

FOUR WINDS



WindJammers Sailing Club Newsletter

CEDAR CREEK MARINA

105 Harbor Inn Road Bayville, New Jersey 08721

MARCH 1989

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The first official function of the season was held at the clubhouse at Cedar Creek Marina on March 18, 1989. Although there was a small turnout, everyone enjoyed the excellent corned beef and cabbage (thanks, Joan) and several other crock pot and unique dishes. The weather was summer-like (in the 70's) until late afternoon when we had a real shower complete with lightning. It was really pretty and the marina looked refreshed. We enjoyed seeing video tapes of Tom Wright's and Roy Jensen's trip to the Chesapeake and our trip to Maine on a Windjammer last year. Tom is anxious to get a cruising program started this year. Please contact him (201) 269-0329 with your ideas.

Dick VanDoren

Congratulations!

Robert Walpole

&

Lorraine Mortello

who were married on Saturday,

March 11, 1989

Best of Luck!

COMMODORE'S REPORT - March 1989

The Winter Doldrums are a typical malaise for the summer sailors. However, we are seeing the lengthening light of day which signals the changing season. We have been exposed to the winter boat shows and have read all the boating magazines and vacation advertisements while waiting for the chance to start our annual renewal of the sailors' adventure.

We hope the 1989 season will provide each and every one of us with the pleasures of sharing the enjoyment of the sea, the weather, and our beautiful coastline. We are pleased that Donald Lauver and Cruising World have allowed us to reprint a beautiful article on a typical "Mid Winter Visit" to our boat. Thank you for expressing a very real feeling on behalf of us all. The committees are hard at work with their plans as discussed elsewhere. The dues are slowly coming in for renewal however and we need to complete our 1989 Roster. We would appreciate an early return of the application form even if the payment is later.

We are very pleased with the volunteers to date however we have some functions remaining needing volunteers. Please respond to help share the load to make this a good season for us all. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered. We have updated the Volunteer List in this issue. Contact the various chairman directly if you want to assist.

*Dick VanDoren
Commodore*

CRUISIN' THE CHESAPEAKE

by Barbara Fennimore



This article fulfills a promise I made to Val Bernhardt back in July that I would share our experience as "first-time cruisers".

Early in 1988 we passed the word that we would be interested in a cruise "North" or "South" if anyone was going and would like a "tagalong" couple on their first cruise. I received a call from Betty Keller from the Barnegat Bay Sail Club the last week of April saying she and Joe were leaving for the Chesapeake for a three week cruise mid-June. Were we interested? Panicsville! Our bluff was called!! Could TONKA, our 28' O'Day, keep pace with SEA MIST their 30' Hunter? Could we arrange a sitter for our 50 plus Hampshire flock of sheep, 2 dogs and multiple chickens? Could vacation be gotten? After 30 years, would this be a second honeymoon or divorce city? Arrange, outfit boat, study charts, and BUY, BUY, BUY!!! A hectic 6 weeks passed quickly.

Monday, June 13th we left Forked River State Marina at 8:00 a.m.. A beautiful clear day for our trip to Trump Castle. Clarence's first experience at slots and "New York Glitz". Next day arrived at Cape May and had a GREAT broiled combo at Lobster House. On to Greenwich Marina on the Cohansey River by early afternoon. Dare I mention gnats and flies? As we left the dock in the morning, the thermometer read 80 degrees at 7:30 a.m.. There were many fish traps to watch for. At 96 degrees and biting flies the majority of the day, the Dockside Yacht Club was a welcome respite at Chesapeake City. We arrived at 3:00 p.m. and immediately entered their VERY AIR CONDITIONED premises and enjoyed a refreshing drink and a pitcher of ice water. Later dined on shrimp scampi over pasta that was out of this world. Friday found us actually SAILING a good portion of the way to Worton Creek. We rafted with the Kellers and enjoyed a "boat-cooked" meal by Chef Betty. Morning found us heading for Annapolis on a HOT, HOT day. Harbor was very busy! While slowly circling in the harbor before docking at the Yacht Basin Marina, the Harbor Master came alongside and asked "Captain", having never been so addressed before. Met up with the Jonsons (Parker and Dawn) who are also members of the BBSC with their 30' Hunter TRUE LOVE and dink Puppy Love. Two days at Annapolis were barely enough. Walked "Show-Off Alley", toured the Naval Academy, browsed Fawcett's (thank God for MC), and walked the Harbor area. Monday found all three boats heading for St. Michael's where we spent two days. Who ever heard of June weather being 96 and 98 degrees? The Crab Claw for crabs, the Museum, ice cream cones, good food, beautiful shops, who could ask for anything more? My souvenir of our trip came from a small wool shop, a beautiful handmade mohair stole in rich turquoise. Swam in our anchorage, rode the water taxi and enjoyed much good fellowship. Wednesday TONKA and SEA MIST headed to Oxford via Tilghman Island where we visited a friend of Kellers from N.J. and learned about their Seafood Festival scheduled for Saturday. Now we are up to 102 degrees, can you believe it? TRUE LOVE left us this morning and we made arrangements to meet up again for our trip home. On to Oxford ... a quiet, friendly town to visit and relax. Robert Morris Inn was heavenly with ice cold air conditioning and wonderful food. Sailed to Cambridge on Friday arriving for lunch at the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club where we spent the night after walking the town. Arrived at Tilghman Island Saturday for the Seafood Festival. A real old-fashioned treat.

The fire house puts on the food (crabs, clams, oyster stew, beer, corn on cob and MORE!). Crab races, parade of 50 fire trucks from surrounding towns along with their Beauty Queens and Jr. Beauty Queens riding in open convertibles with strapless long dresses. Does that take you back to the "50s? Sunday left for Swan Creek where we spent a thrill-packed night of high winds. On to Rock Hall where an acquaintance in Chestertown picked us up and took us to visit he and his wife's newly restored home which they had just opened as a Bed and Breakfast. Ate at the Old Wharf Inn. Next day returned to Worton Creek where we rafted together near the sandy beach to swim and visit. Wednesday back up to Chesapeake City where we toured the C & D Canal to the mouth of the Cohansey River. Friday we were in both sweatsuits and jackets retracing our steps to Cape May. Saturday we had a beautiful sailing day to AC. After an uneventful ocean sail on Sunday, July 3rd, we arrived back in our own home slip by 3:00 p.m..

We wrote fini to a MARVELOUS cruise at the Captain's Inn. Would you believe we all had PRIME RIB? We were just all fished out!

Would we do it again? You bet! TONKA will again set sail mid-June for a 2 1/2 week cruise ... this time we include two days at Baltimore. Anyone want to "tag-along"?

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20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Al Carlson and Don Rock have agreed to help organize ways to commemorate our Windjammers Sailing Club, 20th Anniversary. The club was founded in 1969 at the former Rocknaks Marina located across Cedar Creek at the site of the Ocean Beach Marina. Please help them with any of your ideas, old mementos, pictures, stories, and perhaps help locate past members to invite them to share this celebration with us. Contact them at (609) 921-2646 (Al Carlson), and (609) 896-2559 (Don Rock)

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MORE NEW BOATS

Congratulations to Tom and Patti Dalton on their new "Wind Sprint II". They are currently waiting for their new Catalina 30 to be outfitted with all the special equipment ordered to enhance their racing and cruising enjoyment. They are looking forward to that first sail into Cedar Creek this spring.

We also congratulate Norm and Teddy Wexler on the purchase of a new Newport 28 sailboat. They plan to name it Monarch. The boat is being outfitted now and Norm will soon sail it to Holiday Harbor from the Delaware River. Lots of happy sailing, Norm and Teddy.

We are looking forward to more Boat Warming Parties. Any other members with something new for us to help christen? We even help celebrate new sails, (especially from the Ships Tailor).

Look for another new boat on the bay, YAR II. David and Milly Pallett from Lanoka Harbor Marina have replaced the "Holy Ghost" (Coronado 23) with a mature 1972 Bristol 35. The excitement of outfitting this new boat with all the features desired by the new owners is contagious. There is no question that this boat opens up a whole new way of sailing life particularly when family or friends stay over. Lots of luck and happy sailing, David and Millie.

NEW EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

We are pleased that Walt Nelson has volunteered to act as Editor-in-Chief starting with the next issue. Walt is recently retired from the staff of the New Brunswick Home News and has ink in his blood. He has been on some very "boring" trips to Spain and Portugal this winter and is currently in Florida. He and Marion are looking forward to the action on the Barnegat Bay and the events planned for the Windjammers to stimulate his adrenaline. Let's help Walt do a good job by writing articles and providing suggestions to improve our coverage of our club. He will continue to benefit from the very excellent publishing and graphic art skills of Walt Rappchinski. Welcome Aboard!

Dick VanDoren

SEMINARS

A Boat Inspection and Maintenance Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 1989 at the Club House at Cedar Creek Marina starting at 2:00 pm. Charles Batten of Argo Marine Surveys, 895 Briar Cliff Drive, Toms River, N.J., 08753, (201) 929-2779, has agreed to provide instruction in what to look for and what maintenance is recommended to assure that the boat you own or intend to purchase is seaworthy and properly cared for. We also thank Boat U.S. for their help in arranging this guest speaker.

A seminar on *"Introduction to Celestial Navigation"* will be held on May 13, 1989 at the Cedar Creek Marina Club House (followed by a Pizza Party). Donald Launer has volunteered to share his secrets of the sextant with us starting 2:00 pm Saturday (Hopefully it will not rain!). Mr. and Mrs. Launer have recently retired and moved to Forked River with their boat "Delphinus" (See article reprinted from *Cruising World*). They plan to take many cruises during their retirement from their Barnegat Bay home port. We also thank Boat U.S. for their help in arranging this guest speaker.

A tentative seminar for *"Safety at Sea"* has been scheduled for Saturday May 6, 1989 at 2:00pm. Windjammer member Mac McGranham (BAMA - MAC) is making arrangements with Flotilla 79 Forked River Chapter, of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary to present an introductory seminar on Boating Safety including a video. We believe this is a must for attendance. More details will be announced. The USCGA also has other instruction seminars planned for the boating community and we will advise as information is available. Thanks Mac for helping with a very important service for us all.

WINDJAMMER BURGEES

Do you need a new Burgee? Call Joan Van Doren at (215) 968 - 5062 or bring your money to the Annual Spring Dinner. Price is \$12.00 while the supply lasts.

A Midwinter Visit

by Donald Launer

While the rest of the boatyard slumbers beneath a blanket of snow, he steals aboard to reminisce . . .

Barnegat Bay lies on the New Jersey coast between Manasquan and Atlantic City. Annually, it changes, like a chameleon, from the bright colors of a summer resort to the slate gray of a no-man's-land in winter. It is here that I visit my schooner Delphinus in the winter months, to provide her comfort and to give her the assurance that there are warm breezes and sunny skies to come.

The road leading to the marina where Delphinus winters in the water passes through the old town of Barnegat on the edge of the New Jersey pine barrens. A hundred years ago, it was a port for other schooners - the working coastal schooners of the 19th and early 20th centuries that used Jersey's inland waters.

Heading seaward from town, the woods slowly recede into tidal marshes and streams. There's an artesian spring just off the road before the marina. Although only a few feet above sea level, it gushes fresh and clear, winter and summer, providing assurance that not far below the Earth is oblivious to our winter storms. I stop and fill a water jug that I'll use for coffee on board.

Just around the next turn in the road, the scene comes to life. Ahead is an old wood bridge, arching across a tributary to the bay. These meandering arms of the many tidal streams that cut through the meadows and woods are ice covered and scoured of snow by the malevolent northeast winds that blast across the bay in vicious gusts. Beyond the bridge a forest of masts identifies the marina. To the right the half-submerged sedges that, in warmer seasons, provide the breeding grounds for this interface of land and water, now have their marsh grass combed flat by gale winds and snow. Off the channel, a boat that had lived too long lies submerged, canted on the sloping bottom, her plumb bow proclaiming her years. Beyond the elbow of land where my schooner hibernates, the bay opens up. On the horizon is the island of Long Beach, where Barnegat Lighthouse, dressed in the red and white of a British Grenadier, stands sentinel over treacherous Barnegat Inlet. All along the East Coast, this offshore barrier of sand provides a bulwark against the encroaching sea and is breached with inlets such as Barnegat.

I drive across the bridge and turn in at the marina. As I move through the trackless snow along the slips, I see unfrozen water around the boats, dimpled by air bubbles rising from the bubbler system. Some boat covers billow like spinnakers in the northeast wind. Others, weighted with ice and snow, hug the contours of the decks, while still others, through either age or neglect, flap tattered in the wind, ravaged by the gales of winter. Looking farther up the slips, I see my schooner. The winter cover is intact and she's floating on her lines. Although I expect no problems, it's always a relief to see her safe.

I stop the car in front of my slip and get out. Even in daylight, there's that certain slant of light in the sullen midwinter sky that gives it an ominous pewter color, subordinating the dimly visible sun.

The shrouds whistling in the wind, the moaning of stretched mooring lines and the timpani of halyards striking spars fragment the solitude of the marina and transmute nature's message into mournful song. As I stand alone amid the effusion of sounds,

I look across the open water in the bay. Angry wavelets, irritated by the wind, show their white teeth as they chew away at the edge of the ice, creating a scimitar of white. The private channel markers - saplings with red triangles and black squares tacked on top - have disappeared, lifted inch by inch by the ice at each tidal change. Dusting snow scuds across the ice until it falls into oblivion in patches of dark, unfrozen water, where old-squaws swim and dive, their black and white plumage mimicking their environment. Despite movement, a timelessness seems to pervade the scene and, like dwelling on a painting, the longer I gaze, the more I see.

The cold wind is penetrating. I turn and crawl under the cover of my boat. The gray of the sky enhances the darkness below. In the cabin, I light the kerosene trawler lamp above the table and pour some alcohol into the preheat cup of the stove. The third match finally nudges the alcohol from its slumber and it flickers into a flame. As I wait for the coffeepot to steam, I check the thru-hulls, hoses and stuffing box. I pump the bilge dry and add antifreeze.

I pour my coffee and sit down at the settee in the self-enclosed world of the cabin, wrapping both hands around the coffee mug for warmth. To be on board again is a comfort to the soul.

My eyes roam the cabin. There is, for me, a closer identification with my boat than for most sailors, for I built her from a bare hull. I alone know that unseen bulkhead reinforcements, electrical wiring and backing plates for my deck fittings lie beneath the mahogany paneling. The time-consuming hull insulation, also unseen, was well worth those extra weeks of work, designed to fashion my schooner into a comfortable cruising home.

On the bookshelf my log, charts and cruising books, although almost new, have the smell of attic-kept books. I pull down the log and leaf through its pages. Last year's tide table marks my final entry, decommissioning day in November. I thumb through the pages of past cruises, remembering that day in June when we left New York Harbor in dense fog and 11 hours later turned toward land, and saw the entrance buoy to Barnegat Inlet emerge from the mist; and the hot, humid day in the Gulf Stream off Florida, when we took the sails down and jumped overboard for a swim.

Those blank pages of the logbook, yet to be filled, provide the anticipation of cruises to come. This year we plan to explore the estuaries and islands of Chesapeake's Eastern Shore and next fall, we plan a trip to the Florida Keys.

The ship's clock on the after bulkhead strikes seven bells. I glance up - it's time to head home. I wash out the coffee mug and blow out the lamp. In spite of the cold, as I leave the cabin I feel both relaxed and renewed, already looking forward to my next visit. Then there will only be scanty patches of snow, darkening with age, as spring moves north to reclaim the shoreline. The marina will no longer be deserted and the metamorphosis will begin to take place as, one by one, the boats, like living things, emerge from their tarpaulin cocoons, ready to spread their wings of sail.

I lock the cabin door and crawl out from under the winter cover into the cold and gray of reality. Or have I just left it?

CEDAR CREEK MARINA UPDATE

Bob and Donna have been busy redoing their home for a longer stay and are looking forward to a summer wedding. Congratulations on starting a special cruise together on lifes' ocean.

Bob has been busy ordering material for the refurbished facilities. He has installed a new hot water heater for the showers and

will be installing two new outside showers and a toilet as soon as the weather improves. Work on the inside plumbing is also in process.

RACE COMMITTEE MEETING

Val Bernhardt has scheduled a meeting at the Cedar Creek Marina Club House for April 8, 1989. The time is 1:00 pm. All interested members are invited to attend. Some topics planned are:

- 360 or 720 turns to exonerate a rule infringement!
- A "Best of the Rest" race!
- First race "cruising class only" with skippers and crew from racing class crewing for cruising class boats!
- Some members request crewing so they can learn to race!
- A night race! With a moon of course!
- A combination race and cruise (race from Barnegat to Manasquan, raft-up in Bayhead or Metedakonk River)!

Call Val at (201) 458-7719 if you have some special topics for the agenda.

ANNUAL SPRING DINNER

April 15, 1989

Thanks to Clarence and Barbara Fennimore for organizing the Spring Dinner under John and Joan Leonhard's direction. Please return your reservation by April 6, 1989 to assure proper arrangements with the Chef. Send your check ASAP. Call Barbara at (609) 758 - 7272 if you have questions or better yet mail your check to RD1, Box 174 B, Wrightstown, NJ 08562. The price is \$23.00 per person for a choice of Prime Rib or Broiled Seafood. This is an ideal Social Event to kick-off our 1989 Season and to celebrate the club's 20th Anniversary. See you at the Captains Inn.

TOMS RIVER YACHT CLUB PO Box 468 Toms River, NJ 08754

The Toms River Yacht Club is planning to re-activate the BARNEGAT LIGHTSHIP RACE, on the ocean, as it was done in the past.

We plan to run the race on August 12th. Both spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions with an awards cook-out picnic directly after the race, down near Forked River.

Please fill out and return the enclosed card as soon as possible. *We need your input!*

Dr. Drew F. Seibert
Past Commodore (SMOKE)

I am interested in sailing in the Barnegat Lightship Race.

☐ yes ☐ no (check one)

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VOLUNTEERS - 1989 SEASON

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Bayville, New Jersey 08721

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TREASURER - Larry Conforti (609) 799-2441
PAST COMMODORE 1988 - Val Bernhardt (201) 458-7719

COMMITTEES

RACE CHAIRMAN - Val Bernhardt

RACE COMMITTEE - Al Carlson, Tom Dalton, Larry Conforti, Ed Ulbricht, Bob Wexler, Mike Baldach,
Bill Jarvis, Bill Martin, Frank Sherry, Bob Conklin, Steve Panek, Charlie Vagorita, and Tom Wright.

EQUIPMENT, APPLICATIONS, RULES, INSTRUCTIONS -

TROPHIES - Betty McDonald and Norman Wexler

COMMITTEE BOATS -

SEMINARS - Bill Jarvis - Chairman

FUND RAISING - Bill Ciunowicz, Jr.

CRUISE CHAIRMAN - Tom Wright

CRUISE COMMITTEE - Gary and Judy Swank, Bill and AnnaMarie Martin

CRUISE SEMINAR -

20th. ANNIVERSARY CHAIRMAN - Al Carlson (609) 921-2646, Don Rock (609) 896-2559

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MEMBERSHIP - Joan VanDoren

SUNSHINE - Pat Dalton

LEGAL COUNSEL - John F. Heimbuch

DOCK AND HARBOR MASTER - Robert Laureigh

HOSPITALITY - Donna Lucia

PICNICS AND DINNERS CHAIRMAN - John Leonhard

SPRING PICNIC - (June 10) **CHAIRMAN** - Larry and Sharon Wagner

ASSISTANTS - Bill and Dot Ciunowicz, Walt and Sheryn Rapchinski, Bob and Joyce Conklin

FALL PIG ROAST, (Sept. 16) **CHAIRMAN** - Al and Millisa Sacco

ASSISTANTS - Skip and Dottie Hock, Max and Esther Gaertner, Ed and Connie Kohler

SPRING DINNER, (April 15) **CHAIRMAN** - Clarence and Barbara Fennimore

FALL DINNER, (Nov. 11) **CHAIRMAN** - Bill and Carla Miners

DOCK PARTIES, CHAIRMAN - Tom Dalton

ASSISTANTS FOR:

IRISH DINNER (March 18) - Dick and Joan VanDoren

PIZZA PARTY (May 13) - Cliff and Nancy Simpson

WINE AND CHEESE PARTY (June 10) - Nick and Marjorie Carnevale

DOCK PARTY (June 24) - Leon and Pauline Wlazlo

COOK OUT (Sunday, July 9) - Arm and Irm Liggio

HOT DOG PARTY (Sunday, August 27) - Larry Conforti and Gloria Lieberman

HALLOWEEN PARTY (October 28) - TBA

CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER CHAIRMAN - Henry Schweber

ASSISTANTS - Bill Martin, Pat Zagria

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WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB, INC. IMPORTANT DATES!

MARCH

18 Irish Dinner

APRIL

15 Spring Dinner/Captains Inn

22 Seminar

MAY

6 Seminar

13 Pizza Party & Seminar

14 Mothers Day

20 First Race

27 - 29 Memorial Day Cruise

JUNE

10 Spring Picnic & Second Race

17 Wine & Cheese Party

18 Fathers Day

24 Third Race & Dock Party

JULY

8 Fourth Race

9 Cook-out

28 Trisail Ocean Race (3 Days)

29 Second Day Trisail Race

30 Last Race Trisail Ocean Race

AUGUST

26 Fifth Race

27 Hot Dog Party

SEPTEMBER

2 - 4 Labor Day Cruise

16 Fall Pig Roast & Sixth Race

OCTOBER

28 Frost Bite Race & Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

11 Fall Dinner

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BOAT/US COOPERATING GROUP ACCORD

The Boat Owners Association of the United States has made available a special membership discount to interested Boating Groups, such as the Windjammers Sailing Club, to participate in their services and benefits.

These services include discount boating gear, group rate marine insurance, towing reimbursement, boating books, publications, boat financing, travel, charter service, boating equipment reports, consumer protection, credit cards, sale and charter exchange, and marine centers. In addition they maintain a very effective lobby in Washington to speak out on issues affecting boats and boating.

Individual members may take advantage of the Group Accord to secure a \$17.00 annual membership at a discount rate of \$8.50. More information on this will follow later.

MEMO

*A Reminder to send in
your dues:*

The Windjammers Sailing Club will gladly accept your dues after our 1989 roster is printed! However, if you would like your name and your boat name to appear in the roster please call -

MEMO

*Joan VanDoren
- (215) 968 - 5062 -*

Our roster information is headed to the printer! Don't miss out on all the fun. If dues are not received by April 15, 1989 you will be dropped from our active member list.