

LETTERS

A31

Clamming is great at inlet breach

If there is any doubt that better water quality will improve clamming and other shellfish opportunities in the Great South Bay, a visit to the Fire Island breach created by super-storm Sandy is instructive.

Beautiful, white hard-shelled clams all but pave the bottom and literally roll to the surface when the tide is running fast. People are calling this area the best clamming in the bay.

Hopefully, the breach is there to stay. I propose that we start calling this gift from nature Pattersquash Inlet, in honor of the Algonquin place name meaning "a linear body of water flowing on the Earth's surface." The water in the entire bay seems cleaner, and we have not suffered from the higher storm tides that many of us feared. I, for one, will celebrate the second birthday this October of Pattersquash.

*Richard Remmer
Oakdale*

Editor's note: The writer is the co-chairman of the Oakdale/West Sayville Community Reconstruction New York Rising Committee, a state office helping people recover from the storm.

OPINION

newsday.com NEWSDAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014