

# The Cape Connection

The Newsletter of the Cape Breton Holding Company

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## President's Letter

As harsh as last winter was, this winter seemed to be worse. Not only did we have the snow, but we had to deal the extreme cold. The river froze and you could see iceboats sailing up and down the river. The rough winter and cool spring has made many of us anxious for the summer to arrive. Once again the Board of Directors worked hard to develop a budget for next year. Although the cold winter has caused an increase in utility costs we have developed a budget we were able to hold the line on fees and the visionary fund. We intend to make modest repairs at the clubhouse along with some maintenance projects. The major repair that was done to the fire lane fared well during the winter and we are starting the season in good shape.

The entertainment committee has developed a calendar of activities for the coming season and it is listed in the newsletter. Your participation in these events will strengthen our community and ensure another successful year in the Cape. Each of these events requires careful planning and quite a bit of work to organize. Volunteers are always welcome to assist the Board in each of these events. This offers an opportunity for you to participate in the development of new relationships and sense of family with other members of the community, which has always been a hallmark in Cape Breton.

A listing of the committee chairs is enclosed in the newsletter and we encourage you to contact them if you would like to help by serving on their committee or with any ideas or suggestions you might have for the upcoming year.

We look forward to another successful year in the Cape, but this is only possible with the combined effort of every member of our community working together to continue the magic we have created. That makes the Cape a special place.

Ray Topoleski, President

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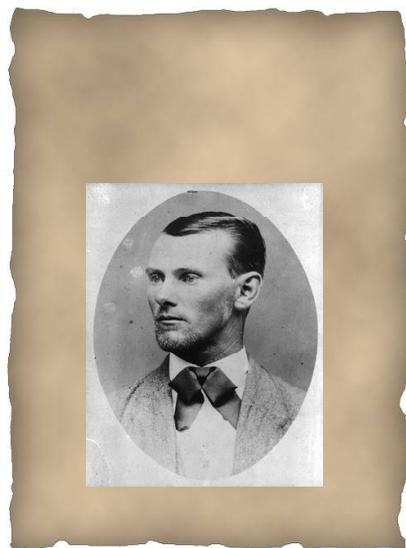
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Now that we have finally left our cold, snowy winter behind it is time to look forward to the summer. The Membership Committee would like to ask everyone's help to locate possible new members. Please let us know if anyone new moves into Cape Breton so we may pay a welcome visit. We are all representatives of the Cape Breton family so please be welcoming to all of our neighbors new and old. We would love to have anyone interested in being on the Committee to please join us.

Maria Pilipski  
732-477-6978  
Membership Committee Chair

# Beach

Before you know it, you'll be lounging on the Cape Breton Beach, soaking in the sun, and listening to the waves gently lap onto the beach. Goodbye Winter! The beach opens on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Your service fees go, in part, toward the maintenance and upkeep of the beach so that we can provide a safe place for you, your family, and guests to enjoy. Weekly water testing will continue this year. Please refer to the Beach Bulletin Board for test results. We will continue to have the beach professionally maintained. We will wrap up any remaining set up activities on Opening Day morning. If you have a few moments that day to help, please come on down to help with some light work. Please wear your Cape Breton badge at all times while on the beach.

The Beach committee will again be co-chaired by Tina Topoleski and Dan Siebenmann, see Directors list. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call. If anyone has suggestions relating to the beach, we'd be happy to take these into consideration.

Watch the Beach Bulletin Board for any updates to events or dates.

Let's all have a safe and fun 2015 Beach Season. Enjoy.

Tina Topoleski & Dan Siebenmann



# Dock Committee

Welcome everybody to the 2015 'Fun Season'. This past winter seemed at one point like it would never end and I'm sure most of us could not wait for the warmer weather. The ice eaters on our dock had to work hard to keep our dock free from the ice that stretched from our beach all the way to the Princeton Avenue side of the river. The ice was so thick that ice boat were sailing on the river at remarkable speeds and riders on atv's left tracks on the snow covered ice which has now returned to the flowing river that we all enjoy.

On a brighter note Spring is here and it is time to clean up our yards and get them ready for the summer BBQ's. Along with these springtime pleasures, we also look forward to getting our boats ready for the water to enjoy fishing, tubing, and cruising. We look forward to seeing friendly faces on our dock and beach. This year we have boat slips available to accommodate just about any size boat. If you or someone you know have a boat in need of a slip please contact myself Don Danner (848) 482-1104 or any director for more information. We have the least expensive boat slips in Ocean County and easy access to the best crabbing and fishing areas, as well as having easy access to dining on the water.

We wish you all a very safe and enjoyable Season,

Dock co-chairmen  
Don Danner & Dan Vucolo



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### CBHC on the WEB

Come visit our website at [www.CapeBretonNJ.org](http://www.CapeBretonNJ.org), where you will find information about upcoming events, committees, want ads, current members and more. New features are being added all the time, so check back frequently. If you have something to add, send your submission to: [info@capebretonnj.org](mailto:info@capebretonnj.org).

**Committees**

**Beach**

Dan Siebenmann  
Co-Chair  
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Tina Topoleski

**Clubhouse**

The past year was an average year. We had a few rentals, but not much otherwise to report. Our pipes froze during the cold months, but fortunately, no permanent damage was done. The attic was organized and plans are being made to spruce up the clubhouse.

Let's give special thanks to Dave Wood for fixing the flashing on the upstairs window free of charge. We haven't had a leak since.

The leak damage was patched and painted and it is looking really good compliments of Joanne Sramowicz and husband Larry. Other repairs during the Winter months included a new toilet in the clubhouse due to an unreparable leak and the removal of a dead tree in the front parking area. We are looking forward to getting the clubhouse floor sanded and finished in the near future.

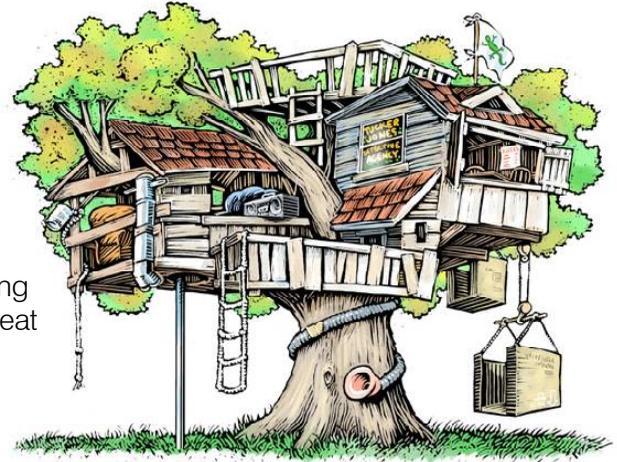
If you are interested in renting the clubhouse, the rates are:

Rental without Kitchen: \$125.00  
Rental with Kitchen: \$200.00

For rentals, please call me at 732-921-4520.

Lastly, I want to thank Joanne for her immeasurable help and support in co-chairing this committee. I and the Cape owe her a great deal of gratitude.

Thank you,  
Ann Hermann, Co-Chair

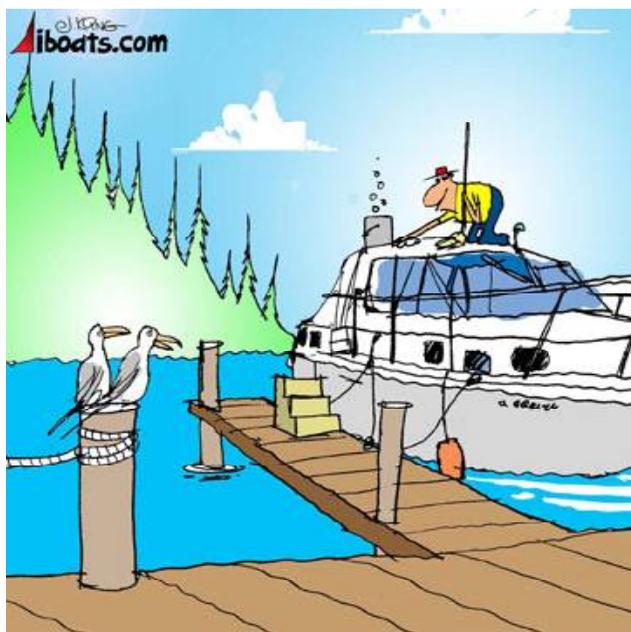
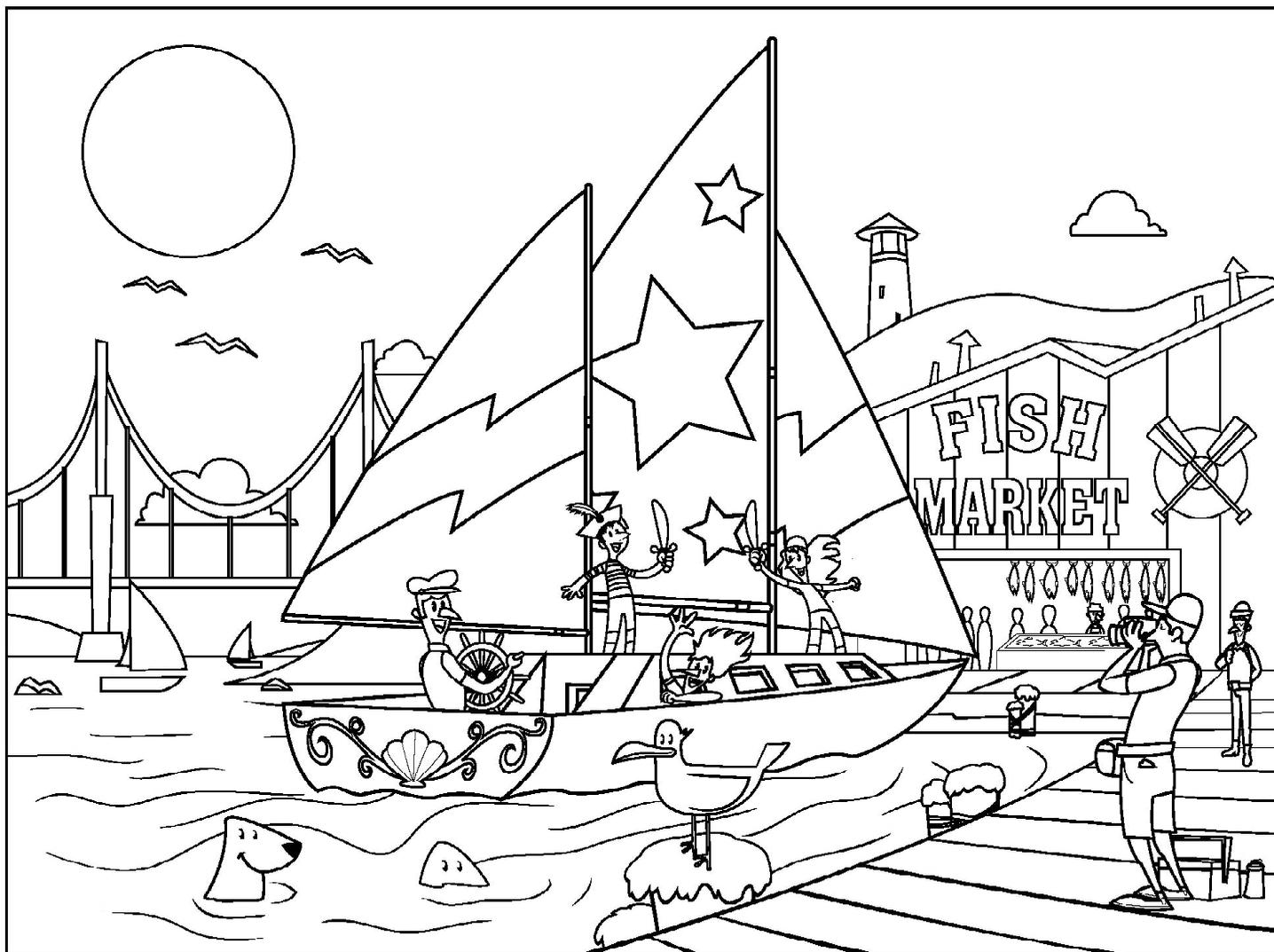


**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CAPE BRETON 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>						
						<b><i>Beach Opens</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Memorial Day Open House</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Stockholder's Meeting</i></b>
						<b><i>Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00 AM</i></b>
						<b><i>July 4th Picnic</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Pancake Breakfast</i></b>
						<b><i>Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Luau</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Fish Fry</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Boat Rally</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Stockholder's Meeting</i></b>
						<b><i>Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM</i></b>
						<b><i>Season Ending Dinner</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Bonfire Evening of Fun</i></b>
						<b><i>Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup></i></b>
						<b><i>Bonfires at the Beach</i></b>
						<b><i>Saturdays in September</i></b>
<b><i>The rain date for the Memorial Day Open House, July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic and Luau will be May 24<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively.</i></b>						

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# Activities for Kids of all Ages



*"Let's go eat and come back when he's finished."*

## A Boater's Blessing ... from Days of Yore

May there always be water under your boat,  
May she always be seaworthy and ever afloat,  
May your bilge pump be certain to work all night and all day,  
May your compass and charts always show the safe way,  
May you find gentle harbor as every day ends,  
May you lower your anchor amidst peace and good friends.

## A Boater's Blessing ...Nowadays

May your outdrive be saved after hitting that rock,  
May your bow be rebuilt after ramming your dock,  
May you find your new watch that fell overboard,  
May your neighbor quit stealing your slip's power cord,  
May Lysol mask the musty smell under your berth,  
May you someday owe less than the darn boat is worth.