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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

BY MAITIN RHODE

The harbingers of the sailing season are here! The days are getting longer, and the snow is melting. Soon winter covers will come off, hulls will be polished, and at last the marina will come to life. I can't wait.

Last month, Jeanette and Don Kozak generously offered the use of their home for the annual planning meeting. The crux of the meeting is trying to fit all of the exciting Windjammer events into a much too short sailing season. I urge everyone participate, the club only works when we all get involved.

The first dock party will be the annual wine and cheese party on the 20th of May. The first cruise will be to Beach Haven on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27. Please contact the cruising chair, Don Kozak, regarding the trip

Last year was very successful season. Bob Fahey and all of the 2005 Windjammers Officers did a terrific job. I think they should be commended for their fine work. It will be difficult to have a better season. Great events, fun filled cruises and relaxing dock parties. I truly hope that this will continue.

Special Thanks

The Windjammers would like to express a sincere thank you to Bob Fahey, our outgoing commodore, for his extreme generosity in his time and talents. Although Bob is no longer our commodore he continues to support the Windjammers website and has donated a combination VCR/DVD to the club. It is through hard work and dedication of people like Bob that our club continues to thrive. Again thank you Bob for all that you do.

Fall Dinner & Cruise 2005

By Justin Pasca

Nov. 11, 2005 the Windjammers held the annual fall dinner at the Captain's Inn, Forked River. Again this year the event was well attended and we were all treated to a slide presentation put together by Ron Minchin which served as the backdrop while our Commodore, Bob Fahey, did a masterful job of highlighting a wonderful season, presenting hard earned awards, congratulating race winners and introducing this year's officers and committee chairs.

The racing awards went to Dawn Minchin for the "Ladies Helm Race" and to Val Bernhardt for both the "Tall Oaks Challenge" and "Frost Bite Race". Congratulations Dawn and Val!

The Dillon Dock Meter Award went to Len Massey, and the Turkey Award to Ron Minchin. (Ron is always a strong contender for the Turkey Award and has won the award in the past!!)

Cliff and Nancy Simpson shared the honor of receiving the "Running Aground Award" (FYI - they draw 3'10")

Cliff Simpson, on a more serious note, was awarded the "Charles and Ruth Rocknack Award" for his enthusiasm and dedication to sharing the sport of sailing with others and bringing new members to the Windjammers.

Last but most certainly not least the "Walt Stratford Award" for exceptionally hard work and dedication to the Windjammers was awarded to Dock Parties Chair, Elizabeth Schaffer. Elizabeth, the Windjammers owe you a debt of gratitude for all you have done and continue to do to make our club successful.

The title of this article is "Fall Dinner and Cruise" and we have covered the Dinner\ Awards portion but a few salty souls felt that simply driving their car to a sailing club dinner was out of the question and decided to "brave the gales of November" and hoist sail. Like the voyage of Christopher Columbus to the new world these hardy seamen (and women) traveled aboard three small ships. Not the Nina, Pinta, and Santa Maria but Stormy Petrel, Mystique and Spindrift were the names of these adventuress vessels.

The cruising logs of these three boats indicate that this was not a trip of hardship and despair rather the contrary. Spindrift the smallest of the three arrived under cover of darkness approx. 9:30 pm Friday evening and stayed two nights in one of the large transient slip at the Captain's Inn. The two larger boats arrived Saturday afternoon and tied up for dinner but elected to anchor out near the mouth of the river overnight. The weather was absolutely beautiful and a strong southeast breeze Sunday afternoon made for a quick but invigorating final cruise of the season.

It's a long way off, but this years' dinner is scheduled for 11/4/6 and there will be plenty of boats still in the water with an opportunity to cruise down. Pump out and diesel are near by as well as places to get a bite to eat the next morning, all of which were made use of by our three boats. Mark your calendar now and plan to end your cruising season with a fun filled overnight!

Big Grant for Tuckerton Seaport

By: Justin Pasca

Many of you have probably been to Tuckerton Seaport by either car or by boat. The Windjammers again this year are planning a cruise to the seaport late this summer. Access to the seaport by boat and accommodations for those boaters seems to be the focus of the Seaport according to the following press release:

Tuckerton, N.J. - Tuckerton Seaport, the recreated maritime village located in Ocean County, was awarded \$500,000 from the US Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The Seaport was one of only 10 sites in the nation to receive this funding. The grant comes from the National Boating and Infrastructure Grant Program.

The grant will be used to expand the transient boat slips and the construction of a bath and shower house. The project will add up to an additional 40 boat slips and retro fit the existing 27 slips with water and electrical hook-ups.

“Boating is an important part of what we do at the Seaport. This funding is a great investment in the Seaport and our Community and will make it easier for our friends and guests to visit us by boat” said George Kurtz, President of the Tuckerton Seaport.

Tuckerton Seaport is dedicated to preserving, presenting and interpreting the rich maritime history, artistry, heritage and environment of the Jersey shore and the unique contributions of its baymen. For more information, call (609) 296-8868 or visit www.tuckertonseaport.org. Tuckerton Seaport is a member of the South Jersey Cultural Alliance (SJCA).

CRUISE THE WEB
CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE!!

Bob Fahey has done it again. He has made it even easier to get up to date information on dock parties, seminars, and cruises, as well as information on junior activities and all other Windjammer events. Use your navigation skills and plot a course for www.windjammersailing.com and check out all the changes. While you're there don't forget, Windjammer's merchandise is just a click away!

New Jersey Boating Law Affects All

The New Jersey legislature passed a law this winter that requires operators of just about every boat and PWC larger than a dingy to pass a Specific New Jersey State Safe Boating Course. Every boat in the Windjammers Club Roster falls under the category of boat requiring the operator to have this course! If you have taken ASA classes in the past the safe boating certificate you got with that class is not sufficient, this is a New Jersey specific class.

The State has decided to matriculate the law as follows:

As of 6/1/2006 persons born after 12/31/68 will require the certificate.

As of 6/1/2007 persons born after 12/31/58 will require the certificate.

As of 6/1/2008 persons born after 12/31/48 will require the certificate.

As of 6/1/2009 the certificate will be required by all persons.

The bottom line is check your credentials and those of your children if they operate your boat and see if you are in compliance.

Our fellow Windjammer Mike Bandera, owner operator of Barnegat Bay Sail Charters, has been certified to teach this class and has offered to put together a class just for the Windjammers at a significantly reduced rate. I have seen this course offered at \$65.00 per person and Mike will offer it at \$40.00 per person !! This is an unbeatable deal and even if you don't need the class this year you're not going to get it cheaper elsewhere in a year or two! Why not take the class amongst friends at the marina?

Mike will hold the class on a Friday and Saturday night from 7 to 10 pm. Please, if you would like to take advantage of this generous offer fill out the form below and mail it to Mike A.S.A.P.

Barnegat Bay Sail Charters

New Jersey Safe Boating Certificate Enrollment Form

Name _____

Phone # _____ email _____

persons attending _____ preferred dates _____

Return to:

Mike Bandera

710 63rd Ave. South

Saint Petersburg, FL 33705

MARINA NEWS

Don't Forget!!!

By now you should have received your spring work order from Cedar Creek Sailing Center. It is very important to fill these work orders out promptly and mail them back to Tom and Liz immediately. The sooner you return your work order the sooner they can schedule your work and the sooner you'll be able to enjoy sailing Barnegat Bay.



Also, please remember that Cedar Creek has a fully stocked store to meet your boating needs and prices are comparable to discount marine stores! Not only that, if what you want isn't in the store it can usually be ordered and be in within a few days.

The Ship's Tailor

Should your Spring boat ritual reveal certain inadequacies that leave you yearning for a new dodger, bimini or repair of your existing canvas help is close at hand. Not only does Windjammer Val Bernhardt specialize in winning Races and collecting trophies he spends his "spare time" hard at work at his other specialty!! Val is a master with canvas and sails and can provide onsite evaluation and consultation. His years of experience are invaluable and he can likely suggest options you may not as yet considered.

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Important News

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the 2006 membership application. Please, if you haven't already submitted yours, take a minute to fill this one out and return it with your dues to our Club Secretary : Kelley Fahey.

On time submission of your application will ensure your name being included on the club roster and that you will get all club mailings informing you of special events.

Also, please fill out any activities you would like to help out with on your application. Of special note is our need for folks willing to host dock parties. This is a lot of fun and Elizabeth Schaffer our Dock Parties Chair is wonderful to work with and will help you with all the details.

Cruising News

Whether your boat is 24 feet or 34 feet, taking a cruise is an excellent way to get to know your boat and fellow Windjammers. Cruising with experienced sailors is a great way to get to know the bay and the in and outs of anchoring overnight. Here's what Don Kozac, our cruising chair, has planned for this season:

May 27th-29th.... Memorial Weekend Day Cruise to Beach Heaven - We will kick off the season with our annual cruise to Beach Haven Yacht Club on Memorial Day. Anyone interested should call Beach Haven Yacht Club (609-492-9101) to reserve a slip by May 1st or sooner, (mention that you belong to the Windjammer Club) so that you can be ensured a slip.

June 10th-11th..... Moonlight Cruise to Tom's River - this is an excellent cruise for the beginning night sailor.

July 1st -4th Independence Day Cruise- to Cape May. Departure and return dates may be revised depending on interest.

July 8th-9th..... Wooden Boat Festival in Tom's River- Anyone interested in a cruise?

July 30th-Aug. 12th... Two week cruise- destination is undecided. More information will follow.

Aug. 12th..... Meet the fleet in Silver Bay- If you weren't able to go on the two week cruise, but can spare a weekend, join us as we meet the fleet in Silver Bay.

Sept. 4th.....Cruise to Tuckerton- see article on page 3.

Sept. 10th...Canoe/Kayak trip down Cedar Creek.

Check the website for updated cruising information. If you have any questions about cruising or suggestions please e-mail the cruising chair.



Seminars

Ron Michin is back for another year as the chair for seminars. We are looking forward to a year of increasing our sailing knowledge. Here is what Ron has scheduled:

June 3rd Man overboard drill and seminar— does everyone on your boat know what to do if someone goes overboard. This seminar is not just for captains.

June 10th... Vessel Safety Check Day

June 24th.... Knot Tying seminar and games. Learn the knots used by sailors for centuries.

July 8th.... Video seminar- to be determined (suggestions are welcome)

July 15th.... Video seminar (suggestions are welcome)

Aug. 19th.... Mistakes we've made. A What not to do seminar.

Oct. 7th.... Winterization— what do you need to do to prepare for winter storage?

Is there something you've wanted to learn, but were afraid to ask? E-mail the seminar chair with you suggestions for seminars.

Junior Windjammers

Dawn Minchin has many things planned for the juniors this year. In the up coming year Dawn plans not only a lot of fun, but some educational activities too.

June 3..... Blackbeard's Cave-miniature golf for everyone. Adults are welcome too.

June 4.....Sunfish Races, but only after learning the basics. Followed by an Almost End of the School Year Party!!

June 17...Father's Day Race

Aug. 20.....Sunfish Races

Keep checking the schedule as more events are always being scheduled!

WHERE'S THE DOCK PARTY?

It's time to prepare for another season of great dock parties! Dock parties are a fabulous way to end a day of sailing or get to know fellow Windjammers. If you have never had the chance to host a party, start to plan now! Some of the upcoming events are listed below. Email the dock party chair, Elizabeth Schaffer, if you think you would like to host a dock party.

- May 20, 2006 Wine & Cheese**
- May 27, 2006 Cocktail/Appetizers (Beach Haven)**
- June 3, 2006 Pizza followed by Blackbeard's Cave!**
- June 17, 2006 Chicken & Ribs Picnic**
- June 24, 2006 Clamfest**
- July 8, 2006 Hot Dogs & Hamburgers**
- July 15, 2006 St. Patrick's Day in July**
- July 22, 2006 Iron Woman's Feast**
- August 19, 2006..... Sloppy Joes**
- August 26, 2006..... Pirate Party**
- Sept. 9, 2006..... Tex Mex**
- Sept. 16, 2006 Pig Roast**
- Sept. 23, 2006.....Tall Oaks Challenge (TOYC will host)**
- Oct. 7, 2006..... Soup/Stew**
- Oct. 14, 2006 Oktoberfest**
- Nov. 4, 2006..... Fall Dinner**

Email: dock-parties@windjammersailing.com

Thai Soft-shell Crabs

Submitted by Elizabeth Schaffer

2 cups lowfat milk	1 tablespoon sesame oil	1/4 cup mint leaves minced
2 teaspoons Tabasco	1/2 cup white wine	1/4 cup basil leaves minced
2 cups flour	1/2 cup orange juice	1/2 coriander leaves <small>minced</small>
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt	juice of 2 limes	
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper	2 Thai chilies, seeded and minced	
8 soft shell crabs/cleaned	4 scallions minced	

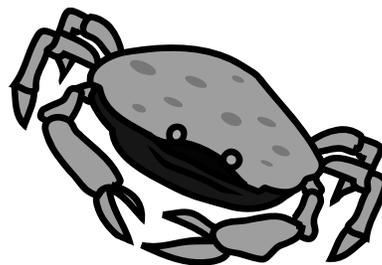
1.) Combine the milk, Tabasco in a bowl. Mix flour, salt, pepper in a shallow dish. Dip the crabs in the milk and then dredge in the flour mix. Heat the oil to medium/high. Sauté' the crabs in batches for about 3 minutes. Turn and sauté another 2 minutes until tender. Drain on brown paper bag.

2.) Drain fat from pan and add wine,juices, chilies, and scallions. Sauté until sauce reduces to about 1/3 cup. (about 5 minutes on medium heat) Place two crabs per serving on a plate, drizzle with sauce, and garnish with greens.

Serves 4 people as a main course

From "A well-seasoned appetite, Molly O'neill"

Blue crabs require a spring temperature, salinity, and apparently a self-selected hiding place for shedding its shell. Aquaculturists have yet to produce consistent crops of the soft-shell crab that appears in the marsh grass of the northern Chesapeake in mid-May.



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