



"See You At The Club!"



by George S. Nammack

This series of articles on the 16 member clubs comprising the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association (GSBYRA) continues with profiles of the South Bay Cruising Club and the Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club as adapted from the GSBYRA's excellent condensed history prepared by MaryAnn Deering, Glenn Schmidt and associates. Should you have any recent news about your GSBYRA club, please send it to George S. Nammack, Editor, Long Island Boating World, 93 Montauk Highway, Copiague, NY 11726 or e-mail it to libwads@yahoo.com.

The South Bay Cruising Club was founded in 1951 to promote cruising, racing and social activities for sailors throughout Great South Bay and environs. Membership is open to owners who have sailboats with overnight accommodations.



While the club has a number of onshore social events, unlike land-based yacht clubs, its events are primarily "on the water". The membership feels that this creates a unique opportunity to sail and still enjoy a rich social life with other members, currently totaling 228.

The absence of a clubhouse keeps the club's dues remarkably low, and allows for a large number of sailing activities. Last year's schedule included more than 30 local rendezvous, over 60 races and three extended cruises. Everyone is welcome. That's the rule. Do visit the club's website www.sbccsail.org. Want to become a member? Just contact John Holst at 631-661-5942 or e-mail him at jholst@optonline.net



All hands are invited to SBCC Rendezvous Weekends and Cruises: members and their children, guests and pets. And you don't have to participate in a race or a function to join the rendezvous raft-up that follows, and you don't have to notify anyone in advance nor must you arrive at any particular time. Come when you're ready, with your club burgee flying and join the fun. Every weekend from May to October there's generally a rendezvous somewhere on the bay. Family weekends are held in June and September. Check website www.sbccsail.org for dates and locations. Every rendezvous has a designated captain appointed by the Fleet Captain to host the gathering and record all participants. A cumulative attendance record is kept and awards are given at the SBCC Awards Dinner.

Major cruising events of the year are the one, two and three-week cruises. Each has an assigned and experienced captain who is familiar with the suggested journey. The one-week cruise usually sails Great South Bay with stops at ports like Bellport, Watch Hill, Great River, Atlantique and Democrat Point. The two-week cruise is more adventurous and may include a visit to Block Island and some New England ports. The three-weeker challenges your skills with ports of call as far north as Boston or south to Maryland. All SBCC participants receive an award at the Annual Cruise Award Dinner. For cruise/rendezvous information, please contact Fleet Captain Dave Tedesco at 631-277-3760 or e-mail capt1@ix.netcom.com

Racing is big; the club sponsors more than 60 races on Great South Bay from May through January. They're on Tuesday evenings off Bay Shore and on Thursday evenings off Babylon. Each month from May until November the club has weekend races. Want to be a crew member? Our captains are always looking for crew. Volunteer, you'll enjoy it.

The club starts each season with a special race on New Year's Day! And each event has a Race Chairperson who coordinates activities. SBCC participates with numerous yacht clubs and the Great South Bay Yacht Racing Association (GSBYRA). For Regatta information, please contact Regatta Chairperson Aileen Eppig at 631-669-2398 or broker759@aol.com

The club's current officers include: Commodore Bob Van Tassel, Vice Commodore Bill Grauer, Rear Commodore Matt DeMarco, Secretary Laura LaTorre, Treasurer Jeff Mattera, Delegate John C. Davis and Regatta Chairperson Aileen Eppig.

Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club was incorporated on September 7, 1900 by Delancey T. Smith, Francis A. Williams, Charles P. Moliniaux, Warren Purdy, William Bleecker, Edward Bleecker, John E. Ireland, George F. Booth and M.M. Woodman. John Ireland donated the land.

By spring, 1901, the current clubhouse was built with a large central hall and porches on three sides. Getting to the club from Ocean Avenue required a base of felled trees to serve as a wagon road across the salt marsh, a boardwalk for pedestrians, and a water pipeline.

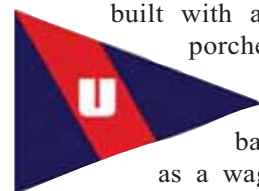
In 1913, the front grounds were bulk-



headed and filled and a lawn was planted. The next year a bathing beach was created opposite the club and around 1915 bath houses were built over the former tennis courts, Dining room and kitchen wings were added, then a small bar, which was replaced by the present French Room, a gift of the late Commodore John H. French, when it was deemed too small. The north parking field and docks were constructed in Commodore Bradley's term, a gift from Mrs. Rufus Ireland, who for many years served as Governor and Commodore. In later years, she cancelled the mortgage on the club property.

In 1934, after the Cross Bay Channel was dug, the Heading was opened. Mr. Kenneth Ireland and Commodore Rufus J. Ireland donated the beach station fireplace. Thirty years later, the current solid dock and sluiceway were built, and in 1965 the Olympic size swimming pool was added. The following year saw improvements in sanitary facilities, fireplaces and a flagpole. The T-dock was enclosed to make more room for members' boats. In 1980, the dining room porch was enclosed to create a casual dining area, and the clubhouse was air-conditioned. Renovations in 1992 provided a new bar overlooking the bay and an exterior rebuilding of the original structure. Led by Commodore Robert Chester, a second phase of renovation resulted in a new kitchen, a renovated dining room. And a new snack bar with a deck for picnic lunches was made available in 1994.

The club's 2007 officers include: Commodore Glenn T. Nugent, Vice Commodore Thomas Whalan, Rear Commodore Richard Ferrari, Secretary Judith Hartten, Treasurer James Graham, Fleet Captain Spencer Hughes, Delegate Claudio Crivici, Race Committee Chairman Claudio Crivici, and Junior Sailing Chairman Richard Bagdonas.



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