



# From the Publisher

While participating in the New York National Boat Show last month, we were impressed with one of its strongly appealing themes - "Discover Boating". We came to think that many of the thousands of attendees who visited the Javits Center that week and stopped by the Discover Boating booth to learn more about the boating lifestyle were probably not current boat owners, but perhaps were thinking about the future possibility. If you are a boat owner at this time, perhaps when the weather turns warm and sunny, you might consider introducing relatives, friends or acquaintances to the many pleasures of boating by taking them along for an outing and letting them enjoy the experience firsthand. We suspect that by doing so, sooner than later, they'll have a boat of their own.

We're approaching the end of January as this edition goes to press, and so far we've enjoyed a balmy, almost snow-free winter. Here on Long Island, this winter has brought

us lingering warm-weather birds, crocus and daffodils breaking ground early and more than a few boaters out for an afternoon spin on Great South Bay. As you read this, we hope that most will not be too surprised by a sudden change back to seasonal weather. After all, as noted from many sources now, the evidence for a global warming trend appears convincing, and with the presence this year of the El Niño phenomenon in the Pacific, it's sometimes hard to know what to expect with our winter weather.

Despite the fact that it's still winter, there's plenty for boaters to do between now and March 21, when spring officially arrives, starting with attending the regions boat shows. This month kicks off with the Atlantic City, NJ International Boat Show, January 31 - February 4; followed by the Nassau County Boat Show opening over the weekend of February 3 - 4 and then continuing February 7- 11. In Westchester County the Metro Boat Show runs February 9 - 11. The NJ Boat Show is scheduled for February 22 - 25 in Edison, NJ.

In this issue we continue with Bob Bachand's latest installment of his historical

series "Pirates and Privateers" describing the roles they played in the American Revolution.

Also, writer and boater Gordon Butler offers Part II of his interesting journey "A Trip Down the ICW". Each of our three regional editions features a regular article dedicated to the interests of avid anglers: our Long Island edition carries "Sullivan Says" by noted area fisherman Bill Sullivan; the New Jersey/Hudson River edition offers angling advice from expert Nick Honachefsky; and our Sound edition carries finny facts and tackle tips from Connecticut's Bob Sampson, whose new book on freshwater fishing has just been published. We try each month to bring you articles that are entertaining, informative and useful. Your reactions, comments and suggestions are important to us, so please don't hesitate to share them with us.

We wish all a great February as we wait patiently, or impatiently as the case may be, for warmer weather and that special time when a new season on the water begins.

*Bill*



# From Our Readers

Dear Long Island Boating World,

I wish you guys a very good Christmas and a Happy New Year...also good luck fishing. Enclosed is a photo of one of my biggest catches of this year, which I got on 12/16/06 off Sandy Hook, NJ. It is the biggest blackfish I've ever caught, 15 lbs 4 ozs, length 28½ inches. I weighed this beautiful fish in a tackle shop named Fisherman's Depot in College Point, NY. Again, good luck fishing!  
Kevin Chan

*Thanks for your note and photo, Mr. Chan. It is indeed a beautiful fish. Personally, during decades of fishing for them off wrecks, rock jetties and reefs, I've never had a blackfish bigger than eight pounds. Do keep trying. The current record is 25 pounds caught off Ocean City several years ago. [ed.]*



To Whom It May Concern:

This should remind us that being friendly, to a true boater, is more than waving hello, helping with lines or giving a tow. On 9/11/06, my friend was brutally assaulted and hospitalized while walking home from our local yacht club. His boat lay idle, tied to his slip, while he tried to survive. When the dealers who sold him the boat read about it, they sent family members to bring the boat back to the dealership, winterize and secure it out of the goodness of their hearts, so my friend and his family could concentrate on his recovery. This was done by two of Boating World's own - Conrad and Judy Kreuter and family of Moriches Boat and Motor. Once again they have proven themselves personal and professional. Yes, there really is a Santa Claus! Nautically yours,  
Joseph D. Kelly, Mastic Beach, NY  
Bay Constable, Town of North Hempstead  
November 29, 2006

*Your letter regarding our contributing writers' good works was deeply appreciated, Constable Kelly. We shared it with Conrad and Judy, whom we find "p & p" too! [ed.]*

Dear Editor,

As a former Fire Chief and retired member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, I would like to point out the following error in the Nov/Dec edition of your publication. In your article "Boating Safety and Education" by Captain John Annino, there is a statement to the effect "fire extinguishers filled with carbon dioxide are

rated for Type A, B and C fires, whereas dry chemical extinguishers are rated for only a Type B and C fires." I'm sure that this is a typo, because in fact the opposite is correct. Type ABC are dry chemicals. Type BC can be either carbon dioxide or dry chemical. I thought that you might want to correct this information in the next issue. Yours for safe boating.

Regards,  
Joseph A. Pugliese, Sr.  
Milford, CT  
P.S. Love your paper. It's the best.

*Thanks for your alert, Chief Pugliese. Carbon dioxide extinguishers don't work well on class A fires because they may not be able to displace enough oxygen to put the fire completely out and may allow it to reignite.*

*From the Editor*

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