



The Link

Long Island Sound Sabre Association

From the Commodore

I am happy to report that LISSA is healthy and growing with your dedication and support. LISSA remains one of the largest regional Boater's Owners Organizations. Our membership continues to grow. Also our costs have grown over the past thirteen years.



John Linnartz

This year is special since the new LISSA Cup will be presented at the Sabre Regatta in our nearby home waters of Newport, Rhode Island in June. You will be receiving mailings

about the Cup and about our other activities for this exciting year. See below for the schedule and look forward to further details on each.

LISSA's website is being given an updated look and should be ready for your viewing by early summer. I encourage you to visit it for timely details of our association's events, both upcoming

and past. Let's hope for a fair weather season with a great deal of "on-the-water" time for us all!

John Linnartz

2001 Schedule

Mark your calendar for some good times in 2001. Watch the web page for updates and your mail for final information.

MARCH 4

Sunday, March 4th

Our annual spring brunch at the very beautiful Stamford Yacht Club was attended by a group of 76 LISSA members and friends. Ralph Naranjo, technical editor *Cruising World* gave an outstanding "Cruising Destinations" presentation.

JUNE 21-24

Sabre Regatta

This is a two stop event: On Thursday, June 21, meet at Dodson's Boatyard in Stonington, CT where we have moorings reserved and a cocktail party planned ashore. On Friday, June 22, depart and voyage east to Newport, RI for the weekend of the annual Sabre Regatta.

JULY 21-22

Pirates Weekend

A new location for this weekend is a cruise to American Yacht Club, Rye, NY with moorings available for our boats. Wear the proper scoundrel's attire and enjoy a barbeque and the "Priates and More" program ashore.

OCTOBER 27

Frostbite Dinner

A Saturday evening for the Annual Frostbite Dinner, details are being arranged.



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GALLEY SECRETS

‘Fish & Cheez’ Appetizer

- 1 - 3 oz. cream cheese at room temperature
- 1 - 3 oz. can of tuna fish or crab meat drained
garlic powder to taste

Sauce:

- 1/2 cup of ketchup
- 3 TBS, chili sauce
- 1 heaping Tablespoon white horse radish

Day before or earlier in day before serving: mix fish, cheese, & garlic powder. Wrap in Saran & put on ice.

Separately combine ketchup, chili sauce, & horse radish.

Put on ice.

At serving time set fish mix on dish, pour sauce over.
Serve with crackers.

From Millie’s galley.

—LISSA on the water—

Habanero summer...Plan B

It was a beautiful summer! We were anxiously awaiting our vacation. We had planned to take two weeks off to coordinate a trip out to the eastern end of Long Island (and hopefully Block Island and maybe even Newport!) with the LISSA cruising rendezvous in Greenport, New York. The boat was ready, the charts were studied, the crew very excited.

Then, at the last minute, half the crew (one person!) was called away on business and wouldn’t be available for part of the trip. At first, I was depressed. We live on the south shore of Long Island, so we don’t get to many LISSA events with our boat. And, we needed a full 2 days in transit to make it to Greenport by

Saturday. I really had my heart set on this trip.

Our past Commodore inspired me. Would she have sat home and moped? Heck no! So, I mustered up my own crew—a neighbor who never sailed before, and a friend with quite a bit of sailing experience. I reviewed my plan with the crew, let them know what I felt my strengths and limitations were, and off we went! Bob was advised to take the train to Greenport and meet us there!

So next time your guy gets caught up, don’t let it ruin YOUR vacation! Just have your charts, know your boat, and always have a Plan B. See you on the water in 2001.

*Sue Montana,
“Habanero”*

—LISSA in the Caribbean



Off on a chartering vacation this year were (l to r) Harry and Millie Gonzales with Joe and Cherry Malus in Tortola, B.V.I., January 2001.



An annual event, the Caribbean 1500 sails from Hampton, VA to Virgin Gorda in the B.V.I. Last November, 2000 the rally had more than 50 boats including one from CT with Burt Alter (left) aboard. Burt met up in the islands with Ken Bardon’s “Moonbeam” crew (l to r) Gil Osnos, Ken Bardon, Nancy DeVries and Buddy Tell.

Larry and Diane Rudnick aboard “Destiny” before departing Bermuda in January 2001 on a year-long sabbatical taking them to St. Martin, Grenada, Trinidad and Venezuela. Check out the voyage on their website:

www.geocities.com/svDestiny2000.



Release me....that fool's going south

Late summer a couple of years ago my buddy Kevin and I were commiserating at the dock on just how short the sailing season was in these latitudes when one of us said why don't we sail our boats south this winter. Yes we quickly agreed—we could take the Intracoastal Waterway, extend our sailing season, and get away from the dreaded winter lay-up routine and storage contracts. We both have wanted to do that for a long time, it would be great!

Once committed to the plan there was no turning back. When I told Brenna, my significant other, what had transpired and that it really wasn't my fault, surprisingly, she was in favor of the plan—sort of. Out came the charts and guidebooks. We decided that Skull Creek Marina on Hilton Head Island was a destination far enough south to provide us with warmer climes and also seemed well protected from Nor' Easters. Most importantly there was a good airport nearby for those quick getaways during the winter.

In November Kevin and I were not having much luck finding crew for this 900 plus mile journey and, therefore, we decided that we'd single hand my Sabre 30 "Release Me" and Kevin's Catalina 30 "Tango". Soloing was something we often did in our home waters.

We reckoned we could day sail down the NJ coast putting in at Manasquan, Atlantic City, and Cape May and then sailing on to Ocean City MD before reaching the start of the ICW at Norfolk, VA. Except for the passage between Ocean City and Norfolk, which could take between 18 and 24 hours depending on weather conditions, these were all easy day sails. At least on paper this looked doable.

So one pre-winter November day we prepared our boats and ourselves as much as we could and weighed anchor.

Sailing from NY Harbor to the Chesapeake proved to be an adventure. We had planned this leg of the trip to take 5 to 6 days—it took us 14 days! November weather windows don't last very long.

By running the inlets each night we found ourselves squandering good weather at anchor and then ended up spending a lot more time at port waiting for the bad weather to pass. By the time we reached Norfolk, Kevin needed to get back to reality (his job) and left Tango tied up at port planning to catch up with me later.

Brenna, however, was able to join me for the next leg—a 200 mile motor trip on the ICW to Beaufort NC.

We motored winding up and down some magnificent rivers, through land cuts as straight as an arrow, and sailed a bit in the sounds of NC. The marinas are spaced out to accommodate the 40 to 50 miles that a sail boat can cover. We anchored out a couple of nights just for the fun of it but the anchorages were usually a little out of the way. Night travel in the ditch is possible (the commercial barges do it all the time) however, after dealing with confusing turns in the channel and myriad floating debris we decided that day tripping would be the most prudent way for us to go. Besides we wanted to see the ICW, not just get through it.

Weather at this point was not an issue except for Albermarle and Pamlico Sounds which were wide enough to create quite a fetch when the winds blew.

By the time we reached Beaufort, Brenna and I felt, for the first time since leaving home, we had sailed far enough to escape the winter grip of the L.I. Sound.

With Brenna needing to return to her job I was left to solo the third and last leg of this trip to Hilton Head, SC. Continuing to motor I found myself in a big ditch between the barrier islands and the mainland that seemed endless at times. I did get a few hours reprieve, with a different landscape, as I reached the Waccamaw River as it flows towards Georgetown SC. I stayed at marinas for most of this leg, however, after reaching the "low country" I decided I had to do at least one night at anchor. When I dropped the hook, I was up a little creek surrounded by marsh grass for as far as I could see.

I arrived at Skull Creek marina 42 days after leaving the LI Sound far exceeding what I had planned would be a 25 to 28 day cruise. This was mainly the result of weather conditions we encountered on the first part of the trip and a few layovers to deal with business back in New York.

The trip although long and arduous at times was a great learning experience. Brenna and I were able to spend long weekends on our boat and the winter did not feel near as long. When it came time to bring "Release Me" back north the following Spring Kevin and I had a new tack—*OUTSIDE ALL THE WAY*. Going down we saw the sights but, coming back was fast!

It is said that "God looks after fools" and I'll add even fools can learn to be better sailors—this fool sure has.

Randy Drummond
"Release Me"

Financial Report YE 2000

Carryover from 1999		\$ 1,143.27
INCOME		
Membership Dues	\$ 2,025.00	
Miscellaneous Income	25.00	
Program Fees	2,740.00	
Total Income		4,790.00
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges	44.00	
Dinners/Luncheons	4,493.36	
Postage	123.10	
Printing	239.24	
Miscellaneous	7.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 4,906.70
Cash Available 12/31/00		\$1,026.57

Thanks to:

The members and board of LISSA would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following companies for their support in donated door prizes for our various events.

Boat/U.S. – 9 Washington Street, So. Norwalk, CT 06854, (203) 866-4426.

Bruce & Johnson's Marina – (Brewer Yacht Yards), South Montowese Street, Branford, CT 06405, (203) 488-8329.

Hathaway Reiser & Raymond, Inc.–184 Selleck Street, Stamford, CT. 06902, 203-324-9581.

International Marine Publishing – New York, NY, (800) 262-4729.

Pilot's Point Marina– Westbrook, CT, (860) 399-7906.

Rex Marine Center – 144 Water Street, So. Norwalk, CT 06820, (203) 866-5555.



Sabre Corporation – Hawthorne Road, South Casco, ME 04077, (207) 655-3831.

Z Sails – 65 Commerce Street, Stamford, CT 06902 (800) 221-1884.

Sandy Hook Yacht Sales – 1246 Ocean Ave., Sea Bright, NJ 07760, 908-530-5500.

The Boatworks – 95 Rowayton Avenue, Rowayton, CT 06853, (203) 866-0882.

West Marine – 621 Jericho Turnpike, Syosset, NY 11791, (516) 364-4330.

West Marine – 401 Shippin Avenue, Stamford, CT 06903, (203) 969-7727.

West Marine – Milford, CT, (203) 877-4004.

Willis Marine – Huntington, NY 11791.

Reminder

Dues statements for 2001 have been sent by Millie Gonzales to all 2000 members. If you've paid already, thanks. If not, please do so to be included in this year's registry.

Boat U.S. LISSA Group Number:

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