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11th Annual Rendezvous

Tugs Arriving in the Essex Island Boat Basin



Events At a Glance July 27-29*, 2011

Day 1, Wednesday Afternoon -- Tugs arrived at the Essex Island Boat Basin. Sea Mischief and Seamantha greeted everyone as these boats got into the marina earlier in the week. Relaxation & registrations were followed by another great Rum Party & Cocktail Hour, hors d'oeuvres & potluck dinner with many great deserts. The evening saw a very interesting presentation by Michael LaBella of Soundings Magazine on Disasters at Sea. This presentation had humor, sobering thoughts and many lessons learned. A very big thank you to both Michael and to Bill Sisson, Editor of Soundings for their kind support of this year's Rendezvous.

Day 2, Thursday — Another top notch Breakfast by the owners of Marley's (Jeff & Claudia Odekerken) started Day 2. Dick Seymour, our esteemed commodore led off with some very very funny jokes. The audience was just in stitches --- or were they grabbing their sides with pain? Oh well, Dick is already at work searching for more really really funny jokes for next year. Introductions of Ben Wilde &, Bob Shamek followed and each said a few words of welcome. Dick Seymour, introduced this year's seminars and special events. A very full day of activities; including a cocktail party, hors d'oeuvres, great dinner in a brand new format and the BIG, BIG Raffle followed.

Day 3, Friday — Another great full breakfast. Russ Jones then made a presentation on his & Barb's visit to the Nordic Tugs factory earlier in the year. Cruising meetings followed and then it was off to Hamburg Cove for the night.

Day 4, Saturday—Cruises began with many boats heading down river for points East.

The Big 11th Annual Rendezvous was a lucky one indeed!

They say eleven is a lucky number, and for NENTOA, it certainly was this year. We had beautiful weather, a great get-together with friends of common boating interests and two really great cruises. Fifty eight people registered for the Rendezvous and we had total of 12 boats participate in some parts or all of the cruise itineraries. All boats returned to their planned destinations before Hurricane Irene blasted North & killed electric power all along the coast. Seamantha hauled out in North Narragansett and is back in the water and on its way back to NJ as of this writing. Most towns along the coast from East Haven to Old Saybrook were without power for many days. We give thanks for the good luck all around!

Special Events:

We tried some new things this year and they were quite successful from the feedback that we have received. First, we had a featured presentation Wednesday



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evening by Soundings Magazine on Disasters at Sea. These were authentic stories that Soundings had researched and written, often with multiple interviews of all involved in the disaster. Michael LaBella kindly stood-in for Editor Bill Sisson and did a superb job at presenting the cases, adding humor and discussing the "lessons learned".

Secondly, we tried a new format for our Thursday evening dinner with three "stations" serving different entrees. One a carving station with beef & turkey, another a pasta station with caesar salad and the third a Mexican station with taco's. This new format allowed for sampling from all three stations, and provided really quick serving of everyone. Our hats are off to Claudia & Jeff for this great idea and we thank them for many excellent meals.

Thirdly, we programmed three special events which included: a live flare and smoke signal demonstration, a life-raft demonstration in the pool with a live inflation (including boarding and righting of the life raft), and a live docking demonstration.



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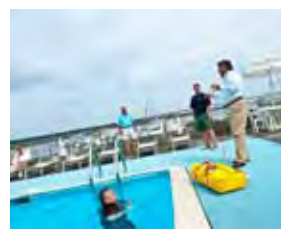


This demonstration was kindly supported by Orion Safety Products with their representative, Kerry Stark, presiding. Kerry did an

excellent job of educating our people on various types of flares and smoke signals and showing us the proper ways of handling each; especially during shooting or lighting. This event had been requested by Bob Geary and was well received.

I am indebted to George Gwizd of the U.S. Power Squadrons who made the many calls to the U.S. Coast Guard to have the flare event properly authorized. Also, an equally big thanks to Dawn Schieferdecker, Marina Manager of Essex Island Marina, who made all of the calls necessary to alert local authorities of the live flare event.

The life-raft demonstration was generously supported by two companies. First, Winslow LifeRaft Company of Lake Suzy, Florida and, secondly by Survival Systems of Groton, CT. These companies brought a fully packed and serviceable Winslow life raft to the pool, explained the inflation and boarding procedures, and then inflated the life raft. Two members of the team then boarded the life raft from the pool which is the more difficult way to enter the life raft. The team then turned the life raft over and showed how to properly right-it in the water.



We thank Charles Daneko of Winslow, and Jon Ehm, Peter Kaplan and Hugh Teel of Survival Systems for making this demonstration possible

Our third special event was a live docking demonstration conducted by Bill Boyer and myself.

A Nordic Tug Rendezvous is a gathering of self-sufficient, independent people who share a love of boats and cruising. Many tuggers are life-long sailors with years of expertise who enjoy sharing their knowledge and stories of the sea.

Note: 2012 Rendezvous—July 25-27

Essex
Island
Marina

Photos by Paul Tortora

Bill was assisted on the boat by Vickie Silvia and Alannah Dutchess. I was on the dock with our many attendees explaining the docking plan and its execution. Dawn Schieferdecker of Essex Island Marina reviewed common mistakes made



by boaters as they approach a marina dock or gas dock. We also discussed the need for communication from the skipper to the crew and how simple deviations from established procedures can result in the unexpected and in accidents. The idea is to have a plan, communicate that plan and then execute the plan with a minimum of chatter (i.e. yelling!).

We had a very special presentation by Chris Freeman of Mystic Seaport on the Restoration of the whaling ship C. W. Morgan. This is a massive undertaking by the Seaport with the goal of making the Morgan seaworthy and capable of returning to its original port of New Bedford, MA. The Seaport was the first port of call by NENTOA's Cruise A this year. To see the Morgan on the hard and undergoing the extensive restoration from the keel up, I couldn't help but think it is one of those "I can't believe it moments". Thanks to Chris and the Seaport for sharing this on-going story with us! Should anyone want to help support this project financially, you can do so by contacting Mystic Seaport.



Seminars:

We had eight seminars this year to compliment all of the special events. They were: Cummins Engine Maintenance, Nordic Tugs Systems & Maintenance, Healthy Galley, Crafts & Discussion, How to get the most out of your Chartplotter, Captain Licensing, Rx Procedures Aboard and Anchoring. The most highly attended seminars were Nordic

Tugs Systems & Maintenance with 28 total attendees, Anchoring with 21 and Cummins Engine Maintenance with 15. Herb's new seminar on Anchoring was widely attended and well received. We are looking for other new ideas for future seminars so please let us know of your ideas and interests.

Cruises:

Our cruises this year took us to many of the prime New England ports. These included Mystic, Watch Hill, Block Island, Cuttyhunk, Vineyard Haven, Edgartown, Nantucket, Hyannis, Newport, & Stonington. Our two cruise fleets crossed paths in Edgartown and we had a fabulous lunch together at the Seafood Shanty. We even celebrated Ben's then upcoming birthday with a huge piece of chocolate cake which was kindly shared with all. The weather was terrific for the most part with only one really rainy day while Cruise A was in Nantucket. Cruise B was cut a bit short due to the press of business back home. Therefore, the Salem/P'town legs of that cruise were eliminated. On Cruise A, we said farewell to Seamantha in Nantucket and to Sundance with Peter & Jenny Holland in Edgartown. We also had to say goodbye to Mary & Duane Minard who had a very ill dog aboard. They had to take their dog back to the mainland via ferry to be treated. Their beautiful dog is now well.

Some of the boats bypassed Hyannis due to a front coming in and went back to Cuttyhunk. Somewhere in Time headed back to Essex from Cuttyhunk while Sea Mischief, Dreamboat and R.C. Caislin went on to Newport. Dreamboat & Sea Mischief spent the last evening of the cruise in Stonington and enjoyed a very nice happy hour together. The Dog Watch Cafe on the dock at Dodson's was great for lunch for the Sea Mischief crew and for dinner for the Dreamboat crew. Anticipating the rain on Sunday, August 14, both Dreamboat & Sea Mischief made the long run from Stonington to Norwalk and to Branford, respectively. R.C. Caislin stayed one more night in Newport and then made its long run back to Deep

River on Saturday, August 13. With an all-day rain on Sunday, it was good to know that all cruise boats were back where they wanted to be.

Happy Hours:

The crews of the 12 boats cruising this year did a magnificent job with hors d'oeuvres for our many happy hours. The raw bar boat in Cuttyhunk was just excellent on two layovers. I salute all of the Cruise A "chefs" who did such a great job with the happy hour dishes. Hats off to Mary Minard, Paulette Lee, Mable Seymour, Mary Nichols, Eileen Woolsey, Ginger Koster, Jenny Holland and Connie Joyce who went above and beyond the call of duty with really great dishes. The camaraderie was great and the stories never seemed to be lacking. Thanks to all for a great time!!!!

Our Boats!



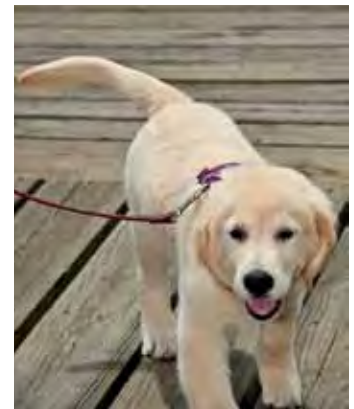
Our Best Friends!



Rich & Gabby



New Pup & Mary



Noelle & Mable



Cristyl



Minutes of annual meeting



Photo by Paul Tortora

Dick Seymour

The business portion of the rendezvous was brief, with Commodore Dick Seymour welcoming everyone to the 11th annual gathering and providing an update of accomplishments with a PowerPoint presentation. Dick introduced the NENTOA officers and thanked our sponsors.

Special thanks were given to our key sponsors including: Scott Financial Services, Fitzpatrick Agency, Nordic Tugs, Inc. and of course Ben Wilde of Wilde Yacht Sales.

Accomplishments included:

- Publishing of our annual rendezvous newsletter and keeping members informed of events via e-mail.
- Helping Susan plan and orchestrate this year's rendezvous.
- Updating of our Historical Record
- Design & preparation of two cruises
- Relocation & maint. of our website
- Maintenance of our Membership list
- Selling of burgees

Financial aspects of our Association were carefully tracked & reported. This included all revenue & expenses during the past year (see inset on the right).

Elections followed. The slate of officers presented to the membership was approved. Dick Seymour was elected Commodore for the 2011-2012 year, Russ Jones & Brian Clarke were elected Vice Commodores, Herb Nickles as Fleet Captain and Mable Seymour was elected Treasurer.

Special thank you's were also sent along to the Wilde Team of Susan, Bill, Paul, and Allannah; historian Dick Seymour; our in-house seminar presenters Barb Jones, Bill Boyer, Ben Wilde, Mable & Dick Seymour. Also, thanks were conveyed to Tim Hyatt, Bill Jones and Dave Farino for conducting seminars again this year. A big thank you to Herb Nickles for his new anchoring seminar.

NENTOA Officers 2011-2012

NENTOA's Commodore, Dick Seymour, hails from Somers, NY, Russ Jones, NENTOA's Vice Commodore lives in West Harford, Ct. Brian Clarke resides in West Hartford, CT, Herb Nickles, our Fleet Captain, resides in Deerfield, MA. Of course, Mable Seymour, Treasurer, lives with Dick in Somers, NY.



Photo by Paul Tortora

Dick Seymour
Commodore

Russ Jones
Vice Commodore



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Mable Seymour
Treasurer



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Herb Nickles
Cruise Chairman



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Brian Clarke
Vice Commodore



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NENTOA Financial Report

By Mable Seymour,
Treasurer

NENTOA'S fiscal year takes in the period from July 1 to June 30. On July 1, 2010, we had a balance of \$949.34.

Over the year our income included: Raffle — \$733; Burgee Mable Seymour sales—\$56; Commodore Uniforms --- \$87 & Bank interest—\$1.32—for a total of \$1826.66.

During the same period, our expenses included: Postage Expense—\$5.22; web site expenses --- \$62.40; Historian Supplies—\$100; ---Rendezvous expenses of \$440.75 & Prestige Flags for a new supply of burgees for \$282.88 for a total of \$891.25.

Balance on 6/30/11: \$935.41

Burgees in stock on 6/30/11: 10 small (12x18) and 10 large (14x21).

As a postscript, at this year's rendezvous, we sold 3 burgees and our raffle netted us \$826.00!

Physical assets now total \$3285.69.



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Fly the NENTOA Burgee



NT 26 or NT 32 - \$ 29*
NT 37 or NT 42 - \$ 35*

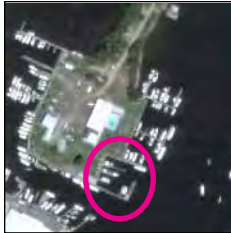
*These prices include postage.

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The First Day

One of the great things about Essex Island Marina is that most Tugs are all together on the "rendezvous" dock (see circled area at right). There's room for 18-20 tugs in this space alone, depending on their size—and more space in adjacent slips. There were only Nordic Tugs tied-up at the docks for these two days! This arrangement is very conducive to visiting other boats and sharing ideas.

As the potluck dinners were coming out at the end of the rum party, Bill Boyer had his BBQ tools ready for action. When the coals were ready, he whipped up a bunch of hot dogs & burgers to supplement the gourmet variety of offerings by tuggers. The contributors did a super great job on the potluck dishes this year!



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Our Boats! (cont'd)



Seminars & Special Events—Day 2

NENTOA's lively one-hour seminar sessions are typically very well attended. Captain Tim Hyatt talked about First Aid at sea; Bob Shamek answered many questions about our tugs' systems; Captain Dick Seymour discussed Captain Licensing; Raymarine's Bill Jones talked about getting the most out of chart plotters; Mable Seymour, conduct-

Rx Procedures
Afloat



TIM HYATT
AMERICAN BOATING SERVICES

Nordic Tugs Systems
Maintenance



BoB Shamek
Nordic Tugs

Captain
Licensing



Dick Seymour

Anchoring



Herb Nickles

Chart plotter



Bill Jones, Raymarine

Healthy galley



Mable Seymour

Cummins Q&A

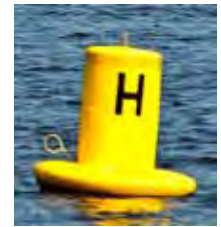


Dave Farino, Cummins
Power Ssystems

Crafts & Discussion



Barb Jones



ed the popular Healthy Galley seminar again; Barb Jones discussed Crafts, Cummins representative Dave Farino offered tips on preventative maintenance and addressed individual concerns; and Herb Nickles presented a new seminar on Anchoring.

<http://www.NENTOA.org>

Your website contains information on

- past events
- upcoming events
- links to anything Nordic Tugs
- cruising destinations and logs
- your ship's store for clothing, burgees, & more

If you'd like to share any changes you've made to your tug, contact our webmaster, Herb Nickles at hnickles@smith.edu

The NENTOA notebooks

Over the years, I have been keeping a historical record of Annual Newsletters, photos & clippings of our rendezvous' & cruises. The pictures have been contributed by a number of photographers. Some photos have captions which are meant to amplify or lend a bit of humor into the record.



If you did not have a chance to see the Historical Notebooks at the rendezvous, we will once again have them displayed at next year's Rendezvous.

Photos by Paul Tortora



2011 Rendezvous



Let us know what you think?

We are already thinking ahead to 2012 for our Cruise(s). I have had some suggestions to consider going North. Maybe Lake Champlain or further. However, the ports on the Hudson River and canals leave a lot to be desired. This can also be said of the lower part of Lake Champlain in that people tend not to cruise and; therefore, there are fewer docking/mooring spots available. Another suggestion was to spend more time in Western Long Island Sound ; including, perhaps, Liberty Island across from NYC. This venue might allow a show in NYC as a group. The Northeast is certainly the top-notch cruising venue, but may be getting too redundant for many. So, please let Herb Nickles and myself know your thoughts on a possible cruise itinerary for 2012. Write to me at (Reel-magic@Optimum..Net) or Herb at (hnickles@smith.edu)

NENTOA Board 2011/12
Brian, Dick, Mable, Russ & Herb



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2011 Cruises



Newport



Mystic



Essex



Mystic



Vineyard Haven



Oak Bluffs



Nantucket



Cuttyhunk



Oak Bluffs



Nantucket



Edgartown



Edgartown



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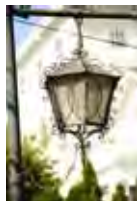
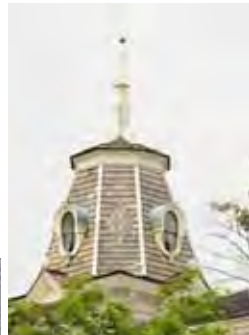
Block Island

2011 Rendezvous

2011 Cruises Photos by Dick Seymour



Edgartown



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Signs of the Times Photos by Dick Seymour



2011 Rendezvous



Joe Lozouski. N/T 26 Resident of Nantucket



Chester, CT



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Hamburg Cove

IMPORTANT DATES

Next year's rendezvous will be held during the same time slot as in years past—during the last full week of July—Wednesday-Friday, July 25, 26, & 27, 2012. Cruise(s) will follow the Rendezvous. More information will be provided early next year on the number of cruises & the destinations. Send ideas to Herb Nickles or Dick Seymour

There are two Nordic Tug newlines you might like to join:

— Nordic Tug Newsletter • Charlie Billings, Editor • 5599 Perdemco Ave. SE, Port Orchard, WA 98367 • (360) 895-3825 • ceb@oz.net

— SENTOA List. A bulletin board for tuggers. • Cost: \$15. To subscribe, go to <http://lists.samurai.com/mailman/listinfo/sentoa>.

Boat shows this fall: Newport, September 15-18. Norwalk, September 22-25. Wilde Yachts Open House: October 21-23. See the new & pre-owned boats.

Thank you . . .

Ben Wilde for your continuing support of NENTOA & sponsoring the Rum Party

Susan Morrison for doing so much behind the scenes to prepare for the rendezvous and make it enjoyable for all of us.

Bill Boyer for your enthusiastic help, docking demos and the delicious BBQ's.

Paul Tortora for all your help, for sharing your photographs. Great job!

Jim Desnoyers of Scott Financial Services for your ongoing support and generous financial contribution.

Nordic Tugs, Inc., for your continuing support and for sending Bob Shamek to see us!

Paul Fitzpatrick of the Fitzpatrick Agency for sponsoring the cocktail hour & raffle gifts

Cummins Power Systems for your support in leading Cummins Maintenance seminars.

Alannah Dutchess for your superb bartending skills and assistance with the rendezvous.

Raymarine for your support in leading the seminars on Chartplotters

Soundings Magazine for your support in providing the Disasters at Sea presentation.

Mystic Seaport for your support in providing the presentation of the Restoration of the C.W. Morgan whaling ship.

Orion Safety Products for your support in conducting the flare demonstration and providing gifts for the raffle.

Bill Jones of Raymarine, Dave Farino of Cummins, Mable & Dick Seymour, Barb Jones, Bob Shamek of Nordic Tugs, Tim Hyatt of American Boating Services & Herb Nickles for leading seminars.

Michael LaBella of Soundings Magazine, Chris Freeman of Mystic Seaport, Kerry Stark of Orion Safety Products, Charles Daneko of Winslow LifeRaft,s, Hugh Teel/Peter Kaplan /Jon Ehm of Survival Systems for presentations or demo'

Mable Seymour, Connie Joyce, Ginger Koster, Paulette Lee and Rita Mackey for their help with the raffle tickets; and Sue Wilde, Susan Morrison & Alannah Dutchess for helping with the raffle and distribution of the prizes.

July 2012 Rendezvous

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Red: Rendezvous
Blue: Cruises Begin