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Commodore's Letter

Dawn Almada

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2016 sailing season. Work on our boats is underway with many already in the water and ready for a trip to Beach Haven. Stormy is in the corner slip and anxiously tugging her lines in anticipation of an awesome season.

I would like to thank Elizabeth and all of the members who helped make last year a blast. The annual dinner at the Captain's Inn was a successful close to the season. This year's committee chairs have generously volunteered to offer their time and support with various functions throughout the summer. Thanks! They will also need your help throughout the season, so be sure to lend a hand when you can. We had a positive planning meeting in February and have decided on many exciting events for this year. Some of the old favorites are back along with a few new activities we hope are a hit. Be sure to refer to the Activities Calendar at <http://windjammersailing.com/activities-calendar/> for an up-to-date list.

We start off with the traditional Wine and Cheese Party on May 21st. Then, bright and early (10am) the next morning, is the captains' meeting for the Beach Haven cruise followed by the vessel safety check to make sure your sailboat is ready for the journey and the summer.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you out on the bay. Remember it's the journey that counts, so let's get out there and enjoy this one together.



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New Online Store!

Announcing the grand opening of the new online store for all your Windjammers Gear!

T-shirts, hats, fleeces and much more are now available at <http://windjammers.qbstores.com>.

A passcode for entry will be available with your roster, which will be handed out at the Wine and Cheese party on May 21st.



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



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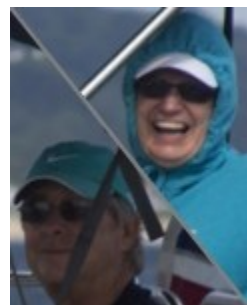
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Summer Sailstice, 2016

Frank Schaffer

Members of the Windjammers Sailing Club are invited to join the 16th annual Summer Sailstice celebration of sailing on June 18, 2016.

Saturday, June 18th marks the 16th anniversary of the Summer Sailstice global celebration of sailing. In 2015, sailors participated by racing, cruising or day sailing from all 50 US states and over 40 countries sailing 'together,' wherever they were in the world.

The Windjammers are inviting all of our members to sign up, hoist sails and 'get out the boat' for our club's Summer Sailstice event. Our plan this year is to combine the Sailstice celebration with the Father's Day race. All are welcome!

The race will be an easy distance race followed by a raft up at Berkley Park.

This will be a very low key, fun race. Absolutely no racing experience is necessary and families are invited—and expected! The raft up will be potluck with adult beverages and soft drinks provided by the host committee. The race details will be decided the day of the event dependent on the wind conditions. The raft up and pot luck dinner will begin around 4PM.

The recommended donation is \$50 per boat. This donation will go toward the purchase of a Sailstice burgee with the balance being donated to the [Barnegat Bay Partnership](#). The Barnegat Bay Partnership (formerly the Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program) is a partnership of federal, state, municipal, academic, business, and private organizations that work together with the communities of the Barnegat Bay watershed to help restore, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the Barnegat Bay ecosystem.

Clear your calendar! We expect a strong turnout! This will be a fantastic event where, in addition to having fun enjoying a gorgeous day on the water, we will be donating to a great cause whose mission is to protect the bay that we love.

Please email Frank at fschaffe@optonline.net if you are interested or need more information. In order to receive burgees in time for the event I will need to hear from you by 05/31/2016. You can register up until the day of the event but you will need to register prior to this date to secure a burgee.

About Summer Sailstice

Founded in 2001, Summer Sailstice is the global sailing holiday celebrated on the weekend closest to the summer solstice connecting the global sailing community in a multifaceted and multi-location sailing holiday. Every year, Summer Sailstice unites over 19,000 sailors all over the world—cruisers, racers and recreational—to celebrate and showcase life under sail. The event has expanded to include participants from Asia, across the Americas and Europe. In 2013, the celebration grew to almost 4,900 sailboats racing, cruising and day sailing in 50 US states and 40 countries. For more information about Summer Sailstice, please visit <http://www.SummerSailstice.com>. Our event is also listed on the Summer Sailstice website where you can order additional burgees, T-shirts, and other gear. Feel free to register here for our event although it is not required.



For History Buffs

The Brother Islands

Richard Barker



If you've ever sailed through the East River you know you pass between the North and South Brother Islands. You've seen the remains of abandoned buildings, but do you know what they were? There is a lot of interesting history on these and other islands in the East River and New York Harbor. I will summarize the story of the Brother Islands here but I encourage you to Google them for more.

The Brother Islands were originally claimed by the Dutch and named "The Companions" in 1614, but not developed until 1885 when the Riverside Hospital was moved to the 20-acre North Brother Island from Blackwell's (now Roosevelt) Island. The hospital was originally designed to house people with smallpox but was expanded to accommodate people with other contagious diseases and included over 20 buildings. Typhoid Mary was kept there against her will until she died in 1938, a fascinating story in itself. The hospital closed shortly after her death and the island was abandoned until after World War II when it became housing for veterans (and their families) who were attending local colleges. As the housing shortage abated, the island was again abandoned until the 1950s when it again became a hospital to treat, rehabilitate, and educate young drug addicts and offenders, but lasted only until 1963 when it was closed due to widespread corruption and patient recidivism. Abandoned yet again, it is now a bird sanctuary and is owned by the City of New York. It is off limits to visitors but a few photographers and a film crew from the History Channel (Episode 8 of Life After People) have documented its crumbling buildings as it is reclaimed by nature. There are some beautiful photographs in Google.



For History Buffs, continued



There was a lighthouse on the southern end of the island from 1869 but it, too, has finally collapsed after several attempts to remount it as platforms deteriorated.

In 1905, the General Slocum, a sidewheel steamship, caught fire off the island and over a thousand people died. Hospital workers were able to save 321 lives, but it remained the worst loss of life in New York's history until 9/11.

South Brother Island is about 6 acres and has a much less dramatic history. Jacob Ruppert, brewery magnate and one of the early owners of the Yankees, had a mansion there until it burned down in 1909. He never rebuilt though he owned the island until 1930. Abandoned since that time, it was ultimately purchased in 2007 by the Trust for Public Land and donated to NYC Parks Department to be a bird sanctuary like its big Brother.





Racing is for Everyone!

Frank Schaffer



Make an effort to come to at least one race this year! If you have never raced before, you can start slowly. Just show up on race day and we will get you on a boat to crew. There is no better way to learn some of the finer points of sail trim than to shadow an experienced racer.

This year we have been invited to join the Tall Oaks club races as well. I will be getting the dates of those races and posting them soon. See you on the water!

2016 Windjammers Racing Schedule

June 11	Practice Race
June 18	Summer Sailstice/Father's Day Race
July 23	Ladies Helm Race
September 17	Tall Oaks Practice Race
September 24	Tall Oaks Challenge Cup Race
October 22	Frostbite Race



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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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ASA Sailing School

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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