

FROM THE MASTHEAD

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From the Helm

Matt DeMarco

As I write, Spring has not officially arrived but with the arrival of some very Spring-like days I am sure that you are, as I am, champing at the bit to get back out on the bay. Jen and I decided on a local rebuild of our motor, which, by all reports, is moving along quite nicely – with the kids' college fund still largely in tact. So, we anticipate being in good shape and in good time.

I am thankful to report that Roger (Chantyman) and Peg Daisley have volunteered (or were bamboozled by certain immediate past Chairs) to step in as the Hospitality co-Chairs. I know that you will, but I'll ask that we continue to give them and the Hospitality Committee our full support.

The next event on tap is the Cruise Awards Brunch, which is set for March 20 at the Snapper Inn, please check the calendar and your mail (RSVP required). We hope to see you there. ⚓

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From the Masthead

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From the Regatta Captain

Andrew Hemingway

Another month closer folks!

The food and drink were great, the awards were fun, but seeing everyone is what made the night a huge success. If you missed the awards ceremony you missed a good time. Be sure to try and make the next event. YOU are what make them fun!

I am looking forward to seeing people start work on their boats...wandering in and out of the boatyards to see what "magical" things each of us are doing to the bottom...then maybe some preseason tuning out on the late winter's bay. I can taste the saltwater already! A few of us have done some informal preseason racing out there and it is a lot of laughs. Try to make it out there.

Lastly, the Regatta Committee will be having a winter meeting in early March. Please contact me with anything that you would like us to discuss. You can either email me, or if you prefer, contact me at (646) 592-0334. I will promise to bring up any topic that is put to us. Remember, this is YOUR club. We are here for you.

Enjoy the rest of your winter! 

Why Join SBCC

Mike Duffy

On Saturday February 13th due to a combination of heavy snow, frozen cockpit drains and a poorly maintained rudder stuffing box, **Loon** my 1969 Pearson 35 nearly sank while stored in the water for the winter, on Shore Road in Babylon.

I was on my way to work, when I got the call from Joe Mullé that my boat had taken on water and was down well below her lines.

Help from fellow members arrived before I did, and although the Fire Department and the Marine Bureau responded to my call, they were unable to offer any assistance.

It was not necessary for me to call a single SBCC member to rescue **Loon**. They just came and saved my boat, with very little effort on my part, as I was occupied taking calls from friends asking how they could help.

In a very short time **Loon** was back on her lines and the leak stopped. With additional help I was able to clear the salt water from the engine, which is now 'pickled'. It appears damage will be minimal.

Although it will be a long time before I forget the site of **Loon** so close to being under, the real lesson is the one I have been learning since I joined the Cruising Club – You can't have too many friends.

Booty Awards!

Rendezvous & Cruise Awards Luncheon

For the 2009 Rendezvous(ers)
We're divvying up the bounty we pillaged.

Come claim your BOOTY
at our Home Port
Snapper Inn

March 20, 2010
1200 - 1530 hrs

RSVP
dbucher1010@yahoo.com
631-539-2707

**** PLEASE ****
Reservation required by March 16th
\$28.00/person
Mail checks made out to SBCC to
Della Bucher, 10 Salt Meadow Rd
Babylon, NY 11702

New Members

Name	Lawrence P. Becker,	Jurgen Fenske
Address	1 Aspen Avenue	55 Harbor Drive
	Bay Shore NY 11706	Blue Point, NY 11715
Yacht	Gorilla Dust	Class Sea M
Class	Holder 20	Catalina 36
Sponsors	Aileen Eppig & Harry Manko	Lee Christiansen & Robert Sheppard

Name	Gary M. Sebouhian	Patrick W. Sullivan
Address	352 Main Street	18 Ryan Street
	East Rockaway, NY 11518	West Islip, NY 11795
Yacht	Pandemonium , Bay Shore	Rum-Line
Class	C & C 28	
Sponsors	Rich LaBella & Buddy Braile	Kevin P. Regan & David M. Hyer

Cruising Guide Addendum

NY-FIRE ISLAND INLET

Extreme shoaling has been reported in Fire Island Inlet. Shoaling has reported to extend the entire width of the inlet in the vicinity of buoys 4, 5, and 6 with water depths of less than 4 feet at high tide and less than 2 feet at mean low water. Mariners are advised to proceed with extreme caution when transiting the Inlet

Courtesy Local Notice to Mariners - Cruising Guide

In Memoriam

The Officers, Governors and Board extend their sympathies to Dennis Marzocco and Family. Dennis' father, Joseph Marzocco passed away on Feb 3, 2010.

The Boat Fire

by Peggy Van Tassel

Part 1

Whether on cruise or at a rendezvous, I have heard on more than one occasion an SBCC member quip, "We can sleep soundly when Van Tassel is with us because he is always watching out for our boats." How very true, Bob is unwavering in his commitment and concern for all watercraft and fellow sailors. With this in mind, it only seemed to intensify the offensive violation that Bob and I suffered, when someone set our sailboat on fire on Memorial Day Weekend 2009.

It was a warm and quiet Sunday night and we were sleeping with the windows open. Our dog woke us up by barking at 12:45 am. We didn't hear anything and the dog stopped barking, so we went back to sleep. Fifteen minutes later we were again awakened by a loud noise from the front of our house. I recall that the noise was so intense, I didn't even realize it was someone pounding on our front door. Bob ran down stairs and the next thing I heard was "Fire." Seconds passed, and I thought the house was on fire, until Bob yelled up the stairs. "Call 911 and tell them the boat is on fire."

"Our boat?" I cried out to him. He confirmed that it was our boat, as he dashed out the door.

It was our neighbor's son who had seen the boat burning, while walking back to his house from a late night outing. He said when he saw the flames he ran to his house and woke his father up and then he ran down to our house. His father was already at the boat trying to extinguish the fire using a hose when Bob got to the boat and used another hose. Bob said he remembers approaching the boat and seeing flames shooting up the mast, with heavy flames centered in the cockpit, and the boom was also engulfed with flames. When the fire trucks arrived Bob and his neighbor actually had most of the fire under control, using the two garden hoses.

Initially, I stayed in the house. I didn't think I could stand to see our boat on fire recalling the horrible scene last year, when I watched another boat on fire in the middle of the night. I called our close friends Florie and Claudio, and they came over to offer their support. When they arrived we went to the boat to join Bob and about a dozen neighbors to watch the firemen do their job. When the fire was out we were left with a shocking remnant of our former boat. The mast had melted at its base and slipped downward about two feet. It stood leaning to the starboard side held up by a port shroud. The entire cabin top and cockpit of the boat was a melted, charred, foul smelling, mess. Only our freshly painted hull seemed unscathed by the horrid event.

When the firemen were leaving an arson investigator arrived. After a preliminary investigation, he approached Bob and me and asked quite seriously, "Do any of your neighbors have a grudge against you?" We assured him that none of our neighbors would have done this. My son Tommy lives with us and he told the arson investigator that he was awake in a downstairs bedroom when the dog barked. He said that at the same time that the dog barked he also heard a car speed off from behind our house.

As daybreak approached on Memorial Day, Bob set out to secure WINDQUEST. His first priority was to oversee the removal of the mast, as it was in danger of toppling over. He hired a local dock builder to do the job and within a few hours, under the backdrop of warm weather and blue skies, the barge and crane arrived and removed the mast.

It was Commissioning Day for the SBCC, and we had an overwhelming response from fellow members stopping by to see us, to see the boat, and to offer us their support. Actually it was not only that day but for weeks afterward people would stop by and call to express their sympathy. We were touched by the outpouring of support. Many members even offered us the use of their sailboat.

In the days after the fire, Bob spent countless hours shoveling soot and trying to clean some of the interior of the boat. Often, he was encouraged by how little damage there was to a good part of the boat's interior. Claudio helped Bob assess the total damage and configure the time and money to rebuild. After lengthy discussions and appraisals from various repair facilities the difficult decision was made to sell **WINDQUEST**.

We never did find out who set the fire, and we can only hope that we never have another tragedy like this. In mid-July, after traveling up and down the Atlantic coast and spending hundreds of hours doing internet searches we found another boat. We purchased a Tartan 4600. The boat's name is **Margaret Gale**, and we look forward to cruising with the SBCC on our new boat next season.

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: 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 wjdaniczyk@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>

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. 1/4 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: 13 foot Boston Whaler (any condition), with or without engine.

Contact with price and information: Colleen or Bill Harbert at 631 841-2049 or bharbert@verizon.net

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:

Belle Baxter
28 Shore Road
Babylon, NY 11702
Baxter.belle@gmail.com

Armchair Travel

There are lots of websites out there with lots of free nautical information, including downloads of charts and other items. Please be careful on these sites, not all of them are legitimate. To “verify” a website look for the following:

- ~ Contact Us information – If the information appears to be drastically different from the site’s content think twice about exploring. Or if you’re not quite sure, go ahead and make the contact, you’ll probably be able to tell from the response if the folks behind the site know what they’re talking about.
- ~ Copyright/Last Updated – Skippers have enough to worry about without bringing outdated information aboard.

Over The Bowsprit

March 2010
11 – Dave Perry Racing Seminar, Manhasset Yacht Club
20 – Cruising Awards – Snapper Inn
22 – Deadline for April Masthead
29 – SBCC Board Meeting West Islip Public Library 19:30
April 2010
17 – Spring Cocktail Party, Bay Shore Yacht Club
19 – Deadline for May Masthead
24 – Rendezvous – Frostbite, Davis Park, Host – Vixen
26 – SBCC Board Meeting West Islip Public Library 19:30
May 2010
2 – Rendezvous – Unqua Heading, Host Mareva
6 – Skipper’s Meeting, West Islip Library
8 – Rendezvous – Cool & Spicey, Sailor’s Haven, Host Habanero
11 – Bay Shore Twilight Spring 1, RC Grauer
13 – Babylon Twilight Spring 1, RC Daisley
15 – Rendezvous – Cool Beach Party, Watch Hill, Host Dodona
17 – Deadline for June Masthead
18– Bay Shore Twilight Spring 2, RC Davis
20– Babylon Twilight Spring 2, RC O’Connell
22 – Rendezvous – Reggae, Great River, Host Kariana
24 – SBCC Board Meeting West Islip Public Library 19:30
25– Bay Shore Twilight Spring 3, RC Eppig
27– Babylon Twilight Spring 3, RC O’Connell
29 – Rendezvous – Coffee, Tea or Us, Great River, Host Silent P
30 – Rendezvous – At The Dock, Willets Creek, Host Bieselín
31 – Creepstakes, Babylon RC Eppig
SBCC Commissioning Day, Babylon Yacht Club 1200



Hail on the roof of the Black Dog, Vineyard Haven,
2009 Two-Week Cruise

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