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WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB
NEWSLETTER



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July/August 1992

Eight Compete for Ladies Helm Crown

July 11th on Barnegat Bay was the time and place for the Windjammers Annual Ladies Helm Regatta. Four boats from each race series class came out to race, showing that the small boats can be competitive with the larger boats.

The winds were blowing twenty knots all day which kept the racing interesting. Besides exciting racing the ladies also brought a fashion statement to the race course.

Laurentide's crew was all dressed in red polo shirts and Piccolo's crew wore yellow shirts. Turn to page 7 for the box scores and you'll see that when you look good, you sail good. Olwen Jarvis won the crown for the third consecutive year and Karen Schoenfeld improved on last years fourth place finish, finishing second, only 12 seconds behind Olwen. That's close racing!

Short Order Chicken & Ribs

by Wendy Crook

With only two short weeks to spare, Windjammers feasted on a chicken and ribs dinner pulled off by a couple of Crooks. With a wind most foul, June 13th brought out 69 foragers. The Happy Caterers (that's their name, honest) provided comestible edibles to satiate the hunger pangs of every sailor present. (With the slight exception of Wells Sumner, whose sons ate their fair portion at dad's expense, but alas for whom there was little else left but beans by the time he arrived). The

festivities were baptized by a 'blindfold' water balloon toss, which won a fine bottle of potent potable for a member of Dan Crook's racing crew. Two other bottles of spirts were won via drawing. And Wendy Crook thanked Dan for buying her the winning 50/50 ticket. The evening ended with a glob of sailors skimming over the moonlit waters of Barnegat Bay on Wright Wind. (PS. The 'Chicken & Ribs' notice was not filled with typos, it's old English, mate)

Dock Party Weekend: Tacos & Brunch

The June 27th/28th weekend had two successful dock parties. Saturday, 42 Windjammers attended Don Rock's Taco Party. Don is a master delegator and thanks the many ladies who helped him make this a great dock party. As good as the Tacos were, people are still talking about the three cases of Mexican brew. Rumor has it that the third case had the traditional worm in the bottom of each bottle, but no one noticed.

Sunday brunch also saw about 40 faces for homemade cakes and pastries. Our host Tom and Pattie Dalton along with Bob and Joan Trump ordered-up a perfect morning for those of us with hang overs.

WindJammers August & September Events

July 31, Aug 1, & 2 Squan Tri-Sail

Aug 29th

4th Series Race
Captains Meeting
CCSC 10 AM.

Hot Dog Party
CCSC 6 PM

September 19

5th Series Race
Captains Meeting
CCSC 10 AM

Fall Pig Roast
CCSC Appetizers
5:30 PM and
Dinner 6:30 PM

Even though the Squan Tri-Sail is not a Windjammers sponsored event many of our clubs racers participate. Crews from *Tara*, *Wendy Sea* and *Wright Wind* will be aboard *Piccolo*; and crews from *Bittersweet* and *Laurentide* will be racing on *Lunasea*. The offshore (Manasquan Inlet) racing is fantastic, you do not have to worry about going aground. Last year one-half of the 75 boats that entered were split into three non-spinnaker fleets. As good as the racing is the Saturday night party at the Manasquan River Yacht Club, sponsored by Mount Gay Rum, with a filet mignon barbecue and dancing late into the night is even better. Any one else interested? The sponsors can be reached at (908) 295-8623 or (908) 528-8899 for more information and an application.

It's hard to believe that we'll be sailing the 4th and 5th race of the Windjammers Series shortly. A boat only needs to finish three of the six races to qualify for a trophy; therefore it's not too late to sign up for the series. Any Windjammer is welcome to sail in any single race. Even the \$5 entry fee is waived for your first race. Also, most boats still need an extra crew or two. Just show up at the Captain's meeting and

we'll find you a ride. Please call Vice-Chairman Domenick Venditto (908) 241-3888 or look for Race Chairman Carlson aboard Yacht 'C' for an application.

And for you racers who just can't get enough Island Heights still has three days of bay racing, 2 races per day, scheduled for July 19, August 23rd and September 6th. Only 3 boats sailed the first two races on June 28th in the non-spinnaker class. There was a wide gap in the PHRF handicaps from 135 to up over 200. Cocktails on the veranda of IHYC after the race is not a bad way to spend Sunday evening. It sure beats fighting the traffic. For more information call Bob Lostrom during working hours at (908) 634-5300.

August 29th is the date for our Hot Dog Extravaganza. This is the last 'summer' dock party! Bring all your friends and relatives that you were meaning to invite down to your boat all summer, and let the four couples hosting the event do all the cooking for you. It's hard to believe that it will be nine weeks between dock parties. This would be a great time to share your 4th of July and cruising stories with your fellow Windjammers.

Keep your calendar clear for the September 19th Pig Roast. It's shaping up to be the Windjammers single biggest event for 1992. You do not want to miss the great food and the entertainment that will follow. We'll be talking about the 1992 Pig Roast for years to come. More information will be available in September.

WindJammers Thespian Society

Auditions are being held on an on-going basis on and around Barnegat Bay for the first annual Thespian Society production, to be held on September 19th, following the roasting of the swine.

Boatkeeping Tidbits

The following is reprinted, with permission, from Crusader Yacht Sales, Inc.'s spring newsletter.

One of the annoying spring cleaning problems are green spots left each morning by dying "midges" or "mayflies". Once set by the sun it seems that only compounding your deck will get them out. Try "Krazy Clean" a product by MDR. found in most marine stores. Applied full strength it desolves the green almost instantly. Good all purpose cleaner as well.

Nancy (Nancy Cann a principal at Crusader Yacht Sales) says that for interior wood, particularly oiled teak, "Murphy's Oil Soap" (grocery store item) is the best cleaner. It doesn't strip Oils and bleach our color, is natural, and leaves a nice smell throughout the boat.

With the ban on tin in bottom paints, effectiveness against slime is drastically reduced. Make sure you clean your bottom occasionally this summer. You'll be amazed at the increase in performance. Divers do this service at a reasonable cost, but keep a 3M nylon scrubber aboard and give your bottom a swipe any time you go swimming. A putty knife is handy for chipping barnacles from the prop. Don't forget to check zinc wear while you're in the water. You should have a spare on board.

Good looking exterior teak is elusive for many boat owners. Locally, our rain and atmosphere carries lots of acid, ash, and

other smog particles. All this sticks on contact with the oil in the wood. A gooey gray/black dirt forms in the grain. First don't let it get bad and "409" or "Fantastic" sprayed full strength on WET teak and vigorously scrubbed with a 3M pad or brush will suffice without stripping oil. You may need to re-oil after 2 or 3 scrubs.

If you let it go too long, don't resort to 2-part cleaners, which actually acid etches the wood (and gelcoat too!) the resultant "raised grain" will provide pockets for excess oil to accumulate and attract dirt. Instead we use "Amazon One-step Cleaner". It won't burn your hands or damage your gelcoat, and is biodegradable. It still "raises the grain" a bit, but not nearly as bad. If you have used a 2-part already, it's time to sand the teak. Use 80-100 grit, and get it real smooth. Then apply a coat of clear sealer, then a coat of oil.

When oiling teak, two mistakes are often made. One, make sure the teak is really clean deep down the grain. Oiling over the buildup of crud will only make it look worse. Secondly, make sure the wood is 100% dryfour hours or more on a bright sunny day. If you oil over moisture, you seal water in and mildew will grow in the grain and turn it black. In a hurry? Amazon makes a product called "Teak Prep" which drives out the moisture and also chemicals from the cleaner. We regularly use it.

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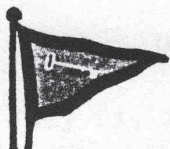
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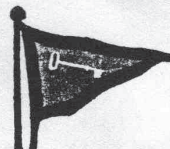
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Wednesday Nights on Raritan Bay



By Larry Conforti

What to do! The Windjammers Series of six races was just not enough, yet I didn't want to commit too many more weekends to sailboat racing. The answer was simple find a weeknight series of races.

Keyport Yacht Club's (KYC) Wednesday Night Series was perfect. Only an hour away from the office and 16 races divided into three sequential series. KYC has a great bar overlooking 200 moored member boats with lower Manhattan and the Verrazano Bridge in the background. It was easy to find a ride hanging out at the bar; I only had one requirement. I wanted to be in the spinnaker class.

I signed on with Edwin Muth's boat *Frog Leap*. Twelve of us piled into the clubs launch at 5:45 PM. I sure hoped Edwin had a BIG boat. And big it was! A tall rig C&C 40 with an eight foot draft. Not the kind of boat you see on Barnegat Bay. This racer/cruiser was maxed out for racing with 12 winches on deck, a control panel for hydraulics, running back stays, and the beautifully polished cabin sole has not seen the light of day in years due to its large sail inventory, including not one but three spinnakers, crammed down below. *Frog Leap* has three #1 headsails; the medium weight kevlar sail has an optimum wind range of 11 to 13 knots of apparent wind.

Even though we had a large crew, only four regularly race with Edwin. The remainder of the crew either

are cruisers or had never been on a sailboat before this race series.

Series 1 Race 3. Winds were changeable at the start. When the warning gun sounded we had a light and medium #1 plus the spinnaker rigged to hoist. The spinnaker got the nod; we were late and rounded the first mark behind a J24. How embarrassing! We owed the 'J' 81 seconds a mile. *Frog Leap* ignored the tide charts and found more wind along the Staten Island shore beating the 'J' by 12 minutes and the third place boat, the Commodore's Tartan 37, *Enterprise* by 20 minutes. The race covered only 4 miles but the last boat didn't get back to dry land until 10 PM.

Series 1, Race 4. A Downwind start, winds are approaching 20 knots, and we do not have a bowman. On a 40 foot boat the Spinnaker Pole is a lethal weapon. Edwin worked the bow, and our substitute driver only spoke French. Fortunately Edwin is a displaced Frenchman, so only those of us in the middle of the boat were in the dark.

On our only jibe the jaws of the spinnaker pole opened not once but three times as the guy was being pulled back, sending the outboard end of the pole crashing into the forestay narrowly missing Edwin's head each time.

Series 1, Race 5. Another downwind start. We had experienced spinnaker crew with us this week. Therefore, there was no problem with the shoot or the start. Remember that narrow range mid-range #1? The wind dropped to 10 knots and we did a sail change only one-half mile from the start.

All the action at this race was at the bar. The race committee set the finish line incorrectly, and recorded *Frog Leap* finishing first, with that pesky 'J' finishing second. *Enterprise* finished correctly and protest the first two boats. We then protested the race committee. After a few beers I don't think anyone remembered what the protest was about.

Series 2, Race 1. We were between violent thunderstorms, yet a dozen boats still showed up at the starting line. *Frog Leap* had a good lead approaching the leeward mark. We had our heavy number 1 and our spinnaker up when we noticed a fast approaching squall line. Down came the spinnaker! The genny and the main were half way down when the squall hit us. KYC recorded the strongest gust at 53 knots. My job was to keep the genoa from blowing off the bow. Kevlar makes for a pretty good rainsuit.

Enterprise was not so lucky. They had all their sails up when the squall hit, blowing them into the leeward mark, which left a three inch hole in their bow. Below the waterline!



A View From the Stern

by Mike McCarthy



The second series race had to be better than the first for *Snail Darter*. In the first race, sailing single-handed, the RK-20 was under-canvased in a wind that never picked up to the 15-20 knots forecast. The heavy chop slowed the light displacement boat. So trailing by half an hour after one lap, I dropped out so not as to keep the committee boat out after dark.

Determined not to be caught under-canvased in the second race and now with experienced crew, we raised the 150% genoa. Crewing on *Snail Darter* was the now famous captain of *Linda C*, who spent the Beach Haven cruise under the Manahawkin Bridge savoring the aroma of drying epoxy.

At the start of Class B we watched *Tara* shoot out on a port tack at the unfavored end followed by the rest of the field. Then the tension heightened as we prepared for the Class A start. We practiced gibing and tacking the big 150. Sometime during a luffing genoa and a crackling radio, the 10 minute warning sounded. Neither of us heard it. We continued circling. When the 5 minute warning sounded I dutifully set my on-board count down clock to 10 minutes. At the 5 minute warning (the real start) I noticed the small boats converging on the line. "Probably going for a Vanderbuilt start" was my conjecture. About a minute later when none of the boats circled back the dim reality settled in. We crossed the line going full bore within 17 seconds of being exactly 5 minutes late.

We beat toward marker 'BB' like a greyhound with a bar-bell in its teeth. The wind freshened, we heeled drenching the foot of the big 150. Overpowered, we hauled down the genoa and still beat toward the mark at nearly 4 knots. As we ap-

proached the mark, one by one we passed the five boats that left with the "head start". Of course they were all going the other way! At the rounding we raised the genoa again. This was the most exciting part of the race. With the 150 poled out with a boat hook, *Snail Darter* averaged 6.5 knots and often hit 8 knots down waves.

The wind topped 20 knots. At this point I realized it would take nine people to properly single-hand the boat. Bob brought binoculars and showed great skill in locating the boats ahead of us. As we came within two boat lengths of marker '40' I yelled "mast abeam!" But then we righted and the mast was back where it should have been.

We cut Windjammers marker 'C' and headed for the committee boat to tell them the now familiar news. As we approached the line the water behind us parted. Out of the spray streaked a sleek white hull on a close reach. *Tara* screamed past us and crossed the line to blaring horns, (oh, we heard that!).

Another DNF for *Snail Darter*. There is something to say for consistency but enough is enough! Next time we'll finish. Committee boat bring your sleeping bags!

Racing Tips

Mike's problems at the start are common to many racers. Here are some practical tips that you may not find in a text book.

1. Committee Boat horns are sometimes difficult to hear; therefore pay attention to the flag sequence:

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WindJammers 1992 Second 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	2:09:36	1:46:14
2	Sloop du Jour	Borgianin	Dufour 25	225	2:10:30	1:49:27
3	Will O' the Wind	Wiedanz	Hunter 27	219	2:20:30	1:58:18
4	Callisto	Laks	Cal 27	198	2:26:20	2:07:10
6	Snail Darter	McCarthy	RK 20	264	DNF	DNF
6	P-Sloop	Schill	Hunter 25	222	DNF	DNF

***B* Fleet (over 27.5')**

1	Tara	Rock	Lippincott 30	186	2:05:52	1:51:10
2	Bittersweet	Wexler	Catalina 30	177	2:16:41	2:02:13
3	Escapade	Zuzic	Catalina 30	192	2:29:15	2:10:45
4	Wendy-Sea	Crook	Tanzer 29	177	2:27:31	2:11:54
5	Gentle Persuasion	Hamilton	Hunter 34	138	2:20:14	2:12:30
6	Impatiens	Bistis	Catalina 30	183	2:31:04	2:13:58
7	Lunasea	Conforti/Lieberman	Pearson 31	165	2:31:09	2:17:25
8	Black Pearl	Martin	Seidleman 29	189	2:39:50	2:20:36
10	Wind Sprint II	Dalton	Catalina 30	180	DNF	DNF

Winds were 12 knots at the start building to 20 knots by race end.
A fleet's course was 9.8 km; B fleets was 10.6. Both courses were a modified windward - leeward twice around.

WindJammers 1992 Third 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	Callisto	Laks	Cal 27	198	1:40:34	1:27:24
2	Laurentide	Venditto	O'Day 26	243	1:55:35	1:34:45
3	Will O' the Wind	Wiedanz	Hunter 27	219	1:57:50	1:39:13
4	Sloop du Jour	Borgianin	Dufour 25	225	2:02:57	1:40:07
5	Snail Darter	McCarthy	RK 20	264	2:37:43	2:05:56

***B* Fleet (over 27.5')**

1	Tara	Rock	Lippincott 30	186	1:35:48	1:24:37
2	Bittersweet	Wexler	Catalina 30	177	1:41:27	1:30:42
3	Lunasea	Conforti/Lieberman	Pearson 31	165	1:43:28	1:34:04
4	Wendy-Sea	Crook	Tanzer 29	177	1:49:02	1:37:44
5	Escapade	Zuzic	Catalina 30	192	2:05:04	1:49:33
6	Impatiens	Bistis	Catalina 30	183	2:12:42	1:57:41

Race delayed one-half hour 5 knots at the start building to 8 Knots
Both fleets sailed the same 6.2 mile triangle course.

Racing Tips Continued

White (warning) at 10 minutes; Blue (preparatory) at 5 minutes; Red to go.

If you miss the white flag do not panic. The white (the same for the blue) is lowered 30 seconds before the next flag is raised giving you plenty of time to set up for the five minute countdown. Most other clubs use a one minute take down; therefore it's always a good idea to read the race instructions before every race.

2. Stay close to the Committee Boat before the approximate time of the 10 minute warning signal. It's easy to catch the white flag if you can hear the starter, "... five, four, three ...". If you miss the white flag, follow the same procedure for the blue flag five minutes later.

3. After the white flag, but most definitely after the blue flag do not be more than one minute sailing time from somewhere on the starting line. You never know when you'll have a bad tack, a bad jibe, or an override.

4. Do not lose your enthusiasm for racing. Windjammers racing is supposed to be fun and a learning experience. The competition is a distant third.

Atlantic City to Host 1993 Sailing Expo

The midwinter New York boat show has been showing fewer and fewer sail boats each year. But what can we do between the Annapolis Boat show in October and the spring launch of our boats. We have a solution this year. **SAIL EXPO!** Four days have been set aside for Sail Expo February 4-7, 1993.

This will not be your ordinary boat show. Just look at the list of some of the planned events.

Seminars: Two all day seminars are being planned one on performance sailing and the second on safety at sea. Shorter seminars are being planned for racing rules to sailmaking, boat maintenance to world cruising.

A frostbite regatta with world class one-design sailors competing in JY15's.

Sailing World will sponsor a dinner on Saturday night. In attendance will be Buddy Melges and Gary Jobson.

How about a Windjammers rendezvous with members who have moved away from Barnegat Bay?



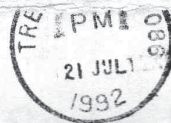
WindJammers 1992 Ladies Helm Race

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1	Piccolo	Olwen Jarvis	Ericson 35	135	57:28	54:32
2	Laurentide	Karen Schoenfeld	O'Day 26	243	1:06:51	54:48
3	Lunasea	Laura Carlson	Pearson 31	165	1:01:54	56:38
4	Callisto	Jennifer Laks	Cal 27	198	1:08:39	59:39
5	Will O' the Wind	Carol Weidanz	Hunter 27	222	1:12:31	1:01:04
6	Impatiens	Lisa/Lori Bistis	Catalina 30	183	1:09:54	1:01:59
7	Sloop du Jour	Connie Borgianin	Dufour 25	225	1:16:27	1:04:07
8	Wendy Sea	Wendy Crock	Tanzer 29	177	1:11:50	1:04:14

Winds were 16 to 24 knots. The course was a 6.2 mile triangle course.



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SUMMER

At the Dock



Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers we had some **GREAT** dock parties last year. This year we are anticipating another exciting season filled with these special WindJammer activities.

Be sure to set these dates aside:

~~May 16 - Wind and Appetizer Party~~

~~June 27 - Toss Party~~

~~June 28 - Breakfast on the Dock~~

August 29 - Hot Dogs on the Grill

October 3 - Oktoberfest

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