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Dock Parties

Three Dock Parties: Mexican, Brunch, and Antipasta/Pizza were all hugely successful.

Don Rock was in charge of the June 22nd Mexican featured which Night, tacos and beer. Don Pat, Sheryn, thanks Gloria for olwen and shopping, chopping, and cooking while he was out Thirty racing. Windjammers attended and all had a good time.

Tom & Barbara Fragasso hosted the Sunday Brunch the following morning. Again thirty attended, many were the same faces as the night before, but there were a few new faces.

The weather was raining forcing the cancelation of both the "Battle of the Sexes Races" along with the Coast Guard inspection. The Rain made for a great brunch, we ate, and ate, and ate. The fruit salad and pastries were wonderful.

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Commodore's Report

It's nearing the end of July; it's hard to believe that the sailing season is now half over. I am happy to say that the Windjammers Sailing Club is on track for having a great year.

We now have 81 paid members, a 12% increase over the prior year. Also attendance is up both at the dock parties and the picnics. Sheryn Rapachinski has been doing a great job with the dock parties. The Chicken and Rib Picnic was well attended, again our thanks to Pat Carlson and her helpers for making it a success.

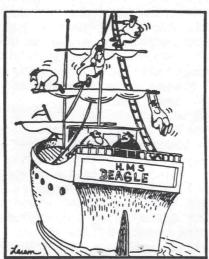
P articipation in the Racing Program is way up this year; thanks to Olwen Jarvis and her committee. Whether your a long time Windjammer or just joined this year, the club needs your support to be successful.

Elections for the 1992 Vice Commodore, who will in

turn be the 1993
Commodore, will take
place at the Pig Roast,
on September 14th. If
you would like to
nominate yourself, or a
fellow club member,
please see either myself
or 1992 Commodore elect
Bob Wexler by the end of
August.

And the last item. There are only 7 Burgees left. Their cost is \$20 each. Don't be disappointed, see me for your burgee.

Pat Zagaria, Commodore



"Well, Mr. Darwin....Have you reached any conclusions, so far?"

August & September Events

August 24th 3rd Series Race Clubhouse 10 AM

> Hot Dog Party Clubhouse 5:30 PM

August 25th Helmsladies Race
Clubhouse 10 AM

Aug 30thSeptember 1 & 2

Island Cruise
Look of detail
with Pig Roast
mailing.

September 14th 4th Series Race Clubhouse 10 AM

> Pig Roast Appetizers 5 PM

September 28th Tall Oaks
Challenge and
5th Series Race

After a six week holiday the Windjammers' calendar heats up with a vengeance in late August and into September. Within a six week period there are four races, a dock party, a short cruise, and the highlight of the year the Windjammers' Pig Roast.

Vice Commodore Bob Wexler and First Mate Janet, along with Walt and Esther Borig are hosting the Hot Dog Party. This dock party has traditionally been one of the favorites. Wait until you have tasted Gloria Lieberman's baked beans!

The Race Program is also coming into its busiest part of the year. Please note that the Helmsladies race has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 25th. Many boats are still looking for crew, just show up at the Captains Meeting at 10 AM the morning of the race. Racing starts at noon at Tice's Shoal.

Also mark September 14th on your calendar. It's Pig Roast Saturday. Look for the mailing at the end of August for more details. Also information will be sent on the Labor Day Cruise at that same time.

Sailing Shorts

Vice Commodore Bob Wexler stopped for dinner in Mystic Connecticut with som colleagues after a trade show in Boston. While admiring the boats docked at the restaurant, Bob spotted *Tica*, with Walt Borig aboard. Walt was on his annual two week Long Island Sound Cruise.

Besides Tica, other Windjammers who have headed North, Wright Wind and Wendy Sea spent the 4th of July at West Point. Bittersweet and Yacht C were touring Long Island Sound the week after the 4th of July. Let's get those cruising stories in, for the next issue of FourWinds. Rumor has it that all three voyages were riddled with adventure!

If there was a prize for "who had the racing crew who travel the furthest" Bittersweet would win the prize. Crew member Bill Stinson flew his private plane from New England to an airstrip in Lacey Township the morning of the June 22nd race.

The Chicken & Ribs Picnic on June 8th was a great success; 82 members and guest were present. Pat Carlson, did a marvelous job with the organization, although her hair may be a little grayer. Half of those who attended signed up the week of the picnic, and the caterers were able to handle the members and guest up to the day of the picnic. But for the Pig Roast, a firm count is needed well before the actual picnic. Without getting gruesome, I'm sure you can understand why. Again Hip-Hip to Pat for a job well done.

Volunteers are needed for the Pig Roast. Bob Wexler has a list of items that need to be done, he now needs a Chairperson and a few assistants. No experience is necessary. Give Vice Commodore Bob Wexler a call at (215) 866-1833 or stop by Bittersweet at Cedar Creek Sailing Center.

Look for the next issue of FourWinds September 7th.

July 4th Atlantic City Cruise

tic City over the 4th the way back to Barne- furry. gat bay on July 7th.

were fire works, dock Bill to seek shelter parties, a race against behind the light house, a 105 foot cutter, but which both Piccolo and most memorable Tara did before the events took place on storm hit with its full

Eight Windjammer boats | Piccolo; his only com- | they kept motoring to made the trip to Atlan- | ment was "Holy Cow!" | the next channel marker. The other boats in of July weekend. There The Coast Guard advised the group all set anchors, and all well. Well almost! Gentle Persuasion veloped engine problems, and Lion's Pride provided a tow to the After sailing to Bay.

Cedar Creek, Obsession than picked up the tow line, and quided Gentle Persuasion into her slip about an hour behind Piccolo and Tara.

Northern Light, Tara, Piccolo, and Sea Wally Harrah's at 7AM. Gentle Persuasion, Monarch, Obsession, and Sea left at the same time

inside the take in the day, former club cat member Bill Ashworth aboard Lion's Pride joined up with the four Windjammers on the ICW.

Around noon and still an hour away from the Inlet, Olwen Jarvis, aboard *Piccolo*, relayed a Coast Guard warning for all small boats to seek shelter since a violent thunderstorm hour or two was an Piccolo As reached the Inlet, the building. surf was Bill Jarvis, hearing a roar behind him, looked | Meanwhile back on the up to see a mountainous | ICW, the boats were wave 10 feet above his having trouble with the filled both the cockpit eryone was aground at and the cabin below. Olwen was busy below bailing out the Piccolo's bilge water.

Tara, was right behind

Northern Light by this | The ride down to Atlanroute via the ICW back time had taken down to Barnegat Bay. Later their beautiful Nautispinnaker, and started to hunt for Sea Wally, which was having trouble locating the Inlet buoys due to the poor visibility. Ed Kohler and Gary Swank kept in constant communication until Ed was able to locate Northern Light. Gary had such a calming and knowledgeable voice other boats called and ask to fol-

The rouge wave shallow water, and evleast once. Bill Ciuthat nowicz reports, sea the storm hit when their flotilla was just pumps had met their north of the Manahawkin match. Don Rock, on Bridge. Since Obsession was short of experienced crew, Bill said

low Northern Light into

the Inlet once the

worst of the storm was

over.

tic City was much more pleasant. All eight boats were through the Inlet by 10 AM, with the last boat arriving at Harrah's at 4:30 that afternoon. Northern Light, Piccolo, and Tara all touched bottom in the Oyster Creek Channel, but all three got off rather easily. Improving the Inlet has apparently started shoal the channel.

Uncharacteristically the winds were from the Northeast which made the trip down to Atlantic City a very broad reach, rather than the usual beat to windward. few boats reported A bouts with seasickness, but after all, the trip only took nine hours. Don Rock and Larry Conforti kept the rain away by keeping their

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Another Look at Beach Haven

Day 1991 Cruise Memorial brought 11 Windjammers' vessels together to kick off the 1991 cruising season. Two vessels, Goose I and Sea Quester, made the trek to the Beach Haven Yacht Club on Friday. A noon start under ideal conditions for motoring, if not sailing, looked promising. As time went by, a stiff headwind developed but neither vessel experienced any problems. vessels were tied up by 4:30, and plans for happy hour were immediately made.

The Beach Haven Yacht Club has hosted this cruise for more years than I've been a member of the Windjammers. Marlene Scott and crew are very gracious hosts and seem to enjoy seeing us each year. They were insistent that we plan a return visit before the summer runs out.

The rest of the Windjammers fleet, Tica, Piccolo, Serenity, Wendy Sea, and Wright Wind from Cedar Creek Sailing Center; Sea Tryst fror the State Marina; Myrmidon from UP-the-Creek Marina; Nereid Northern Light from Mariners' Marina, made the trip down the ICW on Saturday. Northern Light reported shallow going in the channel just north of the Manahawkin Bridge. Upon their arrival, the crews of Piccolo and Wright Wind told of minor encounters with the bottom. Finsen, Captain of Nereid gave no such report as his Gemini catamaran draws just 18 inches.

All sailors had arrived by 4:00 PM leaving a couple of hours for resting, relaxing, walking, ect., before the traditional dock party. Almost exactly at 6:00 PM, the scheduled time for the festivities to begin, thunderheads rolled in and the

rain commenced. These sometimes heavy, sometimes gentle showers delayed the party for about minutes. The party was saved when Bill and Olwen Jarvis invited the revelers aboard Piccolo. As usual, the Windjammers ate in style with excellent appetizers being sampled by the twenty plus people aboard.

When the rain stopped, we moved the party outside, much to the delight of the no-see-ums. The scent of musk and skin-so-soft permeated the air as George Henkel and Bill Martin tuned their guitars in preparation for some rousing shanties and sea songs.

The night was clear, the stars were shinning,

The moon came up, so quiet in the sky,

The people gathered 'round, the guys were tuning,

We could hear them now, singing loudly upon high...

George started with his rendition of The Goat Song and followed with The Chicken Song. Both tunes are classic examples of George's unique style of Piney Punk Rock. Everyone joined in singing The Drunken Sailor, and The Old 'Moke Pickin' on the Banjo, along with other sea songs and shanties.

Some sang loud, some sang soft, some clapped along, others tapped their feet. All seemed to have fun. The singing went on well past 10:00 as people drifted away to their own activities. Some were known to close a few establishments.

This dock party is a highlight of the Beach Haven cruise and it is quite a nice experience. Standing at

Another Look at Beach Haven

the end of the dock with the main channel right out in front, one can vatch the boats heading home from a day out sailing or fishing. Some are of the usual plastic fantastic garden variety mold. Others are more unique. The boats that seemed to get the most "oohs and aahs" are traditional, well-maintained, and many times made of wood. I quess lookers-on can appreciate the amount of work that is involved in keeping those vessels looking good.

The real highlight of the dock party has to be the sunset. While the 1991 sunset wasn't spectacular as sunsets go, it was spectacular in its own rite. Good friends standing on the dock singing and looking and talking to each other. The whole scene is reminiscent of sunsets in Key West when it seems like the entire town partakes in the tradition of watching the sunset from the wharf.

Sunday, ten Windjammers On gathered for a beach walk. This was an informal affair where Windjammers got to know other Windjammers a little bit better. We are interesting bunch with many accomplishments some related to sailing and some not. The crew of Tryst were on the practicing their skills in using the sextant. Back at Beach Haven Yacht Club, Bill Jarvis was engaged in several projects that will surely help Piccolo to go a little easier and perhaps a little bit faster.

On Sunday evening, the Windjammers still at the docks gathered aboard Sea Tryst. Everyone delighted in the clam dip prepared by Betsy Kirshbaum. Six Windjammers made for the Surflight Theater's production of the

hit musical "Grease". The show was excellent. I'm sure others would have enjoyed it too.

On Monday, most Windjammers planned to depart by 8:30 AM. Dan and Wendy Crook aboard Wendy Sea II, planned to stay an extra day.

I heard of no problems by the Windjammers as we traveled back up the ICW; as she approached Barnegat Bay, Northern Light ran the spinnaker up and was last seen sailing north as I pulled into my marina.

This was fine Windjammer cruising! Ester Borig reported that one BHYC member observed that "You are a nice group of people and you seem to really enjoy each other's company". True on this cruise and true indeed!

Other Cruising Dates to Remember

Aug 31-Sept 2 Around the Island Oct 12-14 Nature Cruise

Bill Martin, Cruise Chairman

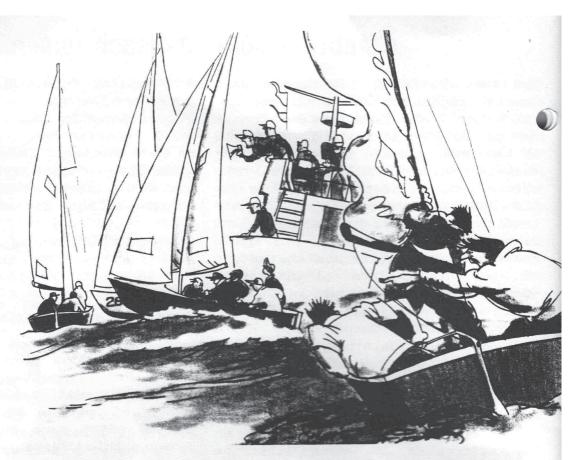
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Rain again appeared on July 13th postponing the "Helmsladies Race. The weather bureau reported that 12.49 inches of rain fell on Harvey Cedars. Victor Auerback, Ceteraki, along with Max and Esther Gaertner made a wonderful antipasto with meats, cheeses and veggies, followed by Pie's best pizza. The rain stopped long enough for the dock All twenty Windjammers in party. attendance had a great time eating and singing Italian arias. the host, helpers and Chairlady Sheryn Rapchinski: HIP-HIP for a job well done.





Olwen Jarvis



First Series Race, Saturday June 8th

What a great start to the Racing Fourteen boats competed altogether, seven in each class in the # 1 Series race on June 8th. course was kept short to allow crews to be back at the Marina in time for the pre-picnic festivities.

Class B (boats over 27.5" in length or PHRF ratings below 190) started first. Tara with Don Rock at the helm made an excellent start and held the lead to win the race. Lunasea, Bittersweet, Wright Wind, Escapade, and Wendy Sea closer together changing raced positions as they ran the course. followed with a less aggressive, but just as enthusiastic start.

Class A welcomed two newcomers to Windjammer racing, Bob Stone on Whisper and Bill Mubs on Prime Time great to have you along! Another new | that anyone remotely interested in

and welcomed face was that of Paul Schill. Paul crewed on Tara wi enthusiasm and willingness. Paul owns P Sloop, a Hunter 25. Paul is already planning to race again!

As the results show everyone did extremely well with only seconds between the last three boats in Class B. Crews all reported having a great time. Beer, shandy and sandwiches went down well on Tara as we cheered the other competitors across the line.

Bittersweet crew member, Bill Stinson flew himself in for the race - Bob Wexler must be a super Captain - way to go Bob! Since Danny Crook was unable to race Wendy Sea, Roy Jensen gave up an afternoon and gallantly sailed Wendy Sea with a pick-up crew great sportsmanship!

Our thanks to Committee Boat Crew Jim Hardy and Pat Zagaria. Pat commented volunteering to help on a Committee starting position. Boat. He enjoyed watching boats at serious about this, aren't they?!" start: running the line, jockeying for position, and then making a good clean start. He found the experience both exciting and relaxing and a great way to see another aspect of sailing!

2nd Series Race, Saturday June 22nd

Just in case anyone should have the idea that all the work and fun are experienced only by the captain and crew we decided to take a look at a race as seen by the Committee Boat Personnel (hereafter referred to as This view was based on the video made by our Commodore aboard CB, Jim & Sandy Hardy's Renee LaBeth.

approaching from all are The CBP must check in directions. each boat prior to the start of the race. Buoys are in place "This one is to wrap around my stern for protections!" explains Jim. "The white buoy marks the line and the orange is the windward mark." Voices call out sail numbers and names "5200, 149, Tara, 82." Is that one of ours?" Yes that's Charlie Weidanz." "We seem to have an extra didn't boat....someone in....check all boats again!" "What | The CBP watch, change flags and start time do you have?" "12:15 at 12:20 we put up a white flag and sound the horn." I'll count down from 10 seconds - everyone be ready. We got 3 minutes." Is this the start of the race? "No, this is the start of the three flag sequence."

port tack, than starboard. Which is the favored end? How far from the protest." line do they go?" Boats in the first

racing and sailing should consider | race begin to sail for their best "They're really Crews pass the CB, stop watches in hand, watching for flag changes, timing, watching, listening. The red flag is up. Start your next watch at the next horn Lee - that times the "Sandy watch that no-one race. crosses the line before the horn, we don't want a recall!" "Thirty seconds to go! 10,...5,4,3,2,1,0 HORN!" 82 seems to be over first with Tara, Gentle Persuasion, 5200, 149, Wendy Sea." "Great start guys!"

> "Everyone watch to see all boats round the windward mark." From the CB is seems that Lunasea and Tara pass very close - looks like a collision, but all is under control on the boats. For the sailors the adrenalin flows, and there is more enjoyment and excitement experienced! Back on the CB, the CBP are now beginning the sequence for the second race, but continue to watch the first group. "What's happened to Gentle Persuasion - is he OK?" "IS he aground?" I told you they put that sucker (windward mark) in too close!" "It's OK he's off!" Let's check on the radio for the extra boat." "No way! They can't be bothered with the radio when they are racing!"

the next race - a less tense start boats are well spaced. There is a protest, but is resolved between the boats in a sportsmanlike way, and the CBP breath a sigh of relief! with they relax sandwich and libations, as the fleets continue on the course. "Someone keep an ear to "Boats are running the line, first the radio in case there is a call - a question, or heaven forbid - a

Windjammers Box Scores

First Series		Second Series		Helmsladies
Class A		Class A		
1 Freestyle	1:28:25	1 Laurentide	1:20:12	Postponed
2 Will O' the Wind	1:28:43	2 Will O' the Wind	1:26:26	Until
3 Sea Quester	1:32:37	3 Sea Quester	1:30:49	August 25th
4 Laurentide	1:44:49	4 Freestyle	1:31:12	Captains Meeting
5 Prime Time	1:48:45	* Whisper	Nds Hndycp	10 AM
6 Knot Yet	2:00:06			
*Whisper	Nds Hndycp			
and the same		Class B		
Class B		Old33 B		
Class B 1 Tara	1:16:34	1 Tara	1:27:19	First Race - 7 ml triangle course
1 Tara	1:16:34 1:28:00		1:27:19	
		1 Tara		
1 Tara 2 Lunasea 3 Bittersweet	1:28:00	1 Tara 2 Lunasea	1:29:09	First Race - 7 ml triangle course 8 knot winds at the start Second Race - Triangle Course
1 Tara 2 Lunasea 3 Bittersweet 4 Wright Wind	1:28:00 1:32:12	1 Tara 2 Lunasea 3 Gntle Persuasion	1:29:09 1:33:19	8 knot winds at the start
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The action begins again as the first, boats approach the finish line." I can see yellow shirts - we know that's Lunasea!" I think Tara is close - yep that's 23." "Lunasea is gaining on Tara - this is great!" "OK, everyone be ready - here we go. Sandy, I'll read off a name or number - all I want you to do then is write the time I give you." There's Chuck - over that way." "I want to be right on the line - Lunasea is going to do it - here we go - 1 hour..45 minutes and....43 seconds." The crew on Lunasea cheer as they get the horn. "A couple of you watch the other boats - it's and seven 1:46 close. Chuck seconds, Tara 1:46:29." The other boats cross the line, Pat and Lee call out names, Jim calls a time, and Sandy records.

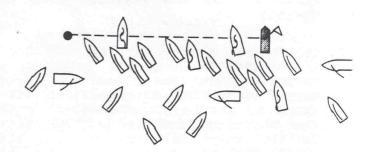
The second fleet arrive and once again the CBP are on their toes & ready. "They have to tack at the line." "The wind seems to be dying." Some good fun bantering takes place, "Push! Gout and push!" They'll be in irons!" "Tack! Tack Now!" "Come on! Here they go." And, a jubilant cry is heard, "We did it!!!"

"That's it - the race is over." The CBP collect their gear and pull up anchor. Tara sails by to pick up buoys, and we all head back to the Marina. The CBP check in with the line results; their job is not yet over. Together with the Race Chairman and Tom Wright the results go into the computer and are printed out after handicaps are taken into consideration.

Once again the CBP enabled us to have a great afternoon of racing. We all sure appreciate their combined efforts. Many thanks again to Jim a Sandy Hardy and Pat and Lee Zagaria.

STARTING STRATEGY - Where to Start

Starts are one of the most exciting and challenging parts of any race.
To succeed amidst the chaos we will first need a starting plan. Then we will need to execute the plan despite all the distractions.



The start of a sailboat race can be both exhilarating and intimidating. Let's go over some of the basics, and try to make starting more exhilarating and a little less intimidating. Where to start and how to start is full of compromises. The indicators usually give conflicting answers to the questions where and how. For this article we will be discusing windward starts.

Three things should be considered before the "where" can be answered:

1) Which is the favored side of the course?

2) Which end of the starting line is upwind?

3) Where are the other boats? And as all decision trees, this one also has multiple branches, so let's look at the favored side first.

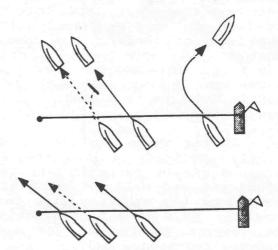
Which Is The Favored Side Of The Course?

The favored side does not refer to the starting line but to which side of the course you wish to go after the start. All the sailboat racing books say go toward the side with 1) the most wind, 2) the first wind shift, and 3) the most favorable The three factors rarely current. agree on which is the favored side Consequently you of the course. must determine which factors are the more dominate for a particular race. But I did say this was going to be a real basic article, so don't worry about these factors the first year But the following or two racing. two factors should be considered:

- 1) Get out of the shoals.
- 2) Sail the longer leg of the beat first.

The first should be obvious: going aground is slow; only going the wrong direction is slower. The second will keep your boat in the middle of the race course longer, and consequently off the layline. In the middle of the course you will minimize the effects of wind shifts, both the favorable and unfavorable ones.

Why is this important? If your boat is starting on starboard, which it should be 90% of the time, and you want to tack onto port to go to the right side of the course, start at the right side of the starting line. If you start on the left side of the line you could be pinned on the left side of the course until everyone else tacks. If you wish to go left after the start it is usually better to start on the left side of the starting line. This is especially true if the wind is expected to shift to the left, but again we are getting away from basics.



Start right to go right, start left to go left.

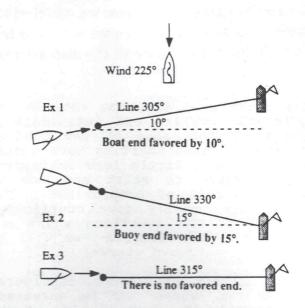
Upwind?

On of the basic principals of sailing upwind is that all boats on a perpendicular line from the wind direction are an equal sailing distance to the mark. Consequently if the starting line is perpendicular to the wind neither side of the starting line is up wind. Due to wind shifts the line is usually not perpendicular to the wind. Also the race committee may set the line with one side of the line more upwind if the opposite side of the course is favored. Remember there are choices to be made and the Race Committee may purposely set the line with a bias to even out the boats on the starting line.

The easiest way to determine which side of the starting line is more upwind is to luff your boat head to wind in the center of the starting line. Your bow will point to the upwind end of the starting line. find out how much upwind one side of the starting line is do the follow-

- 1) When head to wind note your compass heading.
- 2) Go past the pin end of the starting line, and sight down the line toward the Committee Boat at a angle from the wind degree If you a looking behind the Committee Boat, the "Boat" end is favored. And conversely, if you are looking ahead of the committee boat the pin endthe upwind side of the line. This method gives you the advantage to see how much or how little the line is biased.
- 3) For those who are mathematically inclined, a line that is 5 degrees off of perpendicular to the wind, one end will be 12.5% of the length of the starting line further upwind. This is linear function so 10 degrees equates to 25% and 15 200 yards long with a 10 degree sounds.

Which End Of The Starting Line Is bias, one end will be 50 yards further upwind. If you had started in the middle, you would be 25 yards behind the boats that started at the upwind end of the line.



Where are the Other Boats?

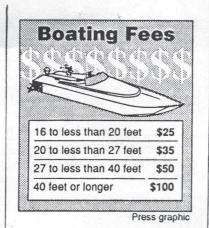
Once you choose which end of the starting line you wish to start, what will the other boats do? Probably pick the same spot on the starting line that you have chosen. Your goal should not be to win the start but to have a good start, and not be too far behind before the race begins. We race in a handicap fleet; therefore, some boats are a little faster and more maneuverable than others. Also some of the more experienced crews have more confidence in their boat handling ability. Consequently, if you have just started racing and are not real comfortable in traffic don't try to start at either end of the line, but go for a spot two or three boat lengths down from your optimal starting position.

There is no substitute for actual race experience on the starting line. Remember some of the basics and you should not have a bad start The next issue will cover how to get degrees represents a 37.5% bias. As to your choosen spot on the starting an example, if the starting line is line just as the starting signal Larry Conforti

Boaters Given One Month Grace Period For Federal Users Fee

Ben Callaway's column in the <u>Philadelphia</u> <u>Inquirer</u> dated July 14th, reported that .. "boaters received a one-month grace period for purchasing the federal boat 'user tax decal. Originally, they were required to buy the unpopular thing July 31 or face a fine of up to \$5,000, even though they may never Coast services, according to th July 1 issue of the Federal Register.

Boaters may 800-848-2100 charge the boat tax to their credit card, or pay by mail by first



800-368-5647 calling for a 'decal request form' and then sending a check to:

> U.S. RVF P.O. Box 740169 Atlanta, Georgia 30321-0169

Bill Garry, in the previous weeks issue of the Atlantic City Press, reported that the decals can also be purchased from all maned Coast Guard Shore Units, and may be obtained by calling the Boating Saftey Hot Line at 800-368-5647.

"When received, decals must to securely attached each side of the forward half of the vessel within 6 inches of either the location of the vessel number or, for vessels not issued a number, where the number would be located if issued."

July 4th Atlantic City Cruise

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foul weather gear in the cockpit during the entire trip down Atlantic City.

Cocktails were served aboard Piccolo from 5 to 8 PM. And again, the drinks and appetizers were well worth the trip. The fireworks display started at 9:30 and lasted for about half an hour. Everyone at the marina had a Francis Drake's ship great view of the 4th that he used to make of July light show. It his around the world appeared as if the fire works were being shot right at the dock.

The cloudy weather gave | Francis's way to a sunny sky on Saturday. A perfect day for *Piccolo* to try out her new kevlar kevlar With Tara's sails. crew aboard, Bill reports that the sails worked perfectly. Piccolo was able to keep up with a 105 foot aluminum hulled cutter.

Many of the group visited and toured an exact replica of Sir voyage. The ship was built in London to celebrate the 500 year anniversary of Sir Larry Conforti

circumnavigation.

The Windjammers also about fine dining and the group of 18 went Restaurant Cloud Gardner's Basin lunch, and to an Italian bistro on the Boardwalk for Saturday The casinos dinner. may be a little richer thanks to the gamblers in the group, but everyone agreed they were richer for the adventure of the trip, and the Windjammer camaraderie.