H.L.F. MUSEUM’S OSPREY CAM IS BACK FOR 2017

Remember to check out our Osprey Cam! fergusonmuseum.org/osprey-cam/

March 15: The Utility Co re-installed the camera in early March 2017 and now we are watching and waiting for the ospreys to return to the nest!

UPDATE:

March 28 from Carolyn Stepanek Ross: Osprey on the nest! Spotted landing and then taking off at 6:00 PM. Welcome back!

March 29 from Matt Edwards: I heard one and saw one fly over the Walsh Park office this morning and shortly after, I spotted one on the webcam!

Partial Reprinted from the March 2012 Fog Horn: An Osprey Cam at the Eastern Edge of Middle Farms Flats

Those on Island may have noticed a new telephone pole just off the main road past the Driving Range at the eastern end of Middle Farms Flats. Mounted atop that pole is the Museum’s new Osprey Cam. It is perched approximately 20-feet away from the nest which sits atop a platform on a parallel pole. We chose to focus on this particular osprey nest partially because it has been consistently active, but primarily because it is the only one that is adjacent to a junction box that provides both power supply and internet access. Placing the Osprey Cam at this location avoids the considerable expense and complications of setting up a remote wireless/solar-powered system. Initial tests show that the camera is functioning well and the live feed should be viewable online to all … by the time you receive this issue of the Fog Horn. The ospreys generally return to Fishers between March 17 and March 21.

The establishment of the Osprey Cam has been a collaborative effort… First and foremost the Museum would like to thank the Fishers Island Conservancy for funding the initial costs of this project. They have generously covered the costs of the camera, first year’s maintenance expenses, and two essential computers. We thank Bill Beebe, superintendent of the Fishers Island Electric Co. and his crew, Jay Cushing, Jeremy Doucette and Ken Ahman, for expeditiously mounting the camera pole adjacent to the nest site. Bob Wall, president of the Fishers Island Utility Co. has supported the project at every stage. Wayne Doucette and JR Edwards of the Fishers Island Telephone Co., are wholeheartedly behind the project and are largely responsible for the technical aspects of the Osprey Cam’s implementation. They mounted the camera on the pole, selected camera angle, established the internet links, and brought the Museum’s computers in synch with the new Osprey Cam. Richard Nathhorst, Capital Planning Manager at Facilities Planning, UMass, Amherst, and director of a peregrine restoration project since 1985, was instrumental in helping us choose a Stardot XL3MP camera. Andy Jepsen of Anders Computing Consulting has been a constant help with various computer interface problems. Beth Jepsen of Insite Design in New London has been working feverishly (literally) to finish a total redesign of the Museum’s web page before the ospreys’ return. She has done a fantastic job.
E-Waste, or electronic waste, describes end-of-life electrical goods such as computers, televisions, printers, mobile phones, etc.

According to recent EPA statistics, Americans get rid of 142,000 computers and over 416,000 mobile devices every day. 40% of these items are recycled, but the rest pile up and cause environmental damage by leaking lead, cadmium, mercury and other hazardous wastes.

FIWMD passes along the $25 cost of discarding electronic waste to our customers. Extend the life of our planet by recycling your devices where you purchased them.

Race Point has returned from another successful maintenance period at Fairhaven Shipyard Company on Buzzards Bay in Massachusetts.

Fishers Island Ferry District Manager of Marine Operations RJ Burns Report follows:

All scheduled and supplemental work was completed well under budget.

In addition to the “standard yard items”, a significant amount of work was completed by both the shipyard and ferry district staff.

1. A large amount of (hull) bottom plate was renewed.
2. Entire car deck and fore deck was blasted and any wasted metal replaced.
3. Entire car deck and fore deck repainted.
4. One new propeller shaft.
5. All propeller shaft bearings replaced.
6. Commercial, heavy duty (50,000 lb. capacity) cargo tie downs added to bulwarks and car deck to increase the ability to safely secure large vehicles, like fuel trucks in heavy weather. In certain situations, this modification will increase the number of trucks we can safely secure to the deck.
7. All 3,984 pounds of machinery space deck plates were removed and reinstalled by the crew so they could be stripped of paint and then galvanized.
8. Passenger cabin was overhauled, repainted, including fixtures replaced and LED lighting installed.

Most noticeable are the new additions to the car deck bulwarks. Bulwark mods (stacks) are the structures in the picture. These new stacks including fire dampers will greatly enhance Race Point’s operational safety, improve engine room ventilation, and sea-keeping ability. The stacks have been designed in anticipation of the future replacement of main engines and other machinery, are incorporated in the re-powering long-range plan, and meet Coast Guard compliance requirements.
COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The application for the Fishers Island Community Scholarship, managed by St. John’s Church, is now available. Completed applications are due no later than June 1, 2017, and must include an essay and the current year academic transcript. Essays and transcripts should be emailed to fischorshipstjohns@gmail.com or mailed to P.O. Box 507, Fishers Island, NY 06390.

To apply for the scholarship, please complete the online form: http://fishersisland.net/fishers-island-community-scholarship-application/

To qualify for the scholarship, a student must be a full-time resident of Fishers Island or graduate of Fishers Island School; registered as a full-time student at an accredited college, community college, or vocational school. Other members of the Fishers Island community that are eligible for the scholarship are residents of 7 years or more who will be attending an accredited program. Continuing education, seminars, and other programs are not eligible. The scholarship program will support up to six years of education. Eligibility to receive the scholarship expires eight years from the first year of eligibility.

The Scholarship Committee and St. John’s Church would like to thank the generosity of the Fishers Island community. If you have any questions, please contact Polly Talbott or any of the Committee members at fischorshipstjohns@outlook.com.

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FROM SPICER’S MARINAS TO FISHERS ISLAND REGARDING PARKING

Dear Fishers Island Residents, April 2017
Spicer’s Marinas, LLC has always enjoyed both personal and professional relationships with Fisher’s Island Residents. As we approach the Summer 2017 season, I am looking to have your cooperation in addressing our parking issues.

We are pleased you have found our marina a convenient and safe place to pick up guests while they visit the island. However, over the last few years the amount of pickups have greatly increased. It is not uncommon to have a FI boat swing into the marina and pickup 5 or 6 guests that have arrived in different cars on a Friday and then drop them off on Sunday evening. Multiplying this by 9 or 10 boats on a weekend could easily add 30 to 40 additional vehicles to our parking lot that is only designed to accommodate our summer dock and mooring customers. This number could easily double on holiday weekends.

Unfortunately, this past summer some residents and/or their guests had “heated” discussions regarding this issue with Marina staff. Marina staff asked them to park in other areas of the marina to allow our summer customers to have parking closer to the docks. These residents or guests refused to move their vehicles. Granted, this was just a small number of individuals that took this approach but it made us focus more on the problem and create alternative solutions.

Last year Spicer’s Marinas purchased the property across the street from the Seahorse Restaurant. After months of working Continued on Page 7

ENGAGEMENTS

Zachary Schmalz & Macy Reed
February 17, 2017
in Kennebunk, ME

Tripp Cashel & Hannah Grimes
March 17, 2017
in Breckenridge, CO

Nik Holguin & Cait Ludemann
March 25, 2017
in Charleston, SC
IN MEMORIAM: AUGUSTUS BLAGDEN KINSOLVING

Augustus Blagden Kinsolving, 77, died on March 27, 2017. He was a resident of Fishers Island, NY, after having lived for many years in New York, NY.

The son of the late Rev. Arthur Lee Kinsolving and the late Mary Blagden Kinsolving, he is survived by his former wife, Monique Kinsolving, daughter Isabelle Farrar, son Arthur Kinsolving, and four grandchildren: Alexander and Henry Kinsolving, and Maya and Celeste Farrar.

He graduated from Episcopal High School, Philips Exeter Academy, Yale College, Oxford University—Christ Church (Rhodes Scholar), and Harvard Law School. He worked as an attorney, starting at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, continuing with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, and devoting the majority of his career to the American Smelting and Refining Company (“ASARCO”) as attorney and General Counsel. For many years, he was a member of, and led, the committee for the selection of American Rhodes Scholars.

A memorial service will be held at the Union Chapel, Fishers Island, NY on Saturday, April 8 at 1 PM, with a reception immediately following at the American Legion. Ground transportation will be provided on Fishers Island. Donations may be made to the Fishers Island Sea Stretcher, P.O. Box 123, Fishers Island, NY 06390 or at www.fiseastretcher.com.

IN MEMORIAM: SARAH WIGGIN SLATER

Sarah Wiggin Slater 65, of Cambridge, MA, passed away on March 8, 2017 after a courageous 10-year battle with breast cancer. Sarah was the daughter of John E. Slater and Nancy McVickar.

Ms. Slater grew up in New Canaan, CT, and Tuxedo Park, NY. She attended Concord Academy, graduated from Cornell University, and earned an MBA from Harvard Business School. She was a successful media executive at Time Magazine before joining WGBH where she was Director of Business Development.

In her spare time, she enjoyed playing tennis, hanging out at the beach, listening to the Grateful Dead and the Beatles, and spending time with her children. She is survived by her three children: John Slater Brauns, Colin Stewart Brauns, and Elizabeth Randolph Brauns. She is also survived by her brothers, Nathanael Slater and Gifford Slater, and by her mother, Nancy McVickar. Service to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute’s Cancer Genetics Program, which is run by Dr. Judy Garber – Sarah’s oncologist for over a decade. Checks may be mailed to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave, D-1123, Boston, MA 02215. Donations may also be made online by clicking here: Make a Gift. Under Area of Greater Need, please choose “Cancer Prevention Fund” so the dollars reach Sarah’s oncologist.

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FI MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN PHOTOS
JUST EMAIL THEM TO FINYINFO@GMAIL.COM

2/25/17: Changing bait by Art Walsh
The American sailors Charlie Enright and Mark Towill have already completed one lap around the world by leading a team to the finish of the last Volvo Ocean Race two years ago. On Tuesday, they announced their campaign for the 2017-18 edition of the race, which will begin in Alicante, Spain, in October. Their new team, named Vestas 11th Hour Racing, will be the only entry from the United States in the Volvo race, a grueling multileg, round-the-world contest that was first contested in 1973 and remains one of sailing’s main events. Enright, Towill and the Alvimedica team tied for fourth out of seven entries in the 2014-15 edition. This time, Enright and Towill, former teammates at Brown University, say they are intent on winning but are just as committed to using the race as a bully pulpit to promote renewable, sustainable energy and ocean health, with a particular focus on reducing ocean debris.

In a society of overly scheduled and structured youth events, a group in Connecticut is pushing back on what an event is supposed to be. A year ago they tasked members 30+ youth Club 420 teams with preparing homework, attending meetings and studying course instructions to help them navigate the 10-mile course around Fishers Island at the eastern end of Long Island Sound. But the bar has been raised in 2017. In just its third year, the SECOR Volvo Fishers Island Sound Race is giving young sailors between the ages of 12 and 18 a racing experience normally reserved for world-class skippers. The 2017 edition begins on Thursday, July 13th at the Niantic Bay Yacht Club (Niantic, CT). The fleet will race to the Fishers Island Yacht Club (Fishers Island, NY) where the teams will then set up camp for the night. Friday morning they dust off and head up the river for an epic finish at the Mystic Shipyard (Mystic, CT). Total distance: almost 20 miles.

The race has been modeled to be a one of a kind youth race that closely resembles the prestigious Volvo Ocean Race. Just like the big boys, the race comes complete with live-streaming video footage shot by drones, online access to real-time GPS race tracking, on board reporters competing for a new WASP action cameras, a VIP spectators boat and, of course, top-notch sailing. Who knows, kids may even discover there is life beyond windward-leeward races.
April is the month when I remove the Christmas tree boughs from the bottom of my rose bushes and rake away any old leaves that might have remained on the ground. I prune the bushes and start my annual rose care program.

Recently I read the American Rose Society’s “Ten Principles of Rose Pruning”. It was easy to understand and follow — a sort of “Rose Pruning for Dummies”. These ten guidance principles apply to Hybrid Teas and Grandiflora roses and with some modification to Floribundas and Miniature roses.

1. Plan your pruning from the ground up, sit on the ground and look at the bud union and the canes that come up from it.
2. If a cane is old and gray, cut it off. It will only produce spindly growth.
3. If one cane is crossing another cane or is too close – cut it off.
4. Mentally divide the bush into three equal parts and prepare to remove the top one-third.
5. Look for an outward facing bud eye and cut on an angle just above it.
6. Roses are tough; if you make a mistake in cutting, it will definitely survive!
7. Canes left should be larger than a pencil and the cut ends of larger canes can be sealed with a drop of Elmer’s glue to prevent borers.
8. Remove any remaining leaves on the bush or around the base.
9. Take a wire brush and brush off the bud union, this will encourage new healthy canes to grow.
10. Gather up all your clippings and old leaves and deposit them in the trash, not in the compost pile, this will prevent rose diseases from spreading.

Most of the roses in my garden are David Austin roses, so I also looked up pruning hints about them and found they were very similar to the American Rose Society. They agree with the cut back of one-third of the height of the canes but suggest two-thirds if you want to reduce the overall size of the bush. And they definitely say to “Follow the four D’s – remove any dead, dying, damaged or diseased stems”. A friend of mine had an English father, who grew beautiful roses and his advice always was “Just Cut, Cut, Cut!” So sharpen up those pruning shears and get busy!

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Homemade Rose Spray for Black Spot

2 – 3T. Baking Soda & 2T. Joy (or other mild dishwashing soap)
Mixed with a gallon of water and spray every 7 to 10 days if needed.

Insecticide: Spray with Insecticide soap as needed
IPP MORNING PROGRAM CAMPER REGISTRATION
The Island People’s Project registration is open.

**Year-round Kids:** Early online registration open April 1st and ends April 30th

**Summer Kids:** Registration opens May 1st

Online enrollment for anyone continues throughout the summer.

Questions? email: ippreg@gmail.com, website: www.islandpeoplesproject.com

2017 FIDCO STICKERS
All vehicles passing the Gate House must have a sticker posted as of April 1.

**HOW TO GET YOUR 2017 STICKER:**
Visit FIDCO’s website at www.fidco.us. Just click on East End Stickers. You will find sticker application forms for Commercial, Auto and Bicycle stickers that can be faxed in today.

Visit Johnny, Jimmy or Patty at the Gate House and purchase your sticker from them anytime they are open. And, as of April 3, anytime between 6:00 am – 8:00 pm. Guest Passes may also be obtained at the Gate House.

Visit the Utility Office weekdays from 8:00 am-4:30 pm and purchase them there when you are in the Village.

FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL BOARD
ANNUAL MEETING, PROPOSITION, BUDGET & ELECTION

List of Important 2017 Dates: (Full Notice is on FishersIsland.net)

- **Wednesday, April 12:** 5 p.m. Board of Education Meeting, Budget Review and Adoption
- **Friday, April 14:** Board of Education Election Petitions due to District Clerk
- **Tuesday, May 2:** 6:00 p.m. Annual Budget Hearing for Community
- **Tuesday, May 16:** 2:00-8:00 p.m. Annual Budget Vote & Election of Board of Education Candidates

2017 BRUSH CLEAN-UP
The Southold Highway Department will remove brush and leaves for Fishers Island residents beginning on Monday, April 10, 2017. (End date TBD) Thank you to Jamie, John, and Bob!

Please place brush and leaves in orderly piles in the Town’s right-of-way at the West End road sides to enable easy removal by the Town highway crew. Stumps, trees and land-clearing debris will not be picked up. Commercial landscaping and tree removal companies cannot participate in this service.

SPICER’S MARINAS LETTER REGARDING PARKING CONT. FROM PAGE 3

… on plans and getting Noank Zoning approval, we started construction of a new parking lot in January. This parking lot will be ready for FI resident use by the end of April and will be able to accommodate 100 vehicles.

We are asking you to have your guests obtain a parking pass and park in the new lot for a minimal charge of $10.00/day. They can obtain passes at the Marine Store during business hours or from the launch driver. The launch driver can be reached on channel 68 in season.

Guests can unload at the head of the docks and then move their vehicles to the appropriate parking area. Boats that are picking up guests must not be left unattended. There have been several instances that a summer customer has tried to pull into their slip and found another boat in it.

If you are dining at the Seahorse Restaurant, please check with the Marine Store prior to coming over or see the launch driver for a slip assignment. There is no dockage fee while dining.

With any new system there may be a few “glitches” but I’m sure we can work together to help your island guests visit in an easy and efficient manner.

Please feel free to email me at gardinerj@sbcglobal.net anytime with questions or comments.

Looking forward to an early spring.

Sincerely, John Gardiner
If you have something you would like posted on FishersIsland.net or in the Fog Horn - a story idea, an event 'save the date', have photos to share, suggestions or an interest in advertising, please contact Editor Jane Ahrens at (631) 788-7487 or finyinfo@gmail.com. Contact Sarah Porter to place an event on the Community Calendar at www.fishersisland.net/events/ at (631) 788-7683 or fishersislandevents@gmail.com.