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MARITIME MUSEUM YEAR-IN-REVIEW: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

George Corbeels



Workshop volunteers (from left) George Corbeels, Gary Moon and John Dobstetter pose with Liberty Belle and the first prize from the 42nd Annual Old Time Barnegat Decoy & Gunning Show.

Welcome to Fall and Winter 2024!

This spring and summer were very busy here at the museum. Just a quick recap of the events we attended: in March we had a large booth at the Atlantic City Boat Show (as seen in the Seafarer Summer edition). Ocean

Gate Yacht Club once again hosted Beckett's Bucket A-Cat race. There were five boats that raced in the Toms River, with Lightning winning the race. The ladies from the club provided a delicious hot meal and dessert for all of the observers and boat crews.

In July we had a large booth plus a sneakbox on display at Downtown Toms River's Summer in the Street event. The show was well-attended and we saw many of our friends and members stop to make a purchase or donation. August was the annual World Duckboat Championship regatta at Mantoloking Yacht Club, where we entered all four of the museum's "ducks" and though none of them won, all their skippers had a good time and, best of all, no mishaps this year!

September was our busiest month with Ocean County History Day, the Rotary Club of Toms River's Sailfest, the 40th Annual Barnegat Bay Boat Festival, and the 42nd Annual Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show in Tuckerton.

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A-CATS, RAFFLE & OPEN HOUSE: VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Karen Porcello

Our thanks to Ocean Gate Yacht Club for hosting BBMM's Annual Beckett's Bucket A-Cat Race on August 16. Five A-Cats participated with Sean Bradley's Lightning winning the race.

On December 14th, BBMM invites you to an open house from 10 AM to 2 PM along with the Annual 50-50 Raffle drawing at 2 PM after which President George Corbeels will report on 2024 happenings and plans for 2025. It will also give you an opportunity to visit the new Caldwell Diving Museum next door.

Another important fundraising activity besides the

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Crew and family of the A-Cat Lightning, plus BBMM President George Corbeels, posed for their post-win photo at Ocean Gate Yacht Club this summer, from the annual Beckett's Bucket race.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont'd)

Sailfest took place along the Island Heights riverfront where everyone could watch every imaginable type of sailboat going up and down river between some bouts of wild weather, with a rainy start but clearing skies that turned the crowds out in force. Then, as the show was winding down, a cold front came through from the west and everyone had to hold on to their tents as the wind blew past at almost 60 mph!

The 40th Annual Barnegat Bay Boat Festival, hosted jointly by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of ACBS and the New Jersey Museum of Boating, was held at Johnson Brothers boatyard, Point Pleasant, and offered many in-water boats to view along with several other booths to visit. That same day, a bit down county, our volunteers also had a great time at Ocean County Historical Society in downtown Toms River for Ocean County History Day, where patrons heard engaging presentations and toured the society's informative museum displays.

This was our second recent year attending Ocean County's cherished annual Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show. There we brought our "newest" sneakbox, Liberty Belle, where it took first in the "Barnegat Bay Feather-Edged Sneakbox Contest-Tradition" category, for the Hazelton Seaman Memorial Award. We were awarded a beautiful plaque which everyone can see when you visit our museum. The weather wasn't great for the show but there was a still a big turnout.

And now for us: we invite all members and friends this December 14th for our annual open house at the museum from 10 am to 2 pm for light refreshments and drinks plus holiday gifts available to purchase, including several new and vintage shirt designs, jewelry, vintage brass items and other new nautical items! Look this year for our hats with the new BBMM logo and half hull wall art with new wooden mounts courtesy Gary Moon.



Visitors may also tour the three buildings at the museum and outer boat sheds. Also open from noon til 4 pm are our new neighbors and

friends at Caldwell's Above and Below Diving Museum located right next door. It captures the lifelong work of Jim Caldwell's diving operations worldwide and in the Toms River.

The highlight of the day will be the drawing for the winner of our 2024 raffle at 2 pm. During all of our shows we have been selling raffle tickets and many members participated by buying tickets through the mail. We will continue to offer tickets to visitors up until about 1:30 pm. *I look forward to seeing you there!*

VP'S REPORT (cont'd)

Annual Raffle is having a booth at events throughout the year as the Atlantic City Boat Show in March and Sailfest in September. For BBMM, this happens thanks to the efforts of Gary and Kathy Moon who coordinate the Ship's Store and tend our booth at these events. Volunteers are also appreciated at these events. If you would like to help or can trailer a boat to an event please contact the BBMM office.

Almost time to renew for 2025. The BBMM membership year runs from January to December with renewal notices being sent out at the end of December. Your renewal would be sincerely appreciated.

As our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary in 2026, BBMM will be celebrating its 50th. Any ideas on how to celebrate?

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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. \$30,000. Inquiries or to place a classified ad please call (732) 349-9209 or email BarnegatBayMaritimeMuseum@gmail.com



OCVTS visits BBMM



In October we were visited by Marine Service Technology students from all over the county with the Ocean County Vocational Technical School, who learned about boat building and restoration, our maritime past, Sea Scouts Ship 6 and more with Barnegat Bay Maritime Museum trustees and volunteers George Corbeels, Gary Moon, John Dobstetter, Jack Heacock, Dan Crabbe and Mark James.

Special thanks to OCVTS Marine Service Technology

instructor, Rob Berenwick, for coordinating their visit, and for the OCVTs students for being interested, inquisitive and good company. Best of luck in your future careers!

If you have a group or school interested in guided tour of our museum and historic watercraft, please email BarnegatBayMaritimeMuseum@gmail.com. We are open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

SEA SCOUTS SET SAIL WITH THE HELP OF MARITIME MUSEUM

Helen Sohl, Boatswain

Hello everyone, my name is Helen and I'm a member of the Ship 6 Sea Scouts at our Maritime Museum. I'd like to share a little about what we've been up to this summer. With the museum's generous support, we've been learning all about the skills—and patience—it takes to work with boats both on and off the water. One of our biggest projects has been building a wooden sailboat from the ground up. This has been no small feat, but having access to the museum's workshop has been wonderful. The space and tools that have been provided have made all the difference in helping us bring this sailboat from a plan to what is starting to look like a real boat.

Beyond building, we have been lucky enough to get

hands-on experience with all kinds of water activities. We raced Ensigns (some more successfully than others) which was both exciting and challenging. We've also enjoyed crabbing and fishing, which is always a memorable time.

We're incredibly grateful to the Maritime Museum for its support and for sharing its resources with us. The opportunity to learn here has taught us not only about boating and maritime skills but also about community and giving back. Thanks to their generosity, we're gaining skills and memories that will last a lifetime.

We are excited for a productive fall and winter!

SHOP TALK

George Corbeels



In between all the shows this spring and summer we have continued to work on the Atlantic City Lifeboat. We welcomed a new volunteer this summer, John Dobstetter, who has been a great help with the boat as well as our shows.

The interior of the boat has been painted “Battleship Gray” and the hull has been carefully patched, sanded and painted with two coats of white satin paint. The seats and rub rail are going to be painted with our “signature” blue paint. Lettering the craft can wait while our member and resident artisan, Andy Goold, recovers from a serious auto accident this past summer. We all wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him around the museum boatyard in the coming year.

In the last edition I reported that the mast for Lady Jane broke during 2023’s World Duckboat Championship. We were very fortunate that Tom Beaton of David Beaton & Sons Boatyard in Brick gave us a replacement mast. Thanks Tom! That meant we were able to race all four of our boats in this year’s race.

We also did touch-up painting on several other boats in our displays. This winter, after we complete the lifeboat, our plan is to concentrate on working to bring the four sneakboxes up to “Bristol” condition for the 2025 season. That being said we would appreciate any help our members can contribute. We also plan on updating many of the museum displays and would also like to have any time you can spare.

As our new volunteer has quickly discovered we perform many tasks at the museum. We also rewired two boat trailers to transport the sneakboxes to the shows this year. John also added cleats to a couple of the sneakboxes after the sailors suggested it after this year’s race. In addition we all do maintenance work around the museum’ as the need presents itself. We are now in the process of purchasing two aluminum ramps to make access to the first floor of the Carriage House easier.



OPEN HOUSE & 50/50 RAFFLE DRAW!



GIFTS EXHIBITS REFRESHMENTS

Saturday, December 14th 10 am - 2 pm

Barnegat Bay Maritime Museum

78 East Water Street, Toms River, N.J.

MEET YOUR BOARD!

Steve Abruzzese is a filmmaker, editor and cine camera engineer.

He works with multinational companies and business entities to bring their vision to life through filmmaking and media elements.

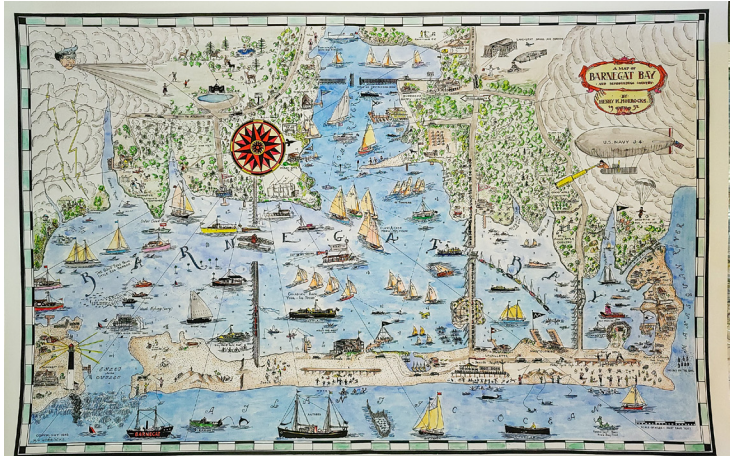
After graduating from DeSales University with a BS in film production, he began creating narrative and documentary films and has won multiple film festival awards for his work over the last 12 years.

Steve serves on the Ocean County Film Commission and teaches filmmaking during the summer months.



His filmmaking specialties include -maritime, historical, and personal legacy films. He is widely known for being an expert on James Bond films.

HORROCK MAP PRINTS



1932 Henry H. Horrock's map of the Barnegat Bay, hand-colored by Lucy Bottomly 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.



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