

# FOUR WINDS



WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB



NEWSLETTER

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## THE GREAT ERICSON SHOOTOUT

There was a flurry of activity Sunday morning. At one end of CCM the canopy from the previous nights picnic was being removed. And in the other corner, the squeaking of turnbuckles could be heard, as the WW racing team of Val Bernhardt, Ed Ulbricht, and Tom Wright, along with owner Anthony Colucci, and pick-up crew of Doc Sacco, Tom Dalton and Steve Zuzic were busily tuning Four C's rig.

Even though driver Don Rock was out of town, Piccolo's TRI-SAIL race crew of owners Bill and Olwen Jarvis, Bob Wexler and Al Carlson, along with Helen Jarvis looked confident in their baby blue crew shirts. Bill even brought his mom over from England to witness the match race.



The traditional start of the Windjammers Sailing Club's summer season has been our Memorial Day Cruise to Beach Haven. But, due to the rain Saturday morning, and the poor weather forecast, the six boats that were scheduled to make the trip opted to stay in port. Many of us remember last years "Heavy Weather". Next year has to be better!

Vice Commodore Pat and Lee Zagaria coordinated, and did most of the leg work for the Spring Picnic. The weather even cooperated, and all 80 Windjammers and guests in attendance had a wonderful time. Rodes again catered the picnic, and every one had more than enough chicken and ribs. Thank you, Pat and Lee, for a job well done.

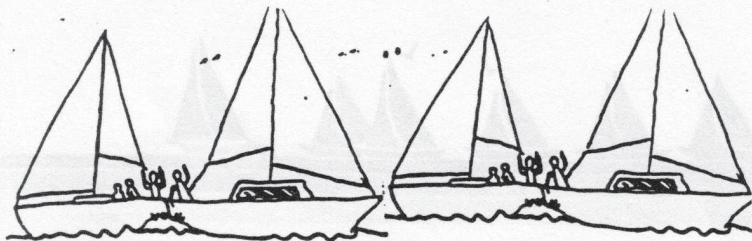
As most of you know, Bob and Donna Laureigh left for their home in North Carolina on Friday June 22nd. During the last 21 years Bob, and for the last six years Donna, have been an integral part of the Windjammers success and longevity. Al and Pat Carlson organized a tribute to Bob and Donna at the Spring Picnic; there were teary eyed speeches of appreciation and acceptance. Just so Bob and Donna will remember us, we presented Donna with a silk arrangement of native New Jersey flowers, and Bob received a new Loran with Cedar Creek's coordinates programmed as waypoint # 1. Bob and Donna, we'll all miss you.

The last weekend of June was busy, new club members, Bob and Helen Fragrasso hosted a Pizza Party on Saturday June 23rd. And on Sunday, Bill Jarvis organized a man overboard seminar and drill. Look for the story in the August issue of Four Winds.

Judy Swank, Northern Light, has volunteered to give skill-polishing seminars to our lady sailors.

July is going to be another busy month, pick an activity and get involved. LC





## JULY EVENTS

July 14     **Second Series Race**  
Captains Meeting 10 AM  
at Cedar Creek Marina

July 14     **Christmas in July**  
Dock Party 6 PM  
at Cedar Creek Marina

July 21     **River Boat Cruise**  
Boat leaves at 6 PM  
from Toms River

July 27     **Tri-Sail Race**  
3 days of ocean racing  
Non-club event

The Christmas in July Dock Party promises to be the biggest of the year. Dock Party Chairman, Tom Dalton suggests that those of us at Cedar Creek Marina decorate our boats with Christmas lights, ornaments, and wreaths. And of course, we should all be wearing the traditional red and green colors of Christmas. At the fall dinner there will be prizes for the best decorated boat. Tom also says, that the club will provide soft drinks and the attenders should bring their own entree (the grill should be all gassed up). And, as usual please bring either an appetizer or desert to share with six other club members. Bill Jarvis has promised to bring his flute and lead us in Christmas carols. Let's all be a little crazy, and have a big turn out.

Twenty five people are needed for group seating on the River Boat Queen. The cost is \$40 a person; for reservations or more details contact Vice Commodore Pat Zagaria at (201) 427-1540. Reports are that the food is good, and what could be nicer than a four hour evening cruise on Barnegat Bay.

## Sailing Shorts

The June issue of *Four Winds* was the hot topic of the Spring Picnic; new members wanted to know what **Jarvisized** meant.

Art and Irm Liggio, took time out from cruising the Chesapeake to visit old friends at the Spring Picnic. *Wind Dancer* is now berthed at Rock Hall Maryland, and both Art and Irm are enjoying cruising the upper Chesapeake.

While trying to anchor as committee boat for "The Great Ericson Shootout", Yacht C's anchor twisted into a pretzel. Good winds for the racers, may not be so good for the Committee Boat.

Speaking of committee boats, Bob Wexler, our Race Chairman is looking for both committee boats and committee boat volunteers for the August 25th race and the three races in September. Two trips on the committee boat qualify you for an official committee boat shirt. Pat Carlson and Gloria Lieberman won't be hard to miss on their third committee boat assignment on July 14th.

Nicole Simpson was spotted at Cedar Creek Marina showing off her brand new parents, Cliff and Nancy.

Many Windjammers have already formulated their 4th of July cruising plans, the WW's, White Wave and Wright Wind, will be heading north to Long Island Sound. Nine other Windjammer boats are forming a flotilla to Atlantic City. I hope the next issue has a travel log of both trips.

The Chuck Hamilton's and the Senior Ciunowicz's are abandoning their ships for the 4th, but they'll still be on the ICW, all the way down to North Carolina. We may see a southern chapter of the Windjammers real soon.



# The Great Ericson Shootout

by Val Bernhardt

The dream was conceived during the America's Cup races in Australia, while watching television until 4:30 Am. Maybe it was the late hour that twisted my brain into thinking this would be fun to do in my own boat! Well the America's Cup has "come and gone". How many times I'm not sure! The crazy idea has remained in my head.

It was during the 1990 Spring Windjammers dinner at the Captain's Inn, when the "Cup" light bulb lit up again. Since the best racer in our club owned an Ericson 35, I thought it would be appropriate to challenge him to a match race. Enter problem number one. I own a Catalina 30 and have been trying to stay in front or catch up to *Piccolo* for the last three seasons. It would not be very competitive to match race in my boat. The only other Ericson 35 in our club was Anthony Colucci's *Four C's*. Enter problem number two, how to talk Tony into loaning us (me and my experienced crew) his boat for a match race with the Jarvisizer himself.

Well I guess it was the few drinks I had consumed that gave me the courage to ask, and I'm sure the few drinks Anthony had made him foolish enough to agree to let us race his boat.

With those problems behind, (I had cleared the challenge with my crew that were present), I made the formal challenge during the dinner. Before Bill Jarvis could except the challenge, his wife Olwen accepted for him and they started lining up crew. We set June 10th as the date for the event.

On the morning of the race, an hour before the Captain's meeting, the

challengers located their "Rental Cup Boat" floating in it's slip. We started to put the "Cruising Ship" into racing format. (Removed dodger, tightened standing rigging, and took off the garbage)! The large American flag was raised on the back stay where upon our competition hoisted their English flag. The course was set up as an Olympic course, triangle in shape with a double loop for the windward/leeward work.

The two racers set off down the Creek and out to the course. Pat Carlson had volunteered the use of their boat, *Yacht C*, for committee boat which we were greatly appreciative. There was a nice fresh breeze blowing that started our blood flowing.

Twelve minutes to start was the starting time for "all the wrong things to go wrong". Our foredeck man Ed Ulbrich looses his glasses overboard. I Ask if he has another pair and he responds "of course, back in Bricktown". I can't get my timex to go into the ten minute count down mode, Eddie can't see his watch unless someone holds it several feet away, and *Piccolo* sails in front of the committee boat during the starting ten minute sequence. We miss the ten minute warning so we set watches for five. I still can't get mine into the count down mode, so I settle for count up.

At the five minute warning I start my watch and try to layout a timed run for the starting line. Looks like we're going to be early, I call for a 360 degree turn to slow down, as we're coming out of the turn the flag goes up and the horn goes off, with *Piccolo* about 30 seconds behind the line. I was a minute off in looking at my watch and should have stayed on course. Eddie was still trying to stretch



his arm out far enough to see his watch. Oh well! We'll get them in a tacking dual.

Well Folks! It was downhill from there. *Piccolo* gained for a while, then it seemed like we were closing in on them. We never got close enough to read the name on *Piccolo's* stern. It's not that we did not try, our crew tried so hard that they tore the jib halyard winch almost off the mast and loosen the main halyard winch to the point where we sailed half the race without making any sail halyard adjustments. *Piccolo* stretched their lead to four minutes and eight seconds at the finish.

Would we challenge again? We already have! Next time, Hopefully, we will be better prepared.

We all had a great day of sailing, we all came away learning more about sail trim, boat trim, tactics, sportsmanship, and how to feel our way around the deck.

A special thanks goes out to Anthony for letting us get the kinks out of his boat! Eddie Ulbrich for supporting his local optometrist; Tom Dalton for trying to create a cloud of pipe smoke to fog the competition; Al Sacco for his great sense of humor at the appropriate times; Steve Zuzic for those great tacks that would help us cover if we were only out in front; and Tom Wright for always being two seconds ahead of my sail adjustment request.

Thank you again to Pat Carlson and crew for their job of officiating the race.

**Nice race *Piccolo* and crew!!**

See you in the fall!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## The Fastest 35 on the Creek

by Bill & Olwen Jarvis

No handicaps, minutes to give or P.H.R.F. ratings, just a straight match race for fun! *Piccolo* challenged by *Four C's*.

*Piccolo* raced with Bill Jarvis in an unusual position, at the Helm, Olwen on the main, Al Carlson and Bob Wexler Handling the jib sheets and Helen Jarvis helping and learning as the race progressed.

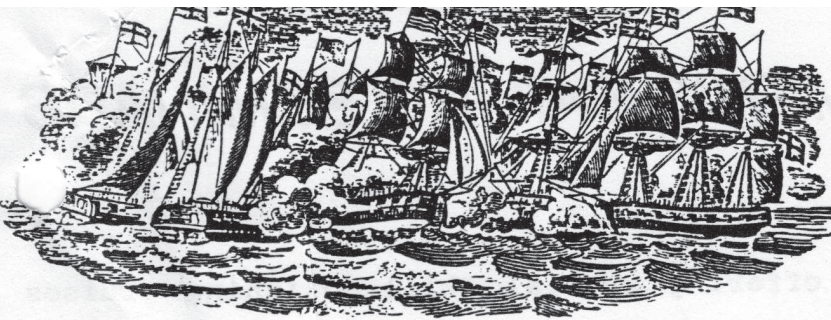
*Piccolo* had a good timed start, keeping the race as even as possible both boats agreed to use their 150's. *Piccolo* made a bad tack early on the race but after that we sailed well, constantly monitoring *Four C's* position and tacking to cover them several times on the first, windward, leg *Piccolo* rounded buoy 64A about two minutes ahead.

The wind had veered steadily and the next leg was now an extremely broad reach, almost a run to 65. *Piccolo* went too low and lost ground to *Four C's* but maintained a lead.

Then it was back to Tices for the finish. Again a reach, but this time a close reach. *Piccolo* was moving well and seemed to be opening up the distance over *Four C's* all the time.

Our thanks to the Committee Boat and crew for monitoring the race. We rafted along *Yacht C* with *Four C's* and had lunch and the usual cheerful discussion of the race. We heard of the unfortunate mechanical problems on *Four C's* and would welcome a rematch when the winches are repaired.





## First Series Race

by Larry Conforti

"I thought this race was not going to last more than two hours. It has already been three hours."

"Your father set the course, Helen, I guess he was wrong."

"Gloria, do you think we have time to make up another batch of pina coladas? I'm sure glad you brought the blender."

"Give me the binoculars Pat I'll see if anyone is coming."

"I see nine boats about one-half mile away heading in our direction. I can't tell who is leading, but they'll all be here in a few minutes."

We better get ready. Helen you call out the time and boat name; Gloria you write it down; and I'll sound the horn."

"It's Tara, Will 'O The Wind, and Lunasea; they're going to pinwheel around the committee boat."

"Watch out for the anchor rode!"

"Look out they're going to crash into us. Hold on!"

"I can't tell who is leading, get the stop watch ready."

"Three hours, eight minutes, and.....forty.....two, Tara; forty.....three Lunasea; forty...four Will 'O The Wind."

The June 9th, first series race was the closest racing the Windjammers have had in recent history. After more than three hours of trying to get their sails trimmed just right, all nine boats crossed the finish line within a seven minute period. The six Racing Class boats finished first with less than the three minutes separating the first and last place finishers. And, the Cruising Class was right behind. Yacht racing is at its best when the fleet is grouped together.

Once again, Barnegat Bay had its own weather. The forecast had an 80% chance of thunderstorms with high winds, and the possibility of hail. It rained to the North, to the South and to the West. Yet Barnegat had partly cloudy skies with light and shifty winds.

The adjusted times for both classes were in reverse order of the PHRF ratings.

### Cruising Class

1. Freestyle
2. Escapade  
Catling (Catamaran)

### Racing Class

1. Will 'O The Wind
2. Tara
3. Wright Wind
4. Bittersweet
5. Lunasea
6. Gentle Persuasion

The next race is Saturday, July 14th, with the Captains Meeting at the Cedar Creek Club House at 10 AM. We would like to see more members involved in the racing program, particularly in the cruising class. See Race Chairman, Bob Wexler (Bittersweet) for details.



# WINDJAMMERS WOMEN'S SAILING SEMINARS

The Windjammers Sailing Club is offering special skill-polishing cruises for the women members. These cruises will be given by Judy Swank of *Northern Light*. Judy and her husband, Gary, keep their boat at Mariner's Marina in Barnegat Township, south of Waretown. Olwen Jarvis has agreed to be co-captain, when she is available.

Judy and Gary have been members of the Windjammers for the past four years, and before that they kept their S-2 at Rocknak's. Judy is a Coast Guard licensed captain, has taught courses for "Womanship", and has participated in a 500 mile offshore race this spring from Florida to Mexico with the Women's Sailing School, aboard *Sea Sense*.

Currently offered on a six hour day-sail will be some of the basics, including:

- Sail Handling
- Helm Handling (steering)
- Basic Navigation
- "Rules of the Road"
- Instrument Use
- Radio Etiquette
- Anchoring & Picking Up Anchor Under Sail
- Man Overboard

The cost will be \$10 per person; please bring a snack lunch.

Courses will be given during the week and on Saturdays, when enough people sign up. Please indicate the best day for you. Each course is limited to six people. Women who are not members of the Windjammers are also welcome. The cost is \$20 for non-members.

Pease call Judy at (201) 583-8413, or use the sign up sheet on the bulletin board at Cedar Creek Marina. JS

The next issue of Four Winds August 15. How about some cruising stories.