

SUMMER 1984



Original members who attended the 25th Anniversary Ball (left to right): Jean and Ray Gaffey, Suzan and Ted Hood, Davida Carvin and Bob Davidoff, Harriette and Joe Goldman, Mary Emily Brown (Bill's oldest daughter) and Bill Sheehan, Joan and Jon Huntington, Pat and Earle Michaud.



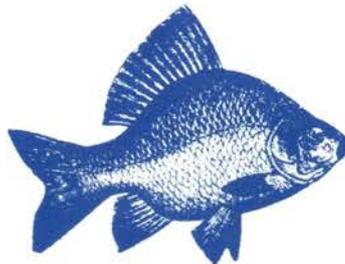
OUR SILVER ANNIVERSARY

For the fortunate who attended our Spring Meeting, it was an excellent affair. The team of Sarkisian, Michaud, DeSatnick and Koelsch structured the complete affair, even to the seating selections of the guests. The band was excellent, and the music was well utilized. We reminisced about the cotton sails and wooden boats that the club founders used.

B.W.S.C. was founded at the dawn of a whole new era in pleasure boating. None of the original members at its founding had any conception of the wide input the club would have in national and international sailing circles.

Biennially we send 15-18 club boats in the Marion to Bermuda Race. Within the last few months, Joe and Harriette Gold-

man have sailed to and from the British Virgins. Dr. Ed Gibson is sailing north from The Falkland Islands (and without a compass). Russ and Elaine Goldsmith are sailing to Ireland this summer. We've come a long way and they've been wonderful, exciting, and challenging years.



BLUE WATER SKI WEEKEND

Judi and Jerry Marcus

**Great Weather — Great Skiing
Great Accommodations — Great Time
Great Friends**

The Blue Water Sailing Club annual ski rendezvous took place during the weekend of March 2-4.

Fifty enthusiastic "ski-lors" boarded the chartered bus at Riverside Station on Friday afternoon for our trip to Stratton Mountain, Vermont. The T-G-I-F cocktail party enroute relaxed one and all, and a supper stop at McDonald's held us over until we arrived at the beautiful remodeled Stratton Mountain Inn. After a quick check-in, the elders retired to the bar and the teenagers found the Jacuzzi hot tubs.

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**THESE SCENES WILL
REMINDE MANY OF THE
GOOD TIMES COMING UP IN
JULY '84.**



Hurry up and take the picture, will ya!



Scavenger Hunt: Erewhon, Odyssey, and Whimsey.



"The Great Misery Island Raft-In"

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Saturday dawned a crisp sunny day. Fortified by a copious buffet breakfast we left early to test the newly fallen snow. Downhill and cross-country skiers alike gave it their all. Back to the Jacuzzi hot tubs and sauna to loosen those stiff limbs.

That evening's activities were led off by an open bar with hot hors d'oeuvres followed by our private banquet featuring a rack of lamb dinner and accompanying wine. Afterwards, socializing and dancing in the lounge went into the wee hours.

Sunday was an even more beautiful day for skiing. With regrets, we boarded the bus at 4:30 for the return trip to Boston. This time our stop enroute was Burger King, and a tired but very happy group disembarked at Riverside at 9:30 P.M.

We have placed a tentative hold on the same place, same weekend, for next year and anticipate that BWSC will fill two buses.

It was a great pleasure to host this event, and we hope that next year's planners are blessed with skiers who show as much spirit and enthusiasm as this year's group.

HOW TO SPEND THE WINTER

Hilda Marvin

We really have moved about on boats in the past eight months and I thoroughly agree with Mole in *The Wind in the Willows* when he said to Rat, " — there is nothing — absolutely nothing half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."

We were asked if we would boat-sit the 56' McCurdy & Rhodes ketch, PELAGIAL for the month of October in Bermuda while her owners were away. We were delighted. I'd never even been to Bermuda. The boat was on a storm mooring which Vale had arranged for with the advice of Jerry Trimmingham. It was in a protected cove off Hinson Island in Hamilton Harbor about a mile from the city. We dinghied back and forth in a 9 foot Boston Whaler which, though lovely to look at was WET! We were given a guest card at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club which was super since we could leave our dinghy at their floats while we

explored the island. We took buses and left the Mopeds for the young and adventurous. Their buses are excellent and we did the beaches, St. Georges, climbed Gibbs Light and measured the smallest (18" span) drawbridge in the Western hemisphere. I explored all the shops in Hamilton and St. George while Vale "people watched" and enjoyed talking with natives. We found people friendly and thought the females were very stylish.

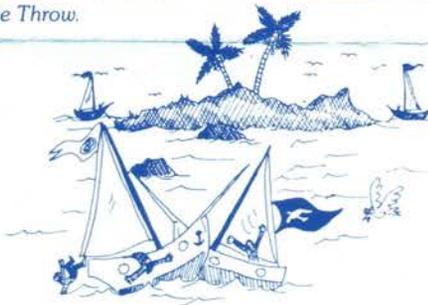
The first two weeks were hot and humid. We swam off the boat and were very comfortable. The second two weeks were wet and squally. During a couple of very heavy blows we were glad to be literally chained to the bottom in a protected cove. Two boat were lost enroute to Bermuda during this time and we saw several boats in St. Georges which had suffered heavy damage. Not the time of year to be sailing to Bermuda. A beautiful island (all 20 square miles) and popular — in the month of September approximately 42,000 people visited it. Food is expensive but everything is available.



Frisbee Throw.



Egg Toss.



What is this you say I'm eating?



After Thanksgiving we flew to Virgin Gorda and were on board the Hinckley 50 BELON for three weeks which was at the Yacht Harbor for the winter. We did quite a few projects on board so she would be in Bristol condition when the Piries arrived to cruise after Christmas. We flew home for Christmas and were back at the Yacht Harbor again on BELON on Feb. 24th. (Anyone might think we like it there — we do!). We spent several days with Bill and Etta Deighan who were cruising the British Virgins on a Gulfstar 44. Fun being with our good friends.

In March we flew to St. Kitts with our native friend, Ernie, who was born there and whose mother and sister live there. We had sailed by this island several times and had anchored off but had never spent time ashore because of a heavy ground swell. It is unusual in its beauty. A 3790 foot volcanic mountain range surrounded by sugar fields in an area of roughly 65 square miles. Atop Brimstone Hill a fort erected in 1739 and known through the years as the "Gi-

bralter of the West Indies" affords a spectacular view of other Leeward Islands. One can drive up and explore the remains plus the museum opened in recent years. A road hugs the shore, takes you through countless small villages and gives you a feel of the old sugar plantations. Now a network of narrow gage railroad tracks transports the sugar cane to the one sugar mill in Basseterre. At the other end of the island is a new and glamorous hotel/casino and condominiums. Other than those staying there we saw only a handful of whites. We were privileged to share several West Indian meals with Ernie's family. It sure is different from ours. His brother-in-law is a fisherman, has a bicycle and a hand-made spear gun for equipment. That says a lot for the simplicity of their lives. (There is, however, no lack of TVs and big refrigerators even though many of the houses outside of Basseterre depend on nearby bath houses and water from a roadside spigot. We had planned to fly over to Nevis but time didn't permit. We'll do that next time.

We had a delightful sail to Anegada where we went for an overnight stay. It lies roughly 20 miles north of Virgin Gorda, is surrounded by countless coral heads and until recently was not bouyed. We had a friend with us who navigated through the coral heads as he has been there many times before. It should not be attempted without a pilot (even with the 2 bouys which lie low in the water) and is off-limits to bare boat charters. The
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island is 12 miles long and 24 feet high in one place! We anchored with a few feet under our keel and went ashore to the thatch roofed beach bar for an "Ane-gada smoothie" and to make reservations for native lobster for dinner. These are broiled over charcoal and they are delicious. There is a small motel and also an air strip on the island. We decided we'd skip the tour around the island for \$25.00 so didn't see the other side where most of the fishing activity takes place. When you look at the turquoise water inside the reefs it certainly lives up to its description as being "the only Bahama Island in the Virgins".

P.H.R.F.

To assure successful and smooth club racing under PHRF of New England rulings, the Board of Governors has asked the subcommittee (Dennis Moran, Gerald Marcus, and myself, Dieter Empacher) to look into possibilities of how the club members best can be served by the Blue Water Sailing Club and the New England Racing Fleet.

For our club races and cruises, we need your current PHRF rating. Since many club members are already participating in their local fleet, we recommend you contact your local PHRF handicapper for an updated 1984 PHRF certificate. This route would be most convenient and beneficial. Any member who does not want to participate in his local PHRF group, should please contact Ray Gaffey, 7 Cricket Circle, N. Scituate, MA 02060, to obtain a PHRF rating. For continuity, however, the Board recommends you register with your local fleet. For a successful 1984 Regatta season, please be sure to send a copy of your new or updated certificate prior to the Spring Regatta to:

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