



FOUR WINDS

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WIND JAMMER SAILING CLUB'S
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY !!!

"It's not the ship so much as skillful sailing that assures the prosperous voyage"

George William Curtis

This quote sums up one of the many reasons to be a Windjammer. Assuring those "Prosperous voyages" that come from skill, can be accomplished by talking to, and listening to, the many club members with countless years of sailing experience. I'll be the first to admit that when I joined the Windjammers I had barely a "clew" about sailing.

Some say I still don't, but when she does I kindly ask her to go below.

Many thanks to

Justin for his hard work and dedication to the Windjammers this past season. The survey he conducted was a great tool that gave us valuable information for planning this year's events. The Summer Sailstice he and Richard organized was a fantastic success. Of course we will be doing it again this year so if you missed it, make sure to set the day aside and join us on June 20th. Some other great memories of last year were the evening sails, and raft ups at the "Mansion". We missed the Myers hole trip and Beach Haven cruises, but heard great stories about the fun times had by all who did make them. I know Elizabeth will not soon forget our last sail of the sea-



son with the Minchin's on Stormy Petrel. "She was blowin 40 if she was blowin a knot". Was it just my imagination or for a second that day in the fading light, did I even see a bead of sweat on Captain Ron's head??? „Nahhh..

So we're getting there. The sailing season is right around the corner. It feels closer for the committee chairs, as we recently held the annual planning meeting to schedule events for this year. Somehow just talking about the season and getting the events on the calendar makes it feel a little warmer. As you may be aware a sight increase in the membership fee of \$5 was approved. It was necessary to cover the extras costs for the new picnic tables that will be at the Marina this year, and other general improvements overall. As I'm sure you realize being a Windjammer remains quite a bargain at \$55 per boat!

A variety of events were planned. As we learned from the survey there are almost as many thoughts on why we're Windjammers as there are Windjammers. As a result we tried to create a calendar with a little something for everyone. Of course the old favorites are back. The Wine and Cheese, Chicken and Ribs, Pig Roast, and Pirate Parties are all on the calendar again. The big party hit of the season, "Octoberfest" will return and it's expected that funky chicken might

make another appearance. If you haven't made it to a Wine and Cheese party, the annual kickoff of the season, you certainly should try to. We were amazed last year by some of the celebrities' members met over a bottle vino. A one-week trip up the Hudson is planned for 8/1 as well as a two-week cruise to the Chesapeake on 6/27. If you are interested in either of these cruises or want more information e-mail our cruising chair, Dale Harman.

And of course there are races and raft ups. As I've said many times you don't need experience, or a boat to come and join us for a race. Just show up around the meeting time and you'll be placed on a boat as crew. It is a fantastic way to learn the finer points of sailing and they are low-key and meant to be fun. If you haven't tried it you really should try to make it to one this year.

Finally, as I'm sure you've noticed we have updated the By-Laws, and need you to vote to accept them. The Windjammers committee worked hard to draft a very workable set of rules that will help us all to continue to enjoy our club. There is a line to accept the By-Laws at the bottom of the 2009 Windjammers application form.

Be well Windjammers, and I look forward to seeing you all this spring!

Frank



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Fall Dinner Highlights

On November 15, 2008, the Windjammer Sailing Club held the annual fall dinner at the Captain's Inn. Although there was some talk about sailing to the event the weather didn't cooperate. The atmosphere inside was warm and friendly. A beautiful slide show played all night, with highlights of the 2008 sailing season. After some socializing and a wonderful dinner, was the awards presentation.

The "Walt Strafford Award" went to Bob Fahey for his years of selfless service and devotion to the Windjammers. The "Charles Rocknak Award" went to Bob Ragolia for his spirited venture into the "Pond" cruising to Atlantic City and dealing with Pea Soup fog along the way. The "Running Aground Award" went to Adam & Angela Getzel for their mishap returning from LBI on Memorial Day weekend. The "Turkey Award" went to Tom Fogarty for his "overnight anchor drag" from Myers Hole to Viking Village. And the "Dillon Dock Meter Award" went to Corbett Monica for his full speed run in with the dock at Up The Creek Marina.



Norm can't wait to take your picture !

By Norm Driscoll

I CAN'T WAIT for our 40th sailing season to begin. Your board (as always) has planned a summer full of sailing, fun, and fellowship. And it will be my job to document all of that.

So I think I will need some help since I can't be everywhere at once. If you have any pictures of this summer's events, please send them. If you have any stories to tell, please send them.



And since this is our club's 40th anniversary, I will attempt to put together a history of what we have done, where we have visited, and what we have accomplished. To that end, you may see me walking around with a 'tape' recorder taking oral histories from some of our members with the longest membership (can't say oldest members anymore), which I hope to distill into a scrapbook of our club's adventures. Please

don't run when you see me coming. Names will be withheld to protect the guilty.

Please send anything you have to: NormDriscoll@Optonline.net, or by snail mail to

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Lets Party ! ! !

Greetings from *(insert your name here)*!

We aren't a yacht club, we're the WindJammers Sailing Club. We think sailing with our families and friends is the best way to spend time with them. We feel like we steal a little bit of vacation every time we're around the water. But chasing the sun and wind around the Barnegat Bay can make a sailor hungry. Several times through the course of the season we rejoice in the solitude the bay has to offer. Other times . . . We have dock parties. Lets break-in those *new picnic tables* so everyone please bring your stories and your favorite appetizers or dessert to share.

~ The Party Chairs

5/16/09 – 7 pm, Wine & Cheese Welcome Back Party, please bring a bottle of your favorite wine along with a story or tale and cheese and crackers to share with friends.

5/17/09 – Sail Shack Breakfast & Captains Meeting (formally know as the paint shed) we supply the coffee, sign up sheet in restrooms at marina, bagels, donuts fruit salad needed.

5/23/09 – Beach Haven Appetizer Dock Party, please bring a appetizer to share w/ friends starts approx 6pm.

5/24/09 – Beach Haven Breakfast on the dock, need members to bring bagels, eggs, bacon, donuts, sign up sheet in restrooms at Cedar Creek Marina.

6/6/09 – Chicken & Ribs, 6PM, \$15 pp \$10 for children, always a great party, finger lickin' good, Cliff and Nancy are our hosts.

6/20/09 – Summer Sailstice..... look for upcoming details.

7/11/09 – Raft – up Pot Luck, depending on weather conditions we will be rafting up at a TBD location, prepare your favorite appetizer, meal to share, drinks or dessert , we will be going boat to boat don't miss the fun!

7/25/09 – Iron Women's Feast, come join us for this Italian food feast hosted by Kelley & Bob Fahey.

7/26/09 – Sail Shack Breakfast 9:30AM, BYOB (bring your own breakfast) we supply the coffee.

8/8/09 – Open Grill Pot Luck Party at the Sail Shack, join us at 5PM before the Moonlight Cruise, sign up list to be posted.

8/22/09 – Pirate Party...arghhh! Hosted by the Rasco Family, \$15 pp, lots of food fun and prizes.

8/29/09 – Sloppy Joe Party, 6PM, \$5, hosted by Don & Jeanette Kozak.

8/30/09 – Sail Shack Breakfast / Seminar – look for details.

9/12/09 – Pig Roast, 5 PM, Hosted by our commodore & family \$15 pp, an old fashioned pig pick'n!

9/20/09 – BYOB Sail Shack Breakfast 9:30 AM.

9/26/09 – Tall Oaks Challenge Dinner, 6 PM we are the hosts, lets do it up good! A sign up list will be posted in the restrooms.

10/3/09 – Cattus Island Pot Luck Raft Up.

10/17/09 – Oktoberfest with your hosts Eric & Anne, limited seating, \$15 pp paid in advance, don't miss this one, lots of good German fare, BYOBeer, crazy fun, special surprise appearance!

10/18/09 – Good ~ Bye ~ Sail ~Shack Breakfast, we supply the coffee.

Some Pics from last season . . .



Photos: Norm Driscoll
& Angela Getzel



Dock Days: April 25th

As the days are getting warmer and longer we are all awakened from our hibernation (or just shaking off ski season). It's time to start getting ready for summer! We all know about the annual ritual of cleaning, waxing, and fine tuning our sailboats. But every year the WJSC tries to give back a little. Dock Days is spring cleaning for CCSC, our summer home away from home. We will start off @ 8:00 AM with some coffee and bagels, then on to paint, possibly planting flowers, picking up anything the winter winds have blown into the marina.



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Windjammers on Facebook !

The Windjammers are now on Facebook! You can find us at: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=logo#/group.php?gid=12938658009&ref=ts>. You can also find us on Facebook by searching for "Windjammer Sailing Club". If you'd like to join us on the Facebook group, please go to the URL and click "Join Group". You can post to the discussion board, read what others are saying, post pictures and find out about upcoming events. Be part of the online social network of our club, and keep in touch with fellow Windjammers no matter where they are!

Treasurers Report for Year 2008

Opening Balance:	4,276
Income:	10,318
Expenditure:	10,894
Closing Balance:	3,700
Net Profit/Loss:	(576)



Submitted by Jeanette Kozak. Please feel free to contact me if you require a more detailed breakdown of our income/expenditure.



WindJammers Website ! ! !

The Windjammers has a website, and it can be found at: <http://windjammersailing.com>. The website has up-to-date information about dock parties, cruises, seminars, races, and other events. You've seen the picture slideshow on the homepage, but did you know that you can have your own Windjammer pictures included as well? If you have some pictures you'd like to include, send them to: web@windjammersailing.com, and we'll include them on the website. If you have a lot of pictures, contact Bob Fahey to discuss methods other than email to transmit them.

Safe Boating Course

Offered again this year by Mike and Audrey sailnj@verizon.net

Call for pictures or stories

If you have any sailing pictures or stories from Windjammer events that you would like to see included on the WJSC website, or the next issue of "FOURWINDS" please send them to web@windjammersailing.com.

If you have any "NEWS" or information for the next "FOURWINDS" the official news letter of the WJSC, please forward it to newsletter@winjammersailing.com.

\$ 40.00 Windjammer price

Will be offered monthly with the first class on

Sunday May 3rd

Everyone who helms must have in possession



Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the 2009 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: Susan Rasco.

On time submission of your application will ensure your name being included on the club roster, and that you will get all club mailing

informing you new events and changes in the WJSC scheduled events.

Also, please check off any activities you would like to help out with on your application. Remember, YOU ARE THE SAILING CLUB! Without your attendance & efforts nothing would happen. The folks organizing the events are just other member having fun with they're families and friends. Please, be part of the fun and pitch in whenever possible.



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MEETING MINUTES

WINDJAMMER SAILING CLUB 2009 PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, February 1, 2009

In attendance: Frank Schaffer, Justin Pasca, Kelley & Bob Fahey, Cliff & Nancy Simpson, Mark & Trish Oliphant, Eric Landmesser, Anne Gearing, Val Bernhardt, Norm Driscoll, and Susan Rasco.

1. Commodore Frank Schaffer welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed out a draft of the constitution and by-laws for the Windjammers Sailing Club.

2. Val read a letter from the Tall Oaks club, that the Tall Oaks Challenge should be held the last weekend completely in the month of September (ie. the 26-27th of September 2009). An insurance release will be forwarded to the Tall Oaks club to sign.

3. Looking over the draft of the club bylaws, there was general discussion on the structure, and whether they should be split into 'Constitution' and 'Bylaws,' or 'Constitution,' 'Bylaws,' and 'Rules & Policies.' There was discussion of the ability to add separate amendments, and some examples of how other non-profit organizations structure their bylaws.

It was decided to structure the document as 'Constitution,' 'Bylaws, and 'Rules & Policies.' The Constitution would contain the mission statement, and the information on the club's structure and governing, elections, and insignia. The Bylaws would contain the specifics of officers' duties, required meetings, and membership. The Rules & Policies would lay out items such as dues and privileges.

4. The group went through each item in the first draft of the Constitution/Bylaws/Rules, edits were suggested, discussed, and decided upon, and the edits were taken down by Kelley to produce a final version of the document with Bob.



There was much discussion on what a quorum would be in order to change or amend the constitution, bylaws, or rules, or to remove a member of the executive committee from office, or to eject a member from the club. There are 5 flag officers, and 11 committee chairs in the club at present. Quorums for each type of vote were decided on, and will be included in the final draft of the bylaws.

The final version will be sent to Frank for review. This approved version will be included in the first WJSC mailing of the season (which will also include the membership form and newsletter). The bylaws will then be voted on by the existing membership.

The meeting was closed.

Minutes by Susan Rasco, club Secretary



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Fellow Windjammer,

Enclosed you will find a copy of proposed "New" Bylaws for the Windjammers Sailing Club along with your 2009 application and Winter Newsletter. As you may be aware existing Bylaws for the Windjammers were not able to be located. Senior members of our club remember seeing Bylaws in the past, but after an exhaustive search they could not be found.

The Windjammers directors, and the committee chairs created the enclosed proposed bylaws. We met several times throughout the season and line-by-line came to agreement on this version. We took into account existing processes and also looked for ways to improve or strengthen some of the processes that were not clearly defined. We believe the enclosed set of rules will help us improve the organization. Only with a set of rules can all of the members feel comfortable that we are running a well-organized operation. This does not mean that we are going to significantly change, or take ourselves too seriously, but when issues come up we will have a plan for how to handle them. More importantly as a 501c non-profit organization we are required by law to have bylaws.

Some of the more significant changes/ improvements are:

Clear oversight and accountability.

Better defined board of directors and officers.

Voting processes for positions.

We hope you agree that the enclosed rules will help us enjoy our club even more. At the bottom of the 2009 application form you will see a line to acknowledge your acceptance of these By-Laws. Each Boat/member will have one vote.

Frank Schaffer

Commodore