

FOUR WINDS



WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



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May & June 1992

Cruising Update

by Bill Martin, Cruise Chairman

The Beach Haven Cruise was a big success. You can read about the good times that were had over the Memorial Day Weekend on page 6 of the newsletter.

There will not be a club organized trip to Atlantic City this year. Many members, who have made the trip in the past, thought that three days was too short for an Atlantic City trip.

There also seems to be little interest in having an organized Windjammers 4th of July celebration on Barnegat Bay. You'll probably see the club burgees flying around Conklin Island and Toms River; both are excellent vantage points to watch the local fireworks.

Five Windjammer boats, Black Pearl, Goose I, Nereid, Wendy-Sea and Wind Chariot will be leaving for Block Island the last week in June, returning two weeks later.

Nantucket 1993 is off to a slo-ow start. So far I haven't heard from anyone.

We need to get planning, reservation must be made one year in advance. Give me call if you have any interest in going (609 726-1392). Please hurry since I'm off to Block Island next week.

Lastly, this is a reminder to send your Summer Cruise Schedule to Helga & Jerry Finsen, your Cruising Survey to Pat and George Henkel. And of course, Larry Conforti would greatly appreciate your 1992 cruising stories for the newsletter.



The Windjammers must have left for Beach Haven.

IHYC Race Series

The Windjammers have been invited to participate in the Island Heights Yacht Club's Down the Bay Series. Each of the race days will feature two short races, and a dock party afterwards. The following are the race dates all of which are on Sunday:

June 28th	Aug 23rd
July 19th	Sep 6th

WJ Race Chairman Al Carlson has registration forms, or call IHYC Race Chairman Bob Lostrom at (908 634-5300) for more details.

Boat U.S.

Boat U.S. has made available a special membership discount to the Windjammers.

When Boat U.S. bills you for \$17.50 write on the bill.

Group Accord Rate \$8.50
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195 Harbor Inn Rd.
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June & July Windjammers Events

June 13th	Second Series Race 10 AM Captains Meeting Chicken & Ribs Picnic Appetizer 5:30 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM
June 27th	Third Series Race 10 AM Captains Meeting Taco Party 6 PM at CCSC
June 28th	Breakfast at the Dock 9:00 AM at CCSC
July 4th	Fireworks ????
July 11th	Ladies Helm Race. 10 AM Captains Meeting
July 31, Aug 1st & 2nd	Squan Tri-Sail

It's getting close to **CHICKEN & RIBS SATURDAY**, summer must be here! For the last several years the June Picnic has been the Windjammers biggest event. Last year more than 80 members attended, this year we hope for even more. Dan and Wendy Crook will be the main host for the evening; and we know what that means, lots of surprises and a great time for everyone. Just in case you have misplaced your flyer another is enclosed in this newsletter. There still may be a few openings so give Wendy a call today. For only \$13 this picnic is the best value at the shore, or anywhere else. And, your fellow Windjammers make for great atmosphere. Also don't forget to bring an appetizer or dessert. Many of these dishes find their way into the Windjammers Cookbook. Also Wendy & Dan need lots of helpers, please volunteer!

There is lots of racing coming up over the next six weeks. Two of the series races are in June, marking the half way point of the series. It's not too late to sign up for the

series. You can miss two races and still qualify for a trophy. Also, if you do not wish to race the entire series, members are welcome to sail any of the individual races for a nominal charge of \$5. Also we can't say enough times that most boats are always looking for crew. *No racing experience is necessary.*

Last year six boats turned out for the **LADIES HELM RACE**. The race course is kept simple, but these ladies are competitive. When they get behind the wheel, these ladies yell at the crew for more trim, just like the men.

The Squan Tri-Sail is three days of ocean racing just outside of Manasquan Inlet. For many of the Windjammers racers this is "**THE RACING EVENT OF THE YEAR**". If you are interested in entering see Bill Jarvis or Larry Conforti, both will enter this years race. Last year there were 45 boats competing in three Non-spinnaker classes. Did I mention the "Mount Gay Rum Party."

Two dock parties are scheduled, both on the same weekend. This will be the weekend with the most hours of daylight so come prepared for a long fun weekend. Don Rock is back as the Chairman of the Taco Party. Last years party was a great success; Don had every lady in the marina helping. Don, how do you get smiling volunteers to cut 20 pounds of onions? There will be a \$5 per person charge for all you can eat. Come early and stay late.

Pat & Tom Dalton along with Bob & Joan Trump will be hosting the Sunday Morning Brunch. The Club will provide juice and coffee; members should bring the pastry, fruit etc. Carol Hamilton had a great idea. She suggested that we have a mini boat show at Cedar Creek Sailing Center. Members could give informal tours of their boats. Any interest?

May Dock Parties: Great Times For All

Wine & Appetizers was the theme for the Windjammers first sailing season dock party for the second year in a row. It's becoming an attitude adjustment from winter into spring; from bottom painting into sailing. This years party was held May 9th in weather that has been typical this spring cold and wet. Yet 30 hearty souls braved the elements to make this one of the years most memorable dock parties. Memorable for everyone except our Commodore Bob Wexler who remembers nothing! For Bob who usually only drinks a little this night is only a blur.

The evening was hosted by Dock Party Chairman Sheryn Rapchinski and husband Walt. Sheryn and Walt always put on a well organized and fun event. This years Wine & Appetizer Party was no exception.

Wines came from all over the globe California, France, South America, and quite a few from Australia. Pat and Al Carlson took a lot of ribbing last year for bringing the "Greek stuff", this year their contribution was again controversial, they brought Mead. Where is Mead anyway?

The appetizers were, as usual, all great; at least everyone has a vague memory of the food being excellent, but this was the night that "drink" was featured. Two door prizes were given out near the end of the

evening the first, a bottle of wine, went to Roy Jensen, and the second a porcelain sailboat wine stopper went to Pete Fleming.

Dessert was a sheet cake provided by the club, ending the cold and rainy evening on a warm note of Windjammers friendship.



Back in February Vice Commodore Dan Crook suggested a *Dead Clam Dock Party*. When questioned about the specifics, Dan replied, "trust me! it will be great fun! Then he mentioned something about a "Shuck'em and Suck'em Contest". Well that was enough for the Dock Party Committee to hear. The Clam Party was added to the Windjammers calendar.

Forty Windjammers braved the dreary skies the last Saturday of May to feast on clam

soup, steamed, roasted, and raw clams along with an assortment of salads. The 500 clams went fast attesting to the success of the dock party.

Dan and Wendy Crook always plan a few surprise which make for a fun evening. This night it was the "suck' em contest". There were not enough knives to go around for the shuck'em portion of the contest. Judging by the amount of beer and wine consumed, not having knives was a good idea.

Anyway, back to the suck'em contest. Seven clams were opened and placed on plate, and dabbed with a little horseradish sauce. Contestants had to keep their hands behind their back and suck down the clams. Four volunteered to entertain the rest of us with their suck'em ability: Bill Martin and his guest Gary Patterson, Bill Jarvis, and Dan Crook. Each had their own cheering section; rumor has it that Dan Crook was the betting favorite. Twenty-eight seconds latter Gary Patterson was declared the winner in a photo finish.

But wait!seconds latter a red protest flag was flown, Gary had yet to swallow all the clams he had

amassed between his cheeks. After a short meeting of the Dock Party Protest Committee everyone was declared a winner. The prize, a jug of wine, was shared among the four participants.

Pete Fleming bought the winning 50-50 ticket, but wife Joy took home the \$42 winnings. Sounds good to me. That makes Pete a winner in both of this years dock party drawings.

There are still four more dock parties planned for the year each one has a different theme and all are great fun and an opportunity to meet your fellow Windjammers.

Jarvis Gives Two Educational Seminars

Seminar Chairman Bill Jarvis gave the two educational seminars scheduled this Spring. Unfortunately the weather for both seminars was approaching miserable keeping many of the Windjammers nestled around their fireplaces at home. The first seminar on Sailtrim was held on Saturday April 25th and the second on Racing Tactics was also scheduled for a Saturday, May 16th. Both seminars were attended by 10 Windjammers, the numbers were small, but all in attendance said that Bill gives an excellent seminar. With many visual aids including model boats and overhead projections, he made all the sailing mumbo-jumbo crystal clear.

For the Sail Trim Seminar, Bill used Al Carlson's Americas Cup model to demonstrate the affects of both primary and secondary sail controls. Bill covered all the basics from how to power up the sails coming out of a tack in light winds to flattening the sails in a blow. Sail trim, especially headstay sag and halyard tension also affects how high a boat can point, and how easy it is to find the "groove" sailing upwind.

This seminar was valuable to all those who attended cruisers, racers and day sailors all took home a wealth of knowledge.

The Race Seminar was also a big success. Bill again had overheads to demonstrate all of the popular starting techniques. Vanderbuilt, Triangle, Port Tack Approach were just a few of the starts covered. But more important, Bill explained the thought process to determine where and how to start. Bill put the entire package together, including just enough on the rules to keep the racers out of trouble. Don Rock finished the seminar with a comparison of the PHRF and MIS handicapping systems. Don has some good choices on boats that will do well under the PHRF system.

Domenick Venditto and Mike McCarthy joined Bill aboard Piccolo for some starting practice. They each got a chance at the wheel to practice starting. Domenick went with Vanderbilt and Mike tried the triangle; each hit the line at full speed as the gun went off. Way to go guys!

WIND JAMMERS

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ALL THOFE WIFHING TO PARTAKE
OF THE BOUNTIEF OF THE CHICKEN
AND RIBF PICNIC GATHER ROUND.

DATE: FATURDAY
JUNE 13, 1992

TIME: 5:30 PM

PLACE: CLUBHOUFE

COST: \$13/PERFON

MENU: CHICKEN, RIBF, CORN ON
THE COB, POTATO FALAD, ROLLF,
FOFT DRINKF, BEER, WINE.

WHAT YOU NEED: COME WITH A
DEFFERT OR APPETIZER AND A
FPIRIT FOR FUN!



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*(or you will be put in the stocks in the village square)

NAME: _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS: _____

TOTAL ATTENDEES: _____ X \$13 = _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED

WE WILL BRING: ___ APPETIZER ___ DESSERT

Memorial Day Cruise to Beach Haven

by Bill Martin

The annual Memorial Day cruise to Beach Haven is once again history and those Windjammers who didn't make the trip missed a fine event. Our hosts, Marlene, George, and Annie of the Beach Haven Yacht Club, were as gracious as ever.

The weekend arrived early for four Windjammers who were able to get to the BHYC on Friday. George Henkel on Goose I, Jerry Finsen of Neried, and new member Steve Borgianini on Sloop Du Jour were out of Mariner's Marina in Barnegat. These three were joined by Bill Martin aboard Black Pearl. The group enjoyed a repast at Morrison's and regrouped later in the evening aboard Jerry and Helga Finsen's Gemini catamaran where the **Hawsepipers** (how about this, after one year, Bill and George have a name for their act. What act, you ask?) Apparently one power boat owner at the Beach Haven Yacht Club didn't like their act because he cranked up the power on his megawatt boat stereo system only minutes after the aforementioned group started practicing for the Saturday dock party. To say the stereo was loud is an understatement. People at **THE KETCH** (upwind and two blocks away) started singing along with his music. Outdone by the competition, we retired for the evening.

Saturday was a marvelous day weather wise. It was warm, some might even say hot. Because high tide at Manahawkin was late, fellow Windjammers arrived later than usual. Most were in by 5:00 PM. The usual comments about the wind being on the nose were heard. How is it that every Memorial Weekend, Saturday's wind is from the south and Monday's wind is from the north?

After taking a final "vessel" count, we found that we were joined by the crews of the Snail Darter, Avant Guard, Northern Light, Piccolo, Wind Chariot, Shashay, Calisto, and Escapade. Wait a minute. . . did anyone hear from White Wave, Sea Tryst, Linda C, or Tica? They were expected but didn't show up. Tica was unable to make the trip but drove down for the day and attended the dock party. Craig brought his guitar and became the third member of the **Hawsepipers**. Sea Tryst was still out of the water. Linda C. was reported to be on her way, but didn't show up. Certainly she should have been here by now! Mike McCarthy was able to make radio contact. He reported that Linda C. had engine difficulties, effected repairs with epoxy, and had to wait for the epoxy to set. After a suitable time, Linda C. would return home. Mike offered a tow but Linda C. was more comfortable with her plan. We never did hear from White Wave. Where are you Val?

Because of the lateness of the arrivals, the dock party was a little late in starting. We did manage to get going and once again, we had good weather, fine food, and wonderful camaraderie. Dan Crook offered that it appeared to be a scene from Key West. The **Hawsepipers** (Bill, George and Craig in case you've forgotten) tuned up their rusty guitars, George passed out his trusty song sheets and everyone joined in singing the old songs, the sea songs, the folk songs and yes, we even did the Piney Punk Rock

Songs that were so popular a year ago. (For those of you who are skeptical, you'll have to join the cruise next year and judge the popularity of the Piney Punk Rock Songs for yourself).

So here we were, in our make believe Key West, under a hot, picturesque sunset, enjoying the music, the view, the food, the beverage and the company. This little taste of the Florida Keys only four hours from the Cedar Creek Sailing Center. We had twelve vessels participate in this cruise but under conditions like this, you wonder why others don't participate. It was just perfect.

Perfection, I guess, doesn't last forever because before too long, people were scurrying for their sweaters and coats. It was getting COLD! Did I mention those nasty little no-see-ums that visit just when the sunset is at its most magnificent stage? At about this point, when it appeared that things were falling apart, Bill, George and Craig, the **Hawsepipers** (George, how did you come up with this name? Nobody will remember it, they can't even spell it) picked it up another notch. Everyone seemed to revel in this renewed vigor as they sang with gusto.

At this point, please recall the power boater that I spoke of earlier (the one with the great sound system). He started up his boat, a large, long Viking with twin diesels, at just this time. The prevailing wind brought his exhaust fumes squarely down upon our group of revelers. It not only rid us of those pesky no-see-ums but of breathable air as well. Windjammers went scurrying for their lives. We were told that he had planned to take a group of friends for a ride but some of us thought he saw an opportunity to asphyxiate forty sailors in one easy step. Of course, it would be understandable for Bill and George to interpret this event in a slightly different fashion, considering this and the event of the previous evening. Windjammers were on their own for the rest of the evening.

Sunday dawned bright and sunny. Forty Windjammers gathered at the Engleside for a fantastic breakfast buffet. Once again, Windjammers were enjoying good food (again?) and good company. The breakfast was followed by a beach walk. During breakfast, George Henkel was able to persuade Steve and Connie Borgianini to lead the walk. Steve and Connie own Terra Nova, an environmental consulting firm. They both have a background marine biology and shared their knowledge of the shore with the Windjammers who were fortunate enough to participate. Thank you Steve and Connie for your participation in this activity. Your comments and discussion were appreciated by all.

The delightful morning weather deteriorated in the afternoon. BHYC members and Windjammers alike were seen putting on extra lines and battering down the hatches. Wind speeds of 45 knots were reported. After securing their vessels, several sailors went to the Surfflight Theater's production of "They're Playing Our Song". No reports were heard before the departure but, considering some of the past Surfflight productions, I'm confident they

had an enjoyable evening.

Back at BHYC, several Windjammers, who not protected from the wind and chop that resulted from the front, had to spend the night in their "washing machines". When we awoke on Monday morning, the winds had subsided to the 20+ knot range and we still had some rain. Because the forecast called for moderating conditions by the afternoon, most of the captains decided to depart around noon.

Three of the first four vessels to arrive were also three of the four last vessels to leave. Once Black Pearl, Goose I and Sloop Du Jour left, only Escapade remained. On the way, Avant Guard reported an overheating problem and requested assistance from Escapade. We monitored the radio to see if assistance was needed but heard no more requests for assistance.

Black Pearl voiced their appreciation to several power boat captains who courteously slowed to diminish their wake. This common courtesy is becoming all too uncommon. It was refreshing to share the waterway with these vessels. Previous to this, the captain of Northern Light was also heard to acknowledge a similar courtesy.

Once in Barnegat Bay, the sails of the three vessels in this group went up for a short but delightful sail to our marinas in Barnegat and Waretown. This year's cruise to Beach Haven had become an enjoyable memory of good food and good camaraderie. As an editorial comment, I can only add that it would be enjoyable to report on good sailing as well. Of course, there's always next year!

WindJammers 1992 First Series Race

	<u>Boat Name</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Type of Boat</u>	<u>Hndy</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
"A" Fleet (under 27.6')						
1	Laurentide	Venditto	O'Day 26	243	2:06:23	1:43:36
2	Freestyle	Rapchinski	Catalina 25	228	2:04:32	1:44:03
3	Will O' the Wind	Wiedanz	Hunter 27	219	2:07:36	1:47:26
4	Sloop du Jour	Borgianin	Dufour 25	???	2:11:25	???
6	Snail Darter	McCarthy	RK 20	???	DNF	DNF
"B" Fleet (over 27.5')						
1	Tara	Rock	Lippincott 30	186	1:50:43	1:34:48
2	Lunasea	Conforti	Pearson 31	165	1:53:03	1:42:46
3	Escapade	Zuzic	Catalina 30	192	2:02:14	1:47:05
4	Bittersweet	Wexler	Catalina 30	177	1:59:56	1:47:14
5	Wendy-Sea	Crook	Tanzer 29	177	2:05:16	1:52:00
6	Gentle Persuasion	Hamilton	Hunter 34	138	1:59:39	1:53:03
7	Black Pearl	Martin	Seidemann 29	189	2:21:23	2:04:22

Winds were a steady 12 knots true from NE shifting slightly to the north; twice around a triangle course total distance 10.2 nmi.

Tara and Laurentide Take Early Lead in Race Series

by Larry Conforti

Race Chairman, Al Carlson, was more than a little concerned on the eve of the Windjammers first series race. Rain was forecasted for Saturday afternoon; many of last years navigational aids had been removed from the bay last fall; and only six boats had preregistered for the 1992 series of races.

Race day came and the sun was out, albeit only for a brief moment, Tom Wright volunteered himself and the CCSC dink to set a windward mark at Tice's shoal; and 12 boats were represented at the Captains meeting. Al was feeling much better, the 1992 races were off to a great start!

Pat and Le. Zagaria volunteered their boat, *Swept Away II*, as the Committee Boat. Along with Jim Hardy, the Zagaria's managed the race flawlessly. The race was started on time with a perfect starting sequence. The work of the Committee Boat is always appreciated, but especially so when the weather is not ideal for relaxing at anchor.

The Race Committee set the starting line off of Sunrise Beach. The first leg was a near port fetch to Tice's Shoal, a run to buoy "BB", and a starboard beat back to the Committee Boat completed the triangle course. Weather permitting this race would be twice around the course for a total distance of 10.2 nautical miles.

There was little doubt that it was going to rain during the race; how long and how hard was the question. Fortunately, a heavy drizzle only lasted about one-half hour. This gave Bob and Janet Wexler a chance to try out their brand new Henri Lloyd foul weather gear. They both looked real sharp, and they stay dry.

The winds at 12 knots true, with very few gust, presented a dilemma for the skippers. The fleet was evenly split between large and mid

sized genoas. The f 2's may have been a little better up wind, but the larger sail was needed on the down wind legs.

The "B" fleet, larger boats, went first. Tara port tacked the fleet, and took the early lead, with *Lunasea* following her all the way around the course. A four way battle took place for third place with the boats changing position on almost every leg. Our hats go off to Steve Zuzic on *Escapade* and Dan Crook on *Wendy-Sea*. Steve sailed the race without a single crew member, and *Wendy-Sea* finished in the middle of the fleet, giving Dan an early lead on the most improved performance trophy. Last years "A" Fleet Series winner Bill Martin found his new boat *Black Pearl* at the bottom of the standings. Once the newness wears off, *Black Pearl* is expected to be back in trophy contention.

The racing was even closer among the smaller boats of "A" fleet. The four finishers were separated by only five minutes both on actual time and on corrected time. *Freestyle* took line honors (first to finish) but was nudged out of first place by *Laurentide* after the handicaps were calculated. Just as last year, the "A" fleet is shaping up to be very evenly matched. Everyone has a good chance of winning, and the final standings will go down to the last race of the year.

The racing skippers hope to break out the sun block for the second series race on June 13th. It's not too late to register your boat to race in the Windjammers 1992 Series, give either Al Carlson (609 921-1891) or Vice Chairman Domenic Venditto (908 458-0793) a call for more information. Also, most boats can use extra crew, no racing experience is necessary. Just show up at the Captain's Meeting 10 AM the morning of the race.

TACOS & BEER

for the next dock party!

The evening of June 27
6:00pm
\$5.00



June 28, The Morning After -

Breakfast on the Dock

9:00 am

Bring a baked good contribution

designed by Walt Rapchinski



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