

FROM THE MASTHEAD



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From the Helm

Matt DeMarco

I am happy to report that the "changing of the guard" and first General Meeting of the new administration took place on January 17 at the Snapper Inn, and, except that my young Madeline spent a good part of the ride home pointing out all of my mistakes and verbal foibles, I think it went well. (sorry Sue, I know you are VICE Commodore but - probably from too much sitting on my REAR - my brain could not deliver that to my mouth that day). Congratulations to all the newly installed officers and committee chairs. Many thanks to those who retired from the Board. Best wishes to Immediate-Past Commodore, Bill Grauer, who as Commodore exemplified the role of leader: thoughtful, calm, decisive.

As usual at this time of year, there is a ton of work going on behind the scenes to get everything ready for the 2010 season. Once again we have a full rendezvous schedule, and on and off the bay cruises in the works. Our racing program, pre-eminent among the big (or any, for that matter) boats on the Bay, is in great shape. The Budget for 2010 has been reviewed and approved by the Board. Our Yearbook Committee, lead by Vince Piazza and Mike Duffy, has once again outdone itself in producing a fantastic edition with loads of necessary information, interesting cruise viewpoints, and of course, pictures, pictures, and more great pictures of our many events.

On the not-as-bright side, as of this writing I have not been able to fill the Hospitality and Program positions. Understandably, the time constraints faced by many of us these days combined with the generally acknowledged big job of Hospitality, produced several "I'd love to's but...." So, with a little help, we have gone ahead and booked dates for the Spring Party, Commissioning, Blast, Boatyard Party, and are working on a workable date for the Holiday Party. Although I still envision a dark horse emerging, since the Hospitality Committee and its "Irregular militia" know well how to pitch in, have fun, and get things done, it is my expectation that we can get these accomplished regardless.

As for Program, I am also still hopeful that as things get underway one or more of our wonderful volunteers will hear and heed the call. Nevertheless, we are committed to providing relevant programs, and are open to all appropriate suggestions with regard to content and format.

On both positions, I put it out to the membership for suggestions. Maybe there are a couple of you who have felt the urge, but were hesitant. Now would be a most appreciated time to let me know. Co-Chairs are a great idea. "Event Chairs" might even be better. Please note: Email is the best form of communication for me these days.

On the bright side I did get our Aquasport out of the water without having to play icebreaker and before the next big freeze. Jen and I should get the news this week regarding the cost of the repair/rebuild/re-power of our iron-genny on Grace. If Chris gets a part-time job and defers college for a year, I think we can get it done. Peace and Joy in the New Year. ☸

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From the Fleet Captain

Rich Troy

I'm honored to have been selected to be the current SBCC Fleet Captain, and I look forward to helping the Club with these activities. If you're new to the club and wondering how an SBCC Rendezvous or a Cruise works, feel free to give me a call and I'll be glad to bring you up to speed. If you've been in the Club for a while - thanks for all your participation in the activities!

In theory the coldest weather of the year is behind us now, so hopefully it won't be too much longer before our boats are back out sailing. I, for one, look forward to the warmer weather.

For those you who are wondering, a two-week cruise is currently scheduled by Della Bucher to start July 2nd, heading to the Peconic Bay and Block Island. Co-captains Roger Daisley and Belle Baxter have agreed to help with the cruise. If you're interested in joining, or getting more details, please see the itinerary on page or contact Della. Thanks, Della!

Mike Duffy has volunteered to lead the Week in the Bay Cruise beginning August 8 in Great River. Check for details in future **Mastheads**.

There are still two rendez vous that need hosts:

June 5 Spring Family Weekend at Atlantique,

October 2 at Great River or an anchorage of your choice

Please let me know if you can help us. Feel free to call my cell phone: 516.455.0028 or email:

richa@newsguy.com. 

From the Regatta Captain

Andrew Hemingway

Hello! I know we are all looking forward to the 2010 racing season. With that being said, I want you to know that your Regatta Committee has been hard at work to make this season the best yet. To give you an update, we have modified courses, constructed unbelievable course cards that give detailed information for each course selection, and updated the NOR. The course cards will be available online soon. We should all give a special thanks to Harry Manko who spent countless hours working on the course cards. He always brings so much to the table!

Marty O'Connell has been working on the Mayor's Cup with the LIYC to ensure that this years will be an amazing event. To that end he is creating an NOR for this specific event. Thank you Marty! We have also been working closely with all the other yacht clubs. The SBCC has many great regattas slated in all areas of the bay. There are over 50 events waiting for you. We're hoping for great turnouts!

The committee is looking forward to more boats than ever on the start line. Weather your boat is rigged for a weekend at Hemlock or a cruise down the bay, we want and need you on the race course. We have the best program on the Great South Bay! We all should be proud of that...so come on out. Thank you to the Board for all the support. Most of all, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Regatta Captain! 

We were returning from a Lacrosse event at John Glenn High School in the rain late last spring. That was when I saw out of the corner of my eye, a *launch* for sale. It was raining and we had other things to do, so we went on. About 3-4 weeks later, I remembered the boat and we set out to find it and look at it. Well, either I couldn't remember where we saw it or it wasn't there; so much for my dream of resurrecting a launch for use in clamming, crabbing, and hanging out with the grandchildren on the Great South Bay.

Ron, in his usual manner of trying to make me happy, immediately went into high gear on the Internet trying to locate a *launch* for his sweetie. He had no idea why I wanted it or what it should look like...but he persevered. His Google search returned old yacht club launches from the North Shore, retired Navy whale boats, and refurbished lifeboats from passenger ships restored by Bangladesh and Chinese companies. We considered buying one of these newly restored Chinese boats; but decided to buy American instead.

Back to the drawing board and now out on a couple of road trips to see what was available locally. Everything we saw had been mothballed for one reason or another and would need lots of work. Finally Ron came upon a government liquidation page that had a couple of US Coast Guard Motor Surf Boats up for auction. He showed me pictures and videos of these boats in action in the hands of the Coast Guard. This was it! We both decided that this would be our next boat. However...we were outbid in the auction and we were still without. In his research, Ron had established contact with an engineer from Spokane, Washington who had bid in a previous auction, received his boat, and set about on a project to rebuild the engine. Project complete, the boat ran fine. He sent us all the specifications such as: "Fuel Capacity 30 gallons. With 2 people and about 300 pounds of camping gear -- Fuel consumption at 1200 rpm is about 1 GPH, speed is 7.8 MPH. At 2400 rpm speed is 17.6 MPH and fuel burn is about 6.2 GPH. Max speed at 2550 RPM is 18.9 MPH and fuel burn about 6.5 GPH. Fuel burn computed from Cummins specific horsepower chart with typical propeller, curve #M-9235 dated 12 May 99". Long story short, we decided to purchase his USCG Motor Surf Boat and have it shipped to Long Island.

The boat, originally on the **US Coast Guard Cutter Morgenthau** out of Alameda, California, arrived on my birthday in the end of September. We decided to name the boat, "Coastie", the name used for the midshipmen who serve in the US Coast Guard.



Coastie in our back yard

Save Fire Island Inlet – Your help is needed

Yes FI Inlet is shoaling up and in danger of becoming completely useless. Our Gateway to the outside world is in danger of being closed. Right now there are spots between Buoy 6 and Buoy 4 that are less than 4 ½' feet at low tide. The Inlet which is supposed to be dredged every two years has not been dredged since 2007. This combined with significant winter storms and the erosion of the beaches along Fire Island has resulted in severe shoaling of the Inlet. I have been using FI Inlet for the past 35 years and this is by far the worst that I have seen it. I and several other members of the Club have hit bottom while transiting the Inlet. If the Inlet is not dredged it will become completely impassible. With the shoaling of Moriches Bay blocking us on the east the only other option we would have would be Jones Inlet.

Your help is needed to help solve this critical problem. Approximately \$10 million in government funds are required to finance the dredging of the inlet. The plan that was adopted by the Board is to support the efforts of the Captree Boat Owners Association, which has gotten the attention of our senators, representatives and local representatives. You may have seen the articles in the Newsday about their efforts. At this point the issue is clear and understood, but the money is not forthcoming

What is needed is for each of us to write to our federal, state and local representatives. For example for me that would be: Schumer and Gillibrand, Israel, Owen Johnson, Phil Boyle. Everyone should write to Ginny Fields, even if she is not your representative as she is a strong driver and supporter of this effort.

Your letters should be either handwritten or typed. It is necessary to stress the importance of the Inlet to you, the cruising Club and the Community as a whole. Try to include points that may not be mentioned by others, especially for each individual representative after writing the letter, FAX it to them, and then drop it in the mail. After a few days, call their local office and ask if they have read it you may not get the representative but should get to speak to one of their aides, and discuss it briefly to insure they did, and make sure they understand the issue. Provide them with contact information the letter and on the phone call, so that they may follow up with any questions or potential solutions. Keep the contact open every week or ten days, if it is convenient.

Please write letters to:

US Senators: Schumer and Gillibrand

US Congressman: Isreal and King

NY State Senator: Owen Johnson

NY State Representatives: Boyle and Fields

The [contact information for these elected officials](#).

Also provided on this website is a [copy that Bob Forman has written](#) that can be used as a template. Please customize this letter to include your own personal experiences

And a [letter from Owen Johnson](#) (and [page 2](#)) to our senators.

Any questions please call/email Bob Forman (rsformanjr@aol.com). When you do write a letters please let Bob know so we have a count of the letters that have been written

In Memoriam

The Officers, Governors and Board extend their sympathies to Yetta Fishman whose husband Manny Fishman crossed the bar on January 14, 2010. Manny and Yetta have been active members of the Cruising Club for more than 20 years.

Ed Brooks Memorial Race (New Year's Day Race)

Photos of this race can be found in our [Photo Album](#)

Date: Jan. 1, 2010

Race Chair – J. Holst, Whitecap

Start: 12:08 PM

Course: Babylon Dock, Green 9, Babylon Dock

Wind Direction: NW Wind Speed: 0-4 B Factor 650

Pos	Sail#	Boat	Skipper	HCP	Start	Finish	Elapsed	Cor.
1	920	Flying Scot - 920	D. McMillan	211	12:08:00	14:19:52	02:11:52	01:39:33
2	5778	Flying Scot - 5778	J. Ryan	187	12:08:00	14:17:25	02:09:25	01:40:30
3	4035	Flying Scot - 4035	B. VanTassel	211	12:08:00	14:24:07	02:16:07	01:42:45
4	5513	Flying Scot - 5513	L. Schaeffer	187	12:08:00	14:20:33	02:12:33	01:42:56
5	1555	<i>Ceol na Mara</i>	J. Morgan	152	12:08:00	14:21:02	02:13:02	01:47:49
6	1922	Flying Scot - 1922	J. Cochran	211	12:08:00	14:34:26	02:26:26	01:50:32
10	822	<i>Sunshine</i>	V. Kind	207	12:08:00	WDR		
10	1121	<i>Ailanthus</i>	W. Grauer	207	12:08:00	WDR		
10	2270	Tartan 34	K. Padden	174	12:08:00	WDR		

A participant who disagrees with their score may request redress in a timely fashion per section VIII of the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions. Once the RC has given the scratch sheet to scoring they have no discretion to make changes. The Scorer may correct clerical or database entry errors, but has no authority to change the information reported by the Race Committee.



Booklist

Spring and Summer WILL come, in the meantime if you want to do some armchair traveling you might try one of these books.

First You Have to Row a Little Boat by Richard Bode

The Coast of Summer by Anthony Bailey

And any guide book featuring the warmer climes

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The Rigging Locker

For Sale: C&C 25 *Sunshine*

Launched in 1974, Spinnaker gear, Dacron sails, 4 Cycle 8 HP engine, GPS

Price: \$8,000 **Contact:** Marty Kind at 631-661-4070 or vkind 504 @aol.com

For Sale: 1988 27' Island Packet *Lady Barbara*.

Cutter rigged, full keel, centerboard, many extras. Original Owner

Price: Mid 40's. **Contact:** Jack Levitsky at 724-5855

For Sale: Standard Horizon, submersible multi-band marine portable radio. Send/receive on marine VHF and FRS. Listen to NOAA weather channels, standard AM, standard FM, aircraft (AM VHF) and MURS (multiple-use radio service) bands. In brand-new condition. Comes with radio, 110VAC power adapter, 12VDC power adapter, and recharging base that also enables connection to external GPS device for DSC emergency calling.

Price: Make an offer, sells for \$220 on eBay. **Contact:** Rich Troy at 516-935-5367

For Sale: Winches, Lewmar #43-Ocean Series. New, Standard Chrome, 2 speed, never used. 2 Available. Drum Dia: 3 7/16", Base Dia: 6 1/2", Height 6 1/8"

Price: \$675.00 each **Contact:** Don or Laurie Zimmer at 516-785-5246.

For Sale: Garmin Blue Chart GPS chart for Region 1-Great South Bay. This is the certified unlock code for the chart. Never used. Still in package.

Price: \$45.00 **Contact:** John Amato at johnfamato@optonline.net

For Sale: 2 Volvo 3 Blade 16 X 11 Folding Props. Excellent condition. One left hand, one right hand rotation.

Price: \$800.00, orig \$1,500.00. **Contact:** Bill Danilczyk at wjdanilczyk@gmail.com or 631-682-8647

For Sale: Bristol 31.1 "Good-Wind" owned by Hal Goodwin. 1984 K/CB, Universal Diesel, Harken Jib Furl, electronics, propane stove/oven, H&C pressure water. Excellent condition.

Asking \$45,500. **Contact:** Ken Goodwin 516-527-0565 kgoodwinassoc@aol.com

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.

Price: Open to offers **Contact:** Mike Hurley, 631 956 7415 or [mailto: mhurley@optonline.net](mailto:mhurley@optonline.net)

For Sale: Bristol 35.5 1979 Repowered with 40 HP Yanmar Diesel, VHF Radio, Auto Pilot, Lazy Jacks.

Price \$49,500.

28' Cape Dory 1987, Flybridge, single Chrysler 350, Radar AC, dual stations, recent engine work. Excellent Condition
Price: \$45,500 **Contact:** Yetta Fishman at 516-826-4251

Available: Lindenhurst Winter Storage Slips. Deep Water – 9', 10', 12', 14' wide – protected and secure. Year Round also available. ¼ Mile from boat ramp and marina. Nov. 15 to May 1, land storage also available.

Price: \$500 - \$1,100 **Contact:** Chris Schaefer at 631-957-1220

Wanted: Life Jackets - ages 8-12 / youth size. Need about 2 -4 .

Contact: Joyce at 516-541-2805

Listings in The Rigging Locker are ONLY for SBCC MEMBERS' nautical items. Ads will run for three months only unless an extension is requested. Send the written information to:

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Over The Bowsprit

February 2010

9 – Racing Awards @ Mustang Sally's, Higbie Lane, West Islip

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

Two Week Cruise Itinerary The Peconics

Cruise Captain – Della Bucher

Co-Captains

Roger & Peg Daisley, Belle Baxter

July 2 – Sore Thumb/Bellport

July 3 – Shinnecock

July 4 – Fort Pond, Montauk

July 5 – Sag Harbor

July 6 – Sag Harbor

July 7 – West Neck

July 8 – Bullhead Bay

July 9 – Robbins Island

July 10 – Greenport

July 11 – Greenport

July 12 – Block Island

July 13 – Block Island

July 14 – Block Island

July 15 – Shinnecock

July 16 – Home

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