



# The Seafarer

MARITIME MUSEUM 732.349.9209 [BarnegatBayMaritimeMuseum.org](http://BarnegatBayMaritimeMuseum.org) Summer 2024

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Corbeels



New year, new name: learn more about this gorgeous new sign in our Shop Talk column on page 4!

This year we welcomed aboard three new trustees: Mark James, skipper of Sea Scouts Ship 6, who have for the past several years been busy with their Project Oonagh boatbuilding initiative in our workshop, plus Jennifer Suwak and Stephen Abruzzese, local filmmakers who have been busy between teaching the next generation of budding film production workers and running their own production service, Roaming Dingo.

This is our first Seafarer edition with our new name, Barnegat Bay Maritime Museum. We look forward to upholding the high standards for our museum that has been in Toms River for many years.

Gary Moon and I had a successful week at the Atlantic City Boat Show in early March, with many people stopping to visit, learn about our rich nautical heri-  
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## WELCOMING OUR NEW NEIGHBOR

Jennifer Suwak



Board member Stephen Abruzzese (right) helps set up a striking exhibit at the forthcoming Jim Caldwell's Above & Below Diving Museum.

We welcome Jim Caldwell's Above and Below Diving Museum our neighboring museum which will be opening next door early this summer!

The new museum is a great companion to the rich maritime history that we have here at the Barnegat Bay Maritime Museum, housing remarkable diving artifacts plus pieces of shipwrecks that James Caldwell retrieved while working for his company, Caldwell Diving, as a contractor for retrieval and wreck recovery on the East Coast. The museum will be managed and directed by Jim's son, Stephan Caldwell. Many of the artifacts are from famous shipwrecks that occurred along the New  
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## NEW NEIGHBOR (cont'd)

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Jersey coast.

The “Stolt Dagali”, the “Pinta” the “Andrea Doria” and the Navy airship “ZPG-3W” are just a few of the wrecks represented in the museum.

BBMM is planning to have a party event on the new museum’s opening day, utilizing our shared outdoor space, with music, food, and access to both museums. Jim Caldwell’s biographical film “Jim Caldwell, In Depth” will be screening at the event. The film explores Jim Caldwell’s days as a Navy UDT in WWII as well as his diving journeys and commercial work, from inventing the cable plow to laying fiberoptic cable all over the world, as his company expanded to a multinational enterprise. Additionally, we will have docents and historians speaking about our incredible maritime history, wooden boat history and about the spectacular Barnegat Bay, which sustains Ocean County and provides a vital ecosystem to the Jersey Shore.

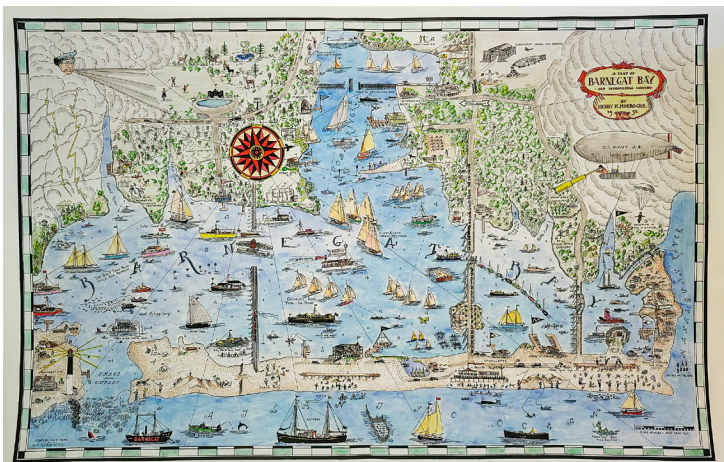
We look forward to seeing you there! Please keep an eye out for the announcement on the date, which we will confirm in the next few weeks. Please check our Barnegat Bay Maritime Museum website and social media accounts for date and details.

For more information about Caldwell’s Above & Below Diving Museum visit their website at [AboveAndBelowMuseum.com](http://AboveAndBelowMuseum.com)

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## HORROCK MAP PRINTS

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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.



New board member and Sea Scouts Ship 6 Skipper Mark James hosts a tour of our museum’s boats and exhibits on May 14th.

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## PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE (cont’d)

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tage and to purchase items, including several new and vintage shirt designs, jewelry, vintage brass items and merchandise from our Ship’s Store. New this year were hats with our new logo and half hull wall art. Thanks also goes to Gary’s wife, Cathy, for her help at the booth during the week!

For some time now we have experienced water in the first floor of the Carriage House during heavy rain storms. In early April we had a contractor add a new downspout to the back of the building and so far it seems to have alleviated the water intrusion. In recent years, OceanFirst Bank has been a great help with their volunteer team in repainting the workshop and part of the Carriage House, yet much of the latter building still needs a fresh exterior coat of paint and we look forward to working within our community’s many talents and with the aid of the county on this and other projects.

Keep an eye out for the Barnegat Bay Maritime Museum at a number of our area’s fun summer events!

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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**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. \$35,000. Inquiries or to place a classified ad please call (732) 349-9209 or email [BarnegatBayMaritimeMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:BarnegatBayMaritimeMuseum@gmail.com)

# SEA SCOUTS SHIP 6

Mark James



In the summer of 2019, Sea Scout Ship 6's tale began with eight spirited members of Scout Troop 6 from Point Pleasant, NJ. They embarked on an unforgettable cruise from Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida, living aboard a 40-foot Ketch for seven thrilling days. Sailing, diving, and fishing became their daily rhythm, carving memories that would shape their future endeavors.

It was on the culmination of this transformative voyage that the youth members made a pivotal decision – they yearned to continue their maritime odyssey back home. Thus, the framework for Sea Scout Ship 6 was conceived. Despite the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ship 6 was officially chartered in early 2020 by Point Pleasant Presbyterian under Jersey Shore Council Boy Scouts of America, navigating through the turbulent seas of uncertainty.

Around the time of its charter, Ship 6 members seized an opportunity to connect with the Toms River Seaport

Society & Museum, as it was known at the time. Though the anticipated 2020 Huddy Park Boat Show was canceled, it laid the groundwork for future collaborations. Fast forward to 2022, with only a handful of members left, Ship 6 received a lifeline from the museum, reigniting its mission and rejuvenating its spirit.

Today, Sea Scout Ship 6 dedicates its time to training, sailing, community service, and a monumental project – Project Oonagh. With the unwavering support of the Barnegat Bay Maritime Museum, alongside grants from the Sailing Foundation of Barnegat Bay and Ocean County, Ship 6 has embarked on a journey to construct its next vessel. Project Oonagh, an 11-foot Lug Rig Dinghy designed by Doug Hylan of Brooklin, Maine, embodies the spirit of innovation and craftsmanship.

When the idea of building a sailboat emerged in mid-2022, Tom Beaton, an ardent supporter of Ship 6, offered invaluable guidance. Past and present members

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## SHOP TALK

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*George Corbeels*

On one of the nicer days over the winter Gary and I moved the Atlantic City Lifeboat near the shop and power washed it inside and out. There were several dry weather days following its bath and after it was dry we moved it into the shop, removed the eight supports that were fastened to the seats and the hull (they were badly rotted), then cut out new ones using our one working small band saw. Unfortunately the larger band saw broke over the winter and we are unable to find a replacement part for it. We also removed one oar lock to replace the rotted wood that held it in place.

I'm happy to report that now all eight new seat supports are installed and any gouges in the seats were epoxied and sanded smooth. We also bought a piece of mahogany to replace the upper section of transom and installed it using epoxy and two supports on the back of it. Next are two other supports that fasten the transom to the hull that have to be made and installed. On the hull's exterior, we sanded the starboard side and filled any defects with epoxy.

Sea Scouts Ship 6, themselves busy with their Project Oonagh in the adjacent workshop bay, loaned us a paint sprayer for the interior hull. Plans are to keep the current paint scheme, which means the interior will be gray and the exterior traditional white. Anyone interested in seeing or aiding in the continuation of our Atlantic City Lifeboat restoration is more than welcome! The museum is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm but workshop project days remain those Thursdays.

In the last edition I reported that the mast for Lady Jane broke during last summer's Duckboat Worlds Race. Since this summer is fast approaching we will take some time to try and locate a replacement mast or, as a last resort, try to repair the old one. If anyone has a mast that you would donate, please contact us.

Andy Goold, another shop volunteer, has taken on the task of remaking new signs for us with our new name. To date he has done a great job making the first new sign which is displayed on the side shop wall and now presents us with an outstanding carved and painted piece to be proudly displayed on our lawn and entice visitors to stop. He and his wife went the extra step to fully donate it to our museum and we thank them deeply for it. You can see the results on the front page of this issue.

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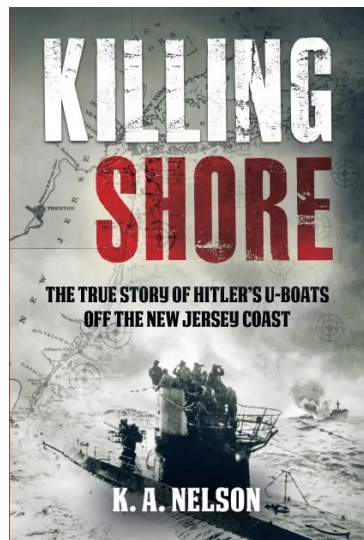
## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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*Karen Porcello*

Welcome back "Ocean County: 100 Years Ago This Week" prepared by Erik Weber, BBMM Administrative Director and courtesy of the New Jersey Courier and Ocean County Review weekly newspapers found in the Ocean County Library.

BBMM extends its appreciation to Craig McLean, who served as a Trustee for many years and Amber Clayton who has resigned as a Trustee. She was serving as Museum Curator and doing an excellent job of updating our exhibits, even including QR codes. Thanks also to Andrew Goold for doing an outstanding job of transforming outdoor signage at the seaport from TRSS to BBMM.



If you are looking for some interesting reading, you might enjoy K.A. Nelson's newest book entitled "Killing Shore: The True Story of Hitler's U-Boats Off the New Jersey Coast."

The summer season is always a busy time on the Barnegat Bay. Please join us for the Beckett's Bucket A-Cat Race hosted by Ocean Gate Yacht

Club on August 16 and the Duckboat World at the Mantoloking Yacht Club on August 23.

You might also enjoy a cruise on the A.J. Meerwald, NJ's Tall Ship which will be visiting the Atlantic Highlands from its home port of Bivalve, NJ. She last visited us when she participated in the TRSS Wooden Boat Festival in 1999.

Just a reminder to please renew your BBMM membership if you haven't already. Don't forget to include your email address so you receive BBMM messages and articles.

Future Seafarers will also be emailed so if you are not receiving BBMM emails currently, please share your email address with the BBMM office so it can be added to the BBMM mailing list.

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## MEET YOUR BOARD!

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Beginning with this issue, we invite our volunteer board members to present their background, interests and ambitions. Enjoy!

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**Jennifer Suwak** is an Ocean County native. She is a filmmaker and film professor and has worked in the film/video industry since 1990. Her work has been primarily producing, directing, editing and camera for TV, news, film shorts and feature films. Her sculptures, animation, and award-winning narrative & documentary films have screened internation-

ally in art galleries and in several Academy Award/Bafta Award Qualifying Film Festivals.

She is a tenured professor teaching film production and theory courses in the Cinema, Television & Media Production department at Kutztown University.

She is presently working on films detailing WWII veteran stories, *Lighter Than Air*, and *Toms River and East Coast history and New Jersey (US) film history*. She is on the Ocean County Tourism Board and the Ocean County Film Commission.

She is the president of Roaming Dingo Productions film company (<https://www.roamingdingo.com>) in Toms River, NJ.

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Hey there, I'm **Mark James**, and I'm all about the thrill of real estate, the power of digital marketing, and the endless adventure of life on the water!

Originally from Green Castle, PA, my early years were a whirlwind of sawdust and creativity as I dove into the world of cabinet making, boating, and fishing. At just 4 years old, my family made the



move to Wanaque, NJ, where I embraced every season, whether it was cruising Greenwood Lake or skiing the slopes of New York and North Jersey when winter came knocking. Summers were an absolute blast, spent exploring every nook and cranny of Barnegat Bay.

In 1988, my family planted roots in Brick, NJ, and I dove headfirst into shore life. Since then, I've been living and breathing the coastal lifestyle, with boating, fishing, and sailing becoming my true passions. It was on a sailing trip with my son in 2019 that something clicked, igniting a fire within me for sailing that has since become a central part of who I am.

Today, alongside my career as a listing agent and digital marketing guru in the real estate world, I'm a person of many hats. Whether I'm skippering Sea Scout Ship 6, visiting somewhere new as an Assistant Scout Master with Troop 6, or simply enjoying quality time with my amazing family, every moment is an opportunity for excitement and growth.

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## VP REPORT (cont'd)

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The BBMM Fall Seafarer will be dedicated to Dan and Nancy Crabbe. If you have any special memories with them to share, please email them to the BBMM office.

BBMM's Annual 50-50 Raffle tickets will be available soon. The drawing will take place at its Open House in December.

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## SEA SCOUTS (cont'd)

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of Ship 6 have translated this vision from paper to reality, with Project Oonagh now nearing 50 percent completion. The shop at the Barnegat Bay Maritime Museum serves as the vessel's birthplace, with progress advancing weekly.

As the construction of Project Oonagh continues, the anticipation builds for its naming and launching, slated for spring of 2025. However, eager spectators may catch glimpses of the vessel at events in 2024 as it nears completion. Through perseverance, collaboration, and a shared passion for the sea, Sea Scout Ship 6 continues to chart a course towards new horizons, carrying with it the legacy of adventure and the promise of discovery.

Information about Ship 6 can be found at <https://Ship6.org>.



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