



Nordic Tug Northeast

Owners' Association

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Photo by Ruth Jansson

First Annual Northeast Nordic Tug Rendezvous

The first annual Northeast Nordic Tug Rendezvous was held in Essex, CT, in mid-July. After two days of dockside festivities, a tug parade to our Hamburg Cove moorings, and a cruise to Three Mile Harbor in Long Island's Hamptons, we all agreed, "See you next year!"

Nordic Tug owners and enthusiasts from Canada to Virginia gathered at Essex Island Marina on the Connecticut River to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow tuggers.

The rendezvous was organized by Ben Wilde and Connie Connor and sponsored by Wilde Yacht Sales of Essex, CT; Bay Tugs 'n Trawlers of Rock Hall, MD; and Nordic Tugs, Inc.

Twelve Nordic Tugs brought their crews to the event. Some crews came without their boats, and others came to talk to Nordic Tug owners before making the leap themselves. Including sponsors, speakers, owners, and fans, there were 50 people in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the Lobster Fest and a number of people left with prizes from the raffle.

After breakfast on Friday, the Nordic Tugs paraded up the Connecticut River to Gillette Castle for a photo op, then to Hamburg Cove moorings for raft-ups,

Events

Wednesday, July 18

*Registration & welcome
Barbeque & pot-luck dinner on the covered deck*

Thursday, July 19

*Workshops
Boat-hopping, swimming, touring historic Essex village
Cocktail party & Lobster Fest at Essex Yacht Club*

Friday, July 20

*Hot buffet breakfast
Tug parade to Hamburg Cove*

Saturday, July 21

Cruise across Long Island Sound to Three Mile Harbor in the Hamptons



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Complete with ferry to town, pool, covered deck, BBQ grills, conference room, and more, Essex Island Marina helped make our first rendezvous a memorable one.

swimming, and dingying. On Saturday morning, eight boats headed across Long Island Sound to an anchorage in the Hamptons' Three Mile Harbor for a final BYOB cocktails and hors d'oeuvres aboard our host boat *Lady Tug*.

Boat-hopping was a favorite, and

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Photo by Bette Conner

Hor d'oeuvres on the dock



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Pot-luck dinner on the marina's covered deck



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Entrance to Essex Yacht Club



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Bob & Marguerite Shamek



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Cocktail party on Essex Yacht Club's upper deck



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Barbara Page, Susan Balshaw



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Sue Wilde, Geoffrey Balshaw in foreground



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Connie Connor, Sue Wilde, Bill Boyer in foreground



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Chris & Mary Thomas, Rita Mackey, Ben Wilde



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Geoffrey & Susan Balshaw admire their raffle prize



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Don Connor, Connie Connor, Ben Wilde, Bill Boyer



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Queueing up for clams, mussels, lobster



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Paul & Barbara Page



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Colors retired with a cannon at sunset

Parade of tugs on the Connecticut River



Photo by Connie Connor

Cruisin' down the river



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

SuReSa



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Westwind



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Eritad



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Lady Tug, host boat



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Tuglet



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Diamond Sea



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Sundance



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Susie Q II



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

North Star



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Nordic Tugs poised in front of Gillette Castle on the Connecticut River



Photo by Jeff Lovelace

Annie B

Raft-up at Hamburg Cove



Photo by Ruth Jansson

SuReSa, Diamond Sea, & Eritad



Photo by Ruth Jansson

Susie Q II



Lady Tug & Tuglet

Photo by Ruth Jansson



Sundance

Photo by Ruth Jansson



Nordic Tug fleet's toys

Photo by Ruth Jansson



Host boat Togetherness

Photo by Ruth Jansson



North Star & Annie B

Photo by Ruth Jansson



Owl

Photo by Ruth Jansson



Westwind

Photo by Ruth Jansson



Sleeping tugs early Saturday morning

Photo by Connie Connor

Saturday . . .

As the morning sun climbed, most of the tugs dropped their mooring lines to head for other ports. Six boats, along with host boats Lady Tug and Togetherness cruised to Three Mile Harbor anchorage on Long Island's south fork.

Next summer, the second annual rendezvous will be held. From the smiles and comments seen at this year's event, our new organization is off to a great start. If you have a Nordic Tug or if you just plain love them, please plan to come next year.

Experience great friendships, great boats, great ideas, great food, great fun. Hope to see you there!

Boats & Crews

Virginia

Diamond Sea—Bob Calves. Cell:
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Annie B—Ruth Jansson & Bette
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North Star—Jim & Mim McCrea.
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Sundance—Paul & Barbara Page.
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SuReSa—Frank White.
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Susie Q II—Stan & Sue Klein.
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Westwind—Geoffrey & Susan
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Massachusetts

Eritad—Ed & Rita Mackey (and
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Soon-to-be Nordic Tug owners

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Tom Bush. tbush@provide.net

Mark & Lou Anne Kacmarik.
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Robert & Mary Ann Kennedy

... and guests.

Workshops

Bob Shamek of Nordic Tugs shared the latest from the factory and toured individual boats to discuss specific concerns.

Rusty Graham & Butch Stark of Cummins Metropower discussed our engines and showed a video. Later, they visited boats to answer questions.

Jim Desnoyers of Beacon Marine Credit explained how to successfully obtain credit and the merits of documenting a vessel.

Paul Fitzpatrick & Leslie Allaire of The Fitzpatrick Group led a helpful discussion explaining what ingredients go into a quality boat insurance policy.

Tug owner **Jim McCrea** gave us a taste of winter boating on Long Island Sound, discussing the benefits and precautions associated with cold-weather cruising.

Where do we go from here?

At the conclusion of this year's rendezvous, Ben Wilde suggested that we owners start a Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association and take some initial steps toward organizing future events. He added that monies collected during the raffle will be donated to help us get started. Thank you, Ben.

Owner Jim McCrea volunteered to organize next year's rendezvous.

Owners Ruth Jansson & Bette Conner offered to put together a first newsletter for our fledgling organization.

Our association's initial purpose will be to organize the 2002 rendezvous and communicate with Nordic Tug owners and fans in the northeast.

This newsletter will be emailed (or snail-mailed if necessary) to all attendees and all other Nordic Tug owners from northern New Jersey to eastern Canada including New York and Pennsylvania.

All members of the new NTNOA are asked to provide ideas for next year's rendezvous. Please email Jim at mcc272@aol.com with any rendezvous ideas. Send all newsletter contributions to Ruth & Bette at JansCon@aol.com.

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many ideas were shared, from a magnet to hold the head door open to indirect lighting, soap dispensers, cockpit shower, anchor washdown, water-filter system,

bookshelves, dinghy davits, mast structures, nav software, shelving, and more.

At this gathering, the Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association was born. All Nordic Tug fans are encouraged to help plan next year's rendezvous.

Special Thanks to . . .

Ben Wilde for starting up and sponsoring the rendezvous and providing the 42' Lady Tug host boat and to his wife, **Sue Wilde**, for her enthusiasm and help
Connie Connor for organizing the entire event and **Don Connor** for all his support and assistance and for cooking the burgers and hot dogs at the BBQ
Bill Boyer of Bay Tugs 'n Trawlers in Maryland for helping to sponsor the event and for being the best launch boy!

Bob Shamek from Nordic Tugs for joining us and sharing the latest information
Nordic Tugs, Inc., and **Cummins** for the great buffet breakfast

Jim Desnoyers of Beacon Marine Credit and **Paul Fitzpatrick** of The Fitzpatrick Group for the fabulous cocktail party

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