



# FOUR WINDS

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## Outgoing Commodore's Message

**G**reetings fellow Windjammers,

In closing as my last message to the Windjammer member's;

I enjoyed working with all of the officers and committee chairs this year and I thank you for your efforts and support. I thank the many members, new and long time for volunteering and participating in this year's many events, and in many ways. Remember it's not just the officers and committee chairs who continue to make this club a success, but the entire membership. You are truly depended on.

Many thanks go out to all members

including past commodores who offered sound advise, comments and suggestions, those who shared your valuable knowledge and most of all, support to me during my role as Commodore.

I also want to thank Tommy and Liz for their continued hospitality and generosity to the Windjammer Club throughout 2007.

I hope that we all had an enjoyable, adventurous, successful, safe and a fun filled season in 2007.

In anticipation of finding "our boat", we know it was hard for many members; just remember it, as tough as it was for you to have a

commodore without a sailboat, it was even tougher for us. (David and Elaine Zailik)

Many thanks go out to all members who offered sound advise, comments and suggestions, those who shared your valuable knowledge and most of all, support to us during our search!

**David P. Zailik**  
Commodore

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## Incoming Commodore's Message

I hope everyone had as wonderful a sailing season as I did. Stephanie and I capped it off by sailing to the Fall Dinner at The Captain's Inn for the fourth year in a row! The Minchins aboard Stormy Petrel and Richard Barker, Captain of s/v Mystique, also sailed down with us. This is a great way to end the season and I hope that we can get more folks to join us next year. The wind was howling that day but it was out of the west north west and we had it on our starboard quarter the entire way. It made for a fast albeit all to short a ride and Richard along with his crew, Dale Harman, decided on a side trip to Tices before heading up Forked River. I think next year the schedule of events should read " Fall Dinner / Cruise " , after all we are sailors!

The Windjammer officers and Committee chairs will be meeting in January to plan out next year's events and discuss all matters of club business. At the Fall Dinner surveys were handed out asking for your input into dock parties, cruises, racing and anything else that is on your mind. I know many of you may not have been able to attend the dinner but may have things you would like discussed at the meeting or ideas for next year. If you have anything at all you would like brought up at the meeting you can email or call me and I will send you the survey or you can just tell me what's on your mind or what your idea is. I can identify where the ideas and comments came from or not. It is up to you. My email and phone #s are below.

There are a few issues we must resolve by the meeting, paramount among them is our need for a Juniors Chairperson. We need a volunteer to help with scheduling the junior events and running those events. If you have children or grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc.. that you sail with this would

be a great opportunity for you to get involved in planning activities they will enjoy next summer and remember forever. Even if you do not have children but have a passion for sailing and a desire to nurture the same in children you are welcome to become involved and take on the job. This a community effort and the chairperson of course gets help from myself and others, you would not be alone in your efforts. Please, help if you can and together we can provide wonderful summer memories for our Windjammer Juniors.



Also, something I forgot to mention prior. Trish Oliphant, our new Dock Parties Chair, is in search of any old sails you may have that have outlived their usefulness. She is trying to get enough to make some sun shades and other shelter to increase our comfort during our outdoor parties. Please, if you or someone you know has any such sails you can contact me and I'll let Trish know or you can contact her directly via email at:

[trishandmarkforever@yahoo.com](mailto:trishandmarkforever@yahoo.com) .

Remember, this is your club, get involved, have fun, learn more every year. At least that's what I aspire to do. The next article Bob will be asking me for will be that of the incoming Commodore sometime next year. Until then, enjoy the holiday season and rest assured the Windjammer officers and committee chairs will be hard at work making sure next season is as big a success as last.

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## Fall Dinner / Awards Summary

After another fabulous slide show put together by Ron Minchin, here are some highlights from the Fall Dinner which was held on November 3rd:

### *Summary of the awards:*

The **Walt Stafford Award** went to **Mark & Trish Oliphant** for all the hard work they both have done to help the club.

The **Rocknak Award** went to **Justin Pasca** for introducing the sport of sailing to people and bringing new members into the club by their enthusiasm for sailing and the club.

The **Running Aground Award** was bestowed upon **Tom Fogarty** for his plowing of the bottom while on the way to Beach Haven. Oh, and talking on his cell phone as it was occurring...

The **Turkey Award** was given to **Ron Minchin**. It should be noted that Ron is one of the leading contenders for this award through the years. This year involved breaking of spreaders upon the very immovable and fixed Mile Marker 40, to which Ron responded, "No, really! Marker 40 definitely moved!"

The **Dillon Dock Meter Award** went to **Phil Onffroy** this year, for two separate incidents. It involved coming into the marina under sail one time, and the other was a very windy day. While we don't disclose the gory details in this newsletter, we will let you know that both incidents ended in replacing anchors. Use your imagination...



*Windjammers having fun at the 2007 Fall Dinner*

## Race Results

This year's Windjammers racing had very good participation, with a number of newcomers joining the ranks of seasoned racers. The 2007 race results are as follows:

**Fathers Day - Jennifer Durrua**

**Ladies Helm - Lauren Nowicki**

**Tall Oaks Challenge - Jim Nowicki**

**Frostbite - Dale Harman**

This year the Windjammers retained the trophy for the Tall Oaks / Windjammers race. Congratulations to all who participated in this year's racing events!!

## Officers / Committees

During the fall meeting the slate of new officers was approved by unanimous votes. The officers are:

**Justin Pasca - Commodore**

**Frank Schaffer - Vice-Commodore**

**Jeanette Kozak - Treasurer**

**Kelley Fahey - Secretary**

2008 Chairpersons:

**Party - Trish Oliphant**

**Newsletter - Bob Fahey**

**Cruising - Ron Minchin**

**Jr. Windjammers - Open**

**Racing - Dale Harman**

**Seminars—Eric Landmesser**

**Fund Raising—Richard Barker**

**Supplies—Cliff Simpson**

**Historian—Susan Rasco**

**Past Commodore—Dave Zalik**

**Website - Bob Fahey**



# Fall 2007 Survey

As Justin Pasca mentioned in the "Incoming Commodore's Message", he and others put together a survey that was provided to the membership during the fall dinner. The survey asks for your opinions on a number of topics, such as cruising, racing, seminars, juniors activities, and dock parties.

If you were unable to attend the fall dinner or did not fill out a survey, please complete the survey below and provide your responses to Justin. You can email your responses to any of the following email addresses:

- [commodore@windjammersailing.com](mailto:commodore@windjammersailing.com)
- [newsletter@windjammersailing.com](mailto:newsletter@windjammersailing.com)
- [secretary@windjammersailing.com](mailto:secretary@windjammersailing.com)

Alternatively, feel free to send your responses directly to Justin either by US Postal or phone — Justin's contact information is in the roster.

1. What was your primary reasoning for joining a sailing club?
  - a) Learn more about sailing
  - b) To do more cruise
  - c) To do racing
  - d) To meet new people
2. Were you unable to attend cruising events (Beach Haven, Moonlight, Cruise around the Bay-4<sup>th</sup> of July, Cruise to Barnegat Light)? If so, what was the greatest obstacle:
  - a) Lack of interest
  - b) Commitments at home/scheduling conflicts
  - c) Experience
  - d) Cruising destination/accommodations (marina vs. anchor)
  - e) Distance
3. Would you like more opportunities to cruise?
  - a) Yes, more overnight cruises
  - b) Yes, more day cruises
  - c) No, keep the cruises the same
  - d) Not interested in cruising
4. Dock parties should be:
  - a) Every weekend
  - b) Every other weekend
  - c) Every 2 to 3 weekends
5. Dock parties should be held at:
  - a) 6:00pm
  - b) 7:00pm
6. What obstacles prevent you from participating in a race?
  - a) Lack of interest in racing
  - b) Commitments at home/ scheduling conflicts
  - c) Lack of experience
  - d) Not enough crew
  - e) Not interested in racing your own boat
7. Would you be interested in a distance race (4-6 hours)?
  - a) Yes, as crew
  - b) Yes, on my own boat
  - c) No
8. Would you like to see more types of races?
  - a) Sunfish races
  - b) Cruise races
  - c) Scavenger hunt/ nautical poker races
  - d) No, the current races are enough
9. Would you like to see more events for juniors?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No, the current events are enough
  - c) Not interested in junior events
10. What is your greatest obstacle that prevents your children from participating in junior events?
  - a) Lack of interest from the children
  - b) Children not interested in/too young for the events offered
  - c) Commitments at home (with parent or child)
11. What is your greatest obstacle in attending seminars?
  - a) Lack of interest in seminars offered
  - b) Would rather spend time sailing
  - c) Commitments at home/scheduling conflicts
12. The best time for seminars is:
  - a) In the evening after a dock party
  - b) Saturday morning
  - c) Sunday morning
13. Would you like more seminars on:
  - a) Sailing technique
  - b) Safety (1<sup>st</sup> Aide, vessel safety checklist etc)
  - c) Cruising – either how to or people's experiences (John Gage – cruise around the world; Bernhardt's Heritage cruise)
  - d) Boat maintenance
14. Do you have any suggestions for junior events?
15. Do you have a favorite existing dock party theme?
15. Do you have an idea for a dock party theme?
15. Do you have any suggestions for cruises?
15. Do you have any suggestions for seminars?
15. Do you have any suggestions for races?
15. What do the Windjammers do well?
15. What could the Windjammers improve on?

Thank you for your participation in this survey. If the space provided is insufficient please feel free to use additional paper. It is my promise to you to review every survey I get back and present the results to the officers and committee chairs at the winter meeting. We will use the information you provide to help guide us in planning our 2008 calendar of events. Remember this is your club, so let us know what you would like to see in '08.