



# NENTOA

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## Ready for Spring? .....April 1st is only 75 days Away.....



From Cory Gracey at the Nordic Tugs Factory

As 2014 drew to a close, Nordic Tugs celebrated an incredible year in boat building and wished all Nordic Tugs owners Happy Holidays.

Our production schedule was very robust as orders increased 300% over the prior year. Our workforce doubled and the market continues to improve.

We are excited to now be a part of the boat show circuit internationally and will continue to support our regional Nordic Tugs owner's associations.

We are planning an action packed year with a first ever March luncheon at the spectacular Essex Yacht Club on Sunday, March 8th at 12 noon.  
(see page 8 for details)

Our 15th annual Rendezvous will be on July 17, 18 & 19 followed by two great cruises; a two week cruise to Narragansett Bay/Long Island and a three week cruise to Maine.

There will also likely be a shake-down cruise in the Spring and a final "hurrah" cruise in the Fall; both to Greenport and vicinity.

Take a good look at this newsletter and mark your calendars with reservation dates. This is going to be a fun NENTOA year that you won't want to miss out on.



Our Rendezvous will be at the "new" Brewer Essex Island Marina

# Here come the Tugs







### From the Bridge by Commodore Brian Clarke

Happy New Year fellow Tuggers! It's 2015, the weather outside is frigid and yet many of us are already thinking about the coming cruising season. If you're like me, you're snuggled in front of the fire staring at charts and making plans for the next great adventure aboard your Nordic Tug. Or perhaps you're wandering the web finding new toys to place aboard -- there's nothing better than thinking about that new piece of electronics and how useful it will be for next season. However, my Admiral, Ellen, always reminds me that our "Pearl" has a strict annual allowance so while dreaming is free -- actually clicking on the "purchase now" button is not. Thank goodness the spring sales are coming!

Like you, the NENTOA Board has also been busy think-

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### Cruising



### The Beautiful Essex Yacht Club



### Fun, Fun, Fun at the Raffle!

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ing about the coming season (and seasons to come). As you'll note in this Newsletter – we've decided to do a few new things -- not the least of which is this mid-year Newsletter being developed by Treasurer Dick Seymour. You'll also note the recent email you received from Vice Commodore Russ Jones who is helping to put together a comprehensive list of everyone in the Northeast who has a love for Nordic Tugs. We've also scheduled a Special NENTOA Spring Luncheon on March 8 at Essex Yacht Club so that we can all take some time away from shoveling snow to commiserate on Tugs on the hard and dream together of better weather and cruising aboard. In addition to wonderful camaraderie, food and drink housed in the beautiful Essex Yacht Club, we'll have a session on Spring commissioning from Tom Callan. What could be better than sharing a Bloody Mary with fellow Tuggers and talking about Nordic Tugs, long warm days and cruising to distant anchorages! Please plan on joining us for this new event. Susan Morrison at Wilde Yachts is taking reservations – so please call her soon at 860-767-2540 to save your spot.

You'll also notice that we've added an extended cruise this year. Back by popular demand is the cruise to Maine. Ellen and I were fortunate to join the last cruise to Maine in 2010. It was a magical adventure – and I

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The Lighthouse, Home of Wilde Yacht Sales





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encourage anyone who is able to make plans to join this cruise. The Maine trip will take you to some amazing anchorages and ports. The natural beauty is breathtaking. And, if you can't make this cruise – the second trip to the Narragansett Bay/ Long Island should also be a wonderful time, stopping at many of our old favorites, including Cuttyhunk, Newport and Bristol (a very cute town which includes the Herreshoff Marine Museum). And let me forewarn you in advance that we're considering a trip to the Chesapeake Bay in 2016. Like Maine, this is a trip not to be missed with many wonderful ports to be explored.

Please mark your calendars for the Luncheon on March 8 and this year's Rendezvous and cruises. The Rendezvous will again be held the weekend of July 17, 18, and 19 at the all "new" Brewer Essex Island Marina. Some of you may not be aware that Essex Island Marina was sold at the end of last summer to Brewer Yacht Yards. They have some wonderful plans for the Island and we expect that this year's Rendezvous will be another terrific time of camaraderie and learning. The agenda is well underway to being finalized and we should be able to share the high points with you at the March Luncheon. In the meantime, stay warm and enjoy the dreaming!

Brian



## 2015 NENTOA Activities

### Narragansett/Long Island Cruise (nm)

July 19	Essex to Newport	56
July 20	Newport	
July 21	Newport to Bristol	12
July 22	Bristol to Wickford	14
July 23	Wickford to Cuttyhunk	31
July 24	Cutty to Edgartown	27
July 25	Edgartown	
July 26	Edgartown to Quissett	19
July 27	Quissett to Block Island	50
July 28	Block Island	
July 29	Block Island to Montauk	20
July 30	Montauk to West Neck	26
July 31	West Neck to Greenport	15
Aug 1	Layover allowance	
Aug 2	Travel to home port	Total 272

### Maine Cruise (nm)

July 19	Essex to Cuttyhunk	80
July 20	Cuttyhunk to Scituate	60
July 21	Scituate to Biddeford	78
July 22	Biddeford to Boothbay	41
July 23	Boothbay Harbor	
July 24	Boothbay to Seal Bay	48
July 25	Seal Bay to Northeast	30
July 26	Northeast Harbor	
July 27	Northeast to Castine	37
July 28	Castine to Rockland	27
July 29	Rockland to Robinhood or Christmas Cove or Five Islands	46 36 43
July 30	To Portland	31 -46
July 31	Portland	
Aug 1	Portland to Kennebunk	29
Aug 2	Kenbunkport to Salem	63
Aug 3	Salem to Provincetown	54
Aug 4	P-town to Newport	72
Aug 5	Newport	
Aug 6	Newport to Block Island	24
Aug 7	Layover allowance	
Aug 8	Layover allowance	
Aug 9	Travel to home port	Total 725

From the Bridge by Fleet Captain  
Roger Joyce

.....Cruises.....

We have planned two cruises this year that focus on exploration. A three week cruise to Maine takes us well Downeast along a spectacular, rugged coastline. A two week cruise provides an opportunity to enjoy Narragansett Bay/Long Island and other destinations in a relaxed manner.



(Refer to the itineraries to the left  
for details.)

The Maine itinerary provides a variety of ports to enjoy. Most are small towns whose residents couldn't be more welcoming. The city of Portland is included as well, with many amenities available. Availability of slips, moorings and anchorages varies widely so research by locale is recommended. Prior to the last Rendezvous cruise to Maine in 2010, I purchased a copy of A Cruising Guide to the Maine Coast by Taft & Rindlaub. I found it to be an invaluable planning resource as well as a useful reference while under way. While weather and sea conditions will vary daily, one Maine constant is the lobster pot. Most are well marked and spaced to allow safe passage but some (the entrance to Biddeford Pool comes to mind) are thick with buoys. Our boats tend to guide the lines away from the prop.

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The Narragansett Bay/Long Island Cruise is designed for maximum flexibility and relaxation. The short legs in Narragansett Bay allow vessels to visit numerous islands and coves, or run up to Providence. Edgartown is always pleasant with shopping and restaurants galore and with convenient bus service to Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven. Block Island, Montauk and peaceful West Neck Harbor follow, with a final night in Greenport.

Captains and crews are free to tailor their plans and routes to suit their preferences. We often travel together and remind captains to maintain sufficient distance between boats (1/4 nm minimum). Please monitor VHF channel 72 for Nordic Tugs Fleet communications. We will also prepare a listing of vessels and cell phone numbers prior to departure. Please note that no accommodations have been booked in advance. Each skipper is responsible for any and all reservations they feel are necessary.

### From the bridge by Vice Commodore Bob Geary

Our last trip to Maine with the NENTOA group in 2010 was a nice and mostly relaxed adventure. We had been to Maine by sail, and now experienced the trip with power. Leaving Essex, the fleet headed toward Cape Cod Canal and east. After transiting the canal, we reassembled in Plymouth Harbor, then past Boston to Salem and thence on to Maine. The lobster pots were interesting, but manageable, and the scenery beautiful. Reaches, rocky points with lots of pine trees, and picturesque communities lived up to their billings. The fleet of Nordic Tugs mostly stayed together and there were several gatherings for cocktails which made communication easy. Radios and AIS also kept everyone in touch. After Acadia, we began the trek south & west. Some Tugs in the fleet branched off for a longer cruise, others left for a quicker trip home. Aboard NORTH STAR, we took our time and were able to get home on schedule and rested. We had only one day of fog.

Bob & Lois





# 2015 NENTOA Activities

## 2015 Kickoff Luncheon

At the beautiful  
Essex Yacht Club



Sunday, March 8th at Noon

Generously sponsored  
by Ben Wilde at WYS  
(cash bar available)

Tom Callan, Yachtmasters  
Presentation on Spring  
Commissioning

Call Susan Morrison for  
reservations



**Rendezvous Registration,  
Rum Party & Potluck  
Dinner**

**Rendezvous program &  
events**

**Cruises begin**

**Two week cruise to  
Narragansett Bay & L.I.  
& First two weeks of  
cruise to Maine**

**Continuation of three  
week cruise to Maine**

## IMPORTANT DATES & Information Sources

New England Boat Show - South Boston February 14 - 22 with new 2015 39' Nordic Tug on exhibit.

**Special NENTOA Spring Luncheon at the Essex Yacht Club, Sunday, March 8th at Noon. Call Susan Morrison to make your reservation 860-767-2540**

Open House in Essex, CT, March 28 & 29 with new Nordic Tugs 34" & 39 Flybridge models on site.

Engine School April 4 Essex. Taught by an exceptional mechanic, Tom Callan of Yachtmasters. Note: Limited space. Call Susan Morrison for reservations 860-767-2540.

New Nordic Tugs 2015 34' and 39' Flybridge models arriving early spring. Call Susan Morrison for appointment to see when they arrive 860-767-2540.

Open House in Essex, CT, April 24 - 26 with new flybridge models in the water.

Open House in Rock Hall, MD April 24 - 26 with flybridge models in the water.

15th Annual Rendezvous at the "new" Brewer Essex Island Marina July 17, 18 & 19. A subsequent NENTOA Newsletter with Reservation Form will be mailed in late May, 2015.

Two Cruises: Two weeks to Narragansett Bay/Long Island,  
Three weeks to Maine.

There are two Nordic Tug news-lines you might like to join:

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

## July 2015 Rendezvous & Cruises

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	

## August 2015 Continuation of Cruises

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