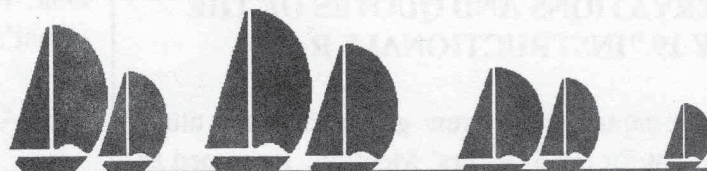


FOUR WINDS



WindJammers Sailing Club Newsletter

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ELECTION COMMITTEE FORMED

A volunteer election committee representing a cross-section of WSC membership was formed at an Executive Committee meeting on May 19 at the clubhouse.

The plan is for this committee to seek out and present to the WSC membership those candidates who want to serve as club officers for the "90 - 91" sailing season.

A fall election, using mail-in ballots, is planned.

Committee members are Bill Jarvis, Don Rock, Val Bernhardt, Al Carlson, Bob Wexler, and Walt Rapchinski

Please consider contacting one of these committee members if you are interested in being an officer in the Windjammers.

**EXCITEMENT!
SUNDAY, JUNE 11
MATCH RACE**

SEE DETAILS INSIDE

HOT DOGS AND RACING SEMINAR

by Larry Conforti

The winds were howling and the rain was threatening all day, yet the turn out for the May 5th Hot Dog Party followed by a Racing Seminar was better than expected. Thirty Windjammers made both events; we never did take an exit poll to see which event was the big draw, but I expect both activities were equally well enjoyed. Becoming better sailors, meeting old friends, making new friends, and eating is what the Winjammers are all about.

Olwen Jarvis and Janet Wexler planned the Hot Dog Party. Hot dogs for a buck a piece. What a bargain! At first Janet and Olwen were worried about having too many hot dogs, but the Windjammers' appetites rose to the occasion and all 60 dogs were devoured. At least some of the success should go to their spouses, Bill Jarvis and Bob Wexler, who tended the grill. What choices we had: regular or Cajun hot dogs, on toasted or untoasted buns. No wonder the dogs were such a hit.

A seminar on the Racing Rules and Tactics followed. As usual Bill Jarvis' presentation was excellent. Bill covered all of the common rules, using transparencies and an overhead projector. At last count there were 30 transparencies which really helped to illustrate the rules. For each rule there are exceptions and Bill's presentation was particularly good covering the primary rules and their all too many exceptions.

Don rock followed Bill's rules presentation with a discussion on racing tactics at the start and rounding marks. Whether Don is giving a speech, a toast, or a seminar you can bet it will be peppered with humorous personal anecdotes. This night was no exception. By now the entire club knows that Val Bernhardt will try to barge and Chuck Hamilton will try to port tack the fleet at the start. As Don said, these are both risky moves when Tara is prowling the starting line.

Special thanks to Olwen, Janet, Bob, Bill, and Don for a fun and instructional evening. Also thanks to Val Bernhardt for writing and printing a summary of the rules and Walt Rapchinski for printing a very professional looking race application.

If anyone is interested in crewing all you have to do is show up at the club house at 10 am the day of the race, and the race committee will find you a ride. What could be simpler? You won't know the fun you're missing until you give racing "Windjammers Style" a try. Also, applications to race your own boat can be obtained from our Race Chairman Bob Wexler aboard Bittersweet.

OBSERVATIONS AND QUOTES OF THE MAY 19 "INSTRUCTIONAL" RACE

Nine captains and crew gathered in the clubhouse at 10am for the Skippers' Meeting. It seemed as though we would have a great day and indeed we did . . . as long as you were fearless and ready for the challenge! It was a beautiful day with good winds, averaging 25 knots gusting to 40k. About 10:30 am crew were wisely making sail changes, 150s down - 90% up, and reefs were going in mains. We began to heel as we headed out of the Creek - with bare poles! We all headed for the rendezvous at Tices where a couple of boats wisely chose to withdraw.

With strong onshore winds, Gloria and Pat were greatly relieved when Larry nobly gave up a day of racing to stay aboard the committee boat - Lunasea - just in case the anchor broke loose.

Five boats crossed the line for the first race - Tices to 65 to 64A and back to a finish at Tices. The first leg was the most exciting. Lee rails slicing thru the water, spray flying off the bows as boats dipped into the waves. Crew clambered onto the windward rail (some for the first time) getting thoroughly soaked and loving it! Boats were well spaced out so rounding marks was an easy task. Since this was an instructional race, skippers and crew had the opportunity to learn and observe techniques for timing the crossing of the line (Vanderbilt style!) sailing by telltails; concentrating on steering and the importance of team work especially on a tack or jibe. Winning was not an important factor, but enjoyment and learning was - we all learned and certainly enjoyed the day. Thanks to gallant crews, willing helpers and a great committee boat team!

The following comments were recorded as we gathered informally for cocktails and B.B.Q.

Gloria: Well, you could divide this group into Sadists and Masochists! The racers were sadists and Pat, Gloria and Larry were masochists for sitting out there!

Val: Race under any condition and you learn something.

Janet: I liked it . . . it was kind of wild.

Pat: Thank God for Larry and the third G.T. It went down so smoothly.

Don: Too much wind for little boats and once I got wet - That's the end!

Bill J.: It was a nice afternoon sail.

Maureen: Better luck next time - this was my first time - we had technical problems.

Dominic: I couldn't sheet in the *%#@&%! genoa to cross the line. I was going to scratch but there went Freestyle . . . so I said, Let's Go!

Walt to Rock: Are you sure you want to shake out the reef?!

Rock to Walt: More Sail! More Sail!

Steve: This could have been a video of what not to do in racing!

Bill: Well did you enjoy it today, Steve?

Steve: No!

?: I have inboard tracks, sure, but I've never used them. I was glad to get back in with the boat, the crew and all the rigging!

Olwen Jarvis

Bill Martin - New Cruise Chairman

Bill Martin, *Callig*, volunteered to be cruise chairman for the 1990 season. To plan and carry through an active cruise season, Bill needs cooperation, input and assistance. Bill and Anna Marie berth their Gemini 31 at Mariners, and their home phone is 609 726-1392. Please give him a call if you have any ideas or suggestions which will lend to a pleasant cruising season.

Cruising Class Race

by Larry Conforti

Next year Don Rock will need to expand his list of starting techniques for his popular Race Strategy Seminar. Three boats had particularly unique methods of starting that Don may want to add to his repertoire. Laurentide and Escapade practiced approaching the starting line from several different angles, first from the left and then the right. Their approaches to the middle of the line were particularly good. Don did mention that it was a good idea to practice several different approaches to the line. But Don, you never mentioned to only practice before the starting gun, and not after!

Yacht C was anchored as the starting gun sounded. Don, also never mentioned this classic team race maneuver. One boat anchors in the lane for a starboard approach blocking one side of the starting line, while his teammates approach unobstructed from the left side of the line.

Seriously, all the competitors who made it to the starting line deserve a round of applause. The weather forecast promised sunny skies and winds in the 15 to 20 knot range. We got the sun for a change, but the winds blew a steady 25 knots with gusts up to 40 knots. This would have been one of those days that this race reporter would have attacked his graying teak, rather than venture out into the bay. Now all the competitors, who could have stayed in their slips, know that they (along with their boats) can handle the blustery Barnegat winds.

As billed, the May 19th race was the Windjammers' Second Annual Cruising Class (instructional) Race. Several of the experienced racing class skippers and crew volunteered to crew aboard other club member's yachts. The following match-ups were determined by lottery:

Bill and Olwen Jarvis were aboard Wind Sprint II. Val Bernhardt and Ed Ulbricht crewed on Swept Away, and Don Rock was aboard perennial cruising class favorite - Freestyle.

Thanks guys and gal for helping those of us who were either new to racing, or needed a pointer or two to become more competitive this year.

Time on time scoring was used for the first time this year for the two five mile races. Calculating the adjusted time was easy once we figured out how many seconds are in an hour. Bill Jarvis' calculations were faster than a calculator with a new battery. I hope

someone double checked his scoring. After all, the yacht Bill and Olwen crewed for won both races. The following box score reads like the "Indy 500", since seven boats entered but only two boats finished both races.

Race One: Wind Sprint II
Freestyle
Swept Away
Escapade
Yacht C
Knot Yet (DNF)
Laurentide (DNF)

Race Two: Wind Sprint II
Yacht C
Escapade(DNF)

The final and loudest hip-hip goes to Pat Carlson and Gloria Lieberman who not only did a great job on the committee boat, but after enduring the high winds at anchor for the first race volunteered to stay on for a second race even though only three boats started the race.

Match Race

The Windjammers Sailing Club invites you to attend a match race between two Ericson 35's on June 10, 1990. The crew aboard the 5 C's has challenged the crew from Piccolo to a match race on Barnegat Bay.

Come cheer our members on!

Race to start around 12:30. We will be leaving from the Cedar Creek Marina so show up a bit early to find out the details.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

**THINK SUN, FIRM WINDS,
AND DEEPENING FRIENDSHIPS.**

Cruising Connoisseurs

This is an article for those who enjoy sailing and eating out! Please contribute your findings on local restaurants and if possible add a menu to our Bulletin Board at Cedar Creek Marina.

Eight Windjammers dined out at the Gambero Rosso Restaurant located in the Yacht Club at Southwinds Marina, Forked River. Reservations are suggested. Phone 609 971-7413 Most major credit cards are accepted. Dress is respectably casual (shorts would definitely be frowned upon!). At this time the restaurant doesn't have a liquor license so take your own wines. The fairly extensive menu is a la carte. Hot and cold appetizers range from \$6.95 to \$11.95; soups - \$4.95, salads - \$4.95, homemade pasta - \$10.95 to \$16.95, vegetables - \$5.95, veal \$13.95 to \$18.95, grill \$19.95 to \$26.95, poultry \$13.95, and seafood \$11.95 to \$16.95 to \$28.95 for lobster. There is a good selection of specials but be sure to ask the price of these items. All meals are cooked to order.

We found the cold antipasto for two was excellent as was the escargot. Caesar salads were very good but one would adequately serve two people. The veal dishes were superb although the two veal chops were enormous! Scampi Francese was the best Al ever had. Red snapper in mustard sauce and shrimp and scallops both received applause (except for a few bones in the snapper). Lobster Fra Diavolo was a special at \$15.95 (Wow) - excellent. The Zuppa Pesce - another special - was far too much for one person. It was excellent however - shrimp, fish, lobster, scallops, clams, mussels, calamari and scungilli in a Fra Diavolo sauce and pasta!!

We asked about desserts which looked superb and sounded heavenly, plenty of chocolate, raspberries, cheesecakes, no calories! No one had room for dessert, but we vowed to skip appetizers and salads next time, in order to sample their gourmet delights. We certainly recommend Gambero Rosso and we will return!

Bill and Olwen Jarvis
Al and Pat Carlson
Bob and Janet Wexler
Larry and Gloria Conforti

SOUNDS GREAT - WE'RE READY TO GO!

COOKS CORNER

How about a corner slot for those who also like to cook aboard? Any recipes to share with the membership? Please see Sheryn Rapchinski (Freestyle) for future publications. (She has an in with the printer so no problem getting your favorite recipe in print!) Contribute!

CHECK YOUR CALENDAR!

SATURDAY, JUNE 9 IS THE FIRST SERIES RACE FOLLOWED IN THE EVENING BY THE ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ONE, THE OTHER, OR BEST OF ALL - BOTH!

JUNE

- 9 First Race, Chicken Ribs Picnic, Coast Guard Inspection
- 23 Pizza Dock Party
- 24 Man Overboard Drill & Seminar

JULY

- 14 Second Race, Xmas Dock Party
- 21 "River Queen" Cruise (25 Min. Signup)
- 27 Tri-Sail Race (Non Club Function)
- 28 Tri-Sail Con't.

AUGUST

- 25 Third Race

Have you been Jarvis-ized as of yet?
Many of us have, and thus far, all have survived.