

BLUE WATER LOG

INTRODUCTION

This is the 44th edition of the 'Blue Water Log'. Published annually since 1978, the *Log* is a prior year's archive of significant Blue Water Sailing Club land events, cruises, unique accomplishments by members, and a few facts and figures.

2021 was another unusual year for the Club. The Club continued adapting activities to COVID-19 and evolving anti-contagion guidelines. The goals were to respect public health guidelines and do our best to protect the health of our members and guests. As we did in 2020, we accomplished both.

In retrospect, the Blue Water Sailing Club once again did a remarkable job of retaining member interest and sharing helpful information in this second year of a global pandemic. We came through as a strong and vibrant club. We even added twenty-two new members under these strange circumstances. Thank you to the Bridge, Board and all members for these achievements.

Mark J. Gabrielson, Log Editor and Club Historian

2021 WINTER SEMINARS and EVENTS

A group of dedicated volunteers led by Rear Commodore Len Thibodeau arranged a series of six online seminars in the winter of 2022.

To revisit these wonderful events, members can access recordings [here](#) (requires Member login).

Dawn Riley - Whitbread Race on Maiden (and More) - January 14



Dawn Riley gave a wonderful online talk about her sailing career and her initiatives designed to bring more young people, especially women, into the sport of sailing.

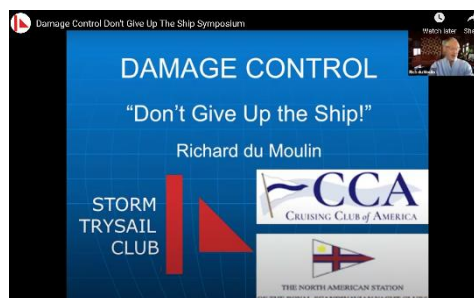
Dawn was part of the first all-female crew to compete in the Whitbread 'round the world race in 1989-1990. The story is documented in the movie "Maiden." She opened with a background video to bring everyone up to date on her career from 1989 to 2021. She discussed the film "Maiden" and also talked about her current project Oakcliff and the future of competitive sailing (FMI see: <https://www.oakcliffsailing.org/>) She also shared her insights into the Olympics and America's Cup.

Thank you to Sue Struss and her team for organizing this very entertaining and inspiring presentation.



Damage Control - February 20

This seminar was a joint effort of the CCA, Storm Trysail Club, and the North American Station of the Royal Scandinavian YC. Between 300 and 400 people attended. The event focused on preparation and situational management if a serious problem develops while underway. Four panelists who survived serious situations (two of whom are members of BWSC – Ed Stott and Len Thibodeau) discussed their experiences and took questions from those attending.



Thank you to Ed Stott for plugging the BWSC community into this seminar.

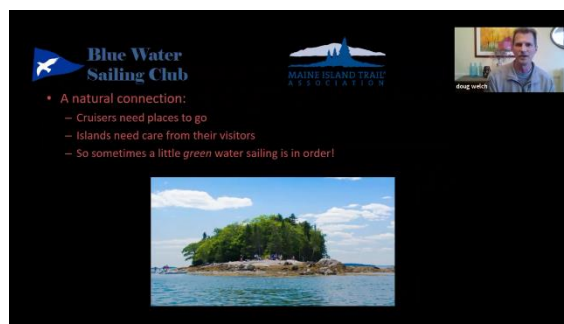
All About Boat Paint, Sealants, Adhesives and Epoxies by Pettit – March 25

Len Thibodeau arranged for Tom Maellaro, VP of marketing at Pettit Paint, to give a pitch about their paint and adhesive systems. He discussed anti-fouling bottom paint, sealants, adhesives and epoxies. He then fielded questions after the presentation, and attendees received a 10% discount coupon for Pettit products at Jamestown Distributors.



The Maine Island Trail Association – April 22

Doug Welch, Executive Director of the Maine Island Trail Association led an online conversation about “green water” cruising on the coast of



Maine. The Maine Island Trail is a 375-mile water trail for boaters extending the length of the Maine coast. A recreational water trail, it connects 246 wild islands and mainland sites open for day use or overnight camping. Site owners allow access to their properties trusting that MITA members and other users will be responsible stewards during their visits. There is no official route along the Trail, and most users choose to explore it gradually over time.



Members receive information about the Trail through the Maine Island Trail Guidebook and mobile app, published annually by MITA. To learn more, visit www.mita.org

Thanks again to Len Thibodeau for organizing this event.



Romantic Adventures with Guy & Nina Jones – December 16



Guy and Nina Jones gave an amazingly comprehensive presentation on their 2018-2020 circumnavigation experiences and involvement with a ‘World ARC Challenge.’ This presentation was the first of several; the last two were held in 2022.



Guy began sailing in 1973, one day after graduating from college. In 2011, he purchased *Foot-loose*, a cutter rigged 2003 Cabo Rico 45 and in 2017, after extensive modifications, he set off on his dream voyage of sailing around the world. That same year in Germany, 6,000 miles away, Nina who only recently began sailing embarked as crew on her own circumnavigation.

Their voyages started out on different boats in different countries, but circumstances brought them together in Panama. Nine months later they were married, and they have been cruising together ever since. Guy now has approximately 105,000 offshore miles and Nina has about 32,000.

Guy and Nina also blogged about their voyage. Their postings kept many BWSC members entertained through the pandemic! Their blog posts can be visited [here](#).

2021 Annual Meeting – October 25

The 2021 Annual Meeting was held online. Commodore Bernie Coyne and the Bridge talked through 34 explanatory slides. The formal presentation was followed by a fun 30-minute social time when all members could reconnect with each other.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- Approving 8 amendments to the club Constitution.
- Recognition awards for our outstanding event organizing volunteers.
- The Russ Kingman Award for an exceptional “Spirit of Volunteerisms” presented to Steve and Deb Lee.
- The Commodore’s Award given to a member who goes “above and beyond the call of duty” presented to Steve Ricci; and
- The Pot Trophy for the most amusing mishap experienced on water, awarded to Len Thibodeau.
- Acknowledgement of the many successes and contributions made by



Commodore Bernie Coyne in a difficult, pandemic-burdened year.

- Welcoming the new Bridge:
 - Commodore Dennis McKay;
 - Vice Commodore Len Thibodeau; and
 - Rear Commodore Lisa Goodwin.

The Commodore's slides and other Annual Meeting documents can be viewed on www.bluewatersc.org in the Documents section. (Member login required).

2021 INFORMAL CRUISES AND RENDEZVOUS

Due to the COVID pandemic, BWSC did not hold any "official" cruises in 2021. However, members did manage to rendezvous informally in July, both in an *impromptu* "Southern Cruise" (July 10-24) and a "Women's Cruise" (July 17-24). Thank you to Eric and Jackie Pierce for informally organizing the former, and Starr Tofil and Tory Leutman for the latter.



The photo above shows a BWSC group gathering at the lovely Cuttyhunk harbor-side home of Win and Martha Sanford for refreshments and BYO grilling in July. Below, Betsy Gabrielson checks the masthead fittings aboard *Tamanoa* while on a mooring in Cuttyhunk.



This was one of many less-than-formal July gatherings of club members in the Cape, Islands and Narragansett and Buzzards bays.

Similarly, Dudley and Ann Welch led a group of cruisers for a delightful casual trip among Maine harbors (August 1-14). Stops included Tenant's Harbor, Rockland, Pulpit Harbor on North Haven, Castine, Deer Isle and elsewhere.



The photo above of *DeVine Wind* (Mark and Cynthia DeVine) taken at Isle au Haut during



the rendezvous was typical of the perfect weather enjoyed by Maine cruisers in 2021!

Sue and Mark Struss put together a fantastic 11-minute video of the trip. You can access it [here](#).

The final cruising gathering of the season was in Casco Bay over Labor Day weekend. Bill Dobson and Laraine and Tom Devins led BWSC participants on short excursions, including to peaceful Snow Island in Quahog Bay where the photo below was taken from *White Heat*:



Despite the continued pressures of the pandemic, in 2021 the BWSC membership enjoyed the freedoms and friendliness that only cruising the coast of New England in summer can bring.