



# The Bucket and Buoy

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## The President's Message



Welcome to the new Bucket and Buoy! I am Tom Donovan, your new President, and I will be contributing on a regular basis. I look forward to the next two years,

I will wait to hear from you about potential candidates before appointing a Trustee at Large. Please contact me at [tdono67@optonline.net](mailto:tdono67@optonline.net) or 631.804.3672.

We meet with your reps once a month, and would like to see new faces as well. We discuss issues of current and future importance, and you should be part of this democratic structure.

I will run meetings in a way that is respectful to all, with the goal of actually getting work done. If you are respectful of your fellow lifeguards, have something positive to contribute, or just want to listen, you are welcome.

But if you are there to air your personal grudges against other guards, don't come. Take up your issues with them in some other way. Waste your own time, not ours.

For over 40 years, I have enjoyed lifeguarding here on LI, at our NYS parks. I believe you feel the same. The vast majority of each day is just great. But we should remember why we work as lifeguards, and make this great job even better.

I look forward to representing each and every of you, and to do so with the very best I have.

Please feel free to contact me with any issue.

but I will need your help.

We are in a transitional period, moving away from NYSCOPBA, our current union. Hopefully we will be placed in another union very soon. We can only hope our new union will actually respect and assist us with our needs.

The new Board met on the 15th, basically to get introduced and to set priorities. It provides a mix of old and new that will be quite effective. Each will have specific responsibilities, which I will elaborate on soon.

## Election Results

President: Tom Donovan (unopposed)  
First 1st VP: Bruce Meiowitz (unopposed)  
2nd VP: Dennis Kane (unopposed)  
Recording Secretary: Don Campbell  
JB Trustee: Cary Epstein— 131 votes  
Matt Lindbom— 78 votes  
RM Trustee: Jim Dirico (unopposed)  
East End Trustee: Nick Athenas

Treasurer: Robert Cornacchia (by Presidential appointment)  
Trustee at Large: vacant

"I accept all of the amended changes to the Constitution of the JBLC."

Yes (to adopt all changes) 254  
No (to leave as it currently reads) 57

Submitted by Election Committee: Rich Malen and Andy Hlavac, August 13, 2007.

## JBLC Web Sites

We have 2 sites dedicated to the JBLC, and will 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. It once had a forum, but abuse by our members and porn hackers forced its removal. The second one is [freejblc.net](http://freejblc.net), and is run by Mike DeFina. It still has a forum. Mike recently told us a complete makeover is in the works. We encourage you to sign up to both, so we can stay in touch.

## 2008 Equipment Form

By now, you should have received the 2008 Equipment Forms at your facility. Please fill them out and return to your officers ASAP. I am told that the State really is trying to get this right, so let's at least do our part. No form may mean no gear next May. Take 3 minutes and complete the process.

## Next Issue

Inter Beach Races  
Junior LG Update  
Post Season  
Decertification Update  
JBLC at the USLA Nationals

## New Editor for B+B

Effective this issue, I am the new Editor. I began the B+B in 1973, and was the Editor until moving to California in 1978. It is with ironic pleasure that I begin anew.

It was and is a difficult job, requiring a lot of time and effort. So please join me in thanking Roy Lester for his many years as Editor in service to the Corps.

Contact Dennis Kane at RM5 631.669.0449, x 254,252 with news, events, articles, pictures, etc. For this week, use [luxdei@optonline.net](mailto:luxdei@optonline.net). Roy will also forward items until my B+B email is setup.

## New Directory

Tom Donovan is updating the JBLC Directory. Please send all your field and contact info to him, especially emails.

Monthly B+B's over the winter will be emailed to those who send their info to Tom.

### CPR Update by Frank Salino

By now, all facilities should have received their CPR cards. If not, check with your Captain. This year, we certified a record 426 guards.

But I know some cards are incorrect or missing. Call the Nassau Red Cross at 516.747.3500, x214, or email [hollerank@usa.redcross.org](mailto:hollerank@usa.redcross.org). That is Kathleen Holleran, who is in charge of the Health and Safety Division. Explain the problem, give her your mailing address, the exact course info from below, and she'll send the corrected card to you.

6.20.07 @ WBH, # 1134098  
6.25.07 @ East Islip # 1131801  
6.26.07 @ WBH # 1134100  
6.28.07 @ RM4 # 1134094  
7.07.07 @ WBH # 1131715  
7.09.07 @ SM # 1134101

Next year, we hope to have all the names in a computer database, which will help with the illegible handwriting issue.

We donated \$600 to the Dennis Angermaier Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support.

We need some new CPR/AED instructors. If we can get a minimum of six, NYS will give us an ARC CPR/AED certification class. If you plan on being in the Corps for a while, and like to teach CPR to your fellow guards, take the class. It's a nine hour class, and would be given in Spring or pre-season. Contact me at [FASalino@aol.com](mailto:FASalino@aol.com).

We usually run 6 classes, and instructors get paid four hours per class. You must teach at least one class, preferably more.

The importance of these classes cannot be overestimated. This July at RM5, a patron was brought back to life after suffering a massive heart attack, thanks to the our quick actions and professional knowledge.

The patron was attended to and CPR started quickly. The AED was connected, multiple shocks applied, and several cycles of CPR performed. He was transported by stretcher to the ambulance, and admitted to Good Sam in amazingly short time. He was able to sign out a few days later. Without our training and quick action, he would not be alive.

### Leukemia/ Lymphoma Fundraiser

I am doing a fundraising ride to the Grand Canyon on Oct. 6 in honor of 2 young friends with cancer. Please come to my bar fundraiser at Stout in NYC 8.25.07. Open bar, premium brands: \$40. [susandemetropolis@hotmail.com](mailto:susandemetropolis@hotmail.com) for more info.



### RM Invitational Volleyball Tournament

Watch out AVP, here comes the JBLC! Wednesday the 15th, RM held its annual volleyball tournament. Forty members attended, and (unlike the "Mixer VB Tournament") even the weather cooperated.

I want to thank everyone who helped, Chris Olsen in particular. (Did you ever get home?!) Special congratulations go to the final two teams: Dustin Cogliano / Greg Solnick and Derek Angermaier / Tommy Denard. Even in windy conditions, you guys put on quite a show! It was back and forth all the way to 21-21, and then Dustin and Greg pulled out the 23-21 victory. If Udo got any more excited about the trophy returning to RM5, we'd have to use the AED! (Sorry Udo, I couldn't resist.) It was the best RM finals I've ever seen. Both teams played great and were class acts. Thanks to all for making this so enjoyable. (by Scott Davern)

