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St. Thomas to Bermuda

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A Message from the Commodore Elizabeth Schaffer

Happy Spring! It's FINALLY sailing season. As I write this, we are preparing for our first overnight of the year on Island Breeze, on May 2, 2015. The anticipation of this day every year never loses the excitement for me! It's the feeling of coming home after a long absence. We are looking forward to seeing our Windjammer friends and trading stories of the long winter behind us, along with plans for the glorious summer awaiting us!

The 2015 Officers and Chairpersons met on February 7th and planned some wonderful events for our club for this season. If you have not viewed our new website, designed by Chip Hitchens, I urge you to do so. Upcoming events are posted there. The new site looks great, and should provide a better experience across a wider range of devices. Thank you Chip!

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Frank and I attended the Cedar Mar Yacht Club seminar on February 21st. Featured presentations were The Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Center, The Marine Mammal Stranding Center, and the USCG Aux Flotilla # 16-05. We discussed the possibilities of sharing ideas and events with both Cedar Mar and Tall Oaks to enhance our nautical experiences. This might be of particular interest to those who

cruise. We discussed combining clubs for some cruises.

Hopefully if you are reading this, you are either at the Wine and Cheese dock party, or you are reading at home after attending the party where you shared or heard some tall tales. This party is our first of the season and always great fun! Our first cruise will be our annual shakedown cruise to Beach Haven, Memorial Day weekend. Our family will be celebrating Claire's college graduation that same weekend, and we will not be free to join you. Our first race and the annual Chicken and Ribs dock party will be held on June 13th. These are the firsts of what is sure to prove a memorable summer! Thank you for allowing me to serve our sailing club. Please be sure to let me know if I can do anything to help you enjoy all that the Windjammers have to offer.

We must free ourselves of the hope
that the sea will ever rest. We must
learn to sail in high winds.

Aristotle Onassis



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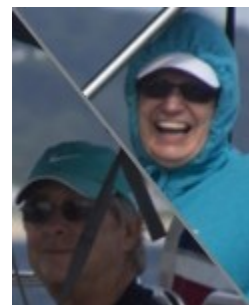
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Cruising: May through July

Bob Fahey

After a long brutal winter, spring is finally here! Over the last few weeks of going to the marina, the parking lot is starting to be filled with cars instead of boats, so that means it's time to go cruising!

Memorial Day – Beach Haven

Our first cruise of the season is coming up quickly. The annual shake-down cruise to Beach Haven over Memorial Day weekend will be from Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 25. This trip is about 25 nautical miles and takes 5-6 hours, depending on winds and current. Once there you will be only blocks from the beach, restaurants and of course mini-golf and ice cream shops! Please call Marlene at Beach Haven Yacht Club soon to make your slip reservations: 609-492-9101. If you can't come by boat, please do consider driving down for the dock party that we will have at Beach Haven Yacht Club on Friday at about 5pm.

4th of July – 3-in-1 Cruise: Around The Island, Toms River Fireworks, AC & Cape May

4th of July is on a Saturday this year, and many will have Friday the 3rd off. The Windjammers have a 3-part cruise lined up starting July 3rd. Please join us for any segment or the entire 3-part cruise! If you plan on attending, please let me know via email: cruising@windjammersailing.com.

- July 3 – Rally Around The Island – Have you ever wanted to sail from Cedar Creek to Toms River, the long way? Go on this cruise, and find out that Cedar Creek to Toms River requires going through 2 inlets, under 6 bridges, ocean sailing and nearly 50 nautical miles! This cruise is a circumnavigation of Island Beach. We plan to depart Cedar Creek on Friday, July 3rd in the morning, sail south and out through Barnegat Inlet, head north and in through Manasquan Inlet, through the Point Pleasant Canal and finally anchor in Toms River at either Pine Beach (south) or the golf course side (north).
- July 4 – Toms River Fireworks – The annual Toms River fireworks are scheduled for Saturday, July 4th. Come join us at anchor for the Independence Day fireworks show! We will be either on the north side (the golf course), or the south side (Pine Beach), depending on the wind direction. (Why depending on direction of the wind? So we enjoy a front-row seat but don't get fireworks debris raining down on us.)
- July 5-12 – Cruise to Atlantic City & Cape May – Departing from Toms River after the fireworks show, the Windjammers will head southward Sunday, July 5th. If you plan on going on this segment but are not attending the fireworks, please let me know so we can coordinate meeting up with you as the group passes



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Cruising: May through July, continued

by Cedar Creek, so we can go as a flotilla. We will go out through Barnegat Inlet on the way to AC, unless the weather is sloppy and then we can elect to go on the “inside”, it just takes a little longer. For those who would like to stay in a marina, the Golden Nugget has a nice facility and reasonable rates, with a casino and a Starbucks inside. If anchoring is more your style, Rum Cove is northeast of the Golden Nugget, by Rum Point. We will stay a day or two in Atlantic City before continuing southward to Cape May, where there are numerous activities awaiting you: the Victorian houses, wonderful restaurants, a lighthouse, a lookout tower and a bunker, a winery, biking, beaches, and yes, even mini-golf and ice cream shops! There are several marinas in Cape May such as Utsch’s and South Jersey Marina, to name a few. You can also anchor near the Coast Guard station and dinghy into one of the marinas – please be sure to ask if they will allow you to leave a dinghy there, and where they want you to tie up. Leaving Cape May, we begin making our trek northward and stop in AC, or if the winds are right, sailing straight through to Barnegat Inlet and stopping in Myer’s Hole for the last night.

If you want to find out more about these cruises or are interested in attending, please let me know by emailing me at: cruising@windjammersailing.com, stop by our boat (“Elenora”, close to the office), or give me a call. I hope to be hearing from you, and I look forward to this year’s cruising season!!

Newsletter Submissions

Jen Hitchens, Newsletter Chair

Please share your cruising stories, maintenance tips, general sailing news, great boat recipes, boat related classifieds, Barnegat Bay news, etc. I’m also looking for people who are interested in writing regular features – I’d love to hear your ideas! Please send your suggestions and original submissions to newsletter@windjammersailing.com



Summer Sailing Adventure

Adam Getzel

One Wednesday afternoon last summer, Sal, Rob, Angela, and I left NJ packed and provisioned for an adventure. Later that evening our rental car arrived in Barrington, RI. Reveille on June 25, 2014 was 07:00; we convened in hotel pool's hot tub. At our pre-breakfast captains meeting, we re-tuned the float plan timing to coincide with the best weather window.

Thursday started as a sunny, warm New England day. With Sal at the helm, we departed Barrington YC. We moved swiftly south toward Newport riding a 12 knot puff. We barely had time to appreciate the good weather before the lightning and downpours developed.



Just as the storm broke we picked up a mooring in Newport harbor. Obviously, Happy Hour followed.

Friday June 26, 2014 saw another early reveille, with breakfast and coffee. We were off the mooring by 09:00, this ~160nm leg of the trip would put us back in the Barnegat Bay mid-morning Saturday.

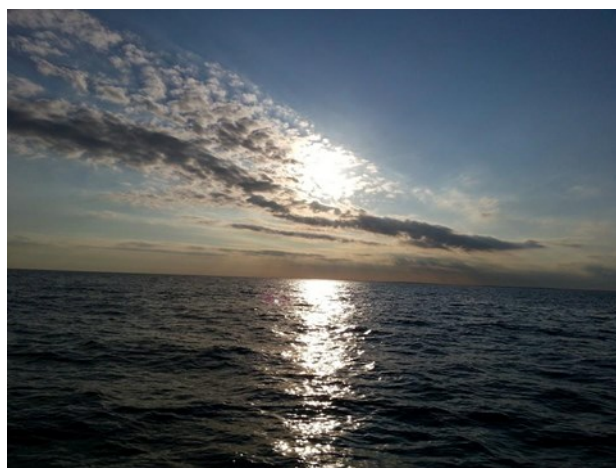
Broad reaching for just over an hour, we noticed Block Island as the backdrop for fleets of sailboats racing. It



Summer Sailing Adventure, continued



was Block Island Race week! In the excitement of watching the races and passing Block Island, we popped our own A-sym. We quickly lost sight of Long Island, taking turns trimming and steering and flying the spinnaker. With sundown approaching, the wind diminished along with our speed, and we began motor sailing. During my late evening shift, Rob returned to the cockpit. We both commented “the engine pitch sounds slightly different” as he exited the companionway. Baffled, for nearly 10 minutes we discussed why this sound change happened. Our debate came to an end with a 'POP'. The pressure cap on the engine coolant blew and we shut down the engine, forcing us to ghost along between 3-4 knots under main and 135 jib for the remainder of the overnight. After breakfast we trouble shot the engine and learned the water pump backed away from the belt, causing the pitch change we discussed. We were back up and running after a quick repair. By this time the wind had returned and we were sailing over 5 knots, only a few hours from Barnegat Inlet. By late afternoon we heard 'Land-Ho' with a sighting of Barny, and within a few hours we were tied up at Cedar Creek Sailing Center.





Sail From St. Thomas to Bermuda

Rich Conti

On the morning of Saturday, April 4, I received a text from Capt. Mike Brown, owner of the Delmarva Sailing School in Maryland. His first mate was ill and hospitalized. He asked if I could assist in transporting his Pearson 39' from St. Thomas to Bermuda. Now that is an offer hard to refuse! I flew to St. Thomas Sunday, April 12. Two other sailors were to come Monday afternoon as part of a program. As we all know, preparing for an 850 nm ocean trip takes some planning and time. I secured 22 5-gallon fuel jugs along the lifelines. Next I had to take the anchor off the chain rode, take all 300' of rode out of the anchor locker, put the anchor in the locker with the chain on top, and secure the locker latch with wire. OK...I was tired after that. Monday we had to take down the mainsail for repair. A sail person came and picked it up. The boat had to be provisioned and everything secured, dinghy deflated and stowed, and motor secured. It was a long Monday. Tuesday morning, we watered and fueled up, and off we were. Bermuda is basically a straight rhumb line north. Generally we were 020mag. We did two-hour watches. Mine were 9-11am, 5-7pm, and 1-3am. We used radar at night; for weather we used Sirius and Commander weather services. Weather and sea state were favorable. Several squalls and fronts required regular reefing and sail plan changes. We didn't have a lot of boat traffic—only some crossing tankers and fishing boats. Winds were mostly NE - SE. Only for a short period of time did we have head winds. Bermuda radio requires you contact them 30 nm out. About 9:00pm we were at the channel. It is a little tricky and every other buoy is lit. The cut is very narrow. We got out two spot lights and, of course, one failed. This is why you need two of everything! Customs waited for us and we cleared in about 11:00pm. The next morning, Tuesday, we moved the boat to a small marina. I flew home that afternoon.

Today is Saturday, April 25, and I am fortunate to be in Newark airport flying to Bonaire and going to sail to St. Thomas.





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Barnegat Bay Sailing School and Sailboat Charters



Course Offerings

ASA 101 – Basic Keelboat Sailing Certification

This 2 day, on the water introduction to sailing course is designed to give the beginner the skills and confidence needed to sail a 22-24 foot sailboat on your own.

Instruction includes nomenclature, rules of the road, points of sail, rigging, sail trim, and docking.

ASA 101 – Ladies Sailing Certification

This 2-day, For women/By women sailing certification course is designed for any woman who prefers to learn to sail under the guidance of an ASA certified female instructor and all women crew. Build up your confidence and knowledge to be able to take the helm and crew on a 22-24 foot sailboat. This ladies sailing course covers the same material and achieves the same level of certification as the ASA 101 Basic Keelboat Course.

ASA 103 – Basic Coastal Cruising Sailing Certification

This more advanced course is designed to take the confident basic keelboat sailor and make them a competent skipper able to handle a 30 foot sailboat in coastal waters.

Instruction includes sail boat handling, seamanship, reefing, navigation, and anchoring.



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Bareboat Rental

At Barnegat Bay Sailing School we feel the best way to become a confident and competent sailor is through practice. After the lessons end, the learning continues thru sailing experiences and BBSS will be by your side the entire process. Our NJ sailboat rentals are professionally maintained and coast guard approved for a safe and stable sailing experience.

With two styles of rental sailboats to choose from (racing and cruising), rental packages, and a sailing buddy club, sailboat rentals with Barnegat Bay Sailing School are both affordable and enjoyable.

Island Time

A stable 23 foot O'Day sailboat. This sloop rigged cruiser with her shoal draft keel, 8 foot beam, tiller steering, roller furling jib, mercury 8 HP outboard, and a generous cabin is a great choice for a day sail on Barnegat Bay.

Retro

A classic 1964 Pearson Ensign. This fractional rig racer with her full keel, 7 foot beam, tiller steering, roller furling jib, 8 HP Johnson outboard, and spacious cockpit is a great family day sailor as well as a one design racing machine.

Requirements

- A NJ Safe Boating Certificate or equivalent
- An ASA 101 Certification of equiv.
- Drivers License and Credit Card
- Boat, Engine, Area Orientation