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10th Annual Rendezvous

Tugs Arriving in the Essex Island Boat Basin



Events At a Glance

July 28-30*, 2010

Day 1, Wednesday Afternoon -- Tugs arrived at the Essex Island Boat Basin. Many got washed and the crews wiped down, squeeged & polished their Tugs. Relaxation & registration were followed by another great Rum Party, hors d'oeuvres & potluck dinner with many many deserts to follow. The evening saw a very interesting presentation by Paulette & John Lee on their trip South last Fall and a great description by Brian & Ellen Clarke of their vacation on the Chesapeake last Summer following the Rendezvous. .

Day 2, Thursday — Another top notch Breakfast by the owners of Marley's (Jeff & Claudia) started Day 2. Introductions of Ben Wilde, Andy Lund, President of Nordic Tugs, and the current NENTOA Board were made. Commodore, Dick Seymour, told some very very funny jokes (come on, some were kind of funny) and we launched a very full day of activities; including a cocktail party, hors d'oeuvres, great dinner and the BIG, BIG Raffle.

Day 3, Friday — Another great full breakfast. Thank you's & comments by Commodore Dick Seymour & Vice Commodores Russ Jones & Brian Clarke. A terrific presentation by Herb Nickles on his & Wendy's trip through the Grenadines last Winter on Nordic Lady.

Day 4, Saturday—Two cruises began from Hamburg Cove & EIM. Cruise #1 began its trek to Maine & Cruise # 2 headed off to Nantucket.

Wow!

Ten big years of Nordic Tugs Rendezvous' Can you believe that? Another great gathering of many Nordic Tugs. Many familiar faces and many new ones. The festivities began with boats & owners arriving from all over the Northeast. Once again, Essex Island Marina under the leadership of Dawn & Wally hosted our Rendezvous. We had great weather and a full program of seminars, demonstrations and good food & drink.

We also had the pleasure of having Andy Lund the new President of Nordic Tugs give us a very informative view of what is going on with the company, the challenges being faced in these tough economic times and several glimpses into what the future may hold for the line of Nordic Tugs. Andy readily answered questions, gave very informed & knowledgeable insights and developed confidence that Nordic Tugs has a very able executive at the helm. Even though Andy disclaimed his "technical knowledge", it was evident that he is a very experienced boater, knows the industry and has a firm grip on what is needed for the company to survive & prosper as the economy gradually warms anew; especially, to recreational boating. Andy, thank you for taking the time to meet with the NENTOA group of owners and for being so candid with us on the state of the company and your vision for the future!



Photos by Paul Tortoras

2010 Rendezvous

We had 66 people registered for the Rendezvous this year representing 32 Nordic Tugs. This does not count our sponsors or WYS friends. This was an excellent turnout & we are very appreciative of everyone who was able to attend.

Also, we had a total of nine boats that started the trip to Maine and seven that started the trip to Nantucket with two others who joined us in Nantucket for a couple of nights. This was great participation! Everyone who I have heard from have been enthusiastic about the rendezvous & cruises!

We tried some new things at the rendezvous this year and stayed with some of the proven formulas from the past. The new items were demonstrations of Man-Overboard, Fire Extinguishers and Inflatable Life Jackets. All of these events were very well attended and very informative. We also had a full schedule of Seminars; including, Cummins Engines, Healthy Galley, Crafts, Getting the most out of your Chartplotter, Rx Procedures On-board and Defensive Piloting.

One of the highlights of this rendezvous was a presentation by Chris Freeman of Mystic Seaport on the research, design and gathering of materials for the Seaport's new Tugs exhibit which opened in May of this year. Chris was a font of information and is a very articulate speaker. With pictures and words, he filled us in on the two years of background development that went into this major exhibition. We were very fortunate to have such a qualified representative of the Seaport speak to the NENTOA group.



Bill Boyer with the assistance of Alannah Dutchess, conducted a Man-Overboard demo with a N/T 37 in the harbor just off the gas dock at EIM. For the group of attendees on the dock, I discussed what Bill & Alannah were doing on the water and answering questions. The demo went off without a hitch and was very informative for all, but especially for those who have not actually conducted a Man-Overboard drill. Such drills are highly recommended for all skippers & crew. Bill provided a handout outlining the proper procedures for conducting such drills.



Shoreline Fire Equipment was engaged to conduct demonstrations of discharging fire extinguishers at an actual fire (oil in a metal pan in one of EIM's far parking lots). Each attendee had an opportunity to heft a 5 pound fire extinguisher, pull the pin and break the safety lock and then trigger the extinguisher at the base of the flame; thus, putting out the fire. For many, it was the first time they had an opportunity to discharge an extinguisher and get a feel for what happens when doing so. John & Chris Brady of Shoreline Fire Equipment discussed types of fires, how to fight them



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: 2011 Rendezvous—July 27-29

Essex
Island
Marina

Photos by Paul Tortora

and how to use the extinguisher to best advantage. **TIP: When attempting to fight a fire on-board, always keep yourself between the fire and your nearest point of exit. Do not compound a serious destruction of materials problem with a potentially life-threatening situation!** Materials can be replaced, lives cannot.

A very big thank you to Paulette & John Lee for their great presentation on their travels South following the Rendezvous last year. Paulette's pictures were great as were the graphics. Except for a hitch that we experienced in connecting Paulette's Apple computer to the NENTOA projector, the graphics would have been even better. In converting the Apple based presentation to PowerPoint, some of the graphics were inadvertently changed. In any case, thanks Paulette & John for an excellent presentation. We appreciate your time in putting it together and in making the presentation.



Another Apple cable glitch with Ellen & Brian Clarke's presentation on their vacation to the Chesapeake resulted in a verbal prestation which was excellent. Brian has a great way of painting pictures with just words. We were disappointed that technology got in our way, but we promise to show the slides next year. Thanks to both Ellen and Brian for the pictures we did not get a chance to see and for a very robust discription of their trip.



Another big thank you to Herb Nickles & Wendy Shepherd for their presentation on their trip through the Grenadines last Winter on Nordic Lady. The pictures were spectacular and Herb's accompanying description was excellent. We appreciate the time of both Herb & Wendy for their presentation.



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Thank you to John Robinson of the Saybrook Power Squadron for conducting ten Vessel Safety Checks. This is purely a volunteer effort on John's part and we appreciate his time and energy in conducting these VSC's. Thanks, John!

One more big Thank You to Herb Nickles for planning the two cruises which followed the Rendezvous.

Cruise #1 was to Maine. It included stops at Cuttyhunk, Plymouth, Salem, Biddeford, Boothbay, Tenants Harbor, Pulpit Harbor, Camden, Castine, Northeast Harbor, Seal Bay, Christmas Cove, Gloucester, Onset, & Newport. This cruise was led by David Marriott & Brian Clarke; although, David had to drop out due to mechanical problems. The boats participating in this Cruise were: Camelot, North Star, R.C. Caislin, Seamanth, Celebration, Rumblin, Harmony, Quest & Odyssey. Five boats went the entire distance of the cruise: These were: North Star, R.C. Caislin, Celebration, Seamantha & Rumblin. It has been reported that the weather favored this cruise and a great time was had by all. [See page 11 for pictures of this cruise courtesy of Bill Anderson of Rumblin.](#)

Cruise #2 was led by Dick Seymour and included the following ports: Mystic Seaport, Newport, Cuttyhunk, Vineyard Haven or Edgartown, Nantucket, Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, Block Island and Greenport. The boats on this cruise included Sea Mischief, Summer Wind, Tuggly, Wilde One, Isle of Barra, Spray, The Olive. Snorri (Herb & Wendy) and Endeavor (Bill & Ginger Koster) joined the cruise in Nantucket. We also had an impromptu visit at Block Island from Barry Baskin & Elaine Fitzgerald on Duet. Cruise #2 featured many great happy hours aboard the participating N/T's. The hor d'ouevers were always "first class" and the drinks were much to the liking of each as they brought their own. Can't miss that way. The Raw Bar Boat in Cuttyhunk was really a nice treat; enjoyed by all! [See page 10 for pictures of this cruise.](#)

Minutes of annual meeting



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Dick Seymour

The business portion of the rendezvous was brief, with Vice Commodore Russ Jones welcoming everyone to the 10th annual gathering and providing an update of accomplishments with a PowerPoint presentation. Russ also introduced and thanked our sponsors and conducted the election of officers for 2010/11.

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 email.
- Helping Susan plan and orchestrate this year's rendezvous.
- Updating of our Historical Record
- Design & preparation of two cruises
- Relocation 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 2010-2011 year, Russ Jones & Brian Clarke were elected Vice Commodores and Mable Seymour was elected Treasurer.

Special thank-yous were also sent along to the Wilde Team of Susan, Bill, Paul, and Alannah; historian Dick Seymour; our in-house seminar presenters Barb Jones, Bill Boyer, Ben Wilde, Mable & Dick Seymour.

Presentations by Paulette & John Lee and Ellen & Brian Clarke followed the meeting and were the highlight of the evening program.

NENTOA Officers 2010-2011

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.



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Dick Seymour
Commodore

Russ Jones
Vice Commodore

Mable Seymour
Treasurer

Herb Nickles
Cruise Chairman

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, 2009, we had a balance of \$1444.54.

Over the year our income included: Raffle—\$489; Burgees sales—\$343; Bank interest—\$1.32—for a total of \$1978.46.

During the same period, our expenses included: Postage and Miscellaneous Expenses—\$69.15; Historian Supplies—\$97.86; ---Audiio Equipment---\$516.75;---Rendezvous expenses of \$281.79 & raffle prizes of \$63.57. for a total of \$1,029.12..

Balance on 6/30/10: \$949.44

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

As a postscript, at this year's rendezvous, we sold 1 burgee and our raffle netted us \$733.00!

Physical assets now total \$3042.19 and are made up of Projector & Case, Screen & Audio Equipment.



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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 those three 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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Gabby & Shirley



Noelle & Mable



Our Best Friends!



Lucy, Li & Hannah



Noelle



Bellee



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Sawyer & Sonic



Katie & Andrea



Photo by Paulette Lee

Millie

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Seminars—Day 2

NENTOA's lively one-hour seminar sessions are typically very well attended. Captain Bill Boyer talked about First Aid at sea; Captain Ben Wilde answered many questions about our tugs' systems; Captain Dick Seymour discussed Defensive Piloting; Raymarine's Bill Jones talked about getting the most out of chart plotters; Mable Seymour, con-

Rx Procedures
Afloat



Bill Boyer
WILDE YACHT SALES

Nordic Tugs Systems
Maintenance



Ben Wilde
Wilde Yacht Sales

Defensive
Piloting



Dick Seymour

Fuel Management



Mark Wittlief
ESi Fuel Mgmt

Chart plotter



Bill Jones, Raymarine

Healthy galley



Mable Seymour

Cummins Q&A



Dave Farino, Cummins
MetroPower

Crafts & Discussion



Barb Jones



ducted the popular Healthy Galley seminar again; Barb Jones discussed Crafts, Cummins representative Dave Farino offered tips on preventative maintenance and addressed individual concerns; Mark Wittlief of ESI Total Fuel Management discussed keeping fuel clean and performed a number of Engine Room inspections..

<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, please take a look the next time you visit WYS at the Lighthouse.

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2010 Rendezvous



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Nentoa Officers & Sponsors



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NENTOA Board 2010/11

Let us know what you think?

We are already thinking ahead to 2011 for our Cruise(s). I have had some suggestions to have one of the cruises be leisurely; spending more time in each port and having easy trips between ports. I have discussed with Herb the possibility of having the leisure cruise in Narragansett Bay with to & from stops in Mystic and Watchhill or Stonington. This would be a two week cruise door to door. Let me know of your possible interest? Write to me at (Reelmagic@Optimum..Net)

2010 Rendezvous

Nantucket Cruise



Photo by Dick Seymour

Newport



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Mystic



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Vineyard Haven



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Oak Bluffs



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Cuttyhunk



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Photo by Dick Seymour



Photo by Sherry Kroll's camera



Photo by Dick Seymour

Edgartown



Photo by Sherry Kroll



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Block Island

2010 Rendezvous

Maine Cruise



Tenants Harbor



Competition in Plymouth



Stonington



Owls Head



Brian & Ellen Clarke

Photo by Paulette Lee



Eggemoggin



Mayflower in Plymouth



The Stalwart Five Crews



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Participating Tugs & Crews

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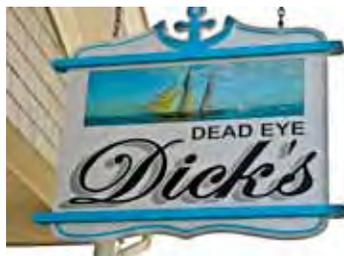


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2010 Rendezvous



Joe Lozouski. N/T 26 Resident of Nantucket



Block Island



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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 27, 28, & 29, 2011. Cruises 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 • Cost: \$10

— 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 16-19. Norwalk, September 23-26. Wilde Yachts Open House: October 1-3. See the new & pre-owned boats.

Thank you . . .

Ben Wilde for your continuing support of NENTOA

Susan Morrison for doing so much over a long period of time to prepare for the rendezvous and make it enjoyable for all of us.

Bill Boyer for your enthusiastic help, demos, seminars 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 contribution.

Nordic Tugs, Inc., for your continuing support and for sending Andy Lund to see us!

Paul Fitzpatrick of the Fitzpatrick Agency for your generous contribution & raffle gifts

Cummins Metropower for your contributions and for leading the seminars.

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

Bill Jones of Raymarine, Mark Wittlief of ESI Total Fuel Management, Dave Farino of Cummins, Mable & Dick Seymour, Barb Jones, Bill Boyer and Ben Wilde for leading seminars.

Mable Seymour, Lois Geary, Kathy Johnson & Lois Thomsen for their help with selling raffle tickets; and Sue Wilde, Susan Morrison & Alannah Dutchess or helping with the raffle and distribution of the prizes.

All of our Participants!

July 2011 Rendezvous

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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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



Mark
your
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Rendezvous
 Cruises Begin

What would you like to have at our next rendezvous? Please email comments or suggestions to Dick Seymour, Reelmagic@Optimum.Net