

FOUR WINDS

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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Linda Laks

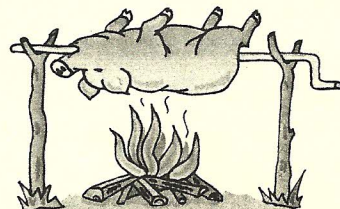
Its official, my end of the summer depression has started already. It seems that every August I go through the ritual of counting up the number of weeks until the end of summer (for those of us who are teachers, this comes on Labor Day). As I finished checking the calendar for the fourth time this morning to make sure there were really only 4 weeks left, I remembered that Labor Day can be the beginning of the best part of the sailing season. As I thought of Barnegat Bay free of jet skis and pushy power boaters, my spirit was renewed. I began looking at the events we have planned for the months of August and September. We have a full line-up of activities that will appeal to racers, cruisers and those of us that enjoy a good party.

For those of you, who have just joined the Windjammers this year, please try to make it to some of these events. It is a great way to meet club members and have the benefit of racing or cruising with someone who has been around the bay for a while. On the 28th we had hoped to have a cruise to South Winds with a moonlight cruise on the bay to follow. Unfortunately, we found out that South Winds is no longer providing dockage. So the evening has changed a bit, but the overall idea was to get some of our newer sailors together with some of the more "seasoned" sailors and embark on an activity that sometimes seems a bit intimidating.

When Randy and I first joined the Windjammers the guidance we received from many of the more experienced sailors meant more than all the articles we could have read in any sailing magazine. Many of you who have been with the club will remember what it meant to have been Jarvisized. I still see this helpfulness happening every weekend and I am happy to see that the essence of being a part of the Windjammers continues. So, for all those new members, get involved. Come to the parties, have coffee and bagels in the clubhouse, try to race, go on a cruise, ask for help or listen to the lessons others have learned. For those who have been around for a while, come to the parties, meet our new members, share your experiences with someone who is new to the world of sailing and share the essence of what it means to be a Windjammer.

PIG ROAST

The annual Pig Roast will soon be here. Save the date, **September 11th**, and look for a flyer in the mail to make your reservations.



Sailing Under the Stars

By Linda Laks

There is a first time for just about everything we do in life. Most of these first time experiences begin with quite a bit of trepidation and culminate with the exhilaration of a task completed successfully, or dismay when things don't go as well as we had hoped. I don't quite remember the first time Randy and I ventured beyond the confines of the marina for our first nighttime sail. I do remember carefully making our way out the Creek with me on the bow shining this huge spotlight in just about every direction possible before I found that dammed green square mark. I've had the experience of trying to whisper/shout directions back to the helm, getting slapped in the face by that dammed green mark and the wonderful feeling that all is well as we passed the last mark and headed out to begin our sail under the moon and stars.

There is truly something magical about a nighttime sail. If you have not sailed under the stars, the evening of the 28th of August may be just what you need to get this "first-time" on your list of things you've accomplished this summer. We hope to begin the evening with an early dock party during which some of the more experienced nighttime sailors have offered to help any newcomers learn how to manage the trip through the channel to the bay. If you would like to learn how to sail safely at night what a better way to get going then to do it with someone who has done it before.

***** Upcoming Events *****

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Aug 14	Dock Party: Tex/Mex (followed by Bingo)
Aug 21	Rescheduled Ladies Helm Race / Dock Party: Hot Dogs & Hamburgers
Aug 28	Moonlight sail to Conklin's Island
Sept 4	Cruise to Barnegat Lighthouse / Raft-up / Pot Luck Dinner
Sept 11	Pig Roast
Sept 12	Cedar Creek Canoe/Kayak Trip
Sept 18	Race to Toms River
Sept 20	Tall Oaks Challenge Race / Party hosted by TOYC
Oct 2	Cruise to Silver Bay / Cattus Island Festival
Oct 16	Frostbite Race / Dock Party: Sloppy Joes
Nov 20	Fall Dinner

Tall Oaks Race Schedule

Attention all interested Racers! Once again this year, we've been invited to participate in the Tall Oaks Yacht Club series races.

TALL OAKS YACHT CLUB - 2004 RACE CALENDAR (Remaining Race Dates)

AUGUST 21	RACE DAY #7; Skipper's Meeting @ FRSM
SEPTEMBER 4	RACE DAY #8; Skipper's Meeting @ FRSM
SEPTEMBER 25	CHALLENGE CUP RACE - TOYC to HOST

Skippers Meetings: 9:00 AM at Forked River State Marina
First Race to Start at 12:00 Noon

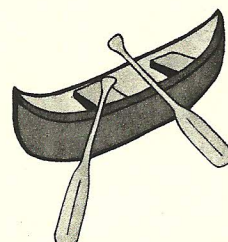
For More information, call Mark Hancik, (732) 446-4377

Canoeing With the Windjammers on Cedar Creek

By Heather Greene

Hi Everyone,

The Windjammers annual float down Cedar Creek is fast approaching!! September 12th seems far away but if you would like to be part of the fun, please contact Cedar Creek Campground at 732-269-1413 to reserve a boat and/or transportation space. They will only have one van driver available after Labor Day so if we have more than 14 people we will need to divide into 2 groups with arrival times of about an hour apart or arrange for our own transportation for those of us not on the van. There is parking at the drop off but she said it is a walk from the parking lot back to the boat and then you would have to arrange to go back and get your vehicle. Also if anyone is going to be bringing a child under five years old they can not take them in their van. In that case you would also want to drive to the drop off point as above. I'm sure this is kind of confusing...way more complicated than I expected!! When you call to make your reservations let them know that you want to be part of the trip on September 12 under the name Greene they will take your deposit as part of the group. We have a 10:00AM trip time and a three hour canoe ride scheduled (we can take as long to canoe as we want although we must be picked up by 6:00PM). On September 12 be sure to arrive at the campground by 9:15AM at the latest!! Last year it took at least that long for the payment arrangements to be made!!!! (Be prepared: I recall a lot of frustration!) It was all worth it though once the trip got under way. A GREAT time was had by all.



Email (dgreene@snip.net) or call Heather or Doug (609) 702-8247 if you have any questions. We will also post this flyer at the Cedar Creek Sailing Center.

Below is some information from Cedar Creek Campgrounds. More information can be found at: <http://www.cedarcreeknj.com/index.htm>

Shuttles:

We will transport your personal kayak or canoe upstream to any of our regularly scheduled stops at our scheduled times.

Kayak Transportation (One Person) \$12.50

Kayak/canoe Transportation (Two Person) \$15.00

Upstream Departures:

All reserved trips must have their group arrive 45 minutes before scheduled departure time. If not, openings will be released to other waiting guests.

Reservations:

Reservations are highly recommended to insure that your group departs on the day and time that you would like. A deposit of \$10.00 per kayak/canoe will be required to confirm your outing. We accept Visa / MasterCard for deposits.

Cancellations:

A refund less a \$5.00 cancellation fee is available if notification is made 5 days before trip date. Less than 5 days notice **NO REFUNDS.**

To make a reservation, call Cedar Creek Camp Ground at 732-269-1413.

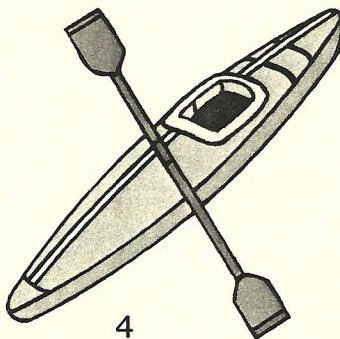
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Price List

Model / Type (KAYAK)	Weekdays	Weekends	Type Of Boat (CANOE)	Weekday	Weekends
Wilderness Systems			Old Town Penobscot 16	\$40.00	\$45.00
Pungo (sit in)	\$30.00	\$38.50	Old Town Discovery 169	\$37.50	\$45.00
Perception Models			Old Town Discovery 158	\$35.00	\$42.50
Prism (sit on top)	\$25.00	\$30.00	Grumman Aluminum 17'	\$35.00	\$42.50
Corsica S	\$30.00	\$35.00	Grumman Aluminum 15'	\$32.50	\$37.50
Caspia	\$27.50	\$32.00	Old Town 119K Solo Boat	\$25.00	\$27.50
**Keowee 2 (two person)	\$37.50	\$45.00	Additional Person in Canoe	\$5.00	\$5.00
**Jocassee (two person)	\$40.00	\$47.50	Seat Cushion Rental	\$3.00	\$3.00
Chinook (Touring Boat)	\$40.00	\$45.00	Snap in Seat (Old Town Discovery Only)	\$3.00*	\$3.00*
Old Town Models			Dry Bag	\$2.50*	\$2.50*
Loon 111 (sit-in)	\$27.50	\$35.00	Hobie Seat Back (For use with sit on tops)	\$5.00*	\$5.00*
Loon 138 (sit-in)	\$30.00	\$37.50	Kayak Paddle Upgrade	\$5.00*	\$5.00*
Ocean Kayak Sit On Top					
Frenzy	\$25.00	\$30.00			
Scupper Pro	\$25.00	\$30.00			
**Zuma Two (2 person sit on top)	\$32.50	\$45.00			
Hobie Maui Sit On Top					
Single	\$27.50	\$32.50			
**Two Person	\$32.50	\$45.00			

(* Indicates an additional deposit required)

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Hudson River Cruise

By Cliff Simpson

On June 25th, seven boats left for the Hudson River Cruise under questionable skies. Joining the flotilla was the Nowicki family on Sashay, the Minchin's on Stormy Petrel, Byron and Fillis Samuel on Daydreamer II, Bob and Kelley Fahey on Waterloo, the Kozak family on Lorelie, Rich on Mystique, and lastly the Simpson family on April Star.

The first night took us to Silver Bay with all Windjammers settled in their anchorage by 8:00 p.m. The threatening forecast and skies never amounted to anything and we were all glad we didn't listen to the weather forecast which almost had us postponing our departure.

On June 26th Lorelie, April Star and Sashay picked up anchor at 4:45 a.m. to depart for Sandy Hook. The remaining Windjammers departed about 8:00 a.m. This day was mainly clear skies and light winds. By the afternoon all Windjammers were tucked into Horseshoe Cove and enjoyed the afternoon at the beach. Winds picked up to about 15 to 20 knots out of the north west which led us to pick up anchor and head in behind the breakwater at Atlantic Highlands. Once settled in we congregated on Daydreamer II to munch on some appetizers and to swap stories about the run up the ocean and to discuss the days ahead.

The early risers set out on a beautiful morning on June 27th at 7:00 a.m. with moderate winds and headed for Liberty Landing Marina on a close reach. We all met up to enjoy a variety of activities, including Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and dining out. Rich met up with his brother, Rob and niece Susan who joined him for the trip up the Hudson. Fillis spent the afternoon sailing with Jody and her friend Roger on his 22-foot J sailboat. The evening sky and skyline of New York had us wanting to go night sailing, but the bodies were weary so we stayed put and enjoyed the view from land.

June 28th found the Windjammers helping one another out of some tight slips. Daydreamer II was in the tightest slip, needing assistance. While backing out of a very precarious situation Daydreamer almost ended the life of Curtsy (the

Nowicki's dinghy) by wedging it between their boat and the finger dock. Captain Ron came to the rescue and backed out Daydreamer II with the help of a dock hand on a small motorized barge.

We were all headed up the river, with a light head wind, by 11:30 a.m. to Croton Point, arriving at 5:30 p.m. We enjoyed a scenic anchorage by a very nice park where Windjammers conversed and some enjoyed a dip in the refreshing water to cool off. Stormy Petrel and Daydreamer rafted up so that we could utilize both boats for our pot luck dinner that featured some very creative and tasty dishes. Rich challenged Cliff to several dinghy races. This was full speed ahead, using an anchored motor boat (with people cheering aboard) as a marker. Both races were very close with Rich winning by a nose. In the middle of the night we were hit with heavy winds and rain, and with the exception of Waterloo, we all held anchor. Bob and Kelley did a fine job of getting the situation under control and soon reset their anchor.

The next morning June 29th, found the Windjammer's at the park, socializing, walking, playing frisbee and the kids enjoying the playground equipment. Jeanette, an exercise instructor, taught a pilates class on the green. Cliff and Jim were a sight to behold when they attempted to maneuver some of these positions.

Once back at our boats we departed at 1:00 p.m. with a light head wind for Bear Mountain, arriving at 4:30 p.m. Due to a drop off we had to set a Bohemian anchor. Thanks to Captain Ron for his expertise in helping us to do this as it was the first time for many of us. This was a splendid anchorage with mountains all around us. Freight trains tooting their horns, frequently ran along the bottom edge of the mountains, many carrying more than one hundred cars. After dinner many Windjammers went on a Geocache hunt, led by Jim. The Windjammers used their GPS's and other clues to look for a box that you put your name in showing you found it. After many trials and errors, losing daylight and climbing in some dangerous situations, we decided to give the hunt up until the following day.

We awoke on June 30th to yet another lovely day. Some of us headed out on our dinghies for a short and scenic trip up a narrow waterway to view a waterfall. After a climb over some slippery boulders



to reach the top of the waterfall it was well worth it. Nancy played it safe by minding the dinghies. On our return to the boats we observed young bald eagles circling above and resting on the trees above. The rest of day the brought forth another Geocache hunt with the Kozak's, Nowicki's and Minchin's succeeding in finding a box. There was fun for all with some climbing Bear Mountain to the top, swimming in the Olympic size pool, and visiting the zoo and museum. Later in the evening most of us met at the dinning room at the Bear Mountain Lodge. During and after dinner, (which took some time serving all of us) some Windjammers briefly took in an antique car show that was being held on the grounds.

The next day, July 1st found Sashay leaving for the 79th Street Marina to take in the City. The rest of the Windjammers hopped on Stormy Petrel and Mystique to head further north for a short run (an hour and a half away) to Cold Springs to take in the sights, passing West Point on the way. Cold Springs is a quaint town, which offered eateries, small boutiques, antique shops, and a museum. Cliff, of course, headed for the ice cream shop; he can't go ashore without looking for one.

Once back at Bear Mountain, we departed at 3:30 p.m. with a strong head wind, questionable skies and fighting a current which caused waves to build up. We headed for Croton Point with a stop in Haverstraw to get water, pump outs and fuel. Unfortunately, Lorelie put gas instead of diesel in her tank, causing her to stay the night at the dock so the tank could be pumped the following morning. Waterloo opted to take a slip for the night, while the rest of us headed to Croton. The storms missed us and it was a tranquil night while we lay at anchor.

On July 2nd we picked up anchor at 6:00 a.m. and headed down the Hudson on our return trip to Atlantic Highlands arriving about 4:00 p.m. where Lorelie, and Sashay rejoined the group. We all met on Daydreamer II to watch what turned out to be some very awesome fireworks.

The following morning, July 3rd, the early risers departed at 6:30 a.m. for the trip down the coast with light winds and calm seas. The late risers lost time as Captain Ron helped Daydreamer install an impeller which was supplied by Waterloo. We all met up in Silver Bay where the kids put on a wonderful night of singing, joke telling, dancing, magic tricks and an auction (the

kids auctioned off their art work and crafts) to raise money for a charity. The Windjammers were quite generous raising a whopping \$27.50.

July 4th found most of us sleeping in, except Waterloo and Mystique who both headed back to Cedar Creek. Before leaving for the Toms River, Lorelie drifted down on Sashay's anchor line causing it to rap around Lorelie's rudder. Some tense moments were had with the boats banging up against one another and the men trying their best to remedy the situation. Reluctantly, Captain Don went for a swim with the jellyfish to free the line. Once under control the remaining Windjammers headed to Toms River, with the Harman's on Sunset and the Laks' on Callisto joining the raft up to watch the fireworks which get better and better each year. Bob Lynn with Georgia aboard joined us for a visit later in the evening. Reminiscing was made possible by Ron who downloaded his photos onto his laptop. This was a great way to end the trip, thanks Ron!

With favorable winds on our final day, July 5th, we were able to sail back to Cedar Creek, but not without incidence which involved April Star's stuck anchor. With the throttle full speed ahead, the bow pitched in the water and the anchor refused to budge. Needless to say, this scene not only attracted on-lookers but laughs, comments and suggestions from Windjammers who are always a good audience. The anchor was finally pulled up with the help of the winch and cheers from everyone.

Our cruise was a joint effort by everyone involved, with good weather, and calm seas for the ocean runs, but most of all a safe return to home port for all. The caring, helpfulness and lasting friendships that go along with a trip like this are truly the best part. Thank-you to Stormy Petrel for taking us to some really cool spots and for getting us out of some tight spots; Waterloo for their computer knowledge with weather, current and tide updates; Sashay's fun Geocache adventure; Lorelie for their killer margaritas; Rich on Mystique for always going out of his way to help others and waiting for the boats in the rear (also for keeping us all laughing with his endless humor); Daydreamer II for hosting great parties and lots of fun; to Scott Minchin who was always there to help out young and old folks alike, and last, but not least, to the Junior Windjammers who put on a great talent show and auction.

Cruising with folks like you will always leave indelible memories for a lifetime. Thank-you all for a wonderful time.
~Cliff and Nancy Simpson

Hudson River Memories

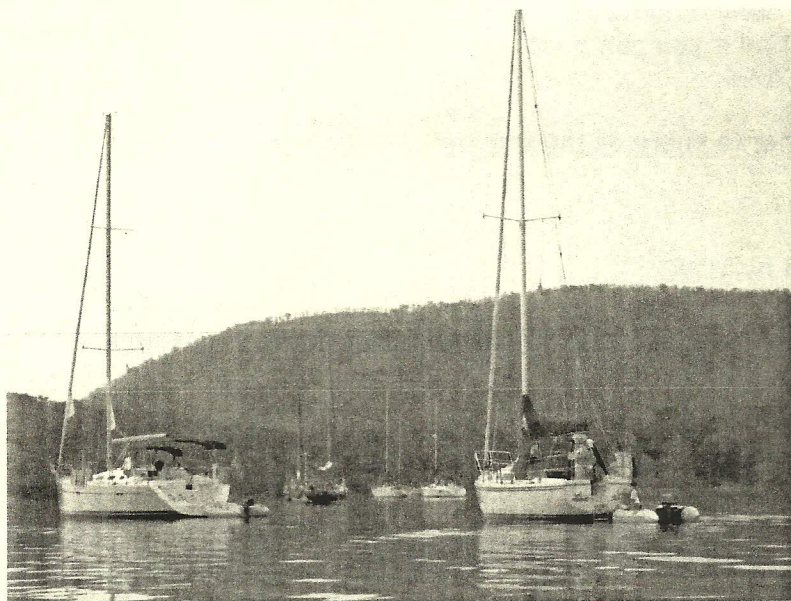
By Richard Barker

You read *The Perfect Storm* didn't you? Remember how well Junger described how the crew went through a grocery store and left with 26 shopping carts of food? Well, I can't write like that. But that's what it's like when I stock *Mystique* for a cruise. Hey, I can't tell you what I want for dinner tonight let alone 3 meals a day next week! So I get a little of everything. Pork or steak? Both. Pretzels or potato chips? Both. Same thing right down the list. Soup for quick meals, 7 different kinds. Oh yeah, my brother and niece are coming, get a little more of everything. Towards the end of the cruise I was trying to give stuff away, but so was everyone else. I'm just now finishing the stuff that hasn't gone stale or moldy. Stop by for some soup!

The Hudson River was/is a great trip! The scenery is very different from the Long Island Sound trips, The mountains are beautiful, and as the hills extend right to the water's edge, you often can not see far ahead until you round a bend.

We sailed very little, which is typical, but did manage to have enough wind to sail up NY Harbor past the *Intrepid* and nearly to the George Washington Bridge. Finally, it was *Mystique*, and the rest of our fleet, that people were jealously watching as they sat in rush hour traffic.

Croton Point is a perfect anchorage and especially memorable to me as I unseated the former dinghy race champion in two decisive races. Memorable for Bob and Kelly as their anchor dragged in the only bad weather of our trip when at 1am we were hit with 25/30 knot winds, and impressive thunder and lightning displays. It was very unexpected, and we had all been on *Stormy Petrel* and *Daydreamer 2* a few hours earlier for a community potluck dinner.



in Silver Bay, the Youth Drama Club performed and raised money for charity by auctioning off original crafts and art work, raising nearly \$30. Good job!

The weather was perfect (though the wind was either on the nose or non-existent), the scenery spectacular, but what I was most impressed with was the sharing and concern for our fellow travelers. The best part of sailing truly is the people you share it with. Thank you for making the Hudson River cruise so memorable.

Ron showed everyone how to anchor Bohemian style at Bear Mountain and we explored there for two days. Some hiked, some strolled. We went to a zoo inhabited by animals that, for various reasons, were unable to make it in the wild. We dinghied up a creek to climb on waterfalls and had another community dinner at an old log lodge, all 22 of us. And we gathered on two boats and motored past West Point to Cold Springs where we went to a very interesting museum and a great pizza place.

Before we were ready, it was time to start home. Back

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A special welcome to some of our new members this year:

Deborah/Michael Brandimarte
Justin Pasca / Stephanie Frazier
Bob Lynn



Dock Party Nights By Elizabeth Schaffer

Many thanks to the people who have hosted Windjammer parties this year. We have had some great food and conversation thanks to the Laks', the Fahey's, the Shive's, the Rhode's, and Paul Schill. We appreciate that someone takes the time to shop and cook for us. We may not realize, however, that parties also have to be set up and cleaned up. If everyone who attends the party pitches in to help set up and clean up, we can all enjoy the night.

Some upcoming events include:

August 14	Tex Mex	6:00 p.m.
August 21	Hot Dogs & Hamburgers (following the rescheduled Ladies Helm)	6:00 p.m.
August 28	Host needed for an early dock party before the moonlight sail. Call if you can host! Elizabeth 732-928-3604	5:00 p.m.
September 4	Pot luck dinner to share at the raft-up	6:00p.m.
September 11	PigRoast	6:00p.m.
September 24	Party hosted by TOYC	

The summer is slipping away quickly...set sail to enjoy these last few precious summer breezes!

Elizabeth Schaffer
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Comments / Suggestions

Any comments/suggestions/corrections about the newsletter, including anything that you might want to include in future newsletters, please contact Kelley Fahey at (908) 517-0750, 10 Southgate Rd. #2A, Murray Hill, NJ 07974 or kfahey@speakeasy.net.



Any good cruising stories that anyone has to share with the rest of the Windjammers? Send them my way and I'll be sure and include them in the newsletter.