



# FOUR WINDS

Fall 2009

WIND JAMMER SAILING CLUB'S  
FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY !!!

## A Message from Our Commodore :

**We** made it to the best part of the season.

The power boaters are all but gone. Now the bay on the weekends will be filled with mostly sailors. It is the best time of the year for us so make sure to make the most of it.

Last weekend Justin and I had a great sail down past BI. We ran a beam reach with about 10-12knts on the trip down the bay. It was a perfect easy sail. We got a chance to relax and talk about the trips and sailing so far this year. It was a far cry from the sail home from Myers Hole the weekend before. That trip turned out to be a motor boat ride for me, taking wind and wave right over the bow. I also realized that the Island Breeze will never make it into the Sea Tow fleet and that dropping your pal into a dingy in 30 knot winds to rescue a fellow Windjammer can be pretty entertaining when you get to stay on the big boat.

It really has been a great year overall. We had the local trips to LBI and Myers Hole. The extended trips up the Hudson and to the Chesapeake. And the Raft ups at the mansion, Toms River, and Tices. As always the parties were great. Thanks again to all who helped out at the Pig Roast. Everyone pitched in to make the best of it given the weather. Excellent resourcefulness was demonstrated by the team that put the makeshift shelters together. The main course and all of the food brought by Windjammers was great and the piggy cake topped it all off. Hopefully you enjoyed the speaker from the Barnegat Bay Estuary Program. In talking with a lot of people afterwards I think everyone took away something about the bay they didn't know. What I really hope it accomplished was getting us all to think a little bit more about how we impact the bay and what we can do to help keep her healthy.

Don't let the recap fool you. As I said the finest days of sailing are left as well as some of our best events. Don't miss the Tall Oaks Challenge where we defend the cup against those bad sailors from the south. The overnight cruise to Silver Bay for the Cattus Island festival. The bus trip to the Annapolis boat show (Still in planning) and the Frostbite race. Make sure to make the best of the rest of the year!

Frank

**Date Change :** Fall Dinner will be on November 7th at the same great place the "Captains Inn", hope to see you there !!!

## Welcome New WindJammers !



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## WindJammers Summer : Cruising . . .

### You're too old to Cruise!

Those are the words we heard when we told our daughter and grand kids that we were considering buying a larger boat!

Why did we want a larger boat? The Lippincott 30 was quite tight for a weekend for 3 adults, 3 children and some times a 100 lb. Lab. This weekend arrangements prompted us to consider the purchase of a larger boat. We all wanted to cruise to Block Island the following summer!

This story is not about our purchasing a Sabre 36 in Rock Hall Maryland, having it shipped to NJ and working on it all winter and spring to get it in cruising shape. It's more about our successful cruise to Block Island and back!

Martina and I left Cedar Creek on a Thursday and Sailed (just two old folks) to the Metedeconk Yacht club to have dinner and load our four additional crew (and their gear) on board.

Friday morning we left the dock at 6:00 am to catch the tide thru the Point Pleasant canal, down the Manasquan River and out the inlet to the ocean.

The sail up the coast to New York Harbor was enjoyable for a while, then the wind died and we were forced to enter cruising mode and start the diesel!

We made good time and decided to buck the Hudson and East river tide instead of a stop over at Atlantic Highlands. We arrived at City Island around 8:00 pm and took a mooring for the night.

The next morning when I went to start the engine the starter would not turn over. Went directly to the starter solenoid and found the wire had vibrated off the solenoid (again). Crimped the connector and re-attached and off we went. Motored for a while and then a breeze came up to help us along. Nice sunny day and the Sound was filled with sailboats, kayaks, and of course powerboats. By late afternoon we were off the north shore of Long Island and close to Mattituck. We went in and wound our way past fishing boats, summerhouses and lots of wild life. Anchored up river and had a nice cool swim before dinner.

Next morning we left around five thirty to take advantage of the out going tide. There was some showers around and as we headed east toward the east end of Long Island, thunder storms were seen and heard to the north of us and to the south. We lucked out with just heavy rain for a while and both storms passed away from us! Passing Little and Great Gull Island was a beautiful sight in the falling rain with the tide helping us pass by! Fog met us about half way across Block Island Sound and was quite dense. The gps plotter sure was a comfort since we at least knew where we were and watched as our track was laid down on the gps chart. We arrived at BL inlet to the Great Salt Pond around two o'clock. Anchored over on the south east side just under the Sullivan House.

The following four days were spent in fog and sun, cool nights, and many trips ashore to savor the island restaurants, shops, and the island laundry to dry our damp and wet clothes. Adam, Katie, and Megan enjoyed many hours of motoring around the Great

Salt Pond in the dingy! On Thursday Jenn and the grand kids took the ferry to New London and then a couple of trains to get them home to Point Pleasant Beach.

Martina and I left BI after our weeklong guest were on their way for home. A quick, bouncy ride over to the Mystic River, a mooring pickup and an early New England dinner at Abbott's Lobster Pound on Fisher Island Sound.

The following morning, Friday, we made our way up the sound to the Connecticut River and on up to Essex Yacht Club for another night on a mooring. EYC is a beautiful club and welcome members of other clubs.

We went ashore by club launch and were going to walk thru town and have dinner out. When we arrived ashore it started to rain and a thunderstorm was about to pass over us. We went into EYC for a drink while waiting for the storm to pass. From their upstairs bar we watched our boat out on the mooring get a great washing from the almost one hour heavy down pour.

Lots of rain and lighting but very little wind. When it was over, it was to late for town so we headed back to our boat for another of Martina's (Galley Girl) meals.

Next morning after a quick tour of Essex we motored up river to Hamburg Cove and spent the day swimming in fresh cool water. This place is a must visit if you have the time to go up river.

Monday morning we left Hamburg Cove and motor sailed down river and out into the sound. It was quite overcast but no rain. We sailed into the Thimble Island and found an unoccupied mooring with Skull and Cross Bones painted on it. I figured the only one brave enough to borrow it for the day and night should be safe! It remained overcast and light rain the rest of the day so we read and watch a movie on the flat screen!

Tuesday we sailed to Stamford and took on fuel and water and a guest slip at Brewers Yacht Works. We were greeted by our old friend and business associate Chris Wentz from "Z" Sails. After a tour of the sail loft, Martina and I took "Land" showers and later were picked up by Chris and his wife Barbara for a nice dinner in Old Greenwich.

Next morning Chris came to our boat and measured for a new 135% headsail. We left around 9:30 and sailed to City Island for another night on a mooring, a tour of City Island and dinner ashore.

Thursday found us on our way thru the East River and down the Hudson to Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club where we took another mooring behind the great brake water. It was quite interesting to watch the high-speed ferry's coming and going between NJ and NY. They are fast! After a tour of town, looking for an Italian restaurant, and not finding one, we returned to our boat and another great Galley Girl dinner.

Friday we left for the sail down the ocean to Manasquan and on to the Metedaconk Yacht Club for another yacht club dinner and watched Jenn and Adam try to catch enough wind to start a Sand Piper race. No luck! Wind never materialized and race was canceled.

Next morning we left for home and experienced the best sailing 2 wind of the entire trip! "Want to Sail!" Stay in Barnegat Bay!

Oh! By the way the "Old Folks" did OK on their own!

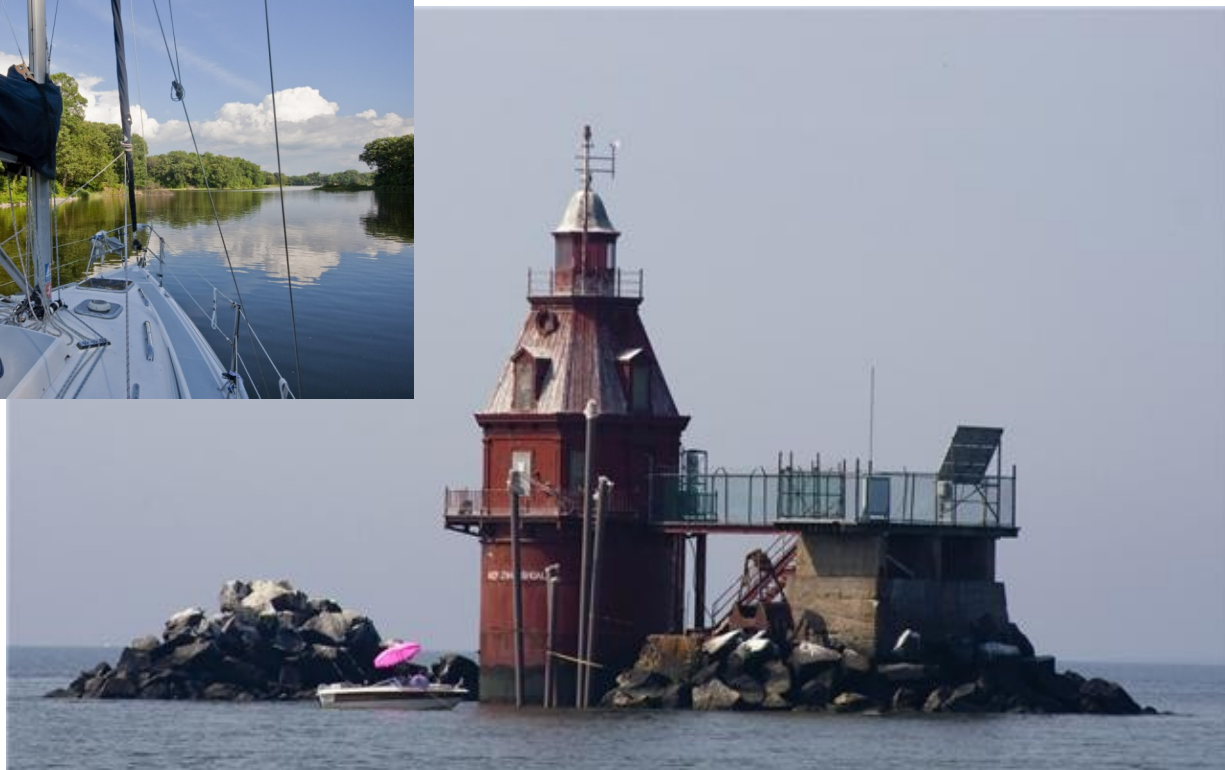




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## WindJammers Summer : Cruising . . .



I have **\*TONS\*** of pictures! I've enclosed a few of my more favorite pics from our trip to the Chesapeake. It was a Windjammers cruise, in that there was Kel & I on Waterloo, and Kathy & Ron on Stormy Petrel.

-Bob



## Windjammers Club Racing

The long distance race scheduled for August 29 was cancelled because of predicted bad weather! It was held on Sunday August 30 with 7 boats starting.

The wind was very variable in speeds and direction throughout the entire 13.6 mile race course! Race began with a start between marker 40 and the small sedge island to the west. The boats beat northeast to marker 39 with a starboard rounding and then preceded to marker 42 off of Barnegat rounding to port. Then beat back up to the finish between marker 40 and the sedge island.

The variable winds made for an interesting race for the 4 boats that finished but caused 3 boats to drop out! The following 4 boats finished in this order!

Providence II first to finish with a 4 hr, 9 min., 27 seconds – 2nd place on corrected time.

Sashay second to finish with 4 hr, 11 min., 56 seconds - 1<sup>st</sup> place on corrected time.

Stormy Petrel third to finish at 4hr, 47 min., 27 seconds – 3<sup>rd</sup> place on corrected time.

Restless fourth to finish at 4hr, 54 min., 36 seconds – 4<sup>th</sup> on corrected time.

Lorelei, Mystique, and Chianti did not finish.

Those that raced said they had a good time and it was a shame that more of our members did not participate!

**Val Benhardt**

## Tall Oaks Challenge Trophy Race

Next Saturday, September 26th, is the Tall Oaks Challenge Trophy Race. Tall Oaks is officiating the race and our club is giving the after race barbeque! The Captains Meeting is scheduled for 0930 hrs. at the State Marina picnic area and the Warning for the race will be at 1200 hrs. The location for the starting area will be identified at the skippers meeting, but will be somewhere between "BB", "40" and Tices.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information. Dennis Smith  
[smith2368@hotmail.com](mailto:smith2368@hotmail.com)

Martina and I are in charge of the after race barbeque. Please, we would like to know how many are planning to attend so we can purchase the food for the affair. Please e-mail me at [valrb@hotmail.com](mailto:valrb@hotmail.com) or call my cell 609-290-1756 or home 609-296-7266 if your attending. Please RSVP by Thursday September 24th.

Also a donation of a desert would be greatly appreciated.



## The Ladies Helm Race

The 2009 Ladies Helm Race had a great turnout. The winds were typical Barnegat Bay 15-20 kts SE. Six boats participated. In lieu of a committee boat, we had a rabbit start with Dawn Minchin on Stormy acting as the rabbit. The excitement began early in the race as Lauren Nowicki, on board Sashay, attempted to reposition the start mark. Unfortunately, after Jim went swimming to remove the mark, they decided to drop out of the race. The rest of the fleet was led by Kathy Minchin on Stormy Petrel with Linda Laks on Callisto in hot pursuit. Everyone sailed a good race with very few minor errors but the surprise came when the handicaps were calculated and Stormy with her 270 PHRF rating corrected ahead of both Callisto and Stormy Petrel with Dawn beating her mother by 2 minutes.

Boat	Skipper	Actual Time	Corrected Time
Stormy	Dawn Minchin	60:05	40.16
Stormy Petrel	Kathy Minchin	51:00	42.3
Callisto	Linda Laks	53:40	44.96
Tiki	Angela Getzel	73:56	63.68
Moondancer	Susan Rasco	75:43	67.71
Sashay	Lauren Nowicki	DNF	

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## Cardboard Boat Race

Early one Saturday afternoon, they converged in Bayville. Boat builders from near and far. No not Gerry Douglas, Botin & Carkeek, Hallberg-Rassy, Mauro Sculli or Malcom Runnalls. It was our very own, home grown talent. It was amazing to watch the masters passing their craft to the next generation. Once the whirl wind of cardboard, duct tape & paint had set-

tled, the fleet of Cardboard Boats came to rest and be admired at the end of the dock. With race committee boat Sunset in place . . .

They were off. . .

Bob Fahey manned my second camera at the cardboard boat races, and deserves credit for the wide angle pics of the race.







## WINDJAMMERS WELCOME

### Bernard and Julie Creache

The Creache's hail from Voorhees, N.J. and keep their boat here at Cedar Creek Sailing Center. Bernard and Julie have a soon to be two year old daughter, Alicia, and a seven year old Golden Retriever named, Hunter, no relation to their 31' Hunter; their boat has yet to be named.

After taking sailing lessons here at our sailing center, Bernard and Julie bought their first boat, bringing her up from Maryland four years ago. They took their first cruise to Atlantic City on July 4<sup>th</sup>, staying at a marina.

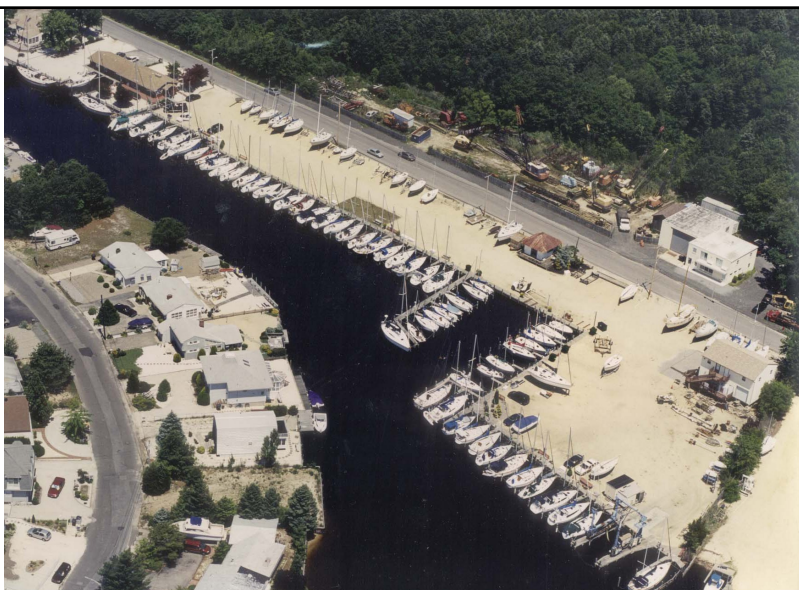
When not sailing, they enjoy time with their baby daughter. They are looking forward to participating in Windjammer functions to expand their sailing knowledge and make new friends. Please give the Creache's a warm welcome when you see them on the dock.

## Have questions about Winter ~ Ask CCSC

When it comes to fall sailing, winter maintenance or winter storage, ask CCSC.

The marina store is stocked with everything needed for fall and winter maintenance. And anything else you may need can be ordered.

*Cedar Creek Sailing Center*  
*Phone number : 1-732-269-1351*  
*Email : CCSC@comcast.net*  
*And on the web @*  
*<http://cedarcreeksailingcenter.com>*



***WJSC thanks them sincerely for the use of the clubhouse and all they do for us!!!***



## Final Thoughts & Upcoming Events

The **Fall Dinner** will now be held on **November 7th** at the same great place “**Captains Inn**”

There will be several more races . If you would like to race your boat or crew on other, talk to Val, the Racing Chair.

Don't forget! ! !

The WindJammers plan to do as we did last year and charter a bus to the Annapolis Boat Show on October 10th. I'm sure all that attended the '08 trip would agree it's the only way to fly. . . We had a fantastic trip without any of the hassle of the drive.

We need to gauge the interest to make sure we have enough of a commitment to fill the bus. Please let Frank (fschaffe@optonline.net) or Adam (adamtroyc@hotmail.com) know ASAP if you will attend. Seats will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Secure your place now. Price is about \$40/person based on the cost of the bus only. This is a not for profit event.

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](mailto: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.