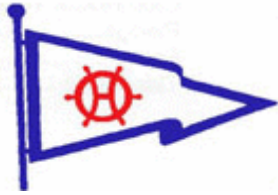


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Harbor Boating Club

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The Commodore's Corner

In Memoriam

Robert Walter Brand

July 5, 1939 – December 8, 2006

Harbor Boating Club Member 1976 to 2005 and Board Member from 1998 to 2001

Always a smile, always willing to help. Our prayers are for Bob, his wife Carol, and his family.
—The Board of Governors

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our friend Robert Brand. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife Carol, and to all his family.
- The Harbor Boating Club

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A new year has begun, but I would like the membership to take a look back before we look ahead. It takes a lot of work to keep the Club going. So I would like each and every member to give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done. I do see and appreciate the work being done.

Along those lines, I have to mention Rich Boccia, Bill Denis and Bill Von Vange. Each of these gentlemen have served nine years on the Board of Governors, and have done much to bring the Club to where it is today. When I say thank you, I know it is sincerely from all of the membership.

As we look forward, I have to first thank Deborah Schmitt for giving us all a place to share our thoughts and our news with each other--so we now get more than just a "Meeting Notice". I, for one, will try to share my thoughts, ask questions, pass along nautical trivia and other "useless information" in future editions.

Before I end, I would like to welcome our new Board members, Richard Kinch, Scott Straub and Walter Surge. I will thank them in advance for the hard work I know they are going to do for the Club. In ending, I want to remind the membership that "You are the Club!" – not the Board of Governors. So let us know what direction you want the Club to take. Till next time.

Fair Wind & Calm Seas,
Terry McGovern



Fleet Captain's Notice: As the new Fleet Captain, I am looking for ideas for places to go in the summer of 07. The first trips will be short ones, until we see how things go. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed. R. Hickey (631) 549-7436

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Sailors' Wisdom

Cruising has two main pleasures. One is to go out into wider waters from a sheltered place. The other is to go into a sheltered place from wide waters.—Howard Bloomfield, author *Sailing to the Sun*

Only two sailors, in my experience, never ran

aground. One never left port and the other was an atrocious liar. — Don Bamford

I want a boat that drinks six, eats four, and sleeps two. — Ernest

Gann, author *Song of the Sirens*

The only way to get a good crew is to marry one. — Eric Hiscock

I don't own a boat. But I have a lot of friends with boats, which anyone can tell you is a lot better. —Robert Stone

On The Harbor: Van Wyck-Lefferts Tide Mill

You may know that Huntington Harbor is home to the Van Wyck-Lefferts Tide Mill, but did you know that our mill has the unique distinction of being the only East Coast mill with its building intact, located on his original dam, and still possessed of its original massive wooden gears?



Van Wyck-Lefferts Tide Mill, Huntington, NY

According to the Huntington Historical Society, the Van Wyck-Lefferts Tide Mill was a model of modern technology when it was built by the Van Wyck Family

in 1795. The mill relied on Long Island's 8-foot tides to generate power. High tide was trapped in the mill pond, and its release at low tide, through a tide gate, powered the water wheel.

It took nearly five bushels of wheat to make a barrel of flour (200 lbs), enough to supply 400 people with flour for one day.

The Van Wyck-Lefferts Tide Mill was admitted into the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

Today, the tide mill is owned and maintained by The Nature Conservancy, and tours are conducted by the Huntington Historical Society once a month, May through October, or by appointment for private groups. Since private boating is restricted, transportation to and from the site is provided courtesy of Coney's Marina.

To make reservations or to learn more about Huntington Historical Society holdings, call (631) 427-7045 or visit info@huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org

In The Club: Happy Days!

Commodore Terry McGovern and his wife Carol are overjoyed to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Abaigeal Evelyn Higgins, born December 13th, 2006. Grandchild No. 4 for Carol and Terry, Abaigeal is the first child of daughter Maureen and son-in-law Matt. Although young Miss Higgins has taken no real position in the "motor boating vs. sailing" debate, sources tell us that little Abaigeal's cooing and smacking bears an uncanny resemblance to the sound of Grandpa Terry's 33' Endeavor under full sail!

In November, member Joe Di Stasi (Dad) celebrated his 80th birthday with his wife Barbara, his family and friends. When asked his secret for a long, healthy life, Joe responded "Heh? What? Barbara's got a knife?!" Really though, Joe is proud to be a member of such a strong generation, and he promises to tell us more at his 90th!

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS Richard Kinch, Scott Straub and Walter Surge.

HBC WELCOMES 2006 NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!: William Martin, Joe Manaseri, Greg Messina, Mike Rossetti, Ken Straub, Sal Aureliano, Bruce Smith and Jim Kazanas.

In The Galley: Wilma's Favorite Clam Dip

2 cans minced clams (save juice)
1/2 tsp. lemon juice
1 small onion, minced
1 clove garlic, pressed
1/4 green pepper, minced
1/2 stick margarine
1/2 tsp. parsley

1/2 tsp. oregano
Dash Tabasco
Dash cayenne
1/4 cup breadcrumbs
Sliced cheese, Mozzarella or Swiss
Simmer clams, juice & lemon juice for 15 minutes.

Simmer onion, garlic, green pepper, margarine and spices until soft.
Mix clams with onions, etc. and add bread crumbs.
Pour into slightly buttered baking dish, top with cheese, sprinkle with parmesan and paprika.
Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. Serve with crackers or sliced bread.

SHARE
YOUR
RECIPES
HERE!

Around Town: Members' Only Discounts

Yankee Peddler Antiques, 1038 New York Avenue, Huntington, a converted turn-of-the-century hotel housing 3 floors of antiques and collectibles, has generously extended a 15% HBC Members-Only Discount on any item of merchandize over \$25.00 for the month of January. Bring this news letter with you for savings, and come and enjoy your visit to the past.

Let us include your members' only coupons and discounts in our next issue!

Kid's Page — Staff Writers Needed!

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1. astern: in the back of the boat
2. bow: the forward part of the boat
3. current: the horizontal movement of water
4. draft: the depth of water a boat draws
5. fathom: six feet
6. heel: to tip to one side
7. leeward: the direction away from the wind
8. rode: the anchor line or change
9. slack: not fastened; loose
10. squall: a sudden violent storm

The Tale of Custard the Dragon, by Ogden Nash

Belinda lived in a little white house,
 With a little black kitten and a little gray mouse.
 And a little yellow dog and a little red wagon,
 And a realio, trulio, little pet dragon.

Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink,
 And the little gray mouse, she called her Blink,
 And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,
 But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.

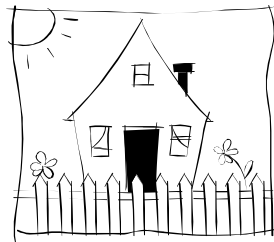
Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,
 And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,
 Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,
 And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.

Belinda was as brave as a barrel-full of bears,
 And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,
 Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,
 But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful,
 Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival,
 They all sat laughing in the little red wagon
 At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon.

Belinda giggled till she shook the house,
 And Blink said Weeek!, which is giggle for a mouse,
 Ink and Mustard rudely asked his age,
 When Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,
 And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.
 Meowch! Cried Ink, and Ooh! Cried Belinda,
 For there was a pirate, climbing in the winda.



Pistol in his left hand, pistol in his right,
 And he held in his teeth a cutlass bright;
 His beard was black, one leg was wood.
 It was clear that the pirate meant no good.

Belinda paled and she cried Help! Help!
 But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,
 Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
 And little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.



But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,
 Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
 With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm
 He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.



The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,
 And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,
 He fired two bullets, but they didn't hit,
 And Custard gobbled him every bit.

Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him;
 No one mourned for his pirate victim.
 Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate
 Around the dragon that ate the pyrate.

Belinda still lives in her little white house,
 With her little black kitten and her little gray mouse,
 And her little yellow dog and her little red wagon,
 And her relio, trulio, little pet dragon..



Belinda is as brave as a barrel-full of bears,
 And Ink and Blink chase lions down the stairs,
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 But Custard keeps crying for a nice safe cage.

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Please support HBC News—Deadline for out next issue is April 15, 2007.

- Post Club Notices.
- Young reporters, poets, storytellers and artists are needed.
- Share your landmark events: birth announcements; graduations; engagements; birthdays and more.
- Notify us of community events.
- Use the classifieds—boats/equipment for sale? Let us know.
- Editorials/Opinions are welcome.

CALENDAR:

January 11th: Ladies' Night Ladies please join us for a meeting at 7:30pm at the clubhouse.

January 19th: Third-Friday-Happy-Hour Drop in (6:30pm) for an informal get-together. Bring your own beverages and appetizers, and please remember to take it all away when your done!

Saturday, March 8th: St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, April 8th: Spring All Hands Day

Opinion: Say No to Broadwater!

Broadwater Energy Group, (Shell Oil Co. and TransCanada Inc.) has proposed the first floating Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) facility in the U.S., at a cost of \$700 million, to be located 9 miles off Wading River, and 11 miles off the Connecticut coastline, in the Long Island Sound. The mooring platform would cover 7000 square feet of the Sound floor, and will require a 25 mile ditch for a pipeline to the existing facility. The facility will stretch 1,200 feet (the length of 3 football fields) and tower 100 feet over the surface of the water.

In addition to the many safety and environmental concerns—adverse sea floor impacts (goodbye fish!), terrorism risks, pool fires and flammable vapor clouds (according to Anti-Broadwater Coalition (ABC), there have been appx. 31 serious accidents at LNG facilities world wide since 1944), —we should be wary of the likelihood of lowered the energy costs/monetary savings promised. Shell and TransCanada are not spending \$700 million to save us a few pennies in heating costs! Although the

Coast Guard has not taken sides, it has concluded that safety and security risks would necessitate added federal, state and local law enforcement and firefighting resources. The Anti-Broadwater Coalition estimates these costs to be as high as \$80,000. per tanker. Broadwater anticipates 2 to 3 LNG tankers per week, with potential security costs totaling \$12.48 million per year. Currently, Massachusetts residents bear the burden of 47% of these costs for the LNG facility in Boston!

To date, many elected officials have voiced their opposition to Broadwater, among them Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton; State Senator LaValle; State Assemblymen Thiele, Levine and Raia; some 15 Suffolk County Legislators; Town of Huntington Supervisor Frank Petrone, and Town Councilmen Budd and Cuthbertson. The Towns of Oyster Bay, Smithtown, Brookhaven, Riverhead and Southold have all voiced their opposition.

ABC counts as it's members some 80+ groups, among them Citizens Campaign for the Environment; Fishers Island Conservancy; Friends of the Bay; Friends of the Long Island Sound; Greenpeace; Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition; Long Island Pine Barrens Society; Open Space Council; Peconic Baykeeper, and many more small civic and boating associations.

This is our fight, and losing is not an option. Once the Sound is industrialized, there will be no turning back. It will be lost forever to future generations. Many New Yorkers have never seen the Sound, let alone have the good fortune of calling it their own backyard, so it is our responsibility to protect it. !HBC is comprised of 100 members, so 200 voices should be screaming "NO!" Broadwater is represented by powerful lobbyists, and if we are not all heard, they will get their way. We should hoist the club's flag, launch the fleet, and send Broadwater to the deep!

—D. Schmitt