

CURRENT SET AND DRIFT

Summer/Fall 2008: Special Photo Supplement

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WSPS Commander Frank E. Palmieri, AP



Our summer Thursday evening sails and Friday/Wednesday Fireworks Cruises turned out to be a great success. I think the pictures in this special issue tell the story best.

It started out as a few WSPS members (John Steger, Ron Gabel, Denis McGrath and I) on one boat out for a relaxing sail and later with an offer by Bob Kelly to view fireworks at Playland. We discussed what a pleasure it was and how others might enjoy such an evening. Well, from such little ideas it has now grown to many members from WSPS and CCPS joining on a number of boats, sharing many a wonderful evening, as you will see in the accompanying photos and John Steger's article. I think we may have started a new tradition for both WSPS and CCPS. For those of you who, because of work or family commitments, were unable to join us, we have put together this special pictorial issue dedicated to the summer cruises to share with you.

I will end this with one suggestion - look at the photos, picture yourself on one of those boats with a beautiful sunset in the background and plan to join us soon.

"Ships are the nearest things to dreams that hands have ever made, for somewhere deep in their oaken hearts the soul of a song is laid." -Robert N. Rose

The WSPS/CCPS summer Thursday night sails and Friday night cruises were a roaring success. The weather was kind to us so we sailed every Thursday night but two from 19 June to 18 September, and enjoyed three Friday Fireworks cruises. Over 35 people participated, many sailing more than once, and six different boats were used, for a total of 15 boat trips with nearly 100 people on the boats. The group enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow boaters, made new friends, witnessed magnificent sunsets, developed sailing knowledge from skillful captains and experienced the vagaries of sailing with mild winds, no winds and the thrill of heeling in very brisk winds. The cruises were a delight for everyone with fun people, skillful seamanship, great food and magnificent fireworks.

One of the benefits of these sails and cruises was the chance for members of the two squadrons to share experiences and get to know one another better. Based on our success this year, we plan to continue these events and hope to foster a greater spirit of cooperation between the two squadrons and involve more of our members.

LT/C John Steger, AP



Jean Heron with Capt. John



TRU LOVE waiting for the crew



Sunset near Eastchester Bay



Ron, Frank, Emilio & John



Gigi & Frank, with Bob & Pam swimming



GREEN STAMPS at the dock



Emilio and son Alex



Evening view from TRU LOVE



Jean, Guido & Emilio on WIND DANCER



A beautiful sunset from FRA-JO-LI



Marie Lambert and Nancy Steger



Steve & Mary Perry and Michael Shea



Peggy, Guido, Nettie & Paul on TOUCHE



John and Emilio at the helm



The end of a pleasant evening sail



Tara Goh enjoying her first sail!



Steve & Mary Perry



Frankie Palmieri



Denis McGrath & Frank Palmieri



Cheek to Cheek – Jean & Guido



Pam & Peggy on GREEN STAMPS



Candyce enjoying the evening on a sailboat!



Ron Gabel took this picture with his cell phone!



Jackie & Emilio Gonzales, Kristen Reynolds



Frank, Frankie, Emilio, John & Denis



Friday cruise with Marie, Nancy, Ron, Bob & Pam



Jackie Gonzales & Kristen Reynolds



Jean Darwick at the helm, Guido crewing



Dave Corcoran at the helm, Candyce on the GPS



The rainbow after our cancelled sail



John is the designated lookout



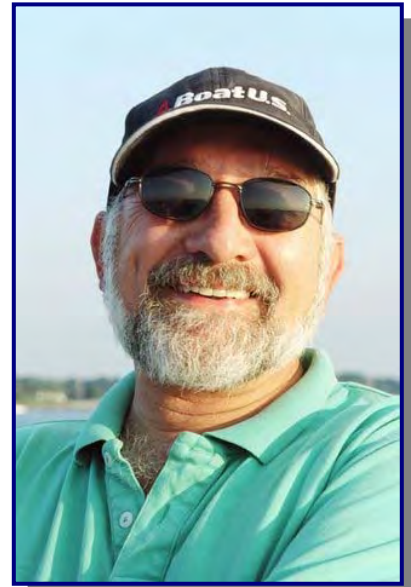
Mary Perry & Tara Goh



John and Frank on deck



Rainbow on the Sound



Frank Palmieri



Nettie Goldstein at the helm, Peggy crewing



Marie, Nancy, Ron, Bob & Pam in Rye Harbor



Emilio checking his sails



Frank pinning 25-year pin on Marie



John hauling up the main

Photo Credits:

**Candyce Corcoran
Ron Gabel
Frank Palmieri
John Steger**



Thanks to our Thursday and Friday evening “Cruise Captains”

Mel and Nettie Goldstein of CCPS, owners of 27 ft O'Day TOUCHE,
Emilio Gonzales, owner of 30 ft Tartan WIND DANCER,
Bob and Pam Kelly, owners of 9 meter Trojan GREEN STAMPS,
Frank Palmieri, owner 27 ft Pearson FRA-JO-LI,
Steve and Mary Perry, owners of 28 ft Pearson INDECISION,
John Steger, owner of 27 ft Catalina TRU LOVE



Special thanks:

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For initiating the cooperative spirit which resulted in the joint WSPS-CCPS evening cruises.

To **John Steger**, whose organizing efforts made the cruises possible.

To all **CCPS & WSPS members & friends** who joined us.