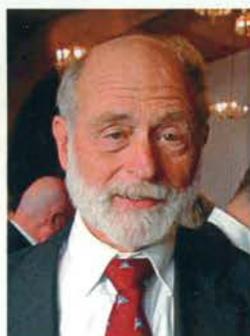
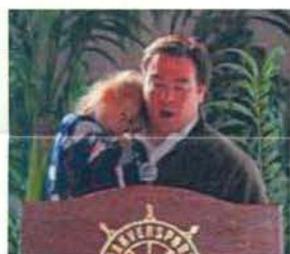
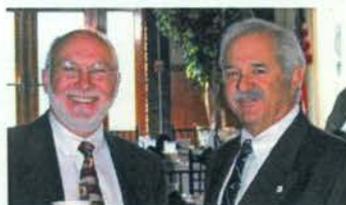


BLUE WATER LOG

Annual Meeting

November 4, 2007
Danversport Yacht Club





Commodore's Corner

Sue Patton, Outgoing Commodore

Blue Water Sailing Club has enjoyed a busy Winter / Spring 2008 Season. For the year, we've had 21 events including five seminars, one CPR course, and three new cultural events focusing on sailing and the water. The club is entirely volunteer-driven. The elected Board of Governors, which includes the Flag Officers and Chair positions, meet nine times a year to review and plan club events, strategy, and future focus. You, our members, run all events and cruises with coordination from our Vice Commodore, who oversees on-water events, and our Rear Commodore, who oversees land-based events.

A CPR course has been offered usually every other year to encourage our members to keep up to date on changing techniques, and most recently, on how to use the Automated External Defibrillator, commonly known as the AED. The seminars provide the membership an array of topics to keep our membership current on topics such as weather, rigging, cruising, and boat styles.

None of the events would be a success without a communications program in place to promote the events and drive attendance. Our communication efforts are probably our most costly club item, but an important investment in keeping everyone up-to-date and involved in the club's activities.

Our timely communications efforts include Postal mailings, email reminders, and a current and informative website - all of which are coordinated thanks to the ever-efficient Jeff Kenyon, BWSC's Communication and Website Officer, who supports the Event Chairs in promotion efforts.

The Yearbook Chair, Wally Feldman, is diligent about keeping our Member email list current, and is in charge of collecting information and publishing our annual Yearbook. The Yearbook is used many times throughout the season for effective communication to all our members. What would any of us do without the Yearbook to reference?!

The make-up of the club is always evolving. We have many loyal, long-term members whom we truly appreciate as being the foundation of Blue Water Sailing Club. We're always looking forward, intent on keeping the club growing and vibrant.

Membership Chair Liz Stott has used technology and good old-fashioned networking to add 32 new members / families to the club in the past two years.

Mike Handler has made tremendous efforts in establishing a new niche in the club, called "KidSail". Mike's team is making sure that there are kid-friendly, family activities available throughout our summer sailing season and beyond.

Many of you have been very involved in bringing in friends and family members to the club, and have been active in meeting and sponsoring prospective new members. Thank you for your participation in the membership recruitment process.

In addition to recruitment, we strive to retain all members by making sure that everyone receives value for your club membership. Our new, regular (every other month) WAYPOINTS newsletter is one method of keeping everyone connected, as is The Log (usually Spring and Fall), which you're reading now. The website is also a very valuable resource and reference, and I encourage you to check it out on a regular basis: (<http://www.bluewatersc.org>). Jeff Kenyon, Webmaster, will get you set up with a User Name and Password.

Again, BWSC is a member / volunteer driven organization, and it's your participation that helps us tick! Thank you for your enthusiasm and participation, which is especially evident when we see so many of our members partaking in and chairing events. We hope you have had a safe and super enjoyable summer boating season. I look forward to seeing you at next year's seminars and on the water!

Seminar

Hosted by Barbie and Martin Owens

On January 12, 2008, the first seminar of the season was held at the Jubilee Yacht Club in Beverly, MA. Martin and Barbie Owens hosted the Multihull Seminar with the assistance of Ed Stott, who kindly lined up the principal speaker. It was a sunny day and we had an excellent turnout of 27





people, enough to yield a small profit after expenses.

With lots of hot coffee and Dunkin' Donuts to keep everyone going, Sibley Reppert fascinated the group with a video and talk on his experiences of delivering his new boat, along with his two daughters as crew, from South Africa. Other owners also presented data and opinions about the differences in sailing a multihull from a single hull vessel. There were many questions and answers and we all learned something new that day.

Art & Science of Sailing

Jose Venegas

The Art & Science of Sailing seminar was organized by Merrill Feldman, and jointly sponsored by the Blue Water Sail Club and the Marblehead Sail and Power Squadron. The seminar was held at the Abbot Library in Marblehead on Saturday, February 9. There were 60 registrants with the BWSC repre-



Jose and his training aid

senting the majority of the attendees. Jose Venegas, the instructor, presented a slide lecture provided by the US Power Squadron that he modified and upgraded considerably. He also used his racing model sloop and an electric fan for very informative practical demonstrations in the shaping of the sails.

A panel of experts including Dieter Empacher, Dan Kostishack, and John Dieselman, along with Jose, answered all questions from the audience and carried out a very stimulating discussion providing many clues how to get the best out of your sails when either racing or cruising. Teaching handouts were provided to the registrants. The coffee break was a welcome social experience for all and the talk of sail in the dreary winter was a welcome subject to hasten the approaching sailing season.

Winter Events off the Water

JoAnn Pinkowitz

Blue Water Sailors love their sailing, and the challenges that we find out on the water. During the winter, we found our nautical enjoyment in other cultural venues. JoAnn Pinkowitz arranged some unique cultural opportunities for our members, and the overwhelming turnout proved the enthusiasm BWSC members have for education and fellowship.



Ronald Grimm with a 350 year-old book

In February on Valentine's Day, JoAnn arranged a tour of the map exhibition at the Boston Public Library (BPL) by curator of Maps, Ronald Grim. With attendance limited to 30 people, a second tour a week later was

needed for the overflowing attendance. In a private showing, the curator brought out original charts and maps from the 1600s to 1800s and gave us a brief lecture about this part of the BPL collection that is not on public display.

We then had a curator's tour of the current exhibition "A Bird's Eye View of Boston" by Ronald Grim. He gave interesting insights into the maps of Boston and its suburbs. The maps were drawn as if from a bird's view from above while we viewed the same place from the ground. Many, more than a century old were interesting to see with the changes that have taken place in these locations that still exist today.



At the MFA

We saw maps of Boston suburbs Quincy, Jamaica Plain, and Watertown; coastal towns of Plymouth and Provincetown and industrialized inland towns of Worcester and Springfield. The evening concluded with seafarer's dinner at Legal Seafoods in the Prudential Center.



In April, 30 BWSC members went to the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston for a special tour of nautical paintings on view at the museum. Our tour was lead by Mimi Braverman, a former sailor, who grew up in Gloucester MA. Starting in the 1600s with a seaport view by the Dutch master Jacob van Ruisdael, we traveled to Italy for waterfront views of Venice by Canaletto and then to the 1800s in America to see a tranquil view of Boston Harbor by Fitz Henry Lane. Lane was known for his skill in rendering all the details of the different sailing vessels.

Our tour concluded with the well-known John Singleton Copley's action painting of Watson and the Shark with the shark attacking 14-year-old Watson. The evening ended with an elegant dinner at Bravo restaurant.



At the Boston Public Library

What's New in Rigging

David Kettner

On March 15th, about 25 people traveled to the Plymouth Yacht Club on a cold, windy day for a seminar organized by Jack May. The featured speaker was Kevin Montague of Northeast Rigging in Salem, Massachusetts. Kevin provided an entertaining and informative discussion of standing rigging technology, both stainless steel and advanced fiber. Kevin's style of presentation was very interactive, and many members stimulated the proceedings with questions and observations. A significant recommendation was to replace all standing rigging every twelve years. This was demonstrated vividly with the example of Fred Kern's



Kevin Montague

foreguy. It was 25 years old, and had begun to untwist near the top attachment point – clearly in need of replacement. At the end of the event, many members enjoyed a light lunch at a local café near Brewer's Yacht Yard.

Weather Seminar "Understanding Weather"

Ed Stott

If your sailing is day sailing, racing, coastal cruising, or offshore sailing, the one element that affects all of us, is weather. How often have you started out on your sailing activities only to be disappointed by the weather system that moved in forcing you to hunker down or head for a safe harbor?



Weather Seminar Participants

The ability to read and understand a weather synoptic chart is a very high priority to offshore sailors, Marion / Bermuda racers, and anyone that wants to understand and predict what the weather forecast may be. There were 75 knowledge-thirsty sailors participating in the BWSC full-day seminar "Understanding Weather" presented by professional sailor Bill Biewenga.

Bill illustrated the big picture of how weather systems develop globally and how it affects our region. He emphasized how to read and interpret 24, 48, and 96-hour surface analysis charts. In addition, he explained the upper atmosphere (500mb) chart and the information in it, how the jet stream affects the local high and low pressure systems.

Armed with this knowledge, we came away with a better understanding of the big picture of approaching weather systems, right down to the local weather system. This seminar gave us the knowledge to determine the size and intensity of anticipated weather systems, what to expect and when.



Spring Dinner and Dance

Sue Patton

Nearly 100 Blue Water Sailing Club members and their guests enjoyed the Spring Dinner, held on April 26 at the Officers Club of Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford, Massachusetts. This annual event, which included socializing and dancing, celebrated the forthcoming 208 sailing season.

The evening's festivities commenced with a cocktail reception, followed by a delicious dinner, including salad, pasta, roast beef, turkey, and an array of desserts. All were served buffet style, allowing members and guests to mingle with old friends and make new acquaintances with new members.

Sue Patton, Commodore, started the event by reminding members that this time next year the 50th anniversary celebration will be taking place.

Pat Dieselman, Vice Commodore, introduced many cruise chairs, who presented brief summaries of the planned summer activities.

Steve and Kristen Lily, new members, talked about the Memorial Day cruise, inviting everyone to their house for a potluck dinner including non-cruisers for the weekend.



Kristen and Steve Lily



Bob Gould



Bernadette Gleeson and Kem Vassello

Bob Gould spoke about children's activities. Harkening back to the original club members' intention of sponsoring events that bring families together on the water. Mike and Marcie Handler are planning beach parties, tubing, dinghy races, and other activities during BWSC cruises and weekends that will appeal to members' children and grandchildren.

Bernadette Gleeson and Kem Vassello talked about the 11th-year Ladies Cruise. The plan was to explore a new area for this cruise to Bristol, Rhode island area.

Liz Stott, Membership Chair, introduced new members and their hosts for the evening. Liz encouraged everyone to bring prospective members to BWSC events throughout the year.



Fred Kern & Liz Stott

Fred Kerns, Rear Commodore, thanked all the seminar chairs for their hard work this year and especially thanked Linda Allen and Cathryn Griffith for chairing the Spring Dinner at Hanscom

field. Dinner was outstanding and the music got everyone to their feet.

From the Offshore Chair

Ed Stott



Getting ready for the AED

One of the educational seminars of the season was First Aid / CPR, which included AED (automatic external defibrillator) training. All forms of safety training helps

prepare us for the unexpected when aboard our boats cruising, racing, or sailing offshore.

This course will be held at least every two years and we encourage your future participation. Every boat should have



Ruth LaBonte



at least one crewmember, preferably two, who are trained in First Aid / CPR and hold a current certification.

This year's First Aid / CPR / AED seminar, held May 29th in Bridgewater, had 15 people in attendance. Ms. Ruth LaBonte was the certified instructor for the class. Of those attending, six were couples, which ensures at least two people on those particular boats have been properly trained and in the event one of the two has a need for First Aid / CPR, their spouse is at the ready.

2009 Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race

David Patton

While it may seem like a long time from now, the start of the 2009 Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race is only about six months away – June 19, 2009. To insure a successful event requires significant planning and efforts by members of all three sponsoring clubs – the Beverly Yacht Club (BYC) in Marion, MA, the Blue Water Sailing Club (BWSC), and the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club in Bermuda. On April 5, 2008, the annual spring meeting for the Race Committee and Board was held at the Beverly Yacht Club, which included an update on planning for the events that will encompass the 2009 Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race. Members of all three clubs attended and participated in the discussions, which covered many topics such as the race operations, the Safety at Sea Symposium and Bermuda events. In attendance, representing BWSC, were Commodore Susan Patton, Vice Commodore Pat Dieselman, Allan McLean (Safety at Sea Symposium chairman), Paul Goldberg (chief yacht inspector for the Race) and David Patton (BWSC representative on the Marion Bermuda Race Association's Board of Directors). After the meeting, John Dieselman, Mary Beth Goldberg, and Mary Ann McLean joined us all for a delightful cocktail reception and dinner at the home of BYC members Faith and Charlie Paulsen.

If you have any interest in participating in next year's Race or just have some questions as what is necessary for a passage to Bermuda, please don't hesitate to contact any of the individuals named above.

Membership Momentum

Liz Stott, Membership Chair

In the period from May 2007 to May 2008, we welcomed 19 new member / families to Blue Water Sailing Club! In the previous year, we welcomed 23 new member families! That growth is a result of better outreach to the sailing community and making sure that BWSC isn't such a well-kept secret!

All of you members have done a great job at mentioning the club to your friends and colleagues, and on a grand scale, BWSC is actively marketing and creating awareness through email blasts, updates to the sailing community, presence at shows, etc.

Our members always enjoy getting to know each other through many different activities that the club offers: Cruises, Seminars, Spring and Fall dinners and Ski Trips. Ultimately, the true value of Blue Water Sailing Club is that we provide a network of people with one major shared common interest – sailing – and through this network we have the ability to learn more skills and gain knowledge from each other.

Please welcome our newest members since May 2007 and recognize their primary sponsors:

| New Members | Sponsors |
|---|---------------------------|
| Kevin and Deirdre Coffey (5/07) | Ed and Liz Stott |
| Mory and Sarah Creighton (5/07) | |
| Don and Pat Cody (12/07) | |
| Mark and Betsy Gabrielson (4/08) | |
| Rick and Brenda Doyle (5/07) | Jose and Magnolia Venegas |
| Erwin Eibert (5/07) | Allan and Mary Ann McLean |
| Stephen and Susan George Isacoff (5/07) | |
| Peter and Janet Swaysland Kingsley (5/07) | |
| Len and Chris Aubin Thibodeau (10/07) | Dan and Elaine Kostishack |
| New Members | Sponsors |
| Bob and Jane Trenary (6/07) | Bob and Mary Rubadeau |



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| Linda Allen (11/07) – renewed member! | |
| Marshall and Lucy Green (11/07) | George and Mary Burnell |
| Larry and Gail Handler (11/07) | Mike and Marcie Handler |
| Kent and Carol Witt Bradford (12/07) | Duane and Pat Marshall |
| Bob Kostyla (12/07) | Barry and Meg Steinberg |
| Bob and Doris Sepuka Zimmerman (12/07) | Larry and Toni Shaw |
| Jim and Kim Boudrot (3/08) | Bob and Judy Boudrot |
| Phil and Mary DiDomenico (3/08) | Tom and Lorraine Devins |
| Doug and Donna Hurd (4/08) | Brian and Susan Schanning |

What you can do to keep the membership growing:

Fly your burgees every summer!

Invite friends and colleagues to participate in our summer cruises and rendezvous events

Invite your friends to join the club - - you may find an application for Membership on the Blue Water website: www.bluewatersc.org (Membership Requirements: own a sailboat with minimum waterline length of 20 ft. – Initiation Fees: \$200 Annual Dues: \$150)

Please forward all applications for membership to Liz Stott, Membership Chair.

Email: liz.stott@penton.com or Fax: (866)847-6418.

Corinthian 200 – Overnight Cruise

Ed Stott

An overnight racing event was made available to BWSC through the co-sponsors of the Corinthian 200 / Chapman Bowl. The Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, MA, and the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club are co-sponsored the Corinthian 200 / Chapman Bowl event. This is an overnight race planned to start off Boston Friday night July 11th and finishing on Saturday July 12th off Marblehead. Following the

race on Saturday, prizes were awarded and there was a cookout and band at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Free moorings were available to participants for the weekend through Sunday night. Those doing both the Corinthian 200 / Chapman Bowl and Boston Yacht Club's Beringer Race the following weekend had access to a free mooring for the week.

So far as we know, there was one BWSC entrant to this race – Steve Lily.

Memorial Day Weekend Scituate Harbor

By Steve Lilly

If you weren't here, you missed out on a wonderful weekend of great weather, friends, food and sailing. Hardy sailors came in Friday afternoon and evening. There was plenty of wind with some boats arriving just before a squall and some in the middle of it! We assembled for cocktails at the Satuit Boat Club followed by dinner at the Satuit Tavern. We had 23 for dinner on Friday. On Saturday, the rest of the participants made their way to Scituate. We had a full weekend of activities planned including an Art Festival, lighthouse tour, and a general visit in Scituate Harbor. We also had a full schedule for kids available to participate. We met again Saturday night at the Boat Club, and traveled by car to the Steve and Kristen Lilly's home on the Gulf River. We had a very enjoyable evening of cocktails and potluck dinner – attended by 50 BWSC members!

The next morning we had coffee and a great seminar by Jose Venegas on sail trimming techniques, followed by a fun race around the "21" buoy by the "I Love You" Lighthouse (Minot Light). For those that don't know, the light pattern is "1-4-3" which is where it gets its nickname. Jose gave all his suggestions to the other skippers in the seminar, so they were ready to deliver. I forget who won, but the race was close. (See the Race Chair for specific details). Monday morning, a number of BWSC members attended the Satuit Boat Club brunch. The brunch was a real treat and a super ending to the long weekend. All in all, we had a fabulous weekend and were able to catch up with old and new friends and enjoyed



Scituate. I also understand there was plenty of wind on Monday for the return to homeports!

National Woman's Sailing Association Meeting

Pat Dieselman

On Saturday June 8th eleven Blue Water Sailing Club women were either attending or teaching courses at the National Woman's Sailing Association 7th Annual Sailing Conference at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass. Sue LaVoie again had woman plotting courses on charts, Pat Marshall, Janet Brown and Pat Dieselman had boat loads of woman rescuing life jackets with lifeslings for "Crew Overboard" techniques while Kim Vassallo demonstrated her culinary skills and recipes to try while cruising. This was the first conference for some of the women, while others are repeat attendees. The weather was great and all had a good time. NWSA hopes to see more of you at the next Conference on June 6, 2009.

tains who had never cruised without their significant others! We had many laughs and of course had wonderful food and drink. Each day brought new adventures. A few mechanical problems did not stand in the way of a successful cruise. Cuttyhunk and Newport were beautiful. The trust and friendship that developed over the course of the trip are irreplaceable. It goes without saying that everyone is looking forward to next year's adventure!



Women's Cruise Participants



Pat Marshall, Sue LaVoie, Jane Bugg, Bernie Gleeson, Janet Brown, Carol Witt, Deborah Lee, Cecily Grable, Cynthia Devine, Pat Dieselman, Kem Vassallo

Women's Cruise

Kem Vassallo

The Women's Cruise of 2008 was fantastic! We had five boats and 21 gals cruising this year. We sailed to four ports in the Narragansett Bay and to Cuttyhunk. The weather was nearly perfect and the winds were good for our journey. It's worthy of note that three of the five boats in the flotilla had cap-

July 4th Weekend - North

Larry and Gail Handler

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the July 4th Weekend in Hull. The boats started to arrive Friday morning, and most were in by mid-afternoon. We enjoyed meeting on the dock for cocktails and conversation, followed by a great dinner at Jake's.

Saturday nothing was planned until 3 PM, at which time we brought people back to our beach house for an old fashioned BBQ (that is with the exception for Ruth Weis and Pat Dieselman who decided to walk the 3 plus miles to our house).

Everyone enjoyed catching up with old friends, and we enjoyed meeting new ones. The weekend ended Sunday with breakfast on the dock, and one by one everyone ventured into the fog to return to their home ports.



July 4th Weekend – South

Jim and Rosalind Sallinger

July Fourth Southern Cruise participants were treated to a grand, old fashioned Fourth courtesy of the Town of Bristol, RI, famous for its spectacular, three hour long Fourth of July parade and waterfront band concerts every night. Other highlights featured an elegant dinner Wednesday evening at the DeWolf Tavern overlooking the harbor; Thursday we dined at an old Blue Water favorite, Redlefsen's Restaurant. Daytime activities included scouring Bristol's quaint stores and antique shops, walks along beautiful tree-lined historic streets and the harbor front, and visits to the Herreshoff and America's Cup Museums. On the eve of the Fourth, Pat and Jeff Kenyon hosted a late dinner aboard *Calitri*, while we watched dazzling fireworks over the harbor.



July 4th South at Redlefsen's

Southern Cruise

Susan George Isacoff

The Southern Cruise for 2008 should have been a relaxed voyage along the Connecticut shore, Eastern Long Island, Block Island and southern Narragansett Bay. But, here it was, Saturday, July 19th and we, the co-chairs of the cruise, Stephen & Susan Isacoff, were running late – very late. We had just returned from the Newport-Bermuda race two weeks before, and cleaning and re-equipping the boat had taken longer and was more involved than we had expected. Sooooo... finally at 3 pm we set out with a round of applause from our marina – that we had finally made it out of our dock! (The Wickford Ma-

rina our home berth lies on the southern side of the Narragansett Bay five miles north of the Jamestown Bridge.) It was a beautiful day and we had just gotten out into the bay when our electronics failed. So back we go to Wickford, receiving a number of jokes from fellow sailors, to fix the problem. Stephen phoned his electrician, who walked him through the repair. At 7 pm off we went again toward Point Judith and the Harbor of Refuge, the rendezvous for the Southern Cruise. Around 9 pm with darkness closing in quickly, Bob Gould got on the phone to help us locate a good anchoring spot!



At Mystic Seaport

The next morning we were off: Bob and Cindy Gould, the co-chairs, were in the lead to Stonington, CT. Other members included Peter & Vicki Pasquale, Chris Aubin & Len Thibodeau, Dave & Paula Levin with their adult son Michael, Fred & Anne Kern, Phil & Mary DiDomencio and us, the Isacoffs. Kevin & Deidre Coffey joined us a bit later in the cruise. We, being the last to arrive the night before, were the last to leave the next morning. However, the trip didn't take long and we soon were at our mooring in the Dodson Boatyard. (A plus on staying there is a motor launch that arrives about 10 minutes after one calls the boatyard.) We strolled thru this Revolutionary War town for a bit, luxuriated in a warm shower in the marina's facilities, and then Ann and Fred Kern kindly picked us up in their dingy, and off we went for cocktails on the Gould's beautiful *Free Spirit*. At 7 we all went back ashore to the welcome dinner at the Dog Watch Café. After convincing the restaurant that we could all sit together, we enjoyed a delicious meal.



Back on the seas the next day, it was off to Mystic Seaport for two lovely nights. We were all docked within the Seaport and became part of the exhibits. It was great fun talking to visitors touring the museum who would wander up. A number of us went off site to visit friends and family, but we still had time to tour the museum and the second night eat at the S&P Oyster House. For the oyster lovers: their oysters are delicious!

Wednesday, July 23rd our weather turned. The sky turned ominously black and rain started. Stephen and I anchored at Fisher's Island in the rain and then stayed aboard as it continued to rain for the rest of the day. The next morning a race had been scheduled on our way to Greenport, NY. Bob Gould, the excellent sailor, won! But decidedly bad weather had been forecast, and so a number of us opted not to participate. And storm it did! In the thick of the storm you could barely see five feet in front of the boat. Arriving in New York, some of us stayed in Dering Harbor and some across the bay in Greenport. For the next two days we regrouped, enjoyed both towns sightseeing and shopping in the farmer's market, and another delicious meal at Claudio's in Greenport. At last, a restaurant that had no problem in seating all of us together!



Isacoffs and Kerns in Dinghy

On Saturday, we sailed half way round Shelter Island to Noyack Bay, where we anchored, swam in nice warm water, and enjoyed a picnic on the beach. The next day the group split up, with a number opting for Sag Harbor, and the remainder anchoring at Coecles Harbor. Sadly, we never got to enjoy the nature preserve or riding the bike path's on Coecle's. Just after we anchored, a New York storm came out of the west. Thunder, streaks of lightening, huge buckets of water poured out of the sky. The

storm would abate, and then start up again. (As the storms pass over New York City, they gather heat and then hit dump the additional energy over Long Island and the Sound.)



Picnic at Noyack Bay

The next morning with all safe and sound we headed off to Block Island for two days. As most of the cruisers berthed in Massachusetts, after a day at Block they headed for homeport or to Maine for the Maine cruise. However, a few of us stayed on, and thoroughly enjoyed Block Island. We toured with Ann and Fred Kern and, thanks to their lifelong visits to Block, saw special sights on the island that we would not have seen on our own. Block Island was a lovely place to end a special cruise: Making new friends and enjoying sailing with the Blue Water Sailing Club.

Maine Cruise

Bill Dobson

Maine has to be one of the premier cruising destinations in the world if you like moderate temperatures, gentle breezes (most of the time), lobsters, lobster buoys, fog, and ever so many rocks. And, there are seals, whales, eagle, ospreys, dolphins, and lobster boats. Sailing the coast of Maine is seldom boring!

On August 1, boats of the Blue Water Sailing Club began to assemble at Great Island Boat Yard (GIBY) in Quahog Bay at the eastern end of Casco Bay



The Deck at the Great Island Boat Yard



for the start of the 2008 Maine cruise. The trip leader supplied two cases of well-aged and superior wines from his own personal wine collection. The wine was taken aboard the vessel *No Hassle* under the personal control of the Vice Commodore. Most of the wine was never seen again.

August 2nd was spent getting boats fueled, watered, pumped out, iced, and generally re-supplied. A brief tour of the boatyard was given by Steve Rowe of GIBY

On the evening of August 2nd, the cruise was kicked off by a party on the deck of the Great Island Boatyard under the theme of "Jazz on the Deck". This party was hosted by Steve and Stephanie Rowe of GIBY, and featured background music and catered Hors D'oeuvres and wine, for guests and customers of GIBY, and the BWSC. After the party, a cruise organization meeting was held, followed by a cook-your-own barbeque using gas grills supplied by GIBY.

The first travel day was from GIBY in Quahog Bay to Witches Island on Johns Bay, east of Boothbay. Thunder, lightening, and torrential rain greeted any who ventured out of the shelter of Quahog Bay. (Editor's note: *Lazyjacks* and Bill Dobson got the worst of it, and lost the Vice Commodore's large burgee in the wind and rain!) Eventually the weather broke leaving a cloudy and threatening sky for the remainder of the day.

The second day was also cloudy and threatening for the trip around Pemaquid Point to Tenants Harbor. A fine breeze was available however, with a spinnaker duel between *Lazy Jacks* and *Lucy*. The threatening weather held off and the weather cleared for the final push on a dying breeze into Tenants Harbor. Dinner was ashore at Cod End.

The third day featured bright clear skies with a strong northeasterly wind, making the trip from Tenants Harbor to Pulpit Harbor an invigorating but long upwind slog. Evening clouds did not portend well for the following day. A cocktail party was held on *Carina*. The following morning, an informal diving contest was held aboard *Carina*. The winners received a hearty cheer from all the observers.

On the fourth day, a brisk easterly under cloudy skies made for a fine reach up to Castine. The weather closed in to intermittent rain and drizzle

for the evening and overnight, with no wind. The now nightly cocktail party was held aboard *Romance*.



Diving contest off *Carina*

The fifth day was to be a lay day in Castine, with an afternoon of one design dinghy racing put on by the Maine Maritime Academy. With early morning rain and drizzle, and absolutely no wind, it did not look promising. However, by noon, the rain had let up, and a slight breeze developed, enabling the racing to go forward. The entire event was organized by Maine Maritime Academy who provided a Committee boat, a crash boat, set the course, kept the score, and provided as many dinghies in the form of Mercury 15's as needed. In all, seven BWSC crews were mustered for four heats around a short windward-leeward course. The winds remained light



Rounding the windward mark

with occasional gusts to moderate. The series was won by one of two teams from the *Lucy* consisting of Will and Tim Carlough, junior racers with experience in 420's. Second place was a tie between a crew



from *No Hassle* consisting of former Commodore John Dieselman and Vice Commodore Pat Dieselman, and a crew for *Lazy Jacks* and *Quintessence* – Bill Dobson and Elaine Sacco. In a tie breaker, 2nd place went to the Dieselmans. Every-



First Place dinghy racers

one sailed a clean race and no protests were lodged. First place prize was a bottle of Sparkling Apple Cider for the Juniors, and two free tickets to the Rockland Boats, Homes, and Harbors show. The awards ceremony was held on the after deck of *No Hassle* and was attended by the club Commodore.

The following day dawned cloudy and cool. A brisk east wind propelled boats to Rockland Harbor. Heavy rain set in before anyone reached Rockland, and the wind rose steadily so by 3 PM was blowing at 20 to 25 out of the east, directly into Rockland Harbor. All boats made it to Rockland and found a place for the night except *Lazy Jacks*. Arriving last and finding the harbor crowded and uncomfortable-looking due to wind and waves, *Lazy Jacks* sailed out of the harbor to look for a more sheltered place, finding it at Dix and High Islands. Other boats in the Dix Island anchorage reported experiencing winds 30-35 knots further offshore.

Lazy Jacks returned to Rockland the following day under settled and sunny conditions with many more moorings now available. It was decided to have another lay day for boats (and people) to dry out, do wash, and attend the Rockland Boat Show. A cocktail party was held on *Quintessence*.

We once again woke to heavy fog. While the sun tried to break through overhead, at sea level the fog was "pea soup" with visibility at times as little as 100 feet. We settled in to a waiting game for the fog to break. Just before noon, there was a slight shift in the wind, and miraculously the fog disappeared within 10 minutes, leaving a clear sky and a fresh south breeze. A quick call on the radio rallied the fleet to meet at the Rockland breakwater in 15

minutes for the trip across to Vinylhaven. The wind was such that we could just lay the outer mark for Leadbetter Sound close hauled in a fast sail across Penobscot Bay.

Due to the number of boats in the fleet and an expected poor anchorage at the White Islands, we decided to head for Long Cove.

We entered Leadbetter Sound under power, and the fog closed in again with visibility at the southern end as little as 25 feet. We were encouraged by radio traffic from those in Long Cove that the sun was shining there. At the very end of the Sound, we broke out of the fog into clear skies and a calm anchorage. A number of boats were already present having arrived from other areas of Penobscot Bay and the Stonington area. A Cocktail party was held on *Isolde*.



Quintessence and friend at Long Cove

The following day it was time to start working our way back west. Once again, the day was foggy and overcast, and little or no wind for the 21 mile crossing to Turkey Cove. Arriving in Turkey Cove, we were invited for a cocktail party at the home of the Blue Water Sailing Club members the Yanofsky's, south of Maple Juice Cove and directly across the river from Turkey Cove. Rain and fog held off long enough for us to make the crossing and return by dinghy.

The following day once again dawned windy out of the northeast and raining heavily. We held off departing Turkey Cove until conditions improved, which they did around 11 AM, for the short trip to Greenland Cove. The original destination had been Round Pond, but it was decided that conditions in the harbor were likely too crowded to accommodate the fleet. Some boats elected to sail the long way around Louds Island, while others elected to motor the inside passage through Friendship Harbor. Still others



ected to continue on to Boothbay for a warm meal ashore. One boat (*Quintessence*) elected to visit and stay at nearby Hog Island and the Audubon facilities located there. The weather broke in the evening with clearing skies and calm conditions for another cocktail party.

The next day was clear and sunny but with very little wind. Boats motored and attempted to sail around Pemaquid Point, across Boothbay Harbor, on to Harmon's Harbor. Harmon's Harbor proved a snug anchorage, though a late developing swell broke across the harbor entrance making for a bouncy night. We had a pleasant surprise in the form of a resident of the harbor (the Darling's) who provided each boat with a plate of fresh-from-the-oven chocolate chip cookies. We invited the Darlings to our cocktail party planned for 5:30 but instead they invited us to their home overlooking the anchorage. They treated us to a full spread of Hors D'oeuvres and wine, and a tour of their beautiful home. We presented the Darlings with a BWSC burgee in thanks for their generosity.



At ease in Harmon Harbor

The last day of the cruise, was, once again, foggy. Departure for the Basin was delayed until it appeared the weather was going to break around 10 AM. It was a false promise since as soon as the Harbor entrance was dropped the fog closed in. However, an east wind was blowing in the right direction to carry us back into Casco Bay. The sun came out for good around 2 PM and the brisk wind died once around Small Point. Everyone congregated in the Basin, but due to unforeseen complica-

tions with insufficient transport, the Commodores Dinner ashore at Cundy's Harbor had to be cancelled.

The cruise officially ended when *Lazy Jacks* anchor broke the surface on Friday, the 14th of August. With no wind but strong sunshine with intermittent fog, it was a long motor from the Basin to Biddeford Pool and dinner at the home of Chip and Ann Irving. *Lazy Jacks* returned to its homeport at GIBY and drove to the rendezvous. Once again, the Irving's put on a fine dinner. A small award ceremony was held for the boat that did the most sailing and the least motoring, with the award going to "Serenade".

A total of 18 boats participated in this year's cruise. One boat (*Quintessence*) attended the entire cruise.



Maine Cruise Participants at Skip and Ann Irving's in Biddeford pool

Labor Day Weekend Cruise

Peter Kingsley

The majesty of fully-rigged schooners under sail in gusts reaching 30 knots, plowing through the chop-like great sea-going locomotives were among the spectacular attractions for those who participated in the BWSC Labor Day Cruise, coincident with the 24th annual Gloucester Schooner Festival.

Twenty BWSC boats were variously crewed by 72 men, women, and children who basked in spectacular weather and thrilled to the Parade of Sails and other festivities that the epicenter of America's maritime heritage had to offer.

Mike Handler's KidSail program was a great success with 25 enthusiastic participants. Adults day-dreamed of "Two Years Before the Mast" while touring the schooners *Westward* (Boothbay Harbor, Maine), *Virginia* (Norfolk), *Lettie Howard* (New York,



NY) and *Bluenose II* (Lunenburg, Nova Scotia) , among others.



Some of the "ballast" on *Winterhawk*

Those who arrived Friday night were treated to good eats and hospitality on board Larry and Gail Handler's *Eviana*. Saturday's activities started with a cocktail party onboard Dan and Elaine Kostishack's *Winterhawk* moored in the inner harbor. Fortunately, all that "ballast" did not sink their boat. The Parade of Lights, consisting of variously decorated small and huge trawlers, lobster boats, yachts and dinghies was next. Those lucky to be off Tenpound Island had front row seats for the fireworks display, punctuating a night celebrating "The Past is Present".

Lots of good cheer and excellent seafood ensued at Sunday's cocktail and dinner on the deck of The Studio Restaurant, overlooking Smith Cove. Stalwarts stayed late to enjoy jazz, sing at the piano bar, and close the place down.

All hands sailed home safely, tired but happy

Columbus Day Weekend

Pat Dieselman

The end of the sailing season came on a beautiful weekend in Salem, Massachusetts. The gathering began on Saturday afternoon with cocktails at Hawthorne Cove Marina. There were 20 of us gathered with two boats sailing down from Hingham. The Power family arrived on *Thera* and Jack Westerbeke and Cil Stamos aboard *Isolde*. Many of the members arrived via automobile, as it is that time of

year when many of the boats are buttoned up until next season. Cocktails were followed up with dinner at Victoria Station at Derby Wharf.

Sunday was another glorious day that had some of us playing tourist at the "Haunted Happenings" in downtown Salem. There were quite a few sights to behold, including spooky houses to tour. The day ended with a BYO cookout back at the Marina where conversations of winter plans finished up the weekend.

Kidsail

Mike Handler

What a summer! I would say that as a group, we accomplished exactly what we set out to do. We started from scratch, put together some great events, and built tremendous momentum going for the future.

The season started slowly as we only had a small KidSail presence at the Memorial Day event in Scituate, but Ellie and Evan had a blast meeting new people, taking dinghy rides, and running around the Lilly compound.



Kidsail participants come in all sizes

At the July 4th event in Hull, we had a fantastic turnout despite the weather, and everyone had a great time. We played on the beach and explored the beauty of the Weir River and World's End. My lasting memory from that weekend was hearing Con or Power sobbing as Thera pulled away from the dock...."I miss them already" and "I'll never forget you".....which, by the way, has become our rallying cry.



This led to our "Super Bowl" on Labor Day Weekend in Gloucester. We had a phenomenal turnout; about 12 to 15 kids participated throughout the weekend. (Special thanks to the Gould's for having such fertile kids.) The highlight of the weekend was the dinghy trip to Wingersheak Beach...it was a wet ride, but well worth it as everyone thoroughly enjoyed a spectacular day.

The season ended with a small but loyal contingent in Salem over Columbus Day weekend. The cookout on Sunday night was very well attended and a good time was had by all.

We also had small, but fun rendezvous in Scituate the first weekend in August and in Manchester by the sea in early September.

Looking ahead to next season, we expect to build on our momentum. Some of the things we are planning are:

1. A strong turnout at the Memorial Day event to start the season
2. A rendezvous in June in Boston Harbor
3. Another great 4th of July event in Hull. In 2009 the 4th falls on a Saturday and the beach comes completely alive with fireworks displays and bonfires. It is really a sight and we will plan the event accordingly.
4. A rendezvous in Scituate over the weekend of Scituate Heritage Days.
5. The Southern Cruise will have a strong KidSail presence, as Dan Power and I will assist in the planning of the cruise.
6. Labor day in Gloucester. If the harbor master would take my reservation today for next year, I'd book it. The Schooner festival is worth the trip alone and we will most definitely enjoy another trip down the Annisquam River to Wingersheak Beach.
7. October in Salem, over Columbus Day Weekend looks like it could become a staple of the Blue water calendar for years to come.

We also look forward to many other as yet planned rendezvous and events. If anyone has any suggestions, or would like to help in any way with planning, please let me know. Also, please know that the KidSail program is built for everyone. You do not need to sail with your kids or grandkids to

participate. We welcome anyone who would like to join us and promise you will have a good time.

There are many people who have helped make the KidSail program become the success that it is and will be:

- The BWSC leadership, including George Bunnell and Liz Stott for helping me start the program and get it off the ground, and Sue Patton and Pat Dieselman for their continued support and guidance throughout the year.
- The Handlers, Gould's, McLean's, Patton's, and Kramer's for participating with their grandchildren.
- Phil and Mary Didiminico (who sail without their kids) for really embracing the cause and the kids, even hosting a barbecue for the group over Labor Day weekend and allowing the kids the run of their beautiful and spacious catamaran *Arabella*.
- My wife Marcie and Dan and Mary Power for truly being my partners in planning and running the events.

If I have left anyone out, I apologize and please know that your support is appreciated.

Long Range Planning Committee

Robert Kessler

The Long Range Planning Committee was reactivated in early 2007, to develop a plan to accomplish BWSC objectives over the next 5+ year time period. These objectives are:

- To promote good fellowship among individuals actively interested in sailing;
- To extend opportunities and experiences available for cruising-yacht auxiliaries, and thereby enhance the sailing capabilities of their owners.

The committee members were Herb Cohn, Wally Feldman, Roy Greenwald, Bob Kessler, (Chairman), Dan Kostishack and Liz Stott. The committee met frequently during the first half of 2007. A major input to the plan was a survey of the BWSC membership, which was conducted during the spring of 2007. You can find the detailed results of the survey on the BWSC website. Additional input came from



the BWSC Board of Governors and the analysis and judgment of the LRPC committee members.

The committee's plan was presented to the BWSC Board of Governors, which gave its approval. The main objectives of the plan are:

- Promote and improve membership volunteerism
- Create a focus on mentoring
- Promote mingling of members
- Maintain a focus on communication
- Tailor events for three subsets of members (families, those with smaller / larger boats, and cruise flexibility)
- Investigate additional ways to offer enhanced seminar opportunities

Secondary objectives are:

- Enhance BWSC sense of membership
- Set and communicate Club growth objectives
- Investigate the possibility of group discounts for products and services
- Continue the focus on cruises and how to improve them
- Improve our racing

You can find the complete plan, with recommendations on how to achieve the objectives above, on the BWSC website. The Long Range Planning Committee's tasks now are to encourage implementation of the plan and to monitor compliance.

2008 Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting was held on November 2nd at the Danversport Yacht Club. At the meeting, the following individuals were elected to govern the Blue Water Sailing Club:

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| Commodore | Pat Dieselman |
| Vice Commodore | Fred R. Kern |
| Rear Commodore | Mark Devine |
| Secretary | Robert Kessler |
| Treasurer | Larry Shaw |
| Offshore Chair | Edward Stott |
| Race Committee Chair | Peter Dragonas |
| Clerk | Janet Brown |
| Membership Chair | Elizabeth Stott |
| Communication Officer | Jeff Kenyon |
| Yearbook Chair | Dr. Wallace Feldman |
| Immediate Past Commodore | Susan Patton |

| Board of Governors | |
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| <i>Term Expiring November, 2009</i> | |
| Aedan Gleeson | Ann Irving |
| Roy Greenwald | Patricia Kenyon |
| Scott Harris | |
| <i>Term Expiring November, 2010</i> | |
| Cecily Grable | William Knuff |
| Toni Shaw | |
| <i>Term Expiring November, 2011</i> | |
| Harvey Cohen | Dan Power |
| Michael Handler | James Salinger |

The following trophies were awarded:

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| Russ Kingman Trophy | Dr. Dan Kostishack |
| Commodore's Award | Cathryn Griffith |
| Pot Trophy | Robert Gould |

The following race results for the 2008 season were noted:

Spring Regatta in Scituate

1. *Merlin* - Peter Dragonas
2. *Eagle* - Alan McLean
3. *Calitri* - Jeff and Pat Kenyon
4. *Waterlilly* - Steve Lilly

Southern Cruise

1. *Free Spirit* - The Gould Family
2. *Breakaway* - Len Thibodeau and Chris Aubin
3. *Sea Hawk* - Fred and Anne Kern

Maine Cruise -- One Design

1. *Bomb Squad* - Tim and Will Carlough (Marshall Green's grandsons)
2. *Starfire* - John and Pat Dieselman
3. *Ringers* - Bill Dobson and Linda Allen
4. *Jolly Rogers* - Jules and Carol Siegal
5. *Green Team* - Marshall Green and Ellie Carlough
6. *Screaming Yellow Zonkers* - Clark and Marcie Wry
7. *The Girls* - Janet Brown and Cecily Grable



Maine Cruise-Sailing Time Race

1. *Serenade* - Gerry Ricci / Merrill and Avis Feldman
2. *Jem-N-U's* - Janet Brown
3. *Lazy Jacks* - Bill Dobson
4. *Quintessence* - Cecily Grable / Linda Allen / Wendy Keller

In Memoriam

Gail Johnson, wife of Todd Johnson. The Johnson's have been members since 1995. Our deepest sympathies to the family.

From the Editor

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Dave Kettner, Editor

Some Final Memories of Summer...







