

• From the Editor •

All the island's news is now online

This week the Jamestown Press is launching its new Web site at www.jamestownpress.com.

Should you visit our online address you'll find the complete issue of this week's Jamestown Press instead of a small sampling of the newspaper's stories.

Yes, we've decided to publish the entire Press online every week. That not only includes all the news, features and pictures, but also all of the display advertisements, classifieds and legal notices.

In addition to having the option of viewing select stories in the traditional point and click Internet fashion, you may also view PDFs of entire newspaper pages.

Why the change?

The biggest reason is value to our readers and advertisers. The online edition of the Jamestown Press will extend our circulation far beyond the shores of Conanicut Island. Our online edition will help our advertisers reach even more customers. One neat feature of placing your advertisement in the Press with our new online edition is that if the advertiser's Web address is included in the ad in the paper, then the reader can point and click to go there online. It's that simple to advertise in the Press and reach the world.

Another fun feature of our new Web site is the weekly opinion poll. Each week we'll ask a question that is pertinent to our island and you can cast your vote. Then you can see how everyone else has voted. We must stress, however, that the weekly polls will be strictly informal and should not be used as an accurate or scientific gauge of public opinion.

It seems that everyone is plugged into the Internet these days. With Wi-Fi we're becoming ever more mobile. While we're still reliant on paper, it has become easier to communicate as technologies continue to erase what we once considered concrete boundaries.

We hope you enjoy the new online edition of the Jamestown Press.

— Jeff McDonough



A war remembered

Jamestown's veterans observed Victory Day Sunday morning at East Ferry. The event commemorates the end of World War II. Photo by Don Miller

Art show appreciation

A heartfelt thanks to all who participated and volunteered in this year's Conanicut Island Art Association's 31st annual Art Exhibit.

The opening night was extremely well attended in spite of another hot and steamy night, and everyone enjoyed themselves despite the weather (or "weatha" as they say here in our New England!)

Special thanks and much hand-clapping goes to Delia Klingbeil, this year's chairwoman, who did a splendid job in organizing this event and to the many volunteers who gave their time and energy and made the exhibit a success.

Also, thanks to Matt Bolles and the recreation

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department for their yearly help, Sarah Agniel for judging this year's show, and in particular, to the glorious floral displays donated by the Jamestown and Quononoquott garden clubs. The flower arrangements were truly lovely this year.

For background mood, we listened to the graceful sounds of classical guitar and flute played by musicians Dennis Costa and Barbara Lenney.

Finally, a big congrats to Cynthia Blair for winning the "People's Choice" award for her beautiful pastel work. We look forward to seeing the image on the cover of next year's program.

And, if this wasn't fun

enough, the following weekend, the CIAA sponsored our annual Summer Craft Exhibit. There were many more participating artisans this year, and their booths spilled out over all parts of the outdoors at the rec center.

A grateful thank-you to this year's Chairwoman Christina Moorehead and Co-Chairwoman Jackie Bell for their hard work and all their volunteers who lent a hand in helping to put this year's Craft show together.

A suggestion: Next year, let's have both shows in Alaska. Keep cool everyone.

Allie Sabalis,
CIAA president

Another great Fools' Rules

On behalf of the Jamestown Yacht Club, I would like to thank all who made the 28th annual Fools' Rules Regatta another rousing success!

In spite of a sweltering hot August day, 51 "vessels" and their crews raced under almost perfect wind conditions and were cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd of spectators.

As usual, this event would not have been possible without the support and help of many individuals and organizations. I would first like to thank the dedicated and faithful Fools' Rules Race Committee: Linda, Lexi & John Flinton,

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The news of 10 and 15 years ago is from the Jamestown Press. The news of 25, 50, 75, and 100 years ago from the Newport Daily News comes from the collection of the Newport Historical Society.

100 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, August 14, 1905:

A special executive session of the town council was held Saturday evening. The proceedings are supposed to be kept quiet, but it is understood that the principal business was the appointment of a constable to enforce the liquor law. Mr. Lewis E. Peckham has received the appointment. It is understood that the council intends to take hold of the liquor question here vigorously and will suppress the two or three places which are alleged to be dispensing liquor to all comers under the cloak of being a club.

The automobile question, it is said, also occupied some of the time of the council. It is understood that Mr. Elijah Anthony was appointed a committee to see that the police properly enforce the law regarding the speed limit, which it is said is broken every day. In fact, this noon two automobiles were timed going from ferry to ferry, a distance of one mile and it was found that they covered the distance in little over two and one half minutes. This did not break the record by any means, as machines have done it in half the time.

From the Newport Daily News, August 15, 1905:

The run from Jamestown to Beaver Tail is being extensively used by automobiles. A large number are seen on the road daily.

From the Newport Daily News, August 16, 1905:

It is reported that since the new constable has been appointed to enforce the liquor law, one of the clubs here has closed its doors and gone out of business.

75 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, August 20, 1930:

The Jamestown & Newport Ferry Company has discontin-



ued the sounding of the five-minute warning whistle, a custom which dates back more than 50 years. The object at that time was to warn the people that the ferry was about to leave. It is hoped that this change will assist in maintaining a more accurate schedule.

At Peckham's polo field, on Beavertail road, tomorrow evening the Jitney players are to present "The Wonder," or "A Woman Keeps a Secret." This is to be given for the benefit of Jamestown Unit, No. 22, American Legion Auxiliary.

From the Newport Daily News, August 21, 1930:

Ferdinand Armbrust is building a miniature 18-hole golf course on his property on Narragansett Avenue, and already has a long list of members.

A few of the members of the former Clambake Club, comprising about 30, held a clambake at Short Point Saturday evening.

50 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, August 16, 1955:

The Beavertail area, which was closed last week for three days because of the hurricane threat, was reopened to motorists and picnickers Sunday. Bathers visited Mackerel Cove but bathing was hampered by the heavy seaweed and debris churned up by the heavy seas. An eight-foot shark was sighted on the sand bar at Mackerel Cove Sunday afternoon by Frank Kennedy of Woonsocket who was bathing with his children. A large number of porpoises following school tuna were seen in the Mackerel Cove area.

From the Newport Daily News, August 20, 1955:

Hurricane Connie collected a share of the toll on the Jamestown Bridge this month, according to the report of Manager Charles L. Hull last night at the meeting of the bridge commission. Hull said the gross revenue of \$2,222.95 for the first 14 days of August compared with the same period last year was 12 percent less due to the hurricane threat which cut down on traffic.

25 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, August 19, 1980:

Residents of Jamestown jammed the Recreation Center to overflowing last night during a three-hour public hearing on the route of the proposed new Jamestown Bridge. Between 400 and 500 attended.

15 years ago

From the Jamestown Press, August 16, 1990:

Recycling is coming to Jamestown residents later this month. Blue recycling bins will be delivered to Jamestown starting on Tuesday, Aug. 21. Rhode Island is the first state in the nation to conduct a mandatory recycling program.

Jellyfish, brought into Jamestown waters by the warm currents of the Gulf Stream, prompted the closing of Mackerel Cove Beach on Sunday and Monday.

10 years ago

From the Jamestown Press, August 17, 1995:

The Town Council will consider a plan to limit the rise of Lyme disease by allowing hunters to kill some of the island's deer. The recommendation to permit deer hunting on the island came from the council's Lyme Disease Task Force.

Town officials ordered the Mackerel Cove town beach closed to swimmers Tuesday due to the heavy surf. Officials expected the town beach to remain closed to swimmers Wednesday.