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Dear Fellow Lifeguards:

September 5, 2005

Well here it finally is – Labor Day – the semi-official end of the summer. Isn't it funny how things can change in the course of a week? Last week New Orleans was a party city, gas was affordable and people believed that the Federal Government had an emergency preparedness plan. We all know what the facts are like today.

Once again the world has seen the power of the ocean. This time we saw how it could affect not only those in its path but have global repercussions by destroying the nearby infrastructure. The devastation inflicted on the refineries will affect the country's economy for a long time and will have the long term effect of forcing the cost of living and the consequential resultant inflation to change our lifestyles in a way that is not necessarily for the better.

Of course the questions raised by the governmental response are also profound. If we operated the same way we would start to manufacture rescue buoys only after 2 whistles are heard. Not many people get saved that way.

While I don't want to equate the on-going tragedy in the south to our situation here, we do face the same kind of frustration when we try to deal with our local park officials on safety issues. When we met recently about the post-season staffing numbers (which we claimed, based on the hundreds of years of ocean lifeguarding experience of the Captains and the members of the Executive Board, were patently unsafe) the State assured us that if the Park Managers (with their ZERO years of lifeguarding experience) felt that the situation was unsafe they would initiate action to start to call in additional lifeguards. If that isn't the truest essence of bureaucratic double speak and half think I don't know what is. Let's start to prepare for the emergency **after it happens**. Good thinking!

On another note, during this meeting (Friday afternoon) it was also brought out that the post season staffing for Hither Hills was being done in violation of our seniority rules, rules that the State has agreed in negotiations to honor. We were assured by Chip Gorman that he would investigate and get back to us. The next day the Coordinators office put out a list that blatantly violated our rules with regards to staffing. Is that how the State "investigates and gets back to us"? And they wonder why they have so little credibility or trust with their employees.

These are issues that will be addressed this winter. It is tough to negotiate with individuals that agree to one thing then do the opposite. Trust is an important part of the negotiation process. No matter how tight you make a document, if the other side doesn't intend to honor what they agreed to, the contracts are worthless. The response of the State so far has been, "if you don't like it, grieve it." We currently have 4 grievances pending that if we win will cost the State thousands of dollars. Isn't it wonderful how cavalier they can be with your tax money.

As a post script, after this was written, I had the opportunity to speak to Sue Guliani who seemed surprised that this list had been promulgated. She informed me that she had been trying to reach Chip the whole morning but had yet to receive a return call. Yes, Sue, I feel your pain.

On the other side it should be noted that another topic that was discussed at the Labor/Management meeting was the lack of notice of the opportunity to work the JB Triathlon on October 1st. While the State mandates that this race has to be guarded by JBLC Lifeguards it turns out that the coordinators office had not put out a notice, opening up the opportunity to work it to the Corp. It seems they had selected their own choices to work. When this was brought out this too was promised to be "looked at" and, in contrast to the Hither Hills issue, the next day a notice went out to the entire Corp that the positions are available. Thanks Chip/Sue for that one.

Side notes: Don't forget the Annual Dennis Angermaier Cobra Kayak Classic, the country's only one design Kayak Surf Contest, being held at the west side of RM 5 at 8:00 a.m., Saturday the 10th of September, 2005. Please, if you are going to compete make sure you are off the clock.

Correction: The Hatteras trip from Sept. 24 to Oct. 1, 2005 mentioned last week is being arranged by Gary Licsiski and not Mike Defina. Again the Hatteras house is a 4 level, 7 bedroom house, on the water, with a pool and Jacuzzi.



No wonder RM5 gets more and more popular every year

SHOP STEWARDS MEETING

The last Shop Stewards meeting of the season was held last Sunday, August 28, 2005 at the West Bath House meeting room. While the first order of business is usually the review of the last meeting minutes this was put off until next meeting in order to have more complete minutes to present to the Shop Stewards for review. However, the treasurer's Report was read by Jay Lieberfarb and accepted. Also read and accepted were the Inter-Beach race committee report (Mark Davy) and the Competition Team committee report (Mike Scanlon).

Bob Lenti then addressed winter negotiations and asked for the written list everyone was supposed to bring. Written wish lists were provided by from Montauk Downs, CM, RM2, EBHO, SM and RM4/5. Bob explained how, if your beach wants something negotiated, it must be written and submitted to the Executive Board. (Requests can be e-mailed to Roy at bucketbuoy@aol.com or to Bob at pbkc2@aol.com.) Bob then read all the wish lists that had already been submitted.

The next issue was the selection of Chief Negotiator for our Union. First, it had to be determined where that person would come from. The choices were that the person would have to be either 1) A member of the Executive Board, 2) A member of either the Executive Board or the Shop Stewards, 3) Any member of the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corp or 4) Any person, whether a member of the Corp or not. A vote was taken and it was decided that the only restriction was that the Chief Negotiator would have to be a member of the Corp. It was then voted on how that person would be selected. The choices were either appointed by the Executive Board or by the Shop Stewards and the Executive Board. Again a vote was taken and it was decided that the Shop Stewards and the Executive Board would vote for the selection.

Nominations were then open to the floor and Jimmy Cash, Bob Lenti and Roy Lester were nominated. Bob Lenti declined the position and a vote was taken where Roy Lester was selected 18 to 2. The nomination for Jimmy Cash was withdrawn so that the selection could be unanimous. Both Bob Lenti and Roy spoke out what an important contribution Jimmy Cash makes when ever called on and how they (Roy, who has been Chief Negotiator for many years and Bob who has been President for many years) have been able to work off each other at the negotiating table.

The next order of business was the formation of Committees. Executive Board members who are appointed to the Committees are to be referred to as "Liaisons" who report to the Committee Chair (1st VP Ed Peters). The Committees formed are as follows: **Alumni Committee**, Bob Lenti, Liaison; - **Safety Committee**, Cary Epstein, Liaison; - **Seniority Committee**, Jim Dirico Liaison; - **Public Relations / Press Committee**, Roy Lester, Liaison & Tom Donovan, Member; - **Equipment Committee**, Bob Adler Liaison; - **Uniform Committee**, Bob Adler, Liaison, Cary Epstein, Member, Frank Salino, Member; - **Fund Raising Committee**, Cary Epstein, Liaison; - **Competition Team Committee**, Steve Levy, Liaison, Mike Scanlon, Member, Greg Solnick, Member; - **Inter-Beach Races Committee**, Steve Levy, Liaison, Mark Davy, Member; -

Political Action Committee, Jay Lieberfarb, Liaison. If anyone is interested in being part of any of these committees please contact the Executive Board Liaison.

Finally it was decided that there would be Shop Stewards' meetings quarterly in December, March, and in May prior to rehire test. Cary Epstein will e-mail a schedule to the Shop Stewards and the Executive Board. The meeting are planned to be at the WBH meeting room. The meeting was then adjourned.



We just couldn't end the season without a PEL picture

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WHERE: Mulcahys in Wantagh (across from the Wantagh train station)
WHEN: Saturday September 10th 6-8PM
COVER: \$20 includes live music, BBQ, 2 raffle tickets and drink specials!
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West Beach at Hecksher – a little less lonely than Antarctica

ANGERMAIER SCHOLARS 2005

By Jean Angermaier

It is my pleasure once again, **for the fourth year**, to announce this year's winners of the Dennis Angermaier Memorial Lifeguard Scholarship. Again this year, we had a great group of candidates which makes the committee's job very difficult. I am certain we chose two very worthy young men.

Dustin Cogliano from RM3 (just a little bit of paradise) will be entering Suffolk Community College to study secondary education. He hopes to teach Physical Education here on Long Island or New York City.

Jonathan Frankel from WBHO will be entering SUNY at Farmingdale to study Special Education and to continue to coach swimming here on Long Island.

Both of these men also plan to continue their positions with the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corp for many years to come. Sounds Like A Plan!!!

A check for \$500.00 each will be sent to their schools.

It was very exciting to meet Dustin and Jonathan personally at the Run-Swim-Run this year. I had the opportunity to introduce them to their fellow lifeguards who, each year, help to raise funds for this scholarship. I would like to thank Stu Kaplan for all his work in organizing the events which keep Dennis' Scholarship going. Without his efforts, along with all the caring and donations from the Corp, this wouldn't be possible. Thank you RM3 for your great BBQ after the events!!

Please remind your fellow (student) lifeguards to apply for this scholarship each year. I know there are a lot of eligible men/women each year plus those that can reapply as well.



RM3 sends out the scouts to track down Race T shirts

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Capt. Jay reading the list of Fld. 6 "Gulls" from the 1950's on

THE COMICS

Proudly showing off his new apartment to a friend one night, the drunk led the way to the bedroom, where there was a big brass gong.

"What's that brass gong for?" asked the friend.

"It's not a gong. It's a talking clock," the drunk replied.

"A talking clock? How's it work?"

"Watch this said the drunk. He took a big mallet, gave the gong an ear-shattering pound and waited. Someone on the other side of the wall screamed: "Hey, you jerk. It's 3:20 in the morning!"

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Two cannibals are eating a clown. One cannibal turns to the other and asks, "This taste funny to you?"
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3 things you'll never hear a redneck say: 1) The tires on that truck are too big. 2) I thought Graceland was tacky. 3) Duct tape won't fix that.



Even All-American Freedom fighters show for the "Gulling"