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Storm Trysail Foundation

Legacy dinner
honoring Arthur
"Tuna"
Wulschleger,
Jakob Isbrandtsen

Commodore's Column

As you become familiar with the new password protected Member-only section of StormTrysail.org take a moment to log in and update your member profile, especially choose the station you are active in, this will help the Larchmont office and the Station Fleet Captains plan and organize events.

Remember we have changed the Larchmont office email address to . Please delete any previous email addresses for the office.

and Jim Bishop.
Saturday April 11,
2015. [Register
here.](#)

Hands-on Safety at Sea Seminar

Training for
offshore events
this summer:
TransAtlantic,
Annapolis-
Newport,
Marblehead-
Halifax and more.
Moderated by past
Commodore Rich
duMoulin. SUNY
Maritime,
Saturday April 18,
2015. [Register
now!](#) To volunteer,
contact Butch
Ulmer (718) 885-
1700 or

Meet Team Alvimedica

Reception for
Volvo Race crew of
Team Alvimedica,
skippered by STC
member Charlie
Enright, will be
hosted by STC
Newport Station at
NYYC Harbour
Court, 1500

Keep a weather eye out for upcoming club and foundation
events:

- April 11, 2015 Storm Trysail Foundation Legacy Dinner at American YC, Rye, NY.
- April 18, 2015, Hands-on Safety at Sea Seminar at SUNY Maritime College, The Bronx, NY.
- May 11, 2015, Meet STC member Charlie Enright and Team Alvimedica on the Volvo Race Stopover in Newport. A reception will be held at NYYC Harbour Court at 1500 hours.
- May 22, 2015, Start of the annual Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race. If you're not racing, PRO Ray Redniss can still use volunteers on his RC.
- May 24, 2015, Awards Ceremony for the Block Island Race will be held at Stamford YC.
- June 21-26, 2015 Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week.
- Various times and places all summer, Junior Safety at Sea Seminars. Contact Kelly Robinson for latest schedule and to volunteer.
- October 10 & 11, 2015, Intercollegiate Offshore Race in conjunction with Larchmont YC. Contact Barry Gold to volunteer your boat or to volunteer for RC or coaching duty.
- October 10, 2015, Rendez-vous at Larchmont YC after the first day of racing.

I know I've missed other events hosted by various Stations, but that's why we need your station affiliation!

Enjoy the summer, whether you're racing in your local Mid-Week Beer Can Series, Around Block Island, in the TR2105 race across the 'pond', cruising Down East or just messing about in boats!

Lee Reichart

Commodore

Block Island Race Week

Monday May 11, 2015. Details to come.

Block Island Race

Fleet Captain and PRO Ray Redniss has posted the NOR for the 70th Storm Trysail Club [Block Island Race](#) starting May 22, 2015. Entries now accepted.

Block Island Race Week

Vice Commodore and event Chairman Peter Rugg encourages all members to come out and enjoy Storm Trysail Club [Block Island Race Week](#) XXVI. Enter now!

Save the date!

Block Island Race Week Members Party, Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

East Coast Ocean Series

If your boat is in Florida and you are planning on

Its 50 years since the Storm Trysail Club hosted the first Block Island Race Week and we're still developing new twists on our successful formula. This year we will have new initiatives while bringing back some of the best of the old; **new**: smart phone app, drone video coverage and the GEM Youth Trophy; **revivals**: feeder races and crew lists in the Race Week Program but no change to great racing and great partying!

The Committee is grateful for the more than 100 members and friends and spouses who have volunteered to support our biggest event. Our sponsors have responded nicely, and our entry list currently exceeds 150, a number that we hit about 10 days later in 2013. We have big classes for the North American Championships in the J109 class and the East Coast Championships for the J105s .

In response to what competitors told us in our survey after the 2013 Race Week, we intend to have bigger, more competitive classes in the 2015 Block Island Race Week. As a result, presently we plan on 3 circles. One design and rated classes will have multiple races per day, while Cruising classes, with and without spinnakers, double-handed and Classics will have one navigator race per day. RC Chairman Dick Neville has gathered an impressive squadron of support boats, and we appreciate all of you who have joined in that effort.

Speaking of special effort, the Block Island Race Week XXVI **Leadership Team** has been hard at work for more than a year. Our thanks to Dick Neville, John Fisher, Eric Kreuter, Joe Cooper, Ed Cesare, Dan Faria, Tom Delaney, Sean McNeill, Mike Puleo, Barry Gold, Marcy, Whitney, Commodore Reichart, and many others.

Smart Phone App. We are not going public outside of the club just yet, but we have signed a contract for a smart phone App that will digitize our daily newspaper. This is an environmentally friendly way to expand our readership both on and off Block Island. The App will be a one click lens focused on Race Week activities including scores, race documents, the web site, FaceBook, daily feature articles

Block Island Race Week XXVI, Annapolis to Newport Race or Charleston Race Week use the races of the new [East Coast Ocean Series](#) co-sponsored by the club. Click on the link above to register or contact Nick Langone for more details.

TransAtlantic Race

Storm Trysail Club is a co-sponsor of this summer's race from Newport to The Lizard and on to Cowes. More information at [TR2105](#)

and pictures on [WindCheckMagazine.com](#), You Tube and more. We believe that this will be a key attraction for competitors and Race Week followers alike, and are beginning to let potential sponsors know about the value opportunity.

The **Race Week Program** will have an early edition with the NORs for the event and the 3 feeder races in it. We will distribute it to you in late April or early May as a PDF. The final edition will skip the NORs and have a complete list of boats entered and their crews. This mimics the Program from 50 years ago (available for download at [blockislandraceweek.com](#)) and will bring back some the camaraderie and family fellowship that we all enjoyed so much in former years.

NEW! The GEM Youth Trophy memorializes the ideals of long-time club member, the late William Ziegler, III, an accomplished sailor who frequently raced his yachts named GEM at Block Island Race Week with young sailors, some of whom were recruited off the dock on race day. The trophy will be presented to the best yacht with at least 70 percent of its skipper and crew, male or female, younger than 25 years of age. Donated by Steve and Heidi (Ziegler) Benjamin.

Feeder Races to Block Island will start Saturday June 19 & 20, 2015 hosted by American YC, Rye, Mystic River Mudheads, Groton Long Point and STC Newport Station, Newport. [Register Here!](#)

This edition of Block Island Race Week will be a **Green Regatta** with goals to reduce waste, recycle as much as possible, move as appropriate from paper to digital, and remind everyone that we are out on the water because we love it. Our dedication to protecting our marine environment will pay big dividends in the future. We still have openings for partners and sponsors for this initiative. Call the office with any leads, we'll take it from there.

Block Island Race Week has developed a strong **FaceBook** presence that has helped to build participation and generate interest. During June we hope to have a very strong social network presence with consistent hash marks on Twitter,

FaceBook, YouTube, Instagram, etc, including chat, pictures, video, drone feeds, and a lot of humor in our content. To pull this off successfully, we need volunteers, especially someone to lead the organization of our growing group of social networkers. Volunteers to take on this important position will be lauded with praise or Mount Gay, whichever you prefer. Please contact the Race Week Committee through Marcy or Whitney in the office.

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Peter Rugg, Vice Commodore and Regatta Chairman

Member Spotlight - Ralph Naranjo

By Bill Wagner

The Storm Trysail Club picked up a good one when Ralph Naranjo became a member about 10 years ago.

Naranjo will never forget his boat and family being saved by a storm trysail during a brutal crossing of the Tasman Sea while sailing from New Zealand to Australia in 1978.

He has raised the specialty sail used in heavy winds many times since and thus was immediately intrigued in a club comprised of members entirely of expert offshore sailors who are capable of handling a vessel in storm conditions.

"What got me interested was the name. I thought to myself: Now this is a club of people who have gone to sea," Naranjo said. "I've spent a lot of time under a storm trysail, and I have a lot of respect for what it can do for you in rough weather."

That experience in the Tasman Sea came during a five-year family voyage around the world that Naranjo documented in his book titled "Wind Shadow West." In June 1976, Ralph and



wife Lenore sold their house in California then set sail along with their two young children on the adventure of a lifetime.

From 1976 through 1981, the Naranjo family cruised their Ericson 41-footer named Wind Shadow all over the South Pacific Ocean – starting in Hawaii then stopping in such amazing locales as the Cook Islands and French Polynesia en route to the original destination of New Zealand.

After spending 18 months in New Zealand – with Ralph working as a biology teacher in the town of Henderson outside Auckland – the family decided to continue the voyage. Following a stop in Sydney, Australia, Wind Shadow made its way to the northern territory capital city of Darwin by way of the Great Barrier Reef, which Naranjo described as “absolutely spectacular.”

From there it was into the Indian Ocean with visits to Ashmore Reef, Bali and the Christmas Islands. One of the more interesting destinations was the uninhabited island of Suvarrow, where New Zealander Tom Neale lived alone for 16 months and wrote about in the book “An Island To Oneself.”

After rebuilding the rudder of the Ericson 41 in Mauritius, it was onto South Africa with ports of call in the great coastal cities of Durban and Capetown, rounding the Cape of Good Horn in the process. En route to South Africa, Wind Shadow anchored in the lee of the Cargados-Carajos Shoals, very near the spot where Vestas Wind ran aground during the current Volvo Ocean Race.

“The diving, lobstering and fishing there was amazing,” Naranjo said.

Following a 37-day crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, Wind Shadow made port in Fortaleza, Brazil before embarking on a two-month tour of the Caribbean. By that time, the Naranjo children were 12 and 10 years old and had never attended school. Ralph and Lenore felt guilty about that, but their home schooling actually put the kids ahead and daughter Tara would earn a degree from Dartmouth while son Eric would graduate from the Naval Academy.

Naranjo notes that his professional career has been divided into 10-year increments. There was the decade spent as a teacher/administrator at Rio del Valle Middle School in California. Following the five-year family voyage, he spent another decade managing the boatyard at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

The latter position brought Naranjo back to his roots as he grew up in the Long Island town of Cold Spring Harbor and first caught the sailing bug as a member of the Sea Scouts, crewing aboard an instructor's Olson 35.

Naranjo first began writing for Cruising World Magazine in 1976 while cruising up-and-down the California coast aboard an Excalibur 26 – a MORC-designed quarter tonner. Naranjo's success skippering Wind Shadow around the world solidified his credentials as an authority on offshore passage making while the book that recounted the extended trip clearly displayed his skills as a writer.

Naranjo has been writing about maritime topics ever since, holding longtime positions with both Cruising World and Sail Magazine. He is currently technical editor to Practical Sailor while still contributing regularly to Cruising World and writing a monthly column for Chesapeake Bay Magazine.

Naranjo's third full-time job brought him to Annapolis to serve as Vanderstar Chair at the Naval Academy. Named in honor of Cornelius Vanderstar, the position is responsible for all safety, training and material matters associated with the Naval Academy sail-training program.

During his tenure, Naranjo helped guide safety and seamanship training of midshipmen while playing a key role in development of the Navy's new 44-foot sail training sloops that were designed by David Pedrick and built by Tillotson-Pearson.

While living on Long Island from 1980-1990, Naranjo got into serious racing as regular crewmember aboard Puffin, a Sparkman & Stephens 47 owned by Eddie Greeff. He feels

fortunate to have done two Newport-to-Bermuda Races along with Rod Stephens, whose renowned company designed Puffin.

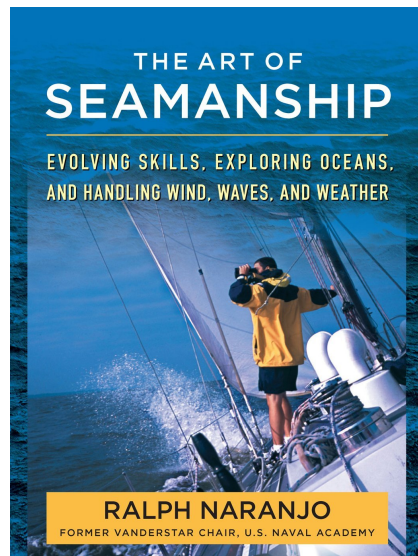
“I call that period my graduate school of yachting,” Naranjo said. “My obsession is cruising, but I felt it was important to spend time racing in order to perfect my idea of cruising, which is time under sail.”

When John Bonds was president of US Sailing, he instituted a national program for conducting Safety-at-Sea seminars. Naranjo came aboard as moderator in 1992 and has been heavily involved ever since. He has been instrumental in running the Annapolis Safety-at-Sea Seminar that is hosted by the Naval Academy and has also helped direct events in the Great Lakes, Gulf of Mexico region of Texas, Southern California and the Pacific Northwest.

Naranjo’s second book drew from his experiences at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club and was titled Boatyards and Marinas. Now one of the most authoritative voices in the marine community has completed his third book titled The Art of Seamanship.

Published by McGraw-Hill Education, the nearly 500-page tome is sub-titled Evolving Skills, Exploring Oceans and Handling Wind, Waves and Weather. It took Naranjo six years to write the instructional book, which is aimed at people wanting to go offshore.

“I went from a young man who was rather risky to Mr. Safe,” Naranjo said. “I learned over the years precautions and preventive measures are the keys to good seamanship. Through proper preparation and planning, followed by skilled operation and seamanship, you can avoid some of the pitfalls that arise out on the water.”



A major premise behind the Art of Seamanship is that this blending of pre-voyage preparedness with effective on-the-water response is learned rather than inherent. In well-organized chapters, Naranjo discusses such topics as the attributes of a good skipper and crew, fine-tuning the seaworthiness of one's boat, using weather information and routing skills to reduce risk, developing boat-handling skills, navigation in the satellite age, emergency preparedness along with various aspects of rigging, line handling and hardware installation.

"I think the underlying theme of the book is that knowledge is power. There is a lot about the mental process of decision-making," Naranjo said. "One of the new things about this book is that it is not a narrative, it is not dictatorial. I include a lot of interviews with various experts in the field and a lot of real-life stories that help make various points."

The Art of Seamanship is being used by the Storm Trysail Club as part of its Hands-on Safety-at-Sea Seminar that combines online and on-water instruction, which is being held April 18th at SUNY-Maritime. All registrants for the Seminar will receive either a hard copy or a Kindle edition of The Art of Seamanship at no additional charge.

"I respect the Storm Trysail Club's efforts to spread the word about being very, very careful when going to sea," Naranjo said. "The club is doing a lot of work that is very valuable."

McGraw-Hill has printed 15,000 copies of The Art of Seamanship, which can be purchased by visiting Amazon.com.

New Member Profiles

Bill Biewenga has sailed 39 Transatlantics and over 400,000 nautical miles, 50,000 miles of which was accomplished in the Southern Ocean. He has circumnavigated the globe several times, and helped to set records from San Francisco to Boston, New York to Melbourne, Australia, Cape Town to Rio and in the Mediterranean's Middle Sea Race. Bill has experienced the "joy of champagne trade wind sailing as well as the horror of a brutal North Atlantic storm that broke apart the 60' ORMA, Trimaran, Sebago, off the coast of Ireland during the 1988 Quebec – St. Malo Race. He is one of the world's foremost sailing weather routers. Bill is outgoing, generous and helpful to other sailors. He and his partner Laurie Warner live in Wellfleet, MA.



Gerry Bourke has nearly 20 years of offshore sailing and racing experience as Watch Captain, Deckhand and Navigator. Gerry is adept on any vessel including Etchells in large one Design fleets such as the Miami Jag series and larger cruising/racing boats on trips from Ft. Lauderdale to Key West and Miami to Nassau as well as long offshore deliveries. He has served on many race committees as Safety Coordinator and shows complete understanding of that aspect of sailing. Gerry lives in Miami with his wife Sharon and their 2 children.



Guy Brierre has been sailing since aged 12. He has extensive offshore sailing experience as Watch Captain, Helmsman, Navigator and Crew in 12 Regatas al Sol, Pineapple Cup, Havana Cup, Ida Lewis Distance race, Harvest Moon and numerous Gulfport – Pensacola races. Guy is currently Rear Commodore of Southern Yacht Club. As Co-Chairman of the Regata al Sol for the past 8 years he has introduced Safety at Sea seminars, tracking, communication



and other requirements enhancing safety. He has an avid interest in starting a program to introduce more junior and young adults to big-boat sailing. Guy and his wife Pam live in Metairie, LA with their 2 daughters Catherine and Clare.

Barry Dwyer grew up on Long Island's Great South Bay. He has a varied sailing history and has participated in over 20 BI and Vineyard Races, at least 15 Around Long Island Regattas, 12 Newport to Bermuda races and 2 Marblehead to Halifax races. In his own words, "There have been moments of boredom and moments when I have questioned what the hell I was doing out there. And yes, I have set a storm trysail from necessity." Barry has not only been a watch captain in many races, but his well-rounded skill set let him handle the foredeck and he is also an excellent sail trimmer. Barry is a self-made businessman and lives with his wife Elizabeth and their 3 daughters in Ashburn, VA.



Scott Florio has twenty five years of experience racing and cruising up and down the Eastern Seaboard. His roles have included Watch Captain, Navigator, Trimmer and Maintenance person. He has extensive experience in heavy weather/reduced canvas sailing. Scott is a very active member of the American Yacht Club, Chairing or Co-Chairing the Harbor, Model, Entertainment, Grounds, Fine Arts, and Junior Sailing Big Boat Committees. In addition to being a member of the Long-Term Planning, Race, Safety & Rescue, Sailing and Protest Committees, Scott is also the new Rear Commodore at AYC. STC member Barry Gold describes Scott as "one of the single most-dedicated, generous and passionate volunteers for the sport of competitive yacht racing." Scott, his wife Wendi and their 2 sons live in Rye, New York.



Graham Philpot has been sailing since he was ten years old. At college at Mass Maritime, he began sailing big boats.

His experience at Mass Maritime both on and off the water developed his values of teamwork, leadership, perseverance, and courage. He has crewed on boats in Bermuda races, Ida Lewis Distance race, Block Island Race, Fagawi, team races, Annapolis NOOD regatta along with numerous others. In 2011 he was bowman on a Nelson/Marek 50 in the Marion to Bermuda race where conditions deteriorated to an ugly 70+ winds during a squall. Graham lives in Laconia, NH.

Saint Julian Rosemond is a native of Miami and has sailed everything from Prams and Sunfish to Seventy Footers and sailed them well. He has spent the majority of his racing and cruising experience up and down the East Coast, the Bahamas, and the Florida Keys. He has always taken a position of responsibility, watch captain, navigator, or skipper. He has been a stalwart member of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club Regatta Committee for over 15 years. Saint and his wife Elaine live in Coconut Grove, FL with their 2 children, Palmer and Elaine.

Matthew Tym grew up sailing in Indiana, ran a local junior sailing program for four years, worked as an instructor at an offshore sailing school for two years and worked for Bill Gladstone in running a sailing school and racing seminar series throughout the U.S. for three years. Matt has a long and impressive list of sailing accomplishments including overall division wins in the 1995 & 1997 U.S. Sailing Soling Champs, 1997 SORC, 1997 Key West Race Week and 2014 Shields Nationals. Matt's distance, offshore and heavy-weather sailing expertise makes him very knowledgeable and experienced sailor. He and his wife Meg live with their 3 children in New Rochelle, NY.



Scott Vogel has been tested in all conditions: offshore, coastal and inshore. He has several Americas Cup campaigns on his resume, as well as, multiple Vineyard and Block Island races, Fastnet, Bermuda, and IDA Lewis

Distance races. He is consistent, always acquitting himself in a seamanlike fashion. He is a fantastic mentor for younger and less experienced sailors. Scott and his wife Dorena live in Jamestown, RI with their 4 children: Henry, Dylan, Emma and Kate.

Hendrikus Whisker grew up in Holland where after selling his company, he bought a Swan '57 taking delivery of her in Sweden. He sailed first to England and then to Spain, Portugal and into the Mediterranean. Henk took part in the ARC ending in the Caribbean in 2005. He has sailed in 3 Bermuda races taking 3rd in class in 2012 and 1st in class in 2014. Through the many miles he's covered, both inshore and offshore, Henk has sailed through numerous storms and rough seas. His level of preparation, safety, and seamanship makes him a great addition to STC. Henk lives in Round Hill, Virginia with his wife Mary and their 2 children.



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