

Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, July 3, 2007:** 7:30 Monthly meeting.

**Sunday, July 15, 2007:** 12 Noon to 4 P.M. Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Picnic.. Volunteers are needed to set up and man the table to represent SPLASH. Please call the Splash hotline!

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!*

**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  
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# SPLASHnewsletter

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## *Skipper's Log...*

Operation Splash Takes to the Skies...

No, we are not going after air polluters (yet). I'm talkin' about our new travel business that will help raise funds for operation splash. Let me explain...most people book their business and vacation travel plans using on-line travel services whether it be Travelocity, Orbitz, Expedia, etc. Those services get all the commission that the travel agent used to get. By using [www.splashtravel.net](http://www.splashtravel.net) you get exactly the same low prices and services the other guys offer the only difference is operation splash gets a nice chunk of the commission that is deposited directly into our ever shrinking bank account. This is a good way to raise money without asking our members for more than the annual \$10 dollar dues.

You will still be getting the same great deals on vacation packages airfare, cruises, rental cars etc. by using [www.splashtravel.net](http://www.splashtravel.net) you can turn your vacation into a donation and help to support the hardest working all volunteer grass roots environmental organization on Long Island.

Two hundred & fifty tons and counting....

- Sea ya on vacation ...Rob

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

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## SPLASH Meeting 6-5-07

### Treasurer's Report

Balance was given. We sold a 24 ½ foot boat for about \$2,300. We have a 25' Grady White with 1988 engine for sale, from the Blue Water Yacht Club. Interested parties should contact Rob for more information. A member mentioned that the United Way will match donations made to SPLASH.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Don Harris

Rob reported for Don that there were no presentations to report.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Stefanie Scherner

Stefanie reported that the Family Festival held at Lido Beach will be on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> this year. The Baldwin Chamber of Commerce is inviting SPLASH to set up a booth at their annual picnic on July 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Baldwin Park, from noon to 4 o'clock. She also reported that she gave a presentation at Herricks school, where she addressed an audience of approximately 30 children. She said they were very enthusiastic and sent her a Thank You.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President – Skip Zawrotny

Rob reported for Skip that both Freeport and Wantagh boats are currently under repair. Therefore, we don't currently have working crews on the waterways. He explained the conditions of both boats and what work was being done to them. The work was required to get the boats covered under insurance.

Rob said that we got a Sea Ox (boat) in need of an engine. He hopes to give this boat to the (new) Bay Park SPLASH chapter. He also reported that there is interest in starting Chapters in Amityville and Center Moriches. Rob told the Amityville organizer to open their own bank account, so they can operate independently.

SPLASH is getting calls from waterfront residents requesting that we clean their waterway areas, and he is keeping a list for "first called – first served" cleanups.

It recommended that the automated phone service system available through the Village of Freeport be used to let Captains know when the boats will be back in service. Greg Wallace, from Bay Park, offered to follow-up on getting SPLASH on the automated phone service system.

### President's Report

Rob reported that we've been asked by the Nautical Empress Cruise Line (the gambling boats out of Freeport) to come down on Wednesday to discuss the possibility of running educational trips out of Freeport. Students currently have to go into Manhattan to make those field trips. He reported that SPLASH received a donation from the sale of (2) waterway photos by photographer, Tom Moran. Tom specializes in bay photography.

Responding to a question from the membership, Rob said that the recent article in Newsday, regarding the County's interest in cleaning up its sewage treatment system, was a result from SPLASH members mailing letters to public officials. The County has made a proposal of upgrading that is very good news to our membership.

Regarding the inlet issue that was brought to SPLASH by member, Vic Consiglio, Rob reported that after meeting with several officials, it has been concluded that new inlets would not be explored. However, US Senator, Pete King, is very interested in a pipe project. The proposed system that would entail installing piping (8 feet diameter) extending from the back bays out into the ocean. They discussed implementing pumps to bring water in and out, depending on the weather and other conditions. The project could cost 18 million, and the Senator is very interested in exploring the funding issue. The University of Stony Brook has already conducted a study regarding the "residence time" of the back bay water. Rob said that this would be the first time this kind of technology would be used for this purposes.

## SPLASH Meeting 6-5-07 (continued)

Regarding the County pond issues, Rob reported that he made a presentation at the Bond Act Committee meeting discussing power nets to help filter floatables. Capturing floatables helps to eliminate flooding of the pond areas.

Rob thanked the SLASH members who volunteered to participate in the commercial with Kate Murray.

### New Business

Rob announced that plans have been made by the (Army Corps of Engineers?) to dredge Jones Inlet in October. A new SPLASH member, James from the Ridgewood Bank, introduced himself, and offered to help on SPLASH projects. Greg, from the newly organized Bay Park chapter, reported on their progress in getting a permit for a sign at the Bay Park launch and a dumpster located at the launch. Greg also asked for the membership to forward pictures to him for use in the Oceanside school science fair on Friday.

### Old Business

Upon a request from one of the members, it was decided that we should bring the phone number contact business cards to the next meeting, so members know who to contact when addressing environment concerns. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05

Thanks once again to Operation Splash's old friend Larry Johnson and son. Year after year they take our boats propellers that have been slightly used and abused and either fixes or replaces them for free. So if you ever need new props or repairs to your old props or marine fittings please call 516-379-3311

**A special thanks goes to the guys at Ocean Marine.** Outboard mechanic of extraordinary talent Mr. Jim Molinar did his special magic to fix our Mercury engine. Ocean's service department is getting the FREEPORT SPLASH boat closer to being back in the water. This 90 hp 4 stroke engine has given us over 600 hours of excellent performance. Now with new shift cables and some other repairs we are ready to start the 2007 season off right. Mercury and Ocean Outboard are leading by example when it comes to helping the environment. When you get a chance, stop by and get a bite over at the new Ocean Grill and tell the guys **thanks from Operation SPLASH.**

### Spring Hatch Update

When you get a chance, look at the Island just outside Freeport Creek. The nesting pair of swans is just about to hatch and the black back seagulls have hatched their fledglings. Congratulations on our new additions to the animal kingdom. The babies are doing well and are just about the same size of their parents. The gulls have one side of the Island and the swans the other. It's great to see Spring in such a way. Water visibility is very good. I dove yesterday to pull anchor line from my neighbor's shaft on East Second and was entertained by loads of grass shrimp. The water is jumping with life. Enjoy the cool water temps, they won't be around for long. - Captain Don Harris

**Splash sale at the next meeting.** This is our once a year tee & hat sale.

Buy one shirt get one free. All new design...Same for hats. Wearing Splash gear is good advertising for Splash!

**Website:** We are reworking web site, making it easy to use. Please bring in new pictures from 2006 or 2007 or get them to Gary Smith.

Anyone interested in working with Wantagh boat call Gary at 785-4234.