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## From the Editor

After one of the snowiest winters on record for many of the major metropolitan areas of the mid Atlantic states including Washington DC, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, there has been little opportunity to get out on the water over the past few months. However, as reported in this issue, the relative lack of on water activity during this time does not mean that NJWWA members have been idle. Brian and Paul have been busy planning the activity schedule for the upcoming season. Bill and Brian have also been active putting together the membership questionnaire (results of which are summarized by Steve in this issue), Alasdair, Corinne and Wallace have been in discussions with Long Beach Island Township regarding the future of Bayview park, and a few hardy sailors (Mik, Vadim, and Brian) have managed to get some time on the water, at least when Barnegat Bay was not covered in ice.

It has not all been business though as a number of us have managed to take trips to sunnier climes to escape the cold and snowy northeast. Following up on the reports on Maui in the last issue, as part of our series on watersports destinations, in this issue, we have two reports on the flat water paradise of Bonaire: one presenting information for those who may be interested in planning a trip there; and a trip report from Jim who recently returned from a trip there with Vicki, and their friends from Florida.

With Spring just around the corner, conditions should soon be getting tolerable for getting back on the water. With that in mind, as part of our series on watersports, Wallace gives some hints on perfecting duck jibes. Finally we have a general interest article from Tom Latham about his impressions of windsurfing in New Jersey.

## Club News

### From the President: Wallace DaPron

As we head into our second sailing season, I would like to personally thank all of our members, sponsors and general supporters of the association for all their hard work, donations and words of encouragement. The state of the club is strong and your Board has been diligently working toward planning

our 2010 Calendar, upgrading our website, and protecting our water rights.

Thanks to the conservative use of our more than 58 members' dues and donations, our operations are fully funded for the coming year and we look forward to conducting three fun events in July, August, and September. The NJWWA Board will also be joining along in the April 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day beach cleanup initiatives and has offered to help with the cleanup of Bayview Park, so please let us know what your plans are for the day. We will also be testing a new race concept throughout the season known as "Flip, Flop & Fly Races" where the Location Date and Time of the event is based solely on certain wind strength and direction conditions being forecasted and the event planning is compressed into a 3-4 day window. Finally, as a reminder, our end of the season Gala this year will also include elections for all of our seven Board seats which carry two year terms.

I hope to see you on the water soon!

### Treasurers Report by Bill DeStefano

The NJWWA accomplished quite a bit in 2009. Beginning from a standing start in May, 2009, the unbounded energy and generous financial support of our members allowed us to incorporate as a non-profit organization, successfully lobby for protection of water access at BayView Park, conduct a hugely successful "Learn to Windsurf" clinic, stage multi-water sport fun races, host an end of year gala, and end the year with a net surplus of funds.

As detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, the NJWWA is actively planning a more ambitious schedule and seeking to expand our geographical coverage in 2010. The Projected 2010 Budget (see appendix) provides a breakdown of our anticipated income and expenses associated with those activities. Once again we will be relying on our member's energy, enthusiasm and financial support for another successful year.

### Report on Member's Survey summarized by Steve Acunto

The NJWWA surveyed its membership this winter and received great feedback. The survey was conceptualized by Bill DeStefano and formatted and administered by Brian Rauch.

The majority of the members were pleased with the overall "re-launch" of the organization, the events we organized last year, and the group's overall approach to bringing new and long-time watersports enthusiasts together. The members offered suggestions that will be implemented in 2010, such as:

- events in multiple locations
- focused learning clinics
- connecting with other organizations and their events

These efforts will certainly continue in 2010, as we have a lineup of scheduled events in multiple locations, as well as the possibility of organizing some spontaneous gatherings that result from favorable conditions, mostly for wind-driven sports.

The NJWWA wanted to re-emphasize the value that its members gain through the organization, and are pleased to

report the following benefits of participating as a member this year:

- 15% discount one-time to our shop partners + monthly specials
- multiple watersports events in multiple locations around convenient NJ Shore points
- access to community of water sports enthusiasts
- website with updated info and resources
- connections to other windsurfing and watersports organizations

The NJWWA looks forward to hearing back from our members this year to improve the organization, to maximize the experience at our events, and to ensure that the members can take advantage of all of the NJWAA resources. Additional comments or suggestions are always welcome via the website ([www.windsurfnj.org](http://www.windsurfnj.org)) or [info@windsurfnj.org](mailto:info@windsurfnj.org).

Happy Spring!

### NJWWA 2010 Events: Save These Dates! by Brian Rauch and Paul Smith

- 4/24: "LBI "Green Up Clean Up" (NJWWA to meet at Bayview Park).
- 7/11: "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bayview Park Fun Fest". (Sponsored by Island Surf and Sail). Rain date: 7/18.
- 8/7: "NJWWA - LBRA Kitesurf-Windsurf-Paddle Extravaganza" at Lakes Bay (Sponsored by Extreme Windsurfing). Rain date: 8/8.
- 9/25: "NJWWA Late Summer Classic at Sandy Hook" Rain date: 9/26 (with Clean Ocean Action).

In addition to these events, a number of race events are planned for the summer months. More information on these events will be communicated to Club members as details get settled, so stay tuned.

## On the Water

### Off-season Windsurfing at LBI by Mik Vitcho

I came to the realization that windsurfing exists not only from May to October quite gradually. I actually hate cold, and it took Vadim quite a few years to convince me that, even when the water is cold and the wind is chilly, – it doesn't mean that I'm supposed to feel any cold or discomfort when sailing. I just couldn't believe it, but now I must admit that he was right. Even on the coldest sailing day this winter (28°F air and 34°F water) – I was warm and comfortable, and the only body part that felt some cold was my lips.

So how it is possible to sail in the freezing temperatures and stay warm? The answer is simple: dress properly. It is not a surprise when we go out skiing in much more severe conditions, and the only thing we have to take care of to stay warm is to get the proper outfit. Same is with the windsurfing.

This winter was not very generous for us. The weather was colder than usual, the wind was weak, and when it was strong – the bay would freeze over. In January-February we observed the completely frozen bay three times, I believe... Then it'd thaw out for a week or two, and get frozen again. Here is how the frozen bay looked on January 9, 2010:



Frozen Barnegat Bay, LBI

Nevertheless, we managed to get on the water quite a few times, here are our stats:

December 2009: 7 sessions; 5.8, 5.5, 5.8, 5.3, 4.7, 5.5, 5.5. The coldest day was Dec 11 – 28F (we were on 4.7).

January 2010: 4 sessions; 4.7, 5.8, 5.3, 5.0. The coldest day was Jan 2 – 28F (4.7 again, overpowered).

February 2010: 3 sessions; 5.3, 5.0, 4.5. The coldest day was Feb 18 – 38F (the last session was actually on March 1<sup>st</sup>).

Most of the time only two of us were sailing (Mik and Vadim), a few times we had also Brian with us.

This is what we use during the winter.

Mik's drysuit: Ocean Rodeo Pyro Pro

Vadim's drysuit: Kokotat

[http://www.kokatat.com/product\\_detail.asp?code=gfe](http://www.kokatat.com/product_detail.asp?code=gfe)

Bunny suit (dry suit liner):

[http://www.stohlquist.com/dyn\\_prod.php?k=&p=STO5644](http://www.stohlquist.com/dyn_prod.php?k=&p=STO5644)

Mik's glacier glove:

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0010FNBPk>

This one is 2mm, and it is warm enough. sometimes I manage to find 3mm – this is better for colder days. One pair of gloves rarely survives for more than one season.

Vadim's mitt:

<http://www.isthmussailboards.com/prodinfo.asp?number=NW01223>

Xcel 7mm booties - very warm!

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B002QJFO2C>

Hood:

<http://www.isthmussailboards.com/prodinfo.asp?number=NW01221>



Brian decked out for winter sailing

The trick with the winter sailing is not to overdress, otherwise it may get too hot and sweaty ☺ Usually if it is sunny and 35°F – 45°F – we use just the bunny suit under the drysuit; if it is colder – some thin wool or fleece underwear might be added; if it is warmer – the bunny suit may be too hot, and we use some thinner underwear. Another trick is to always have your booties and gloves thoroughly soaked before going out – don't rely on the fact that they will eventually get some water: they keep you warm best when they are wet from the very beginning.



Brian: Winter sailing, Brant Beach, LBI; 2/20/2010

Safety: we try never going out alone in the winter time. Most of the time, we sail together. When this is not possible, we ask somebody to keep an eye on us periodically. Sometimes we use a waterproof walkie-talkie. Brian always takes a cell phone in a waterproof bag (to be able to make an emergency call if needed).



Brian: Winter sailing, Brant Beach, LBI 2/20/2010

## Update on Bayview Park

After a year of campaigning, and various discussions with members of Long Beach Township, a workable compromise was close to being reached regarding the future of the north beach area at Bayview Park. As most of you know, last year a dog park was constructed in this area which proved to be unpopular with many of those that used this area for a number of activities including windsurfing, SUP, kayaking, and various other recreation activities.

During the winter months the Long Beach Township Mayor commissioned a representative from the LBI business community, Bill Hutson, and Joni, the park manger, to find an alternative location for the dog park. Ten areas were put forward to the Mayor and, based on a number of criteria, the list was whittled down to the final selection: the old basketball court in south end of Bayview park and the immediate area extending south. The proposal would be that the owners and dogs would park their cars in Bayview park and then walk along the boulevard to access the dog park through the existing gate along the side walk on the Blvd. The area would be completely fenced in and would not access the water but parking would be in Bayview park. This decision was strongly endorsed by Bill and Joni, and according to Bill, by other parties within the township.

During January two conference calls were held to discuss the proposal and to follow up on various concerns of the interested parties. Taking part were Joni, Bill Hutson, Wallace (as representative and President of NJWWA, and Corinne and Alasdair who were representing other interested parties from Bayview park. During the discussions Bill H. and Joni both reiterated that the Mayor's mission is to increase tourism on the island and that windsurfing, other watersports, **and** having a dog park was critical to this aim. Joni also mentioned that indeed the Mayor would like the watersports activity (also including sailing) to increase much the same way surfing has on the ocean side. Wallace mentioned that, towards this end, the NJWWA (Brian and Paul Smith) had started planning the activities for the coming year and that these would be forwarded on to her once these plans are firmed up.

A number of concerns were raised and these and the responses are outlined below:

1. *Dog Park Supervision. How to prevent incidents such as those occurring last year where, when Joni was off duty (and attempted occasionally when Joni was on duty), dogs were taken on the boardwalk, taken into the children's area, allowed to run free and allowed to deposit waste on the beach without being removed. It is recognized that the fence will help to prevent the dogs roaming free during hours but what about before and after hours?*
2. *Parking. The potential still exists for adverse interactions between the dogs and other users in the parking lot. The potential also exists that the parking lot may become overflowing.*
3. *Environmental concerns: What steps would be taken to prevent dog waste run off into the bay especially after abnormally high tides and storm surges such as those we experienced during the fall and the entire Bayview park was flooded from the bay to the street? Also what the protection of remaining Natural Vegetation and prevention of drifting sand?*

4. *Will the township be obtaining the required permits?*

5. *Dog Registration/Keyed Entry – (refer to OC, NJ's dog park registration, vaccine verification, key entry system)*

6. *Could the Township offer reassurance that the kiddies swimming area would not be relocated to the north beach area?*

Responses:

- *We were informed that the Mayor was adamant that the children's bathing area would **not** be moved to the north beach area.*
- *Concerns about potential for dog owners to ignore the rules before and after hours: Everyone acknowledged that there were significant problems last year. The Mayor agreed that there will be posting of no dogs allowed at the appropriate locations. The issues of fines and imposing these fines was raised. All agreed that this was essential. Similarly, we were informed that there are ongoing discussions in the Township about increasing the police presence before, during and after hours. The issue of moving the closed circuit cameras was then raised. A consensus was reached that it would be best to retain one of the cameras at its current location facing the north beach and move one of them to the children's area at the south end. This suggestion will be put to the Township. Bill and Joni were both most insistent the difference with the new plan is that everything will be much more regulated unlike last year when it was totally chaotic. Regarding having a water outlet in the dog park, Bill stated that as dogs no longer had access to the water then they should not require access to a water outlet, especially as this was not provided at other dog parks.*
- *Parking: Joni mentioned that although having formal demarcations would not work, she will certainly continue to direct the various visitors of Bayview park to the respective areas that would best suit their activities just as she did last season. The possibility of putting a 4 foot wide fence beside the raised boat was then put forward. This suggestion was supported by all and indeed Bill and Joni had been in discussions with the Mayor regarding this possibility. The Mayor was certainly open to this possibility and this option will be further considered contingent on permits. The issue of the gate into the actual dog park was then raised. It was put to Bill and Joni that a double gate or maze at the entrance may be required to prevent dogs running out into the boulevard. Bill mentioned that this was something that had not been considered but it was an important point and would be put to the township.*
- *Environmental concerns and Permits: Bill and Joni mentioned that the township is currently in the process of obtaining the required permits. No further vegetation will be removed and once the south beach area is cleared of the debris (concrete, wood etc) then the native vegetation surrounding the dog park will be allowed to grow back. Bill also said that as the new dog park will be strictly regulated, waste will, in the future, not be the same issue it was last year. The LBI Health Officer will continue to monitor the water for coliform count etc.*

- *Dog Registration/Keyed Entry: Joni mentioned that as she did last year, she would continue the check the tags on the dog collars as they come in to the park.*

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was agreed that the meeting had been constructive. As stated above, Joni will be presenting a report of the discussion to the mayor Bill and Joni agreed to keep us in the loop so we could disseminate the information as it becomes available. We stated that we would certainly be willing to work to try to make the new concept for Bayview park work.

As we were going to press, a recent development was announced in the Asbury Park Press. (<http://www.app.com/article/20100316/NEWS/3160327/Plan-to-move-Long-Beach-park-gone-to-the-dogs>). From this article, it appears that the plans discussed above are now up in the air. Hopefully, the situation will be clarified in the coming months.

## Watersports 101



### Captain Wally's Corner - "The Duck Jibe" by Wallace DaPron

Duck jibing is all about timing. It actually makes jibing easier and more of a fluid motion than the traditional flip jibe.

You set up for it in exactly same way as a traditional flip jibe through a broad reach and then taking your back foot out of the strap placing it over the centerline to begin your carve. Well before your heading hits a dead run (this is the crucial timing point), you take your forward hand off the boom (the sail will naturally swing away with the "center of effort" being ahead of your aft hand) and grab the boom at the clew, letting go with your aft hand. Now, the sail should be in a vertical plane with the mast somewhat horizontal to the water and you are only holding the sail with one hand on the clew (or last foot or so of the boom). Because you're traveling roughly with the wind at this point, there is actually very little apparent wind and the sail is completely depowered making it very easy to handle. As you continue on your carve, pull your hand across your chest (ducking your head to avoid getting face raked by the roach of the foot, hence the name!) while reaching out with your freehand to grab the other side of the boom near the luff. Then sheet in with your new aft hand and complete your carve on a broad reach (hopefully still on a full plane). You can practice the hand movements on the beach a few times with your sail rigged to the board to get the coordination a little better beforehand. Here is a view of a Duck Jibe from a camera mounted on the top of the mast  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7d2u8sNpYOU>.

## Watersports Destination



by Alasdair and Corinne Gilfillan

Bonaire is a member of the ABC (Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao) Dutch Antilles island group that lies just off the coast of Venezuela. As with other nearby windsurfing destinations, including Aruba and Margarita, Bonaire receives almost constant trade winds from December to June. Bonaire is not only a great spot for watersports including windsurfing, kiting, kayaking and stand-up paddling but it is also the premier spot in the Caribbean for scuba diving and snorkeling.



Bonaire landscape and seascape

The major spot for windsurfing, kayaking, and standup paddling is Lac Bay in the SE part of the island. Lac Bay is probably one of the most ideal spots anywhere for learning the basics of windsurfing, trying new freestyle tricks, or for perfecting those flashy jibes and tacks that you have been working on for so long. Bonaire is also home to three of the world's top freestyle sailors; Tonky and Taty Frans, and Kiri Thode, (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc-3ctj6kA0&feature=fvw>) who, when not on tour, can be seen practicing their incredible moves in Lac Bay. Several of the local kids are also top in their age groups in world competition (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CDgYcd4bZ8>). It is most inspirational watching these kids on the water. Also the light wind wizardry of local, Cesar Finies, has to be seen to be believed ([http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wda\\_ZWQniZs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wda_ZWQniZs)).



Local hot shot: Tonky Frans



Lac Bay: lagoon and mangroves

The sailing spot consists of two areas: the main sailing area is directly in front of the windsurfing rental centers and consists of knee deep, crystal clear, aquamarine water extending out to a barrier reef, a few hundred meters offshore. The bottom is fine white sand largely negating the requirements for booties. However, due to occasional loose bit of coral and occasional sea urchin among the small patches of sea grass, wearing booties is advisable. The second area is a large lagoon extending from the shallow water to the mangroves to the north and west of the bay. The water in the lagoon is deeper with a most intense inky blue color. It is not unusual to see several varieties of tropical fish or even the occasional large (4 ft) barracuda, turtle, and ray, swim underneath your board, even in the shallow area. The turtles are much more often observed however in the lagoon. The prevailing winds in Lac Bay is directly onshore which, combined with the very shallow water in the area in front of the rental establishments, makes it a very safe place for beginners.

Unfortunately, the feature that makes Lac Bay so appealing is also its major hazard. During low tides, especially in late February and March, it can get very shallow such that it can get problematical to sail with regular sized fins. To compensate for this, you could try sailing with shorter fins or an easier solution is to sail out in the lagoon.

There are two windsurfing rental centers on Lac bay: Jibe City (<http://www.jibecity.com>) and the Windsurf Place (<http://www.bonairewindsurfplace.com>). Jibe City is the first rental center that is reached on entering Lac Bay by road and the Windsurf Place is just next door. Instruction is available at both centers. In addition, from January-March Andy Brant /ABK run windsurfing camps and freestyle clinics out of the Jibe City center (check <http://abkboardsports.com> for schedule). Both centers are well stocked with Jibe City stocking primarily JP boards and Gaastra sails and Windsurf Place stocking RRD and Starboard boards and Hot Sail Maui sails. The live action at both centers can be seen by webcam at [http://www.breathebonaire.com/index.php?CURRENT\\_CAM=bonairecam4&SET\\_CAM=bonairecam4](http://www.breathebonaire.com/index.php?CURRENT_CAM=bonairecam4&SET_CAM=bonairecam4). Food and drink are available during the day at both centers.



Lac Bay: Tonky body dragging in the shallow area

Kayaking and SUP can both be enjoyed in Lac Bay especially when the winds drop off, and equipment can be found for rent at the windsurfing centers. An enjoyable option during calm days is to kayak (or walk) out towards the reef where it is possible to moor the kayaks then go snorkeling. The inner reef at Lac Bay is a really nice spot for seeing beautiful tropical fish, nice coral formations, rays, barracudas and the occasional turtle. The chances of seeing the rays and turtles, however, are increased by going out early in the morning (around 7.30 a.m).

The water is relatively flat, however, as the wind speeds pick up, small chop starts to form. The height of the chop tends to be higher if the wind switches more to the NE rather than E or SE. Winds tend to be stronger in the morning dropping off around noon then regaining strength mid to late afternoon. When blowing, the winds average around 17-20 mph but can reach the mid 20's to 30 range. It has been our experience over the years that we have been visiting Bonaire that winds are on about 70-80% of the time. As with other windsurfing locations, however, it is possible to get skunked. Indeed, periods of light winds in the middle of the high wind season are not unheard of. Fortunately, Bonaire has plenty other activities to offer on these light wind days (see below).



Jibe City

Commercial kayaking tours and snorkeling trips of the mangroves are also available at the north end of Lac Bay (<http://www.mangrovecenter.com>). To get there, take the dirt road towards Kai and follow the signs. Further information on kayaking in Bonaire can be found at (<http://www.infobonaire.com/kayaking.html>).



Windsurf Place

Kiting is not permitted at Lac Bay but there is a popular beach for kiting on the west side of the island ([http://www.kiteboardingbonaire.com/Site\\_2/Home.html](http://www.kiteboardingbonaire.com/Site_2/Home.html)). Rentals and instruction are available at the kiting beach. The sailing here is more open ocean and the winds are offshore. Regardless when conditions are good, it is a popular spot.



Kiting Beach

In addition to Kayaking and SUP, Bonaire has much to offer in the way of activities in light wind days or those days when aching muscles force a day off to recuperate. As mentioned above, Bonaire is recognized as the premier spot for scuba diving (<http://www.infobonaire.com/scubadiving.html>) and snorkeling (<http://www.infobonaire.com/snorkeling.html>) in the Caribbean. Due to the relatively rough and deeper waters on the east coast, the majority of diving and snorkeling spots are on the west coast or around its small satellite island, Klein Bonaire. Indeed, it is possible to just about jump into anywhere on the west coast and be immersed in crystal clear waters surrounded by an abundance of colorful fish and corals. Although many of the corals in the shallower water close to shore suffered damage during the past 10 years due to storm surges from two nearby hurricanes, these corals are now recovering and snorkeling is still spectacular. Klein Bonaire is only about a mile from the main town of Kralendijk and can be reached by regular boat trip. As the main snorkeling/diving

areas on Klein Bonaire were protected on the leeward side of the island from the storm surges, the corals are reportedly more pristine there than those on the main island.

Other activities off the water include touring the island especially the Washington Slagbaai National park (<http://www.washingtonparkbonaire.org>) in the north end of the island. Although the south part of the island is somewhat barren and uninteresting (apart from the area around Lac Bay), the coastal road to the north end is really beautiful. In addition, the north end is hillier and contains several lakes that are home to the indigenous flamingoes. There is an abundance of wildlife to be seen including many colorful species of birds e.g. parrots and also large iguanas and other lizard species. For information on other activities in Bonaire please refer to <http://www.infobonaire.com> and <http://www.bonairediveandadventure.com/ecoadventures.html>



Flamingoes near National Park

Bonaire in general: Unlike its neighboring island, Aruba, Bonaire is relatively underdeveloped and it still retains some of its small island feel. The major reason for this is that there are no extensive sandy beaches on Bonaire. Having said this, over the past few years there has been a building boom on the island primarily aimed at attracting more tourists (primarily Dutch) to the island. With the current economic downturn, it is not clear if this will continue, and it is still unclear how the development will impact the charm of the island. Bonaire is reputed to be one of the safest and friendliest islands in the Caribbean. However, petty theft has been a nagging problem for tourists. Becoming a victim can however be minimized by never leaving anything in your car. It is advised by the locals to always leave your car door unlocked to prevent the window being broken, in an attempt to find valuables. Also it is best not to leave valuables such as passports, cash, laptops, etc. lying around in your room.

Things to bring: Bonaire is close to the equator therefore the sun can be intense, so it is essential to be well stocked with sunscreen. Even on partly cloudy days it is easy to rapidly become sunburned. Rains are not infrequent around January and this can bring the mosquitoes out. It is, therefore, advisable to bring mosquito deterrent and apply this when sitting outside at night especially when going out for dinner. If you forget these items, they can however be readily found in the local supermarkets. There are two main relatively well-stocked supermarkets around Kralendijk: Cultimara, which is downtown, and the Warehouse, which is between the airport and downtown. There are also a number of smaller marts which have more extended hours of operation. US dollars are widely accepted but change is usually provided in Bonairian currency.



Klein Bonaire and hills of National Park (background)

Places to stay and eat: There are numerous options for accommodation in Bonaire from rental properties to resort hotels. Most of the hotels are on the west side of the island therefore it is necessary to hire a car (or scooter) to get to Lac Bay everyday (about 5-7 miles depending on location). There are a couple of small hotels near Lac Bay but transportation would still be required to go to Kralendijk, where most of the restaurants are, at night. Information on accommodation options can be found at <http://www.infobonaire.com/hotels.html>. There are also many options for dining in Bonaire (<http://www.infobonaire.com/restaurant.html>). Unfortunately many of the restaurants change hands fairly routinely and thus the quality (and indeed prices) can change from one year to the next.

There are several airlines serving Bonaire.

Continental Airlines currently offers a non-stop red-eye flight from Newark every Saturday night or from Houston on Friday night. During the peak periods, Continental operates a second flight from Houston on Saturday evening and from Newark on Friday nights.

Delta Airlines offers a weekly non-stop flight from Atlanta to Bonaire on Saturdays. Also during the peak season, Delta operates a second weekly non-stop flight on Saturdays from New York's JFK to Bonaire.

Insel Air operates a weekly flight from Miami to Bonaire every Saturday throughout the year. Another alternative is to fly to Aruba and then take Dutch Antilles Express or Tiara Air to Bonaire.

If you are looking for some specials or for expert advice, please contact Ann Phelan who is a windsurfer herself, and who specializes in Bonaire vacations. She is very knowledgeable about Bonaire and the watersports scene there and can therefore help organize your Bonaire trip.

For more information, please refer to her websites: [www.bonairecaribbean.com](http://www.bonairecaribbean.com) and [www.bonairebliss.com](http://www.bonairebliss.com). Ann has mentioned that she has some specials for the winter months and offers NJ Windsurf Members 5-10% discounts on packages.

## Members Page

### Trip Report on Bonaire

By Jim Mihalski



Al, Fran, Jim, and Vicki finally make their destination

It was Thursday February 4th, our flight reservations were made, our equipment rental was all set, and our car rental complete. We were departing for Bonaire the very next day when we received a message from Southwest airlines that, due to an expected monster snowstorm, all flights out of the Philadelphia and Baltimore were canceled for the entire weekend. **What to do?** We planned to fly from Philadelphia to Tampa where we were meeting our windsurfing friends Al Harp and his wife Fran. We would stay with them overnight, then drive to Miami for our flight to Bonaire Saturday afternoon.

It was time to scramble and we did scramble, finding a flight out of LaGuardia in New York to Chicago and then onto Tampa. The problem was that we had no way to get to LaGuardia so we rented a limousine service to drive us there. The price of the limousine service for LaGuardia was more than the actual cost of the 2 stage flight to Tampa.

So it was an arduous (another word for sucky) weekend getting to Bonaire but, as always, it was well worth it. When we arrived in paradise (Bonaire), the difficulty getting there seemed insignificant! As we had several times previously, we stayed at Happy Holiday Homes and we sailed with Jibe City.



Hanging at Jibe City



Vicki blasting

This was the second time our friends Al and Fran went with us and they loved it as much as we did. This was a bit surprising to me since Al is a diehard Gorge sailor. He loves sailing out there on a sail a little bigger than a postage stamp! However, Al is getting a little older now and perhaps liked the sailing conditions that are less demanding than the Gorge "NOT REALLY!"

You can check out a short composite video I did on youtube.com [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKr-cwP\\_DZc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKr-cwP_DZc) It's really not Robbie Nash at Hookipa in Maui, but it will give you the flavor of our windsurfing in Bonaire.

And a good time was had by all!!!



Jibin' Jim



Kralendijk Sunset

My wife Vicki and I sailed every day but one during the two weeks we had in paradise. Vicki usually sailed a 4.5 or 5.5 and I was on a 5.5 to 6.5. The winds were terrific all but one day. Al and I frequently compete at everything we do (boys will be boys) and windsurfing at Bonaire was no exception. Al brought his GPS Etek model that we wrapped in a zip lock bag and placed inside our shirt to record our windsurfing speed. We each made several runs and this year I was the winner with a speed of 29.6 mph. Al tried, but was unable to top my speed this time.

Sailing in crystal-clear 2 to 4 feet deep water is just so great. Frequently as your sailing you can see large fish and sometimes a stingray. Of course, we posed for some of our friends back home in front of the Jibe City Web Cam that points at the launch area and out at the water.

## Member's Introduction

### by Tom Latham

I'm a Passaic County 40 something father who's returning to his windsurfing roots at the Jersey shore. I remember back when the first day with my new 1989 Fanatic 340 fun/race board brought me to Sandy Hook, and even a massive fish kill couldn't keep me out of the bay. In my first few years, I quickly became a proficient intermediate longboarder. In 1992, I entered my first race, the Tudor-Mistral Sandy Hook Windsurfing Championships, my first and only time windsurfing on the ocean. I sporadically attended a couple of events per year, and was finally kicked up to the Open Fleet in what was the last NJWA East Coast Championships in Harvey Cedars in 1998.

I moved up to the mountains of Highland Lakes in 1996, a private lake community with a sailing program, and no motorboats. I ran the Highland Lakes Junior Windsurfing Program from 1999 – 2008, earning sponsorship from USWA, Isthmus Sailboards, Ezzy Sails, and more. The Windsurfing Fleet remains active with its Summer Race Series, with 2 of its members regularly competing in US Windsurfing National Race Tour events in MD (BABA) & VA (WET). The cold mountain climate also brings some descent freeskating days on the ice.

My most recent best windsurfing moment occurred recently, with me standing in the waist deep waters of Lakes Bay, supervising my 10 year old daughter on an Ezzy 2.5 and Starboard Start, negotiating the chop kicked up by the 15 knot onshore winds. I look forward to nurturing her windsurfing progression.



Tom at Lakes Bay

My favorite summer launch used to be Jacobsen Park in Lavallette, primarily because I can dine outdoors at the Bayside Café across the street, and it only costs \$10 for a seasonal decal. There is an alternate launch for east winds on the opposite shore on Bay Ave., off of Fisher Blvd. Does anyone have a review for this launch? The jellyfish tend to turn me off to this area, as do the ankle breaking shallows towards the end of West Point Island. A quick jaunt south just 4 miles to Seaside proved jellyfish free this past August.

Through the years, parking and launching along S. Bayside Ave. in Seaside Park has brought some opposition from bayside residents. This area provides great access to “the flats”, which are just south of Yakkity Yaks kayak rentals @ Island Beach State Marina. Are there any locals aware of the outcome of this access issue?

The times I've gotten to windsurf last summer saw me out mostly on my new Sailworks Retro 7.5, with the occasional 9.2 and 6.4. I've encountered the usual hazards of climbing down the seawall at Seaside, losing a fin at Lakes Bay, crossing the street at Sandy Hook, and sitting in traffic on the Parkway. While I may miss the convenience of leaving my sail rigged & ready in Highland Lakes, the reward of long reaches in steady winds and shallow waters makes it all worthwhile to go down the shore to windsurf again.

## Coming Edition

Is anyone planning a trip to Hatteras or any other windsurfing location in the coming months? If so, it would be great if you could take photographs and write an article for the “Windsurfing Destinations” or “Members Page” (trip report) for us. Please also consider sending other contributions which may be of interest to NJWWA members. Our contact Email is [ancwsurf@gmail.com](mailto:ancwsurf@gmail.com)

## Sponsors



# Appendix

## Projected 2010 NJWWA Budget

### Income

Description	Qty	Amount	Total
Individual Membership	19	25.00	475
Family Membership	8	40.00	320.00
Merchandise Sales	5	10.00	50.00
Event #1 Fees	4	400.00	1600.00
Donations	1	100.00	100.00

**Total** \$ 2,545.00

### Expense

Description	Qty	Amount	Total
Web Related Admin. Fees	Various	Various	295
USWA Dues	1	0.00	0.00
USPS Box	1	60.00	60.00
NJ Division of Tax Filing Fee	1	75.00	75.00
Postage & Printing	1	100.00	100.00
Event Expenses	Various	Various	1,650.00
Misc	1	45.00	45.00

**Total** \$ 2,225.00

<b>2010 Reserve</b>	320.00
2009 Reserve	1,000.00
<b>Total Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 1,320.00</b>