

October 3, 2012

Dear fellow NAS member,

Summer has given way to fall, and for many of us this means the end of another sailing season is approaching. This is a good time to review the past season and look ahead to upcoming events to be enjoyed with other Station members and our Home Club friends.

Looking back, the **Spring Meeting** held at David Tunick's home in Stamford June 2<sup>nd</sup> was a great opportunity to conduct some NAS business before joining the members of the New York Station of the Cruising Club of America for the traditional joint **Family Clambake**. The Scandinavian smorgasbord, Aquavit and skoaling, tasty lobsters with all the trimmings, perfect weather, and terrific company made for a great day.

The **Five-Club Regatta** for junior sailors was hosted by NAS in Newport August 13-18 and was a great success. Light winds challenged the sailors but the regatta committee, under the leadership of Junior Program co-chairs Angelica Barrows and MaryPat Whitmyer, succeeded in getting in enough racing and social events ashore to provide another memorable experience for all the participants, culminating with an awards banquet and New England seafood buffet at the New York Yacht Club's Harbour Court.

This year's **Atlantic Round** was to have been held in Copenhagen in early September but was cancelled. Several reasons were given for the cancellation by host club KDY, and questions were raised regarding the viability of the event going forward. In response to concerns expressed by NAS and other Home Club representatives, a special meeting was called by KDY Commodore Fleming Ipsen to address those concerns. Atlantic Round Chairman David Tunick accompanied me in representing the NAS, and we were joined by senior representatives of the other Home Clubs. I am pleased to report that a compelling case was made for the importance of the Atlantic Round and the desirability of maintaining it in the current format of an annual event, with hosting rotating among the Home Clubs, and NAS continuing to host every three years. It will be resumed next year with NJK as host, and KDY will host in 2014 and NAS in 2015.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> I represented NAS at the **Valeur-Jensen Stamford-Denmark Race** at Stamford Yacht Club. The race is now named for our late member Werner Valeur-Jensen who was the organizer and driving force behind this wonderful international event since its inception 47 years ago.

The 2012 **Annual Meeting and Black Tie Gala Dinner Dance** will be held at the New York Yacht Club Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The business meeting will take place at 1600 and pre-dinner cocktails in the Model Room at 1830. Formal notice and invitations will be forthcoming, but

mark your calendar now and save the date for this not-to-be-missed highlight of the holiday season.

Those who have expressed an interest in our next **Scandinavian Cruise**, in Denmark in 2014, will have received separately an update from Cruise Chair David Tunick. This will be a crossed-burgee cruise with Stamford Yacht Club and anyone else considering participating in the cruise and desiring to be on the mailing list for information should send me a check for \$40.00.

The following candidates have been proposed for membership and are posted in accordance with our By Laws:

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>Proposer</u>       | <u>Second</u>           |
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| <b>Michael Coady, Darien CT</b>                       | <b>Ove Haxthausen</b> | <b>Jennifer Bowden</b>  |
| <b>David MacFarlane, Barrington, RI</b>               | <b>Michael Spicer</b> | <b>Angelica Barrows</b> |
| <b>Dr. Stephen &amp; Gale Sherman,<br/>Tucson, AZ</b> | <b>David Tunick</b>   | <b>Ove Haxthausen</b>   |

Our fiscal year is winding down and Secretary-Treasurer Nick Orem has sent reminder notices to those members still delinquent in paying their 2012 dues. If you received a notice and have not responded to Nick, please take a moment now and send a check for the appropriate amount (\$100 for regular members, \$150 for couples who both wish to be voting members with full club privileges.) If you are in doubt as to your status or have paid and our records need correcting, please contact Nick at his address at the bottom of the first page, by phone at 603-359-3618, or his email address [nickorem@gmail.com](mailto:nickorem@gmail.com).

I am attaching a report provided by Peter Ward and Allan Heyward which I think you will enjoy. It describes their adventures in Helsinki where they, along with their wives and Lars Colliander, represented NAS at the NJK 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in March 2011.

NJK will be participating in the New York Yacht Club's third International Invitational Regatta to be held in Newport next September 7-14. I hope all NAS members living in the Newport area will consider hosting NJK crewmembers in their homes during the regatta and pre-regatta training period. A formal request will follow, but please make a note on your calendar for 2013.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance, and close with the 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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