

South Bay Cruising Club



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From the Helm

John Davis

The elections are over and the results are in. On January first, Commodore Bob VanTassel and all the newly elected SBCC Officers will assume office and begin their two year term at the helm of our club. This *From the Helm* article will be the last for this year and the final one of my term as Commodore. What we have tried to accomplish for the past two years is probably the same thing we look forward to the next board members and committee chairpersons to do: to endeavor to continue the true traditions of the SBCC while also attempting to make it just a little bit better than it was before we started. Hopefully the work of our officers and chairpersons during the past two years has brought each of you some pleasure and satisfaction as members of our club. I want to thank everyone who has generously contributed their time and talents to enable us to provide a schedule of events and programs second to no other club on the South Shore. It has

been a privilege to serve as your Commodore and I sincerely appreciate the tremendous support offered by so many SBCC members.

One of our traditions is the annual *Turkey Race* which was held as usual on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. While the wind left us for much of the race, the party after at Mustang Sally's was a blustery success with over fifty racers and crew in attendance. Thanks to Associate, Michael Simon for providing such a prestigious committee boat Jennifer and Mike Einsetler for providing the awards.

Regretfully, we also have more sobering news to report. After sailing with us for nearly forty years, Grace Parker, wife of Reverend and Fleet Chaplain Dick Parker, has passed away. Grace was well known to our members as a talented sailor who was always caring and always giving

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From the Regatta Captain

Jack Morgan

The annual SBCC Turkey Race was held on Saturday, November 26th with 14 boats participating. The wind was light and variable at the start but a southwesterly did manage to fill in late in the race. Alas, it was a little too late, as some boats had already decided to drop out. After all we had a party to go to! Mustang Sally's in West Islip was the gathering place and racers and crews enjoyed food, trophies and a festive atmosphere.

I would like to thank the following people for helping to make this event a success: Michael Simon, for providing the committee boat. Marty O'Connell and Kevin Padden for helping with the committee

work; Jim Reichel for scoring; Jennifer and Mike Einsetler for trophies; Kathleen Farrell for working the door; and John Davis for helping with, well, just about everything. This race marks the conclusion of the 2005-racing season. It also marks the conclusion of my term as Regatta Captain. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Regatta Committee and the board for all of your help during the past two years. I leave you in the capable hands of Aileen Eppig, the Regatta Captain for 2006-2007.

Jack Morgan 
SBCC Regatta Captain
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Attention Race Award Winners!

If you are holding an SBCC Perpetual Race Trophy, please return to Jennifer or Mike Einsetler at the Holiday Party or, please contact Jennifer or Mike Einsetler before January 1st at 631-539-4331 or sailinaway5861@optonline.net

From the Fleet Captain

Dennis Krug

The 2005 cruising season was a great success. There were three cruises and twenty rendezvous, giving SBCC members plenty of opportunity to join together. In this MASTHEAD you will find lists of the boats that participated in cruise and rendezvous activities, as reported by the cruise captains and rendezvous hosts. The rendezvous report lists boats that participated in four or more rendezvous, this is the minimum required to be eligible for an award. Please review it for accuracy, as cruise and rendezvous awards will be based on this information. If there are any discrepancies please let me know.

I would like to thank the Cruise Captains and Rendezvous Hosts for their efforts in making each event an enjoyable and memorable experience. Special thanks to John Davis for asking me to be Fleet Captain for the past two years. It has been a pleasure being a part of the team that John put together

Dennis 

RENDEZVOUS HOSTS

DATE	VESSEL	CAPTAIN
MAY 14	<i>Vixen</i>	Peter
MAY 21	<i>Mistress</i>	Hopkins
MAY 28	<i>Silent P</i>	Pshedesky
JUN 4	<i>Wild Blue</i>	Mulle
JUN 11	<i>della.calm</i>	Bucher
JUN 18	<i>Fenian</i>	Simmons
JUN 25	<i>Grace</i>	DeMarco
JUL 2	<i>One More Time</i>	Duffy
JUL 9	<i>Dragon Fly</i>	Davis
JUL 16	<i>Shoot'n the Breeze</i>	Czach
JUL 23	<i>Cu Mara</i>	McMahon
JUL 30	<i>Captain's Lady</i>	Carlberg
AUG 6	<i>Jam V</i>	Dudek
AUG 20	<i>Lady Barbara</i>	Nielsen
AUG 27	<i>Saga</i>	Rothaug
SEP 3	<i>WINDQUEST</i>	Van Tassel
SEP 10	<i>Maggie Lee</i>	Christiansen
SEP 17	<i>Phoebe Rose</i>	Tedesco
SEP 24	<i>Njord</i>	Eilbeck
OCT 1	<i>Astarte</i>	Kleisler

2005 RENDEZVOUS ATTENDEES

SAIL #	BOAT NAME	COUNT	SAIL #	BOAT NAME	COUNT
60	<i>Fun Sway</i>	16	675	<i>Shoot'n the Breeze</i>	7
161	<i>Miss Liberty II</i>	16	1260	<i>Silhouette</i>	7
581	<i>della.calm</i>	15	5538	<i>Phoebe Rose</i>	7
712	<i>Mistress</i>	15	42281	<i>Jam V</i>	7
105	<i>Lady Barbara (L)</i>	12	24	<i>WINDQUEST</i>	6
89	<i>Habanero</i>	11	144	<i>Njord</i>	6
130	<i>Vixen</i>	11	269	<i>Counterpoint</i>	6
2402	<i>One More Time</i>	11	1395	<i>Lady Barbara (N)</i>	6
96	<i>Astarte</i>	10	311	<i>Cu Mara</i>	6
73	<i>Silver Cloud</i>	9	182	<i>Vela II</i>	5
4201	<i>Eagle's Wings</i>	9	156	<i>Grace</i>	5
110	<i>Firstlight</i>	8	39	<i>Emerald Seas</i>	4
42380	<i>Kariana</i>	8	112	<i>Leprechaun</i>	4
	<i>Fenian</i>	8	621	<i>Moonraker</i>	4
33	<i>Midnight Sun</i>	7	1136	<i>Dodona</i>	4
62	<i>Windswept</i>	7	1714	<i>Wind Call</i>	4
1858	<i>Belle Free</i>	7	2802	<i>Captain's Lady</i>	4
124	<i>Cee-J2</i>	7	11185	<i>Maggie Lee</i>	4
340	<i>Silent P</i>	7		<i>Enchanted</i>	4
641	<i>Laurie Jean</i>	7			

SBCC Cruises 2005 Season

BETWEEN THE FORKS - TWO WEEK CRUISE

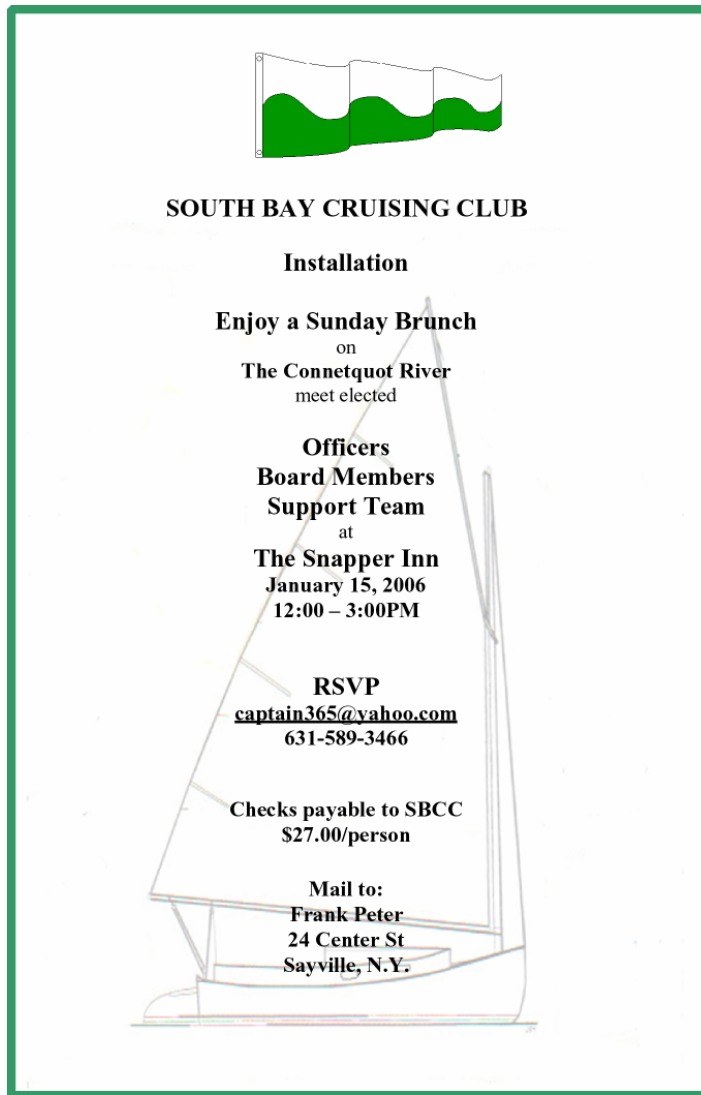
Captain	Charlie Becker	<i>Becky</i>
Participants	Carlberg	<i>Captain's Lady</i>
	Christiansen	<i>Maggie Lee</i>
	Flynn	<i>Dodona</i>
	Holwell	<i>Galatea</i>
Co-Captain	Krug	<i>Kariana</i>
	Montana	<i>Habanero</i>
	Tedesco	<i>Phoebe Rose</i>

BRISTOL NINE DAY CRUISE -

Captain	Michael Kohl	<i>Justus</i>
Participants	Glinski	<i>Midnight Sun</i>
	Tasso	<i>God's Grace</i>

WEEK IN THE BAY CRUISE

Captain	Dennis Krug	<i>Kariana</i>		
Participants	Becker	<i>Counterpoint</i>	Metzник	<i>Magic Dragon</i>
	Bucher	<i>della.calm</i>	Nielsen	<i>Lady Barbara</i>
	Christiansen	<i>Maggie Lee</i>	Sherman	<i>Miss Liberty</i>
	Eilbeck	<i>Njord</i>	Simmons	<i>Fenian</i>
	Kleisler	<i>Astarte</i>	Van Tassel	<i>WINDQUEST</i>
	Letvitsky	<i>Lady Barbara</i>		



Incoming Flag Officers are

Commodore	Robert VanTassel
Vice Commodore	William Grauer
Rear Commodore	Matthew DeMarco
Treasurer	Jeff Mattera
Recording Secretary	Daniel McMillan

Incoming Governors are Sally Eilbeck, Robert Forman, Joyce Gotard, Dennis Krug, Richard LaBella, Richard LaTorre, and Robert Sheppard

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while showing us tremendous strength and good humor. The memorial service held at the Methodist Church in Babylon was a striking tribute to Grace offered by just some of the countless people whose lives she touched. We will think of Grace often.

We also have some business which will be unfinished at the end of the year and will continue on track well into next year. I am referring to the ongoing work of the SBCC Pump out Initiative Committee working to improve pump out facilities through the use of town-operated boats, and the situation in

Connetquot River regarding the proposed expansion of the Oakdale Yacht Service Marina into the river and the related obstacle course of unsafe buoys placed by their owners. We will keep you updated with our progress throughout 2006.

Thank you again to all of our Members and Associates who have given our club your support, energy and time during the last two years.

You can reach me any time at (631) 422-2242 or Jdavisfly@aol.com

John Davis 

November 29, 2005

Commodore John Davis and SBCC Members,

Many, many thanks to all club members who have been so supportive to Grace and me during her long illness. Thank you for visits, cards, calls, expressions of concern at every club event, and your constant prayers. You have been "Club Chaplains" to me.

In recent days, you have been present at the Funeral Home and the Memorial Service, and our commodore spoke graciously at that event. Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

*Thank you and Blessings to all,
Dick Parker and the family of Grace Parker*

In Coming Hospitality

Flori Grottoli

With the New Year comes a new slate of officers and committee heads and I would like to introduce myself as the new Hospitality Chairperson. As such I am extending an invitation to all members interested in volunteering for Hospitality to contact me at either my home 631-587-2078 or by e-mail at Cavalieri@mindspring.com

I would greatly appreciate all suggestions, especially from members willing to share their experience and ideas. I also believe that we can pull together great parties if we can get lots of hands-on help as well. The first Hospitality meeting will be held on **FEBRUARY 12, 2006** and I'm hoping that all volunteers can make the date. Please contact me and I will put you on my list for that day.

***Please Note: Even if you do not wish to volunteer, but you have specific dietary needs (diabetes, intolerances, vegetarian, etc.) please contact me to let me know.**

In the meantime, see you at the Holiday Party and I wish you all Happy and Healthy Holidays.
Flori

Flotsam & Jetsam

The Editor

Writing the Masthead for the last two years has given me great respect not only for the editors who preceded me, but also for the paper itself. I have learned it is the main regular source of communication for the South Bay Cruising Club. Through this vehicle we learn about Club activities and the events which happen in our members' lives.

I was honored when John Davis asked me to take over this project. I would not have been able to do this without the support of the Board, Mike Duffy's photos and John Holst's prompt mailing.

Along the way, I have learned a lot and have made some mistakes. If any of you

have found my judgment to include certain items to be wanting I apologize.

Commodore-Elect Bob VanTassel has asked me to continue in this post and I have accepted.

Several members have requested more personal information so I am asking you to let me know what is happening in your lives. I can't print everything, but will do the best I can. I've also been asked if a Lost & Found section could be included - this way you might find the owners of those unique serving trays left behind on a rendez vous.

I look forward to the next two years and hope you will, too.

November 29, 2005

TO: SBCC Members and Associates:

RE: Dues increase for 2006

As agreed at the SBCC Board Meeting of October 24, 2005, an *ad hoc* committee on SBCC Dues met to review club finances and projections for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Board regarding an increase in membership and associate dues commencing with the year 2006. The members of this committee are Commodore John Davis (*ex officio* chairman), Vice Commodore Bob VanTassel, Treasurer Jeff Mattera, Governor Bill Grauer, and Recording Secretary Matt DeMarco. .

At a meeting on October 30, 2005 the committee unanimously agreed to recommend a dues increase of \$10.00* for Regular Members and \$5.00* for Senior Members and Associates. This recommendation and a vote thereon were placed on the agenda for the Board Meeting of November 29.

The Committee conducted a thorough review of past, current and projected revenues and expenses, and determined the following:

1- Revenue from dues has declined approx. \$800.00 in 2005. This is due to a net reduction in membership from 2004. The projection made by the Committee, based conservatively upon demographics and potential growth in membership in 2006, is that by attrition and new membership the 2006 dues revenue will be approximately the same as 2005.

2- A review of the year-end cash position of the club for the past five years shows a trend of cash *reserves* decreasing at the rate of approx. \$2,000.00 per year. The current year-end projection is \$17,100.00. It was noted that the Board has previously set the unspecified minimum *reserve* at \$15,000.00, slightly more than half the annual operating budget. If the erosion of *reserves* continues without abatement, the club would be at that minimum by the end of 2006.

3- We expect greater than normal inflationary increases in several areas including postage, yearbook, masthead, general printing, association dues and insurance. These increases were conservatively projected at 12% (except postage which was estimated at \$0.03 per unit). Based upon Year 2005 budgets, these increases would result in an expenditure of an extra \$2,000.00.

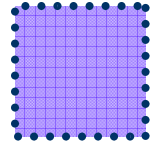
4- An additional consideration is that Bob VanTassel, Bill Grauer, and Matt DeMarco would like to expand the offerings of the Program Committee and would like to include \$1,000.00 in the 2006 budget for that purpose.

5- There has been no increase in dues in the last ten years.

6- A \$10.00/ \$5.00 increase in dues for 2006, an 8% raise, will partially cover the items listed above in 1-3. It is anticipated that the remainder of the shortfall and the additional Program budget will be achieved through tighter budgetary controls. There are now 168 regular members, 28 senior members, 22 honorary members, and 17 associates.

After careful consideration, the SBCC Board voted to approve the increase. Please look for your dues renewal form from the incoming membership chair, John Holst.

FROM THE MASTHEAD
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Over The Bowsprit

January

- 1 - *Edward Brooks Memorial Race*, Babylon, 1200
- 15 - Installation of Officers, Snapper Inn, Great River, 1200

The Rigging Locker

For Sale: 1979 Catalina 27 with re-built Universal Diesel in 2004, 150 Jib and 85 Jib, roller furling, dodger and sunshade, bottom completely sanded and redone in 2003, working head, nice large cabin, price includes 2005/2006 winter storage.

Price: \$8000.00

Contact: Sue Campbell cell # 917-494-518 ^(a)

For Sale: *Painkiller* - a well-maintained 1988 Hunter 26.5 - 3-1/2 foot draft with Wing Keel; with a 1998 Suzuki 4-stroke 9.9 HP long shaft electric start motor with alternator; 110 & 150 jib; Roller Furler; Battened Main; New Depth/Fish Finder (Not Installed); Dodger with Sun Awning; Single Burner Alcohol Stove; Sink with Foot Pump; Charcoal Bar-b-Que; Hard Dinghy & 2.5 hp outboard. A great little fast cruiser! All sails washed & maintained yearly by Sailor's Choice.

Price: Asking \$12,000

Contact: Dave & June Tedesco - (631) 277-3760 ^(a)

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:

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28 Shore Road
Babylon, NY 11702

Or email to: belbax@suffolk.lib.ny.us