful! A couple of shops, several very different beaches, the lovely Watch Hill Yacht Club and the Coast Guard Station. The YC has a custom drink called the Southside. Of course we could not insult them and not have one (or three!) Yum!

Before sunset we witnessed a very familiar sight in the HUGE anchorage. A couple boats rafted together, one flying an oversized club burgee. Then one by one about a dozen dinks converged on the raft. The cockpits were overflowing, the foredecks had people swinging on the rigging, there was all kinds of hooting and hollering - by gosh, by golly - it was a rendezvous!!!

Then another tradition we were becoming used to - a cannon shot and the rendezvous dispersed so all could take down their ensigns.

On Saturday we headed for Stonington, another short trip. We dropped the hook moments before a thick fog descended. We could barely see the boats next to us and the current and wind kept us shifting direction. We relaxed and waited for the fog to lift. And waited. And waited. We had only planned one night in Stonington, but didn't leave the boat due to the fog, so when it finally lifted the next day we decided we wanted to stay and see the town.

All boats kept in touch with us via cell phone or we heard them on the VHF. The westward bound crew made Port Jefferson, City Island then Zach's Bay. *Vixen* and *Counterpoint* had been touring the Narragansett Bay - Wickford, East Greenwich, Bristol - and were bound for Newport. They did not experience the best sea conditions. *Ailanthus* bicycled around Newport and *Midnight Sun* rented scooters and really got in a great tour of the Newport area.

The Newport fleet met up with *Habanero* in Montauk Lake where stories were swapped and plans laid for the next leg. There was a lot to review for the next two long legs - weather forecasts,

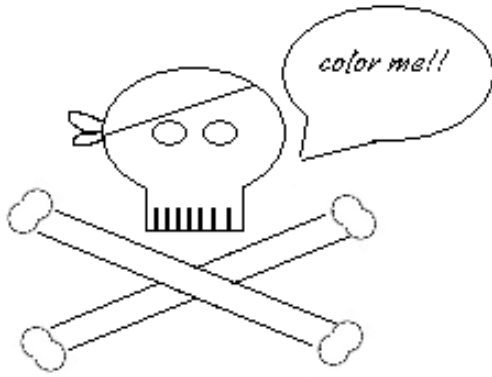
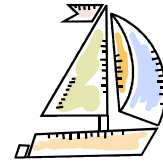
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KID'S cORNER

Callie O'Connell



KID'S cORNER

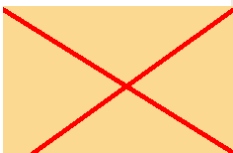


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answers to last week's
name the boat activity
is...

1. main sail
2. jib sail
3. mast
4. boom

PIRATE ITEMS



WORD sCRAMBLE

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use my e-mail,
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currents and tides, contact with Tow Boat Moriches to find out conditions transiting Moriches Bay, contingent plans. The weather forecast and currents were not favorable for the next few days, so we took it one day at a time.

An 8am departure from Montauk Lake would minimize the counter current around the point and get us to Shinnecock close to the start of flood. *Ailanthus* was leading the pack off the south shore of Montauk when *Counterpoint* called out on the radio - their engine was overheating. With *Vixen* consulting remotely, they diagnosed a water pump problem and *Counterpoint* called for a tow. With high winds and seas forecast for the following day, we sailed up to Cormorant Point and weighed anchor. *Counterpoint* arrived shortly after and was delivered to Jackson's Marina for repairs. *Ailanthus* made a spectacular entrance under full sail, weaving in and out of the anchored boats! He'd had a hot shower and nice meal at Oakland's while fueling up and charging his batteries.

We had a nice layday in Shinnecock. *Vixen* provided taxi service and *Counterpoint* monitored the progress of the engine repair, which unfortunately would not be complete. *Habanero* hosts the last rendezvous of the cruise where again the forecasts were analyzed and Eldridge consulted. The weather was supposed to subside a little early, but then deteriorate again later in the day. And ebb started at 1136 at Fire Island Inlet. The window was small. Not a lot of room for error. We all agree to anchor up at 0400 and put the pedal to the metal.

That last leg was rough. For *Habanero*, the worst part was the very beginning. The sun was not yet up, the Shinnecock channel was not lit, and our depth sounder wasn't working. We were leading, and worse, the rest of the fleet was following us! *Ailanthus* and *Midnight Sun* talked us down and we made it out to the jetty. What a wild ride it was coming out of that inlet! All the way out to the MOA buoy. Then we headed west in 6 - 8 foot seas, which eventually subsided a little. We kept it floored all the way to Fire Island Inlet, where there were rolling breakers to the port and starboard, pretty big following seas and the current against us.

Now we're back in the bay for the rest of the summer and will enjoy the beauty right here in our own backyards! It's great to travel, but then it's great to come home!

Congratulations to Bob Forman and crew on a Spectacular Race and an Awesome Win!

Check out the story on REAL Racing News
Jacqueline IV continues winning streak...

<http://www.realkiteboarding.com/index.cfm?page=newsitem&id=1456>

Over The Bowsprit

JULY

11 - WEST CUP, 18:30, BABYLON
 12 - CHRISTMAS IN JULY RENDEZVOUS, CONNETQUOT RIVER
 16 - DEADLINE FOR AUGUST MASTHEAD ARTICLES
 17,18,19,20 - GSBYRA RACE WEEK, BELLPORT BAY YACHT CLUB
 19 - NEXT GENERATION SAILING, HEMLOCK COVE, 1300 HOURS
 20 - "TREASURE HUNT", HEMLOCK, 0930 HOURS
 28 - SBCC BOARD MEETING, 17:30, EAST ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUGUST

2 - WEST ISLAND RACE
 3 - CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST
 9 - THE BLAST
 10-16 - ONE WEEK CRUISE IN THE BAY
 10 - DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER MASTHEAD ARTICLES
 16 - FOULKE TROPHY RACE
 25 - NO SBCC BOARD MEETING
 30 - JACK'S TROPHY RACE

SEPTEMBER

17 - DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER MASTHEAD ARTICLES
 27 - FALL FAMILY WEEKEND
 29 - SBCC BOARD MEETING, 17:30, WEST ISLIP LIBRARY

NOVEMBER

1 - BOAT YARD PARTY, NARRASKETUCK YACHT CLUB

Remember this weeks Babylon Twilight is WEDNESDAY July 16th.

The GSBYRA Race week starts on Thursday the 17th in Bellport.

For more information use the following links:

<http://www.gsbyra.org/>

<http://www.bellportyc.org/>

Race Results

All requests for changes/corrections to race results must be made directly to the Race Committee for that race with a copy to the Scoring Committee. The Scoring Committee will correct scoring errors, but has no authority to change information reported by the Race Committee. A participant who disagrees with the Race Committee's response may request redress from the Protest Committee.

BYC JULY 4TH SPIN CLASS CLASS						
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Race Committee:		Goodwin		Course: 8		
0 Throw outs	YACHT			SAIL	TOTAL	
SKIPPER	NAME	CLUB	HC	#	POINTS	PLACE
Bruce Kennedy/Jim Reichel	Hooch	SBCC	105	329	2	1
Larry Becker	Gorilla Dust	BSYC	180	206	4	2
J. Bieselin	Dream Voyager	BYC	147	22	7	3
Aileen Eppig	Brohker	BYC	207	759	8	4
Peter Ljungqvist	Tuono	BBYC	228	67	9	5

BYC JULY 4 TH NON SPIN CLASS CLASS						
		K				
Race Committee:		Goodwin		Course: 8		
0 Throw outs	YACHT			SAIL	TOTAL	
SKIPPER	NAME	CLUB	HC	#	POINTS	PLACE
Jerry Dunnells	Chanson	BYC	194	4271	2	1
Kevin Padden	Restie	SBCC	136	103	5	2 *
Frank Marinaccio	Cherry Pi	NYC	207	14423	5	3
J Bartow	Southbound	SBCC	207	4817	9	4
Andrew Hemingway	Flying Wasp	BYC	184	719	11	5
Kevin Reagan	Liquid Courage	SBCC	207	735	13	6
#N/A	#N/A	SBCC	207	14364	15	7
Kevin Donohoe	Equinox	BSYC	228	50916	16	8 *
Mike Capitain	Sugar Magnolia	BYC	207	529	16	9
Brian McLoughlin	Windswept	BYC	186	62	18	10

Good to Note: SBCC Race Results can also be viewed online at:

<http://www.sbccsail.org/status.htm>

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Series: Babylon Twilight Summer 4 Start Area: Babylon Distance: 3.6 Wind Direction: SW->NW->SW Race Chair: Rendich						Date: 3 July 2008 Course: 1 Course Comments: Wind Speed: Varied Race Comments:						
Class	Position	Order	Sail #	Boat	Skipper	HCP	Start	Finish	Elapsed	Cor.	Score	Delta
S	1	2	759	Brokher	A. Eppig	207	19:31:00	20:11:46	0:40:46	0:35:00	0.900	0:00:00
S	2	4	536	Mirage	G. Schneller	207	19:31:00	20:13:06	0:42:06	0:36:09	0.700	0:01:09
S	3	3	103	Rettsie	K. Padden	136	19:31:00	20:12:53	0:41:53	0:39:41	0.500	0:04:41
S	4	1	404	Clipper	P. Rendich	111	19:31:00	20:11:24	0:40:24	0:39:44	0.300	0:04:43
NS	1	1	395	Bionator	M. Goodman	179	19:36:00	20:17:58	0:41:58	0:37:25	0.950	0:00:00
NS	2	2	14364	Radio Flyer	R. LaTorre	207	19:36:00	20:19:53	0:43:53	0:37:41	0.850	0:00:16
NS	3	4	735	Liquid Courage	K. Regan	207	19:36:00	20:20:26	0:44:26	0:38:09	0.750	0:00:44
NS	4	6	5861	Dragon Fly	J. Davis	207	19:36:00	20:20:57	0:44:57	0:38:36	0.650	0:01:11
NS	5	5	719	Flying Wasp	A. Hemignway	184	19:36:00	20:20:54	0:44:54	0:39:46	0.550	0:02:21
NS	6	7	529	Sugar Magnolia	P. Capitain	213	19:36:00	20:22:50	0:46:50	0:39:54	0.450	0:02:29
NS	7	8	4817	South Bound	J. Bartow	213	19:36:00	20:23:08	0:47:08	0:40:09	0.350	0:02:44
NS	8	3	22	Dream voyager	J. Bieselin	145	19:36:00	20:20:04	0:44:04	0:41:13	0.250	0:03:48
NS	9	9	909	Amblin	M. Milligi	224	19:36:00	20:28:11	0:52:11	0:43:49	0.150	0:06:24

On a Sad Note:

Many of you may remember sailing with Gene Turner. Gene passed away on June 14th, he was 86 years old. Amongst his other commitments and passions, Gene was a long time member of SBCC and enjoyed sailing his Tartan 27 *Independence*. Gene regularly joined the SBCC Commissioning Day ceremonies, as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Color Guard.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday July 19th at Babylon Methodist Church.

The Rigging Locker

For Sale: Fox, Pearson Wanderer 30' 1969. Well maintained boat with many new Items following deck refurbish in 2004. New: Lewmar self tailing winches, Navman multi depth and speed, Ritchie bulkhead compass, Alpine cd and Bose speakers, Lots of new stainless on deck. Draft 3'4" cb up 6'4 cb down, roller furling. Atomic 4. Keel stripped and conditioned with 5 coats of 2000E in 2003.

Asking - \$15,500 Contact - Mike Hurley, 631 956 7415 or <mailto:mhurley@optonline.net>

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 \$6000 Contact: Dorothy 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 - Montague CX folding bicycle. 26" wheels, 18" frame, 21 speeds. New in 2002 & used 1 summer

Price - \$250 Contact - Jerry Holwell at 631-581-1823

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: \$395. Contact: Bob Van Tassel, 516-551-4712

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

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



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