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## Sailing South Elizabeth Schaffer

Where do you go when you are hungry for life? Sailing is the answer, no matter the question.

Island Breeze took a summer sail to points south. We enjoyed seeing more dolphins on this trip than we have ever seen! We found dolphins starboard, port, bow, and stern at several locations along the way. It seems we saw the most when approaching any inlet. We were even treated to dolphins jumping high into the air, and splashing down, only several hundred yards from our boat. This for me was one of many highlights of our trip.

We stayed first at anchor at Barnegat Light for two nights. We then stayed three nights at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City. We ended our southern leg of the trip with three nights in Cape May. We then traveled north for one more AC night and one more night anchored at the lighthouse. This was all very comfortable with good weather and a travel speed of about 5 knots, with some days of sail with no motor. We had Elenora join us in Atlantic City for the remainder of our journey. It was not only fun to have Bob and Kelley join us, but their local knowledge of

the marinas, combined with their overall cruising experience, made for an easy, safe passage. If you are new to cruising, take advantage of traveling with someone in our club for safety in numbers. Be sure NOT to ask me about my navigating skills, and the portion south when Frank took a nap. I'm told it is worthy of a turkey award. In my defense, I just want to say that I was making the mistake of looking down at the navigation tools, sort of like a video game. I forgot to look up for a few minutes.

If you have not been south, highlights of things to do are dinghy ride ashore at Barnegat Light for shopping in Viking village and dinner at Kubel's. Frank has the crab pot pie every single time we visit there! Atlantic City provided us with great live music and we enjoyed the simple pleasure of being able to walk everywhere. Be sure to ask Bob and Frank about the line they waited in for a "dress to impress" nightclub! The Wrights and Minchins joined us for a wonderful buffet meal and some gambling. None of us spent enough to lose the boat! We also entertained my friend Tina and my daughter Claire for different nights. Since Claire came by car, we were able to get



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### *Sailing South, continued*

out and explore a bit further, and spent a day at the Atlantic City Aquarium. Although small, it was very nice with a large selection of marine life and a touch tank.

Cape May was a totally different venue from the casinos and fast-paced life of AC. We loved renting bikes and visited the lighthouse and a local winery. Kelley and Bob, of course, have fold up bikes on their boat and so it was a bit of a cartoon watching us try to keep up with them on the rentals. We enjoyed dinner at Lucky Bones, three nights in a row, because....why ruin a good thing? It was really wonderful on our way back north to be greeted at Meyers Hole by eight Windjammer boats at anchor! We had initially planned to travel to points north/Block Island. We felt two weeks was needed to truly enjoy the trip north and so with only ten nights of vacation time, south was a better option. I highly recommend this trip if you have not tried it.

Be sure to check our website for upcoming events. Most of our dock parties so far have been well attended. Get out on a boat and sail, it doesn't matter where....just enjoy life!





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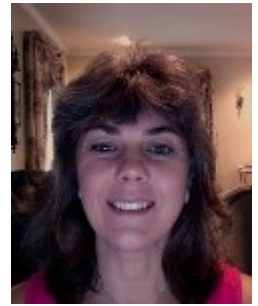
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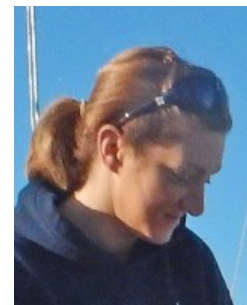
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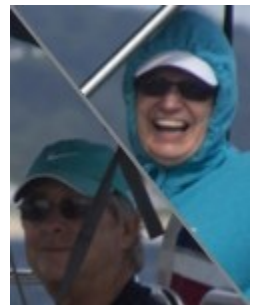
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## The Summer of Cruising

Bob Fahey

As I sit here writing this article at anchor in Toms River, I realized that the Windjammers have been doing a lot of cruising this summer! There have been many planned cruises, and quite a few impromptu ones as well (like the one Kelley and I are on right now). This has been a Summer of Cruising for the Windjammers.



We kicked off the Summer of Cruising with the annual trip to Beach Haven on Memorial Day, with a great turn-out of 12 Windjammers boats attending. The bay was exceptionally low, as the wind had been blowing for some time from the west. In order to arrive in Beach Haven at high tide the plan was to leave Cedar Creek around low tide, but that proved to be difficult for some boats to make it out of the creek. Once in Beach Haven, a westerly wind picked up and did not subside until Monday, making for a windy but popular dock party, and remainder of the weekend.

The beginning of July brought with it three more Windjammer cruises. The first was a planned Cruise Around the Island, which was a 50-mile circumnavigation of Island Beach State Park. We had 7 boats who were planning on going, but the weather did not cooperate. In an unusual turn of events, there was little to no wind on Barnegat Bay! In order to hit the currents correctly at Barnegat Inlet and Manasquan Inlet, one needs to maintain about 5 knots. This meant no sailing and instead doing a 50-mile motorboat ride that included 2 inlets, the Point Pleasant Canal, and 6 bridge openings, only to end up where you started. Hats off to Ivan on Moraira—being the trooper he is, he did the whole circumnavigation! Most others sailed on the bay and went to Silver Bay for the night.

For the 4th of July we had 9 boats that went to Toms River for the Beachwood fireworks. This was the 75th year of fireworks on the Toms River, and this year definitely did not disappoint! It was a spectacular show.

We had two Windjammers boats who went to Atlantic City and Cape May following the fireworks. Please see the article written by Julie. A second Windjammers cruise also went to Atlantic City and Cape May towards the end of July—Our Commodore, Elizabeth Schaffer, wrote an article about this trip that you will find in this newsletter.

The Summer of Cruising continued mid-July, with a group of three Windjammers boats who went on a 2-week trip northward. They went offshore to Block Island, traveled to Newport, and began making their way back south. Phil wrote a nice article about their journey, which you can find in this newsletter. Arpeggio extended that trip by several weeks and did some cruising in New England. As I am writing this, Arpeggio just made their way from Atlantic Highlands and arrived in Myers Hole after their month-long journey.



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*Summer of Cruising, continued*

But wait, there's more! The Summer of Cruising continues!!

Here are the remainder of the planned Windjammers cruises for this year:

### September 5-7 – Labor Day Cruise to Myers Hole

This annual cruise to Myers Hole is a great way to close out the unofficial end of summer. We will make our way out Oyster Creek Channel and anchor at Myers Hole, with a beautiful backdrop of Barnegat Lighthouse. On Saturday September 5, weather permitting, we will plan on having a “dock” party on the beach. We will send out an announcement with the details closer to the event.

### October 3-4 – Cattus Island Festival

Each year we sail to Silver Bay for the annual Cattus Island Festival. The festival is on Sunday, October 4 from 8am to 4pm. For more information about this event, please see: <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/WebContentFiles/ad97465a-2510-4b79-879d-484f4777963f.pdf>

### October 24-25 – Cruise to Captains Inn

Get your sweaters ready! This cruise could be a cold one. The Captains Inn in Forked River has slips that you can stay at overnight. Look for an announcement about this cruise in a few months.

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](mailto:cruising@windjammersailing.com) or stop by our boat (“Elenora”, close to the office). Let's keep the Summer of Cruising going!!

## 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](mailto:newsletter@windjammersailing.com)



## Lopez Family Cruise

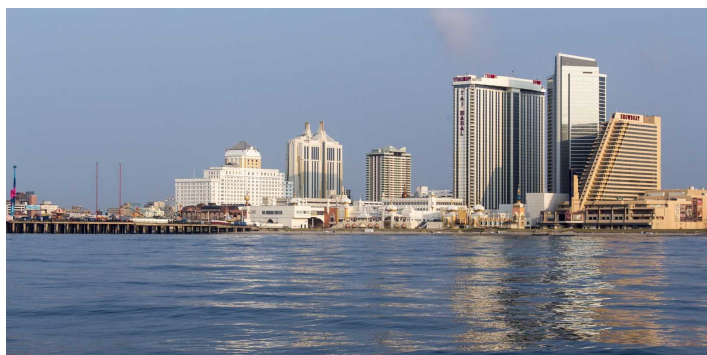
### Dale Lopez

After a week afloat, we made it back alive...

After a night at anchor near the Barnegat Light, Ivan and his first mate Jacqueline set sail on July 3rd out of the Barnegat Inlet on Moraira for the "Rally Around the Island." Other Windjammers backed out due to lack of wind, but Ivan decided to go as planned, as it was a beautiful day and he had never been through the Manasquan/Point Pleasant Inlet or Point Pleasant canal. They were accompanied by a friend on his own boat, who hails from a marina in Barnegat. They had a great day. Ivan and Jacq anchored for the night in a cove on Silver Bay (where they met up with some Windjammers), before returning to Cedar Creek on the 4th. Monique and I joined them late afternoon with all of the provisions for a week at sea.

Moraira again returned to anchor near the Barnegat Inlet. It was a beautiful evening surrounded by fireworks near and far and a spectacular way to spend the Fourth of July! The next day, we did the tourist thing around the Barnegat Light area with friends. We spent another night at anchor. Then bright and early on Monday the 6th, we along with fellow Windjammers Bernard, Julie and girls, as well as another friend (non-Windjammer), set sail offshore with a destination of Atlantic City. It was a beautiful day and the winds were decent. Ivan and I had our quietest sail ever...we split our girls between boats with our friends, and they did the same with their girls (luckily we both have girls similar ages). Both families had a relaxing sail down to AC. If you have tweens or teens and have an opportunity to split them up during the voyage, I highly recommend it!

We all arrived safely at the Golden Nugget/Farley State Marina late that afternoon. All three boats stayed until Wednesday the 8th. During our stay, we did a mix of eating on board and on shore, as well as enjoying the boardwalk with the kids. All were happy, as after scoring discounted ride tickets via Groupon, we then found out that on Tuesdays, all rides were 1/2 the tickets! Score!!! The



kids were loving the pool at the Golden Nugget—not sure why, but for some reason the casino pool and the Shirley Temples from the bar made them feel like celebrities.

Late Wednesday morning, our friends headed offshore to return to Barnegat. Bernard and family left to return to Cedar Creek via the inside. Moraira and crew continued south to Ocean City. We anchored in the middle of a wave runner circle (serious), in the Great Egg Harbor Bay. It was beautiful. We got ourselves situated, cooked dinner, and relaxed. We finished with barely enough time to batten down the hatches and witness a crazy storm! Thunder, lightning, winds, and heavy rain, but it passed quickly. The next day, we explored the Ocean City Boardwalk (highly recommend, as it's very clean and very family oriented).

Our getaway was coming to an end as we left before sunrise on Friday morning. Our sail back was uneventful and the crew did what we do best...slept for most of the way! We arrived back to the marina and still had enough provisions to feed an army, so we had dinner on board again before heading home.

All in all, we had a great vacation that went better than expected, as it was our first extended getaway in close quarters. Can't wait to do another trip!

For more chronicles of the Lopez family, check out our blog: <http://www.sailingmoraira.blogspot.com>



## Cape May Cruise

Julie Creache



Due to boat work and kids' activities, our shakedown cruise for 2015 was a 1-week cruise scheduled for the 4th of July weekend. We were excited to take the kids down to Cape May, but one week prior, we learned that the weather conditions could make going south a challenge. With Bob Fahey's assistance, routes for a trip north were also plotted should the winds not cooperate with our initial plan.

Before leaving the dock on July 5th, we spoke to Jim Nowicki about the unknown weather conditions. He said, "You can always go on the inside if weather doesn't cooperate." This was a proposition we hadn't truly considered. We anchored at Meyers Hole on July 5th and had the best sleep we'd had in a long time. It's strange how we can sleep like babies on our boat, but can't seem to get a solid hour or two of REM sleep on a king size bed.

We left Barnegat Inlet the following morning headed south, accompanied by Moraira and Persistence (Ivan's friends). We couldn't have asked for better sailing conditions. We traveled on a beam reach most of the way down to AC. It was simply beautiful. We saw dolphins jumping out of the water, a first for Bernard and the

girls. We planned to spend two days in Atlantic City before continuing our way down to Cape May. However, on July 8th, we realized the winds were not going to allow us to get back to Barnegat Bay by July 12th, a must for us. On Thursday July 9th, there was a storm forecasted and we were trying to decide if we should head back North. We were at risk of not making Barnegat Inlet by slack when at the last minute remembered Jim's advice to take the inside. The skies cleared up around 11:00 am, and we decided to go on the inside. We just did not want to spend another day at Farley's Marina.

We pulled out our paper charts and followed the well-marked route back to Barnegat Bay. It was a beautiful trip back with the exception of the greenhead flies that hitched a ride with us from Brigantine to Beach Haven. Bernard declared war on them as soon as we went under the Brigantine Bridge. He swatted them with his hat, a t-shirt or anything he could get his hands on. They swarmed our boat and seemed to be attracted to the blue bimini.

We have a video of us going under the Route 72 Bridge and managed to capture some anxious words as we watched our mast barely make it under. Great material for the adults and children alike.

As we approached Cedar Creek Marina, the clouds began to darken. About 10 minutes after we tied up safely into our slip, the skies opened up with a severe thunderstorm.

We then spent Friday, Saturday, and Sunday cruising the bay. We went to Tices Shoal (where we ran aground of course!), the beach at Island Beach State Park, (yes, they charged us \$3 a head for less than an hour before the lifeguards drove off in their 4x4's) and Toms River. It was not the trip that we had planned, but a truly enjoyable one just the same. It pays to have a Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C, and being flexible is paramount.

Fair Winds!





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## Upcoming Dock Party Events

Kelley Fahey, Dock Party Chair

Here's a list of the upcoming Windjammers Dock Parties. Emails will be sent out closer to each event with details and more information:

### Saturday, September 5th

Pot Luck on the beach at Myers Hole

### Saturday, September 12th

Save the Date for the annual Windjammer Pig Roast!

### Saturday, September 26th

The Windjammers are hosting the party this year following the Tall Oaks Challenge

### Saturday, October 17th

Oktoberfest Dock Party (following the Frost Bite Race)

An updated version of this list is always available online: <http://windjammersailing.com/activities-list>





## Block Island, Newport, Mystic, and LI Sound

Phil Onffroy

Sunday dawned a fine day at Myers Hole, perfect weather to leave Barnegat Inlet for the 30-hour crossing to Block Island, RI. Our convoy of intrepid travelers included Rich and Val Gard on their 32' sloop Arpeggio, Michael Rasmussen and Richard Barker on the 31' sloop Yacht C, and yours truly, Phil Onffroy and wife Nancy on our 31' Catalina, Perfect Fit.

Engines fired and anchors weighed at the agreed upon 8:00 am start time. Phil on Perfect Fit made the brilliant decision to take the short cut from Myers Hole to the Inlet and immediately ran hard aground (the charts said the depth was 11'). Meanwhile, Arpeggio beelined to the High Bar Harbor dock due to the engine overheating. Yacht C? Anchor line tangled up with a mooring ball. Oh well, problems resolved, let's call it an 8:30am start time and finally we were transiting the Inlet.

Calm seas with low swells, wind from the southwest at 10 to 12 knots—couldn't have been better, we were doing 7 knots motor sailing. Just before dark we spotted a pod of whales spouting off to starboard. Twenty-some hours into the trip—at night—there was a problem. On Yacht C, Richard smelled diesel below and on opening the engine compartment, diesel was gushing from a cracked hose like a blown jugular vein. All three boats cut their engines and raised their sails to continue through the night. The following morning, sloops Arpeggio and Perfect Fit made way for Block while Yacht C called for TowBoat US—and a 6-hour tow to Great Salt Pond.

Three nights anchored in Great Salt Pond enjoying the sights included motor bike sightseeing to the south-

east and northeast lighthouses and Mohegan Bluffs. Then we were off to Newport. Lo and behold! The Newport Folk Festival was on this weekend. Perfect Fit anchored off Fort Adams Point in time to hear Roger Waters' set. Next stop, Mystic, CT and the Mystic Seaport Museum. This weekend was the antique boat show with a parade of remarkable boats, and of course we had to see the whale boat demonstration again.

Next it was time to head south down Long Island Sound. We motored into Hamburg Cove, CT for a delightful evening watching eagles and hawks swooping through the trees along the shore. Next was a looong 12-hour day across the sound to Port Jefferson. Five hours along on Perfect Fit, Nancy was at the helm and suddenly noticed that the tachometer was flat-lined at zero and the temperature gauge was pegged all the way over on 260 degrees—could this be a problem? An inspection of the engine uncovered the culprit: a sprung belt. Luckily we had a spare on board. Richard Barker leapt on board as Mike Rasmussen coziered up Yacht C and the problem was quickly resolved.

The next stop was Port Washington to set up base camp for the run through Hell Gate. In the morning, we went down the East River—watch out for the seaplanes taking off near South Seaport!—to Atlantic Highlands. The last leg was through Manasquan Inlet, working our way through six drawbridges and finally emerging from the Route 37 bridge into our home waters.

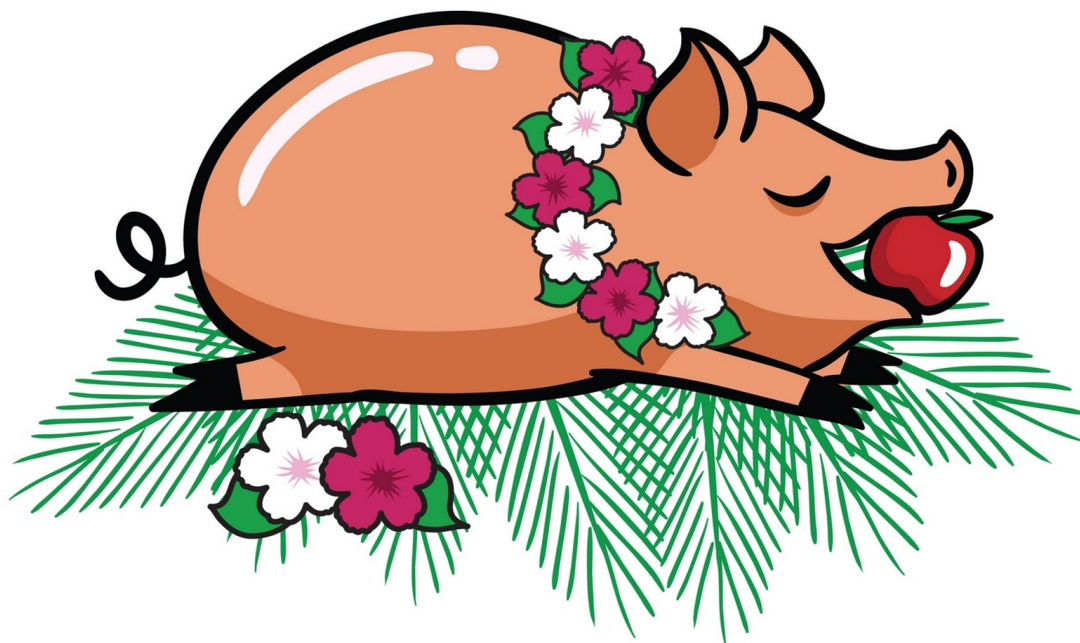
A good time was had by all!



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## Windjammers Annual Pig Roast

at Cedar Creek Marina

Saturday, September 12, 2015

4:30 p.m. appetizers/5:00 p.m. dinner

Send a check to Elizabeth Shaffer, made out to the Windjammers, by September 7, 2015 to take advantage of the early bird price of \$15 per adult/\$7 per child (under 10)

If you can't RSVP now, that's okay. At the door, the price is \$20 per adult/\$10 per child.

Veggie Burgers will be available for those who request in advance.

BYOB; Soda and Water provided

Volleyball/Dinghy Races/ Rubber ducky prize pond for children!

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share! Side dishes welcome and reimbursed with your receipt

Email [commodore@windjammersailing.com](mailto:commodore@windjammersailing.com) for menu



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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