

said. That name change happened to come in handy when Bob Bailey found himself showing Don Bousquet around the island. Known for his amusing portrayal of Rhode Island culture and his particular emphasis on that lovable character, the Rhode Island Quahog, Bousquet was the perfect person to approach for help with fundraising. "Bob mentioned that our group was called the Rocket 'hogs, as in Quahog, and asked Don if he'd be willing to design something for the group to use," Charest said. Bousquet was amused by the concept and that impromptu request led to the current partnership, Charest said.

The new official logo, designed by Bousquet, appears on the embroidered hats that are on sale at Jamestown Hardware, at the Ben Thomas Gallery, and at the Narragansett Cafe. Proceeds from the hats and t-shirts are used to fund the event, Charest said.

Islanders and visitors who wish to make cash contributions can do so by dropping their spare cash into the "Ka-Boom," cans located at Jamestown Wine and Spirits, Grapes and Gourmet, Jamestown Hardware and McQuade's Supermarket. You can mail donations to P.O. Box 1776, Jamestown, RI 02835.

Fools' Rules Regatta

Saturday, Aug. 15, promises to be a big day on the island as the 32nd Annual Fools' Rules Regatta will be held on the town beach at East Ferry. The rain date for the event is Aug. 16.

The Fools' Rules Regatta will begin at 9 a.m., when the first cannon will be fired to signal the start of construction. Participants will have two hours to construct their vessels with the first race cannon fired at 11 a.m. sharp. All vessels must be built from non-marine items and imagination and ingenuity are highly encouraged. Past vessels have been built out of such things as doghouses, Volkswagens and egg cartons! The official rules state: "No manufactured items such as dinghies (inflatable or otherwise,) surfboards, masts or sails may be used. Hull examples might be beer cans, auto bodies, bathtubs, trees or an old worn out sofa. Sails could be made of old sheets, old rugs, burlap bags, or your grandma's petticoats."

"Peoples' creativity is just unbelievable," said event organizer Candy Powell, "We never cease to be amazed." Powell said that enthusiasm for the event continues to be strong and that some out-of-town visitors inquire about the event as early as the winter months in order to stage vacations or reunions

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