

May 2, 2012

Dear Fellow NAS Member,

A new sailing season is upon us and NAS is off to a fast start. The **Safety for Cruising Couples seminar** held in conjunction with the New York Station of the Cruising Club of America in March was a huge success. Many thanks to NAS members Anne and Larry Glenn, David Tunick, and Sheila McCurdy for organizing the event and leading some of the presentations. Feedback from participants was very positive, and this likely will become a regular event, held on alternate non-Bermuda Race years.

Our **Spring Meeting** will be held June 2 at Past Post Captain David Tunick's Stamford, CT home. Following the 1300 meeting, which includes a smorgasbord and Aquavit, we will be joined at 1400 by the New York Station of the CCA for the Annual Family Clambake. Notice and invitations for the clambake have been sent separately, and an additional response form is included with this mailing.

NAS will host this year's **Five Club Regatta** for junior sailors August 13-18 in Newport under the supervision of Junior Program co-chairs Angelica Barrows and MaryPat Whitmyer. The five Home Clubs have been invited to send teams for three days of on-the-water clinics and racing and a day of socializing and enjoying the attractions of Newport. It is always a fun and inspiring event and any members wishing to help can contact Angelica at [angelicabarrows@aol.com](mailto:angelicabarrows@aol.com) or MaryPat at [marypat@whitmyer.org](mailto:marypat@whitmyer.org).

This year's **Atlantic Round** regatta for adults will be hosted by the Royal Danish Yacht Club in Copenhagen, September 1-4. Racing will be in J-80 class boats and include both fleet and match racing. KDY members will host visiting teams in their homes and the accompanying social events are always special. Members interested in participating as part of the NAS team should contact me at 401-847-0051 or [davidc.brown@verizon.net](mailto:davidc.brown@verizon.net).

The **Annual Meeting Dinner Dance Gala** will be held at the New York Yacht Club December 7. The business meeting will be at 1600 and the reception and dinner will feature the usual ceremonies, singing and skoaling, presentation of awards for the season, an outstanding dinner, the Santa Lucia singers, and dancing to the Muskrat's band far into the night. It is the highlight of the season and an event not to be missed!

In keeping with our tradition of holding a **Scandinavian Cruise** every three years, we are planning a cruise in Denmark in July, 2014. I have appointed David Tunick Cruise Chairman and he has already commenced planning and will shortly be visiting Denmark where *Night Watch* is currently berthed. He will meet with other NAS and KDY members involved in organizing what will surely be an outstanding cruise. We again will have as our "Mothership" the *LOYAL* which served us so well on our Norway and Finland cruises. Information on available private cabins and common room berths on *LOYAL* as well as charter boat availability can be obtained from David by contacting him at [dtunick@tunickart.com](mailto:dtunick@tunickart.com).

The following candidates for membership will be presented to the Governors for consideration at the Spring Meeting. Any member wishing to comment on a candidate's suitability for NAS membership should contact the Membership Committee Chairman, Thacher Brown, at [thacherbrown@gmail.com](mailto:thacherbrown@gmail.com).

| <u>Candidate</u>                             | <u>Proposer</u>     | <u>Seconder</u> |
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| John Clementson, Newtonards, N. Ireland      | David Tunick        | James Gage      |
| Clive and Elisabeth Scott, Falkirk, Scotland | David Tunick        | Nicholas Brown  |
| John Treanor, Houston, TX                    | Ernest Godshalk III | Ross Sherbrooke |

Michael Geagan, our WebMaster, reminds us that the website ([northamericanstation.com](http://northamericanstation.com)) needs input and content from the membership. We would like to make the site a more useful and informative resource for our members and we welcome your suggestions. Contact Michael at [michael@geagan.com](mailto:michael@geagan.com).

Secretary Nick Orem reports that response to the 2012 dues notice has been good, but there still are a number of members who have yet to make their payment. If you have not sent Nick your check, please take a moment today to do that. If unsure if you have paid and to avoid making a duplicate payment, contact Nick and he will let you know and send you a payment form if you have misplaced the original ([nickorem@gmail.com](mailto:nickorem@gmail.com) or 978-255-1309). And please consider a voluntary donation to The Atlantic Round (tax deductible), the Junior Exchange Program, or an unrestricted gift. Your support will allow us to continue run high quality programs and provide enjoyable events for our members and Home Club guests.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring Meeting and Clambake June 2 and other events throughout the year. With best wishes for a great sailing season, I close with Past PC David Tunick's oft-quoted ancient Phoenician proverb:

***“The Gods do not deduct from man's allotted span those hours spent sailing.”***

Sincerely,

David C. Brown  
Post Captain

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