



April 2011

SBOA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The summer of 2010 proved to be beautiful weather-wise but not so great from an SBOA events perspective as we missed on our planned boat trips and our dock party in September. The fishing tournament was another big success and we helped raise another \$ 33,000 for Dream Day. We also did a good deal of work at the Camp itself including landscaping, adding a new window and straining our cabin, replacing screens in the dining hall, fixing heads, cutting trees and repairing the roof of the dining hall after a large tree limb fell on it.

The events for this year are covered in detail further on in this newsletter but the most significant change is that we have finally had to move the tournament date. Northside has asked us to do this for the past few years because our event, especially the tent and cookout, severely disrupt their parking and activities for the entire weekend. The tournament is now scheduled for July 29 and 30. **Each participant - please try to bring one new entry to the tournament.**

In terms of our activities related to the Town, a few of us regularly attended the monthly meetings of the Waterways Commission throughout the year. Fee increases were kept to a minimum except for nonresident slip holders who have received a substantial increase of \$7/foot. We objected strongly to this but the various Town boards felt the increase was reasonable.

I want to remake the point that we need more support at these meetings if we expect to be able to effectively influence decisions. The meetings occur on the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall at 6:00 PM. On a more positive note, we were given a seat on Rules and Regulations revision committee thanks to Wayne Burgeron's suggestion that SBOA be included. The committee spent many hours completely redoing the R and R which are now with the State for review.

The Harbormaster's office is in the process of formalizing a "Strategic plan" which will include a partial enterprise fund. When approved this will guarantee that a certain percentage of our fees will be dedicated to Dennis Waterways projects. This is a step in the right direction but several of us would much prefer a true enterprise fund which would guarantee that all of our fees would go the Waterways projects with most of them going to Sesuit. As you may remember, a significant percentage of our fees now go to the "General fund" and therefore harbor improvements do not get made or made in a timely manner.

TIPS FROM TERRY

I won't repeat Terry's letter to slip and mooring holders but will highlight several things.

- The slips are in now and dredging will begin in June
- Inner basin dredge permitting and engineering is in process but may take another year
- A comprehensive waterways study was commissioned and completed and is available on the town website under Harbormaster – worth viewing
- The East side State ramp will be unavailable through early June due to reconstruction so expect ramp lines and parking issues on the West side
- Terry and his crew built a new work barge and approximately 50 new docks
- Electrical pedestals are starting to be replaced
- Winter oyster storage rules for Sesuit were established for those with oyster permits/ grants
- Bass River railroad bridge was dismantled and will eventually be replaced
- WIFI will be available for slip holders this summer



SBOA EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- April 23 rain or shine Sesuit Harbor cleanup 8:30 West side – in cooperation with Sesuit Neck Homeowners' Association
- May 7 - work day @ Dream Day, 8:30
- June 18 – Spring Fling/Annual Meeting
- July 15, 16 & 17 - 2nd Ship-o-Fools trip to Wellfleet
- July 28, 29 and 30 – Fishing Tournament – each person needs State license
- August 21- day boat outing to Sandy Neck
- 9/4 - Pot luck on the dock – bring own beverages
- November 26 - Andrea Holden Race
- January 1, 2012 – Polar Bear Plunge



FISHING TOURNAMENT

As noted, the tournament will be Friday July 29 and Saturday July 30 at Northside Marina. The Captains' meeting will start at 7:00 on Thursday evening July 28. Entry forms can be downloaded from the website at www.sboacc.org.



SPECIAL NOTICES

- Membership dues are due now; current members \$30 or \$35 after May 1; New members \$30 anytime
- Don't forget to obtain your 2011 State saltwater fishing license: Mass Division of Marine Fisheries, Recreational Fishing, Permits
- As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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