



This year the South Bay Cruising Club is celebrating 60 years of promoting cruising and racing on the Great South Bay and nearby waters. This was the original intent of the founders of our club and after 60 years, we still use this guideline to shape the direction and goals for each New Year.

As the club's Historian, I had the opportunity to review our history through the collection of yearbooks that have chronicled the happenings and events from 1951 to the present. There have been some noticeable changes that I would like to share with you.

Prior to 1965, a majority of the boats were made of wood. If you wanted a new boat, you would select the plans of a marine architect that tickled your fancy. Then you would take the plans to a boat builder with any changes you wanted to include, and after a period of anticipation and waiting, your boat would be ready to be launched.

In the mid 60's, boats from the factories of Pearson, O'Day, Morgan and Catalina showed up on the Bay. They were a new breed -- made of a material from a laboratory; the material was called "fiberglass." It was lighter, required less maintenance and was more affordable to many people (or so it seemed).

At that time very few of the club boats had the equipment that now dresses our yachts. A VHF was not common on most of the sailboats; and thus, if you needed to indicate that you were in distress to a nearby member, you would turn your burgee upside down and hope your gesticulations would be noticed. A GPS, radar and all our electronic gadgets could only be found in our dreams.

Although some things may have changed, such as our equipment or the names of rendezvous points (Clam Pond, Old Inlets, Whirlpool Point, Secret Harbor), the one common thread that continues to connect us with our beginnings is the friendship and fun that has always been the heart of the SBCC.

Tom Gotard, SBCC Historian

## INTERNATIONAL CODE FLAGS AND PENNANTS

A		L		W		NUMERAL PENNANTS	
B		M		X			
C		N		Y			
D		O		Z		1	
E		P		REPEATERS		2	
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G		R			Second Repeater	4	
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