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MARITIME MARITALK

Long Island Maritime Museum Newsletter



HELLO FROM OUR DIRECTOR

A message from our newest crew-mate:

To all of our visitors, members, staff, volunteers & trustees: a genuine thank you is due! I am ecstatic for the opportunity to work at LIMM, and humbled by the warm welcome and kindness I have received upon onboarding. I hope I can bring a new flare to the Museum, while continuing the great work we have already done for almost 60 years. If you haven't already, feel free to pop in and say "hi!" when you see me in my office next to the Library.

With warm regards,
Brianna Baker-Stines



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2024 RAFFLE BOAT

Get your ticket today!

Tickets for our 2024 Raffle Boat are now available! Raffle tickets are available to the general public with no limit. This year's model is a CLC Shearwater 14 ft, a lightweight performance-style kayak, for use in rough or calm waters. It is made with sapele and okoume marine plywood, covered in fiberglass cloth with 3 coats of resin and finished with Interlux - more details on our site.



Tickets are \$5/one or \$20/five. The drawing will take place on our annual boat burning Friday, October 25th. The winner need not be present to collect.

Thank you to our Moonbeam Shop Volunteers for the construction of this beautiful kayak! It is on display in our main building, but you may see it on the road at different fairs and festivals across the island.

DID YOU KNOW?

The 1948 edition of the *International Maritime Dictionary* by Rene de Kerchove (located in our library!) defines a Kayak as:

"A skin canoe consisting of a wooden framing covered with skins, usually of the crested or bearded seal variety [...] The whole kayak is given several coats of blubber to preserve the skins" (p.381).

Luckily for our furry friends - this one is made of wood!



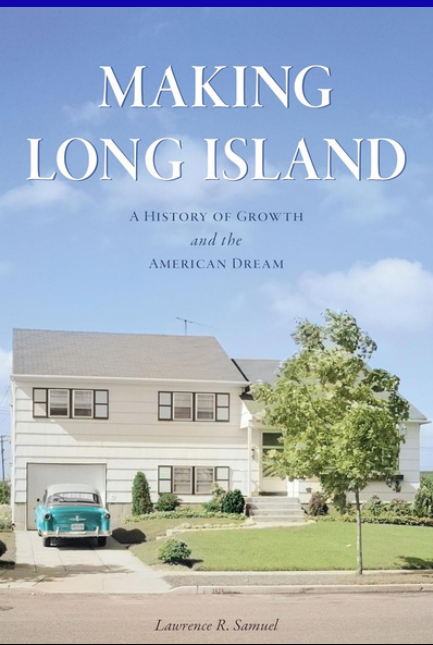


BOOK SIGNINGS AT THE MUSEUM

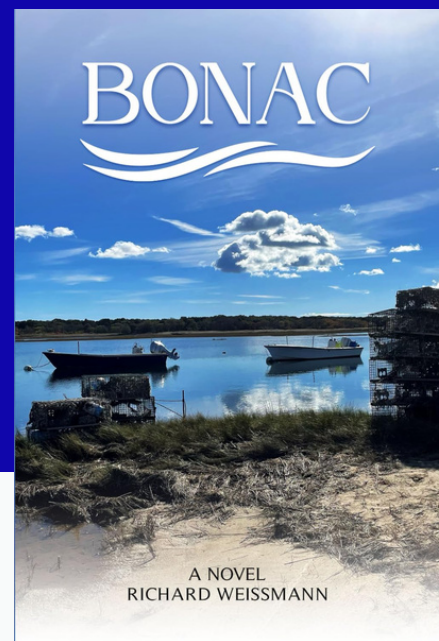
Our "Winter Lecture Series" expands into spring!

Reserve your spot at any of these upcoming lectures by calling 631-854-4974. Book signings will follow each of these events.

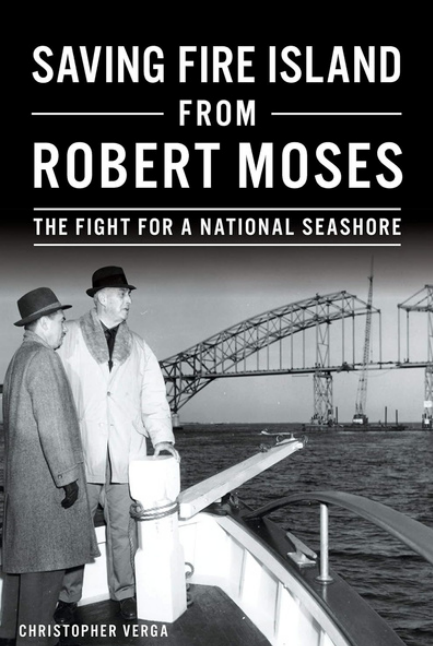
Free for members;
\$10 admission fee for non-members.
Book purchase is not required.
Light refreshments generously provided by
Idle Hour Deli of Oakdale.



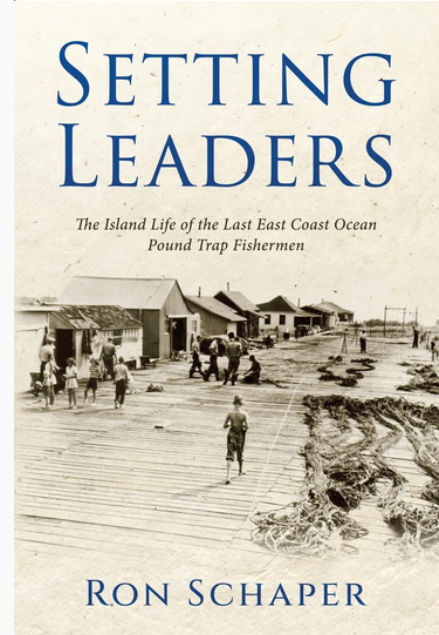
Making Long Island, Lawrence R. Samuels
Sunday, April 7, 1:00 p.m.



Bonac: A Mysterious Private Island & the Centuries Old Fishing Culture of "The Hamptons", Richard Weissmann
Sunday, April 14, 1:00 p.m.



Saving Fire Island from Robert Moses,
Christopher Verga
Sunday, April 21, 1:00 p.m.



Setting Leaders: The Island Life of the Last East Coast Ocean Pound Trap Fisherman,
Ron Schaper
Sunday, April 28, 1:00 p.m.

ADULT EVENT SPOTLIGHT

TAI CHI BY THE BAY

60 minute workout

Discover the benefits of this ancient form of martial arts.

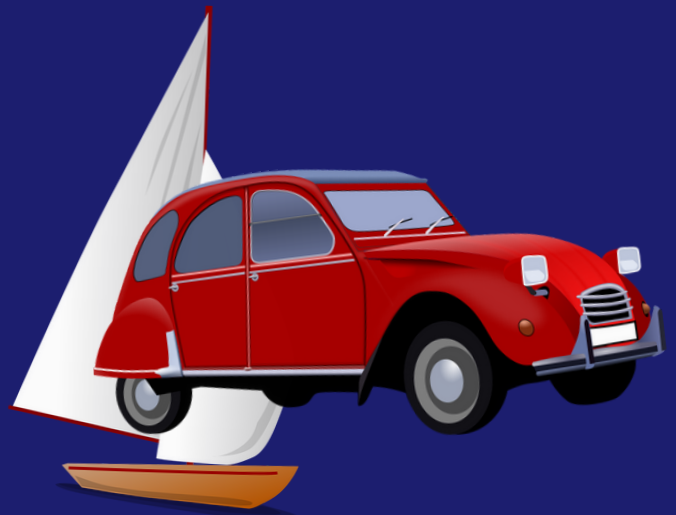
Session 1: June 4, 11, 18, 25

Session 2: July 9, 16, 23, 30

Session 3: August 6, 13, 20, 27

6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

\$50 per 4 week session



KEELS & WHEELS

Sunday, June 9

Special-interest cars along with antique boats on the Great South Bay! Don't miss the opportunity to explore the beauty of vintage & unique cars & boats.

\$5 suggested donation to benefit the restoration of our 1888 clam boat, Vixen.



SPRING BREAK AT LIMM

Designed for children grades 1 - 5

Our spring break program runs Monday through Friday the week of April 22. Each session is 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Our curriculum includes:

Magic Rainbow Monday

Two Threads Tuesday

Woodworking Wednesday

Frog Play Thursday

Fish Friday

Every session includes a story-time and craft. Sign up individually for \$15/session or \$60/week (\$10 discount for 5 day reservation).



Historical maritime recipe from *The Galley Guide* by Alex W. Moffat, 1923 (p.37).

- 1/2 small loaf baker's whole wheat or graham bread
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup molasses
- butter

Remove crusts from bread and cut into about five pieces of uniform thickness. Spread generously with butter, lay in a baking dish and pour over 3 cups of the milk and the molasses mixed together. Bake 2 to 3 hours in a very slow oven, stirring every twenty minutes during the first hour and then adding the remaining half cup of milk."

BAY DAYS SIGN UP HAS BEGUN!

Call to claim your child's spot at our Day Bays summer camp.

We have 7 weekly sessions starting July 1st.

Base rate: \$350/week (member and sibling pricing available)

Hours: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (after-hour care available upon request)

Check [our website](#) for more information.



COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

PRISCILLA

Happy birthday to a National Historic Landmark!

What better way to start our Collection Spotlight series than to highlight our National Historic Landmark and goodwill ambassador *Priscilla*, who turns 136 years old on April 7.

Priscilla was launched into the Patchogue River on Saturday, April 7, 1888. For the first 75 years of her life, *Priscilla* dredged oysters, and gained a reputation for successfully dredging in both heavy and light winds.

By 1963, the oyster beds were exhausted, and *Priscilla* retired into new ownership, becoming a cruising sailboat for 13 years.

In 1976, John Woodside donated her to the Suffolk Marine Museum, known today as the Long Island Maritime Museum!

In 2002, LMM took on the task of renovating *Priscilla* back to her original design, a gaff-rig sloop. This remains our largest renovation project to date.

In 2006, the National Park Service acknowledged her significance to America's history and designated her a National Historic Landmark. She is one of 3 National Historic Landmarks that belong to the museum.

But *Priscilla*'s story is far from over! She might be the only and oldest vessel from the Great Soul Bay Oyster Fleet to survive, but she is still sailing to this day.

Amazingly, the public is able to sail *Priscilla*, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our renovators, donators, volunteers, staff and sailing crew.

Book a sail with *Priscilla* this summer by visiting our website and revel in the history of this beautiful vessel. **Experience the Great South Bay, powered by just the wind and the crew.**

