



From the Publisher

Here we are in golden August, and although advertisements for back-to-school clothing and supplies remind us that those days are not far off, there is still plenty of boating and fishing to do. Yes, daylight is growing a bit shorter, but the nights can be delightfully cool and the sunsets spectacular, especially when over the water. The water has warmed and invites us to enjoy our favorite in-water sports. Our fishing experts will tune you into the latest hot spots to try your luck and there are many picturesque cruising destinations to keep in mind. While enjoying our favorite pastime, please keep safety always in mind and set an example for others by wearing your life jacket. As our Coast Guard friends thoughtfully warn, "Just wear it!"

In this issue, our energetic maritime historian, Bob Bachand, commences a new two-part story, "The Making of a Privateer". This fascinating account tells of youths – often barely teenagers – being lured to join a ship as a "privateer crewman," in the late 18th century, despite the views of many Americans that equated a

privateer with a pirate. Apparently, the youngsters frequently left home without informing their parents, joined a privateer crew and after months-long voyages returned with much more money than they could possibly earn locally and a trove of happenings that they surely would not have experienced at home.

Talented contributing writer, Terry Conway, sent us another of his tempting destination stories, this time "Easy Going, Eastern Shore". The article relates how turn-of-the-20th-century Chesapeake Bay workboats known as Skipjacks are now "...a vanishing breed". These were the oyster-dredging boats that dominated the industry. Currently, there are less than a dozen of them working the bay, one of which is *H.M. Kremetz*, a 70-footer carrying 2,000 square feet of sail, which will transport up to 32 visitors along Maryland's Eastern Shore to tour, shop and enjoy themselves in quaint maritime villages like St. Michael's, Tilghman Island, Oxford and Easton, which offer shops, galleries, enchanting inns, B&Bs, museums, restaurants and antique shops. There's plenty to see and do, and it reads like a wonderful family trip.

"A Grand Old Lady's Last Cruise"

was submitted by contributing writer Bob Cerullo, who writes about *Alexandra*, a 1928, 42-foot, flat-top ELCO cruiser. She's owned by Tony and Judith Alexandra Hannold of Mathews, VA, who found her in Hilton Head, S.C. in 1999. The Hannolds often commute by boat to their summer home on Narragansett Bay, RI, and have restored *Alexandra's* wooden hull and replaced her gasoline engine with diesel. *Alexandra* has won a number of restoration prizes for the Hannolds, and she is an authentic working yacht. On her 80th birthday she will cruise up the Hudson, through the locks, across Lake Champlain into Canada, the Eisenhower Lock and on to Alexandria Bay and the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY, where she will be retired in the Museum's new gallery. You'll enjoy the photos that enrich this story.

There are many other articles, news, boating tips and our regular monthly features in this issue, so be sure to take it along as you enjoy the boating lifestyle. Perhaps, we'll see you out there.

Bill



From Our Readers

In last month's issue, we asked readers to help us answer a public beach access question posed by reader Carl Swebilus on May 31, 2007, who was told earlier in May by a waterfront home owner in Port Jefferson that he could not walk his two small dogs on the beach in front of the man's home. The homeowner politely informed Mr. Swebilus that public beach access was only up to the low tide line. That, of course, would leave Mr. Swebilus and his dogs standing in the water. Two readers responded. Mr. Joseph Rizzo, an attorney who practices in both Cutchogue and Garden City, reported that he litigated "...a landmark case in the early Seventies involving land lying between the mean (average) high water and mean low water levels. The Court's findings cited the rights of jus publica...the rights of the public to access land (beach) between the two levels."

Another reader, Mr. Donald Scanlon, an instructor for the Long Island Board of Realtors, referred to "riparian" access rights (of or on river or stream banks) and "littoral" access rights (land lying along a lake or ocean shore). He teaches that public access of land between mean high water and mean low water is permissible. It would seem that Mr. Swebilus was not trespassing and

should have been able to walk his dogs on the beach. [ed.]

Janice Raber, our expert underwater diver, scuba explorer, contributing writer and vice president of Long Island Divers Association (LIDA) received the note below from a fellow diver, Jeff Hirschman, with regard to her July article, "Symbiosis: Moorings and Divers" and a quotation it attributed to him, which actually emanated from another diver. A group was diving in Stirling Basin last May to check moorings. The water temp was in the 50's yet the article stated "The cold water didn't bother anyone, even Jeff Hirschman, who dove in a wetsuit and said, 'The water temp is fine, like a bath. You guys in the dry suits are a bunch of sissies. I could stay in all day.'" [ed.]

Hi Janice!

Love the article on Secret Beach—except that the quote you did for me was probably a quote from the other Jeff. I was diving DRY, and as new dive shop owner the last thing I would want to do is call diving dry "sissy-like." While there is no such thin g as bad publicity, is there any chance of printing a correction along the lines of Jeff Hirschman

of QC Scuba was, in fact, diving in his dry suit, and the quote in the article was made by someone else?

Best, Jeff.

You're off the hook, Jeff! Jan checked the identity of the actual diver-diplomat and found it to be someone other than your good self, someone who was merely trying to make a "joke." [ed.]

From the Editor

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