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WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB
CEDAR CREEK SAILING CENTER
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Commodore's Letter Bernard Creache

Greetings and salutations fellow Windjammers!

I cannot begin to tell you how excited I am to start the 2018 sailing season! This winter seemed particularly long, but now that it is over, it's time to have some fun! Personally I don't think that I've ever been so eager to go sailing. Like many of you, I had to put those long awaited spring boat tasks on hold due to the weather. Now, all I can think about is being on the water. Bottom painting? Check. Prop scraping? Check. Boat waxing? Oh the heck with it – Tom, just put my boat in the water already! I know some of you can relate, but let us not haste the drudgery of spring commissioning and do what we must. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter is published, most of your boats will have already splashed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Past Commodore, Richard Barker, for an excellent 2017 season. Richard's hard work and dedication to the club serves as an inspiration to many of us. I also wanted to thank all of those unnamed soldiers that are always working in the background, willing to lend a helping hand. The club couldn't function without you. Your willingness to help does not go unnoticed.

The 2017 season was a success. We enjoyed our traditional events such as races, cruises and dock parties, but I must confess, some of the new activities held last year created a new kind of excitement for me. From the Friday night racing series, to the outdoor movie night, to the pay-per-view boxing match. It was just plain fun! There was something enjoyable for adults and children alike. Kudos to those who made these events happen!



Commodore's Letter, continued

This year, the executive board held the Annual Planning Meeting in March.

Racing, cruising, seminars, Junior WJ, and dock parties were all discussed at length. Speaking of dock parties, a few new exciting ideas were presented regarding the same. Among those, were motions to purchase a video projector and display screen for the club. There was also a motion to have a Seafood Fest in lieu of the Pig Roast. More details to come. Some of the other subjects discussed were membership recruitment, retention, participation, and fundraising. We also discussed the Windjammer [website](#) and the [online store](#). Yes, the Windjammers have an online store where apparel and merchandise can be easily purchased. A link to the online store is available through the Windjammer website. The Annual Planning Meeting was very productive. I look forward to seeing it all come to fruition.



To all Windjammers, please consider bringing a friend to an event. We enjoy meeting new people and people really enjoy meeting us. Well, most of us. Just kidding! I also wanted to encourage everyone to get involved with the club. If you are a newer member, this is a great opportunity for you to get to know how the club operates and while you're at it, you get to know some of the members a little better. Consider hosting a Windjammer event. Whether it's one of the many dock parties, serving as a committee boat, or if you are unable to commit, offer your assistance or expertise at some point during the season.

I look forward to a fantastic 2018 season. See you all very soon and remember, safety first!



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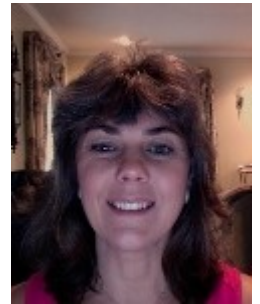
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Announcements

Bernard Creache

Firstly, the pump out station at Cedar Creek Marina will not reopen. Those in need of discharge have the option to either go to the State Marina in Forked River, which is open 24/7, or call/hail the Ocean County Pumpout Boat. The Pumpout Boat service is available from Friday to Sunday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and will be in operation from Memorial Day weekend through the month of September. Both of the above options are free of charge. If you can afford it, kindly tip the Pumpout guy.

Secondly, Berkley Island is in the process of reopening by late spring and it will be bigger and better than ever. The \$8 million reconstruction project will include a 2300-square foot splash park. Elevated nozzles with motion sensors will splash anyone who sets foot on the pad. The park will be in full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Lastly, Little Egg Inlet has been dredged and it is in the process of getting marked by the US Coast Guard's Aids to Navigation Team. In an attempt to find out how deep the channel was, I reached out to Chris Constantino from Coastal Engineering, Toms River Branch. He told me that they dredged almost 1 million cubic yards of sand. He said that the channel will be 15 feet below mean sea level, which basically means 15 feet deep at the shallowest part of the inlet at low tide. Mr. Constantino also stated that although the inlet is currently dredged and is about to be marked, they do not intend to maintain the inlet other than repositioning the navigational markers, which will be done by the USCG. The current in this area is very dynamic and the shoals shift quite a bit and it is expected to be affected by bad weather, such as nor'easters and hurricanes. The inlet will not likely be re-dredged unless funds are allocated from beach replenishment funds, but this is unlikely to happen very often. This is the first time that this inlet has ever been dredged.

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



Our Cape May & Atlantic City Vacation

Alicia Creache



Last year, my family and I went to the Barnegat Bay on our sailboat named Bon Voyage on the Fourth of July. We were getting ready for our week long trip to Cape May and Atlantic City. We could see fireworks past the lighthouse at night. My friend and her family came from their boat to watch the fireworks with us.

After the eleven and a half hour sail, we finally arrived at Cape May. We saw dolphins on the way. After a lot of waiting, we pulled into a dock and met with the other family. Then we checked out the pool. It was fun. After that, we had pizza and ice cream.

The next day, we took a trolley to Downtown Cape May. We saw a water fountain and horse-drawn carriages. We looked at stores and had ice cream at Ben & Jerry's. Later that day, we went to the pool again and ate dinner at a place called the Lobster House.

The day after that, we went back to Downtown Cape May and rented bikes. That morning, we ate at a diner. We went to the pool once again. That night, we ate at a restaurant.

The last day in Cape May was my favorite day. We went dolphin watching all the way to Delaware. We hung out on each other's boats. We went to the pool again and ate at the Lobster House again.

The day after that, we went to Atlantic City. This time we docked next to a hotel. There was a big pool at the hotel. For breakfast, we ate at a buffet.

The last day of our trip, we ate at a diner called the Rainforest Café. It was cool. There were animals behind our booth that made noise. We took a trolley to the boardwalk. After that we had cotton candy and water ice. It was a long fun vacation.





Cruising

Joe DiGaetano

As a new sailing season is about to start, I think back on my first trip north to Block Island. I went with a group of boats between 25 and 34 feet long. Sailing experiences varied and the group was pretty diverse. There were families with young children, single folks, and retirees.

On the morning we were to leave, I awoke to the wind whistling through the rigging. A knock on the boat informed me of a captains meeting to discuss the weather and if we were going to alter our plans. Everyone felt comfortable with proceeding as planned and so we did. It was a fantastic sail up the Jersey coast on a beam reach with reefed sails, though things deteriorated around Sandy Hook. The direction of the wind and current coming out of the Hudson River made for some tacking and slow progress. We were all exhausted when we arrived at the marina in Graves End Bay. A nice meal out and a few drinks made everything right. The next morning came another knock on my boat. A few of the boats were leaving a bit earlier. Without shaving for a second day, I tossed off the dock lines and headed out. What a great day on the water. We proceeded up the Hudson, under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge with large cargo ships, past the Statue of Liberty, Twin Towers, and up the East River. The current was with us and we shot past the city, through Hell's Gate, and into the widening expanse of Long Island Sound. Then before I knew it, I cut the engine and enjoyed a perfect sail with a bright blue sky. There was nowhere I would rather be. Over the next few days I enjoyed some time in Port Jefferson and Mattituck before arriving at our Island destination.

I entered New Harbor under full sail and with a full beard. We all met up at Dead Eye Dick's for dinner that night and a great evening was had by all. Over the next few days we explored the island before heading to Newport. Some folks picked up a slip, though I decided to do a mooring. After dinner one night, we all went back to my boat for some desert. I don't recall exactly how many people there were, but I do recall the launch operator laughing and asking if we were all getting off on this boat. My boat was certainly sitting much lower than it ever had and hopefully ever will. The journey continued back up the Sound. The Thimble Islands and Sand Hole were great stop overs. Sadly, the trip was coming to an end. We had a final evening together at Horseshoe Cove in Sandy Hook before our final sail the next day.

There was some apprehension before leaving on this two week adventure. The truth is though, it was just a series of days sails. While I was still responsible for my own safety, there were comfort and fun times as we traveled together. Seeing new places and entering new harbors on my own boat was a fantastic experience.

The Windjammers have a number of overnight trips planned for this season. Some in the bay, one south to Cape May, and one north to New England.

This summer, my family will head south with the Cape May group. We'll start with fireworks on the Toms River, and overnight the next evening by Barnegat Light in Myer's Hole. The following day, if the weather is favorable, we plan on doing a non-stop trip to Cape May. If not making good time, we'll stop in Atlantic City before proceeding to Cape May. While in Cape May, we have decided to stay at the Cape May Marina, as the kids enjoy their pool. Other folks may decide to stay at Utsch's. Utsch's offers bike rentals and is right next to the Lobster House restaurant. Reservations are suggested at either and you can check on their cancellation policy. There are fewer transient slips at Cape May marina, so I would suggest reservations as early as possible if you favor that location. Cape May Marina will collect the full amount up front. The marinas are within walking distance of each other and I am sure that we will all gather together at one or both of them at times.



Cruising, continued

Cape May is a great destination. Downtown is a beautiful place to walk or bike around in with all the Victorian architecture. The beaches are nice and with any luck, you will find a Cape May diamond. There are also trips to the light house and winery. Dolphin and whale watches are always a good time.

On the way back, we plan on stopping in Atlantic City. This may be at Farley's Marina or anchoring in Rum Cove.

A captain's meeting is scheduled for June 24th to discuss plans in more detail and to address any questions. While some may prefer to travel at their own speed, others may find comfort staying closer to other boats along the way. All these things and more will be discussed.

I have tons of great memories from all of my sailing trips as does my family. My children were already asking for another trip before our last trip had ended.

Calendar of Events

For the most up-to-date events, see the [website](#)

May 20	Captains meeting for Beach Haven cruise Coast Guard Aux boat inspection
May 26—May 28	Beach Haven cruise
June 2	Practice race
June 8	Friday Night Race Series – Race #1
June 9	Kayak & SUP races Chicken & Ribs party Junior Windjammer ice cream social
June 15	Friday Night Race Series – Race #2
June 17	MOB discussion followed by drills
June 22	Friday Night Race Series – Race #3
June 23	Father's Day/Sailstice race Pot luck raft up (location TBD)
June 24	Captains meeting for cruise south
June 29	Friday Night Race Series – Race #4
July 4	Cruise to Toms River for fireworks & beginning of cruise south
July 4—July 15	Cruise South



Calendar of Events, continued

July 5	Cruise to Myers Hole (Cruise south staging)
July 15	Captains meeting for cruise north
July 21	Chicken & Ham/Ribs dock party
	Pirate Party/Treasure hunt for Junior Windjammers
	Possible departure for cruise north
July 28	BYO Meat dock party
	FULL MOON cruise & anchor out
August 4	Sloppy Joe Dock Party & Junior Windjammer scavenger hunt & stargazing or movie night
	Possible departure for cruise north
August 18	Summer Swelter Race
August 25	Ladies Helm Race
	Iron Women's feast
	Stargazing
Sept 1	Labor Day cruise to Myers Hole
Sept 9	Chili Cook Off
	Practice race
Sept 15	Tall Oaks Challenge & Tall Oaks host dock party (tentative)
Sept 22	Water Games & Seafood Fest
Oct 13	Oktoberfest dock party
Oct 20	Captain's Inn cruise
Oct 27	Frostbite Race
January 19	Winter Dinner (location TBD)





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.



Sailboat Rentals

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.

Daily Cruises

ASA Sailing School

Sunset Cruises

Sailboat Rentals

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Requirements

- A NJ Safe Boating Certificate or equivalent
- An ASA 101 Certification of equiv.
- Drivers License and Credit Card
- Boat, Engine, Area Orientation