

BLUE WATER LOG

Commodore's Corner

by Mike Gardner

Well, the sun is setting on my term as your Commodore. It seems like it just started and it is almost over. My hope is that the Club is better off at the end of this Bridge than it was at the beginning because that would be progress. Others will have to judge that.

At the very least, it is fair to say that the Blue Water Sailing Club is doing very well just now. The vibrancy and enthusiasm of the membership, for what we do as an organization, never fails to make me appreciate how great this organization really is. Please let me recognize, once again, all the members of the Board of Governors and the officers of the club who have worked long and hard over the last twelve months to make membership in this organization so important to so many of us.

Special thanks to Rear Commodore George Burnell for his superb efforts in managing all of the land based activities this year. The programs were great and attendance was never better. In his spare time, George and Peter & Vicki Pasquale managed to organize a sailing adventure to Greece. Paul Goldberg, our Vice Commodore, also deserves high praise for his efforts in coordinating our on the water cruising events this year. The spirit of Blue Water camaraderie was alive and well at all events. The labor Day event at Gloucester was particularly well attended and a really great time. While he was doing all of this, Paul assumed the job of chair of the boat inspection committee for the Marion to Bermuda Race Committee which is no small job.

I can go on and on thanking so many people for doing so much but would almost certainly forget someone or something which would just get me in trouble at this late stage. So, I will not. Instead, just let me say thanks for the opportunity to serve as

your Commodore for the last twelve months. It has been quite an adventure.

Where do we go from here? Far from basking in the luxury of past successes, the new Bridge and Board of Governors will have to wrestle with some significant issues over the next several months. The most significant one that I see is the changing demographic profile of our membership. Many of us are getting older. To maintain the vibrancy of the club in the future we must do everything that we can do to recruit new members with new ideas and get them involved while encouraging veteran members to keep actively involved in club activities and management. We must be unafraid to experiment with new membership recruitment strategies. Right behind that is the need to avoid the temptation of doing "same old same old" things. It is a real challenge to come up with new ideas for an organization that has been around for as long as we have but we must remember that the "been there, done that" feelings of long time members need to be addressed too. It will take courage and imagination to address this one. Finally, In order to have a successful organization, we must be successfully organized. I encourage this Bridge and all those that follow to use our very excellent governance manual to train all event chairs and share past event management successes and failures in such a way that we do not reinvent the wheel each year.

I look forward to working with all of you in the future in my new role as Past Commodore to insure the future success of our Club.

Mike Gardner
Commodore

Safety at Sea Seminar for the Marion to Bermuda Race

by George Weinert

This year the Blue Water Sailing Club accepted the entire responsibility for conducting the Safety at Sea Symposium for the Marion to Bermuda Race (MBR) held at MIT on March 26, 2005. In the past the event was run as an extension of the MBR Committee, even though the event was conducted by BWSC members. This year and for the future this event was and will be a BWSC event raising the stature and awareness of the BWSC. Important is the entire financing was through the BWSC meaning excess funding belongs to the BWSC rather than to the MBR Committee. This year the treasury profited by this activity.

Racers for the Marblehead to Halifax were invited to participate, and about 100 racers did participate. In addition this Symposium was sanctioned by US Sailing and advertised in *Cruising World*. These factors caused others including some planning to participate in a Trans Atlantic race as well as the Sydney to Hobart race to attend.

There were 410 participants to the Symposium. Some people were so anxious to participate they accepted a seat on the stair in the lecture hall. One outstanding presenter was Guy Jones who discussed his strategy when he won the MBR in 2003. Guy calculated his estimated time for the race several days before the race. He was off by about 2 hours for this multi-day race! Some of you may remember meeting Guy during the Maine Cruise last year.

The event was run in true BWSC fashion that is with many people helping. Almost 40 people worked on the event which brings much praise to the membership.

Challenged abounded however. George and Jo Ann Weinert were on route to MIT at 0430 and as chairpersons planned to organize the registration. They had all the records of persons who had registered, even several that called in registrations the night before. Their car broke down at 0515 and they were rescued by another worker!

The event was an outstanding success for content as well of attendance due to the contribution of many volunteers from the BWSC.

July 4th Weekend (North)

Thirty five people attended the Saturday event at Spinnaker Island YC (SIYC) in Hull including the vessels Shaman, Presto, Free Spirit, Jonathans Pride, Levanter, Crosswinds, Lamboy, Solitaire, and Tupelo Honey (from Constitution Yacht Club); as well as Joe and Pat Ribaudo, Martin and Barbi Owens (sailing as guests on Jonathans Pride), and Mike and Marci Handler with their guests Larry and Gail Handler. The Saturday event, after tying all the visiting boats onto SIYC's docks, consisted of a wine and beer cocktail party followed by a sumptuous Lobster Bake on the SIYC clubhouse porch. After breakfast and a captains meeting (for the day's race) in the SIYC clubhouse, the fleet sailed off to Sunday's port of call; Salem, Ma.; in a race format which was eventually called due to light winds. The fleet gathered at the Hawthorne Cove Marina, along with many club members joining us from land, for a beer and wine cocktail party followed by a potluck supper under the awning at the Marina. Monday was left as a day of relaxation along with time ashore in the interesting port of Sale to our home ports.



Relaxing on the SIYC porch

2005 Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race

by Dave Patton

BWSC was well represented this past June with six yachts participating in the 2005 Marion Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race. The Race's monohull fleet started the Race by beating their way out of Buzzards Bay on a typical strong southwester during the afternoon of June 17th. The BWSC yachts were "Cordelia", a Valient 42 skippered by Ron Greenwald; "Early Light", a Bristol 51.1 skippered by BWSC Commodore Mike Gardiner; "Fiddlers Green", a Tartan 42 skippered by Dave Patton; "Lindy's Leap" a Beneteau 473 skippered by Pete Lindenmeyer; "Restless" a Beneteau 473 skippered by Mark Scheffer and "Saoirse" a MacIntosh 40 skippered by Patrick Murray.

The Race again this year threw a variety of

weather and sea states at the participants including fair winds, the dole drums, and a harsh northerly in the Gulf Stream (yuch). Both Patrick Murray and Roy Greenwald had the good fortune to have their spouses, Brenda and Gail, as part of the crew and navigator respectively for the trip. There were many other BWSC members and family that contributed to; sailed or traveled to or from Bermuda and enjoyed the sun, fun festivities and hospitality of the island.

The BWSC party was hosted by Pat and John Dieselman. "Cordelia" skippered by Ron and navigated by Gail Greenwald placed second in the celestial class and fourth overall in the Race. The BWSC Commodore's Cup was won by "Restless" skippered by Mark Scheffer.



BWSC "Attitude" adjustment by the Dieselmans

It's Easier the Second Time

Reflections on the 2005 Marion-Bermuda Race

by Gail Greenwald

The Marion-Bermuda race in 2003 was our first offshore passage in our Valiant 42, Cordelia. Although Roy and I were experienced coastal cruisers, neither of us had much offshore experience, so we were a little nervous. The crush of advance preparations added to the stress level.

To make life more interesting, we entered the celestial division. About three days out, with unremitting overcast skies and no idea how we were doing in the race, I started to think we were just plain crazy. I was standing a full watch in addition to navigating, and when the exhaustion caught up to me, I don't think I was the most amiable sailing companion! Thankfully, no one threw me overboard.

Fortunately, our crew members had plenty of patience and wonderful senses of humor. Bermuda turned out to be where I thought it was, and the stress of the journey disappeared in the afterglow when we learned we had won the celestial division and placed third overall.

Relatively speaking, the 2005 race was a breeze. By then Roy and I had sailed Cordelia across the Atlantic to the Azores, down to the Canaries, and back across to the Caribbean. Having double-handed passages of 15 and 23 days under our belts, we didn't blink an eye over a five-day trip to Bermuda with three trusted crew members.

We also found a few new and better ways to do things. For one thing, we decided to cook and freeze all our hot meals ahead of time. This lightened Roy's work load considerably, since he had been both captain and cook the first time around. It also enabled us to split a watch, so my duties as navigator became very manageable.

Cordelia is a heavy boat and she doesn't tack particularly well, so we had a long slog out of Buzzards Bay on Friday, and a few periods of light winds thereafter, on Saturday night and Monday night. Otherwise, the winds and skies cooperated to provide us with fairly fast sailing, sunny days and gorgeous moonlit nights.

This race was interesting because friends and family were able to track our progress online at

www.iboattrack.com – but being in the celestial division, we were not allowed to access this information during the race. This made for some comical conversations when we called home on the satellite phone and studiously avoided any mention of the subject. Fortunately, the clear skies provided an abundance of sun, star and planet sights, making celestial navigation a snap.

The Gulf Stream had a large, unfavorably-located warm eddy this year, and we decided to stay west of the rhumb line – a decision we are still second-guessing, since we later learned that some of the boats who headed east got a good boost from the stream. With our big heavy boat, we were worried about ending up north of Bermuda in light southerly winds. We knew Cordelia wouldn't care for those conditions at all.

In the end, we did quite well. We placed second in the celestial division and fourth overall, and missed matching our 2003 results (first and third, respectively) by less than five minutes on corrected time! Could we have saved those minutes by trimming a sail here and there somewhere along the line? Sure, but the worthy competitor who beat us in the celestial division could have, too. We're looking forward to the rematch in 2007.



The crew at the Dinghy Club

Saoirse's Adventures in the 2005 Marion Bermuda Race

by Patrick Murray

Brenda and I sailed with our two sons and thus were technically short handed. We sailed the family boat, a Bud MacIntosh designed forty foot cutter.

After a rollicking start, during which the skipper admits he had very little clue where the starting line was, we beat our way out of Buzzard Bay and the wind rapidly died turning into a very light zephyr.

At 10 p.m. on Saturday the 18th of June, we were approximately 60 miles from the Gulf Stream and completely becalmed. If we were to make the north wall of the stream the next morning, the forecast we received from NOAA was that of an Easterly gale, 33 knots of wind rising to 38 knots and then slowly continuing to rise to 43 knots, before backing to the South East over the next 48 hours.

We had a council of war. Being a devout coward, we abandoned and turned around to make our way home! After a harrowing night in dense fog.....the multi hull fleet seemed to be everywhere on the Radar, and a freighter loomed up in the 6 mile line bearing 180 degrees!!!! We raised Block Island in bright sunshine and enjoyed a few days there watching the "dance of the multi-million dollar babies" during Block Island Race Week.

We live to fight another day.

Spring Dinner May 2005

As reported by co-chair persons Linda Allen and Cathryn Griffin, The Spring Dinner, held at the Newton Marriott, was attended by 118 members and their guests. A special effort was made to greet new members who were all formally introduced by their sponsors during dinner. All went well and everyone seemed to enjoy the preliminary social hour, the dinner and the speakers – Dave and Anna Pomfret

Southern Cruise

by Herb Stacks

Upon arrival at Jamestown, RI for the start of the '05 Southern Cruise, we thought we had taken a wrong turn and ended up in Maine, such was the fog! This did not hamper a tailgate party on the Jamestown Common, complete with live music and Ernie Grable dancing with any female available from eight to eighty. The next evening we gathered for an elegant Welcoming Dinner. Then it was on to Point Judith and a spirited race the following day to Stonington, CT. The next stop, Three Mile Harbor on Long Island was the setting for a beach cookout on Sammy's Beach. Bob Gould provided tube rides with his mega dinghy; Fred Kern provided ferry service to the beach with his mega Whaler dinghy. On to Coecles Hbr. where many went ashore to explore this beautiful area. Thanks to Paul and MaryBeth Goldberg for hosting a potluck gathering at Fishers Island. Two days at Block gave everyone an opportunity to visit the island and its beaches. The second race from Block to Wickford RI finally got going as the afternoon sou'wester filled in. Our finale was the commodore's Dinner in Newport where we were honored to have Commodore Mike Gardner and Pam join us.

Women's Sailing Conference A Sellout

The fourth annual Women's Sailing Conference, sponsored by Boat U.S., took place under sunny skies and gentle winds at the Corinthian Yacht Club Saturday, June 4th. The capacity crowd of 59 women were actively engaged in a variety of on-land workshops and on-the-water coaching situations. The conference organized by the National Women's Sailing Association (NWSA) gives women sailors, from novices to experts, an opportunity to network with other women while learning new skills or brushing up on old ones.

The on-the-water clinics gave participants a chance to get their hands on everything from man-over-board drills to spinnaker sets, racing starts and taking the boat to the mooring under power. The 11 on-land workshops included hands-on experience with navigation, knots, trouble shooting a diesel engine and using emergency equipment.

Volunteers from the Blue Water Sailing Club were: Sue Lavoie and Linda Allen taught "Navigation"; Pat Marshall and Janet Brown taught "Man Overboard"; Pat Dieselman and Elaine Freedman taught "Mooring In and Out"

The day concluded with a gala dinner and guest speaker Nancy Erley, of Seattle, WA. Describing how she turned her passion for sailing into a career with her own sailing school for women.

The date for the 5th Women's Sailing Conference will be Saturday, June 3, 2005, at the Corinthian Yacht Club.

(note: Above excerpted from the "Marblehead Reporter")

Maine Cruise Labor Day Cruise and Columbus Day Regatta

The Log went to press without receiving reports from these events. However rumors have it that the Labor Day Cruise was spectacular and successful, and the other two events were equally successful, for those who participated, after initial hurdles were overcome.

AN IONIAN ODESSEY

"Twenty Sailors Follow the Trail of Ulysses in September"

by Wally Feldman

The BWSC Greek Cruise, involving 17 members and 3 guests, embarked on September 12 in 5 boats from the Sunsail charter base at the Ionian Sea town of Vounaki for two weeks of island explorations. The cruise was organized by George and Mary Burnell and Peter and Vicki Pasquale. Participating were: members Linda Allen, George and Mary Burnell, John and Pat Dieselman, Wally and Cecily Feldman, Jim and Elaine Freedman, Mike and Pam Gardner, Ernie and Cecily Grable, Peter and Vicki Pasquale, Gerry Rosen and Barbara Widett, and guests George and Maxine Kornitzer and Elaine Sacco.

(The Spring 2006 edition of the Blue Water Log will feature the complete story of this exciting adventure as told and photographed by Wally Feldman)

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Memorial Day Weekend Regatta

Vicki and Peter Pasquale

The 2005 Memorial Day Weekend Regatta was held at the Satuit Boat Club in Scituate Harbor. In spite of the threatening weather 5 days prior, the Memorial Day weekend was attended by 12 boats and on Sunday 59 people gathered for dinner at Pier 44.

The boats began to arrive around noon and everyone was settled on their moorings in short order. The following boats were present: Starfire, Jonathan's Pride, No Se, Winter Hawk, Dawn Treader, Crosswinds, Aegis, Lindisfarne, Solitaire, Cyrena, Thera and Ipanema. Two boats were no shows for the weekend, but did participate in the dinner on Sunday.

Later that day we gathered at the Boat Club for a Geo Cache. This was a treasure hunt/orienteering activity with 10 waypoints and compass headings that took members on a "walking tour" of Scituate. (I understand for the competitive members it was more of a "running" tour). Everyone seemed to enjoy the change of pace and it gave everyone a chance to refresh themselves on the use of their handheld GPS units. One team could not remember how to program their unit, and another only made it as far as the first liquor store! The winning team was Dan and Mary Power, s.v. "Thera", finishing a full 3 minutes ahead of the second place team.

Saturday night, everyone gathered at the recently redecorated Satuit Boat Club for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. The food was great and the company was even better.

Sunday morning brought beautiful weather but unfortunately very little wind. A Captain's meeting was held at SBC with coffee, donuts, bagels and orange juice. We attempted a race but the wind gods would not allow it. The race was called and the boats returned to port.

Sunday evening we gathered at Pier 44 for a great dinner. The staff was very accommodating and adjusted easily to the changes we made.

Monday morning we were treated to a wonderful brunch that marked opening day at the Situate Boat Club. SBC was very welcoming to our members and the food and company were excellent.

(Editors note: A great job by Vicki and Peter under difficult conditions and circumstances)



after the race

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Welcome Aboard

We are pleased to share our sailing experiences with each of you!

BORNHOFFT, Henry T. and Marsha W.

BUCK, Robert and Pamela Lawrence

ETHOLM, Petter M. and Elizabeth Steinfeld

HAMOR, Richard and Jane

MARTEL, George and Judi

SMITH, R. Todd and Anita

In Memorium:

We have shared our lives with fine sailors who have made our lives richer by their friendship. We wish them fresh breezes and calm seas in the great beyond, celebrate the time we shared and extend our sympathies to the loved ones left behind:

Paul Keller

Kitty Lambert

Hilda Marvin

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Commodore's Corner

by Mike Gardner, Commodore

One of my jobs as Commodore is to encourage volunteerism within the Club as that is how we operate. Without so many people pitching in we would soon flounder. Although one would think that this would be a Commodore's toughest challenge it has not been for me. The spirit of volunteerism is very much alive in Blue Water and I want to thank each and every one of you who have stepped forward to serve. The involvement and the resultant camaraderie that it brings are very satisfying to all of us.

The BWSC year is off to a great start. Our first seminar, Cruising Couples, was very well presented by the Van Kirks and the Tesars. Both couples have sailed extensively and had some tales to tell. We had 41 people on board for this one and nobody left without learning something new. Our second seminar was on Electronics and hosted by Brian Shanning. We had a representative from Raymarine bring us up to date on the latest technology from his company followed by a presentation from our own Capt. Dan Gingras on the latest "cool stuff" from the world of electronics for your boat. If it went on the market last Tuesday, Dan seems to know about it by Friday. We had 38 in attendance for this one. Pretty cool!

Several months ago, your Board of Governors voted to honor the request of the Marion to Bermuda Race Committee to accept full financial responsibility for the Marion to Bermuda Symposium for this year's race. The vote was not unanimous but the Board made the commitment to go forward. Some said we might not be successful and it would be "too risky". Others felt that this would be a good way to make a real contribution to this great event and remain a full event sponsorship partner now and in the future. As most of you know, Blue Water was one of the original founders of this legendary North Atlantic sailing event.

As I write this we are coming down to the finish line for the Marion to Bermuda Symposium at MIT. It is now less than two weeks away and crunch time is upon us. The hard work and focused approach that George Weinert and his committee have put forth to make this the most successful Marion to Bermuda Seminar ever is

very noteworthy. We have over two hundred seventy attendees signed up so far. Dare we hope for three hundred? We shall see. This is a major league success for our Club this year.

The year's activity schedule has begun to take shape and all Event Chairs have been selected. We just had the second annual Event Chair training session at Vice Commodore Paul Goldberg's house in New Hampshire. The training material put together by Communications Officer Wendy Goldberg served us well once again. It sure is easier and less intimidating for those who have agreed to take on the responsibility of running an event when they have a "management manual" to work with that details out the who - what - when - how of the whole process.

Membership Development is a large focus this year. Our very ambitious goal is a net gain of twenty-five new members. That will only be accomplished if all existing members, veterans and new members alike, view themselves as "Membership Ambassadors". Each one of us knows someone that enjoys sailing and would, in all probability, make a great member and be an asset to Blue Water but we may not have taken the time to approach that person and talk about it. Now is the time for action. If you need applications please contact Membership Chairman Herb Stacks by phone or at astacks@aol.com. Herb will be glad to hear from you.

Have you seen the Web page lately? Thanks to our very capable Webmaster, Jeff Kenyon, the BWSC Website is spectacular. It seems that Jeff is a perfect example of "do what you love, love what you do and deliver more than you promise". Jeff's love for this type of work is obvious and has made the BWSC Website the best sailing club site that I have seen. You can reach him at jeff.Kenyon@hp.com if you need to learn more about how to navigate the site.

Please feel free to share your thoughts on the direction of our Club with the Board of Governors and the Bridge. I can be reached at sailbright@comcast.net. I would love to hear from you and look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events and on the water this season.

Race Committee

By Pat Dieselman

Have you ever wondered what goes on during a race on a Race Committee boat? This year I will give you the opportunity. I am looking for some volunteers to be part of the Race Committee. We have a number of races planned this year and if you are interested in taking part and learning something new let me know. Our first race is planned for Memorial Day in Scituate. The Fourth of July race will be from Spinnaker Island to Salem, and on Labor Day we will be participating in the Schooner Races in Gloucester. So if you do not have any interest in racing, but would like a front row seat to observe, sign up.

Join the 2005 Greek Cruise

By George Burnell

We have room for you! Twenty of your sailing friends are starting in Athens with cocktails and local cuisine in the shadow of the Acropolis. On Saturday, September 10 we board the bus for a trip to Delphi, one of the prize historical sights of ancient Greece, and then continue on to Palairos where five boats between 41 and 47 feet await us at the Vounaki Marina.

Located off Greece's northwest coast, the Ionians offer some of the loveliest natural settings and beaches in the country. Greener and more temperate than other Greek Islands, they offer a fine selection of restaurants, distinctive history and unusual archaeological sites, assuring interesting activities ashore – including a side trip to Olympia and motor scooters in the islands.

The islands of Lefkada, Kefalonia, Ithaka, and Zakynthos frame the sailing area, providing sheltered waters while giving us the luxury of altering our itinerary to follow the wind. Now I ask you – what can be better than sailing with the wind at your back in crystal clear water among the islands of an ancient society with your friends for two weeks? Don't miss it!

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2004 Columbus Day Weekend

By Martin and Barbie Owens

On Saturday, October 9, 2004, roughly 45 people (including 6 children) attended the annual Columbus Day rendezvous, starting out with a potluck at the Music Hall in Marion, MA (Sippican Harbor.) The Music Hall is a charming historic building available for such events. It is situated a short walk from both the town dock and the Beverly Yacht club. The BYC provided launch service.

People brought salads and desserts, and partook of creamy clam chowder, wine and beer, and a wide variety of hors d'oeuvre.

On Sunday, October 10, because of the impending bad weather, we changed plans to race to South Darmouth (Padanaram Harbor,) and instead, held a self-timed race to selected existing and nonexisting buoys in Buzzard's Bay. Fred Kern in *Sea Hawk* took the honors.

Owing to bad weather, Monday's events were canceled.

Blue Water Sailing Club 2005 Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>
February Seminar - Cruising Couples	2/5/2005
March Seminar - Electronics	3/5/2005
Ski Weekend	3/9/2005 - 3/13/2005
Marion to Bermuda Safety Seminar	3/26/2005
April Seminar - Rigging, Rudders, & Emergencies	4/2/2005
Spring Dinner - Newton Marriot	4/30/2005
Spring Regatta, Memorial Day Weekend	5/28/2005 - 5/30/2005
8th Annual All Women's Cruise	6/5/2005 - 6/12/2005
July 4th Weekend Cruise - North	7/2/2005 - 7/4/2005
July 4th Weekend Cruise - South	7/2/2005 - 7/4/2005
Southern Cruise	7/17/2005 - 7/29/2005
Maine Cruise	8/1/2005 - 8/14/2005
Fall Regatta, Labor Day Weekend	9/3/2005 - 9/5/2005
Columbus Day Weekend	10/8/2005 - 10/10/2005
BWSC Annual Meeting	11/6/2005



REMAINING EVENTS for 2005

2005 Annual Spring Meeting

Linda Allen & Cathryn Griffin

On April 30, 2005 the Annual Spring Meeting will take place at the Marriott in Newton, Massachusetts. There will be a cocktail reception from 6 to 7 pm followed by dinner and a presentation until 10 pm. The presentation by Dave and Anna Pomfret and Joe and Rhoda Fantasia about *Sailing in Antarctica* promises to expand your horizons. This committee is also planning some surprise guests.....so plan on attending!

2005 Memorial Day Regatta

Vicki and Peter Pasquale

The dates are set for May 28 to May 30. The place will be Scituate Harbor with tentative plans as follows:

Early arrivals Friday evening informal dinner on board or join others for dinner in town.

Saturday: Plans are evolving for a surprise activity involving GPS's and compasses for Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening -Progressive dinner or potluck on the boats or at a location to be determined.

Sunday: Racing and Dinner at Pier 44

Monday morning: Continental breakfast and departure for Home ports

2005 July 4th Weekend - South

*Wendy & Chuck Goldberg
Barry & Meg Steinberg*

Plans in progress. Probable format is for a very informal one-night BYO on a couple of rafted boats in Edgartown.

8th Annual Woman's Cruise - 2005

By Pat Dieselman

Circle these dates, June 5th thru June 12th. These are the dates for our 8th Annual BWSC Woman's Cruise co-chaired by Janet Brown and myself. This year we are planning a slow week of cruising and socializing. We have three destinations planned. Gathering place for the start of the cruise will be in Marblehead on Sunday and setting sail for Scituate with a lay day on Monday for a Pot Luck dinner at the Satuit Boat Club. Tuesday we plan to sail to P-town with lay days on Wednesday and Thursday where we can plan shopping and dinner at one of many great restaurants. Maybe even rent some bikes and have a beach party. Friday we will head off for Plymouth where on Saturday, Sue Patton's sister has invited us to her house for a swim and cookout. Sunday we head back to homeports. We would like to have lots of boats and crew because we are planning on having a fun time. There will be many opportunities to drop off and pick up crew along the way so if you can only join us for a limited time, no problem. If you would like to join us for some of the shore side activities only that is fine. There will be a mailing coming out soon to sign up for the Cruise. Hope to see some new recruits along with returning veterans.

In addition, on June 4th, the day before the cruise, the Corinthian Y.C. in Marblehead will again be hosting the National Woman's Sailing Association 4th Womens' Sailing Conference with great workshops and guest speakers. This conference is a good venue for sailing women to get together and learn some new skills or to brush up on the skills we forget each year. The courses are all taught by woman. In fact, some of the courses are taught by BWSC woman, including myself. If you have never heard of NWSA check out the website: www.womensailing.org, where there will be additional information and a registration form if you are interested. This conference would be a good start for the Cruise. You would get to practice everything you learned.

So, if you cannot join us for both events, try to make one. See you in June.

2005 July 4th Weekend - North

By Bob and Cindy Gould

This event will be jointly sponsored by the **Blue Water Sailing Club** and the **Constitution Yacht Club of Boston**.

The itinerary for the cruise will be:

Saturday, July 2nd- sail to Hull and stay at the Spinnaker Island Yacht Club. A lobster/clambake at the Club is planned.

Sunday, July 3rd- race from Boston North Channel to entrance at Marblehead. A pot luck dinner on the dock at the Hawthorne Cove Marina, Salem is planned.

Monday, July 4th- visit local Salem museums during the day with fireworks easily viewed on the Salem Harbor from your boat.

Tuesday, July 5th - Return to home port.

2005 Labor Day Weekend Fall Regatta

By Cynthia and Mark Devine

This years Labor Day Weekend Regatta will be held on Gloucester, Massachusetts and will coincide with the 21st Annual Gloucester Schooner Festival. The Schooner Festival will run from Sept 2 through Sept. 5. The specific cruise details are still in the works, but to aid in your summer planning and to entice you to attend, here is the preliminary master schedule for the Schooner Festival:

Friday, September 2

Arrival of participating boats

Saturday, September 3

Sailing races for traditional small craft
Boat "Parade of Lights"

Fireworks display over Gloucester Harbor

Sunday, September 4

Parade of Sail Large Schooner Classes
Mayor's Race for Large Schooner Classes

Monday, September 5

"Rain Day" if necessary

Croatia to the Canary Islands

PART TWO

On August 8, 2003, Elaine Saco, long time BWSC member, arrived in Split, Croatia to begin an extended Mediterranean cruise aboard the 42 foot catamaran **Island Princess** with Captain Tom and friends Don and Alice.

The following is an edited and condensed compilation of the e-mail log Elaine sent to home along the way. It's the second part of her log (first part previously printed in our Fall 2004 edition) We pick up Elaine's voyage as she and her crew are sailing south along the eastern coast of Spain. It is now late September and they have already had many wonderful days of sailing the waters and visiting the coastal towns of Italy and it's islands.

9/29 Tom decided to stop next in the town of Altea for the night. We planned to restock the boat with provisions and go out to dinner. Much to our surprise, not only was our dinner one of the best, but also, Altea was celebrating a "Festival of the Moors." What I saw was breath taking!!! Lines of people, ornately dressed in exquisite costumes, linked arms, forming a tight straight line across the entire street, rhythmically swaying from side to side to the powerful beat of the drums and Boleric type music. There were at least 15 different groups, each having their own set of majestic looking lines of ornately dressed people, followed by their own band. Each group also had various other delights...marching/dancing horses, colorful floats, baton twirling with fire and flares, belly dancers with snakes, people walking on stilts in full costume, even a mock battle of the Christians and Moors with real knights and horses! The parade lasted at least 2 and 1/2 hours and was by far the best I have ever seen.

9/30 We left Altea and continued south to the port of Thomas Maestre, in Cabo de Palos and here we stay for a day waiting for the winds to behave.

10/2 The weather improved and we left Cabo de Palos, motor-sailing to the Puerto de Aguilas for the night. We were forced by high winds to stop at the Puerto de Carboneras the next afternoon, as we headed south for Gibraltar.

10/3 We left at 5am, hoping to make better mileage, rounding the SE tip of Spain, Cabo de Gato, and turning west, (motored 100Kmi in 14 hrs.) ending up in Motril. Here we stayed a day and taxi/bus/taxi our way to Granada and visited Alhambra, the last strong hold of the Moors.

10/6 We left Motril at daylight and had a rip rolling sail to Cabo de Pino..

10/7 We finally reached Gibraltar, taking pictures as we motored by. Gibraltar. The day after we arrived, we all did a bus tour of the rock. We visited St. Michael's Cave, with its magnificent stalactites and stalagmites, some looking like giant sticks of barley sugar, all beautifully illuminated. I felt as if I was part of "Lord of the Rings." The cave even has a concert hall, which is used for various concerts, shows, etc. Then to the world famous Rock Apes. These creatures are not apes at all, but a species of tailless monkeys that roam free all over

The Upper Rock of Gibraltar...more photos.

10/10 We left Gibraltar and are headed west, through the Strait of Gibraltar and then up the east side of Spain. We rounded Tarifa, the southern most point of Spain, if not all Europe. This can be the most tricky part of passing through the Strait of Gibraltar, but today we are having a wonderful sail. From Gibraltar, we made it safely through the strait and ended up in Barbate, just about 30 km south of Cadiz

10/11 We continued NNE, rounding Cape Trafalger and headed for Cadiz. The gale force winds we expected yesterday, hit us today. With main alone (broad reach), our top speed was 13.4 Kts.!!! After arriving in Cadiz, a long walk into the center. The Cadiz Museum was full of interesting art and history. The art...Phoenician, Roman, Renaissance...magnificent

10/13 We motored over to the nearby town of Rota to see if we could get a better idea of the weather forecast from the naval base, close by. Our next destination is Porto Santo and then Madera, Portugal, almost 600kmi away in an area of the North Atlantic that can be tricky...Well, here I sit on watch at 2am, YAWN, on our third overnight on our way to Madeira...should be there tomorrow afternoon. We have had some good sailing so far, close hauled to just abaft the beam, 12-20Kts. of wind, making from 7-9kts. This boat is faster than a monohull and doesn't rock from side to side, but does hobby horse, very different from what I am used to, but over all, a very comfortable boat. We arrived safely in Porto Santo, about 4pm. Puerto Santo, like Madeira, is of volcanic origin, and though much of the lower land consists of sand stone and beautiful beaches, several of the high peaks are unmistakably volcanic cones. Puerto Santo is barely 5% of the size of its sister island Madeira and is different in size and character. It is very arid, with steep cliffs and there is little vegetation to be seen. Christopher Columbus lived in Puerto Santo and studied navigation here before sailing to America

10/20 We left Puerto Santo and are headed for Madeira, which lies in the Atlantic, some 560 miles SW of Lisbon and 240 miles N of Tenerife in the Canaries. Legend has it that Madeira was part of the lost kingdom of Atlantis.

10/20 we arrived in Funchal, Madeira and plan to stay here at least through Friday 10/24. Between several tour buses and lots of walking we toured most of the Island.

10/25 We left at 4am from Madeira and headed for the Canaries, 270 miles away.. The first day at sea was very lumpy, confused sea, 3-4 meters high...felt like I was in the Gulf Stream when I shouldn't be. The next day was better...a 2 Dolphin day!! We saw many Dolphins and caught a different kind of Dolphin (Mahi Mahi), which I cooked part of for supper. We arrived at Isla Graciosa, one of the easterly islands in the Canaries, that evening, having traveled the 270 miles in two long days and one night...not bad. We stayed docked at the small Isla Graciosa for another day allowing Tom and I to take a ferry/bus ride to the town of Arrecife, which is on the next

much larger island, Lanzarote. There are seven major islands in the Canaries, spread out over a distance of 250 miles. Lanzarote, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Tenerife, Gomera, La Palma, and Hierro. Isla Graciosa, is not one of them, much smaller (about 400 inhabitants). Our one hour bus ride to Arrecife was quite interesting. Along the way, we could see that Tenerife, was quite barren, with a multitude of volcanic cones and peaks. In 1730, the most active volcano ever!

10/29 We left Isla Graciosa and headed for Playa Blanca, on the southern part of Lanzarote.

10/30 We took a South Tour of Lanzarote, on a very comfortable, modern bus. Our journey took us to "El Golfo" where we saw the Green Lagoon, an area, which has been the location for many films. I can easily see why...very green, surrounded by barren volcanic beauty. Then we went to the hottest place on the island, "Isolte de Hilario" where we saw various demonstrations of the volcanic heat from below the surface. Various fish and meat were roasted for the tourists over a "fumarole" and twigs burst into flames when dropped into one of the smaller vent holes. Then we had a wild bus ride through the crater route.... narrow, twisting one way road making us gasp and laugh as we swerved so close to the sheer edges of craters and narrow openings through the ragged lava. We also had front seats, making the view and effect even better! SUPER! After lunch, we were taken to see the vineyards and tasted the local wines, Malvacia and Muscatel. The way the grapes are grown here is extremely difficult and labor intensive. In all, a very enjoyable and educational trip, one of the best!!!

10/31 Happy Halloween everybody! No sign of ghosts and goblins here! I did invite 3 cruising couples (all US boats), for some wine and munches. The evening was full of interesting stories and very funny jokes. It's amazing, here, how everyone is seeing the world in these small floating homes!

11/2 We leave Playa Blanca and headed SSE down the east coast of Fuerteventura, to Morro Jable, on the southern part of the island, where we spent the night. The attractiveness of this volcanic island lies in the emptiness and desert like appearance of barren valleys and immense sandy beaches. With their camels, the friendly islanders are mainly occupied in the constant struggle of cultivating the dry land and protecting their crops of cereals and tomatoes from the wild goats.

11/3 We left Fuerteventura and headed east ending up in Las Palmas, Isle de Gran Canaria. This is where sail boats from all over the world, are preparing for the ARC (Atlantic Rally for Cruisers). These sailors vary in age from families with small children to couples in their eighties. The best part of this high raised coastline, busy commercial harbor and large marina, was meeting some of these cruisers... another cocktail party on Island Princess.

11/5 Leaving Las Palmas, we headed south, close to the coast of Gran Canaria. The north of this island is green and cultivated, but the hot dry south is only suitable for cacti, goats and worshippers of the sun! This southern area of hotels and sandy beaches is a big play land for the gay community. We rounded

the S side of Grand Canaria and stopped in Puerto de Morgan on the SSE side. This marina has become a most popular yacht harbor, having a charming design, surrounded by elegant shops and apartments. In fact, there was no room inside, so we anchored right outside and went for a refreshing swim. We went ashore by dinghy, explored the town and had dinner, arriving back to the boat after dark. We were anchored right next to a high sheer cliff. On our left, was the marina and town lights, and on the right, another high cliff with 2 huge hotel built right into the cliff, all lit up, plus a full moon!!

11/6 Today, we headed E for Puerto de Colon on Tenerife, about 60kmi away. Well, no room for us in Colon, so we turned back south about 2 miles and anchored in a town called Las Cristianos, definitely a tourist center with high rise apartment blocks, hotels, excellent shops, a variety of night life (shows) and a zillion restaurants. Many huge fast ferries passed right by us, stopping at the town pier, taking the tourists to and from Las Cristianos. (The Canary Islands entertain over 11 million tourists a year and this place is one of the hottest!!!) **11/7** We headed back down and rounded the southern tip, and headed up the NE side of Tenerife, to our final destination, Santa Cruz. We caught another Blue fin Tuna, more than enough for two dinners. Believe me, there is nothing better than this...tasted like steak...just delicious.

11/8 I spent a good part of the day helping Tom with boat chores. There was a huge out-door stage being set up for a 5 day Fiesta. Everyone on the boat hit the sack, so I went over alone to the concert (which started at 10PM and went strong till 4PM!). The large square was full of 1000's of happy fans of all ages, although mostly young, clapping and swinging to the music of some very talented national and international entertainers. I found myself in the middle of a real mega show!! I discretely plugged my ears as my body quivered from the pounding base soundsFUN!! I suspect that many folks in the marina didn't get much sleep. God bless earplugs and noisemakers.

11/9 We visited the "Museo De La Naturaliza Y El Hombre (Archaeology and Natural Sciences) and the Museum of Fine Art, both extremely enjoyable

11/10 We reserved a car for the next two days and saw all we could, including taking a cable car to within a few hundred feet from the top of El Teide-a spectacular volcanic mountain — 11,154 feet. The weather behaved and the views were spectacular!!!

This has truly been a fantastic adventure...traveled well over 3000km, 2000 of them along the coast of 5 different countries, 1000 of them through blue water to 11 different islands...takes my breath away. I'm home Nov.13 THANK YOU CAPTAIN TOM FOR MAKING ALL THIS POSSIBLE!!! GRATEFUL!!!

Elaine Sacco

2005 Ski Weekend

by Dave and Sue Patton



The BWSC Ski Weekend was held at Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine this year March 18th, 19th and 20th. A congenial and hearty group of BWSC members got to enjoy tremendous skiing conditions with two feet of snow arriving just prior to the event and over another foot of fresh snow falling during the weekend. Everyone got some quality time on the snow and with each other. Jeff Kenyon and Dave Patton bumped their way down the mountain. Pat Kenyon, Linda Allen, Sue Patton and Dan Kostishack took some lessons to once again familiarize themselves with Maine "POWDA". Elaine Kostishack got back on skis after many years away and we understand loved it. Laraine and Tom Devins along with Pat and John Dieselman just enjoyed all the wonders of the mountain and all the wonderful snow. The weekend was hosted by Sue and Dave Patton with a number of events held at their home on Sugarloaf."

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2005 Maine Cruise

By Bob and Charlene Baime

Dates are set for August 1 – August 14

(Itinerary to be announced)



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In Memorium:

We have shared our lives with fine sailors who have made our lives richer by their friendship. We wish them fresh breezes and calm seas in the great beyond, celebrate the time we shared and extend our sympathies to the loved ones left behind:

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