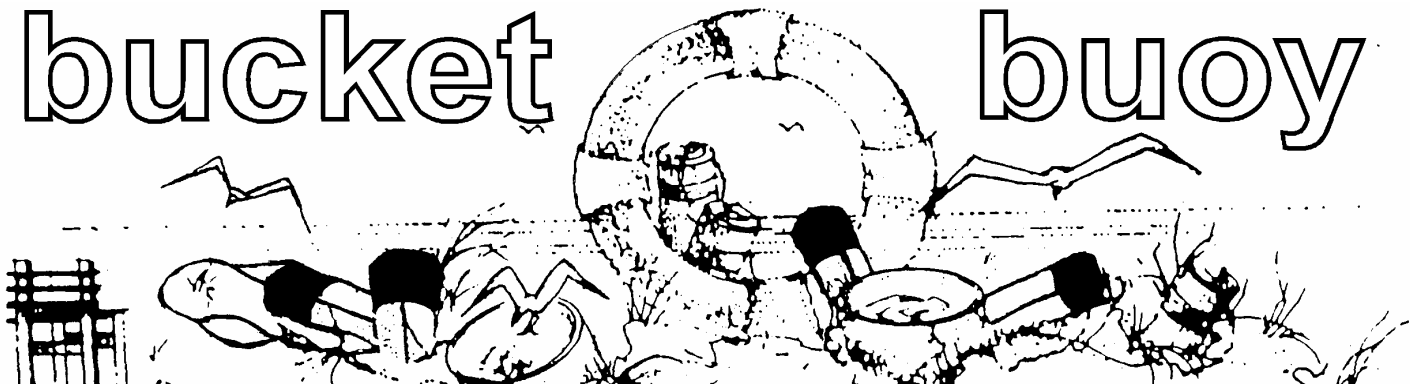


bucket buoy



Dear Fellow Lifeguards:

August 14, 2005

With no disrespect to Scott Reigel's wife, Irene is on her way and she could get nasty. Irene, the season's 9th Atlantic spawned tropical storm/hurricane might be heading towards the East Coast and, with the water as warm as it is, it could last for a while.

As the *Associated Press* wrote in their updated of 10:21 p.m. ET Aug. 12, 2005: - "Tropical Storm Irene could reach hurricane strength by Saturday but it is on a course that should eventually curve away from the East Coast, forecasters said. - The National Hurricane Center in Miami predicted that Irene would be about 350 miles east of the mouth of Chesapeake Bay by Tuesday, moving northward. - A five-day forecast predicts Irene will head northeast, well at sea. But given the margin of error in the forecasts, Irene could near the Eastern Seaboard above North Carolina. - At 5 p.m. EDT, Irene's top sustained winds had increased to about 70 mph — 4 mph below hurricane strength. - ... It was moving northwest near 10 mph, dropping from an earlier 17 mph, and was expected to slow a bit more, forecasters said. - Normally, there are only two named storms by this time in the Atlantic hurricane season, which began June 1 and ends Nov. 30. Irene became the earliest ninth named storm on record when it developed Sunday."

If the above forecast is correct then Irene could hang out off the coast and generate about a week of swell. Unfortunately for us surfers the latest reports show that Irene may just peter out shortly.

Regardless of Irene's fate we still might be seeing a lot of waves the rest of the summer. According to the *MSNBC News Services* the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season will be worse than previously expected, with 18 to 21 tropical storms and 9 to 11 hurricanes through November. Hope you are in shape.



Brittany, Diane, Rich and Unknown watching the Boat Race

THE ULTIMATE "GULLING"

For those that have made the journey through Field 6 during their lifeguard career the term "gulling" has a special significance. Let the mystery now be revealed: "Gulling", derived from the English word "Seagull", is a ceremony to welcome into the flock members of the Field 6 crew that have put in more than 5 years at Field 6 (truth be told, the real meaning is that if you've spent 5 or more years under Jay Lieberfarb you deserve some kind of award). The ceremony is a mixture of ancient seafaring lore and modern lifeguarding culture with a touch of Julia Child and The Exorcist thrown in for good measure.

This year, for the first time ever, (or at least since "Gulling" started 27 years ago) this formerly secret ceremony will be open to the general lifeguarding public as the largest "gulling" ceremony ever — welcoming our 65th seagull — will take place at 1:00 pm on September 4, 2005 at Field 6 mainstand. Be sure to bring your camera and sense of humor.

All 64 formerly made Gulls are invited to participate. Special awards will be given to all Gulls who show up for the meeting of the flock. There is even a rumor that the "Great Gull" will make an appearance but unless the cosmic forces are perfect one can never be sure. Don't miss a once in a life opportunity to see this show.

Found — A Camera at the race party — Identify it and you get it back — Call Roy Lester at Field Six



Tommy leads the RM Tug-of-War Team to a victory over JB

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fellow Lifeguards: On August 12, 2005 a group of lifeguards met between 6 and 7 a.m. to find good surf that provided us with a good bonding surf session. After two hours of surf, laughs and a good workout we were called out of the water by three zone workers waving their arms and honking the horns of their trucks. The zone workers spoke with a guard and all was well and good.

Following this discussion one Mr. Connelly arrived on the scene to assert his authority. As about five of us stood and listened to Mr. Connelly tell us that since we were not officially signed in we were "patrons" and "had to follow the same rules as the patrons" i.e. no surfing. As the debate continued he then told us (patrons, also known as lifeguards) to "go out and get them out of the water" referring to the remaining guards in the water. I hope you all can imagine our response, which was "go get them yourself". Mr. Connelly returned to his truck retrieved his FOX 40 and blew the guards in himself.

The lifeguards were baffled. Mr. Connelly, would it not be safer to have lifeguards at the beach than not? Next time we sign out and a patron is having a medical emergency should we just keep walking and not respond because in your estimation we are only lifeguards when signed in? Many lifeguards have gone above and beyond and saved lives whether signed in or not. When an early day swimmer has a medical emergency at an unprotected field I hope you rethink your position on not allowing us to be in the water when we are not signed in. It was not long ago in Florida that a SURFER fought off a shark and paddled the victim to shore when there where no lifeguards on duty. A couple of years ago one guard from Field Three made a rescue early one morning while out surfing on his own. Another even left her family on the beach to back up her crew on her day off because she saw she was needed.

These guards, as I'm sure countless others, have given their free time for emergency situations whether signed in or not. Instead of asking to be paid for their actions they simply go about their business. Is it too much to ask that an early morning session be permissible in exchange for dedication, hard work and putting up with crowds and heat that often prevent us from seeing the beauty of our workplace?

Mr. Connelly you do not own the ocean, it's for all of us to enjoy, some just earlier than others. Ask yourself this Mr. Connelly, is it better to protect the beach or keep the lifeguards from enjoying themselves and their surroundings. — **Ron Roaldsen**

Dear Ron: Isn't it amazing how the State always seems to be asking us to go the "extra mile" yet they never want to give an "inch" even when it cost them nothing. If I were the State I would ask myself three questions: Are they harming anyone? Are they costing us extra money? Are they making the water safer? Seems like a "no brainer" to me. — **Roy**



The Newport Team bringing honor and glory to the Corp

SHOP STEWARD MEETING

Due in a very large part to the efforts of Frank Salino we will try to present an overview of what happens at each Shop Steward's meetings through the minutes that Frank takes. Last week's meeting started with a discussion on the continuation of the Interbeach Races. Different dates were suggested when Mark Davy reminded us that August 18th is the date of the RM Volleyball tournament and it would be a perfect date for the part of the races that happens at RM2 since so many lifeguards would already be there. A vote was taken and the Shop Stewards agreed to the 18th and 19th of August.

It was then brought up that many Shop Stewards were missing and that there is a procedure to elect them that should be followed. The following beaches were missing from the meeting; Hither Hills, Montauk Downs, Orient Point, Hecksher, RM3, Fields 1 and 2, East and West Bathhouse Pools and Zachs Bay.

The Treasurers Report from last week's B&B was read to the Shop Stewards and accepted and the party expenditure report was promised for next week. It was explained how the Union/Corp has two different Treasuries, one belonging to our group and one from NYSOCOPA.

The new Executive Board was introduced and welcomed by the Shop Stewards. By now all members have shown up except the East End Trustee, Chris Rogers.

There was a discussion about ways to facilitate communications and Bob Lenti suggested that there be a new non-voting position created on the Executive Board for the position of Recording Secretary. This person would have the responsibility of taking minutes and transcribing them for the Shop Stewards to approve. Bob Lenti nominated Bob Adler for the position and the Shop Stewards unanimously voted on and approved this position and the nomination. Bob Adler accepted the post.

There were further discussions about Winter negotiations and methods to replace Executive Board members who vacate or abandon their positions between elections. The Stewards were informed that the current procedure is that the Executive Board appoints a person to fulfill the unused portion of the term. A question arose as to how the Corp would be notified of the opening and it was stated that a listing would be posted on the website and e-mail on the listserv.

There was also a lengthy discussion about using Roberts Rules of order during Shop Stewards meetings with Bruce Meiowitz being appointed the Parliamentarian to keep order and keep the meetings moving. In Bruce's absence Tom Donovan will take over.

The next discussion had to do with the opinions expressed in the **B&B**. Roy Lester reiterated that the first column in the **B&B** has opinion while the rest of the paper tries to be factual. As far as letter or other submissions go, Roy explained that he tries not to edit submissions but sometimes they are too long or written so sloppily that they must be fixed.

Bob Adler spoke of trying to get everyone's number for a directory and suggest that the shop stewards make a list for submission. He asked that it include the lifeguards names, addresses, e-mail addresses and occupation. Asked why occupation should be listed it was noted that lifeguards often like to give business to other lifeguards if they know what they do.

The issue of radios for the lifeguards was brought up and it was noted that the Lifeguard Corp has had to get the frequency into a separate corporation to keep it from falling under the State's limitations. The corporation has already been set up and all that is needed now is the Federal ID number.

Shop Stewards Meeting
Sunday, Aug. 28, 2005 - 10:15 a.m. - WBH
Meeting Room. Make sure your beach is there!

See us on the web at www.jonesbeach.com or www.jblifeguard.com -Till next time - Roy J. Lester - e-mail: BucketBuoy@AOL.Com

INTERBEACH RACE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 18th at Robert Moses 2 (Sunset 7:50 pm)
 Surf Rescue 5:45 p.m. 1 Man Line Pull 6:00 p.m. 2 Man Line Pull 6:15 p.m - Run Swim Run 6:30 p.m. - Beach Flags (All Age Groups) (Prelim.) 6:45 p.m. (Finals) 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 19th at East Bathhouse Ocean (Sunset 7:48 pm)
 Iron Man 5:30 p.m. - Individual Kayak Race 6:00 p.m. - Individual Surfboard Race 6:15 p.m. - Kayak Relay 6:45 p.m. - 2 Mi. Run (All Age Groups) 7:00 p.m. 10 Guard Ocean Relay (Handicap by Total Age) 7:20 p.m.

TREASURER REPORT

As promised last week here is a report as to the distribution of the \$5,010.00 special events money in our treasury. The food trays cost \$836.50 to Terrace Deli, the balloons cost \$72.72 to Party Magic, the wrist bands cost \$32.58 to Party City, the DJ cost \$200.00, the soda and cakes cost \$194.47 to BJ Wholesaler and the beer cost \$377.38 to Monarch Beverage. (not taken from the special event money). Still to be paid are awards for \$480.00 and about \$3,000 for T-shirts. Upon payment a final report will be issued.



Starting the long surfboard relay in a solid shore break

THE NEWPORT TOURNAMENT

On August 2nd Jones Beach sent a contingency of lifeguards to Newport R.I. to compete in their 29th annual Lifeguard Tournament. Over the course of two days the team scored a total of 297 points, thus beating the next closest team by only three points. Their win was realized in the final event, the two man line pull, when the team of Brad Hepworth, Ed Costigan, Matt Caines, Brittany Daly and their victim Jessica Kaefer won the event to edge out Sachuest, thus giving Jones Beach their sixth consecutive tournament win.

Other highlights included Greg Solnick's first place Ironman finish and Greg and Mike Scanlon winning the one mile boat race. Chris Veit won the run-row-run and Matt Caines won the tournament MVP for his incredible performance, winning four races including the distance swim, the flat tow with Jessica Kaefer, the run-swim-run, and the aforementioned two man. Second place finishes included; Eric Florio-two-mile run, Rick Shalvoy-boat rescue, Stacey Boehm-distance swim, Shannon Daly, Mary-Kate Sullivan and Boehm- mermaid relay and Craig Mangio, Sullivan, Shannon Daly and Robert Kaefer-paddleboard rescue. Third place finishes included; Kaefer-1 mile paddle, Kaefer and Kaefer-paddleboard rescue and S. Daly-run-paddle-run.

Congratulations to all participants for another outstanding performance and thank you to the state for their support and for providing the much-needed equipment.



Back, by their own popular demand, are Matt & the EBHP sirens

THE COMICS

A woman and her little girl were visiting the grave of the little girl's grandmother. On their way through the cemetery back to the car, the little girl asked, "Mommy, do they ever bury two people in the same grave?"

"Of course not, dear," replied the mother, "Why would you think that?"

"The tombstone back there said...Here lies a lawyer and an honest man."