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Spring 2023

WINDJAMMERS SAILING CLUB
CEDAR CREEK SAILING CENTER
BAYVILLE, NJ

Commodore's Letter

Nancy Onffroy

Welcome to the 2023 Sailing Year!

Great news! This winter Bernard Creache, Jim McGovern and Don Kozak passed the test to obtain their Captains License. This is a great accomplishment and took tons of dedication and hard work. Please be sure to congratulate them next time you see them.

We have managed to get the Berkeley Park Pavilion this year for three of our events: Chicken and Ribs Dinner on June 24th, Fall Dinner on September 9th, and Tall Oaks Challenge Race Dinner on September 23rd. We are pleased to get this wonderful venue with such lovely views of the bay. All other events will be held at the marina.

Are you aware of the petition to dredge Cedar Creek channel to 6-foot depth? Joe DiGaetano was instrumental in getting this petition started and Al Morris spent time knocking on doors of houses that back up to Cedar Creek to get additional signatures. If you have not signed this petition, please see Joe, Alan or me to get the link.

Mark your calendars, our first event, the Wine and Cheese Party, will be May 20th. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Nancy Onffroy

WJSC Commodore 2023





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HAPPY JACK- A Story of Good Karma Paid

Forward...

Nancy Onffroy

On our 35' Catalina, Perfect Fit, Phil and I arrived at Great Salt Pond, Block Island after 30 hours of sailing thru the night. We were exhausted and looking forward to getting hooked up to a mooring ball. We called the Dock Master for a ball assignment and were told that we couldn't get one for at least an hour so we decided to find the fuel dock and fill our fuel tank while we waited.



At the fuel dock, we filled our tank with diesel and when we tried to start the engine it would not start - the batteries were dead. The dock attendant was not happy. He needed us to move our boat so other boats waiting for fuel could come in. I asked if there was a mechanic available to help us get the engine started. He told us we would have to fly one in from the mainland but it could take a day or two and wouldn't be cheap.

Just then a man walked up to us on the dock and introduced himself to us saying "Hi, my name is Jack, everyone calls me Happy Jack. I can see that you have a problem. I think I could help you if you're interested. I have lived on a sailboat my whole life and even though I do not have formal certifications for diesel motors, I am really good with boat engines. Would you like me to try to help?"

We gladly accepted his offer. He left for several minutes and came back with a gauge to check our battery levels. Unfortunately, all three batteries had less than 10% power. Happy Jack disappeared again only to reappear with a battery charger and he proceeded to work on getting our batteries full enough so that we could motor over to our mooring ball for the night. While this was happening, we told Happy Jack that before we left for this trip, we had a brand-new alternator installed and were surprised that we were having a battery issue.

Happy Jack told us that he thought he knew what our problem was. The new belt on the alternator had probably stretched during the ocean crossing and was slipping. The batteries were not getting charged. He informed us he would be willing to help us and that the tools he needed were back on his boat. He would dinghy over to our boat with the correct tools later in the evening. We exchanged cell phone numbers and he left saying he would call us at 7 PM to find out where our mooring ball was.

We finally got our mooring ball assignment and were greatly relieved to be able to tie up to the ball and finally relax. We were not sure if we would ever hear from Happy Jack again. Lo and behold at 7 PM Happy Jack called us and we had a great discussion on where our boat was located among the thousand other boats anchored on Great Salt Pond. In the middle of the discussion his phone went dead. We tried to call Happy Jack back but it kept going straight to voicemail. We were pretty sure we would never see him again. But as it was getting dark, we saw a dinghy heading our way. It was Happy Jack and he had found us.



Happy Jack told us that the reason we couldn't reach him by cell, is that he dropped it in the water and it sank. Needless to say, we felt terrible that he dropped it while coming to help us. Happy Jack quickly got his tools and went down below to work on our engine. He found the belt to be loose as he suspected and that our water hose had a leak, Water was dripping on the loose belt which made the slippage problem even worse. Happy Jack said that he could fix the leaking hose but he would need to get more tools from his boat. He told us that he needed to leave Block Island in the morning because the weather was turning bad and he needed to get home but promised us that he would stop by before leaving to repair the hose.

Bright and early the following morning Happy Jack again came to our boat via his dinghy with the correct tools. Within a few minutes the leaky hose was repaired and he asked us to turn on the engine so he could test it before he left. He called up to me in the cockpit and told me to start the engine and put it in neutral which I thought I did but it turns out I put it in forward. When he told me to gun the engine, I did and the boat jumped forward headed towards a large motor yacht. The two people on the motor yacht saw what was happening started screaming STOP! In a heroic effort to help, Happy Jack tried to jump over the running engine to get to the cockpit and fell heavily over the transom. He scrambled up, grabbed the helm and stopped the boat. Neither our boat or the motor yacht was harmed, however Happy Jack's leg was bleeding pretty badly from a large scrape on his shin which occurred while jumping over the transom.

At this point, Phil and I were feeling very sorry about all of this. We did our best to clean the wound and applied several Band-Aids and then Happy Jack got ready to leave. Phil tried to thrust a wad of cash into Happy Jack's hands but he refused to take it. He told us, I have a story for you:

"Several years ago, I was sailing single-handed in the Bahamas and stopped to anchor in a cove at a small island. In the morning, I tried to start my engine. It wouldn't start and after several hours of struggling with the engine, I realized I could not fix it and, go figure, there wasn't a mechanic anywhere to be found. I was stumped! A yachtsman in a nearby boat came over and thankfully offered to help. He told me he did not have formal certifications for diesel motors but was really good working around boat engines. He spent the good part of three days working on my engine and finally repaired it.

I offered to pay him generously for his work. But he refused and told me the following: 'There is no need to pay me. I believe in karma and my request is that you help another person who may be in a tight bind. Pay it forward, that is how you can pay me'."

Happy Jack told us we were now the beneficiaries of his karma payment and it was our duty to pay it forward ourselves. We are ready!



(Editor's Note: For eligibility to receive a bestowment of good Karma from Nancy and Phil please submit requests to: Webmaster@Windjammersailing.com)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

For the most up-to-date events, see the Windjammers website: <http://windjammersailing.com/>

- May 20, 2023 9:00 am: [Boat Flea Market](#)
- May 20, 2023 5:00 pm: [Wine and Cheese Party](#)
- May 27, 2023 12:00 pm: [Memorial Day Cruise to Meyers Hole](#)
- June 2, 2023 5:00 pm: [Friday Night Race](#)
- June 3, 2023 11:00 am: [Practice Race](#)
- June 4, 2023 9:00 am: [Breakfast on the Dock](#)
- June 9, 2023 5:00 pm: [Friday Night Race](#)
- June 11, 2023 9:00 am: [Vessel Safety Check](#)
- June 19, 2023 8:00 am: [Cruise to Atlantic City](#)
- June 24, 2023 6:00 pm: [Chicken and Ribs Spring Dinner](#)
- July 4, 2023 12:30 pm: [Sailing to see Fireworks](#)
- July 8, 2023 6:00 pm: [BBQ on the Dock](#)
- July 14, 2023 8:00 am: [Cruise to Atlantic Highlands](#)
- July 14, 2023 8:00 am: [Cruise to Martha's Vineyard](#)
- August 5, 2023 8:00 am: [Cruise to Cape May](#)
- August 19, 2023 9:00 am: [Cruise to Tices Overnight and Beach party](#)
- August 19, 2023 10:30 am: [Cruise to Tice's- Overnight stay and Beach Party](#)
- August 26, 2023 6:00 am: [Potluck Dock Party](#)
- September 2, 2023 8:00 am: [Cruise to Meyers Hole](#)
- September 9, 2023 5:00 am: [Fall Dinner \(Formerly known as the Pig Roast\)](#)
- September 23, 2023 5:00 pm: [Tall Oaks Challenge- Post Race Dinner](#)
- September 30, 2023 1:00 pm: [Cruise/Dinner at Captains Inn](#)
- October 7, 2023 5:00 pm: [Chili Cookoff](#)





Marine Flea Market & Wine and Cheese Party

On Saturday, May 20th from 9:00-12:00 the Windjammers Sailing Club will be hosting a Marine Flea Market at Cedar Creek Marina. The event will be open to the public. Bring a folding table and chairs and set out your boat and marine equipment that you no longer need or use. Clean out your garage or shed at home and bring items that your fellow sailors may be interested in. Wander around the other tables and barter or trade with your neighbors. Tom and Liz may be setting up some tables as well. Please limit your items to boat or marine related gear, (this is not the opportunity to sell your Precious Moments figurines or your vintage metal G.I Joe lunchbox!). We plan to reach out to the other marinas along Cedar Creek to inform their slip holders of this event. Then at 5:00 we switch gears for our first Wine and Cheese party of the season. This is also an opportunity to recruit new Windjammer members, so feel free to invite your friends and fellow sailors to both of these fun events on Saturday, May 20th.

Marina Work Party

Many of us appreciate Tom and Liz and the Cedar Creek Marina and Sailing Center. We are planning a morning to volunteer and tackle some projects around the marina that would beautify the marina, or repair some items that they can't get to. One of the project requests is to repair the grills and to make sure they are in good working order for the season. There may be some minor painting projects, picking up trash, or stacking and organizing the wood blocks. If you have suggestions for improvement projects, please submit them to the Commodore or Vice-Commodore for consideration. Stay tuned as the date and project list are yet to be determined.



Tom Fogarty introducing a fine vintage at a past wine and cheese party

Winter Banquet 2023

Having not held a banquet since January 2020, 28 Windjammers gathered at Captains Inn for an evening of food and fun together. While we munched on a delicious array of appetizers, we enjoyed a presentation of photos from the season. After dining on an excellent buffet meal of salad, pasta, chicken, beef and a very good pecan crusted salmon it was time for the business of the evening. Past Commodore Joe DiGaetano began with the passing of the flags. Past Commodore flags went to Phil Onffroy, Joe DiGaetano and Mark Zavanelli. Incoming Commodore, Nancy Onffroy was presented with her flag along with Vice-Commodore, Jim McGovern. Joe and Mark then gave out thank you gifts to those who had served as Committee Chairs during their seasons:

Awards:

Running Aground: - Jim Priestly for running aground in front of his slip with his new boat
Dillon Dock Meter: - Not awarded
Walt Spratford: - Julie Creache for being one of the hardest working Windjammers
Rockneck Memorial: - Patrick Capriotti for his enthusiasm and learning all things sailing
Turkey Award: - Daniel Tocatlian for sailing out into a squall

Commodore Nancy then took the reins of the club and announced her lineup for the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs for sailing season 2023.



Block Island Trip 2022

Captain Jim McGovern

On Saturday July 9th, seven windjammer vessels enjoyed a beautiful sunset, while staging at Meyer's Hole for the evening. after a one-day weather delay. The seven boats included: Galena, Hannah, Into the Mystic, Island Breeze, Lorelei, Dragon Fly, and Perfect Fit. At 0630, the fleet departed a calm Barnegat Inlet and set sail for Block Island, Rhode Island. The 145-nautical mile journey was the first overnight passage for some of the sailors while others had made this passage many times before. The more experienced sailors provided much needed encouragement and guidance for the first-time navigators. As the sun began to sink below the horizon, a full moon provided good visibility until 0330, and then we had a few hours of darkness until sunrise. Approximately six hours later, we arrived at Block Island, a ten square mile island lying about nine miles south of the mainland. In 1614, Adrian Block, a Dutch explorer sailed to the island to give it his name. He called it Block Island and in 1661, the Island was settled.



As the boats entered the Great Salt Pond, the hunt was on for mooring balls. A few of the boats were fortunate enough to grab an open mooring ball, while others had to wait until later in the afternoon to join the harbormaster, in a line, cruising through the harbor in search of available mooring balls. Eventually all the boats settled in, and the crews rested from the overnight passage and lack of sleep. We would spend the next four days exploring Block Island, through walking, hiking, jeeps, and mopeds. Several windjammers visited the spectacular Mohegan Bluffs, a 185-foot-high bluff overlooking the southern shore. The group met up for drinks, lunch, and dinner at several great restaurants like The Oar, where we left an oar signed by all crew members. When you heard "Andiamo, Andiamoooo" (Hurry up), you knew the Aldo's bakery boat was in the area. Their boat provides hot coffee and fresh baked goods in the morning and fresh fish in the afternoon. The island has a great town within walking distance, two lighthouses, and several great beaches to enjoy.



After four fabulous sunny days, five of the boats headed south, while Dragon Fly and Island Breeze headed north. They spent one night in Newport, two nights in Cuttyhunk, and two nights in Nantucket. On their return journey, Dragon Fly and Island Breeze stayed in Cuttyhunk, Three-Mile Harbor, Block Island, Mattituck River and then a spectacular evening cruise through the East River and a non-stop trip back to Cedar Creek.

Galena, Hannah, Into the Mystic, Lorelei and Perfect Fit headed 24 nautical miles due west through Block Island Sound, cautiously navigated through Watch Hill Passage and passed Watch Hill, where we saw one of Taylor Swift's houses. We sailed through Fisher's Island Sound and then motored north into the Mystic River to our next port, Mystic Connecticut. While visiting Mystic for three days, we docked at the Mystic Seaport, where over 600 ships have been built since 1784. We ate at the famous Mystic Pizza and enjoyed walking around town.





We departed Mystic shrouded in fog and slowly worked our way west through the Long Island Sound. Due to some stormy weather, we had a change in plans and found the Guilford Yacht Club as an alternate port. The marina had a large pool that swayed us to stay an extra day.

We departed Guilford, Connecticut and sailed 30 nautical miles southwest through the Long Island Sound to Port Jefferson. While moored at Port Jefferson, we had a fun evening with live music and appetizers aboard Galena, with 16 people on board. From Port Jefferson we traveled 35 nautical miles to Port Washington. Before reaching Port Washington, we motored through an intense storm, with plenty of wind, rain, thunder, and lightning. While docking there, some of us thought the world was going to end. Over the VHF radio marina channel 71, after hearing the Emergency Broadcast signal, we heard the following message: "We interrupt this program. This is a national emergency. Important instructions will follow. The following message is transmitted at the request of the United States Government. This is not a test. A nuclear attack has commenced against the United States. Fifteen nuclear bombs have detonated in several areas across the country. All residents within a 400-mile radius should seek a fallout shelter". After several terrifying minutes we determined it was a hoax, someone had played a YouTube video message over the VHF radio. Since we had been on our boats for a week and a half, and just going through an intense storm, we were tired and a bit more gullible than normal.

From Port Washington, we departed at 0600 and traveled southwest through the East River. We passed Rikers Island, the United Nations building, and the Empire State building. One of the boats hit 12.5 knots traveling through the treacherous Hell Gate, where the East River narrows, and water flows extremely fast and turbulent. The Statue of Liberty welcomed us to New York Harbor. We continued on passing under the magnificent Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge while continuing on to our final anchorage at Great Kills Harbor. The following morning, we departed at 0545 to complete the final 65 NM journey, just a few miles off the New Jersey Coast. Several boats ducked into the Manasquan River inlet to take the inside route, while the taller boats sailed down to Barnegat Inlet. We returned to Cedar Creek at around 1700. Dragon Fly and Island Breeze arrived several hours later. There was a great feeling of accomplishment for the captains and crew members as we finally tied up at Cedar Creek.

Prior to the trip, we had several captains' meetings to plan the trip. Joe DiGaetano did an excellent job at leading the trip and offering suggestions for ports of call. Everyone stayed safe and felt reasonably comfortable on the overnight passages. There was a sense of comradery among the 27 sailors as we made group decisions and problem solved. If you were not able to be part of this great journey, stay tuned, we are considering planning a 2023 Martha's Vineyard Trip.





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Cruising 2023

Joe DiGaetano

We have an exciting cruising season planned for this year! Memorial Day weekend will be our kickoff event with a trip to Myer's Hole by Barnegat Light. Come relax on the beach with your fellow Windjammers, and bring your kayaks and paddleboards. A cruise to Atlantic City is planned for June. This will be a great half day ocean sail for those looking to gain some experience in the company of other boats, or just a shake down sail for a longer summer cruise. Hopefully there will be some dolphin or whale sightings along the way. We will anchor in Rum Cove, just north of Atlantic City in Brigantine. Plan for some boat BBQs, visiting friends, and enjoying the lights of Atlantic City at night.

Two longer cruises are set for July. One will go up the Hudson River and the other to Martha's Vineyard. You can't go wrong with either choice. We will have a trip to Cape May in August. Join the group by boat or plan to meet up with everyone for a day, by car. Also planned for August is an overnight to Tice's Shoal. We will plan a BBQ and an evening bonfire on the beach. Since we always have a fun time at Myer's Hole, we will repeat the trip for Labor Day weekend.

A trip to Captain's Inn is planned for September. We are doing the trip a little earlier this year to try to take advantage of some warmer weather. This way we will be able to comfortably hang out on our boats before or after dinner. Who knows, perhaps we will also fit in a raft up at Berkley Island at some point. It's shaping up to be a great summer where we will make wonderful memories that will last a lifetime!





Dock Parties 2022

Jeanette Kozak

According to the great British author, Jane Austen: "It is a truth, universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a fortune, must be in want of a wife." I have my own version of this: "Any member of the Windjammers Sailing Club on the dock, must be in want of party," ...Whether at the beach, or a raft up, we don't care, we love to get together, eat, drink and talk sailboats!"

In view of that, we did have a number of wonderful Windjammer gatherings. We opened our season with our traditional Wine and Cheese party in May followed by the annual Chicken and Ribs.

July saw 7 boats depart for Block Island and adventures along Long Island Sound. As large a party as we were, we still managed to eat dinner together in restaurants far and wide. We also had a very memorable evening on Galina where Al and Phil played their guitars while we sang along. Amusingly enough the biggest hit of the night was a rousing chorus of "Sponge Bob Square Pants!"

Once we returned to Cedar Creek we held a BBQ to warm up our brave contestants from the cardboard boat races in the creek. August saw us enjoy a Pot Luck party with a theme of a favorite cruising dish to share. While the cruise to Cape May didn't happen, a number of Windjammers took a land cruise where we enjoyed time together at the Cape May Winery.

Labor Day had us at Meyers Hole and guess what? A party or two on the beach!

September was the annual Pig Roast where the Windjammers once again left the dock for the beautiful pavilion at Berkley Point. While it isn't cheap to rent, it is such a lovely location to host the always popular Pig Roast.

Our final official party of the season was the hotly contested Chili Cook-off in the cooling temps of October.



Historian Richard Barker with his new friend (Yes, the duck is real)



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Dock Parties 2023

Captain Don Kozak

Greetings fellow Windjammers! I hope you all are looking forward to a great season of boating on the Barnegat Bay. Your Windjammer party coordinator here to fill you in on the dockside social aspect you can expect this season at the Cedar Creek Marina.

The executive board has produced a list of party dates and themes for this year's post sailing dock parties. I will be managing the parties to the extent that I will help you, the membership, organize, prepare and host the parties this season. In this vein, I am looking for you to come forward and take control of the events your fellow Windjammers will enjoy.

Many of your fellow members have hosted parties in past years and took pride and ownership of their event. If you enjoyed past year's parties and are prepared to take the reins, I'm here to help ensure that our club volunteers put on a great event. The commodore has published the dates and themes of this year's parties. Please look over this list and find a date and party you would like to host. We look forward to the coming sailing season and need your support in helping run and organize one of the main social events that the club sponsors during the season.

Reach out to me or Commodore Nancy, as soon as possible, with the event you desire to host.

Vessel Safety Check

6/11/2023

Our annual vessel safety check is schedule for June 11. Representatives from the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be performing the inspections.

There is no cost and it is an excellent opportunity to make sure you are ready for a safe boating season! After passing the inspection, they will provide you with a sticker showing you are in compliance with Coast Guard standards.

We are limited to 10 boats so email Secretary@windjammersailing.com to sign up if you are interested. It will be first come first served.

Visit this site to get an idea of the items that will be reviewed:

[US-Coast-Guard-Vessel-Safety-Checklist](#)

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In Memoriam Audrey Rosenberg 1954-2022



She very likely taught many of you to Sail. She taught our daughters and they still have very fond, cherished memories of the time spent with her. Audrey's smile and laugh were infectious. When you saw her from across the marina the first thing you would see was that smile.

A kinder person you will not meet. I will always remember her funny stories at the Wine and Cheese parties. She had an amazingly dead pan delivery as she spun some believable (but ultimately fictitious) tales. It is hard to believe we will no longer be graced with her wit and humor. She was a foundational member of our club and will be sorely missed. Fair winds Audrey...





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Frank Schaffer

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It's pretty easy really... and you'll be surprised at how much great information is on there!

You can find out about upcoming events, see the cruising schedule and browse the many useful links we've added.

I sometimes enjoy just looking back at the pictures from years gone by. There are more than 7000 of them by the way!

There are links to weather, charts, member sailing blogs, and some of our partners on the bay including other clubs as well as institutional groups. Let me know if there is a link you would like added.

If you would like to have your pictures added, and it's just a couple of shots, you can email them to me @ Webmaster@windjammersailing.com . If you have several, you can drop off a usb drive at the office, or give it to me when you see me at the dock.

My goal is to make our website a useful and fun tool for all of our members. Any suggestions for improvements or enhancements would be appreciated!



Racing

Mark Zavanelli

I'm excited to continue rebuilding our Windjammers racing program this year. We want to get new people involved, and it's open to everyone, regardless of your experience level. We have spots for crew, as well as for captains wanting to race their boat. I'll plan to do a racing kick-off Zoom meeting in May to hear ideas and firm up our planning.

As we did last year, we'll be partnering with Tall Oaks Yacht Club for racing. They do a series of Saturday races on the bay throughout the summer (typically starting at noon), which we are invited to. These are windward/leeward races typically done mid-bay with a traditional start. Their series starts with a practice race on June 3, but it's possible to attend any of their races as a one-off.

We'll also be hosting Friday night races this season. We will be using a "pursuit" format where the boats start at staggered times based on their rating, and finish together. This is a racing style that any cruiser can pick up quickly. There are two races on the official calendar so far, beginning on June 2, but I'm hoping we can do several during the season.

September 23rd is our Annual Tall Oaks Challenge, which is a team race between the two clubs. It's always a fun time, and this year we are hosting the party afterwards at Berkeley Island.

Let's do some racing!



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**

Fundraising by Robin and Sheldon

Please go to windjammers.qbstores.com (Entry code WJSC2016, case sensitive) for a huge selection of attractive apparel available for our Windjammers logo. It will be hard to decide from all the items but you will have fun looking through it! However, burgees are available only at the marina for \$35.



Windjammers Online Store

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Simple Beer Batter Recipe for Fish...or whatever

- 3 eggs
- ¾ cup beer
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 4 cups pastry flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- salt to taste
- ground black pepper to taste
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 ½ pounds cod fillets
- 2 quarts vegetable oil for frying



- In a medium bowl, stir together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and cornstarch.
- In a large bowl, beat together eggs and milk. Mix in beer. Stir in flour mixture. Season with salt, black pepper, and garlic powder.
- Coat fish in batter, and submerge in hot oil. Fry until golden brown, about 4 to 5 minutes.