

South Bay Cruising Club

From The Masthead



Vol. 56 Issue 1

January/February 2006

From the Helm

Bob Van Tassel

In This Issue:

From the Helm	1
From the Fleet Captain	2
From the Regatta Captain	3
GSBYRA	4
Hospitality	4
Year Book Request	5
Welcoming New Members	5
Current Board Info	6
Race Results	7
SBCC Joins SSER CAC	8
Over the Bowsprit	9
Rigging Locker	10

Welcome to a new year and a new board for the 2006-2007 seasons and greetings to all members of the South Bay Cruising Club. I would like to begin by thanking the members who attended the recent installation ceremony held at The Snapper Inn. It was a very special event which was well attended and the inclement weather did not hinder our celebration. We gave recognition to Past Commodore John Davis for his hard work and fine leadership for the past two years. The club presented John with his Past Commodore blazer patch, flag, and a beautiful brass ship's clock. It also was my pleasure to present blazer patches and flags to our incoming officers and introduce our Board of Governors and committee heads.

The Snapper Inn provided a wonderful setting and a delicious brunch. It was great to see the families and especially the children in attendance. A

special thank-you to Frank Peter, Jeff Mattera, and Belle Baxter for their efforts in making the installation brunch a success.

Participation and abundant spirit has kept the SBCC strong for 55 years. Our members join in club events all year long, from the Ed Brooks Memorial race on January 1 to the Holiday Party in December. Throughout all the activities during the year; races, rendezvous, cruises, parties and programs; we come together to make every occasion a memorable event.

Our committees have already been very active in making plans for this year. There is consistent behind-the-scenes effort and dedication by them to bring these events to fruition. Volunteering is the strength and foundation of our club. Please consult The **Masthead**, the SBCC web site, or call any committee chairperson, or me, if you wish to

From the Masthead
 The monthly publication of
 South Bay Cruising Club
 PO Box 365
 Babylon, NY 11702
sbccsail.org
 BoatUS # GA83761S

Continued on Page 7

From the Fleet Captain

Dave Tedesco

I'd like to thank Bob Van Tassel, our new Commodore, for putting his faith and trust in me as Fleet Captain for the next two years. I consider it an honor to follow in the steps of Dennis Krug and all the other SBCC members who have filled this position. Of course, we will continue the tradition of weekend rendezvous at various parts of the Bay. We'll try to "mix it up" and plan the raft-ups equally to the eastern, central and western parts of the Bay. This way, everyone can attend some of the events, and not feel that distance is precluding them from participating. I am still putting the actual schedule together, so if you would like to host a rendezvous, please contact me by phone at (631) 277-3760 or via e-mail at capt1@ix.netcom.com. (Note: Don't worry if you get a "blocked" message from Earthlink. You don't have to do anything. I will be notified, and will add you to my address book.) If you've never hosted one before, but you are willing to try it, I can team you up with people who have experience and would be willing to help you out. The first Rendezvous will be in less than three months, on April 29-30 at Davis Park, so mark your calendars now!

My boss will be asking me to put in my 2006 vacation requests any day now.

Since it's too early to set the destinations, itineraries, or even Cruise Captains for our summer cruises, I'd like to advise you of the approximate dates for the main summer one-, two- and three- week cruises which the Club sponsors each year. This will help assist you with your summer vacation cruising plans. It is anticipated that all three cruises will begin approximately Friday, June 30 / Saturday, July 1. We'd like to try to get three main cruises all heading in the same direction together, so we have as many boats sailing together as possible. The boats that can only spend one week out will break off at some time, completing their itinerary and returning together as a group. The rest of the group will continue on with their scheduled itineraries. At some point, the boats traveling for two weeks will break off and complete their cruise, while the boats on the three week cruise will continue following their itinerary. This is the idea right now, and nothing is set in stone.

Please contact me if you are interested in heading up one of these three cruises, along with your ideas for an itinerary.

...because it's all about sailing!

Dave



Eric Forsyth will present the video of his 2004-2005 cruise entitled *Fiona's Atlantic Adventure* on Sunday February 24 at West Islip Public Library at 2 PM.

From the Regatta Captain

Aileen Eppig

Thank you Commodore Bob Van Tassel for asking me to be the Regatta Captain. I am very pleased to take on this great position. Thank you for your ideas and support.

Over the past few months the Regatta Committee has undertaken the huge project. of updating the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions which will be presented at the Skipper's Meeting in the Spring.

The Ed Brooks Memorial New Years Day Race was great fun. It was a beautiful day, not much wind, but beautiful. There were six boats racing with a full crew aboard each boat. On the website you can see pictures of the race thanks to Dick LaBella. The race committee of Sally Eilbeck and Joe Mullé did their usual great job and they, along with the crowd on the dock enjoyed watching the antics of a no WIND race.

Our annual Racing Awards Party will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 7:00 PM at Mustang Sally's in West Islip. Jack Morgan will be officially ending his tenure as Regatta Captain and his last responsibility is the presentation of the 2005 racing awards. We all thank Jack for a great job over the past two years.

The next SBCC Skipper's meeting will be March 28, 2006 at the West Islip Public Library at 7:00. Everyone is invited along with their crew.

Aileen 🏆



GSBYRA

John Davis

When the founders of the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association (GSBYRA) completed their plans for the organization and got it started, it was the year 1906. Theodore Roosevelt was the nation's president and the U.S. was enjoying one of its brief periods of peacetime. As dramatically different as things were on the Great South Bay in 1906 compared to today, the desires and concerns about recreational sailing were as important then as they are today. Much like the SBCC, the mission of the GSBYRA has always been to promote sailing.

The GSBYRA Mission:

GSBYRA is a volunteer organization and member of U.S. Sailing, where they are represented by their YRA delegate. The GSBYRA serves as a forum for 16 member clubs on the Great South Bay to meet, discuss and exchange ideas to promote sailing and racing in accordance with the Racing Rules of Sailing, including US Sailing Prescriptions.

The GSBYRA has limited financial resources and depends heavily on member support. Member clubs such as the SBCC help by asking their members to become associate members of the GSBYRA by paying a voluntary \$7.00 fee along with their annual club dues. These contributions are vital to the continued success of the GSBYRA as the organization enters its second century. Please check future **Masthead** issues for updates on centennial celebrations.

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** at 4 PM at my home, 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 call if you need directions.

***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.**

Flori

2006 Year Book

Rich Troy

The SBCC 2006 Yearbook Committee is seeking your articles and pictures, especially in two new areas that are being planned for the Yearbook.

Extracurricular Sailing Activities

Please send us a short write-up and pictures of interesting destinations or events in which you were involved with your sailboat in 2005 - but they must be destinations or events that were not part of the normal SBCC 2005 activities.

Here are some questions that may help you with your write-up:

- Did you take your sailboat with you on a vacation trip in 2005?
- Where did you go?
- What were your favorite destinations?
- Did you participate in some sailing races outside of the Great South Bay in 2005?
- Did you bring home any silver (trophies) from the races?

One last thought: Please don't send us pictures or write-ups of commercial boating activities, such as cruise ships.

New SBCC Baby Brag-Book

If you had a new baby in 2005, please send us a write-up and picture of them for our SBCC's "latest additions to the club" and we'll publish them in the Yearbook.

For a write-up, you may want to tell us if your new family member has been sailing yet and if they enjoyed their first trip on the sailboat.

Please send your write-up and pictures via email to Rich Troy at richa@newsguy.com

Welcoming New Members

John Holst

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

Mark & Gretchen Stang - PO Box 501, Ocean Beach, NY 11770

Home Telephone: 631-583-8603 Business Phone: 631-567-7792 Fax: 631-244-7132

E-mail: thestangcorp@aol.com

Yacht Type: Krogan 38 L.O. A.: '38' Beam: 12'6" Draft: 3'2"

Yacht Name: *Caribbean Soul* Home Port: Ocean Beach Rig: Cutter

Sail #: 3806

Sponsors: Charlie Becker & Mickey Forde

Please welcome them. 🍹

**SOUTH BAY CRUISING CLUB BOARD
2006-2007**

OFFICERS

Commodore	Bob Van Tassel	sailwindquest@hotmail.com	631-422-6382
Vice Commodore	Bill Grauer	wbgrauer@optonline.net	631-277-6212
Rear Commodore	Matt DeMarco	Mdemarco39@aol.com	631-691-0481
Recording Secretary	Dan McMillan	dgmcmillan@optonline.net	631-321-7857
Treasurer	Jeff Mattera	jmmattera@yahoo.com	631-968-6127

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sally Eilbeck	Njord144@aol.com	631-661-1507
Bob Forman	rsformanjr@aol.com	631-666-7555
Joyce Gotard	avopns@aol.com	516-541-2805
Dennis Krug	denniskrug@yahoo.com	516-433-3452
Dick LaBella	labellar@optonline.net	631-277-4826
Rich LaTorre	Crfr1855@optonline.net	631-321-7311
Bob Sheppard	captnrshp@aol.com	631-472-0099

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Chantyman	Matt DeMarco	Mdemarco39@aol.com	631-691-0481
Corresponding Secretary	Belle Baxter	belbaxt@suffolk.lib.ny.us	631-661-3621
Fleet Chaplain	Rev. Dick Parker	rsgkparker@aol.com	631-321-5564
Fleet Captain	Dave Tedesco	capt1@ix.netcom.com	631-277-3760
Fleet Surgeon	Jennifer DeMarco DO	demarcojen@aol.com	631-691-0481
GSBYRA	John Davis	jdavisfly@aol.com	631-422-2242
Handicap/Measurement/ Scoring	Bill Grauer	wbgrauer@optonline.net	631-277-6212
Historian	Tom Gotard	avopns@aol.com	516-541-2805
Hospitality	Flori Grottoli	cavalieri@mindspring.com	631-587-2078
Mailing	Helen & Ed Pshedesky	cyberpoosh@aol.com	631-472-4926
Membership	John Holst	jholst@optonline.net	631-661-5942
Program	Frank Peter	captain365@aol.com	631-589-3466
Protest	Barry Pittman	barrypit@fnol.net	631-666-3032
Regatta	Aileen Eppig	brokher759@aol.com	631-669-2398
Storekeeper	Sue Montana	thesuemt@optonline.net	631-567-7028
Trophy	Della Bucher	mbucher@suffolk.lib.ny.us	631-539-2707
Webmaster	Dick LaBella	labellar@optonline.net	631-277-4826
Welcoming	Marian & Don Metzник	don@metzник.com	631-669-5820
Yearbook	Rich Troy	richa@newsguy.com	516-935-5367

Continued from Page 1

help. The work that is going on right now will ensure a spectacular cruising and racing season with a great year of events and social functions.

Our constitution states, "The object of the South Bay Cruising Club is to promote cruising and racing under sail on the Great South Bay and nearby waters." We should all take great pride in the success that the South Bay Cruising Club has enjoyed for 55 years. When we fly the SBCC burgee we are

recognized not only in our local waters but also in many locations far from home as safe, knowledgeable, friendly and helpful sailors.

In closing I would again like to thank everyone for your support and wish everyone a safe and successful sailing year.

Your Commodore,
Bob 

Race Results

Ed Brooks Memorial New Year's Day Race

Wind NW SW 10Knots A 700 B 550

Start Time: Sunday, January 01, 2006 12:05:00

Race Officer: S. Eilbeck J Mullé'

Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Score
1	3	1121	<i>Ailanthus</i>	Grauer, W	207	12:53:44	00:48:44	00:45:04	1
2	1	460	<i>Persuasion</i>	Fiffield, J	288	13:10:04	01:05:04	00:54:21	2
3	2	12	<i>Filibuster</i>	Hyer, D	194	13:04:04	00:59:04	00:55:34	3
4	5	664	<i>Patricia Ann</i>	Glynn, J	300	13:15:38	01:10:38	00:58:10	4
5	4	2402	<i>One More Time</i>	Duffy, M	246	13:11:15	01:06:15	00:58:16	5
6	6	3913	<i>Mostly Blue</i>	McMillan, D	280	13:16:19	01:11:19	01:00:09	6

SBCC Joins SSER CAC

Rich Troy

Its official - South Bay Cruising Club was unanimously voted into the SSER (South Shore Estuary Reserve) CAC (Citizen's Advisory Committee) during their last meeting.

When Rich Troy presented the benefits of the SSER CAC at a SBCC Board Meeting, Board Members investigated the SSER CAC and agreed, by a majority vote, that SBCC should join the SSER CAC.

The SSER CAC is chartered by the State of New York with the mandate to help provide advice on issues related to the Great South Bay and the tributaries that feed into the Great South Bay. Those 'issues' can range from environmental to developmental (building), to recreational, to commerce - anything that could have an impact on the Great South Bay.

The Club found out about the SSER CAC during efforts to gather additional support for the Pump Out Boat Committee's efforts. The Committee's presentations to the SSER CAC resulted in supportive letters being sent by a number of concerned environmental groups and a couple of New York State agencies. The NYS Environmental Facilities Corp (DEC) lent support by sending a letter to each of the three nearby town supervisors and council members discussing funding and the importance of protecting the fragile Great South Bay. The NYS DOS (Department of State) sent a letter commending the efforts of our SBCC Pump Out Committee which have been used in discussions with the various town officials.

More information on the SSER CAC is available on the SSER web site, at this address:

<http://www.estuary.cog.ny.us/>

Click on 'Background' and then select 'Citizens Advisory Committee' for the SSER CAC.

Of particular interest is the 'Comprehensive Management Plan' for the Great South Bay, which can be viewed or downloaded at this web address:

<http://www.estuary.cog.ny.us/background-pages/cmp.htm>

That document has a wealth of information on the Great South Bay and New York State's goals for the Bay.

The SSER CAC meets once every other month at the Long Island Maritime Museum in West Sayville, from 7 - 9PM on the second Tuesday of the meeting's month. Meetings are open to the public, and the next meeting is March 14th. Feel free to contact me if you'd like to attend.

The Great South Bay gives us a lot of enjoyment. Hopefully, with our Club's membership in the SSER CAC, we will be able to help maintain and improve the Great South Bay for ourselves and for our future generations.

Over The Bowsprit

Be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming club events in February and March.

February

- 7 - 2005 Race Awards, Mustang Sally's, West Islip 1900
Always a fun evening. Contact Jack Morgan or John Davis
- 12 - Hospitality Meeting, 14 Sequams Lane West, West Islip, 1600.
Contact Flori Grottoli
- 16 - Winter Sail Care Seminar presentation by Mark Washeim, Doyle Sailmakers 1900
Knickerbocker Yacht Club, Port Washington. Contact Rich Troy
- 24 - Deadline for March **Masthead**
- 26 - Eric Forsyth, West Islip Public Library, 1400
- 28 - SBCC Board Meeting, West Islip Public Library, 1930 - **NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

March

- 19 - Cruise Awards & **General Meeting**, Capt. Bill's, Bay Shore, 1800
Another fun night. Contact Frank Peter
- 24 - Deadline for April **Masthead**
- 27- SBCC Board Meeting, West Islip Public Library, 1930



Past Commodore John Davis passes the symbol of office to Commodore Bob Van Tassel at his installation brunch at Snapper Inn.

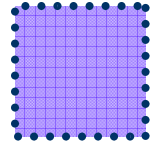
Photo courtesy of Bob Bennett



Future members of the SBCC include the grandchildren of the Commodore, Vice Commodore and Past Commodore as well as the children of the Rear Commodore and the Recording Secretary.

Photo courtesy of Bob Bennett

FROM THE MASTHEAD
Belle Baxter
Corresponding Secretary
28 Shore Road
Babylon, NY 11702



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 ⁽²⁾

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 ⁽¹⁾

For Sale: 1992 Honda four cycle, long shaft with alternator, clean.

Price: \$ 650.00

Contact: Karl Boecker 631-455-1135 ⁽³⁾

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:

Belle Baxter
28 Shore Road
Babylon, NY 11702

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