

# South Bay Cruising Club

## From The Masthead



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### From the Helm

Bob Van Tassel

February is the longest month of the year for me. The Holidays are over and I am anxious to get the cover off of *WINDQUEST* and begin the commissioning process, but it is normally too cold to do much except check the bilge and batteries.

I expected another long February this year, especially after spending last February cruising the Bahamas on *WINDQUEST*. However this was not to be the case. The month has come and gone in a flurry of SBCC events, committee meetings and discussions. I can certainly attest to the dedication of our members.

The month kicked off with a well attended Race Awards meeting organized by Jack Morgan. Many beautiful awards were presented thanks to our Trophy folks, Jennifer and Mike Einsetler. I can't wait to see what they have for our Cruise /Rendezvous Award dinner at Captain Bill's Restaurant on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Jack and all who worked to make the night a special one for our Racers and their guests.

On February 26 we were treated to a presentation by Eric Forsyth of his

most recent 22,000 mile voyage which included stops in Ireland, the Baltic, England, South America, and the Falkland Islands. We are honored to have one of the world's foremost Blue Water cruisers as an active member of the SBCC. Eric joined our ranks in 1962 with a small 23' wooden sloop and hasn't stopped sailing and expanding his horizons. He is currently preparing his *Fiona* for another voyage to Antarctica this year. I believe he still has some crew spots open for the more adventurous among you! I encourage you to look at Eric's great website [yachtfiona.com](http://yachtfiona.com), where he recounts his many voyages. You can also log on to follow his progress. Thanks to our Program Chair Frank Peter, with refreshments by Della Bucher and Jeff Mattera, for making this event a success with over 65 people in attendance.

Behind the scenes our committees have been hard at work. Regatta has rewritten the Race Instructions, Hospitality has confirmed our social dates, the Yearbook is rapidly taking shape and Programming has already held two events. All this in addition

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## From the Fleet Captain

Dave Tedesco

Well, we're one month closer to Spring Launch than the last time you read this column! The Rendezvous schedule is just about complete. We will be having 27 rendezvous this year, with two "double-rendezvous" weekends each on Memorial Day Weekend and Labor Day Weekend. For each of these holiday weekends, there will be the traditional Saturday-Sunday rendezvous. But then the fleet will up-anchor, and relocate to a second site for a Sunday-Monday rendezvous, with a different host boat. If you attend both rendezvous and spend both nights out, you will get credit for two rendezvous in one weekend.

Ed & Helen Pshedesky have graciously offered to name their May 27 rendezvous the New Members' Rendezvous. All new members are encouraged to attend this rendezvous, especially if you haven't attended one before. All members are urged to come and meet the new members, and show them extra-special SBCC hospitality. My definition of "new member" is anyone who has joined the SBCC within the past two years. Please call me or e-mail me if you'd like more information about this. If you are new to the Great South Bay and are unfamiliar with finding your way around, we have members who have offered to meet you close to your home port and let you follow them to a rendezvous.

Also, I need one more rendezvous host boat for July 8. Rendezvous are a great way to get to know people in the Club. Attending them is fun, but hosting one gives you the satisfaction that you've given something

back to the Club. It can be as simple as just anchoring and inviting others to raft up, come aboard with their snacks and let the party run itself. It can be elaborate to the point of having a theme, whether it's a food theme, holiday theme or some activity. Or you could find a beach and roast a pig!! If you've never done this before, call me or someone listed in the rendezvous schedule and just ask questions.

It looks like we have a two-week cruise in the works as well. The new Fleet Captain decided that perhaps he should lead by example, so I will be leading a two-week cruise to Martha's Vineyard. The start date is Friday, June 30 if you want to meet in Sore Thumb and go 'outside.' 'Outside' is cruising lingo for traveling from Fire Island Inlet to Shinnecock Inlet on the ocean, as opposed to traveling 'inside' through the bays. The boats will return from this cruise no later than Sunday, July 16. If you recall from last month's article, I'm looking for people to run a one-week and three-week cruise in this same timeframe as well. If these cruises base their itinerary on the two-week cruise, it should be fairly easy to plan. The captain for the one-week cruise would only have a few days to plan for, since they'd be following my itinerary for the first several days. Likewise for the three-week cruise, the cruise captain would only have to work out the plans for nine or 10 days. If you are interested in running either of these cruises, please let me know as soon as possible.

...because it's all about sailing!

Dave 

## GSBYRA

John Davis

In keeping with plans to celebrate their *Centennial Anniversary* this year, the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association (GSBYRA) has organized a spectacular Race Week Event at Sayville Yacht Club the weekend of July 28 thru July 30. PHRF Races will be held on all three days and a few of the fleets not seen for many years are promising to appear. Among those include the *Wood Pussy* fleet formerly very active on the Bay.

Special attention is being given to the celebration Saturday evening which will include an early evening barbecue, live music and dancing, raffles, silent auction, and various bits of memorabilia on display. Plans are still being finalized for Race Week and we will be sure to get the information out to all SBCC members well in advance of the event.

If you are looking to do a little more sailing at the East End of the Bay, the *Bellport Festival* on Saturday, July 22 will also include a regatta hosted by the Bellport Bay Yacht Club. The regatta will include PHRF, catboat and antique boat divisions.

Please look for full details and official notices at [www.gsbyra.org](http://www.gsbyra.org) as the season develops.

**South Bay Cruising Club  
2006 Skippers Meeting  
Tuesday, March 28, 2006  
West Islip Public Library  
7:00 to no later than 9:00**

It is Very Strongly suggested that everyone who will be **Racing** this year should attend this meeting, including those who only race once or twice in a decade. The Regatta Committee has lots of new things, the Notice of Race, Racing Schedule and the Fabulous Starting Video made by Director of Movies, Harry Manko. Class Streamers will be available for purchase. You will also be given a DVD of Harry's Video just for attending.

Presentations by Dick Labella on racing, Bill Grauer on Handicap, Barry Pittman on the Future of Racing

RSVP to Aileen Eppig at [brokher759@aol.com](mailto:brokher759@aol.com) or 631-265-1400 ext.261

Regatta Captain, Aileen Eppig, is putting together an email list to announce events for racing, weather problems in regard to races, race results, race committee changes etc. If you would like to join this list, please email her at [brokher759@aol.com](mailto:brokher759@aol.com)

## From the Archives

Many readers have requested we take a look back to some previous Club “news”. Historian Tom Gotard found this from the September 1970 issue of The **Masthead**

### Press Gang News

There come a time in the life of every skipper when he elects to serve as crew for another yacht. This experience should teach him the facts of crew life but if anything it simply adds to his Bligh-like image when back in command. Not every captain is like this, of course, and a typical example of the compassionate skipper is Jack Young who submits the following for the attention of all hands:

#### THE UNPAID HAND

I DOFF MY CAP to the unsung crew  
 Who do the things they're told to do;  
 That hardy, loyal, faithful band -  
 The toiling throng - the Unpaid Hand  
 The Unpaid Hand in his dungarees,  
 Rough and ready and aimin' to please,  
 A-pullin' the sheets and cleatin' em fast  
 So the Sassy Sal won't finish last.  
 The Unpaid Hand who boils and burns  
 on a windless day, when the buoy turns  
 are hell to handle and hard to make  
 in a sizzling sun on a listless lake  
 The Unpaid Hand in a gale o' wind -  
 Soaked to the bone - his knuckles skinned -  
 Settin' the spinnaker - takin' it in -  
 Hoistin' the geona - swearin' like sin -  
 Hikin' to weather to trim the boat -  
 Bailin' like hell to keep afloat -  
 Haulin' the backstays - trimmin' the main -  
 Over'n over'n, over again.  
 And when the races have all been run  
 And the boat he crewed on's the boat that won,  
 And the lucky skipper is steppin' up  
 To get his flags and the Silver Cup...  
 Back in the corner - feelin' grand -  
 With a nice little bun - sits the Unpaid Hand  
 George Culp 1941

### SBCB Cruising Guide Addendum

- SBCB cruisers who visit Sailors Haven beware that the marina is closed from 15 December 2005 thru 15 May 2006 from Monday - Friday due to construction.

## Welcoming New Members

Marion &amp; Don Metznik

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

**Tom & Linda Devine** - 265 Shadybrook Lane, West Islip, NY 11795

Home Telephone: 631-661-6237

Sponsors: Greg Schneller & Ken Goodwin

Please welcome them. ☺

## Hospitality

Flori Grottoli

Dates for the land parties are almost all confirmed. You can definitely mark your calendars for Saturday April 22 for the Spring Cocktail Party. We will be returning to one of our favorite venues - Bay Shore Yacht Club.

Please let me know how you would like to help - shopping, set up, working in the kitchen, clean up. A new member might want to sit at the door and check in the revelers as this is a great way to meet other members. Also, please let me know if you have any special dietary requests.

You can contact me at 587-2078 or [cavalieri@mindspring.com](mailto:cavalieri@mindspring.com)

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to Mailing, Membership, Handicap, Masthead, etc. Thanks to all.

The Flag Officers and I recently met with our Treasurer, Jeff Mattera, to review our past expenditures, forecast our income and develop our 2006 Budget. This will be reviewed with the committee chairpersons and presented to the Board of Governors. To date approximately 20% of our members have not remitted their 2006 dues. This appears to be about "normal" however it delays the finalization of the budget. If you have not sent in your dues, please send your check as soon as possible to John Holst, Membership.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our General Meeting and Rendezvous & Cruise Participation Awards Dinner on March 19<sup>th</sup>. I am sure that this will be a fun night with our past Fleet Captain Dennis Krug and the Einsetlers presenting the awards. Frank Peter has put together a great menu, but if you have a special dietary need let Frank know when you make your reservations. We will begin our general Meeting at 1800 hours for our members who can not stay for the Dinner and Awards.

Despite a light snow covering on the ground, the weather channel is promising a warm up soon and the cover will soon be coming off **WINDQUEST**. I hope!

Bob ☺

## 2006 Race Schedule

Date	Race	Wrng Gun	Start Seq	Notes	Race Chair	Starting Locale	Course
Thu-May 11	Pre Season Tune up Starts & Races	1930	No Spin	2,11	Grauer	Babylon	A-I
Tues-May 16	Bay Shore Twi Spring 1	1930	No Spin	2,11	Penny	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-May 18	Babylon Twi Spring 1	1930	Reg	2,11	Einsetler	Babylon	A-I
Sat-May 20	Short Races	1200	Reg	2,11	Grauer	Bay Shore	A-Q
Tues-May 23	Bay Shore Twi Spring 2	1930	No Spin	2,11	Bogdan	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-May 25	Bab Twi Spring 2	1930	Reg	2,11	Fifield	Babylon	A-I
Mon-May 29	Creepstakes	1100	Crpstks	1,5,10	Eppig	Babylon	A-I
Tues-May 30	Bay Shore Twi Spring 3	1930	No Spin	2,11	Biesel	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Jun 1	Bab Twi Spring 3	1930	Reg	2,11	Marinaccio	Babylon	A-I
Sun-Jun 4	Spring Family Race	TBA	No Spin	1,12	Christiansen	Watch Hill	A-B
Tues-Jun 6	Bay Shore Sum 1	1930	No Spin	2,11	LaTorre	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Jun 8	Bab Twi Sum 1	1930	Reg	2,11	Marinaccio	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Jun 10	<b>Smith Trophy</b>	1300	Cor	4,7,9,12	Tesoro	Bay Shore	A-Q
Tues-Jun 13	BShr Twi Sum 2	1930	No Spin	2,11	LaTorre	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Jun 15	Bab Twi Sum2	1930	Cor	2,11	Rendich	Babylon	A-I
Fri-Jun 16	<b>Babylon Cup</b>	1830	Cor	1,11	Capitain	Babylon	A-C
Tues-Jun 20	BShr Twi Sum 3	1930	No Spin	2,11	Davis	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Jun 22	Bab Twi Sum 3	1930	Cor	2,11	Capitain	Babylon	A-I
Tues-Jun 27	BShr Twi Sum 4	1930	No Spin	2,11	Morgan	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Jun 29	Bab Twi Sum 4	1930	Cor	2,11	Duffy	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Jul 1	Babylon YC Invitational	TBA	Reg	1,3,6	BYC	Babylon	A-I
Sun-Jul 2	Babylon YC Invitational	TBA	Reg	1,3,6,8	BYC	Babylon	A-I
Wed-Jul 5	Bay Shore Mid Sum 1	1930	No Spin	2,1	Rendich	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Jul 6	Bab Twi Mid Sum 1	1930	Cor	2,11	Morgan	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Jul 8	Corinthian Race	1300	Cor only	1,12	LaBella	Babylon	A-I
Tues-Jul 11	BShr Twi Mid Sum 2	1930	No Spin	2,11	Padden	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Jul 13	Bab Twi Mid Sum 2	1930	Cor	2,11	Padden	Babylon	A-I
Fri-Jul 14	West Cup	1830	Cor	1,11	Duffy	TBA	
Tues-Jul 18	BShr Twi Mid Sum 3	1930	No Spin	2,11	Beach	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Jul 20	Bab Twi Mid Sum 3	1930	Cor	2,11	Holst	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Jul 22	<b>Commodore's Cup</b>	1200	Cor only	4,7,9,12	Schwartz	Nicoll Bay	A-H
Fri-Jul 28	GSBYRA Raceweek 1	1930	Reg	3,6	GSBYRA	Sayville YC	TBA
Sat-Jul 29	GSBYRA Raceweek 2, 3	1315	Reg	3,6	GSBYRA	Sayville YC	TBA
Sun-Jul 30	GSBYRA Raceweek 4	1000	Reg	3,6	GSBYRA	Sayville YC	TBA
Tues-Aug 1	BShr Twi Mid Sum 4	1930	No Spin	2,11	Schneller	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Aug 3	Bab Twi Mid Sum 4	1930	Cor	2,11	Manko	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Aug 5	<b>West Island Race</b>	1300	Cor	1,4,7,9,12	Hartnett	Nicoll Bay	A-H
Tues-Aug 8	BShr Twi Late Sum 1	1930	No Spin	2,11	Stryka	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Aug 10	Bab Twi Late Sum 1	1930	Cor	2,11	Holst	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Aug 12	<b>Pearsall Cup/Blast</b>	1200	Cor	2,4,7,9,12	Christiansen	Nicoll Bay	A-H

Tues-Aug 15	BShr Twi Late Sum 2	1930	No Spin	2,11	Schneller	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Aug 17	Bab Twi Late Sum 2	1930	Cor	2,11	Manko	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Aug 19	Leukemia Cup	TBA	Reg	3	SYC	Sayville YC	TBA
Tues-Aug 22	BShr Twi Late Sum 3	1930	No Spin	2,11	Beach	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Aug 24	Bab Twi Late Sum 3	1930	Cor	2,11	Kennedy	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Aug 26	Jack's Trophy	TBA	Reg	3	SYC	Sayville YC	TBA
Sun-Aug 27	Jack's Trophy	TBA	Reg	3	SYC	Sayville YC	TBA
Tues-Aug 29	BShr Twi Late Sum 4	1900	No Spin	2,11	Pittman	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Aug 31	Bab Twi Late Sum 4	1900	Cor	2,11	Goodman	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Sep 2	Bellport Bay Labor Day	1000	TBA	3		Bellport Bay	TBA
Sun-Sep 3	Bellport Bay Labor Day	1000	TBA	3		Bellport Bay	TBA
Tues-Sep 5	Bay Shore Wrap Up 1	1900	No Spin	2,11	McMillan	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Sep 7	Bab Twi Wrap Up 1	1900	Cor	2,11	McMillan	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Sep 9	<b>Foulke Trophy</b>	1600	Cor	4,7,9,13	Davis	Bay Shore	G
Tues-Sep 12	Bay Shore Twi Wrap Up 2	1900	No Spin	2,11	Reichel	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Sep 14	Bab Twi Wrap Up 2	1900	Reg	2,11	Goodman	Babylon	A-I
Sun-Sep 17	Babylon Mayor's Cup	1300	TBA	3	LIYC	Babylon	TBA
Tues-Sep 19	Bay Shore Twi Wrap Up 3	1830	No Spin	2,11	Pittman	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Sep 22	Bab Twi Wrap Up 3	1830	Reg	2,11	Lockett	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Sep 23	<b>Distance Race</b>	1200	Cor	4,7,9,12	Drossos	Bay Shore	K-Q
Sun-Sep 24	Louie Orr Invitational	1300	Reg	3	BYC	Babylon	TBA
Tues-Sept 26	Bay Shore Wrap Up 4	1830	No Spin	2,11	Williams	Bay Shore	A-Q
Thu-Sep 28	Bab Twi Wrap Up 4	1830	Reg	2,11	Hartnett	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Oct 7	<b>Discoverers Race</b>	1200	Cor	4,7,9,12	Lockett	Bay Shore	A-I
Sat-Oct 14	Whitebread Race	0900	TBA	TBA	TBA	New Suffolk	TBA
Sat-Oct 21	<b>Last Chance Race</b>	1200	Cor	4,7,9,12	Bieslin	Bay Shore	A-I
Sat-Nov 4	Fall Series 1	1200	Cor	2,11	O'Connell	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Nov 18	Fall Series 2	1200	Cor	2,11	Goodwin	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Nov 25	Turkey Race	1100	Cor	1,12	Woodrich	Babylon	A-I
Sat-Jan 1 '07	Ed Brooks Mem. Race	1200	No Spin	1,12		Babylon	TBA

## Store Keeper

Sue Montana

Spring commissioning is just around the corner! In fact, I'll bet that some of you have already started. When you're digging the boat supplies out of the attic, garage or basement, make sure to check on your SBCC burgee. Nothing more embarrassing than showing up on Commissioning Day and either not being able to find it - or (gasp!) realizing your burgee is a tattered mess!

Contact me (631) 567-7028 or [thesuemt@optonline.net](mailto:thesuemt@optonline.net) to arrange for a new one. We've also got stylish SBCC sweatshirts and windbreakers to open the cool spring season.

## Programming

Frank Peter

One of the action items of the Program Chair is to hold educational seminars. I need your help to comply. Tell me what you think. What topic is important to you?

Cruising  
Boat Handling  
Charts  
Celestial Navigation  
Electronics  
Power Consumption  
Electrical  
Sail Care  
Medical  
Emergency Repair  
Rescue 21

Contact me at [captain365@yahoo.com](mailto:captain365@yahoo.com)

### **Cruising/Rendezvous Participation Awards Buffet**

on the water at  
Captain Bill's  
122 Ocean Ave  
Bay Shore

March 19, 2006      1800 - 2200

RSVP  
[captain365@yahoo.com](mailto:captain365@yahoo.com)  
631-589-3466

Checks payable to SBCC  
\$36.00/person  
Mail to:      Frank Peter  
                 24 Center St  
                 Sayville, N.Y. 11782

The menu for this event is on the back of the invitation. If you have any special dietary requests, please contact me.

## Over The Bowsprit

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

### 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

### April

22 - Spring Cocktail Party, Bay Shore Yacht Club,

21 - Deadline for May Masthead

24- SBCC Board Meeting, West Islip Public Library, 1930

### SOUTH BAY CRUISING CLUB BOARD CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

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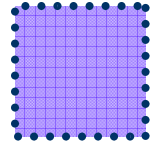
### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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FROM THE MASTHEAD  
Belle Baxter  
Corresponding Secretary  
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## The Rigging Locker

**Wanted** - Docking space in the vicinity of Sayville Yacht Club for the Commodore's Cup and GSBYRA Race Week. Please contact Aileen Eppig at [brokher759@aol.com](mailto:brokher759@aol.com)<sup>(5)</sup>

**Wanted** - Crew for an Alerion 28. Skipper is looking for a sailor who can set up a spinnaker as well as sailors for weekend races, no evening races. "There is no yelling. We have been quiet losers. Historically, I did quite well. I am now 85 yrs. My prior crew is no longer with me. I can be reached in Florida until late May. My telephone there is 941 383 4444. In New York my telephone is 631 968 4455. E-mail in both places is "thefundchap@aol.com"<sup>(5)</sup>

**For Sale:** 1992 Honda four cycle, long shaft with alternator, clean.  
**Price:** \$ 650.00

**Contact:** Karl Boecker 631-455-1135 <sup>(3)</sup>

**Free Stainless Steel two burner Propane Stove with oven**

**Contact:** Bob Van Tassel at 516-551-4712"

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](mailto:belbaxt@suffolk.lib.ny.us)