

Harbor Boating Club

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NOTICE

To HBC KIDS:

Inside this issue are Opening Day flags. Please make them as FUN and COLORFUL as possible, cut them out, and bring them to Opening Day to help decorate the club!

All members are encouraged to decorate their own boat for Opening Day

The Commodore's Corner

SPRING!! As I'm writing this, there is snow on the ground. I don't know about you but I'm ready for some warm weather and boating. Luau anyone!!

I have started to put my spring "to do list" together and I have things from last year on it – how did that happen? I'm retired and there are still not enough hours in the day.

I think I have seen some of our snowbirds around the Club, so spring must be near. Welcome Home! I hope you have had a mild winter and are looking forward to the boating season with us. You have missed some very good parties, but, hopefully, there will be a few more.

Once again, I would like to thank my Board and all the Club members for the fine work that they are doing. Things are moving along nicely and we have had great turn-outs for our parties – work and otherwise. This is your Club so let us know what you want. We need all the help we can get!

As most of you know, I'm a sailor and there aren't that many of us in the Club. So I found this definition of sailing in "A Sailor's Dictionary" by Beard & McKie so you power boaters will know what you're missing "sailing, 1. *n.* the fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense."

Hope to see you on the water and remember to fly the burgee.

Fair Winds & Calm Seas,
 Terry McGovern

Last year I arranged to have plants along "C" dock, and will try to do the same this year for everyone who is interested. The red portulaccas in hanging pots do very well in the sun and heat and can be hung on the pilings or on a shepherd's hook mounted on the dock itself. Although I do not have a price as yet, I would like to know how many to negotiate. If you are interested, please contact me by phone 516-521-8541 or by e-mail chris726@optonline.net. -Chris Habermaas

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Sailors' Wisdom

I know who you are, but you'll have to wipe your feet. — Capt. Richard Brown of the Schooner America to Prince Albert of England, 1851

Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit. — Brooks Atkinson

If a man must be obsessed by something, I suppose a boat is as good as anything, perhaps a bit better than most. — E. B. White

A small craft in the ocean is, or should be, a benevolent dictatorship. —Tristan Jones

On The Harbor: Huntington Harbor Lighthouse

Becoming operational in 1912, Huntington's Beau Arts style lighthouse is unique as it is stands as the earliest example of reinforced concrete construction on the East Coast, and was one of the last light-houses to be built.

It's tower, 42 feet above water at high tide, originally housed a 5th order Fresnel lens and an Argand Lamp, which consumed 3-4 ounces of oil and required trimming daily. It's original large cast bell remains on-site. In 1947, the U.S. Coast Guard auto-

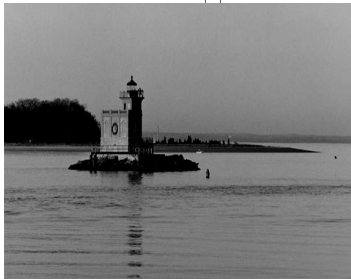


Photo by Pam Setchell

mated the light and installed a fog horn. Today, it is topped by a 300mm Fresnel lens— it's signature is a fixed 6 second flashing white light visible for 9 miles.

Once unmanned, deterioration of the structure began, and in 1984, having been deemed unsafe and too expensive to repair, the Federal government was set on its demolition, and planned the erection of a steel tower in its place. In 1985, a grass roots effort to save the lighthouse led to the formation of Save Hunting Lighthouse, Inc., now know as The Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society. Under a lease agreement with the

U.S.C.G., the Society has been carefully restoring the structure ever since.

In 1989, the Huntington Lighthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places; in 1997 a new steel dock was installed by the Coast Guard, and in 2003, public tours began.

There is no public docking, so transport and tours can be arranged through the Huntington Lighthouse Preservation Society at 631-421-1985. Also, volunteers are needed in research, hosting, newsletter, fund raising, and light carpentry, painting, etc. For more information, please visit www.huntingtonlighthouse.org.

In The Club: First Last Friday Happy Hour, photos courtesy of Don Zalak



In The Galley: Chris Habermaas' Blue Cheese Dip

- 8 oz. blue cheese
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts, toasted optional
- Apple slices, pear wedges and/or flatbread

Let cheese and butter stand at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Cut cheese into small pieces, and slice butter into 1/2 inch pieces. Place cheese and butter in a food processor, cover, and process until almost smooth, scraping down side of bowl with rubber spatula as needed.

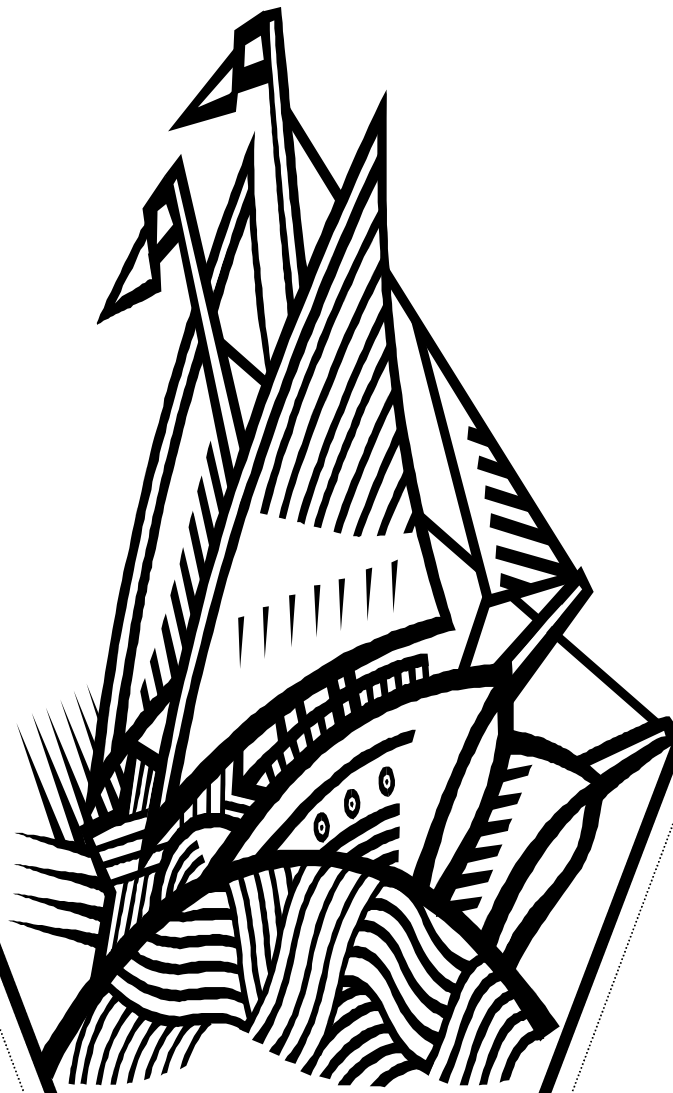
Stir in the 1/2 cup of walnuts.

Transfer to a small serving bowl. If desired sprinkle with remaining walnuts. Serve with fruit and/or flatbread Yields appx. 2 cups.

Around Town: Members' Only Discounts

- The Camp-Site Sport Shop, 1877 New York Avenue, Huntington Station, continues to extend a 10% discount on select items to HBC members.
- Village Car Wash, 139B New York Avenue, Huntington, offers free Armoral service with any regular-price service to HBC Members for the months of April and May. Bring coupon and membership card.

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HAPPENINGS:

Saturday, April 21st: Happy Hour Luau Style 7:00pm. The April Happy Hour has been moved to Saturday, the 21st, and will be held Luau-Style. Bring your own beverage and your favorite dish to share, and wear your best Hawaiian Attire.

Thursday, May 10th: Lady's Night and Jewelry Sale 7:30-9:30pm. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the HBC Lady's Fund, to be used for charitable and/or club purposes only. Please feel free to bring your family and friends!!!

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