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Skipper's Log... "It's nice to know nice people"...

My Uncle Frank used this phrase all the time when we were at family parties with everyone singing, dancing and just having the best time. He'd look around and say... "Gov'na... It's nice to know nice people". Not that the beer and Mitch Miller music didn't help, but he realized that it was "the people" that made the fun and the good life. As SPLASH has grown to over 1,200 members and functions as an all volunteer organization, I must use my Uncle Frank's words at least a hundred times a week. No pay, with an occasional pat on the back is not what makes SPLASH tick. It's a lot of nice people doing so much because they care about the oceans, bays and for the future of its fragile existence. It's all the volunteers that go out on the boats and pick up the trash, work on our education programs and all of the other things that need doing to keep SPLASH sailing on a smooth course.

With the difficult period our country is going through, now's the time for groups like SPLASH to shine some light on dark times. It's the people, regardless of your political affiliation that will carry America through and bust out of this squall we find ourselves in. For example...the government may be broke but the bay's never been this free from trash in 30 years. How can that be? Because we the people refuse to stand by and wait for our government to fix all of our problems. There's an old saying ...If your ship hasn't come in...swim out to it. Well that's exactly what Operation SPLASH has done. We saw a big problem and swam out to meet it head on and because we did, things are getting better. Not that we don't have a ways to go but we are cleaning up the storm water that flows into our bays every time it rains and we are working on cleaner waste water called effluent from sewage treatment plants that pump over 63 million gallons every day into our bays. And, we are working with marinas to keep the paint we put on the bottoms of our boats to kill the growth of marine life from being washed back into our bays and other common sense issues that we know are hurting our ecosystems and our Long Island way of life. With our organization growing and all of us Islanders getting smarter, the fight to save our bays is in good hands. Uncle Frank you were right... It's nice to know nice people...

Sea ya on the water... Rob

Captain's Corner

Great news! Both of the new boats are now in operation. We had a ceremony on 9/25, a Christening attended by the County Executive, Tom Suozzi, Mayor Hardwick and many loyal Splasher's, to celebrate their arrival. Many THANKS to both of these gentlemen for their assistance and support in acquiring these vessels and, for their continued support and loyalty to Operation Splash. As I write this, we have completed over 160 trips on the Freeport boat....outstanding!!! We're having our best year ever, thanks to your efforts. Our Captains and crews are the greatest! We also had a dedication ceremony for the Massapequa boat at John Burn's Park on 10/02, arranged by Capt. Vic to thank Steve Labreola and Venidetti for their efforts and support in securing a dock space for Splash conveniently located by the boat ramp. We know that we can expect big things from this Chapter. Wantagh has their new boat and is excited by the warm response from the public, their doing a great job. Thanks to Rob, Gary, Tom and crews. Our friends at Bay Park/East Rockaway are doing great, dedicated group, striving to make their impact felt by working together as a team planning their sailing schedules and frequent clean up trips, excited by the results of their efforts, a great feeling of accomplishment that we all share. THANKS again!!!!!!

Captain Skip

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OPERATION SPLASH....TRYING TO PUT OURSELVES OUT OF BUSINESS FOR 19 YEARS

Anyone with pictures of your trips on the SPLASH boats please send them to:
operationsplash@optonline.net We'd like to show them at the Holiday party!

Mark Your Calendar for 2009 Meetings

For more information on protecting our Long Island environment, join us for our monthly meeting which meet every 1st Tuesday of the month. All are welcome. Volunteers wanted, make a *SPLASH!*

November 3rd

December 1st (Holiday Party)

Tis' the season...Can you believe it!!

It is almost that time of the year as we celebrate another Splash filled holiday season. We are preparing for the holiday party which means raffles - raffles and more raffles. This is a super fundraiser for Splash and helps offset the cost of the holiday party (Dec.1). If anyone is a business owner - knows business owners - restaurant owners - willing to donate prizes - gift certificates - anything we can raffle... BRING IT ON!! Please let me know ASAP so I can start my collection. Thank you in advance and see you soon, Stef

Anyone interested in volunteering for these events please call the SPLASH hotline. (516) 378-4770

Meetings held first Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM at

Freeport Recreation Center

130 East Merrick Road

Freeport, N.Y. 11520

(516) 378-4770

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OUR MISSION: To provide a solution to the growing problem of waterfront pollution through public education and individual participation.

Operation SPLASH in Massapequa

On October 2nd 2009 the Town of Oyster Bay officially welcomed the members of Operation Splash to Massapequa. Operation SPLASH has now grown to five chapters and over 1,200 members and is still looking to expand. In the 19 years that SPLASH has been in operation they have removed over 350 tons of garbage from our waterways. The Massapequa Splash boat is kept at John Burns Park at a newly installed dock placed there by the Town of Oyster Bay.

Captain Vic Consiglio (516) 804-0612 is looking for new members from the Massapequa area. If you know anyone interested, ask them to visit our website at operationsplash.net and be sure to click on the video at the bottom of the page.

Operation SPLASH would like to give our sincerest thanks to the following supporters, for without them we could not keep the Bay as clean as we do...

Our good friends at [Ridgewood Savings Bank](#)...not only for their past support, but for the huge \$6,200 donation they made to SPLASH this summer. Instead of buying all plastic bags for their customers, Ridgewood Bank bought thousands of cloth bags and asked for a \$1 donation from their customers to purchase them. All of the money would go to charity. What a great way to serve the public and the environment, way to go Ridgewood!!!

To all the members of the [Freeport Hudson Anglers](#)...your donation of \$600 helped to pay the fuel bill for one of our boats for the whole month of August. During that month over three tons of trash was removed from a place near and dear to every angler's heart... our bays. Thanks Fellas!

The crew at [Lawrence Johnson Machine Works](#)... for years they have always come through for our propellers where our Captains knowledge of the bay bottom (mine included) has not. Sometimes our boats props can be fixed and sometimes they should be displayed as modern art. No matter how many times we go there they ALWAYS do the right thing. So if you should forget about the sandbar by the bridge, go sea Larry. 516-379-3311... Mention SPLASH and get a discount.

Of course we cannot forget about [Atlantic Hardware](#)... John and his family have been mainstays of SPLASH since the beginning. Talk about helping us out. We could not do this with out our local support. That is why we ask you to [support the locals](#).

How about [Fred Chall Marine Supplies](#)...Mel and his staff will give you the products and the price you're looking for. Mention SPLASH for a discount.

And, not least, [Bridgeside Deli](#). Paul and his staff not only serve great food but in their down time he and his folks clean up the canal behind the deli. It's all good!

I always say the local businesses come through for us all the time. That is what the owner of [Blue 42](#) and [Land Shark Bar](#), Irwin Krasnow did for SPLASH. Irwin donated all the clams that were consumed at the clam-eating contest and let me tell you, that was a lot of clams. Thanks!!!

Operation SPLASH would also like to thank Supervisor Kate Murray and everyone at the Town of Hempstead for donating all the proceeds from every years Clam eating contest as well as the space every year for our SPLASH booth. It's a fun day at the beach with lots of laughs and a great way to spread the word about our goals.



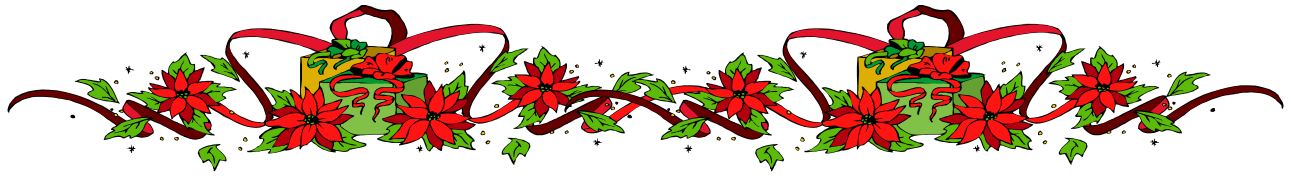
Oyster Bay Town Supervisor, John Venditto (far left) and Town Clerk, Steve Labriola (center) welcome members of Operation SPLASH to John Burns Park.

Under gray skies and a cool breeze from the ocean they came to eat. Not just eat but devour. The mission...to eat as many clams as possible in 60 seconds. I'm not talking about seagulls or striped bass; I'm talking men and women in the annual clam-eating contest at the Town of Hempstead Lido Beach Family Festival. For the past several years' people have plunked down \$15 for the chance to slurp down as many clams as possible for the King Clam Trophy that gets presented to the winner. I myself have witnessed this contest several times and not since the legend of the "Mighty Hunya" with her size 16 feet used to tread clams in the Great South Bay has there been a reason for clam lovers to be afraid.

As the event started the contestants dove head first into the plate of clams before them. The sounds and sites emanating from the clam eaters table matched those of the audience's moans and groans and many people had to look away from the site of this mollusk massacre. There was one man who had the look of determination who had come in second place a last year's event. That man was none other than Op SPLASHES own Roman Aksnes. At the 45 second mark, a man dressed in full leather motorcycle clothes with tears in his eyes turned to me and swore he had seen sparks flying near Roman's mouth. When the judges had counted all the empty shells from each contestant it was close but our Roman had won. I'm not sure if the tears in Roman's eyes when he held the King Clam Trophy high in the air were from finally being victorious or all the lemon juice and cocktail sauce on his face, but he had done it, he was now the new "Clamanator". When I asked Roman if he would defend his title at next year's contest he told me in a deep voice "**I'LL BE BACK!**"

FYI...The Town on Hempstead's Famous [S.T.O.P.](#) program (stop throwing out pollutants) now does E-cycling that recycles old unwanted electronics and also a new program to keep mercury out of the waste stream. When you remove an old thermostat it most likely used mercury to turn your heat off and on. Most people are changing over to electronic thermostats so that means the old ones get thrown away. When you think about the big picture that's thousands of old thermostats and lots of mercury. It's a real simple step towards saving our planet for our kids. Call 516-378-2200 or visit the T.O.H. web site at www.TOHLI

Even though our second new boat is not officially in service we sure have put some hours on her. She has been used in several clean ups and also for transporting students and professors from Adelphi university to the nearby marshes for study. We have also been contacted by many of the schools in our area that wish to work with Operation SPLASH. They want to get their students that might not have the chance to get out on the water and see first hand the wonderful bays in their own back yard. We won't disappoint them.



GRAB BAG.
Bring wrapped gift
for male or female
\$15.00 value

Operation Splash Holiday Party

Tuesday December 1, 2009

7 pm - 10 pm

Freeport Recreation Center

130 East Merrick Road, Freeport

\$15. Per person

\$20. At the door

**Music
&
Dancing**

Good fun

50/50

Buffet dinner with good fun - great friends and lots of raffles

Come help us celebrate another Splash filled year!!

Operation Splash Holiday Party

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Guest: _____

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Freeport, New York 11520

Please RSVP by Nov. 24

Reserve your seat today and save \$5.00