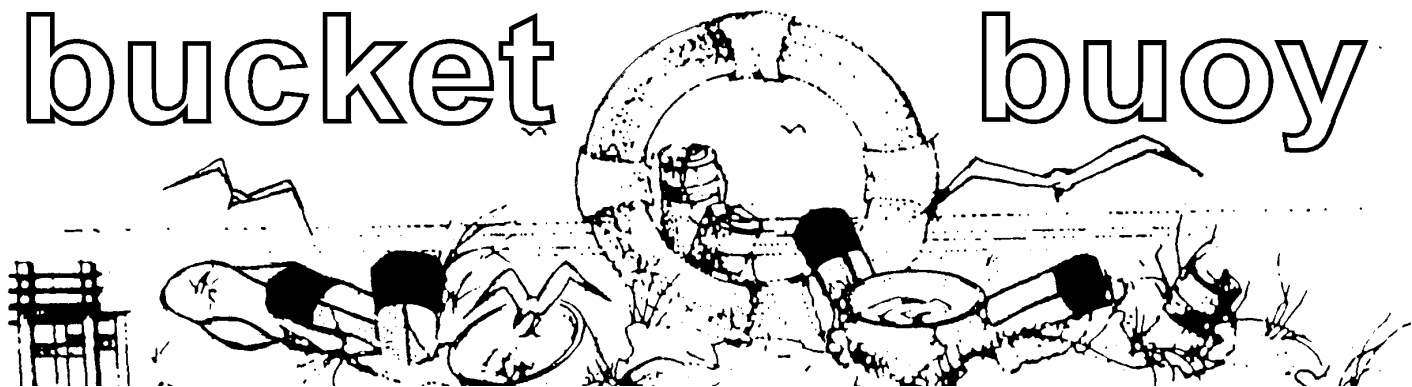


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Dear Fellow Lifeguards:

August 7, 2005

Needless to say this week's edition has two main focuses, the election and the races. While Mother Nature decided to screw up our schedule with the latter I am proud to report that the elections went off without a hitch.

As will be reported below, the turnout was awesome. Andy and Sue did a yeoman's job of getting the ballots out, back and counted. The Corp owes them a very large Thank You for that. Because of them we had more people voting in an election than ever before with an absolute minimum of complaints.

As can be imagined, most of the interest centered around the two presidential candidates. Both were excellent choices with differing philosophies. Congratulations Bob Lenti and thanks to Bob Adler for giving us the choice. The best part is that Bob Adler has promised to stay involved so in essence we lifeguards are in a win-win situation. We had to choose between two exceptional men and we are going to end up with both. How many other elections work out so well?

One final comment on the election. Every incumbent who sought reelection was either unopposed or won. That was a gratifying vote of confidence from the Corp. Thanks to everyone who voted. It is always easier to go into negotiations with the type of mandate a "vote of confidence" gives us.

On to the races. In the past we have had races postponed because of bad weather or rough surf. This was the first time we have had them postponed because it was too nice. As everyone knows by now, the 90+ degree weather caused the beaches to stay open and crowded to the point where the public safety could have been diminished if the races were held. The choice was wisely made to postpone them till the heat wave broke.

Saturday night, traditionally the last night of the races, became the start. Mark Davey did a great job of running things (although there were some complaints by some "senior" members of the Corp that the swim course was quite lengthy) and we were off the ocean front before dark. As usual Mother Nature gave us a spectacular sunset with the Jones Beach Tower as the centerpiece and Cary Epstein's "Tug of War" provided the comic relief (great idea Cary). The party was the best attended in years and the food, beverages and music was great.

Finally a comment that I make every year after the race party. I have to admit that I stand in awe of the people who work so hard to pull this off. As usual, Jimmy Fig and Bill Hroch did an incredible job with the food, beverages and, on top of that, helped Pete Clark with the collection of the \$5.00 contribution. Every year these guys step up to the plate to spend their entire evening servicing the Corp. Then, after spending their whole evening working behind the tables, they make sure that the entire place is cleaned up and not a cup, can or paper plate is left behind for the pool crew to have to pick up. Thank you again guys. The job you do is really appreciated.

And finally, finally a comment about Mark Davey. Each year someone has to step up to take the mantle of Race Director. In the past it has been such names as Ed Peters, Jay Liegey, Dave Spence etc. I even did it for years in the 70's. Let me tell you, it is a tiring and aggravating job. If anything goes wrong or even if someone is not happy, you get the blame. If Mother Nature screws with your schedule, it's your problem. If the sweep is too strong, the waves are too high or the water is filled with jellyfish, it's your dilemma to solve. And, heaven forbid, you want to compete in an event, you have to find someone to run things while you go out and give your all for the team.

Well so far Mark has managed to pull it off without a hitch. On top of that he also took care of getting us the race T-shirts **before the races even ended.** That hasn't happened in decades!

Thank goodness that Ed Peters and Mario have been around to start things when Mark has had to compete. Between them they have done a great job. Again, Thanks from the Corp.



*Rick, warming up for his victory winning Boat Race*

## LOCAL UNION ELECTIONS

The ballots have been counted and the result of the 2005 Jones Beach Lifeguard Corp elections are in. The official tally is:

<u>President:</u>	Bob Lenti (220) Bob Adler (213)
<u>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:</u>	Peters (206) Roaldsen (120) George (102)
<u>Trustee at Large:</u>	Bruce Meirowitz (285) Brad Smith (144)
<u>Trustee East End:</u>	Chris Rogers (50) Bob Miller (25)
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:</u>	Steve Levy – Uncontested
<u>RM Trustee:</u>	Jim Dirico – Uncontested
<u>Jones Beach Trustee:</u>	Cary Epstein – Uncontested
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Jay Lieberfarb – Uncontested
<u>Secretary:</u>	Roy Lester - Uncontested

As far as the change in our seniority rules (preseason staffing determined by Seniority rather than rank) the change in the rules was passed 225 to 185. This will go into effect in the 2006 preseason.

Total votes cast were 440 out of 485 lifeguards. Thanks again to Andy and Sue for their work – you did a great job!



*Bob Adler (the smiling one) congratulates Bob Lenti (the serious one) after the "Vote for Bob" LG election campaign*

## LIFEGUARD RACES UPDATE

Today, at the Shop Stewards meeting it was decided that we will continue the races August 18<sup>th</sup> for are the 1 Man Line Pull, the 2 Man Line Pull, the Run Swim Run (Age Groups), the Beach Flags (Age Groups) and August 19<sup>th</sup> for the Iron Man, the Ind. Kayak Race, the Ind. Surfboard Race, the Kayak Relay, the 2 Mi. Run (Age Groups) and the 10 Guard Ocean Relay (Age Handicap). So far the reigning champs, Field Six has the lead. .

Brief word on Newport Tournament. We won and everyone who went came home with a trophy or MVP. Cool!!!



*Last minute instruction before the launching of the armada*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Fellow Lifeguards: I would like to congratulate my good friend Bob Lenti and the other members of the Executive Board (Ex Bd) as they embark on another two years of service to the Jones Beach Lifeguard Corps. The election process itself proved conclusively that our ability to communicate and act as one unit is extremely strong. I intend to continue to be active, as always, and provide input and service as needed. Many of your fellow lifeguards have also stepped up to volunteer including the shop stewards from each beach/facility.

The shop stewards should be very important to you, as they are your representatives who will voice your concerns to the Ex Bd. Please continue to take a serious position with regards to your role as the front line safety professionals at LI State Parks. Make it known to those you have elected what needs improvement, replacement, to be fixed, or added. The Ex Bd members are there to serve your needs, and help you to provide professional safety for the patrons we are charged to responsibly protect. - Bob Adler

Dear Fellow Lifeguards: On behalf of the entire Executive Board, (new and old) and all the candidates, we would like to thank the membership for the tremendous turnout during the election. Bruce Meirowitz, Ed Peters and myself are pleased that you returned us to office to afford us the opportunity to complete the issues and objectives that have yet to be resolved.

I would like to pay tribute to my opponent and friend Bob Adler. He and I both felt that "You can't lose voting for Bob." He has always had the best interest of the JBLG Corp at heart. I sincerely hope he continues to remain active in union affairs. It was an honor to run against him.

You will also start seeing commentary from me in the *B&B*. This will consist of dialogue that will keep you informed of our progress during the year. I plan to submit information to [www.JBLifeguard.com](http://www.JBLifeguard.com) during the winter in order to keep you as updated as possible. You will be able to comment on these issues via the web site. Respectfully, Bob Lenti



*And they're off for a little red buoy far far far away*

## TREASURER REPORT

At the last Shop Steward Meeting it was requested that a report be issued about the state of our treasury and all the money we receive from NYSCOPBA to run our union. Starting with this year, I have spent \$757.08 on printing supplies (mostly paper and toner for the *B&B* - since every issue of the *B&B* is printed individually we go through a lot of toner) and election envelopes. NYSCOPBA has informed us that they will only reimburse me \$24.40 of this amount. As of now our treasury consists of one check for \$24.40 that will go for reimbursement.

Last year we received \$5,010.65 for our races and party. We are using that money this year for the shirts, party and other race expenses. A breakdown will be published next week when all the race and party receipts are in.

**Found – A Camera at last night's race party – Identify it and you get it back – Call Roy Lester at Field Six**

See us on the web at [www.jonesbeach.com](http://www.jonesbeach.com) or [www.jblifeguard.com](http://www.jblifeguard.com) -Till next time - Roy J. Lester - e-mail: [BucketBuoy@AOL.Com](mailto:BucketBuoy@AOL.Com)



*Erin stretches out for the 10 person running relay*

## Shop Stewards Meeting

**Sunday, Aug. 14, 2005 - 10:15 a.m. - WBH Meeting Room. Make sure your beach is there!**

## LONG BEACH BIATHLON

*By Tom Meehan*

(To the members of the Corps. please feel free to congratulate the competitors mentioned in this article for their outstanding performance in this year's Long Beach Biathlon.)

It was a beautiful warm Sunday morning with a slight breeze out of the North and cool calm seas. Practically a perfect day for the 26th Annual Long Beach Biathlon, a 3 mile run along the shoreline followed by a 300 yard swim, then a short run up the beach to the finish line.

This year a fraction of the Corp demonstrated their strength in small numbers that included Greg Toomey (WE2, 1st Age Group - 2nd Over-all), Pat Mugavin (RM5, 2nd Age Group - 3rd Over-all), Brad Smith (Fld.2, 1st Age Group - 8th Over-all), Mike Capispisan (RM3, 2nd Age Group - 9th Over-all), Matt Devens (EBHP, 19th Over-all), Rick Tuffini (RM5, 22nd Over-all), Cary Epstein (CM, 23rd Over-all), Scott Zanville (CM, 31st Over-all) and Tom Meehan (RM5, 1st Age Group - 17th Over-all). In the team awards, Team Robert Moses consisting of G.Toomey, P.Mugavin, M. Capispisan, and R. Tuffini battled hard but was edged out by long time rival, Long Beach.

## 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.**



*Mark tells Board people about the long long Surfboard race*

## THE COMICS

*Submitted by a woman who will remain unnamed*

Two bored casino dealers are waiting at the crap table. A very attractive blonde woman arrived and bet twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) on a single roll of the dice.

She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely nude." With that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and yelled, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!!"

As the dice came to a stop she jumped up and down and squealed, "YES! YES! I WON, I WON!"

She hugged each of the dealers and then picked up her winnings and her clothes and quickly departed. The dealers stared at each other dumfounded. Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?"

The other answered, "I don't know - I thought you were watching."

*Moral - Not all blondes are dumb, but all men are men.*