

# THE SHOREBIRD



*The Fleet Newsletter of the Sandpiper Class of Barnegat Bay*

## The Charm of the Bay

By Jim Cadranell

The days are getting warmer and thoughts turn to sailing. We are truly blessed with a wonderful place to sail. I've recently finished reading Frederic R. Colie's "An Exercise in Nostalgia" published in 1966 and covering the history of Mantoloking from 1880-1920. What a magical time of sailing in unspoiled beauty on Barnegat Bay.

The majority of our time on the Bay is spent charging around the racecourse feverishly intent on the slightest changes in wind direction or velocity, cursing our bad luck when the wind doesn't do what we expected it to. At times like

this we have to remember how lucky we are to be sailing on such a beautiful body of water, blessed with a reliably fresh sea breeze and like-minded sailors who love the sport and the Bay as much as we do. Sailing is a sport that no matter how good you are, there is more losing than winning. If you expect to be first every time and anything short of that makes for an unpleasant day, then you'll be spending quite a few unpleasant days racing sailboats. Far better to enjoy being on the water no matter the outcome, and be satisfied to get the most from your boat and yourself. If that results in a top finish, so much the better. We all want to win the coveted rooster each race, but never lose sight of the beauty and pleasure of sailing on Barnegat Bay. See you on the water. ♦

## SANDPIPER SCHEDULE--2008

May 4	Spring Series #1 & #2 @ MCYC	July 19	BBYRA #7 & #8 @ SAYC
May 11	Spring Series #3 & #4 @ MCYC	July 24	Evening Catboats #7 @ MCYC
May 18	Spring Series #5 & #6 @ MCYC	July 31	Evening Catboats #8 @ MCYC
May 25	Spring Series #7 & #8 @ MCYC	Aug 2	BBYRA #9 & #10 @ OGYC/PBYC
June 1	Spring Series #9 & #10 @ MCYC	Aug 7	Evening Catboats #9 @ MCYC
June 5	Evening Catboats #1 @ MCYC	Aug 9	BBYRA #11 & #12 @ NBYC
June 8	Sandpiper Spring Meeting @ BHYC	Aug 14	Evening Mini-Series #1 @ MCYC
June 12	Evening Catboats #2 @ MCYC	Aug 21	Evening Mini-Series #2 @ MCYC
June 14	Spring Tune-Up @ BHYC	Aug 23	BBYRA #13 & #14 @ LYC
June 19	Evening Catboats #3 @ MCYC	Aug 28	Evening Mini-Series #3 @ MCYC
June 21	BBYRA #1 & #2 @ BHYC/MCYC	Aug 30	BBYRA #15 @ SPYC
June 26	Evening Catboats #4 @ MCYC	Sept 13	Fall Series #1 @ BHYC (Adams Memorial)
June 28	BBYRA #3 & #4 @ IHYC	Sept 20	Fall Series #2 & #3 @ BHYC
July 5	BBYRA #5 & #6 @ MYC/MRYC	Sept 27	Fall Series #4 & #5 @ BHYC
July 10	Evening Catboats #5 @ MCYC	Oct 4	Fall Series #6 & #7 @ BHYC
July 11	Ver Planck for Women @ BHYC	Oct 11	Fall Series #8 & #9 @ BHYC
July 17	Evening Catboats #6 @ MCYC	Oct 18	Turkey Bowl @ MCYC
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