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Best in Classroom

~By Richard Sherman



Training Schooners **Ocean Star** and **Ruth** enjoyed a spirited three-day battle at this year's Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta held April 20-23, 2018. Launched in 1991, **Ocean Star** is a 75-ton two-masted schooner operated by "Sea | mester." The organization was founded in 1998 to educate young adults through both academic and hands-on learning. **Ruth** is a steel-hulled gaff-rigged schooner built as a "knockabout" copy of the Thomas Colvin-designed **Bluenose** in Canada. Launched in 2014, this 75-foot grand banks schooner serves both as a sail training and cargo boat. **Ocean Star** captured the first race on April 20,

Ocean Star captured the first race on April 20, finishing nearly 24 minutes ahead of **Ruth**. Sidelined on Saturday, **Ocean Star** returned to action on Sunday, only to be clipped by **Ruth** on a windward-leeward course, which finished a mere 22 seconds ahead (corrected time).

That set up the rubber match for the final day of the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta. First from port was **Ocean Star** who saluted **Ruth** on the pier with three spirited "Hip-Hip-Hoorays." Under wet, blustery conditions, **Ocean Star** was first across the start. However, with reefed sails, she was soon eclipsed by **Ruth** which surged to the first mark. On the windward leg, **Ruth** opted to sail offshore





for a single tack back to the nearshore mark. **Ocean Star**, having now released her reef, opted to hug the shoreline searching for a weaker current that was impeding the windward leg. After a series of clean tacks and good sail handling from the student crew, **Ocean Star** closed the gap to a

After major repairs in Tampa, FL, **Ocean Star** returned for its first post-hurricane “Sea | mester” under Captain Ian “Wiggy” Wiggin. During the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta, she carried 11 students in addition to her complement of three full-time crew.



couple minutes, but **Ruth** shot around the mark and accelerated on the reaching leg. In the end, **Ruth** won the rubber match by just over 14 minutes. However, the wet weather and high seas didn't deter **Ocean Star's** young crew who smiled, danced, and cheered the committee boat as they crossed the finish line.



This year's ACYR was part of the first “Sea | mester” for **Ocean Star** following a difficult hurricane season. Last August, Hurricane Irma stripped of her standing rigging and severely bent the masts. Steven Greaves, the marine biologist onboard **Ocean Star**, recalled that the masts were “bent like toothpicks,” and were bowed 90 degrees.



At ACYR, the students were nearing the end of their “Sea | mester,” where they earned college credits while learning seamanship, oceanography, leadership, and how-to scuba dive.

Schooner Ruth was a twelve-year labor of love, built on the beaches of Barbados using local labor and mostly recycled materials, including a lead keel made from lead pipes and old church roofs. In contrast to the 90-day tours and academic credits of **Ocean Star**, **Ruth’s** mission is to train and prepare young adults aged 18-25 for full-time employment on sailing vessels over approximately seven months. As such, her first ACYR was not only a competition but an opportunity for the crew to meet potential employers. Despite a nice showing in Antigua and a victory at the Barbados-Antigua race in January, it is not all fun-in-the-sun for sail cargo vessel **Ruth** and her crew. Captain Gerrit Scheper highlighted **Ruth’s** contribution to relief efforts after Hurricane Irma last year. With 100-tons of steel and capable of making 10 knots, **Ruth** was the first ashore with 40 tons of relief supplies in hurricane-ravaged Anguilla, delivering eight generators, pallets of food, and seven tons of bottled water. And during the summer of 2018 she was back at work ferrying cargo in the Caribbean.

For more information or to apply for sailing programs, visit www.schoonerruth.com and www.seamester.com

Downwind!

~ *By Richard Hudson*

It’s such a joy to be sailing a schooner downwind instead of tacking back and forth, spray soaking the deck, or worse—motoring thru windless seas. **Issuma** (<http://www.issuma.com>), my 50’ staysail schooner, sailed south from the village of Ladner, British Columbia, Canada, on September 1, 2014.

Most of the trip has been downwind—after leaving the Strait of Juan de Fuca, we had northerly winds to San Francisco. We went 60-100 miles offshore,



to find better winds and avoid a rocky lee shore. Tailwinds varied from a solid Force 7 (28-33 knots) down to light enough that we could only ghost along at 1.5 knots under spinnaker. ASA member John Parker, of the Baltimore **Schooner Edelyn Rose** was one of the crew for this leg. From San Francisco, we again sailed downwind, in light air, to Newport Beach, Dana Point and San Diego, where I surrendered my cruising permit (**Issuma** is registered in Canada, so needs permission to enter and exit ports in the USA) to Homeland Security and got an exit permit (zarpe).





Mid-Pacific fisherman repairs

Another short hop in light tailwinds brought us to Ensenada, Mexico, where all the offices one needs to visit to enter the country (Health, Customs, Immigration, Navy) are conveniently located in one building.

It was early in October, in an active hurricane season, as we sailed down the coast of Baja California (Mexico) in light tailwinds. Most cruisers wait until the end of October, and sail to Mexico



Hard on the wind, on port tack, for 3,000 miles

with a rally called the Baja HaHa. I was eager to get to the Sea of Cortez and not interested in joining the rally, so we went earlier, staying cautiously offshore, sailing as fast as we could, using the spinnaker often. We kept a wary eye on the weather faxes and GRIB forecasts, ready to race to shelter if a hurricane appeared to be coming our way. At the tip of Baja California, off Cabo San Lucas (hit hard by a hurricane earlier that season), we turned north and up into the Sea of Cortez. We leisurely cruised up the striking Sea of Cortez to Puerto Escondido. Against the crystal clear, deep-blue waters of the sea, the mountains and desert frame an impressive scene. Rock, sea and cactus. Friendly people, and few of them.



We then cruised south to the Puerto Vallarta area. As we approached an anchorage near Puerto Vallarta, a group of dolphins playfully escorted us in. We anchored near another schooner—the wooden topsail **Schooner Destiny**, of Port Townsend, WA. More than one schooner in an anchorage is always a reason for socializing and we soon rowed over to meet Mike & Deb and learn the story of Howard Hughes' former **schooner, Destiny**.



*Issuma anchored behind Moai at
Tongariki, Rapa Nui
(Easter Island/Isla de Pascua)*

ASA member Maggie Flanagan joined the crew for the leg from Puerto Vallarta to Rapa Nui. We first sailed 350 miles west to Isla Socorro, where we met with the Mexican Navy and were not allowed to land (it is now some kind of nature conservatory).

Among other maintenance tasks, the fisherman ripped and was repaired, from luff to leech, twice. After yet more downwind sailing and an ITCZ (InterTropical Convergence Zone or Doldrums) crossing, we did something entirely different—we went hard on the wind! We sailed close hauled on the port tack for the next 3,000 miles to the remote South Pacific island of Rapa Nui (Easter Island). So, it's not always downwind sailing!

What's next for **Issuma**? Sailing south, to the Roaring Forties...

<http://www.issuma.com/rhudson>



Photo above: Capt. Bethany McNelly's Casco Bay Gaffer's Race / Monday, 25 June '18

New Skipper for famed Columbia

~ By Richard Sherman



Gloucester **Schooner Columbia** has a new skipper this year. Karl Joyner who had captained **Columbia** since her launch in 2014 departed earlier this year, and Captain Seth Salzmann, co-owner and former captain of General George Patton's, **When and If**, joined Columbia on March 30, 2018. **When and If** is now under the command of Seth's brother **When and If**, Dylan Salzmann and continues to operate charters from Salem, MA.

With only engineer Willy Kunkle and **Columbia's** steward remaining aboard, Captain Seth said he hired a new crew over a weekend, and then immediately pointed the 141-foot classic yacht south for the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (ACYR) held April 20-23. After only two days of practice, **Columbia** and crew scored a second-place finish in the "Classics Class A" category at ACYR, finishing behind staysail **Schooner Aschanti IV**.



Columbia expects to participate in the Gloucester Schooner Festival over Labor Day 2018 weekend and to complete her Lloyd's five-year docking survey later this fall.

For more information on: **Columbia** and chartering, you can send an email to: columbia@easternshipbuilding.com

For chartering information and details on: **When and If**, email: sailwhenandif@gmail.com

Schooner Elizabeth Restoration

~ *By Jay Rose*



The **Schooner Elizabeth** (formerly **Niamh**) is Port Jefferson, NY's home schooner and is currently undergoing a complete restoration. A Tom Colvin 42' traditional gaff-rigged, steel-hulled **Schooner Elizabeth** was in bad shape and destined for the scrap heap.



Jay Rose, a professor of political science at Stony Brook University and Sailing Program Director at the Port Jefferson Yacht Club on Long Island couldn't bear to see her destroyed.

"Tom Colvin was a genius," noted Jay. "And to see one of his best designs, the **Saugeen Witch** - which is just gorgeous - abandoned and just rusting away was something I could not bear to see. I had to save her!"

In November of 2017 he purchased **Elizabeth** (then named **Niamh**), and has spent the past spring and summer working on her restoration. Badly neglected, large rust spots covered her hull.

The restoration taking place at “The Boat Place” in Port Jeff Harbor has included a week of sandblasting and four weeks of welding repairs with much more to do!

The hull will be prepped and painted this fall and the second phase of restoration will begin in the spring of 2019, with deck repairs, replacement of the standing and running rigging and refurbishment of the sails.

You can find out more about **Elizabeth’s** restoration at <https://www.gofundme.com/the-schooner-elizabeth>.

The 17th Annual Great Provincetown Schooner Regatta

~ *By Capt. Cheryl L Andrews, 2018 GPSR Event Chair*



How about...more women on the helm? It is with glee, that I submit my annual report of our Schooner Regatta. This year... everything just lined up super nice. Let’s begin in Gloucester. The first event of our Regatta is The Challenge for the Fishermen’s Cup, a 41nm schooner race from Gloucester to Provincetown named as tribute to



Capt. Jill Hughes at the helm of Schooner Hindu



Tricia Azzarello at the helm of Schooner Eileen Marie.

Courtesy of Nancy Bloom



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Sunday was the Schooner parade followed by the Mayor's Cup. Monday evening, the Fishermen's Cup race participants gathered at the Gloucester House for our Captain's meeting and buffet.



Courtesy Lisa Goodwin

the 1907 Fishermen's Cup Race, won by Provincetown's **Schooner Rose Dorothea**. The race kicks off at dawn the day after Labor Day. Traditionally, our Fishermen's Cup Race Committee gets together that Friday, so we can enjoy all the fun events.

Tuesday provided an 8-10kt Northerly breeze as the schooners passed the committee on **Dog Bar Breakwater**.

Race Results Tuesday September 4, 2018

Class A Large Schooners

- **First Place: Schooner Tyrone**, Capt. Matt Sutphin
- **Second Place: Schooner Apella**, Capt. Dan Hall

Class B Medium Schooners

- **First Place: Schooner Malabar II**, Capt. Jim Lobdell
- **Second Place: Schooner Renegade**, Capt. Dave Coller
- **Third Place: Schooner Istar**, Capt. Charles Mayo



Schooner Apella, Sailing Yacht Welcome and Tall Ship Bloodhound

This year we sailed aboard the 121 ft Fishing Schooner Adventure. She is the pride of Gloucester and took us out to greet the newly built **Schooner Columbia** and Nova Scotia's pride, **Blue Nose II** as they arrived for the weekend. There were fireworks & a boat parade of lights on Saturday.

Wednesday - Provincetown provided the traditional Open House at U.S. Coast Guard Station Provincetown and this year's movie *MANRY AT SEA*

~ *In the Wake of a Dream*, a documentary about Robert Manry's attempt to sail his 13½ foot little boat, **Tinkerbelle**, from Cape Cod to England, in 1965. Great Movie. Everyone loved it and I will NOT give away the ending.

Thursday - The all-vessels-welcome Long Point Schooner & Yacht Race. The Fleet this year included 10 schooners, our local Tall Ship Bloodhound, and 15 smaller yachts and Catboats. The harbor was filled with sail. We enjoyed a nice sunny day at sea with a 10kt southwest breeze. Someone thought it would be a great idea to have more women crewing and at the helms of these fine machines. **Schooner Hindu** ran the course with an entirely female crew and Capt. Jill Hughes at the helm.

Sailing Yacht Welcome, an Alerion Express 33, also went all female with Capt. Donna Turley at the wheel. And Yours Truly... yes, me... I had the pleasure of steering **Schooner Tyrone** that day. What fun.

Race Results:

Long Point Schooner & Yacht Race Thursday, September 6, 2018

Class A for the Rose Dorothea Cup

- **First Place: Tall Ship Bloodhound**, Capt. Dave Bierig
- **Second Place: Schooner Hindu**, Capt. Jill Hughes

- **Third Place: Schooner Tyrone**, Capt. Matt Sutphin

Class B for the John Bennett Cup

- **First Place: Schooner Malabar II**, Capt. Jim Lobdell
- **Second Place: Schooner Adventure-42**, Dick Woodling

And just for an exclamation point, a powerful storm took the skies dark at 5pm and blew through with torrential rain. It made our gathering under the MacMillan Pier Pavilion all the more fun.

Thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers and racers. And to our friends at the American Schooner Association for the support. See you next year.



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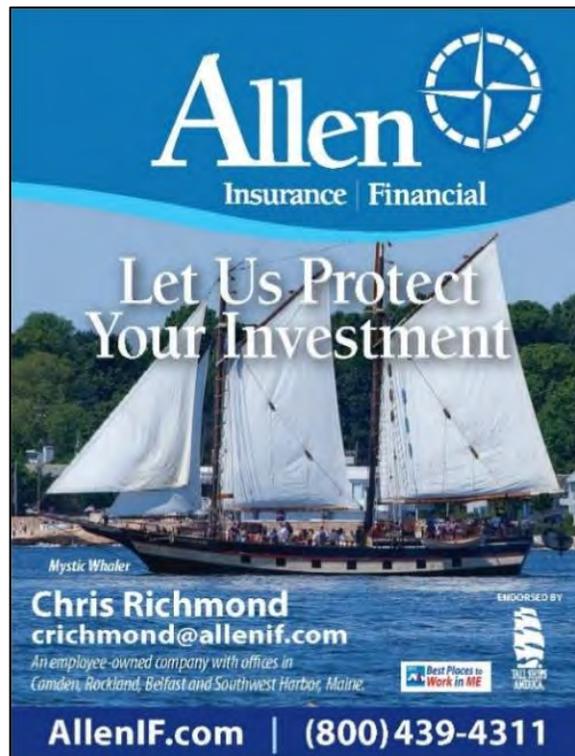
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