

South Bay Cruising Club

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From the Helm

John Davis

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I want to thank all who attended the Induction of Officers luncheon for joining us in welcoming our new officers, board members, and committee chairpersons. The warm atmosphere and spectacular views provided by the Riviera were a welcome retreat on one of our coldest winter days. I hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

I just finished writing the Commodore's Message for the 2004 yearbook, and I found it very difficult to keep it brief with so much going on this year in the SBCC. Our theme for the next two years will be very simple. Our club constitution defines the object of the SBCC in one brief sentence. The object of the South Bay Cruising Club is to promote cruising and racing under sail on the Great South Bay and nearby waters. This can be reduced to just three words to define our theme, we promote sailing.

While doing just that, Fleet Captain Dennis Krug, Regatta Captain Jack Morgan, and Hospitality Chairman Jim Reichel have diligently planned a schedule that combines sailing with some of the best social events of the summer.

The committee meetings have been going on since November in order to allow enough time to finalize plans before the yearbook

goes to print. The enthusiasm is quite high in all the committees, and the emphasis has been on injecting as much fun as possible into the schedule. We will continue to adhere to club traditions while making a few alterations in the methods we use.

Watch for invitations in the mail and articles in the winter Mastheads to keep informed about what's going on, and be sure to join as often as you can. This cold and icy winter has given many of us an opportunity to put a few things in shape before spring. My wife Kathy decided she could wait no longer to get her bad knee replaced. After she completed all the preparations, I accompanied her to the Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan, where she underwent the procedure and is making a strong recovery. As a fringe benefit, my idle time in the waiting room gave me a chance to write this article and a few other things. As soon as the ice melts off the boats, I'm sure most of us will focus our attention in that direction.

We want to get as many people involved in club functions as possible. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions any time throughout the year contact me or any other board member. You can reach me at (631) 422-2242 or email to Jdavisfly@aol.com

John 

From the Regatta Captain

Jack Morgan

The 2003 season ended with a little extra participation by Mother Nature. Fall Series number two was postponed due to extremely low tides. The Turkey Race was cancelled due to extremely high winds. Even the SBCC Holiday Party took place during a blizzard. For the first event of 2004 however, Old Man Winter relaxed his grip for one day as the Ed Brooks Memorial Race, on New Year's Day was greeted by warm temperatures, sunny skies, and seven boats participating! It was chills, thrills, and "ouch...that's gonna leave a mark!" After enjoying hot cider and cocoa at the Babylon Village dock provided by Commodore Davis, (thanks John), racers, crews, and spectators moved over to Pier 44 for trophies and post race festivities. Thanks to Jerry Dunnells, Suzy Dunnells, and Romeo Saganic for doing a great job as race committee. Also, thanks to Joe Mulle for helping with the trophies, and Jim Reichel for scoring the race. It looks to me like the 2004 season is off to a good start.

The 2003 Season Trophy Presentation will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Mustang Sally's in West Islip at 7:30 PM. I'm sure it will be a fun filled evening as always. I will have the 2004 Race Committee sign up sheet available for Race Committee selection. Please plan on selecting two Race Committee assignments. Choosing your committee assignments now, rather than having them assigned later, makes it easier for all involved. If you cannot attend and you want to choose your dates, just give me a call or e-mail any time after the 10th but before the 14th, to find out what dates are available. Keep in mind though that when the Yearbook goes to print all assignments must be filled in.

Well, that's about all for this installment. Get started on those winter projects. Spring is right around the corner, (I hope).

See you on the starting line. 🏆

From the Fleet Captain

Dennis Krug

One of the milestones of winter's passage is the Atlantic City Sail Expo, the winter rendezvous for sailors. Many SBCC members braved the cold weather to take a look at the latest sailboat models and wander up and down the exhibit aisles. It is a perfect venue to break the winter blues and start planning for the sailing season.

Our SBCC Cruise Captains have started planning early. One of the cruise options for this summer is a 9-day cruise to the Jersey Shore, Staten Island and Sheepshead Bay. Dave Tedesco aboard Painkiller will be leading the group, which will be assembling Friday evening, July 2, in the vicinity of Atlantique or Sore

Thumb, and returning Sunday, July 11. The itinerary is as follows:

7/3 - Sat - Fire Island Inlet to Sea Bright, NJ
 7/4 - Sun - Lay Day
 7/5 - Mon - Lay Day
 7/6 - Tues - Navesink River - Fairhaven/Red Bank
 7/7 - Wed - Lay Day
 7/8 - Thurs - Horseshoe Cove, Sandy Hook/Atlantic Highlands
 7/9 - Fri - Great Kills Harbor, Staten Island
 7/10 - Sat - Sheepshead Bay
 7/11 - Sun - Fire Island Inlet & Home Port

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From the Membership Captain

Sue Montana

First, thanks to everyone who sent in their payment and paperwork from the first Dues 2004 mailing. Responding to the first mailing saves the club additional printing and mailing expenses. For those of you who missed the first notice, you should have received a second notice in the mail recently. Please respond upon receipt to ensure your correct information is reported in the Yearbook.

There are two objectives with these mailings. The most obvious is to collect your dues to continue to fund SBCC activities. Less obvious is the fact that the dues notices themselves contain a wealth of information about you, your family and your yacht. This information is used in a variety of ways, from mailing you invitations to club functions, to emailing last minute notices about changes in race or rendezvous plans. Most importantly, it becomes part of the official club history as published in the annual Yearbook. It is also a way for fellow club members to keep in touch with each other.

Please review this information carefully and be sure to indicate any additions, corrections or deletions.

This year the club will be offering a new option - email delivery of the monthly Masthead. For the last two years, this has been tested by the Mailing Committee and the Board members and I know I loved getting my Masthead via email! It arrived as soon as it was completed (instead of having to wait for printing and mailing) and it was in full color! Check off the appropriate box on your renewal form and see for yourself.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all members that member information, including email addresses, is for club use only. It is NOT to be used for any non-club purpose, including mailing lists, special offers, commercial purposes, personal appeals, etc.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Aileen Eppig and Richard LaBella for their assistance in training me on the Membership process. Aileen has done a fantastic job for the past four years, and I hope I can hand off as clean a process to the next Chair.

If you have any membership questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (631) 567-7028 or thesuemt@optonline.net.

PROGRAM TOPICS

If you have a topic of particular interest or would like to hear a certain speaker for a program event, please contact us and tell us your ideas. We want to present discussions of interest to you all for 2004 and 2005. . Jeff Mattera put together some really great events last year; some topics could be repeated but you may have other ideas for a new item we have not discussed. I am sure together we can get on the right tack, if you do your trick and help get us on an even keel. Thank you. So *sing out* to Richard or Adrienne Tesoro

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This will be a nice relaxing, laid-back cruise. If you want something different this year and you don't have more than a week to spare, why not think about joining us? Call Dave Tedesco at (631) 277-3760 to get more information. Marina space will be hard to come by on July 3 & 4, so you may want to call Dave to get information about reserving a slip or mooring.

A longer duration three week cruise will be lead by Cruise Captain Dorothy Becker. The cruise will leave on Friday June 25 and head for Block Island with the usual stop at Cormorant Point. After Block Island the cruise will stop at Newport and Watch Hill Rhode Island. The plan is to arrive at Mystic Seaport on July 3 and leave on July 5. Next the cruise will proceed to Saybrook on the

Connecticut River and then head west, stopping at Branford or Milford Connecticut, Northport, City Island and Sheepshead Bay. The cruise will arrive at Fire Island Inlet on Wednesday July 14 and stop for the night at Atlantique where the cruise will end on Thursday July 14. If this itinerary sounds interesting to you, it's important that you contact Cruise Captain Dorothy Becker at djb138@yahoo.com or 631 234 4062. She has made a group reservation at Mystic Seaport. The Dockmaster expects the marina reservations to fill up quickly, so reserve your spot now. Reservations can be cancelled with no penalty up to 24 hours before. As of now there are three boats in the group. 🏠

Welcoming New Members

Della Bucher

The following new members were voted in at the last board meeting:

Members - **Jerry & Elaine Stein** of Blue Point who sail Julia, an Island Packet 27 were sponsored by Ed Petroske and Cindy LaValle.

John & Margaret Mullarkey of Massapequa who sail Blue Fin a Catalina 30 were sponsored by James Westpfahl and Steve Brice.

Associate **Leonard & Therese Jenik** of Garden City cruise in a Mainship Trawler and were sponsored by Jeff Biesel and Rich Tesoro. Please welcome them. 🏠

With the start of a new season fast approaching, (believe me, it will warm up) I would like to ask for volunteers to help me with a welcoming project. I need our seasoned cruisers and/or racers to help me set up a mentoring or buddy system for our new incoming members. I hope to have you meet your new fellow sailors on the bay and escort them to a rendezvous and introduce them to the group. In this way, I hope we can foster in our new members the camaraderie and the fun we share as SBCC members. Please give me a call and leave a message or e-mail me at mbucher@suffolk.lib.ny.us.

From the Program Captains

Adrienne and Richard Tesoro

2004-2005 Commences

Over one hundred people attended the 2004 installation dinner at the Riviera restaurant on January 10, 2004. You were welcomed with hors d'oeuvres and spliced the main brace under a ten foot long South Bay Cruising Club burgee hung in the middle the room.

The program started when our past Commodore Sally Eilbeck passed the "gavel" and commodore's flag to our new Commodore John Davis. John introduced the Officers, Board, and the Committee Chairs that will be working together to make 2004 -2005 great years for the SBCC. Sally and John did a super job!

Music was provided for entertainment during the meal and dancing afterwards by a duo named Hernandez and Bess. We were warmed with the two fireplaces ablaze, and the partially frozen bay allowed several duck hunter's boats to cruise back in the creek. I couldn't tell how their catch was

but our dinners were excellent and so was our service.

Eighty percent of the people who attended took advantage of prepaying. They picked up their name tags and begin to party immediately, no waiting in line for them. The very first person to pay in advance for was Della Bucher and we awarded her with a nautical calendar. The first new members to pay for their tickets also received a nautical calendar. We drew from the silver bowl of all the returned name tags and the winner was Beryl Menger; she will receive a rigging knife.

The Cruising Awards Dinner will be at the Snapper Inn on Friday, March 26, 2004. Watch your future newsletter for details.

We will see you all next at the 2003 Race Awards on Tuesday February 10 at Mustang Sally's. 🍷

2003 Cruising Awards - - March 26

SAVE THE DATE

Mark on your calendars Friday, 26 March for the Cruising Awards. We will have a sumptuous Spring dinner at one of our favorite haunts, the Snapper Inn! Tickets will soon be available. Please watch your future newsletters for details.

You may make reservations with Adrienne and Richard Tesoro by

Telephone 631-587-0300

Email AAAFT@juno.com

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Past Commodore Sally Eilbeck and Commodore John Davis present retired Vice Commodore Bill Menger with a plaque in appreciation for his more than 30 years of service to the South Bay Cruising Club at the Commodore's Installation.

Flotsam & Jetsam

The Editor

Hopefully, you haven't noticed that there is a new editor of **From The Masthead**. Every attempt has been made to keep our form of communication as familiar as possible. And please remember this is OUR form of communication - I look forward to submissions from the Board and members so we can let everyone else know what's happening in the Club. I've created this space because from time to time there are items of interest that don't quite require a complete article. For instance:

- Historian Bob Sheppard is looking for back copies of From the Masthead. If you can help please contact him at the addresses listed on page 9.
- Be sure to check the calendars for dates of upcoming seminars including How to Plan for Your First Off-Shore Cruise, Eric Forsythe at the Long Island Maritime Museum and words from a representative from New England Rope.
- Favorite recipes, and web sites and, because I'm a librarian, people have asked for book recommendations.
- Preparations are underway for the April 25th Spring Cocktail Party at the West Sayville Country Club. This event will feature a wide variety of buffet-style cuisine, unlimited beer, wine and soda (as well as a cash bar), and musical entertainment. Hospitality Committee hopes to plan this event as a "theme" party.

Exploring the Great South Bay

Rich and Sue Troy, "Fun Sway", Beneteau Oceanis 390

This is not being submitted for consideration of any SBCC cruising award, but is being submitted in the interest of sharing information with fellow cruisers. As we've had the chance to speak with some of the SBCC members about this, it seems that no one else we spoke with knew that the North Channel of the Great South Bay was usable all the way to Seaford.

For the record: my family is not related to, nor do we have any business interest in, the organizations mentioned below.

From the Editor - Reminder, SBCC is not advocating you follow this route. We are printing this article for informational purposes only.

Looking for another destination in the Great South Bay?

Contrary to the published nautical charts, the North Channel in the Great South Bay's eastern Nassau County area is alive and doing just fine. So if you're looking for another destination in the Great South Bay, or if you're looking for another route in which to do some nearby sightseeing, read on.

If you like "gunk holing" in the Long Island area - you'll enjoy this route.

A benefit of taking this journey would include the satisfaction of taking a new route (if you've not done this before). You'll also get some marvelous views of the scenery along the way. As a bonus, you'll even get the opportunity to see some of Nassau County's very expensive waterfront properties "up close and personal" - sometimes within 50 feet of their docks.

Come on in - the water's fine

Having taken this trip near the end of the summer of 2003, we can say from first-hand experience that the water depth in the channels was at least 8 feet. Interestingly enough, the most shallow water was found south of the Babylon Cove - sometimes at a depth of about 6 feet - before getting into the North Channel. Our boat draws about 4'7" and we had no problems along the entire route.

If you have the time, there are many canals along the way that can be explored from your boat without having to use a dinghy. Be careful when trying to enter a local canal, though: Check your charts for reported depths and be aware that shallow spots often exist in the areas that connect the local canal to the North Channel.

Pay attention to the (often reversing) buoys

Let's look at this as a round trip of 26 nautical miles (nm). As a reference point, start at the Robert Moses Causeway's northern bridge and head about 1.5nm west to the "2" and "3" buoys that are just south of the Babylon Cove and above the north end of the Oak Island Channel. From here keep heading approximately west, carefully keeping the red buoys on your north side (on your starboard side when heading west). Keep going, following the increasing buoy numbers, until you get past the buoys "24" and "25" near Unqua Point. Then go to the "CC" mid-channel buoy.

Now head to the buoys "43" and "42" - but notice - here the route has reversed the buoys so now the red buoys will be on your south side (port side heading west). From here, the buoy numbers will be decreasing until you get to buoys "4" and "25" near Seaford Creek.

Now the published charts are accurate again

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At this point you'll pick up the buoys of the "Great Channel". Here the buoys will have decreasing numbers (from "Z22" to "Z1") and the red buoys will continue to be on your port side. Here you've nearly reached the half-way point of the route and you can stop at a nearby waterfront restaurant if you wish (look for details below). Further along, at the "Z1" and "Z2" buoys, you'll be about 1/3 mile from the Goose Creek drawbridge.

Are there sea horses in the Great South Bay?

From here, you'll head between the "G1" and "2" markers which indicate the start of this segment of the State Channel. Here the buoys have reversed again, so now the red buoys will be on your starboard side. This route is well marked, bringing you past Zach's Bay, Gilgo, Hemlock Cove, Oak Island and many other diversions that are worth examining. One of our sailing friends tells us they've found sea horses in Hemlock Cove, but we haven't been back there since learning this interesting bit of trivia. That will be on our "list of things to do" on a future trip.

When you get to buoys "64" and "65" near Oak Island, head northward keeping the green "SO" marker on your starboard side. Now you're in the Oak Island Channel where the buoy numbers will increase and the red buoys will continue to be on your starboard side.

About 200 feet north of buoy "9" you can head back to the starting point of this route, toward the Robert Moses Causeway Bridge.

Want to break up this trip?

If you get the urge for a stop-over at a restaurant, consider "Caps Restaurant" in Seaford (www.capsontheriver.com). It's located about 4/10 mile northwest from the "Z19" buoy on Seamans Creek. Although the chart says the depths are 3' to 4' in places, we've gotten in and out near low tide without any problems with our 4'7" draft. As you head northwest from the "Z19" buoy, you'll pass two waterways on your port side. At the

intersection of the third waterway on your port side you'll see the restaurant. For the best water depths, don't try to dock between the restaurant's pilings in the creek, but, instead, tie up at the north side of their canal dock. Don't go very far into the canal; keep the end of your boat partly in the creek to avoid a shallow spot in the middle of that north side dock.

Need a place to stay overnight?

Zachs Bay is a reasonable place to stay overnight at anchor and it's located about half-way through this 26nm trip, but be sure to use the western waterway entrance. As you turn from the State Channel into the Zach's Bay entrance near marker "12", stay really close to the western shore - about 50 feet from the western shoreline. The other areas of that channel are very shallow. Turn south and then southeast past the small island on the east side of the channel to reach the large open area on the eastern side of the Bay where you can anchor comfortably.

If you have the courage to take a dinghy ashore and leave it for a while, Zachs Bay provides easy walking access to the main Jones Beach boardwalk with its seasonal attractions which include an oceanfront restaurant, par3 golf course, mini golf course, paddle ball courts, ball fields, gift shop and, of course, the beautiful oceanfront beach. An annual July 4th fireworks show takes place near the Bay. Some summer nights have music and dancing at the boardwalk's Hatch Shell, and some nights feature major concerts at the Marine Theater in Zachs Bay. It's been said that you can't hear the concerts when your boat is at anchor in the Bay.

Our sailboat has "bumped bottom" sometimes when going in and out of Zachs Bay, so deeper draft vessels might want to consider staying overnight nearby at marinas like TOBAY or Gilgo (some residency restrictions apply), or at one of the many other harbors off the State Channel. Unfortunately, Zachs Bay is the only anchorage along this route that is within walking distance of the Jones Beach attractions.

That's all! Happy sailing! 🍷

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Over The Bowsprit:

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Last Day to pay dues to be included in the yearbook	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10  Racing Awards, Mustang Sally's, 7:30 PM	11	12	13	14 
15	16  President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23  SBCC Board Meeting at LaGrange Inn, West Islip 7:30 PM	24	25	26 How to Plan for your First Off-Shore Cruise - 6:30 PM, West Marine, Babylon - Adrienne Tesoro	27	28
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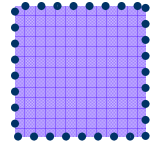
Over The Bowsprit:

March

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7	8	9	10	11 Eric Forsythe at the Long Island Maritime Museum, West Sayville 7:30 PM	12	13
14	15	16	17 	18	19	20
21 Happy Spring!!!! 	22	23	24	25	26  Cruising Awards, Snapper Inn	27
28	29 SBCC Board Meeting at LaGrange Inn, West Islip 7:30 PM 	30	31			



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Wanted: 2004 Season Dockage for *Cu Mara*. An Endeavour 33, 11.5' beam, 4.5' draft. We would prefer the East Babylon to East Islip area, but will consider anything reasonable.

Contact: Bruce McMahon
Phone: 516 346 7299 (work); 516 317 5163 (cell)
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For Sale: Two Blade Bronze Michigan Sailor Prop. Right hand rotation, 13" Diameter, 14" Pitch, for 1" shaft. \$75.00

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Martec Folding Prop, Mark III Eliptec. Right hand rotation, 12" Diameter, 12" Pitch, for 1" shaft. \$288.00

Contact: Mark Randazzo - *Williwaw*
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Wanted: Old Kenyon or Homestrand two-burner pressurized alcohol stove. Does not have to be in working condition. Needed for parts.

Contact: Tom Gotard *Silhouette*
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Wanted: Manual windlass for 27' boat.

Contact: W. Bruce Kleisler
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Wanted: 2004 Season Dockage for 36' Morgan, 4'.8' draft.

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