

Maritime Museum hosts seafood festival

by Anthony J. Howard

The Long Island Maritime Museum captures the island's seafaring heritage and one important element of that heritage is the local fishing industry.

To celebrate that aspect of Paumonok's heritage, the Maritime Museum, along with the Suffolk Parks Department, is hosting its second annual Seafood Festival and Crafts Fair on August 27 and 28.

"Considering the strong reception given by the public to the first Seafood Festival, we are very excited to be holding the festivities once again," said Stan Feldman, chair of the museum's board of trustees.

The public's reaction also convinced the trustees to expand the event by another day.

The festival is aimed at giving modern-day Long Islanders an opportunity to appreciate their maritime heritage and current maritime lifestyles, Feldman said. "Helping people appreciate all that the marine environment adds to the quality of life is precisely what the museum is all about," he said.

The festival will be centered around several booths, set up by the Seafood Retailers of New York, offering an array of seafood delicacies. There will also be displays of old-time fish markets, commercial fishing gear, crab races, fish fillet demonstrations, and touch tanks for kids.

The second main attraction will be numerous award-winning artists and crafts makers, mostly nautical in focus, on display and for purchase.

Completing the festival will be a display by the museum, including its collection of classic boats such as the Priscilla (1888) and the Modesty (1923). Other LIMM exhibits open to the public at the festival include the main exhibit hall, the Baymen's Cottage, the Penney Boat Repair Shop and the Oyster House.

Demonstrations include the fully operational saw mill, showing how the museum prepares wood for its boat restoration projects. There will also be presentations on nautical skills like blacksmithing, wood-carving, scrimshaw, rope making and knot-tying.

Along with the museum's own displays, there will be exhibits by the Sierra Club and the Okeanos Ocean Research Foundation and other organizations with nautical and environmental focus.

There will be entertainment for kids, including face-painting, caricature portraits and music. There will also be raffles for lobster dinners, rides in a biplane and other prizes.

The Long Island Maritime Museum is located in West Sayville, adjacent to the Suffolk County Golf Course on Montauk Highway (Rt. 27A) and West Avenue. ■

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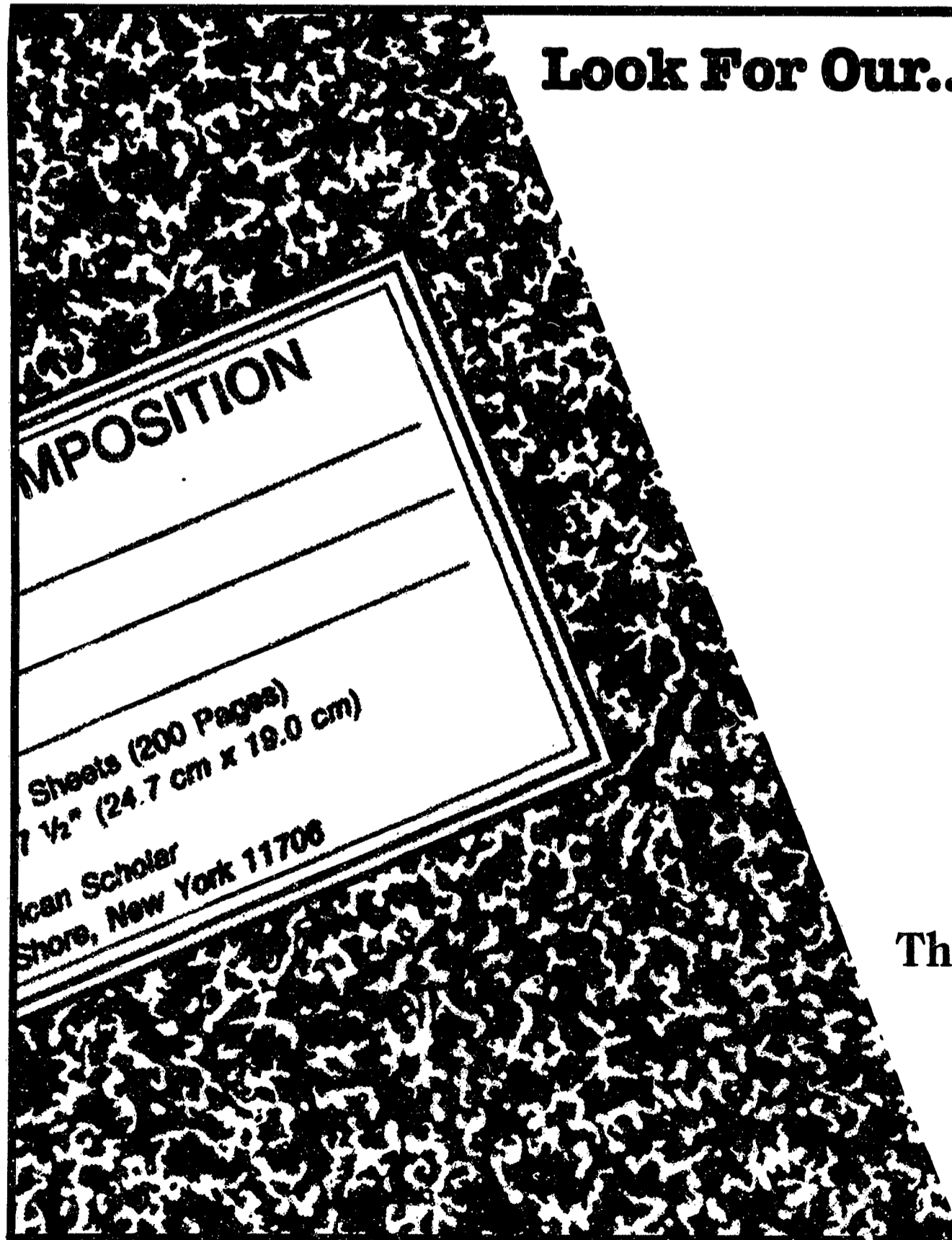
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