



MASSACHUSETTS BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION, INC.



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NEWSLETTER FOR September 2009

Presidents Report

September brings us back from our summer or lack of a summer off from monthly meetings. The weather has hampered our efforts to enjoy beach time and unfortunately it also upset the nesting birds this year. For those that got to enjoy the short warm weather is paced as fast as ever. The Salt water license issue has stalled for a while but seems to be moving into becoming a bill as of this month. The website seemed quieter this year than in years past and we have heard that there isn't enough communication around. We have the monthly newsletter, the website and the forum for updates. And we have the old standby the beach reps and the members that are on the beaches to forward information to those that miss it. We are looking into changing the web forum and hope it will help improve communication. We have a special cleanup at Race Point on Sept 19 and there is info on the beach report for Race Point by Peter Murray. As of late I have not heard about a free weekend at Chapin but am hopeful to have 1 and I will report in the beach report as soon as I hear. In October there is the Horse Neck project which is hard work but also as much fun to be had also. Also on sale are Banquet tickets at 30.00 a ticket to be held at a new place and menu on Nov.7. Please attend as this is our second business meeting of the year with officers being voted in for the upcoming year.

Tom Gagnon, President

Chairman of the Board Report

This summer had it's ups and downs, and I had a good time when I got out on the beach. I think I had the best couple weeks of August. I hope to get back to the beach this month and catch a few more fish before the cold winds blow. Fall vacations and fishing trips can bring great fishing, although you never know what Mother Nature will throw at you.

The next couple of months are busy. We have started the monthly Board of Directors Meeting routine again, and in addition to preparing for the Annual Fall Banquet and Elections, we will be discussing issues that came up during the summer season to prepare for next year. We also have the MDA Tournament, and the Horseneck Beach Project to plan as well.

All members are welcome at the Board of Directors meetings and we encourage all of you who are interested to attend. Officers, Directors and Courtesy Patrol Members are expected to attend these meetings.

If you already regularly attend the BOD Meetings, thank you and please bring some of your MBBA friends, and anyone who would like to join. We have lots of work to do to maintain the access to the resources we enjoy. This club needs lots of informed members to help. The way to gain the knowledge needed is to attend the meetings and become familiar with the issues. When you attend you will have a great opportunity to meet other members. You can also buy your Fall Banquet tickets on the spot.

Our meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Lakeville Lions Club, Staples Shore Road, Lakeville, MA. All members are welcome and the meetings begin at 7:30PM

Directions to The Lakeville Lions Club.

From North:

Take 495 South to Route 105 in Lakeville.

At the end of the ramp bear right and continue on Route 105 for a mile or

so and then begin looking for the Lakeville Lions Club sign on the left.
At the sign go left on Staples Shore road and as the road curves right, in front of the club, take a left into the parking lot for the club.

From south:

Take Route 25 (495 North) to Route 105 in Lakeville. At the bottom of the ramp (facing McGee Chevrolet) take a left on Route 105 and follow 105 for a mile or so and begin looking on your left for the sign for the Lakeville Lions Club. At the sign go left on Staples Shore Road, and as the road curves right, take a left into the parking lot for the club.

Vic Medeiros, Board of Directors Chairman

BEACH REPORTS:

Horseneck Beach, Westport, MA

I was able to get to the beach a couple of times this year and found it to be very dirty with Kelp. However those that where there didn't seem to mind as the beach was packed with people, in fact the beach was closed due to being full both times noon time. There is a sign once you get onto Rt 88 going to the beach that tells you whether or not the beach is closed. I believe is on AM Radio so that you can avoid sitting in the traffic jams that do happen when the beach is closed. The beach is in good shape esp. after the last two storms, and this year no sand had to be imported. There was quite a few rescues this year, but thank god nobody drowned. People loved to new bath houses at the ends of the parking lots and the easy access through the dunes to the beach with the new board walks seemed to have an impact on protecting the dunes. All in all the beach had a very good year.

The fence project is slated to be the weekend of October 16 - 18th. As in the past we will have the use of the campground and all of the amenities that go with it.

As for the people that have gone to this project know there is always good food and a never ending fire with a very good time had by all. Also with this project because of the length of the beach that we fence, many hands make it go a whole lot easier. Hope to see everybody there..

Brad Laursen
Horseneck Beach Rep

Cape Cod National Seashore, Provincetown, MA

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The beach is open from Hatches Harbor to High Head, we got a pretty good wash over from the two big storms with tides all the way to the dune grass. All in all we had a pretty good summer with some beach open the entire time, the fishing has been pretty good and I hear the bluefish are visiting most days at dawn and dusk for your catching enjoyment. Least Terns continue to complicate things as a Massachusetts species of special concern, predators' did a number on them all summer which helped keep most of the beach open. With the numbers on Race Point alone It's hard to think this bird is truly threatened in any way. This I believe will be our next big challenge getting the state to at a minimum update their science to the current situation, not 1995 when the last one was written. The plovers did their thing and although many were wiped out by a late storm, the rest fledged and were on their way by early August. Our new conservation project is scheduled for September 19th. and we are hoping for a good turnout. The beach has been plagued by high bacteria levels for the last couple of weeks resulting in closures of the bathing beach, please keep this in mind when on the ORV corridor.

Peter Murray, Race Point Beach Rep.

Membership Secretary Report

We ended the year with close to the same number of members as last year. Not bad considering the all the ups and downs everyone has been faced with this year. But remember, even when times are tough, we all need to band together and be there to support the conservation of our beaches to keep them open for our children and grandchildren.

I hope you are having a great summer. Please check the calendar of events for the up and coming fall activities. The Horseneck Conservation Project as well as the fall banquet are still to come. Remember the fall banquet this year is in a new location, I hope many of you will be able to attend. Remember these events are for you the members, so come have a great time. Last big fling before winter sets in.

Jessy Snell, Membership Secretary

Conservation and Dune Management

Thanks to the dedication and drive of two of our members, Fred & Janet Guidi we have planned a fall cleanup project at Race Point on September 19th starting at 9:30AM.

The main idea is to clean the high beach areas that were protected all summer by symbolic fencing, the fence which goes up in April to symbolize bird nesting habitat areas are off limits to us during the spring cleanup so we cannot go into those areas until the fence comes down in September. Last year the Guidi's spent a day on their own and filled their trailer and part of their vehicle with trash and junk.

I hope you can take the time to join us for this new project, call me if you need more details.

Also coming up October 16-18 is the Horseneck Project, mark you calendars for this important sand conservation project, hope to see you there.

Peter Murray, Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2nd.

MBBA monthly meeting, Lakeville, MA

September 19th

Conservation Project, Race Point Beach, Provincetown, MA

October 7th

MBBA monthly meeting, Lakeville, MA

October 16th -18th

Conservation Project, Horseneck Beach, Westport, MA.

IT'S COMING soon, 60 years!



WOOD END LIGHT-HOUSE, PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

