

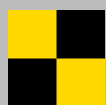
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Commodore's Letter

Dawn Almada

It's already the end of the year. This fall brought some great sailing with a few less wakes to bounce Stormy around while we were out enjoying the cooler weather. It was a hot summer but we had fun with some great events. I know it is tough to remember the sweltering heat while we wait for a snowy winter.

The beach at Beach Haven was not a huge thrill during Memorial Day weekend, mostly due to the maintenance making a walk on the beach not as enjoyable. Also, I am starting to realize that it's really not all that fun to run into the freezing water, like we did as children.

The Chicken and Ribs was another enjoyable event this year, led by our Vice Commodore, Richard Barker. Our first big party in the new picnic area was a success! Afterward, Ron shared some of his cruising knowledge with us in the lounge.

The solstice brought us the Summer Sailstice Event and this year we decided on a fun race in which we threw caution and tradition to the wind and started from the docks. This caused for an interesting start for Stormy Petrel which allowed an interesting perspective of the line of sailboats traveling out the creek.



Commodore's Letter, continued



The Pirate Party was great fun this year with a lot of juniors in costume and a pirate ship piñata filled with goodies.

The weather was not looking great for the Blue Moon cruise, but I was able to catch a few photos of the moon before it hid behind the rain clouds on a drive out to the point.

We had a small turnout for the Ladies Helm this year

but Stormy and Island Breeze braved the sun to challenge Tiki for the win. A valiant effort on both our parts but to no avail. Tiki, once again, holds the title after an interesting pursuit race in which Stormy started first only to watch Tiki steadily approach and quickly pass us and continue on to the finish. After the race, a few of us came out to the Iron Women's feast run by Jim Priestly and huddled under the tarp for some respite from the sun.

The chili cook-off run by Nancy Onffroy was well-attended, with some great entries in the contest. There were lots of options but Bernard's Secret Recipe came out as the winner after a vote for our favorites. After the cook-off, we enjoyed an informative discussion with Jim Nowicki about the constellations with a chance to look through a telescope. It wasn't a great night for star gazing with the clouds covering most of the constellations, but we did find some to view. We will have to remember what we learned and use it on the next dark and clear night.

The Labor Day cruise was a figurative washout, caused by the great Hermine. Not wanting to risk the high winds anchored so close to the inlet, we chose to cancel the trip. A crew of Windjammers, down at the marina on Saturday night to secure their boats, held an impromptu dock party featuring rotisserie chicken, thanks to Nancy and Richard, with a lunch the following day of chicken salad, thanks to Audrey.

Stormy headed out with a full crew (Ron, Kathy, Dawn, and Juan) on Labor Day to see how the bay fared and was pleasantly surprised by the lack of crowds. Most of the boats had been scared off by the storm threats and there were not as many wakes to contend with as is usual for Labor Day weekend. There was a stiff breeze from the northeast, but nothing a reefed main couldn't handle delicately.



Commodore's Letter, continued

I spent some time this summer closely appreciating our corner of the bay by paddling up the creek and through the marshes by Windy Cove and Berkley. I was able to view the shoreline from a slightly different angle from the paddle board. We really have a great spot here.

Juan and I also enjoyed a trip up to Lake Champlain to visit my parents on Stormy Petrel. The cliffs and fresh water were a nice change in the middle of August and we enjoyed sailing over the deep water, hiking through the forests and jumping off rocks to swim in the clean water.

This year's Pig Roast was a spectacular success. Thank you to all who attended. I hope you had a blast. I know I did. We had three cardboard boats compete in a race. All three boats were still floating by the end of the first race, which is an admirable feat in itself. Jim and I created a birch canoe-like boat winning the race with a close finish next to "The Winner" designed by Ron and Joe, followed by a submarine-like vessel designed by Scott, Ryan, and Lauren. Ron and Juan finished strong in the blind-folded dinghy races with a calm presence. The food was great; thanks for all the yummy sides brought by members. We also had a duck pond and Tiki Piñata for some extra fun. I'm glad we didn't have a hurricane to worry about!

I'm glad to say we finished the season off by holding on tight to the Tall Oaks Challenge Cup. Good job everybody!

Hopefully next year's cruise to Cattus Island will bring more favorable weather. I have been following the progress of the nature center on their Facebook page and am very excited for its completion.

It has been an interesting season and I hope you have all had some fun. Thanks for joining us in celebrating the bay this summer. I hope that you can continue to sail with us and we can enjoy our summers in Barnegat Bay together.





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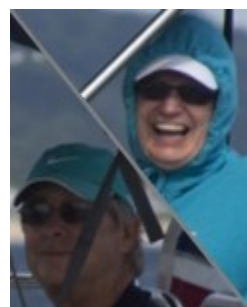
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Father's Day Race

Frank Schaffer

Usually the windjammers host a Father's day race on Father's Day. This year we decided to combine this race with the Summer Sailstice; it turned out to be a really great event!

As the racing chair for the Windjammers, and host of the Sailstice, I wanted to come up with an event where racers and cruisers alike could enjoy the day. I spent many hours deliberating over how to combine these two events (Just kidding... I actually came up with the idea in 5 minutes).

The thought was to hold a distance race that everyone in the club could enjoy. As you racers know, the start can be challenging. I needed to make sure the start was not intimidating given the number of non-racers I had. So the plan was a "down the bay race". Wind was from the west blowing 10-15. Beam reach... Easy and fun...

Everybody was excited until I told them about the start. Fire up the engines and leave the dock at exactly 1pm. Yes, all 12 boats leaving their slips and heading out at the same time! That doesn't sound daunting right? The fun goes on... Motor to the end of Cedar Creek and when you pass the last marks, engines off. I have to say it was pretty funny to watch, and no one got hurt. Everyone was courteous but they were all trying to best each other regardless of the idea that it was supposed to be a "fun" race.

We set buoy "BI" as the "down the bay" mark and buoy "40", inline with "dead east" on your compass as the finish. The race took a couple of hours. Then the real fun and celebration of the Sailstice began.

We rafted up 12 sailboats. Everyone brought food and drink to share. It could not have been a nicer day! There are few better ways to celebrate our good fortune and the summer. We also collected monies that we will be donating to an environmental group that works to protect our friend, the Barnegat Bay!





Lake Champlain! How did we get there?

Ron and Kathy Minchin

That's a good question. The Erie and Champlain canals are part of the New York State Canal system that covers 524 miles of inland rivers, lakes, and man-made canals including parts of the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers and Cayuga, Seneca, and Oneida lakes. The canal system connects the Great Lakes of Erie and Ontario with Lake Champlain and the lower Hudson allowing travel by boat from New York City to Buffalo, NY and on up to Canada. The sections we traveled brought us from Albany through the first lock at Troy then turning left to the Flight of Five locks at Waterford which is the highest lift in the shortest distance of any canal; a total of 169 feet in only 1.6 miles! The canal was first opened in 1825, and then in 1918, in an attempt to compete with railroads, the canal was rebuilt wider and deeper using dams on the rivers to create pools between the locks. This is the canal that is still in use today but mostly by recreational boats, like us, as well as a newly created bike path along its entire length. When the canal was first opened, many towns grew up along its banks at locks and junctions. These towns, full of historic nineteenth century buildings, offer free docking along the canal with nice parks to walk or ride a bike along the towpath of the old original canal and wonder at the effort it took with picks and shovels to dig that first canal. The early barges that plied the canal were not very tall so the bridges crossing the canal have an average height above the water of 18 feet, which is too low for our 45 foot tall mast. For sailboats to be able to travel the canal, marinas near the ends are knowledgeable at un-stepping masts; it took only 2 hours to un-step and re-step ours. It's a common sight to see sailboats with their masts supported on deck as they pass under the low bridges.

Though the canals provided us with some wonderful cruising, getting there from New Jersey was a trip of varied experiences. It started with the coastal inland sailing of Barnegat Bay, then to a spirited sail in the Atlantic Ocean, followed by the busy Port of New York while dodging ferries and tugs pushing barges in all directions. Having AIS onboard sure helps sort out the confusion. Leaving the salt water of the ocean behind and traveling north toward the brackish water of the majestic Hudson, you pass under several historic bridges – George Washington, Bear Mountain, Poughkeepsie, and the Mid-Hudson Bridge. Beyond the wide Tappan Zee the river narrows as you pass through the Highlands region with Bear Mountain and Anthony's Nose, then on to the massive stone buildings of West Point and Storm King Mountain. As the landscape becomes more gently rolling hills you pass the river towns of Kingston, Saugerties and Catskill, with their lighthouses guiding you along the way, and finally, after 130 miles, to the port of Albany.

The gem at the northern end of the Champlain Canal is picturesque Lake Champlain, one hundred and twenty miles long with more than seventy islands and nearly six hundred miles of shoreline. The Lake lies in the val-





Lake Champlain! How did we get there? continued

ley between the Adirondack Mountains of New York and the Green Mountains of Vermont formed millions of years ago. The views as you sail up and down the lake are just magnificent. The sun rises over the Green Mountains and sets over the Adirondack Mountains and the water is clear, fresh, and a little cool. The winds seem to always be blowing gently and are ideal for relaxed sailing. The anchorages all provide an opportunity to either enjoy the mountain views or get up close to the rocky cliffs of the shoreline. Lake Champlain is so deep that in some places you can sail right up to the rock cliffs and still be in 100 feet of water. One of the joys of the cliffs is silently sailing under them as water cascades down the face. Anchoring can be a challenge at times in the deep water requiring anchoring close to shore and tying to a rock or tree Med Moor style. One of our favorite things about sailing in the lake is the fresh clean water; if you get hot, you just stop sailing and jump overboard into the 75 degree water and you are cooled off immediately. Hiking the trails of Valcour Island, a New York State primitive area, bike riding along the Burlington Bikeway to the Colchester Causeway and around Plattsburgh, NY, as well as swimming almost every day will give the cruiser a chance to enjoy the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. Burlington and Plattsburgh provide excellent opportunities for shopping and dining as well as services for the boat. Burlington provides free moorings for the day at the downtown waterfront and Plattsburgh has five dollar hourly docking at the city marina. Most of the boats you will be sharing the anchorages and moorings with will be fellow sailors, and the majority of those will be French boats from Montreal, which is only about an hour away by car.

The trip through the canal system with the friendly towns then on to majestic sailing of Lake Champlain is well worth the effort and expense of having the mast un-stepped and re-stepped. If you have a month or so, I would highly recommend taking the trip. If time is short, chartering either a canal boat or a sailboat, I am sure, would provide you with a wonderful and relaxing time.

S/V Stormy Petrel

Check out our blog site for more pictures and comments of our adventures.

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The **Windjammers** **Annual Winter Dinner**

Returns to the Captain's Inn

6:00pm on January 21, 2017



Cash Bar

Soft Drinks at No Charge Throughout

Hot and Cold Hors d'Oeuvres

Prime Rib

Stuffed Filet of Sole with Maryland-style Crab

Apricot and Mustard glazed Chicken Breast

Penne Pasta with Vodka Sauce

Caesar and Greek Salads

Vegetables and Potatoes

Apple Strudel and Ice Cream

The cost is \$46 per person including tax and gratuity. Please make checks payable to the Windjammers and send to Jeannette Kozak by January 7. We need 50 people to reserve the big room to ourselves, so please come and please respond early.

Happy Holidays to All!



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Barnegat Pay Partnership Presentation

At the Octoberfest party on October 22, the Barnegat Bay Partnership presented on the current health as well as the challenges ahead for the bay.

At that time, we presented them with a check for \$500, which was raised during the Summer Sailstice.

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Jen Hitchens, Newsletter Chair

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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