

# Four *winds*

Fall 2023

WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB  
CEDAR CREEK SAILING CENTER  
BAYVILLE, NJ

## Commodore's Letter

*Nancy Onffroy*

The days are getting shorter and the nights are getting cooler. Tom, Liz and their staff are pulling boats to put them on their stands on land. Winter is coming and soon we will all be dreaming of the 2024 sailing season when we can get back out on the water for new adventures.

Looking back on the 2023 sailing season, our club tried out several new events. Here are some of the highlights.

- **Boat Flea Market:** In May, the club hosted a flea market for our members to display and exchange boat gear. I personally purchased a cooler that I have used throughout the summer. We even had some people from outside the club who attended.
- **Cruise to Myers Hole for Memorial Day Weekend:** Instead of the traditional club cruise to Beach Haven, we changed the cruise destination to Myers Hole, one of the club's favorite anchorages. We did this so that all WJSC boats could participate no matter what their size, draft or mast height. We enjoyed assorted water sports at the beach in the daytime and bonfires on the beach with appetizers every evening.
- **Chicken and Ribs Party:** We rented the Pavilion at Berkeley Park this year so that the event would be less impacted by inclement weather. This party was catered by Blue Collar Catering who once again provided a delicious buffet.
- **Breakfast on the Dock Party:** In early July, this popular event was held again. Chefs Richard Barker and Robert Wewers prepared waffles, bacon and eggs. Pastry and bagels were also provided by other contributing members. This event was very well attended and several new club members were welcomed that day including Mark, Laura and Emma Cole.
- **WJSC Beach Party:** In August, we undertook a new event for the club - a beach party and anchor-out overnight. Originally planned for Tice's Shoal, all the boats instead ended up at Berkeley Cove due to overcrowding at Tice's. A wonderful time was had by all.



Thank you to all those who hosted dock parties this year. We had strong attendance and enjoyed lots of good food and fun.

The club sponsored three Windjammer cruises this year:

- **Cruise to Martha's Vineyard, Block Island and Newport.** A two-week sailing trip by sailing vessel Galena.
- **Cruise to Atlantic Highlands and Port Washington:** A one-week trip by sailing vessels Perfect Fit, Foolish Heart, and Sashay.
- **Cruise to Cape May:** A one-week sailing trip by sailing vessels Perfect Fit, Foolish Heart, Natural High, Elenora, and Lorelei.



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## Commodore's Letter Continued...

We held our first WJSC Day at Cape May and several club members drove down by car for the day to join our sailors where we enjoyed appetizers at Utsch's Marina, a wine tasting at the Willow Creek Winery, and dinner at Lucky Bones Restaurant.

Congratulations to the WJSC sailors who once again won the very competitive Tall Oaks Challenge Race. If you are interested in racing next year, please let the club know as there are many ways to participate both on your own boat or crewing on another Windjammer Boat.

Thank you to the club for allowing me to serve as your Commodore for 2023, it has been an honor to serve. Jim McGovern will be taking over as Commodore for 2024, at our Winter Dinner at the Captain's Inn on Jan., 27, 2024.

Also a big thanks to my team who supported me this year. I could not have done it without your help, your ideas and your guidance. If you are interested in helping the club next year by becoming an officer, please let us know of your interest.

## "On the Way to Cape May" ... Windjammers Style

### *Robin and Sheldon*

As Al Albert sang: ***"We sang this little ditty, on our way by Ocean City... Heading south along the Jersey Shore..."***

The club began our journey Saturday sailing to Meyers Hole. While some of us partied on the beach, others stayed on their boats "chill-axing". They did so in anticipation of the 2:30 AM departure which was set to avoid the bad weather forecasted for Monday. Most went in for an early bedtime.



*Our home away from home in our Cape May slip*

We all got up and sprung to our feet at 2:00 AM and proceeded to make our way. This was Natural High's first time through the inlet. As you can imagine, doing it in the pitch black of night, (technically early morning), was very disconcerting. It was especially disconcerting when we hit the first wave as we turned starboard into the inlet. We literally felt like we were on a roller "coastal". You could say this was a "new" high for Natural High.

After hooking a right, we followed the line of mast lights and motored south down the coast, The lights from LBI guided us on our right. At this point in our journey all systems were go, all systems performing as expected... Or so we thought...

We welcomed the dawn's early light around 5:00 AM, and truly enjoyed a beautiful sunrise, and more importantly, the ability to see where we were going.

This was Natural High's shakedown trip, and we got a bit shaken and probably stirred, as well... (Sorry Mr. Bond)

As things usually occur in threes, our first 'event' was when we noticed a lot of water in our bilge! Upon further inspection, looking down into the lazarette, it appeared that our "Drip-less" shaft seal was possibly leaking. As we continued south our second event occurred when our VHF radio indicated a low battery status. This was followed quickly by our chart plotter further confirming this issue. Since we only have 7 batteries on our boat, this event definitely got our attention. We kept on going, but were lagging behind the group. Bob and Kelly Fahey circled back several times to make sure we were OK.



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## “On the Way to Cape May” Continued...

At this time, we were motor sailing, close hauled, at about 6 knots, when Sheldon decided he didn't like the shape of the Jib and wanted to flatten it a bit more. I let him know it was as flat and as tight as it could be, but he thought he could **EEK** out a ¼ turn more ... **RRRIIPPPP! Yup, the jib tore!**

Not to be deterred, we continued South, made it through the Cape May inlet safely, and into our slip at Utches by 3:30 Sunday afternoon. As we all got settled, everyone did their own thing for dinner and basically went to bed early, following a long travel day.

The next morning (Monday), in the spirit of the Windjammers, fellow **Windjammers** came to assist us, diagnose the problems, and come up with solutions. Kudos to Alan, Richard, and Bob Fahey. Bob provided wonderful advice and hands on assistance with Sheldon to sew and tape our jib. He was also able to assist us in diagnosing our battery and electrical issues. As it turned out our alternator was old and had suffered a massive coronary and had expired 😞. Bob Fahey also identified the source of our leak, having himself experienced the same issue recently. It was NOT the “Dripless”, but our raw water pump had “lost its bearings”. This was good news, as we knew we could make it back to our marina, potentially without any additional drama.

With all our current issues addressed, we were now able to enjoy our Cape May vacation and some fun activities...

On Tuesday some of us decided to go to the Cape May Zoo for the day. This is a zoo not to be missed! It's one of the best we've ever seen.



I told you not to tighten that jib so much

*Greatest Sailor of All Time*





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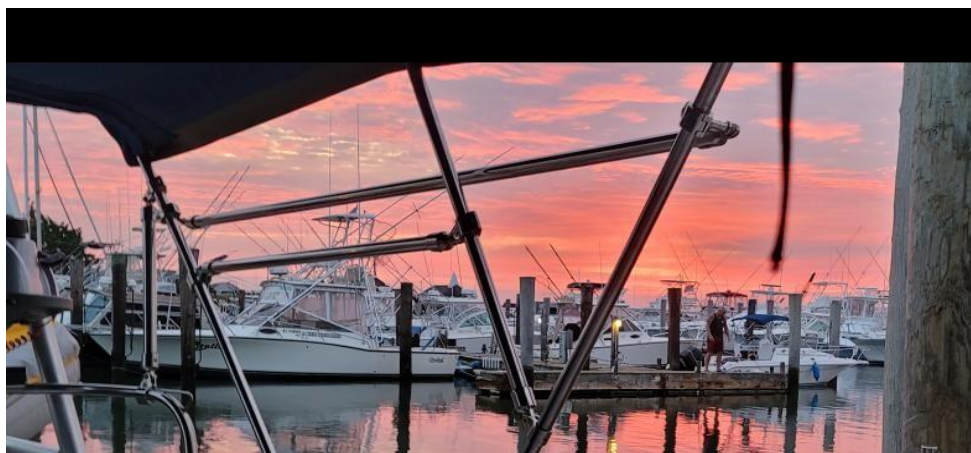
Later that day, Sheldon and I met friends for dinner at Crudo’s restaurant ... Which was wonderful! Wednesday was Windjammers’ **“All Hands on Deck”** day, with a fun trip to a winery, followed by a Lucky Bones dining experience.

Thursday Sheldon and I walked into town and had brunch at the Mad Batter, which we highly recommend, if you’ve never been. Early dinner with some fellow Windjammers and early to bed for our 5:00 am wake-up call and early morning departure, again, to beat bad incoming weather.

Friday, we departed at 5:30 AM for Barnegat Bay, again, to avoid that incoming weather front.

The return voyage was relatively uneventful, with the exception of being attacked by swarms of black flies! Alan, however, reassured us not to worry, as the black flies would be eaten by the soon to arrive Green Heads ... They thankfully never showed up. At that point we needed to enable our auto pilot to free all hands in order to fend off the Black flies! ***Oh, The Carnage!*** On a positive note, we were able to see several pods of dolphins, which was very cool!

We had a non-eventful foray through the inlet and were safely back in our slip by 7:30 PM



*A Beautiful Sunrise Greeted us for our Early Morning Departure from Cape May...*

***“So, On the Way to Cape May we fell in love with you... and saw our Sailing Dreams come true”***

Natural High is looking forward to our next adventure with our fellow Windjammers... **See you all next season!**



*“The Group” & “The Grapes” ...*



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## Chili Cook Off

### *Luci Benn*

It was a dreary, cloudy and cool afternoon Saturday, October 7, not a good sailing day but a perfect day for the annual chili cook-off!

Around 20 Windjammers got together in the marina's breezeway to enjoy great company, sample, and vote for their favorite chili.

We had 7 crockpots of chili along with lots of toppings and two kinds of cornbread. All were delicious and very unique. A special thanks to Gina for bringing the very tasty gluten free cornbread.

Windjammers then voted for their favorite chili. Richard tallied all the votes twice (yes, I had him double check his counts to be sure), since the winning chili was mine. Second place chili was Tara Tarrant, and tied for third place were Jim McGovern and Robert Battaglia.

Thank you all for coming out and a special thanks to Richard for all his help getting the breezeway ready for us.

Finally, thank you to everyone who brought chili, appetizers, desserts and helped clean up. All in all, it was a good end of the season get together.



*Richard announcing the winners of the Chili Cookoff*

## Windjammers Winter Banquet

The 2024 Windjammer Winter banquet will be held on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Captain's Inn Restaurant. The cost of the banquet this year will be \$65.00 and will kick-off at 5:00 with appetizers and a cash bar. There will be a cold table with meats and cheeses, along with a wonderful buffet dinner with two salads, four main dishes, potatoes, vegetables, and a holiday dessert. Gluten Free options will be available as well. There will also be a brief program with awards and a slide presentation. Please submit your favorite photos of the sailing season to Richard Barker at: [richardbarker141@comcast.net](mailto:richardbarker141@comcast.net) or bring them to the banquet on a flash drive.

We need at least 35 guests to attend, so please plan on attending this fun event. Send your RSVP to: [jmcgovern@christshome.org](mailto:jmcgovern@christshome.org) no later than Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> so we can plan accordingly.





## Fiddlers Green

*Richard Barker*

There may be a few of you that missed the story of the dinghy planter, Fiddlers Green, in front of the office at our marina. I will briefly recount it for you:

Several years ago, Pat Pezzano brought a dinghy to the marina with the intention of creating a planter in the very spot Fiddlers Green is located now. But he was never able to put it together. He was always too busy working at his job, and doing work for a multitude of friends. Ultimately his health interfered and he was unable to complete the task. After a long illness, he passed away in April.

Audrey Rosenberg was always happy, always smiling and laughing and making everyone around her grateful to be in her presence. She was a great cook too. Audrey started the tradition of having pineapple stuffing at the annual Pig Roast. Audrey was Mike Bandera's wife and partner for 32 years. She passed in the spring of 2022.



Audrey and Pat were both great sailors and Windjammers for about 25 years each. Audrey was Commodore in 2002.

When Pat passed, Tom and Liz decided to complete Pat's plan for a planter in front of the office and make it a memorial to him and Audrey. The boat Pat left was in no shape for the task by now, so they bought another one from the miniature golf course across Rt 9. We painted it, filled it with stones for drainage, topsoil, and plants. Tom and Liz generously paid the entire cost of the project.

The boat is an appropriate remembrance of two great sailors, and great friends. There are additions to come but for now I will keep them a secret. Look closely when you come to the marina in the spring....

Fiddlers Green, by the way, is a special place in heaven where sailors go when they pass. It is a place of perpetual mirth where the fiddling never stops and the dancers never tire. They say it is a myth, but I for one, hope it is real...





## Windjammers Racers Regain the Cup!

*Mark Zavenelli*

We had a fun race for the 2023 Challenge Cup, which finally happened after two weather postponements!

The Windjammers took back the trophy this year! Three boats participated for each club.

The Windjammer boats were:

**Daylight:** Skippered by Brent Hamilton, with John Germann as crew

**Shanty:** Skippered by Mark Zavenelli, with Patrick Capriotti, Bernard Creache as crew

**Elenora:** Skippered by Kelly Fahey, with Bob Fahey as crew

The forecast was for light winds, but at the start, things really picked up and we had near reefing conditions! As the race progressed the wind dropped considerably, making any distance difficult to make up.

We had a near photo finish as Daylight came from behind dramatically to win line honors.

On adjusted time, Escapade, skippered by Steve Zuzic from Tall Oaks, was the race winner. These two boats also tied on points for first place in the Tall Oaks racing series, for which this race also counted.

Windjammers boats finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, just edging out Tall Oaks for the team win. Next year, we will be responsible for organizing the race and Tall Oaks will be doing the post-race social. Hope to see you out there!



### Tall Oaks Yacht Club / Windjammers Challenge Cup 2023

Date: 10/1/2023 Sunday

Course: L

Weather: Partly Sunny, 70, NE15 dropping to 10Knots

Boat Name	Skipper	PHRF	Handicap	Course Distance (nm)	Total Adjustment (sec.)	Finish Time	PHRF Adjusted Finish Time	Finish Place
<b>Tall Oaks</b>								
Blue Moon	M. Palmer	108	8	8.00	64	DNR		
Wazuzu	Dave Mergan	138	38	8.00	304	DNR		
Daylight	Brent Hamilton	138	38	8.00	304	DNR		
Escapade	Steve Zuzic	147	47	8.00	376	2:09:03	2:02:47	1
Serenity	Dave Dugan	150	50	8.00	400	2:18:29	2:11:49	4
Cookie Cutter	Matt Huckel	129	29	8.00	232	2:19:41	2:15:49	6
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<b>Windjammers</b>								
Shanty	Zavenelli	125	25	8.00	200	2:10:28	2:07:08	3
Daylight	Brent Hamilton	138	38	8.00	304	2:08:27	2:03:23	2
Elenora	Robert Fahey	144	44	8.00	352	2:19:40	2:13:48	5
								Winner - 10

Committee Boat - Zig Zan: Captain and blower Paul Hayden

Flaggers and Hookers - Laura Winterhalter and Martin Szwarc

Timekeeper - Steve Stallsmith





## Wait-What?... Another trip to Meyers Hole...!

*Joe DiGaetano*

Yeah, the Windjammers spent yet another holiday weekend at Myer's Hole over the Labor Day weekend and bla bla.... Truth is, time spent at Myer's Hole is always a great time and something I look forward to doing. Never boring and never routine.

This year was a bit different for me as the Yanmar would not start. I certainly could not miss time spent at Myers, so I dropped the top on the convertible and headed to LBI with my oldest daughter. It was an absolutely beautiful day and we made a detour for lobster rolls before getting to Barnegat Light. I always enjoy the beach at Myer's Hole with its nice beach and a great view of Old Barnie. Even better were all the Windjammer boats anchored out.

Perfect Fit snagged the ideal spot just off the beach where the water depth drops off. All of the Windjammers were out doing their stuff. They were taking trips to the lighthouse, having lunch at Off the Hook or Kubels, out paddleboarding, or just hanging out having a great time.

People started arriving on the beach by midafternoon and soon it became late afternoon. Before long we started a fire on the beach, enjoyed some drinks, snacks, and a little music by Jimmy Buffet to mark his passing. Of course, we broke out the smores and watched the night sky as it became dark. Amazing to see a long stream of new satellites as they were beginning their new orbit around our earth. Just a great evening with fellow Windjammers. I always enjoy nights on the boat, but this year I had to settle for a rather enjoyable drive home. Not quite the same, yet still a great day at Myers.







## Newsletter Submissions

Frank Schaffer, 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)**

### Fundraising by Robin and Sheldon

Please go to [windjammers.qbstores.com](http://windjammers.qbstores.com) (Entry code WJSC2016, case sensitive) for a huge selection of attractive apparel available with our Windjammers logo. It will be hard to decide from all the items but you will have fun looking through them!

Note: burgees are available only at the marina for \$35.



## Windjammers Online Store

Windjammers-branded items:

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## Simple Popover Recipe

- 3 Eggs (Room Temperature)
- 1.5 Cups Milk (Room Temperature)
- 1.5 Cups Flour
- 1 & 1/4 tsp Salt



- Preheat oven to 450
- In a large bowl whisk eggs and Milk vigorously and until frothy (Approx. 1 Min)
- Stir in Flour and Salt
- Warm Popover pan (Best) or muffin Tin and grease with cooking spray
- Fill tins 3/4 full with mixture
- Bake at 450 for 20 min Reduce heat to 350 for an additional 20 min
- When finished Place on cooling rack immediately and place a small slit in the popover to allow additional steam to release
- Serve Immediately