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Council approves wood pile pier recommendations

By Sam Bari

The Town Council voted to approve the Harbor Management Commission recommendations for the wood pile pier at Monday night's meeting.

Among the recommendations they approved were a touch and go dock on the north side of the pier running parallel to the town-owned facility at East Ferry. The 80-foot floating dock will be installed at the east end of the pier

with an access ramp at the west end of the floating dock.

The south side of the pier will be clear for 40-feet at the east end of the wooden pier. The remainder will be used for transient and seasonal rentals at the discretion of the marina.

Although the council approved the configuration for the touch and go dock, it did not

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Prepare now for future coastal climate change impacts

By Steven Stycos

Sea level rises of at least three to five feet by 2100 and the likely increase in the frequency and strength of major storms due to carbon dioxide emissions from burning oil and coal, require Rhode Island to plan for major coastal disruptions, said Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council Executive Director Grover Fugate at a climate change conference last week in Narragansett.

"We're vulnerable. We're low and we're flat," agreed University of Rhode Island Coastal Institute director Peter August.

In January, the CRMC, Rhode Island's coastal regulatory agency, decided its policies on zoning and design must recognize the expected sea level rise. Rising sea levels and strong coastal storms will push barrier dunes, like those on Quonochontaug, Ninigret and Green Hill Ponds, inland, they predicted. They will also contaminate clean water supplies, salinate septic systems and reduce salt marsh area, Fugate

warned. Finally, rising seas will submerge low-lying bridges and roads like Block Island's Corn Neck Road. The CRMC must consider innovative steps, Fugate urged, including the increase of set backs for coastal buildings, the elevation of bridges and the acquisition of land that will be transformed to environmentally important salt marsh as sea levels rise.

The CRMC is also preparing a plan to regulate which ocean areas are best for wind power, Fugate said, by balancing the potential for electricity generation with fishing and recreational boating. Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcieri has proposed several off-shore sites near Block Island for building wind power turbines.

Just how much sea levels will rise during the next one hundred years is unclear, said URI Oceanography professor Kate Moran. Scientists are particularly puzzled, she said, by the behavior of melting ice sheets on

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Gold Digger (above) and Devocean (below) start under sunny skies Friday in the biennial Newport to Bermuda race. See related pictures on page 19

Photos by Don Miller

Two island boats first in class to Bermuda

Six Jamestown yachts competed in the 635-mile Newport to Bermuda race, which started last Friday from Narragansett Bay's East Passage, just off of Conanicut Island.

Two of the Jamestown boats finished first in their respective classes.

Here are the unofficial results, scored under the ORR, as of Wednesday morning. The results were posted on the Web site www.bermudarace.com:

Representing the Jamestown Yacht Club, Andrew Kallfelz's Tartan 41 Aurora finished first in Class 2 with an elapsed time of 103 hours, 03 minutes and 26 seconds.

Jeffrey Urbina's Sabre 402 II Bodacious finished first in Class 13 with an elapsed time of 101 hours, 43 minutes and 52 seconds.

James Bishop's J44 Gold Digger finished 12th in Class 5 with an elapsed time of 129 hours, 12 minutes and 17 seconds.



Hap Fauth's RP69 Bella Mente finished eighth in Class 11 with an elapsed time of 76 hours 13 minutes 06 seconds.

Bruce and Dorsey Beard's Sabre 386 Esmeralde finished fifth in Class 15 with an elapsed time of 110 hours, 01 minutes and 37 seconds.

Stephen de Voe's Swan 45 Devocean finished fifth in Class 7 with an elapsed time of 112 hours, 51 minutes and 37 seconds.

Two Jamestown women announce bids for state office



Deb Ruggiero

Ruggiero to challenge Long for House seat

By Adrienne Downing

The desire for change is what led islander Deb Ruggiero, 50, into the race for a state House of Representatives seat in District 74.

Ruggiero, a democrat, will face off against Rep. Bruce Long, the district's long-term incumbent, in the November election. "He has been in office for 28 years. It is time for a change and I think I will be a refreshing change for Rhode Islanders."

A native Rhode Islander, she grew up in Lincoln and graduated from Lincoln High School. She earned a dual degree in English and communications from Boston College.

After spending the first 10 years of her career in broadcasting as a news anchor and talk show host, she worked

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Donna Perry

Perry wants to represent the interests of her constituents in Senate

By Adrienne Downing

Donna Perry is no stranger to politics. The 47-year old Jamestown resident is the executive director of the Rhode Island Republican Party and the chairwoman of the Jamestown Town Republican Committee.

She announced on Tuesday her intention to run against incumbent Senator M.Teresa Paiva-Weed of Newport for the District 13 seat.

"I think the time is right for me to seek office," Perry said. "We are in a time where mismanagement of state spending is at an all time high and I don't think Senator Paiva-Weed has represented the interests of her constituents. That is what really pushed me into the race."

Perry was born and raised in Cranston. She graduated from St. Mary's Bay View Academy and has a bachelor's

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