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MBBA NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2016



Vice Presidents Report

Wow! Its September, hope everyone had a great summer, and knowing that beach Access was tight this year, hope you all made the best out of the great weekends and vacation time you could!

Fall projects are right around the corner, Race Point, Scusset Beach and Horseneck Beach. Then The MBBA Fall Banquet and election of Officers. Please if you know of someone who would make a great officer, or if you would like to apply for a position, contact the nomination committee. Also, directors positions and committee positions will be coming available too, again if you would like to be on any of these committees, make the effort to contact the President and or a BOD Member and tell them you are interested, don't wait to be asked, take the initiative and make your voice heard!

Should be some great fall fishing ahead of us and I am sure some great fall beach weather to enjoy! For Access and Conservation

Don Fillman, Vice President mbba201@comcast.net



Sanderling Photo by Diane Lomba

Chairman of the Board Report

Hi All!

I hope everyone had a great summer. Fall is here and our work as a club is never done. Time to jump into our fall projects. Writing this before Race Point project coming up this Saturday the 17th, I'm sure will be a great turnout and a great time for all. Horseneck project in Westport is a very important project. (October 15th) Besides a cleanup, we put up lots of snow fence. More hands make for quick and easy work. Camping in the campground with friends makes this project well worth the effort. Then Scusset State Park on October 22. We will do a cleanup as well as bring in a portion of the board walk. Again, more hand make for lighter work. Wrapping up our fall season is the Fall Banquet at Whites of Westport November 5th. Tickets will be available at all fall projects as well as BOD meetings and on our web site. Come support our club with this fun night of Dinner, Dancing, Raffles and our all-important Membership Meeting. This is your time as a member to bring something before the membership, board and officers. This important night is also the night we elect officers for 2017. Hope to see you there.

If you have any interest in getting more involved, join us for the monthly Board of Directors meetings held the first Wednesday of every month (excluding July and August) at 7:00 PM at the Mitchell Memorial Club 29 Elm Street, Middleboro MA. All are welcome. We welcome new ideas, thoughts, and concerns. Come sit in for a meeting and see what goes on behind the scene. Keep up to date on the clubs currents affairs. (We even have coffee and treats!) Feel free to email me with ideas or comments as well! MBBA849@YMAIL.COM

Diane Lomba, Board of Directors Chairwoman MBBA849@YMAIL.COM

Directions to the Mitchell Memorial Club:

From North: Take 495 South to Route 105 in Lakeville

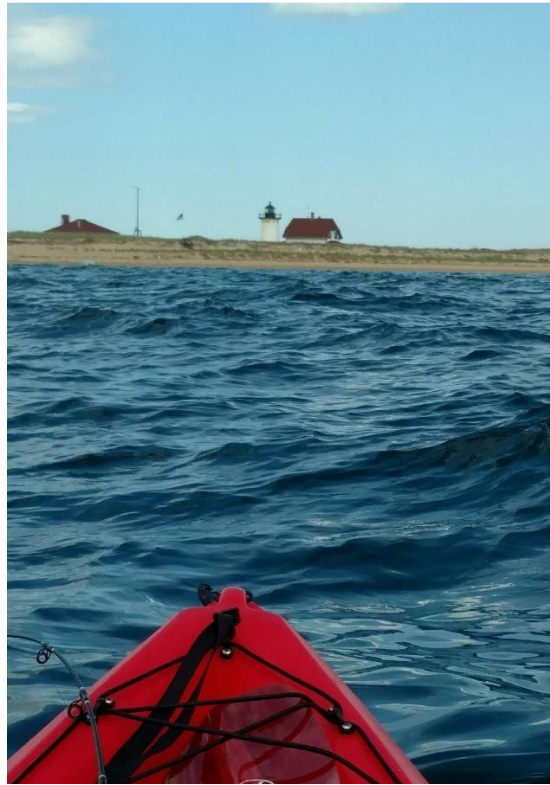
At the end of the ramp bear left, and continue on Route 105 (S. Main St.) to the light at Route 28 (W. Grove St) then take a left at light. Turn onto Elm St. on the right. The Mitchell Memorial Club is immediately on the left. Please park in the lower lot. Our meeting is up the stairs from the back door.

From South: Take Route 25 to 495 North. Take exit 4 (Route 105) Lakeville. At the bottom of the ramp, take a right onto Route 105 (S. Main St). Follow to the light at Route 28 (W Grove St) then take a left at light. Turn onto Elm St. on the right. The Mitchell Memorial Club is immediately on the left. Please park in the lower lot. Our meeting is up the stairs from the back door.



Sandy Neck Back Trail

Photo by Diane Lomba



Race Point Light

Photo by Rob Osgood

Membership Secretary Report

I hope everyone has been enjoying a great summer on the beaches.

A reminder to *all* Life Members, it is necessary to contact the Membership Secretary annually with current information. Please take a moment to send in a letter or renewal membership form with current contact information. This keeps us up to date with accurately reported numbers for mailing and constant contact e-mail lists. We are in the process of updating all the information concerning Life Members in the database. No one will be deleted, just updated for reporting. It saves the club a great deal of money when our records are accurate for mailings. We need to hear from you, and it's your responsibility! Thank you

Fall Banquet tickets are now on sale, and donations for the tables are being accepted.

The fall conservation projects are now underway. Look me up, I'll be glad to answer any membership questions I can. You can also reach me as always by e-mail at rmosgood@gmail.com

Tight lines and toes in the sand...

Rob Osgood, Membership Secretary

BEACH REPORTS:

Cape Cod National Seashore, Provincetown, MA

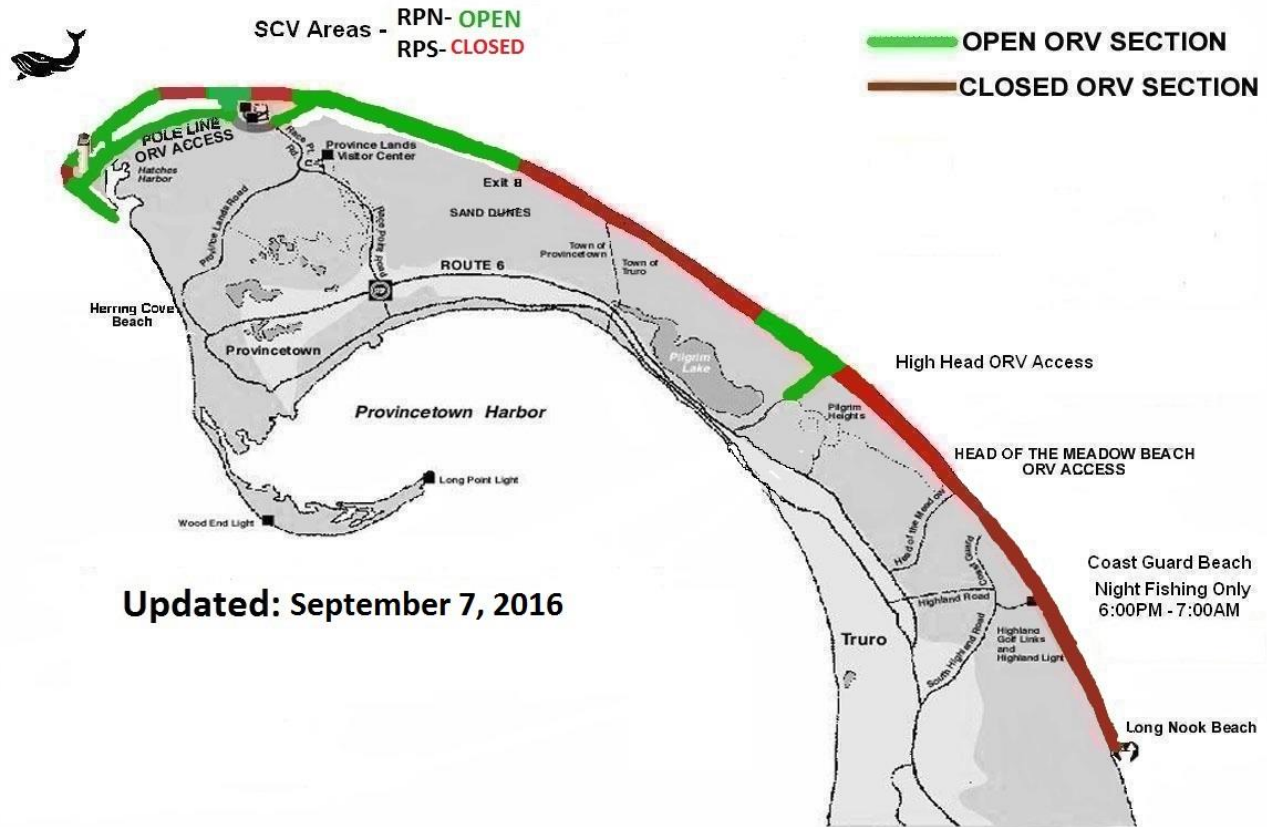
Off road information line: 508-487-3698, General information line: 508-487-2100, ext. 110

Web site: www.nps.gov/caco

Excellent Fall Conservation project at Race Point, thank you to the 61 members that came out to help and enjoy our beach, a big thank you to our Courtesy Patrol for once again preparing a wonderful lunch for our volunteers and to everyone that donated food and snacks.

The Beach is open from Hatches Harbor to Exit 8 as well as a short stretch on High Head, there is a SCV area on Race Point North. The beach on Race Point South is still too narrow to support a SCV area.

Bluefish continue to be caught off the beach with some big ones mixed in.



Peter Murray, Beach Rep. pmurray@mbba.net 508-944-4447



Diamond Back Terrapin
a little over 24 hours old. About the size of a 1/2 dollar.

Sandy Neck Beach, Barnstable, MA

Hi all and greetings from the mid cape.

Wow, what a summer! It seemed like every weekend was beautiful weather and perfect to spend on the beach. We were lucky enough to have the beach open the entire summer. Yeah, we shut down to 1.5 miles at one point but we really cannot complain. Most of the closure had the beach open to 2 miles. I am not sure how many plover or tern chicks were fledged from Sandy Neck this year. Those numbers should be available by next month. There was also a whopping 177 Diamond Terrapin nests found. Times 12 per nest, that is many Terrapins back into nature. Only a few per 100 make it to adult hood. These turtles do not restrict our access on front beach. Although there was 1 nest at the closure line, it was indeed a plover chick who couldn't make it self fly that kept the beach closed for so long. I had the privilege of riding with Nina in the Kubota to go find this last chick. I learned a lot and I appreciate the time she gave me.

The beach is now open all the way to trail 6 . Permits are now being sold at a reduced rate, \$25 for resident and \$50 for non-resident. There is still an over night camping fee of \$20 per night for non-resident though out October. We still have plenty of good weekends out there. Come December/January, we can start looking for snowy owls. Winter is a great time to take a ride on the beach. The beach will stay open all winter as long as it is accessible. I will update accordingly.

Fall Banquet is only a few months away. I have tickets on me every time I am on the beach. See me to buy your tickets for the great time. There is a fantastic buffet dinner as well as tons of raffles. Chinese raffle, 50/50, special raffles, scratch ticket trees and everyone's favorites, the beach baskets! Definitely a great time. More info can be found at WWW.MBBA.NET under the "events" tab at the top.

As always, contact me with questions, comment, or information.

Hope to see every out on the beach this fall or at any of our fall events: Race point fall project, Scusset Fall Project or Horse Neck Fall Project, as well as Fall Banquet. For Continued Beach Access,

Diane Lomba, Beach Rep.



Jeff Mulvy and his awesome power auger



Max Kelly helping out with the fence

Horseneck Beach, Westport, MA

Reservations 877-422-6762, www.reserveamerica.com

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer!

Summer is over and the staff at Horseneck has been reduced to just long term seasonals. They are awaiting management approval for the snow fence purchase. The fall project is the weekend after Columbus Day, Saturday Oct 15 starting at 9:30. We will be installing the snow fence across the main beach. We hope to have a great turnout as this is a very important project and we need all the help we can get. Please bring work gloves, pliers and shovels.

Camping will be available in the campground Friday afternoon to Sunday. There are no hookups, the dumping station should be open. We are allowed to have campfires.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sue Kelly, Horseneck Beach Rep

Chapin /Crowes Pasture Beaches

Chapin Beach:

Chapin is still closed to all ORV travel. You can however walk on.

Crowes Pasture:

Crowes has been back open for a little over a month. The beach is in good shape no storm damage at all. Some fish are being taken on the east end!

Tom Moss, Beach Rep

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Scusset 2015

Scusset Beach, Sagamore, MA

As of this writing the reservation is gearing up for Fall Season after a busy summer, although beach day trippers we're down this summer after a big jump to \$14 a day.

The last Fall Project is set for Sat Oct. 22 @ 9:30 AM, free camping is available in the Safari Field Fri. - Sun., water & dump station should be available, hope to see all there.

The task at hand will be to remove the 17 sections of boardwalk & rope posts from the crest of the dune to the beach. A less labor intensive task will be litter patrol.

The beach is in good shape.

The Reservation goes into Winter Mode Nov. 1st with camping on weekends Thur.-Sun. With 20-50 AMP Electric, no water or dump station.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 5th	MBBA Directors meeting (all welcome)
Oct 15	Horseneck Conservation Project *
Oct 22	Scusset Fall Conservation Project *
Nov 2nd.	MBBA Directors meeting (all welcome)
Nov 5th.	MBBA Fall Banquet and General Meeting including election of officers.

***Please plan to arrive early projects begin at 9:30 AM sharp.**



Horseneck project finish 2015