

FOUR WINDS



WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



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Bob Wexler is elected 1991 Vice-Commodore.

At the Pig Roast Bob Wexler was elected by acclamation to Vice-Commodore for 1991, Bob will in turn step into the Commodore's chair for the 1992 sailing season.

In prior years the Vice-Commodore was selected by the Commodore. Glasnost and perestroika have touched the Windjammers.

A Committee headed by Bill Jarvis with members Val Bernhardt, Al Carlson, Don Rock, Walt Rapinchski, and Bob Wexler was formed to accept nominations and conduct an election if one was needed.

As many of you know Bob has been an active cruiser and the 1990 Race Chairman. Now that the current sailing season is rapidly coming to an end, we can look forward to another year of Windjammers' activities with Pat Zagaria and Bob Wexler at the helm. They can't do it all, participants and especially volunteers are needed for a successful program.

FROM THE COMMODORE

As my term of Commodore is coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered their time and effort to make our events successful. My special thanks to Pat Zagaria for doing a wonderful job as Vice Commodore. He ran all the dinners and picnics and did an excellent job.

Many interesting things happened this year which changed our club. We now have a democratic method of choosing the position of Vice Commodore. And, Bob Wexler has accepted the nomination and will be our Vice Commodore for the 1991 sailing season and the 1992 Commodore. (See the accompanying article.)

We have started a new race series with Tall Oaks Yacht Club. Race Chairman Bob Wexler has written an article for this issue of Four Winds on how the race came about.

Even though the participation was disappointing, Cruise Chairman Bill Martin put together an excellent program, and has written an article on the Know Your Bay Cruise which took place the last weekend in September.

Tom Dalton also did an excellent job organizing the dock parties. Don't miss the last dock party of the year October 27th at the clubhouse.

The club house at the marina has received a face lifting. New member Danny Crook teamed up with Val Bernhardt, Walt Nelson, Walt Rapchinski, Bob Wexler, Tom Wright and Pat Zagaria to paint the outside of the building. Plans are being made to replace the roof and paint the inside of the clubhouse.

Bob and Donna left in the middle of the season, but Tom Wright has leased the marina for two years. He will make it a full service facility, something we have never had before.

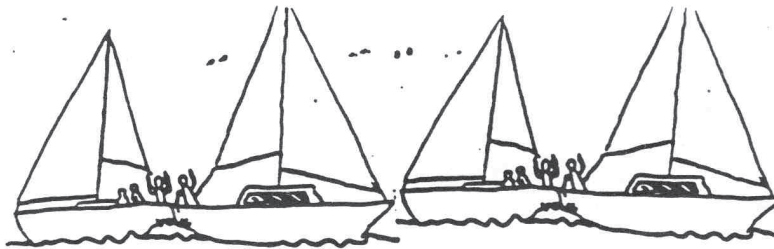
The Pig Roast was a great success due to the efforts of Pat Zagaria. We had 66 members and guests participate.

We were lucky in that we have had no hurricanes to date. Hopefully this trend will continue.

Burgees are now in stock for all that need them.

It has been an honor to be your commodore and I thank you all for your assistance. It is my hope that we will have more new and active members in the future to carry on our work. Please give your support to Pat Zagaria our 1991 Commodore as he will need this to keep the Windjammers active.

John Leonhard, Commodore



Sailing Shorts

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Oct 27 **Frost Bite Race**
Captains Meeting 10 AM
- Oct 27 **Halloween Party**
WJ Clubhouse 6:00 PM
- Nov 10 **Fall Banquet**
Yardley Country Club
Cocktails at 6:00 PM

Even though the weather has been beautiful the first half of October, the sailing season, along with Windjammer activities, are coming to a close for 1990. The Frost Bite Race is the last race of the year. Even though it's a fun race its important since the winner has bragging rights for the next six months.

Dock Chairman Tom Dalton promises that the Halloween Party will be one of the highlights of the year. Ed and Connie Kohler are organizing the affair and promise some surprises. I liked the idea of Dancing Girl costumes. Bring a covered dish, salad and/or desert to share. The club will provide beer and sodas.

A separate flyer will be forthcoming on the Fall Banquet. Those that attend always have a great time reminiscing about the past years and thinking ahead to the next sailing season. We hope to see a lot of Windjammers attend this year. Pat Zagaria is trying to keep the cost down and still provide a memorable evening.

Look for the next issue 'of FOUR WINDS on December 15, 1990.

Commodore John Leonard and wife Joan, while in Hong Kong the third week in September, were playing telephone tag with Gloria Lieberman.

Speaking about wife Joan, last year's Commodore Dick VanDoren and wife Joan were at the Windjammers' Fall Pig Roast. The VanDoren's with their Catalina 30 Dutch Wind spent this past summer cruising the upper Chesapeake.

In the small world category, Bill and Carla Miner's have birthed their Mogran 41, *Absolutely*, five slips away from Dutch Wind on the Sassafras River. *Absolutely* spent most of the summer on Long Island Sound for its one year warranty work.



Cruise Chairman Bill Martin planned a great Columbus Day weekend at Trumps Castle & Marina in Atlantic City. Bill even ordered up great weather. But due to a poor response the cruise was canceled. Where are the Windjammer cruisers?

Lightning struck Bob Wexler and Bittersweet twice. Both the last Series Race and the Tall Oaks Race had good winds which necessitated reefing the main. Bob lost a winch handle in each race reefing the mainsail from the mast. Since winch handles are expensive, Bob was looking at single line, reefing from the cockpit systems at the Annapolis Boat Show. Let us know how it works Bob.

Tune in ESPN on October 29th for coverage of the first leg of the BOC Challenge, an around-the-world yacht race.

Know Your Bay Cruise



Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! On September 29th and 30th, it was "clams and crabs and fish"; oh wow! for the two Windjammer vessels who participated in the **Know Your Bay Cruise**. George and Pat Henkle aboard *Goose I* joined Bill Martin's crew of eight aboard *Catling*.

The two boats cruised separately, but met at the Silver Bay at noon on September 29th. After securely anchoring, and a lunch break, both crews dinghyed ashore to tour the Cattus Island Nature Center. Tony, the park naturalist, led the group through each display which detailed the flora and the fauna of the environs in and around Barnegat Bay. The threatened and endangered

snakes, which the crew members were able to handle, were particularly impressive.

Actual bayside activities which were to include seining and identifying the catch, and a pontoon boat cruise, were abandoned due to the disappointing turnout.

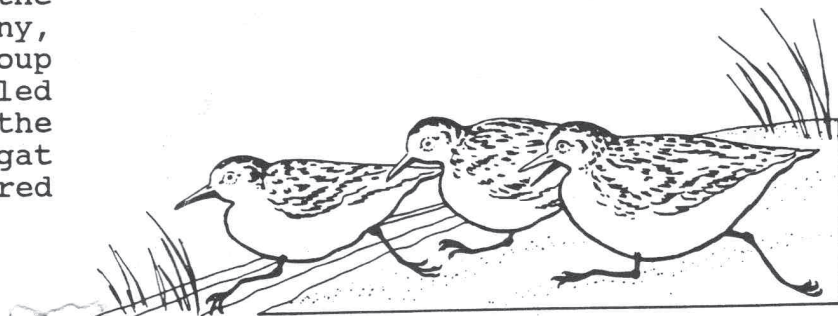
After activities in the nature center the crew either hiked the nature trails or sailed about in the dink. If memory serves correctly, the captain of *Goose I* took a nap.

As twilight approached, the crew of both vessels congregated aboard *Catling* for the sea shanty portion of the program. With Bill and George at the guitars, the crew of 10 sang out loud and long. Hours later, after singing their hearts out, and being full of song, drink, popcorn and good spirits, everyone turned in, exhausted from the day's activities.

Wind from the south meant that we would beat down the bay for the sail home. Tacking back and forth down the bay took about four hours of pleasant sailing. We almost managed to beat the rain.

This was a relaxing, enjoyable weekend which provided a diversion from the usual weekend sailing routine.

Bill Martin



TARA AND ESCAPADE WIN WINDJAMMERS RACE SERIES

Pat Zagaria promised fair skies for Pig Roast Saturday and we got it. But next year Pat, how about a little less wind?

Captains and crew huddled in the club house while Race Chairman Bob Wexler and Bill Jarvis went over the course. Since the winds were a brisk 14 to 18 knots with gust up over 25 knots the course was one of the years longest, 5 legs.

The third series race really tighten up the standings. Only Tara was assured of their first place standing in the four race series, with one throw out. Second through fifth places were up for grabs. It had come down to a one race series.

The cruising class was even tighter, Escapade and Wind Sprint II each had a first and second place finish. This last series race was for all the marbles.

The big question of the morning was which sails to put up. Two boats changed down to smaller head sails just before the starting gun, and Wright Wind sailed the first beat with its full size genoa and no main.

Congratulations to Don Rock, Steve Zuzic, and their respective crews for a well sailed series. And also, thanks to Race Chairman Bob Wexler and his committee for a well run program. Jim and Sandy Hardy again ran an excellent race from the Committee Boat.

Jim even joked that the race results blew overboard. More than a few of us fell for his joke.

Bob Wexler and the crew of Bittersweet did not have their typically good start. Equipment problems delayed Bittersweets' start by 5 minutes, and a winch handle jumped overboard. Bob then slipped on the wet deck and both legs were in the water before he could pull himself back on board. But Bob did have a consolation prize; many of the ladies at the Pig Roast wanted to see the gash high on his thigh.

The 1990 four race series is over, but there are still three individual races that anyone can win.

Larry Conforti

Series Results for 1990

Racing Class

	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Points
1. Tara	2	1	1	1	0.75
2. Lunasea	4	2	3	2	7.00
3. Wright Wind	3	3	4	3	9.00
4. Will O' the Wind	1	6	6	4	10.25
5. Bittersweet	5	4	2	5	11.00
6. Gentle Persuasion	6	5	5	-	16.00
Wammes Waggel III	-	-	7	-	DNQ

Crusing Class

1. Escapade	2	1	-	1	2.50
2. Wind Sprint II	-	2	1	2	4.25
Freestyle	1	-	2	-	DNQ

Catamaran Class

1. Catling	1	1	-	1	0.75
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THREE BOATS VIE FOR WJs' HELMSLADIES CROWN

Saturday, September 22nd, Bayville NJ. The weather for the rescheduled Helmsladies Race was less than ideal, it rained all day and the wind hovered in the 15 to 18 knot range.

Three boats with skeleton crews were at the starting line. Olwen Jarvis with husband Bill were aboard *Piccolo*. *Lunasea* was driven by its mainsail trimmer, Laura Carlson, with Rick Heneghan and Larry Conforti aboard. And newcomer, Margaret Neumeyer drove *Wright Wind* with Tom Wright and Val Bernhardt crewing.

For the conditions, the 7 mile course was extremely challenging. From buoy 64 *Piccolo* set a true

windward mark at Tice's Shoal. The next leg was a close hauled fetch to buoy 65, and then a broad reach back to 64.



The end of the race saw Olwen finishing first followed by Margaret and Laura. But *Piccolo's* day wasn't over yet; Olwen and Bill went back to Tice's to pick up the windward buoy.

Meanwhile back at the CCSC office, everyone peeled off their foul weather gear, and feasted on a Pie's pizza. Laura's tactician kept apologizing for the two and half minute late start; and all agreed the Helmsladies Race should be on next year's schedule. Larry Conforti



MY FIRST RACE, OR HOW TO SPEND A RAINY SATURDAY

If you awakened on a Saturday morning after a long, hard week at work only to realize that the heavens had opened and your ark was in the shop, what would you do -- roll over and catch a few more hours sleep, scan your library for that book you've been meaning to read, crew in a sailing race? The choice is obvious: any well-adjusted, intelligent person would obviously **CREW IN A SAILING RACE!**

I'm not a seasoned sailor. In fact, before this race, I had only been on a sailboat twice. Was I insane? Some may think certifiably so. Insane or not, the fact still remains that I did awaken on a Saturday morning after a long, hard week at work only to realize that the heavens had opened and, since my ark was in the shop, I chose the next best thing ... the Windjammer's Helmslady Race at Cedar Creek.

Shortly before 7:00 on the morning of September 22nd, I jumped from my w-a-r-m bed, hopped into a h-o-t shower, donned my d-r-y jeans and sweatshirt, grabbed a f-r-e-s-h, h-o-t cup of coffee, climbed into my d-r-y, w-a-r-m car and trekked down the W-E-T Garden State Parkway to meet my cohorts in insanity. (These adjectives are all very meaningful to this story.)



When I arrived at the marina, there was little sign of life. In a matter of minutes, however, people started gathering in the clubhouse to map out the course and determine the participants. The temptation to spend the afternoon at The Lighthouse bending our elbows and sharing old war stories was intense, but we managed to fight it and find three crews who were ready, willing(?) and able.

On the *Piccolo* were Bill and Olwen Jarvis. They went out about an hour earlier than *Lunasea* and *Wright Wind* to set the mark at Tice's Shoal. On *Lunasea* were Larry Conforti, Rick Heneghan and Laura Carlson (God bless you, Laura; I work with those two!). *Wright Wind* had aboard Tom Wright, Val Bernhardt and me - these people were nuts! Knowing how important communication is between captain and crew, Tom very quickly schooled me on his terminology; the "stick", more commonly referred to as the winch handle; "turn right", starboard, and so on. Tom, you were great - so relaxed with a stranger behind the wheel!

After some testing of the sails and some practice tacks, *Wright Wind* arrived at the start line right on target. The horn sounded and we were off. What a rush! With the rain pelting my face and an incredible feeling of "WHAT AM I DOING HERE", we headed off for what seemed like an eternity of fighting the wheel - hoping the rudder would go back in the water so I could unwrap my body from the wheel - and constantly watching ahead, to *Piccolo* for the course, and behind, smiling that *Lunasea* was behind.

We dropped the mainsail early in the race - the winds were high and Tom and Val felt we'd have more control without it. I guess they were right, because *Wright Wind* was much easier to control after that. I love heeling, but driving standing in the water ain't easy.

When we crossed that finish line at 64, I cheered. Not only had we done well in the race, I could now get into a h-o-t shower and some d-r-y clothes.

Driving in that race was a high! I thank Larry for introducing me to and sharing with me his love for sailing, Rick for his encouragement and friendship, Laura for her calm and understanding, Bill and Olwen for their incredible sailing ability and Tom and Val, because they trusted and believed in me.

Not a bad race, huh? Want to do it again? **YOU'RE ON!**

So, next time you awaken on a Saturday morning after a long, hard week at work and you realize the heavens have opened and your ark is in the shop, crew. You'll have a totally positive outlook on what can be done with the day!

Margaret Neumeyer

Tall Oaks - WindJammers Challenge Cup

HOW IT ALL BEGAN: by Bob Wexler,
Windjammers' 1990 Race Chairman

It all started when Bill Whitman and Steve Zuzic approached me to have a joint race in August that would be part of each of our club's race series. We could not work out the logistics at the time. WJ has two classes and handicaps the races based on time, while TO has one class and handicaps their races based on distance. We all agreed that a joint race should be held and we decided on September 29th to be a one race "Challenge". Both clubs chipped in for a perpetual trophy, which would be held by the winning team until the following years race.

The race was scored much like our race series, with points being assigned to each club equal to where each of their boats finished in the race. The club with the least number of points is the winner. Because this system requires that an equal number of boats be scored for each club, the club with the most boats in the race gets to "throw out" their later place finishers until they have the same number of boats as the club with the smaller number of boats.

RACE DAY: by Bill Whitman
Secretary/Treasure of the Tall Oaks
Yacht Club taken from TO's
Newsletter.

Below are the results of yesterday's (Sept 29th) race, which was the "Tall Oaks - Windjammers Challenge Cup", an inter-club race between ourselves (Tall Oaks) and the Windjammers Sailing Club at Cedar Creek Marina. The results were as follows:

	<u>Name (Club)</u>	<u>Adj Time</u>
1	Piccolo (WJ)	2:11:20
2	Escapade (TO)	2:22: 49

3	Bittersweet (WJ)	2:25:22
4	Express Mail (TO)	2:25:29
5	Wammes Waggle (WJ)	2:27:56
6	Lunasea (WJ)	2:28:46
7	Will O' Wind (WJ)	2:29:14
*	Gntl Persuasn (WJ)	2:29:55
8	Kalula (TO)	2:31:27
9	Icarus (TO)	2:42:44
10	Fifty-Fifty (TO)	2:47:28

Score:

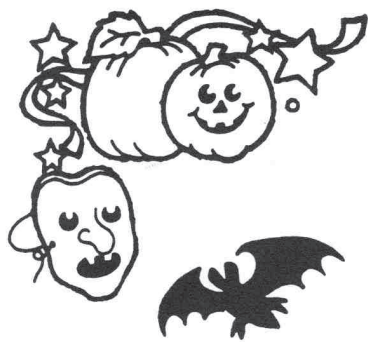
Windjammers 1+3+5+6+7 = 22

Tall Oaks 2+4+8+9+10 = 33

Thank you to all of the skippers and their crews who were out there yesterday and did us proud. We may have lost the trophy for this year, but we most certainly gave them a run for the money, and had an excellent race besides. Conditions were ideal, with a steady 15 knot south wind, and a comfortable temperature. This was our longest race of the season at 12.9nm. After the race, many of us went to Cedar Creek Marina for the award ceremony and a barbecue, which was a good time for all.

This was an excellent "first of a kind" event for our club, and we hope everyone had a great time. Congratulations to the Windjammers in their victory, and we look forward to another fun and exciting challenge race next year.

**AND A WINDJAMMERS' HIP-HIP
TO OUR FRIENDS AT TALL
OAKS YACHT CLUB**



I'll be at the Windjammers' Halloween Party. Will You?



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