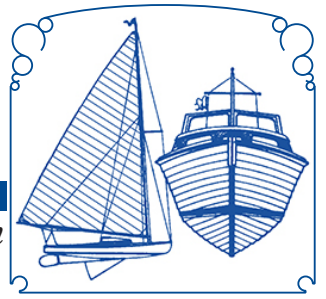


The Seafarer

Newsletter of the Toms River Seaport Society & Maritime Museum
732.349.9209 office@tomsrivarseaport.org Summer 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Karen C. Porcello



If you have driven passed the Seaport recently, you'll notice that the Carriage House and Restoration Shop have been freshly painted. This was accomplished thanks to the Wave Runners, volunteers from the Ocean First Bank. Sincere appreciation is also extended to the Ocean First Foundation for its generous donation.

The Summer Festival originally scheduled for Huddy Park on July 29 will not be held this year. But, the Beckett's Bucket A Cat Race, an annual event for over 40 years will again be hosted by the Ocean Gate Yacht Club on July 14.

The TRSS Board welcomes its newest Trustee, Amber Clayton, who is currently refreshing our museum exhibits. Her first project was establishing a Joseph Francis exhibit in our Carriage House, which was part of the Francis waterfront estate located on the property at the end of Hooper Avenue. Joseph Francis patented the

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SHOP TALK

George Corbeels



We welcome our two new shop volunteers, Pat Nacion and Tim Mahoney. They began working in the spring and helped sand and refinish our 18-foot sailing Garvey that is now displayed in front of the Shop. The boat's deck was badly weathered and required a lot of sanding and some filling of gaps between the boards. It then got a coat of primer and white paint. The hull was painted green and the inside a light beige color. Accent red was used on

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SHOP TALK (cont'd)

the bottom, boom and rudder.

Gary Moon and I also replaced some of the wood and repainted a 12 foot Duckboat, also now displayed outside. Both boats were restored for display only, as we did not caulk and seal the hulls for use in the water.



All of us participated in getting our newest Sneakbox, donated by Philadelphia's Independence Seaport Museum, ready for the World Duckboat Championship at Mantoloking later this summer. We began by re-caulking most of the seams on the hull and then sanding and repainting it gloss white. We worked on smoothing and repainting the deck with blue paint as close as we could to match the original color. This summer, before the race, we'll test her to make sure the hull doesn't leak - keep your fingers crossed! Separately, in this issue, see the contest to name the boat.

The four of us also assisted volunteers with OceanFirst Bank to repaint and replace some rotted wood on the exterior of the shop. The work is ongoing and anyone interested in helping is welcome.

We also re-imagined a display of the Seaport's heritage along with help from trustee Amber Clayton. The entrance to the Carriage House museum was painted and a new display made about Joseph Francis, the inventor of the Life Car, that rescued sailors from ships that wrecked near shore in the mid-to-late 19th century.

As of publication time we have started restoration work on the Atlantic City Lifeboat. We began by removing and remaking the seat supports and a portion of the transom. There is a lot of work to be done and I will report about it in the next issue.

We would appreciate any volunteer hours that you might have to spare.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

corrugated metallic life car in 1845 which on its first use in 1850 rescued 200 people from the British bark, AYRSHIRE off Squan Beach, now Manasquan and over its first four years of use saved 2,150 lives.

The Society is also seeking additional Trustees and volunteers to help Amber. If you would like to serve as a Trustee or volunteer, please call the TRSS office.

If you would like to learn more about Barnegat Bay maritime history from pre-1492 to the present along with recommended reading and videos, check the link, www.tomsriverseaport.org/school.html. We also invite classes and community groups to visit the Seaport to learn more about the rich maritime history of the area or have a speaker visit you.

Thank you to the shop crew headed by George Corbeels and Gary Moon for restoring the duck boat received from Independence Seaport. Your help is needed now in naming it so Andy Gould can place the name on the boat before the Duck Boat Worlds.

Hope you have been enjoying the articles on the life and times around Toms River and the Barnegat Bay 100 years ago by TRSS Administrative Director, Erik Weber. If you haven't, but would like to receive them in the future, call or email the TRSS office to add your email address to our mailing list.

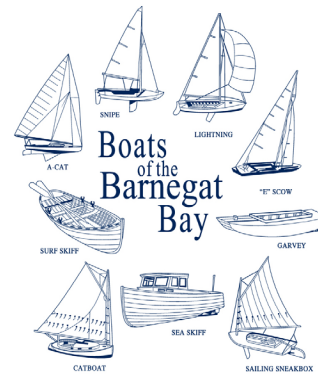
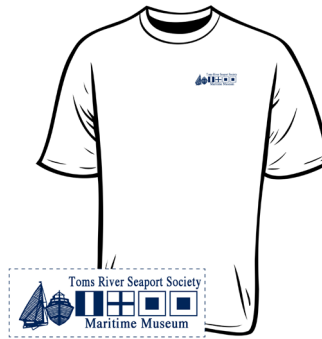
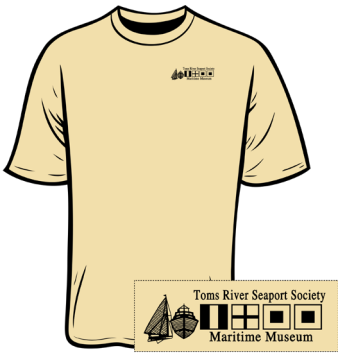
As you enjoy the summer sailing season, possibly you found some sails you no longer need. The Seaport would appreciate their donation as we exchange them with Sea Bags of Maine for beautiful sea bags we can sell in our Ship's Store.

May you have a happy and safe summer along with fair breezes.



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(or order online at tomsriverseaport.org!)

NEW HORROCK MAP PRINTS



Toms River Seaport Society has received a new inventory of large, colorful prints of the 1932 Henry H. Horrock's map of the Barnegat Bay, hand-colored by Lucy Bottomly.

Size is 24" x 36" on high quality paper. These make wonderful gifts for anyone who likes Barnegat Bay and are great conversation pieces, packed with details and historical information.

Cost is \$125 and purchase is available through the Ship's Store during normal museum hours or by mailing a check to Toms River Seaport Society, P.O. Box 1111, Toms River, N.J. 08754 in the amount of \$140 (\$125 + \$15 shipping within the United States).

CLASSIFIEDS



FOR SALE: 21' Herreshoff sloop, "Lucy." Boat in immaculate condition, restored 2014 by de Rouville's Boat Shop. Originally owned by Slade Dale, she was built in 1951 and has sailed 60 years on and off in Barnegat Bay. Inquiries or to place a classified ad please call (732) 349-9209 or email office@tomsvriver-seaport.org.

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OCEAN COUNTY HISTORY DAY

Visit our booth on Saturday, September 16th from 10 am to 3 pm [rain date Sept. 17th] at this annual event held at the Ocean County Historical Society, 26 Hadley Avenue, Toms River. Co-sponsored between the Society and Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, it will feature live entertainment, re-enactors, books to purchase and free tours from numerous Ocean County history-based organizations.

WELCOME ABOARD

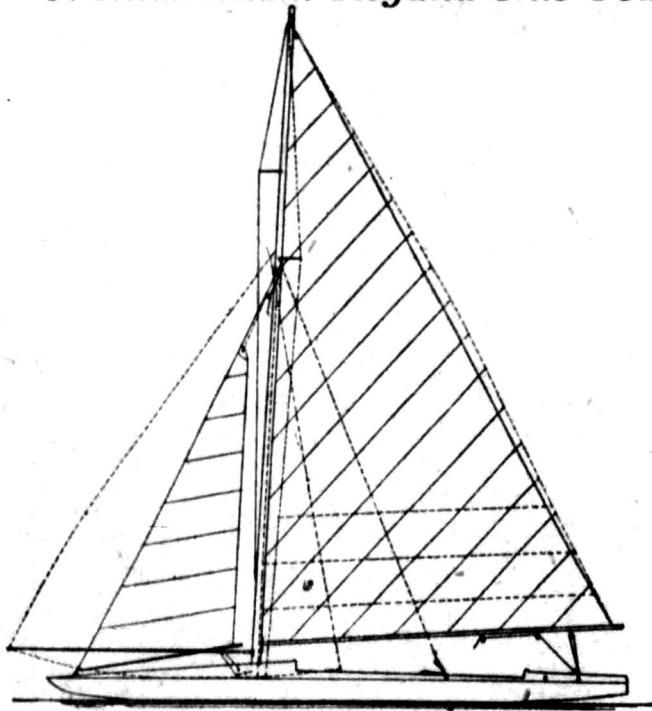
David Morrow	John Angell	Timothy Mahoney
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Note: The TRSS membership year has been changed from September-August to January-December.

100 YEARS OF THE E-SCOW

Dan Crabbe

Class E Races Are To Be Features Of Inland Lake Regatta This Year



SPEEDY CRAFT WILL BE ENTERED HERE.

A large number of 28 foot Class "E" racing scows are to be entered in the Inland Lake Yachting Association's twenty-eighth annual regatta which is to be held in this city during the third week in August. The above picture is descriptive of the lines of the class "E" scow, which is the most sensitive racing craft afloat. The "E" boat is faster than any other sailing craft, its size on the water.

News item found in the Daily Northwestern, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on July 31st, 1926.

In 1923, publicity appeared in the yachting press that the inland Lake Yachting Association had decided to sponsor a 28-foot E Scow, to be a three person less expensive companion to the nearly 25-year-old 38 feet A-Scow.

The first BBYRA that showed the E Scow fleet racing was in 1925 with Slade Dale winning, sailing out of the Mantoloking Yacht Club. The next year sailing for Island Heights Yacht Club, the class was won by Tom Horrocks.

I got my first chance to race on an E in 1954 when Dr. Britten Chance asked me to crew for him when I was 18. My instructions were to be at the Beaton Boat Works at 8am to help him step and rig his E. The two of us then went sailing and tuned the boat before the 1pm start time off the Mantoloking Yacht Club. That year Britt won the bay championship, I knew I wanted my own E Scow.

Having a wonderful Mother and Father my first E arrived by railroad car from Johnson Boat Works in White Bear Lake Minnesota in June of 1957. The boat was double planked and being the first new boat on the Bay for many years, was very fast.

I have since owned several new fiberglass E-Scows since, sailing with my wife Nancy and three children. The E-Scow is the best one design boat I have ever sailed.

NAME A DUCKBOAT!

Though the duckboat donated to TRSS by Independence Seaport has been restored and is ready to sail in its first Duckboat Worlds at the end of August, it is missing a name.

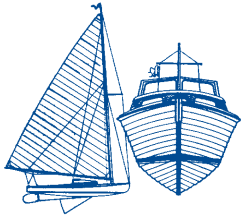
Three possibilities have been suggested:

**INDEPENDENCE
LIBERTY BELLE
PHILLY**

Your input as a member would be appreciated.

*Please select one and send your choice to
office@tomsriverseaport.org by August 1st.*





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