



# The Bucket and Buoy

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE JBLC

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## Happy Holidays!

We wish you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous new year. This is a time of celebration and gratitude for all our gifts. As I re-read all the Christmas cards, it is the one from Iraq that puts everything in perspective.

The Nor'easter howls outside, and we count the days to the rehire. But your EB and BRA have been meeting, and working through the various issues that confront us.

## Executive Board Meeting Update

We met 11-29 at Rob Cornacchia's home. The post-season staffing issue was first, and generated much discussion. Tom informed us OT for the final weekend had been approved, and that his work on the Directory continues. If you have not forwarded your contact info, please do so ASAP. When Committee reports are presented, they and future BRA meeting agendas will be put on the sites.. At all BRA meetings, Tom will reiterate the November Bucket and Buoy article about meeting decorum. Attorney and JBLG John Hession was authorized to look into setting up an LLC for the JBLC. Treasurer Cornacchia gave his report. T-shirt sales have dropped off, and the bill remains incompletely paid. Please help us and buy one for yourself and a friend. Cary will have some at his Holiday Party, which will be the same as in the past, at Choice Bar, 12-22 from 8 to 10:30 PM in Manhattan. (Other details on Cary's site.) We developed a consensus to educate the new hires. Bruce Meirowitz gave us an update on the DFR. He presented the NYSCOPBA response to the NYSUT DFR. It appears to be all puff and no substance. Nick Athenas' new website [jblbn.com](http://jblbn.com) is up and running. It is a LG networking portal. As he gets feedback, he'll be revising it.

## BRA Meeting Update

The Beach Representative Assembly (BRA) met 12-5 at NYSUT. A quorum was not achieved, so no past minutes or motions were approved, Tom reiterated the importance of civility in our meetings. He also spoke of his meeting with Scalise about the problems with post season staffing. Treasurer Robert Cornacchia gave his report, and spoke about the "Mega-Reunion". The \$50 "gift card" from NY-SCOPBA is actually a credit card! A NYSUT attorney will provide an update of the DFR at the next BRA meeting on January 22, 2008. Cary spoke about his 12-22 Holiday Party. Mark Hansen suggested a revival of the JBLC "Summer on Snow" ski races at Wyndham. Nick Athenas spoke about his new website [jblbn.com](http://jblbn.com). Ed Costigan has four sponsors so far for our Inter-beach Races. Tom suggested that each beach have the option of superseding an elected Beach Rep with an alternate.

## "Thank You"

Michelle Graham Chasin sent us a nice note, expressing the family's heartfelt thanks for the JBLC response to the passing of her father.

## JBLC Web Sites

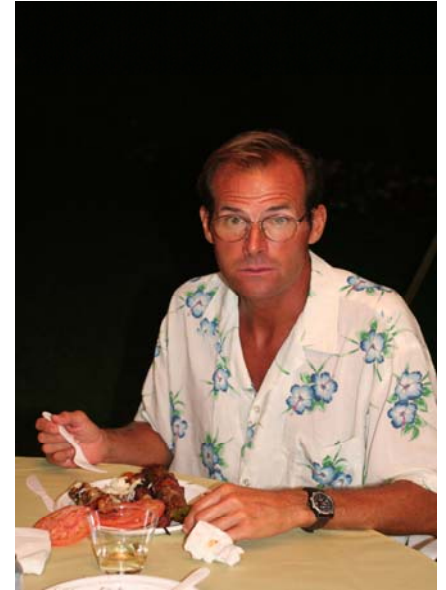
We have 2 sites, and use them both to disseminate information and solicit opinion.

The first one created is [jblifeguard.com](http://jblifeguard.com), and is run by Cary Epstein. The second is [freejblc.net](http://freejblc.net), and is run by Mike Defina.

We encourage you to sign up to both, so we can stay in touch with each other.



Winter Surf, Robert Moses (Photos by Dennis Kane)



What me worry?



The Hill of Dead Clams, RM4  
(Photos by Tom Donovan)



Billy Burke Memorial, RM3, 9/11/07 (Photo by Dennis Kane)  
9/11 Memorial, Central Mall

**Blue Angels Will Return**



Yesterday I went to Belmont Lake St. Park to run, and instead ran into Chip Gorman. He had just returned from meeting with the Blue Angels to insure their return next Memorial Day weekend. That means crowds, and the need for lifeguards.

Please send your photos.  
Anything JBLC-related from  
any year.