

# Four Winds

Issue 5

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## Blue Ribbon Panel Committee Selected to Nominate 1993 Vice Commodore.

The 1993 Vice - Commodore's position is extremely important to the Windjammers Sailing Club. The Vice Commodore stands in for the Commodore when needed; as a member of the Executive Committee helps plan the following year's agenda; and, supervises the banquets and picnic volunteers. Sounds like a lot of work? It is! But, those who have held the position over the club's 23 year history say that the time spent was well worth it. People are what make the Windjammers, and as Vice Commodore you're going to meet and work with all of the club's active members, some of which will become your friends for life.

### Selection Committee

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## Piccolo Wins Five Races at AC

*Atlantic City, August 8th.* Headlines from Saturday morning's *Atlantic City Press*, read "**Smoke and Piccolo continue to Dominate in Heart Cup**". Atlantic City's Race Week is a charity event with two races on both Thursday and Friday and a single race on Saturday.

With superior crew work, a good boat, and a favorable division split, *Piccolo* was one of only two boats with a perfect 4 - 0 going into Saturday's final race. The other boat *Smoke*, a C&S 27 out of Toms River Yacht Club, was in one of the spinnaker classes.

Sunday's race was all important for both boats, and like a Hollywood script both boats finished first in the final race, going undefeated for the series. It took three tie breakers before *Smoke* was awarded the Heart Trophy as the best all around boat in the series.

Windjammers can take pride, that our members have done very well in South Jersey's biggest regatta.

Ours is a large club with approximately 80 (family) members. Our member's interests are varied, some like to party ashore, others like to raft-up; some like to day sail, others like to cruise to distant shores; some like to lounge at Tice's Shoals, others like to race on a windy day. The Windjammers try to be all things to all sailors; therefore it's the current year's participants who decide the club's emphasis.

Did you know that half the club's members do not keep their boat at Cedar Creek Sailing Center? Due to the generosity of the marina's

management most events are held at CCSC, but we have no by-laws that both the Commodore and Vice Commodore must keep their boat at CCSC.

We are continuing the tradition of the current year's Vice Commodore being elected the following year's Commodore. That means that as Vice Commodore you will have the opportunity to work side by side with Dan Crook and first mate Wendy. Their motto is, "if it isn't fun, it's not worth doing."

If any one is interested in the Vice Commodore position, or would like to nominate someone, please contact a member of the Selection Committee before **PIG ROAST SATURDAY**.



# September & October WJ Events

- September 19**      **Fifth Series Race**  
10 AM Captains Meeting
- Pig Roast**  
Appetizer 5:30 PM  
Dinner at 6:00 PM
- October 3**            **Sixth Series Race & Tall Oaks Challenge**  
10 AM Captains Meeting
- Oktoberfest**  
6 PM at CCSC
- October 11**          **Bus Trip to Annapolis Boat Show**  
To be announced
- October 31**          **Frostbite Race**  
10 AM Captains Meeting
- Halloween Party**  
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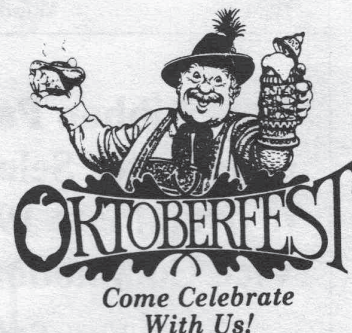
September's here! Windjammers like to extend the sailing season, so we pack September and October with lots of fun events. The biggest will be the annual **PIG ROAST**. Rode's are back as the caterers for this event; their food is always great and there is usually plenty of it. So bring your appetites. Many of us may be getting tired of barbecue by now, but you haven't had a barbecue until you have tasted a Rode's PIG. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children smaller than the PIG. There is a flyer enclosed, but to ensure that you will not be left out give Wendy Crook a call at (908) 905-0393.

Besides the PIG there is another good reason for going to the **PIG ROAST**. The Windjammers' Thespian Society will put on their first production. Wendy and Dan Crook are keeping the players and script a secret, but the general theme will be the humorous predicaments Windjammers have gotten into over the

years. So come on out and laugh at the anecdotes of your fellow Windjammers, or maybe even some of your own.

The **Oktoberfest** drew more than 60 Windjammers this past Oktober. Was it the Bratwurst, Knockwurst, Summer Sausages or lots and lots of beer that brought out so many

participants? Whatever the reason this year will be more of the same. Also, the Windjammers will be hosting the Tall Oaks Yacht Club, so we expect even more people to attend. In order to get an approximate head count please give either Al Liland (201) 663-3580 or Dottie Hock (609) 259-2357 a call.



The last dock party of the year will have

**Halloween Party** theme. What else could it be on Allhallows Eve.

Dock Party Chairlady Sheryn Rapchinski is already making plans. The Race Awards will be given out at the end of the evening, and we are looking into the

possibility of having the event indoors.

Three races are also planned over the next two months. The last series race on October 3rd will also be the The Tall Oaks Challenge Race. This will double the number of boats on the race course which triples the fun on the starting line. The Windjammers have won the Challenge Cup the last two years; therefore the Tall Oaks racers are hungry.

Remember last years frostbite race, 70 degrees, fog and little wind? Don't put your boat away just yet. This is a fun race. We usually get a great turn out, especially those who did not race the current year, yet still want to see how competitive their boat and crew really are.



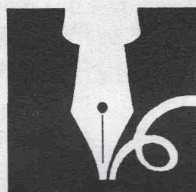
# WindJammers' Sailing Shorts

Volume 1

*News about the Windjammers, their boats, and their events.*

## Thirty-eight Windjammers attend Hot Dog Party.

It had been two months since the previous Windjammers' dock party, and we were real hungry. As you'll read in the race story, the fourth series race was delayed two hours. This in turn delayed Gloria Lieberman (*Lunasea*) and her baked beans from arriving until 6:30, a half hour after the official party start time. Bill Jarvis (*Piccolo*) had already grilled half of the 100 hot dogs; therefore the line moved quickly once the baked beans arrived. The success of the evening belongs to the weather, (it was a beautiful sunset), and the volunteers: Bob and Janet Wexler, *Bittersweet*; Walt and Ester Borig with son Craig, *Tica*; Bob and Carol Hodges, *Sloop De Jour*; and Eric and Thompson, *Comanache Two*. After dinner we all sang Happy Anniversary to Val and Martina Bernhardt in front of their boat *White Wave*.



Venditto purchased a Freedom 28 Yacht, during the first week of August. The Freedom is a beautiful boat, albeit a little different from the typical sloop. The mast is unstayed, no shrouds or backstay, with a self tacking jib.

Since Domenick and Maureen liked the name Laurentide (must have had something to do with daughter Lauren and all those Laurentide napkins) they now own two boats with the same name. But hopefully not for long, their O'Day 26 is seriously up for sale.

## Laurentide in the Lead for the "GOING AGROUND" Trophy.

What's the difference between a 2.5 foot draft and a 4.5 foot draft? Answer! An hour aground. On Friday August 21, on its maiden voyage out of it's Cedar Creek slip *Laurentide* ( the Freedom 28) ran hard aground just outside of the marina by the steel ship. This was a new experience for Dominick and Maureen. Friday is not the best day to get help. Luckily Ron Minchin, *Stormy Detrel*, came by in a dink to pull *Laurentide* off the sand bar, or whatever was lurking on the bottom of the creek. There is time for another boat to win this award. This is a subjective award that values the circumstance, time spent aground, and money paid to Sea Tow. Get you entries in before December 31st.

## Carlson's Move to Cedar Creek.

Al and Pat Carlson moved themselves, their dog, and all their belongings to a new home on Cedar Creek the first week in August. The house is easy to spot. It's about half way between CCSC and the bay, and on nice afternoons Pat and Al are by their pool waving to the boats that are motoring by. *Yacht C's* draft is a little too deep for the slip behind the house, so both Pat and Al are becoming experts in dredging, and the accompanying bureaucratic red tape.

## There are Two Laurentides.

The first week in August was a big week for Windjammers' purchases. Domenick and Maureen

## Eleven Boats at Raft-up

It started about 4 PM on August 24th when *Bittersweet* and *Wendy Sea* set out anchors behind the Berkeley Island Park near the entrance to Cedar Creek. Some boats came just for cocktails, some left after dinner, but most spent the night at anchor. Sometimes the best times are had without any pre-planning.

Send Your Windjammers' news items to Larry Conforti, 388 North Post Rd., Princeton Junction, NJ 08550



# Ocean Voyage to Block Island

by Bill Martin

The trip had an auspicious start. Pea soup fog in the ocean off Barnegat Light. *Black Pearl* had made the trip out to the inlet to check things out and report back to *Neried* and *Goose I*, the other vessels in this fleet of Windjammers making the trip to Block Island. Of course, *Black Pearl* returned to the bay. The decision was made to sail to Manasquan, wait for the wee hours of the morning and then go straight through to Block.

We anchored just outside the channel by the Coast Guard station. After a restful night, we were on our way by 0430. This was to be the first overnight voyage for all of us. We started with three to five foot seas and wind enough for a full main and genoa. By 0900 the wind built enough to switch down to a smaller head sail. This was at least true for the monohulls. The Gemini cat just sailed on with her crew perched inside the pilothouse. As the wind continued to pick up, the Gemini was clearly the faster vessel. This was not the case with the wind under 12 knots.

Because the wind was out of the northwest, both *Goose I* and *Black Pearl* headed for shore to get in the lee of the land. *Neried* held her course straight for Montauk Point. Throughout the day and night, *Black Pearl* and *Goose I* were changing head sails and reefing frequently. We were out of the shipping lanes by nightfall and

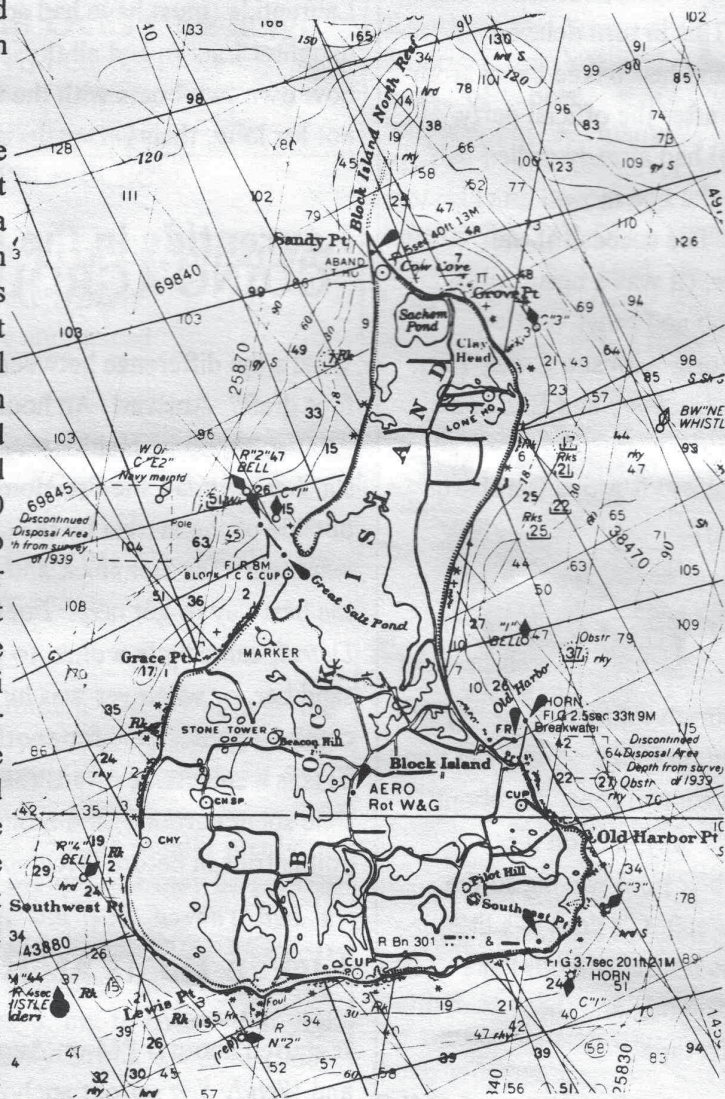
eventually doused all sails and motored until the wind picked up in morning. *Neried* was not so quick to turn on her motor as she coaxed 2 knots out of the late night wind.

As dawn arrive, *Neried* was about two hours ahead of *Black Pearl* who was about two hours ahead of *Goose I*. We sailed for the Great Salt Pond in building wind and seas. *Goose I* had to punch into the waves and wind. This combination slowed her progress dramatically. All three vessels nestled in a quiet corner of the Great Salt Pond for some deserved rest.

For the next seven days we played tourist on Block Island. We bicycled around the island, partook of several fantastic meals at local eateries, and most of all, we relaxed.

Two days of fishing were of particular note. Crew gathered aboard *Goose I* for a couple of fishing trips into Block Island Sound. After catching 50 pounds of fish, the only thing the fishermen were tired of was eating fish. I think the "Bluefish Pancakes" crossed over the line of acceptability.

We sailed back down the Sound rather slowly. Along the way, we anchored in Port Jeff and Manhasset Bay. Festivities were just getting under way for the July fourth op-sail. (continued on page 7)





# Windjammers at Squan Tri-Sail

Both *Piccolo* and *Lunasea* posted victories in their tune-up races the week before Squan Tri-Sail. *Piccolo* with Bill and Olwen Jarvis on board along with Dan and Wendy Crook (*Wendy Sea*) had an easy victory in a Tall Oaks Yacht Club series race, beating all their competition by at least one leg of the race course.

*Lunasea* won the Dead-Eye Dillon Trophy for taking first place in the small boat class at Dillon Creek Marina's First Annual Regatta. Joining *Lunasea's* regular crew of Larry Conforti and Mac Rawley were Bob and Janet Wexler (*Bittersweet*), and Dominick Venditto (*Laurentide*). Gloria Lieberman led the cheer leading squad along the Tom's River race course.

*Lunasea's* crew was dealt a reality check at the Thursday evening's Captains Meeting at the Metedeconk River Yacht Club when the Tri-Sail's fleet assignments were given out. Not only were we in the largest fleet, 16 boats, but we would be up against the best of the non-spinnaker boats. *Piccolo*, *Resles*, *Secret Agent*, and *Wizard* were odds on favorites to take the top four places; only the order of finish was yet to be determined.

The friendly competition between *Lunasea* and *Piccolo* started Friday morning, long before the boats arrived at the ocean race course. Tom Wright arrived with his van at 6:30 am, so *Piccolo's* crew could take *Lunasea's* skipper, Larry Conforti, out to breakfast to feast on greasy eggs and bacon. Yum!

Two miles out to sea and 10 minutes before the official start of the race was to begin, pelting rain, thunder, lightning and 30 knot winds engulfed the 75 boats who

came out to race that day. After putting in a particularly strenuous reef in the main, Larry was over the rail watching his bacon and eggs float by. After an hour of circling the committee boat the race was finally abandoned. But *Piccolo's* treachery would not be forgotten.

Saturday evening is the social highlight of the Squan Tri-Sail. Unexpectedly we found ourselves in the midst of one of those "high society" weddings at the Bay Head Yacht Club. Both *Piccolo* and *Lunasea* were used as the backdrop for the formal wedding pictures. When we tired of the high society party we left for the Mount Gay Rum/Coors Beer sponsored Party at the Manasquan River Yacht Club. This party is spelled with a capital 'P'; lots of booze, food, dancing, and friendly competitors. To even the score *Lunasea's* crew kept *Piccolo's* helmsman, Don Rock (*Tara*), and weather forecaster extraordinaire, Dan Crook, out dancing 'till the wee hours of the morning.

Back to the racing! As bad as Friday's weather was, Saturday was glorious if you didn't mind 26 knots of true wind. Seventy five boats circling the committee boat is a magnificent sight. My most vivid memory was sailing next to *Vamp*, a dark blue hulled J-44, with 12 crew sitting on the rail. Awesome! Our class had the longest race course of the day 15.5 nautical miles. *Piccolo* finished a respectable fourth with *Lunasea* close behind in sixth place.

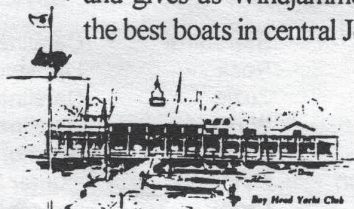
Sunday's race was also great for racing, more sun, but less wind. Most boats were at the upper range of their largest headsails. *Piccolo* finished third for the race, and fourth overall for the series. *Lunasea* made a bad tactical move at the finish line, finishing the race in eighth place and seventh for the regatta.

Both skippers and their crews were happy with their performance. Everyone agrees that the regatta is a lot of fun and gives us Windjammers a chance to sail against some of the best boats in central Jersey. *Larry Conforti*

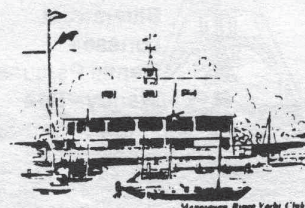
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Metedeconk River Yacht Club



Bay Head Yacht Club



Manasquan River Yacht Club

## SQUAN TRI-SAIL



# Power Boat Race delays Fourth Series Race

## White Wave and Laurentide Race Winners

Getting to Tice's Shoal for the start of the Windjammers Fourth Series Race became the biggest challenge of the day. Only two (*Gentle Persuasion* and *Lunasea*) of the 12 boats that were to race August 29th were able to get to Tice's Shoal before the 12:30 start time. The annual power boat race that all sailors dread was scheduled the same day as our race. Many power boats were out two hours before the noon start time marking off the race course.

Their yellow flags streaming from their outriggers gave these would be traffic cops a real feeling of power. Thank god they were not armed! The power boats, the traffic cops could not catch, were allowed to cross the bay, but sailboats were easy prey. Three times on *Lunasea* we waited for a break in the wall of control boats, only to be caught by the Coast Guard and forced back to the mainland. I'm glad I had a 'C' sticker. The power boat course was much wider than in previous year's leaving only a small channel to Tice's at the very shallow south end of the shoals, and once at Tice's we were kept within 100 yards of the shore. Many of us were continually worried about running aground.

Race Chairman, Al Carlson, made a wise decision to wait until after the power boat race to start our Windjammers race. While on the radio, Al used one or two of the milder four letter words, only to have the chairman of the power boat race, come back on the radio, thanking him for his patience.

Our usual starting buoy, Island Heights Yacht Club's 'A' buoy, was in the middle of the race course. Fortunately *Lunasea* was in her cruising mode and dropped, a bright orange innertube with anchor to be used for the starting mark.

This race's best dressed crew goes to the *Rene LeBeth*, the Committee Boat. Jim Hardy had five assistants with him all dressed in nautical navy blue and white crew shirts. With winds gusting over 20 knots it was not a great day for entertaining at anchor, yet Jim and crew once again ran a flawless race.

Congratulations to, *White Wave* and *Laurentide*, the winning boats. Val Bernhardt with Tom Wright as crew ended Tara's three year winning streak.

## WindJammers 1992 Fourth Series Race

	<u>Boat Name</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Type of Boat</u>	<u>Hndy</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Corrected</u>
<b>*A* Fleet (under 27.6')</b>						
1	Laurentide	Venditto	O'Day 26	243	1:21:49	1:07:04
2	Callisto	Laks	Cal 27	198	1:18:43	1:08:23
3	Freestyle	Rapchinski	Catalina 25	228	1:23:27	1:09:32
4	Will O' the Wind	Wiedanz	Hunter 27	219	1:26:46	1:13:03
5	Sloop du Jour	Borgianin	Dufour 25	225	1:27:23	1:13:28
	Snail Darter	McCarthy	RK 20	264	DNS	DNS
<b>*B* Fleet (over 27.5')</b>						
1	White Wave	Bernhardt	Catalina 30	189	1:18:56	1:09:42
2	Tara	Rock	Lippincott 30	186	1:20:47	1:11:21
3	Escapade	Zuzic	Catalina 30	192	1:23:28	1:13:02
4	Bittersweet	Wexler	Catalina 30	177	1:23:13	1:14:24
5	Lunasea	Conforti	Pearson 31	165	1:22:56	1:15:24
6	Gentle Persuasion	Hamilton	Hunter 34	138	1:20:56	1:16:28
7	Wendy-Sea	Crook	Tanzer 29	177	1:28:15	1:18:54
8	Impatiens	Bistis	Catalina 30	183	1:29:02	1:18:57
	Black Pearl	Martin	Seidlemann 29	189	DNS	DNS

Winds were 13-17 knots with higher gust; triangle course distance 6.2 nmi.



## Windjammers 1992 Racing Standings

Class A	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Race 4		Best 4 Races
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	
1 Laurentide	1	0.75	1	0.75	2	2	1	0.75	4.25
2 Will o' the Wind	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	13.00
3 Callisto	DNS	8	4	4	1	0.75	2	2	14.75
4 Sloop du Jour	4	4	2	2	4	4	5	5	15.00
5 Freestyle	2	2	DNS	8	DNS	8	3	3	29.00
6 Snail Darter	DNF	8	DNF	8	5	5	DNS	8	29.00

Class B	Race 1		Race 2		Race 3		Race 4		Best 4 Races
	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	
1 Tara	1	0.75	1	0.75	1	0.75	1	0.75	3.00
2 Bittersweet	4	4	2	2	2	2	3	3	11.00
3 Escapade	3	3	3	3	5	5	2	2	13.00
4 Lunasea	2	2	7	7	3	3	4	4	16.00
5 Wendy Sea	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	18.00
6 Gentle Persuasion	6	6	5	5	DNS	10	6	6	27.00
7 Impatiens	DNS	10	6	6	6	6	7	7	29.00
8 Black Pearl	7	7	8	8	DNS	10	DNS	10	35.00

Windjammers Race Series: Boats must be signed up for the series & finish a minimum of three races.  
Best four of six races count for series.

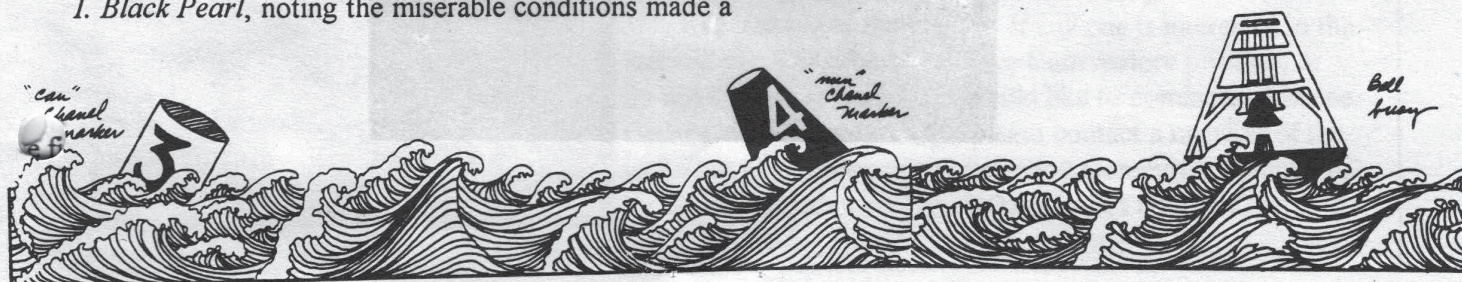
### Ocean Voyage Continued

We saw large and small tall ships as we made our way down the East River. The weather was overcast and fog limited visibility. The Coast Guard had a most impressive presence on the river and in New York Harbor. We could see the largest of the tall ships laying at anchor in Sandy Hook, but the weather forecast made us continue to Manasquan.

Once in the ocean, we were confronted with steady rain and clouds. The crew aboard *Neried*, now much slower because of the chop, were very comfortable compared to the crew aboard *Black Pearl* and *Goose I*. *Black Pearl*, noting the miserable conditions made a

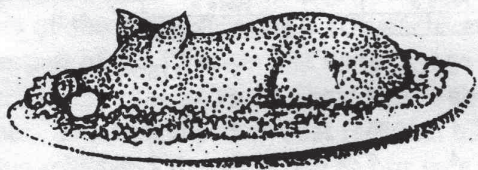
bee line for Manasquan and the friendly docks at the Shrimp Box. *Goose I* and *Neried* played sailors and arrived hours later. They anchored in the same location that we used on the way up. In the morning, *Goose I* was hard aground. *Neried* had touched bottom but was able to move to deeper water. After only 45 minutes, *Goose I* got off without assistance. We arrived back in Barnegat Bay just as the sun returned.

It was a pleasant trip. We learned that the passage to Block is more interesting inland. To be comfortable, we needed more than a crew of two for the outside route. Long distance cruising is a challenge and certainly worth the reward. Join us next year for the cruise to Nantucket!





# Guest Speakers at Upcoming WJ Events



**September 19**

**October 3**



**October 31**



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