



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2006

### *This months headlines:*

*Vic Medeiros re-elected as Chairman of the Board of Directors*

*2006 Sportsman of the Year announced*

*2006 Conservation project dates announced*

*Richie Newbert appointed as a Director*

*Sportsmen's shows start next month*

*2006 Membership Dues are due*

*Web site registers 23,350 visits since April 15, 2004*

### **Presidents Report**

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and I can see the MBBA is already starting out the New Year with a bang! The Dates have been set for the Shows and the Clean Ups! I hope to see everyone there, and help out our new Executive Vice President Tom Gagnon. He is excited about the shows and as always can use some assistance. The O'Leary Oceans Bill has made it out of committee, and is now before the house ways and means committee. The Bill Number has changed to S-2308. We are still not happy with the present wording of the bill, and have been working with all the state fishing organizations to keep this bill from becoming law. I have had many talks with our local State Reps whom also are not in favor of this bill as written. I will keep you advised. Feel free to write your State Senators and Reps to tell them you are not in favor of this bill, its never too late to voice your opinion. As if we didn't have enough to worry about, a lawsuit has been brought against the Department of the Interior, Specifically the National Park Service from the Friends of the Earth, Blue Water Network in conjunction with the National Parks Conservation Association and Wildlands Center for Preventing Roads. In general this suit states that it has been brought forward to protect the National Park System from the serious threat posed by off road vehicles. This suit has yet to be validated by a federal magistrate. Our affiliated clubs through UMS are well aware of the impact of this suit, and all pro-access groups US wide are waiting to see the results of the validation, again I will keep you advised. The Negotiated Rule Making Committee for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore management plan is moving along nicely. One of our members has been recommended to fill a position on that panel that will represent the Recreational Fishing Alliance. Congratulations to Captain Patrick Paquette, I am sure he will be a strong advocate for recreational fishing access. I would like to take this time and welcome Richie Newbert back to the board of directors. Richie always has a smile and nice word for everyone. I would also like to announce this years winner of the MBBA Sportsman Award which will be awarded formally at Spring Meet to Peter Murray. Peter goes above and beyond to support our state sportsman, by serving on our Board of Directors, working very closely with the Massachusetts Sportsman's Council and the Plymouth County League. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank Peter for all he has done and continues to do for our club and the sportsman of Massachusetts. We really don't know how lucky we are to have such an advocate as Peter. Please stop by and tell him thanks!

**For Access and Conservation, Don Fillman, President**

### **Executive Vice President's Report**

As the holidays have past and we settle into winter there are many things still to be done. The upcoming shows starting with the Standish show are closing upon us. As the dust is cleared from the displays and the trailer is cleaned, I will be looking for volunteers to help out at the shows. They are a good time and plenty of people to meet. If there are any pictures or ideas that you would like to see at the shows I can be reached at [lfixcars@aol.com](mailto:lfixcars@aol.com). See you at the shows!

**Tom Gagnon, Executive Vice President**

## **Board of Directors Chairman's Report**

2005 has come and gone, and as the days get longer, we get closer to spending precious time on the beach. One way to make the winter go by quicker is to get busy, by staying involved with your club. In the next few weeks Tom Gagnon will be planning his show booth coverage, booth set-up and in general getting ready for the 2006 show season.

Much of the sign-up for show booth coverage occurs at the monthly Board of Directors Meeting. In fact the Audit Committee, Nominating committee and many work groups come out of this meeting. This is the easiest place to get involved with your club. As an all-volunteer club, you will not be pushed into something you don't want to do. You can come to the meetings, listen and learn and then step up to help when you feel ready.

By capitalizing on our member's special skills and strengths our club has carried beach access through many recent successes. You can be part of that by attending the Board of Directors meeting. All members are invited. They are held the first Wednesday of the month except July and August and are held at the Lakeville Lions Club, Staples Shore Rd Lakeville MA. The meetings start at 7:00pm, coffee and pastries are available during a break in the meeting, and the meetings are smoke free.

If you are not sure how to get there, you can get to Staples Shore road from R 495, take R 105 South. Follow Route 105 for a couple miles and look for the Lakeville Lions Club sign on the left. Follow Staples Shore Rd and look for the entrance to the club on the left.

I hope to see many new faces this year at our meetings and activities.

**Vic Medeiros, Chairman of Board of Directors**

## **Conservation Committee**

### **2006 Conservation Projects**

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<b>April 8</b>	Duxbury Beach
<b>April 9</b>	Plymouth Beach
<b>April 22-23</b>	Salisbury Project
<b>April 29</b>	Chapin Beach
<b>April 30</b>	Sandy Neck Beach
<b>May 6</b>	P/Town Beach
<b>May 7</b>	Nauset Beach
<b>May 13</b>	Scusset Project

Easter this year is the weekend of April 15 & 16

Mother's day is May 14th.

**Spring Meet is the weekend of May 20 & 21.**

Letters will be sent out around the end of this month to all of the beach managers.

The courtesy patrol will again be doing the Hot Dogs at their respective beaches.

The patch for 2006 will be RACE POINT

Conservation Committee

Peter Murray, Chairman

Erik Bumpus

Joe Courtemanche

Dan Carnali

Rich Newbert

## **BEACH REPORTS:**

### **Provincetown**

Cape Cod National Seashore, Provincetown, MA

Off road information line: 508-487-3698, General information line: 508-487-2100

Web site: [www.nps.gov/caco](http://www.nps.gov/caco)

ORV ROUTE INFORMATION

The beach is closed except for limited access permits. Call ahead before driving down as the over sand office is not open everyday during the winter.

Cliff White, Rudy Sawyer and I had a great meeting with Superintendent George Price, Chief Ranger Steve Prokop and North District Ranger Craig Thatcher. The discussions included:

1. Wilderness Area designations, which is ongoing but should not affect any areas near ORV trails or access points. A plan must be filed so to that end they have applied for funds to do a research study.
2. George offered to do a PowerPoint Presentation for the club sometime in the future on the topic of what the park will look like in the next 40 years.
3. A possible new air-up station at High Head in the bus turn around area.
4. Maintenance of access trails.
5. Possible alternate access trails via fire roads, ect.
6. The new sticker changes that were put in place and any potential adjustments (There may be a slight increase in the 7 day ORV sticker).
7. Possibility of a dump station.
8. The Blue Water Law suit.

It was a very positive meeting and I believe the future looks bright for us at the Seashore.

As I reported in the past annual stickers were available for the entire season, on the Self contained stickers it looks like 60+ annuals from 2004 did not get an annual sticker but the same number of vehicles got a weekly SCV sticker, so the self contained vehicle number stayed around 350, there were approximately 568 annual stickers left at the end of the season (368 plus the 200 used for weekly's). The reservation system for weekly stickers was a success with approximately 50% of the weekly stickers sold being from reservations.

Have a great winter, and remember,  
Call or email me if you have any questions

**Peter Murray, Beach Rep.**

### **Sandy Neck**

Sandy Neck is in its "winter mode", constantly changing due to storm activity. Currently, there is a severe cut for most of the front beach between Trails 2 and 4, making it almost impossible to travel at high tide. For up-to-date information, call the Department of Natural Resources (508-790-6272). All fees will remain the same for 2006. The deer hunt went well with a total of 9 deer taken: Archery-2, Primitive Arms-7. There is Sandy Neck merchandise for sale at the Department of Natural Resources, 1189 Phinneys Lane, Centerville, with all proceeds to benefit the Sandy Neck Environmental Education projects.

Any questions and/or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [fql3@adelphia.net](mailto:fql3@adelphia.net)

**Cathy Fillman, Beach Rep.**

### **Plymouth Beach**

The beach has taken on its winter profile. A lot flatter and shorter, but still in good condition. I checked on the status of the sand nourishment program that I talked about last year. Its still in the appeals stage. There is talk about a dune nourishment program. No details still in the talking stages. I'm going to try to attend the next beach advisory meeting which is Thursday Jan. 26th. Happy New year.

**Richie Newbert, Beach Rep.**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, MBBA Monthly meeting in Lakeville @ 7PM**

**February 25-26, Standish Show**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006**

**March 25-26, MSBA Show**

**March 31-April 2, RISAA Show**