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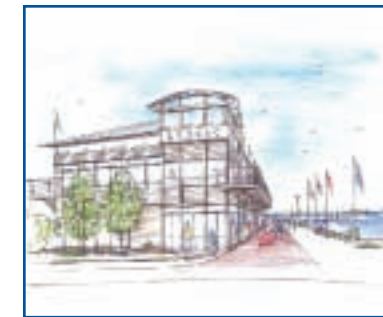
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"The Telltale... a small line, often a ribbon, free to flow in the direction of the breeze."

The Newsletter of the Friends of Belmar Harbor, Inc.



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Capital Campaign Update

By David Calnan

We have long passed the July, 2008 deadline for the "SAIL DON'T FAIL" Capital Campaign to raise approximately 1.8 million dollars to build the Shark River Bay Community Sailing Center (SRBCSC), and we still have a long way to go. So far, we have raised approximately \$80,000 in addition to the approximately 1 million set aside by the State of New Jersey in matching funding. The spiraling decline of our Nation's economy has resulted in a significant loss of interest in pursuits that are viewed as extravagances.

However, the need for this community resource is clearly not an extravagance especially considering the fact that more than half of the costs are being borne by others. We are getting a two-for-one deal that we cannot afford to pass on. This is a great opportunity to provide our children with a safe, secure launching point for the development of skills that will last a lifetime. On a broader scope, our community will house a facility that is used by the disadvantaged youth of the region to experience interactions with their environment that they have only read and dreamt about.

The good and bad news is the fact only a handful our membership has contributed. We need each and every one of you reading this to dig deep and dig now to make a contribution to build a facility that you are the direct beneficiaries of. All contributions merit listing in the Shark River Bay Sailing Hall of Fame and will clearly demonstrate that you support the facility and that FOBH merits the support of others in the venture. If our own community can't get behind this, then how can we rely on others in New Jersey for funding? The State of New Jersey has already met us halfway. Please contribute today. If each family were to contribute \$100, it would make a big difference in the level of community support that we can demonstrate to others.

We are currently looking to enhancing our linkages with the public institutions of higher learning in our area to see how the strengthening of those ties can add to the breadth of programs offered to the public to increase an understanding of their environment and the actions we can take to preserve and conserve it for use by future generations.

Gary Jobson continues to be great champion of our cause. We look forward to having him come back to area in the near future to speak about his experiences on behalf of our Sailing Center. Please look for an announcement for events related to the Capital Campaign and get behind it!

"From the Helm" FOBH President's Report

By David Burns

A President's Report is always supposed to be optimistic and upbeat, and this one will be nothing short of that. But first, read no further until you take out your checkbook and write a check to FOBH for our "Sail Don't Fail" Capital Campaign in the most generous amount you can. The Sailing Center must get started if we are to continue serving the community.

As we embark on our 10th season on the Shark River, Friends Of Belmar Harbor is a shining example of what can be accomplished through volunteerism and community involvement (and a little hard work).

As the incoming president for this year, I want to thank all the folks who consistently push the organization forward with their efforts. Firstly, appreciation and great thanks go to Dave Calnan, the outgoing president, who will remain on the board and re-invigorate the Capital Campaign. His work over the last couple of years has been tireless. I also want to thank all the other past and present board members and volunteers, who's constant support of the mission and programs of FOBH remain unwavering.

As costs rise and values decrease in the midst of this recession, our efforts – junior and adult sailing, the City Sailor programs, our encouraging appreciation of the environment, and the many other social and recreational activities – all of these continue to have incredible value to people of all ages in our region. Anyone who loves water-related outdoor recreation should become a member and get involved with our projects and activities. We are a community driven organization and look forward to meeting everyone and anyone that wants to participate.

Our 2009 calendar is filling up quickly and our sailing program registrations will start shortly. We also hope to host a summer celebration at the facility, so check our website, www.fobhnj.org, from time to time for updates. Adult sailing instruction will again be offered along with weekend member sailing hours. Here's hoping that storms miss the dates chosen (some of you may recall the hail storm last year). Overall, I look forward to a fun, busy season and stand ready to serve the organization with the rest of the board in the upcoming year.

See you on the docks...

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From the Foredeck Junior Sailing

We have lots of programs and activities planned for 2009. The year begins April 20th with student sailors from Neptune and St. Rose high schools, along with Manasquan, Mast and Wall high school students who are involved in the Wall Recreation program. The spring and fall high school sessions will each comprise about thirty-five students. The spring program runs from April 20 through June 5, and the Fall program will run September through October. Last year the clubs competed against other schools, sailing both at Toms River YC and at Brandt Beach. Dan Bick will be back as the instructor. Each school comes for three days each per week in the afternoons and sails on the Shark River immediately after school closing until 5:00 p.m. Much of the time is given to instruction and drills to increase sailing skills, and the school competitions and some free cruising fill up the remaining time. Students from Neptune should contact Chief Richard Beth of the NJROTC program and those from St. Rose should contact Nancy Cunningham.

Our summer junior instructional programs will encompass five regular sessions in which nearly 200 children are registered and which will end with our annual invitational Friendship Cup Regatta on Sunday, August 23. The Friendship Cup Regatta is usually attended by nearly 100 children from all over the shore area.

Our scholarship session, in its fifth year, handles eight youngsters from each of the towns of Avon, Bradley Beach, Belmar, Neptune City, Neptune Township and Wall Township. This three week program is set up by the town Recreation Directors and focuses on teaching sailing skills and working with others on your team. Through our scholarship program we have had 160 youth granted an opportunity to this rewarding sailing experience which culminates in competing in the Mayors' Trophy Regatta, scheduled for Friday, August 21.

In addition to the Mayors' Trophy program, we will be hosting groups of children for our City Sailors Program which is another scholarship program and will bring some thirty children from Asbury Park and approximately sixty children from the Robert Treat Academy, an inner city school in Newark. This program focuses on the symbiotic relationship between the children and the environment of the Shark River Bay. The kids will learn the fundamentals of sailing as well as to spend time fishing, clamming, crabbing, swimming and learning about the ecology of the bay.

We also hope to again be hosting boy scouts. Last year, some fifteen boy scouts from Newtown, Pennsylvania earned their sailing merit badges and at the same time, raised money to provide scholarships to a summer sailing experience for needy children from their home area.

City Sailors by Michael Mixson

We are very excited that our very successful City Sailors Pilot Program is now one of our official annual programs.

City Sailors is not specifically a sailing program, per se. Children, urban youth who sometimes have little concept of a world without concrete, who often have not had a chance to see the natural shoreline, come down to our facility on the Shark river and spend several days experiencing a beautiful estuary from out on the water. Of all the activities organized by FOBH, it is this one which is at the heart of the organization and exemplifies why FOBH was created 10 years ago.

The program has several goals that it endeavors to accomplish with the children, including introducing them to sailing. First and foremost, it is fun. We provide our four Menger Cats, which are wonderful safe sailboats that can each handle several children and a mentor at one time. We setup our motorized barge as a swim platform and classroom. And we also make available 12 kayaks and our land facility for the sailors to use.

The program director is Bruce Bertucci, an experienced environmentalist, biology teacher, water safety and sailing instructor. We use a well developed curriculum that exposes children to the natural wonders in the estuary, shows them the complex ecosystem, and encourages them to respect, care for and enjoy it. We also introduce the children to various water safety and recreational boating opportunities on the Shark River Bay. Outdoor physical activities include swimming, sailing, kayaking, fishing, clamming and bird watching, all from out on the water.

This year, 2009, we have expanded our program and hope to include youths from 5 New Jersey cities – Asbury Park, Camden, Long Branch, Neptune, and Newark. The program runs for 5 weeks during the summer, with each city having one full week packed with activities.



Adult Sailing News By Roy Childers

We are excited for the upcoming year for adult sailing. We have organized our weekday sailing into four evenings hosted by fellow FOBH members. Hosting members can help coordinate activities, help new members rig, be available to passersby to answer any questions about FOBH, and of course get out on the river to sail!

Our preliminary schedule, tides permitting, is: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. We will have instructors available for group or private sailing lessons. Whether you have always wanted to learn or just don't want your child to outdo you on the water, give it a try.

We are always happy to have more members come by and help out. It is a great way to meet people and ensures that you get out on the water more frequently. If you have any interest in helping to host a weekday evening or weekend night please call Dave Burns 732-822-7862 (DBurns@birdsall.com) or Roy Childers 732-556-6404 (rchilders@crabnet.com).

We will be continuing our Adult racing series to be held on selected evenings and some weekends throughout the summer. The team sailing concept will enable people of all sailing skills to have some friendly competition sailing together. Having multiple team members will allow each members to participate without have to commit to each race in the entire season of races. We will most likely sail the Menger Cats, switch boats frequently during the series, and rotate crew positions often as well. And yes, there will be Victory Parties!

Stay tuned for news on other social events throughout the season. See some old friends, make some new ones and we will see you down at the river!

New FOBH Board Members and Officers

We are pleased to have Roy Childers and John Vanderslice join the FOBH Board of Trustees. The 2009 Board of Trustees for the Friends of Belmar Harbor is as follows:

- Tom Adcock
- Dave Backman - Vice President
- Dave Burns - President
- Dave Calnan
- Roy Childers
- Paul Qvale - Secretary
- Mike Gutshall
- Bob Sheridan - Treasurer
- John Vanderslice

Tide Chart

MAY

Date	High Tide	Start	End	Note
23	7:31PM	17:00	20:00	
24	8:07AM	8:00	10:00	
25	8:57AM	8:00	11:00	Memorial Day

JUNE

Date	High Tide	Start	End	Note
6	7:42PM	18:00	20:00	
7	8:07AM	8:00	10:00	
13	12:24PM	10:00	14:00	
14	1:06PM	11:00	15:00	
20	6:16PM	16:00	20:00	
21	7:10PM	17:00	20:00	
27	12:28PM	10:00	14:00	
28	1:22PM	11:00	15:00	

JULY

Date	High Tide	Start	End	Note
4	6:36PM	16:00	20:00	Independence Day
5	7:19PM	17:00	20:00	
11	11:04AM	9:00	13:00	Adult Sailing Sn. 1
12	11:43AM	10:00	14:00	Adult Sailing Sn. 1
18	4:51PM	15:00	19:00	Adult Sailing Sn. 1
19	5:56PM	16:00	20:00	Adult Sailing Sn. 1
25	11:06AM	9:00	13:00	
26	12:00PM	10:00	14:00	

AUGUST

Date	High Tide	Start	End	Note
1	5:19PM	15:00	19:00	
2	6:10PM	16:00	20:00	
8	9:51AM	8:00	12:00	Adult Sailing Sn. 2
9	10:24AM	8:00	12:00	Adult Sailing Sn. 2
15	3:22PM	13:00	17:00	Adult Sailing Sn. 2
16	4:32PM	14:00	18:00	Adult Sailing Sn. 2
22	9:46AM	8:00	12:00	
23	10:36AM	9:00	13:00	
29	3:49PM	14:00	18:00	
30	4:47PM	15:00	19:00	

SEPTEMBER

Date	High Tide	Start	End	Note
5	8:43AM	8:00	10:00	
6	9:14AM	8:00	10:00	
7	9:47AM	8:00	11:00	Labor Day