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## Commodore's Letter

Richard Barker

By the time you read this the sailing season will be a little more than half way over. The excitement of the spring commissioning with a whole season ahead of us has been behind us for some time. Few of us have finished the list of projects we were determined to complete and if we did, it only made room for new projects that developed while we were doing the original list. We have dealt with rain, heat and humidity, repairs, personal issues, etc. and now it's August, which sounds like fall, and most of us feel like we haven't done half the sailing we had planned to do.

But I am choosing to look at the remaining time we have as the best ten/eleven weeks we have on the Bay (and beyond the Bay for those taking cruises). In September, the days will be cooling but are still great for sailing in the open. You'll still need sunblock but the sun won't bake you. It's still great for swimming, too, as the water is still warm. The evenings are perfect with a light Windjammers jacket and later, a sweatshirt. The nights, though, especially if you anchor out somewhere, are perfect when you get in a warm sleeping bag (we should get Windjammer sleeping bags...) There are few better ways to spend Sunday morning than eating a meal you just cooked on your boat and looking out at Barnegat Light or the shore of Mosquito Cove. After Labor Day the crowds begin to thin, and it gets quieter and more peaceful. Governor's Mansion, which has been attracting more and more powerboats with loud music every year, thins out first and later even Tices is almost attractive. Eventually the trees will be changing color and Silver Bay and Toms River will be stunning. Have a camera with you.

The heat in the summer months sucks the energy out of me, but with the cooler weather, I have a renewed determination to knock out some of the remaining projects that have been nagging me. Teak needs to be re-



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done, wax refreshed, stainless polished. You know how that goes, the endless list.

We have some great Windjammers events coming up in the remaining months, too. The Anchor Lady is fascinating (8/19). The Labor Day Cruise to Myers Hole is a favorite gathering every year (9/2). There is a very good chance that there will be an actual pig at the Pig Roast.... not to mention the cardboard boat and blind dinghy races (9/9). The cruise to Captain's Inn is another favorite event (10/14). Please see the complete list of events and dinners on our remarkable [website](http://windjammersailing.com).

Fall really is the best season on the bay. I suggest that you save some of those projects until your boat is out of the water, or until next spring. Go sailing. It's the memories of the days, and nights, on the water and time spent with fellow sailors that will get you through the winter. That and the anticipation of the Windjammers Winter Dinner....

*Richard Barker, Commodore*



## 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)



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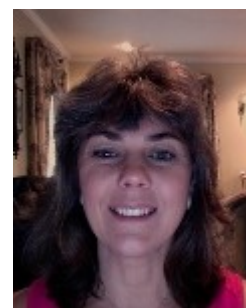
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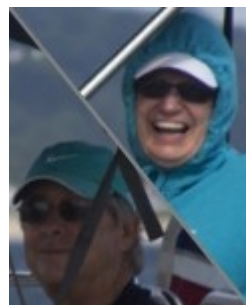
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## Friday Night Racing Series

Frank Schaffer

It was more than we hoped for! The idea to hold a Friday night racing series was brought up last year. We thought we might get a couple of boats... Turns out we had seven competitors!

We had great fun racing, but even more than that it was so cool to see so many Windjammers coming down to the marina on a Friday night. We raced and then would have dinner and makeshift parties afterwards.

The Friday Night Racing Series had a great start and one that we will build upon next year! Our friends from Tall Oaks were invited to race with us but none showed up. Maybe next year? Well one way or another it will continue for us and we hope to see you!

Results:

Boat	Points	Place
Tiki	22	1
Restless	15.5	2
Fortuitous	11	3
Island Breeze	11	3
Sunset	7.5	4
Free Spirit	4	5
Indigo	1	6

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## Vessel Safety Check

On May 21, 2017, several Windjammers participated in a vessel safety check by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Each boat received a decal demonstrating satisfactory compliance in accordance with the federal requirements for recreational boats.

The following boats participated in the inspection:

Mystique (plus dinghy)

Stormy Petrel (plus dinghy)

Bon Voyage

Tiki

Sashay

Elenora

Shamrock

Bad Dog II



Thank you to Rich Conti, our seminar chair, for arranging this event!

## Pump Out Facilities

The Cedar Creek Marina pump out facilities are no longer in working operation. The State of New Jersey will be providing a replacement in Spring 2018. Our commodore, Richard Barker, is working on arranging a weekly visit from a pump out boat. Stay tuned to your email for updated information.





## Cruise to Cape May

Bernard Creache

The kids were done with school and cruising plans were in effect! After much deliberation, Free Spirit and Bon Voyage agreed to meet at Myers Hole on July 4th. Terry DiGaetano had to work on Independence Day, but that didn't stop her from hustling her way back home and hopping onto Free Spirit, which happened to be patiently awaiting her at her home dock. Bon Voyage arrived first at Myers Hole where yours truly had to go for a swim to check the prop for barnacles. Visibility was limited but I was able to see when I got up really close. The sun setting on our transom helped visibility but the water was a bit brackish. The prop was scraped and Bon Voyage was ready. The DiGaetano's and their dog, Lucy, fought the flooding tide on Free Spirit and made it to the Myers Hole.

Free Spirit led the way out of the Barnegat Inlet the following morning. Hunter, a fishing charter occupied by Amish men, young and old, eased its way between Free Spirit and Bon Voyage. I thought to myself, "That's something you don't see every day." The view that morning was truly spectacular. The sun had risen less than a half hour earlier. Its amber glow shined magnificently between the horizon and the low laying clouds as we passed Old Barney to starboard.

The plan was to complete a straight leg all the way to Cape May since the conditions for Thursday were not looking very promising. We would only pull into the Absecon Inlet if we weren't making very good time. Although we did not do much sailing due to the lethargic winds from the east, good cloud coverage and temperatures in the 70's made it very pleasant. You won't get many complaints from me under such conditions. Honestly, the long leg to Cape May had given me pause because in the past our trips to Atlantic City and Cape May in the sweltering heat often left me hot, sweaty, and completely depleted of energy. Our motor sail to Cape May was pleasant and uneventful with maybe the exception of witnessing Free Spirit being pushed hard to starboard towards the jetties by the current entering the inlet. My first mate exclaimed, "Go left, left!" My reply was "You don't have to tell me twice!" as I turned the helm to port. We avoided the currents altogether. Perhaps the long hours at sea factored into our hysteria! We arrived at Cape May Marina at 5:00 pm, 11 hours after our departure from Barnegat Bay.

After we tied up and settled in and before we went out to dinner, the DiGaetano's apparently blew a fuse on Free Spirit. Joe tried to find a solution to their dilemma but he had to put it on hold as there were some very tired and hungry children, not to mention the adults, who had planned on feasting on succulent butter-dipped lobster from the Lobster House. To everyone's chagrin, there was a 2 hour waiting list. That was two hours more than everyone was willing to wait. We all settled for an outdoor eatery nearby. Their seafood was tasteless, but at least their pizza tasted like card board. Anyway, among good company, by the time we had ice cream, it seemed insignificant. During dessert, I shared a personal story with Terry and Joe about a nightmare I had when I was a 4 year old boy about a hand that came out of a tree and grabbed me by the face and pulled me into the tree trunk. I told them that I was traumatized and I never forgot the bad dream. As we were leaving, Terry, coldheartedly, put her hand behind a nearby tree and grabbed me by the face and pulled me towards the trunk. We all laughed all the way back to the marina.

The next morning, Julie and Terry went to do laundry. Joe worked on his shore power issue and I set up our hatch air conditioner. I went over to Free Spirit and helped Joe with his electrical problem. Thankfully, he had a volt meter and together we figured out the issue working our way back from the power source. It turned out there were no blown fuses. The issue was a blown power cord. There was a black burn spot on the female end of the power cord, which the volt meter quickly identified. I went over to Bon Voyage and got my dull look-



*Cruise to Cape May, continued*

ing but functioning power cord and voila! Free Spirit had power again. Joe was able to purchase a new shore power cord at the marina store at a reasonable price. He was a happy camper. That night, we went back to Lobster House and feasted like kings, queens, and princesses.

When the weekend arrived, we didn't have the marina to ourselves any more. We had to share it with those pesky powerboat owners. They were for the most part very nice folks. The gate, which had been open during the week, was suddenly locked over the weekend.

The Marina had two pools, a fresh water pool by the main restrooms, and a very nice salt water pool and hot tub at the far side of the marina, which also had grills, free ice, and facilities. Although we never made it to the beach, the kids were perfectly content hanging out by the pool. The kids, Sarah, Alyssa, Alicia, and Jillian had a blast. They chilled by the pool every day, had lunch poolside, shopped downtown, enjoyed ice cream and root beer floats, rode the trolley, tossed coins in water fountains, posed for lots of pictures, rode and pedaled 4 wheel surreys, and whale/dolphin watched during our stay in Cape May. Alyssa and her dog Lucy the Beagle also had the privilege of riding the Lunar Rover, a 4 wheeled shopping cart of sorts, named the Rover by the DiGaetano's due to its wide tires, reminiscent of a Nasa Lunar Rover. Now you might ask why is a child or a dog riding inside of the Rover in the first place? Because they can! Alyssa napped quite comfortably while riding the Rover. Lucy would also ride the Rover when she got tired of walking. It was quite the conversation piece in Cape May that week.

On Monday, July 10th, we said our goodbyes to Cape May and motor sailed over to Farley Marina in Atlantic City, still no wind. We had two nice days in Atlantic City enjoying the pool, boardwalk, amusement park, and Rain Forest Cafe before we headed back to Barnegat Bay. After light winds sailing in the ocean, we were blasted by 15+ knots of wind as soon as we entered the bay and we said to each other "There's always wind on the Barnegat Bay!" As we continue to enjoy a great sailing season, this cruise will be a highlight as a great time with great friends!





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