

## Writing that press release

When writing a press release to the Jamestown Press, or any other newspaper, remember the following style tips to give your release a more polished, ready-to-go look.

First, don't use any bold, underline or italics. Editors just have to spend time un-bolding, un-italicizing, etc. If the piece is well-written, the Press will know which are the most important points.

Write in a standard font like Times New Roman and keep the font size to a maximum of 12.

Never write in ALL CAPITAL LETTERS—it drives us nuts!

Include all the W's: What, When, Where, and don't forget ticket or admission prices, if applicable.

Months, except from March to July, are abbreviated. Write dates as follows: Jan. 4, 2007, July 13, 2007, or Thursday, Jan. 4, etc. Times are always followed by a.m. or p.m. Don't put them in uppercase as in AM or PM.

Write out first, second, third instead of 1st, 2nd, etc. Never put "th" or "nd" after a date, as in Jan. 4th.

Don't center the document or



## Yet another warm day for Frostbiters

For the last racing in 2006, Frostbiters got another sunny day in the high 30s with light and shifty northerly winds. Race Committee Dick Allphin and Dick Hutchinson set up a windward/leeward course just south of the Conanicut Marina. Thirty degree wind shifts and a strong tide kept the racing results close except for first place. With four boats and five sailors each sailor sat out one race. Between each race one sailor would come along side the inflatable race committee boat to change skippers. Five races were held with each skipper sailing four. Martin Keen had a perfect day with four firsts for four points. John Quinn was second with nine points; Joe Logan and John Horton were tied in points for third with 12 points each, and Gary Fisher was fifth with 13 points.

The Shellback Dinghy Frostbiters invite beginner or experienced sailors to join them Sunday mornings. Come race or help on the committee boat.

put anything in column or table format. Keep everything justified to the left margin.

Always give us a contact name and phone number on any release or letter to the editor in case we have a question.

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## Birders see 65 species in annual winter count

The 24th annual Conanicut Island Christmas Bird Count was held Saturday, Dec. 30.

Sixty-five species were recorded, an average for Christmas Bird Counts. Overall counts were down, most likely due to the unseasonably warm weather. There were no surprises, but an unusually plumed Green-winged Teal, probably a first-year bird, was seen on the north end of the island. A record number of 54 Harlequin ducks were seen at Beavertail, and the overall species number was 453 Canada Geese.

The spirits of the participants were, however, elevated because of the mild temperatures, and all had enjoyable day. Participants included, Evelyn Rhodes, Ed Long, Dick Boening, Candy and Chris Powell, Mark and Collette Baker, Wayne Munns, Sarah Young, Steve Moreau, Marcie Lindsay, B.J. Whitehouse, and Sonja Kassal.

Those reporting from home included Gail Chase, Chris Ariel, Karan Osenton, and Leah George. To receive a complete list of birds seen or for more information on future bird counts, contact Candy Powell, 423-1492, or Evelyn Rhodes, 423-1254.

### For the record

In last week's story "Shoreby Hill residence denied variance," by Sam Bari, the two references to board member Dean Wagner in the first two paragraphs of the report were in error.

Both references should have been attributed to zoning board member David Nardolillo.

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### MURPHY'S LAW

We are pleased to announce that Mark J. Devine has become counsel to our firm, and is now providing a full range of immigration and naturalization services. Contact our Jamestown office to arrange for a consultation with Mark.

The partners of our firm, John Austin Murphy, John B. Murphy, and Richard N. Morneau, are about to enter their 34th year as lawyers.

Our firm was fortunate to have for many years the guidance of Neale D. Murphy, who was born in 1904, graduated from LaSalle Academy in 1921, from Boston College Law School in 1955 (then the father of six children), and became Jamestown's first probate judge in 1973.

Among Judge Murphy's fondest childhood memories was the Boston Red Sox winning, with the ace pitcher George H. Ruth, the World Series in 1915, 1916, and 1918. Thereafter, Neale was a perennially frustrated fan, dying in 2003 at age 99, before the Red Sox again became world champions.

Judge Murphy's granddaughter, Emily J. Chamberlain, is an associate with our firm, concentrating her practice in the areas of estate planning and probate administration. Emily's sons, James, John and Thomas have definitely inherited their great-grandfather's love of baseball and the Red Sox.

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