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Centerport Insurance Company Arranges Unique Coverage for "Little Jennie"

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For an insurance broker to match the many types of coverage available with the particular needs of a client, often requires some creative research.

When Mike Mahoney, President and founder of Centerport Insurance Agency, took the job of arranging coverage for the "Little Jennie" restoration project, the job proved difficult.

Mr. Mahoney has been involved in the insurance business since his graduation from St. Anthony's High School in 1964. After graduation from the College of Insurance in Manhattan, he spent 18 years with a large insurance company. He spent three years at a Huntington Agency before forming his own Centerport based agency.

During his years in the business, Mike—a sailor who keeps a boat in Centerport—recognized a need for a local agency with an understanding of marine insurance. This need was best illustrated when Huntington Bay Senior Constable Bill Perks came to Mahoney's agency to arrange coverage for his restoration of the "Little Jennie." Perks is restoring the 101 year old Chesapeake Bugeye Ketch for an honored roll in Op Sail '86, which will mark the hundredth anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

Perks' project, which will require a major fund raising effort, necessitated insurance for the ship itself plus coverage for the workers and volunteers who will be working on the restoration.

Mahoney was able to arrange unique coverage through a National Trust Maritime Insurance Program Policy, available exclusively to non-profit organizations, dedicated to maritime preservation which own or operate historic vessels.

This is the type of dedication and service that the "Little Jenny" needs and so far has received. There are many people donating time and energy to this effort and all should be commended.



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MIKE MAHONEY (right) and Bill Perks on board the deck of the "Little Jennie" discuss the progress being made on the ship's restoration.