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ASA SYMPOSIUM ON EVENTS FOR TRADITIONAL VESSELS...Sponsors of six of the most popular events for schooners and traditional vessels met with the symposium committee at Mystic on May 21. Consensus: such a meeting was overdue and should be held on a regular basis. Sponsors aims and motives are similar. Handicapping differences not nearly as great as previously thought, and differences could be ironed out relatively easily...Attracting more entries depended on holding down entry fees and giving entrants more for their \$\$.

An idea open for comment: establish a prize based on points awarded from several races, qualifiers to have competed in certain mandatory races...One obvious benefit of the symposium was to initiate communication between the sponsors. To that degree, we will all benefit. Another meeting is scheduled for November to post-mortem this season and plan for 1984...Attending were representatives from Mystic Seaport, Museum of Yachting, South Street Seaport Museum, New London Marine Development Commission, Schooner Cove Invitational and the Buckley Regatta (planned for 1984).

LANDING REGATTA AND SCHEDULE UPDATE...A new event has joined the (crowded) schedule for July 9. This is the Landing Regatta sponsored by the Landing Restaurant in Newport and masterminded by none other than Don Glassie. The race is open to all rigs of vessels designed prior to 1955 with a minimum 32' length...Also scheduled for July 9 are the Douglaston Windjammer Race and the New London overnight race...Seawanhaka Corinthian Regatta in Oyster Bay is scheduled for June 18...Remember the new date for the Mayor's Trophy race sponsored by the South Street Seaport Museum, October 1. ...There has been some interest in organizing a schooner cruise to Block Island following the Schooner Cove Invitational in Stamford on July 30. Seems like a good idea, except for those going to.....

NOVA SCOTIA EVENTS AT SHELBURNE July 25 to 30. A schedule which includes five races and a multitude of trophies for large and small, gaff and staysail, has been set. ASA should be well represented at Shelburne. Jim Lobdell and Brian Beckwith are definites and Don Glassie is a possible...VOYAGER departed Gibraltar May 28 and the Canaries about June 7. Estimated arrival in Antigua June 28. That would give Pete and Jeanette about a week's R & R before they'd have to leave for Shelburne. The smart money is they'll be there...The Halifax Herald has put up a new trophy to go to the winner of the Loyalist Challenge race, which will be run on July 28. A modified Off-Soundings formula with no handicap factor for performance will be used. Certainly would be nice to see some more American schooners at Shelburne, even at the risk of smaller fleets at local events during that period. Contact Ralph Tingley (902) 823-3014, if you plan on being at Shelburne.

1984 SCHEDULE is already filling up. The big event will be a Tall Ships visit to Quebec City to mark the 450th anniversary of Jacques Cartier's voyage of exploration down the St. Lawrence. (Those guys have been up there a long time.) The Nova Scotia Schooner Association has been invited to send a representative fleet. Additionally, the American Sail Training Association is organizing a feeder race from Portsmouth, NH, to Halifax starting on June 5, 1984. Then, cruise in company from Halifax to Quebec City with a stop in Gaspé. An American Schooner Association representative(s) at these events would be well and good.

ASA has issued a press release announcing the start of the effort to catalogue all existing schooners and other traditional vessels, in keeping with the purposes for which the organization was founded. The membership can help by asking all schooner owners to contact the secretary with details of their vessels. Membership in the Association is not required to register a boat. However...

MEMBERSHIP STATUS for a distressingly large number of our members can only be classified as delinquent. For those of you who have not sent your 1983 dues, please do so as soon as possible. There has been no activity thus far this year as far as soliciting new members is concerned. The state of the treasury at present would make it likely that this will be our last newsletter for 1983 unless we hear from delinquent (and new) members.

DOG WATCH...Those of you who have followed the peregrinations of one of boating's first publications, RUDDER, will be disheartened to learn that the July issue will be its last. Circulation has dropped, supposedly due to a resistance to stories of the high-tech, state of the art nature. It seems a sorry comment that a general interest boating magazine can't make it...The rumor about a schooner-oriented SALOON ON THE NEW LONDON WATERFRONT is, in fact, fact. Those diligent entrepreneurs B. Beckwith and D. Glassie are joining in a, we hope, salubrious collaboration which should debut around Thanksgiving in a renovated icehouse. All Schooner Association members will, of course, imbibe for free...Mr. Beckwith has, indeed, been busy and will sail this season not in GOBLIN, but rather the 55' staysail schooner MARMION. Excelsior! MARMION will be going to Nova Scotia in July along with MALABAR II and VOYAGER and, we hope, FORTUNE. The Canadians will welcome you, and any others who can make the voyage, with open arms.