



Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association

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Photo by Ruth Jansson

*Once again
our colorful
tugs returned
to grace the
waters of
Essex Harbor*

In July of 2001, we gathered in Essex for our first rendezvous. Once a rare and curious sight, our tugs now ply the waters of the northeast regularly and it is not uncommon to find a fellow tugger in an anchorage or at a marina.

It is said of New England weather that if you don't like it, wait a few minutes and it'll change. We had predictions for an unlikely nor'easter the Monday and Tuesday before our Wednesday gathering with high winds and rain. Luckily the storm took another track, making Tuesday and Wednesday comfortable days for traveling on Long Island Sound.

This year we added some new roundtable discussion groups given by owners in addition to the factory, engine, and other professional people. We tried to make more time for boat-hopping, too, but there's never enough time for that. Seems that cocktail parties, meetings, lunches, dinners, and cruising presenta-

tions leave little time for visiting others' boats and sharing ideas and thoughts about our boats. Next year we'll have to do something about that.

Now that we have some funds, our association is also going to get some structure. We started our treasury fund with last year's significant raffle proceeds and anticipated to add at least that amount again this year. How to spend it and where we want to go from here lead to a decision to elect a Board of Governors. Several skippers volunteered to be elected and we're now beginning to look like a real association.

As the weekend neared, our weather went downhill rapidly and our scheduled cruise to Three Mile Harbor had to be cancelled. Several boats left early Friday to beat the storm and headed back home; others stayed in Hamburg Cove for a day or two before continuing the cruising life for a while longer.

Rendezvous at a glance July 21-23, 2004

Day 1, Wednesday — Welcome and registration. Rum concoction party. Potluck supper. Owners' meeting. Cruising presentations.

Day 2, Thursday — Coffee. Welcome from Nordic Tugs' Jerry Husted and Tracy Prescott. Boat-hopping. Lunch. Roundtable discussions. Wireless internet connection demos. Cocktail party and steak/sword/lobster fest.

Day 3, Friday — Buffet breakfast. Captains' parade meeting. Noon parade through Essex harbor. Raft-up, photo-op, and mooring in Hamburg Cove. Relaxed afternoon. Cocktail party on host boat.

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Essex Island Marina is a lovely venue for a rendezvous. It is separated from the mainland, with its revolutionary-era homes and one of the oldest continuously operated inns in the country, by a channel traversed by a 6-passenger ferry. Our boats are docked all together in one area, making visiting a natural occurrence. Dockside cable-TV, internet-connection and TV room, a large, covered deck with tables and chairs, a small snackbar and mini-store, adequate showering facilities, a laundry, and an Olympic-size pool round out the amenities. If you need provisions or a gift or two, visit the shops, galleries, and boutiques nestled along picturesque Main Street in historic Essex Village, a 3-minute walk from the ferry.



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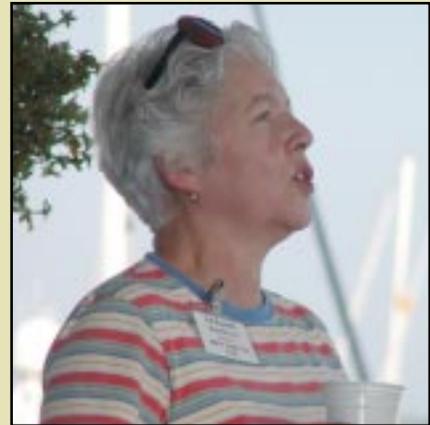


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On the first day, we found old friends and made new acquaintances. After picking up registration materials and a great Rendezvous T-shirt from Nordic Tugs, we lounged on the dock before heading to the deck for the Rum Concoction Party hosted by Wilde Yacht Sales. A potluck dinner followed, with hamburgers and hotdogs barbecued by chefs Bill and Don.

In all, 24 tug crews were there and 3 prospective crews as well. After a brief but productive owners' meeting, the group enjoyed a 12-minute mini-movie by Ruth Jansson on Mattituck Inlet, a local cruising destination, and a wonderful presentation by MaryLou and Don Schulz on their trip down the ICW to Florida last winter.

After a very full day, crews returned to their boats to rest up for the next day's busy schedule.



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Editorial

—By Ruth Jansson

Our association has changed a lot since our first rendezvous in 2001. Many ideas came from that event. As we visited each other's boats and saw the improvements that owners had made, we were eager to add those features to our own tugs. Our website was started as a direct result of wanting to share our ideas. The following year we all had magnets on our head doors and bookcases under the helm seats!

Reps from Nordic Tugs have been to all our rendezvous and we are always eager to talk with them about specific issues on our boats. They freely spend time with any owner who needs them.

The Cummins people are typically inundated with questions. When they offered to give classes, we jumped at the opportunity. Those classes have given us a greater sense of confidence as we cruise.

At first we had large-group discussions, but we realized that with owners' varying knowledge and level of expertise on many subjects, that perhaps a more intimate discussion would work better; as a result, the roundtable idea was born.

Our ranks have grown. Our needs have become diverse as new owners come onboard while long-time owners become more experienced with their boats. And the tug models are changing, too. We need to organize our future rendezvous with this diversity in mind.

Between this year and last, we raised \$1,100 at our raffles and we need to decide how to use those funds wisely.

As with all new associations, ours is experiencing growing pains. To help build a solid organization and to determine specific goals, this year we elected a Board of Governors. Among its first responsibilities: determine the structure of our association and put forth a slate of leaders to be elected by the membership.

As a group, we need to develop a vision of what we want to be. As individuals, we need to work with each other toward our common goals.

— Welcome aboard —

The Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association is here to stay!

Owners' meeting

Jim McCrea, president of our association, conducted our annual meeting. He and Ruth Jansson, newsletter editor, discussed what our organization has accomplished so far and challenged the members to think about what goals we want to set and where we want to go from here.

Treasurer Bette Conner reported that she was appointed as "keeper of the money" at last year's rendezvous, but felt that spending the money was a decision to be made by the group. As a result, the only expenditures to date were for stamps to mail out thank-you letters to raffle contributors and a roll of raffle tickets. Bette recommended that a committee be responsible for determining how our funds should be spent.

What we've done so far . . .

- Wilde Yachts started first rendezvous in 2001.
- Held annual rendezvous, tug parades, and apres'-vous cruises
- Had cruise presentations by owners
- Arranged for "diesel school"
- Created a website
- Published annual newsletters
- Established a fund through raffles
- Shared experiences and knowledge
- Found new friends

Mission Statement

It is our mission to . . .

- ▶ enhance our ownership experiences by communicating and sharing ideas, findings, cruising information, and local knowledge;
- ▶ provide assistance to other owners;
- ▶ maximize the values of our Nordic Tugs;
- ▶ enjoy social activities with each other and with other association members.

The draft of our mission statement was presented, and a list of "Where do we go from here" ideas and events was introduced for discussion.

Everyone seemed to like the idea of deciding how our association should be structured and governed. Jim asked for volunteers to serve on a Board of Governors, and, before the rendezvous was over, a slate of board members was presented to the group—and unanimously approved.

The ideas listed below—and others—will be considered by the new governing board and presented to the association members.

Where do we go from here?

- Determine association governance?
- Arrange regional cruises?
- Decide how to spend our reserve?
- Appoint rendezvous coordinators and committees for 2005?
- Design a logo and a burgee?
- Encourage participation on SENTOA

We need your input!

Newly elected Board of Governors

We look forward to hearing from you. Please forward your ideas and suggestions.

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Photo by Ruth Jansson

and from Nordic Tugs . . .

Jerry Husted, founder of Nordic Tugs, honored us once again this year by attending our rendezvous. As you may know, Jerry sea-trials every Nordic Tug that comes off the line. With his intimate and vast knowledge of the tugs, he is a great resource for our owners.

We also met Tracy Prescott, the new Sales & Marketing Director. Tracy & Jerry spoke to our group on Thursday morning and lead the NT roundtable discussion later in the day. They both visited boats and addressed individual concerns. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules to attend our event.



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Cruising presentations

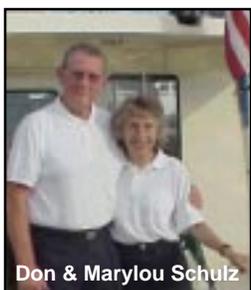


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A Winter's Tale: From New York to Florida

—MaryLou & Don Schulz

It was fun vicariously traveling the IntraCoastal Waterway with MaryLou & Don Schulz on their 37' *Theodore*. Through their travelogue, they took us on their cruise to many interesting places, including the Hudson River, the Chesapeake, the Dismal Swamp, Elizabeth City, and many quaint places in Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia

before reaching their destination—Melbourne, Florida. The photo at right was taken at one of their favorite places—the Isle of Hope Marina, nestled in the middle of a scenic historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places about 10 miles south of Savannah, GA, where southern hospitality abounds and a photo-op awaits around every corner. They spent 38 days journeying south, with the weather getting better around every bend. By the time they returned home this past spring, *Theodore* had taken them more than 2,700 nautical miles. It was a journey of a lifetime, and one they'll never forget. Thank you, MaryLou and Don, for sharing your adventurous trip with us.



Photo by MaryLou Schulz



Photo by Jack Blair

Destination: Mattituck Inlet, Long Island

—Ruth Jansson

Mattituck Inlet is a relatively unknown gem of a port on the North Fork of Long Island accessible via Long Island Sound just about half way between Port Jefferson harbor and Plum Gut. Ruth's presentation, a 12-minute mini-movie with photos, toe-tapping music, and narration, shows how the channel makes a turn once inside the breakwater, making it invisible from the water, before meandering a couple of miles south. It contrasts the commercial fisherman's

homes and boats with the upscale homes and yachts typical of the area's waterfront properties. With two marinas, each with a good restaurant, a federal anchorage at the head of the harbor, and town—with provisions, ice cream, antiques, and more eateries—just a short walk away, Mattituck Inlet is a great overnight cruise destination, and a good place to know about in the event bad weather finds you along this lonely stretch of Long Island Sound.



Photo by Ruth Jansson

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Parade of tugs and raft-up in Hamburg Cove

All photos on pages 6 & 7 by Jack Blair.



The parade is about to begin! With *North Star* at the lead, its huge American flag straight out in the fresh breeze, the tugs one by one pulled away from the docks.

When all tugs had left the marina and were lined up, *North Star* headed a little south, then turned west through the mooring channel to the Essex harborfront—and the parade of smart little tugs began in earnest.

We slowly cruised past the



yacht clubs, the Connecticut River Museum docks, and the marinas, with friendly onlookers smiling and waving.

As we left the harbor, the cadence increased, sterns took a bigger bite into the water, and we were on our way to Hamburg Cove, a short run up the river.

The host boat, *Wilde One 37*, entered first to pick up a mooring. Positions had been deter-



mined at the Skippers' Parade Meeting earlier, and crews readied fenders and lines as each vessel entered the protected waters of the narrow channel into the popular Hamburg Cove.

The 37s rafted first, flanking the host boat, with crews from the



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Wilde One 37



True Love



West Wind

rafted vessels taking lines from the incoming boats.

It wasn't long before the remaining tugs were secured. "Everybody on the bow!" came the cry from Jack Blair, our official rendezvous photographer in the photo boat. The long line of tugs was impressive, and many cameras went click, click, click all up and down the line.



Tootsie



Annie B

Shortly, the raft broke up and the tugs went to moorings in ones and twos. Many crews swam in the welcome fresh, warm water. Some kayaked, some explored by dinghy up the creek to the old-fashioned general store, while others lounged about.

Wilde One 37 hosted a cocktail party in late afternoon. As the

sun set and the skies dimmed, we returned to our boats for dinner, thinking about what a splendid rendezvous it had been.



Carisma



Theodore



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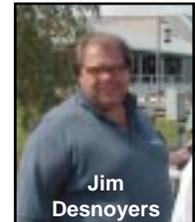
Roundtables

We thank our roundtable discussion group leaders



Mable Seymour

Basic radar techniques—Jim McCrea
 Financing/refinancing options—Jim Desnoyers
 Cooking & equipping your galley—Mable Seymour
 How to evaluate your insurance policy—Leslie Allaire
 Planning a Canadian canal cruise—Bette Conner & Ruth Jansson
 Cummins discussion—Jim Brown, Butch Stark, & Paul McAllister
 Monitoring & managing electrical systems—Peter James
 Nordic Tug discussion—Jerry Husted & Tracy Prescott
 Rope-splicing & knot-tying—Vic Burt



Jim Desnoyers



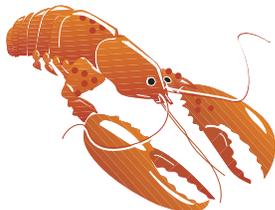
Leslie Allaire

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Bette Conner & Ruth Jansson

Photo by Charlie Jacobs



Lobster Fest at Essex Yacht Club

Thursday was chock-full. Introductions by Ben Wilde, Jerry Husted, and Tracy Prescott. Then boat-hopping. Lunch was provided by Beacon Marine Credit and the Fitzpatrick Agency.

Two sessions of Roundtable discussions came next followed by a sharing of wireless internet options.

The cocktail party at the Essex Yacht Club, sponsored by Beacon Marine Credit, was a rather festive event, with raffle tickets flying into containers adjacent to the items chosen. We raised exactly \$600 for our association!

Your choice: lobster, steak or swordfish—and accompanied by clam chowder, steamed mussels and clams, salad, corn on the cob, potatoes, and watermelon for dessert. It was casually elegant—and simply delicious!



Raffle Prizes - Grand List -

Oven mitt & towel set
 2 nights' dockage at Brewer Dauntless
LI Sound Embassy Guide
 Santa figure "Reel Good Time"
 Heavy-duty flashlight
 6 Cummins tote bags
 2 Kidde fire extinguishers
 Collapsed-bottle cheeseboard
 2 NobelTec digital chart vouchers, choice of region
 Basket with wine and beautifully decorated homemade items
 Tool pack & pens
 Tray, serving dishes, & napkins

GPS Instant Navigation
 50' 30-amp power cord
 Galley dish drainer
 2 subscriptions, *Ocean Navigator*
 2 *Ocean Navigator* hats
 "Essex" canvas tote bag
The Radar Book
 RI lighthouse placemats
 Basket of coffee & "SX" mugs
 Garwood Speedster model
 2 *Pocket Rules of the Road*
 "Essex" wooden fish with stand
 Shadowbox of knots
 SS fish hors d'oeuvres dish
 Wine ID tags, totebag
 CrowdPleaser tin of cookies, nuts, & caramel popcorn
 Checkers
 Stationery, guestbook

Placemats & oven mitt
 Braided dock line
 1 night dockage at Norwalk Cove Marina
 Wireties
 Nantucket shell basket
 Skipper Bob's *NY Canal System*
 Skipper Bob's *The Great Circle Route*
Maptech LI Sound chartbook
Maptech BI Sound chartbook
Maptech Cape Cod chartbook
 Brunch for 4 at Griswold Inn
 Weems & Plath brass barometer
 W&P Mariners' Photo Log
 W&P brass compass paperweight
 W&P brass compass paperweight with Nordic Tug logo
Cape Horn: One Man's Dream, One Woman's Nightmare



Have you been to diesel school yet?

Two years ago, 15 Nordic Tuggers took the familiarization class at the Cummins facility in Rocky Hill, CT. Last year, 13 of us went on two separate days to the all-day hands-on class where, working on an engine similar to ours, we changed injectors, checked timing, and learned other procedures as well.



Jim Brown

Photo by Ruth Jansson

The Engine Familiarization Class is a half-day class and is directed toward new owners. The class will focus on engine systems, operation, and basic maintenance. There are openings in the November 15th class. Cost: \$100.

The Hands-On Advanced Class is a full-day class with a limited number of participants. As of this writing there are still openings. Class dates: B Series Engine: Nov. 16, 17, 19. C Series Engine: Nov. 18. Cost: \$200.

If you would like to know more about either of these classes, email Cummins Instructor Jim Brown at

James.A.Brown@Cummins.com

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Cummins Metropower	Norwalk Cove Ship's
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- past events
- latest events
- upcoming events
- cruising destinations and logs
- links to anything Nordic Tugs
- custom changes/improvements with pictures

If you'd like to share any changes you've made to your tug, contact our webmaster at ntnoa@aol.com

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Phil & Natalie Stein..
... and guests

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NTNOA Chronicles



Dick Seymour

Dick Seymour (Sea Mischief II) has assembled a journal chronicling the history of the Nordic Tug Northeast Owners' Association from 2001 to the present. It's full of great pictures and even greater captions! There are copies of all the newsletters and other items from past rendezvous.

It's really important to have a recorded history. This compilation hasn't missed anything, and it's fun reading, too. If you didn't get a chance to see it, stop in at Ben's place at the lighthouse, sit a spell, and enjoy. Thanks, Dick, for all the creative effort you put into this project. Great job!

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Thank you . . .

Ben Wilde for hosting the rum party and for all the support and dedication to our organization—and to his wife **Sue Wilde** for all her help and enthusiasm.

Connie Connor for the countless hours she put in orchestrating our rendezvous.

Don Connor and **Bill Boyer** for all their support and the delicious BBQ.

Jim McCrea for organizing the parade, raft-up, and the cruise.

Jack Blair for following us around and being our Official Photographer.

Jim Desnoyers of Beacon Marine Credit for the buffet lunch.

Nordic Tugs, Inc., and **Cummins** for the great buffet breakfast.

Jim Desnoyers of Beacon Marine Credit and **Paul Fitzpatrick** of the Fitzpatrick Agency for the fabulous cocktail party.

Jerry Husted and **Tracy Prescott** for taking the time to come to our rendezvous and spending time with us.

Essex Coffee & Tea for Thursday morning's coffee.

MaryLou Schulz, **Rita Mackey**, **Bette Conner**, **Leslie Allaire**, and **Ruth Jansson** for their help in setting up the raffle, and **Sue Wilde**, **Ed Mackey**, and **Leslie Allaire** for conducting the raffle.

Bette Conner and **Ruth Jansson** for all their tasks, large and small, as Rendezvous Coordinators.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Next year's rendezvous will be held during the same time slot—Wednesday-Saturday, July 20, 21, 22, & 23, 2005. The new Board of Governors will be discussing a possible change of venue to the Essex Yacht Club.

Cummins is offering two classes this fall: a half-day introductory class and a full-day hands-on advanced class. See p. 9 for details.

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

— *Nordic Tug Newsletter* • **Bill Owe**, Editor • 844 Main Sail Lane, Gig Harbor, WA 98335-5102 • (253) 858-6164 • ldybump@juno.com • Cost: \$10

— *SENTOA* • See information at left. Cost: \$15

Boat shows this fall: Newport, September 16-19. Norwalk, September 23-26. A very large TrawlerFest will be held in Solomons, MD, on September 30-October 1-2. Exclusively trawlers with lots of workshops and people who love our kind of boat and boating. Go by land or sea. For more information, visit www.trawlerfest.com

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George Bevad, Ruth Jansson,
Stanley Klein, Gary Olsen, Bill Russell



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