

# Currents MAGAZINE

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## A Stroll Through Sea Bright

Sea Bright is a mile-and-a-half community with a lot to enjoy, its formal history dates back to 1869. Prior to that, it was the fishing village of Nauvoo, which is actually a Sephardic Hebrew word meaning "beautiful, pleasant place." Sea Bright has had several famous residents, including jazz musician Tal Farlow, early 20th century tennis pro Fred Alexander, Juan Trippe, founder of Pan Am Airlines, and Hollywood stars Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and his then wife Joan Crawford. The couple's home was the site of the former Philomena's restaurant and is now home to **The BeachWalk Tiki Bar and Hotel**.

Sea Bright endured near devastation from Superstorm Sandy, but the resilient little town led the fight to restoration. Many businesses were nearly destroyed and some, like the iconic **Donovan's Reef** and **The Mad Hatter**, are still re-building, and **DIVE!** will re-open in July. This casual coastal style restaurant/bar is still in need of some kitchen items, but that's not stopping the good time at this summer stop which had received numerous awards for being the best beach bar. You can make a donation and follow its progress at [divecoastalbar.com](http://divecoastalbar.com) to buy a t-shirt and check on the developments.

One of Sea Bright's oldest businesses is **Angler's Marina**. Owner Fred Leonadis is celebrating 58 years as the boater's best. It offers a covered rack system, and is an authorized Mercury Dealer with the largest parts selection in NJ. Wet slips are available right now for the season and there is also a mechanic on duty seven days a week. The most exciting development in recent years has been the opening of **Beach Boutique at Angler's Marina**, which is owned and operated

by Liz Leonadis. Liz wanted to offer service on all beach items and accessories. The store is always adding new things and now you'll find unique gifts, many personalized with accents like crushed sea glass. It also features a very large selection of beach-themed jewelry and brands including Mud Pie, 2 Co., Jean McNiss Designs, and original artwork by local artist Michael Quon. Beach



Boutique is open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days a week. (732) 842-0204.

On the other side, one of the newest businesses is **Perspirology**, home of the area's hottest new fitness craze. Creator, owner and instructor Katy Fraggos is a professional dancer who has toured with and trained many popular artists like Shakira. She designed the workout, which combines old-school dance aerobics with low-weight/high-repetition toning exercises performed to hot new music to deliver quick results. The newbie opened in June, and the studio offers one-hour classes as singles or packages. In addition to the "Core Classes," there are supplemental classes like dance cardio and foam rolling. The studio is located at 1054 Ocean Avenue, third floor (in the old Adrenaline Building). Visit [perspirology.com](http://perspirology.com) or call (732) 530-1112.

Another extremely popular business is **Jersey Shore Skim Camp**, which is now in its sixth summer. Taking advantage of Sea Bright's natural resource, the beach, the school instructs people age seven and up how to skimboard. There are classes for everyone from beginners to advanced, taught by professional skimboarders. Campers progress at their own pace, and can register a week, (or several weeks), the entire summer, or on a daily drop-in basis. The camp runs through August 28, and is open Monday through Thursday. Skim Camp also sponsors the popular SkimBash contest taking place September 6-7. Visit [JerseyShoreSkimCamp.com](http://JerseyShoreSkimCamp.com), or call 732-675-9173.



Fashion-conscious shoppers will find the latest looks locations, like the stylish **Nova Boutique** for the ladies, and the tasteful and Northshore Menswear, home of classic tailored professional and casual fashions for men.

In other matters of taste, **Tim McLoone's original Rum Runner** is still working towards re-opening and Sea Bright has everything