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Commodore Brian Scarborough (right) presents the Sailor of the Year award to Dave Radeschi (left) for his work in leading the family fleet. Photo by Bruce Idleman.

See page 3 for more photos and awards from the Fall Banquet.

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**Sailor's Gratitude**

Brad Kurlancheek

This morning there's a few inches of snow on the ground. For the 3rd time in the last two days I've cleaned the car off to let the glaze of ice on the glass melt. And I've brushed the snow off the boat covers, again, too. Yes, boat covers, as in plural. Everyone has a few boats in their yard, don't they?

Earlier, before that, at sunrise with warm coffee, I was reading on the Kindle, James Baldwin's "Bound for Distant Seas: A Voyage Alone to Asia Aboard the 28-foot Sailboat Atom." Young Baldwin's just passed the northern edge of the band of doldrums near the Equator, as he drifted slowly northwest for Hawaii. Atom had no engine.

Baldwin has serious gall to try that, wouldn't you say? As our commodore (Brian) might say, "He's such a purist!" Yes, and he might also be nuts. Not Brian. Mr. Baldwin. That aside, while ghosting nowhere in the doldrums, Baldwin's enjoying the solitude and lack of movement, though now and then he wonders if he has enough food to last until Hawaii, which lies at least 1000 miles away, across the Pacific, as he inches along in his 28-foot engineless sailboat. The flour's "weevily", and barnacles crowd his boat bottom. Even so, he's a happy man.

So with Baldwin in mind, this is what I want to write about. Gratitude. Yes, I know it's not a new topic. Heck, we just had Thanksgiving. There's probably enough gratitude going around for the next few eons. At least until after New Years'. But then for some reason, all that gratitude seems to run out, and it's back to business as usual.

Regardless, I want to write that as a sailor, I'm grateful now, and will likely be so, even well beyond New Years'. For what? Well, to start with, for boats to do that sailing in. And for lakes and bays aplenty in this wonderful country of ours. For the right, legally and personally, to launch one's boat on most any of them, without having to get prior permission. Moreover, one need not file a sail plan with the government, nor make a reservation, and or even have to check in whenever you arrive. Plus we have this law in our country known as the Navigation Protection Act that says all navigable waterways are owned by the public; moreover, navigable waterways cannot be owned by an adjoining landowner. Otherwise, you know, they would.

Gratitude...for the know-how and ability to do the sailing. For the many friends, in life and in books, who've taken the time to teach us how to sail, and are still teaching sailing to sailors everywhere in all walks of life.

How grateful one can be, for the world of sailors, in every continent, on every sea. As sailors, we are all brothers and sisters on a voyage of a lifetime. We know this innately. You see another sailboat on the waters you ply, and you can't help but feel a sense of kinship. If you get in trouble, you know you can call on them for help. If they're in need, you know it's your duty to help, and to put most every personal concern aside. That's an international unwritten law known as The Law of the Sea.

The boats outside the window this morning lie in peaceful slumber, under covers topped with fresh snow. But adventures await, soon to come, where one hopes they'll be standing on deck, raising the halyard, sailing away into the horizon, or around the fishing pier. Once more. With gratitude.



## Racing Awards



Photos from top left: Rear Commodore of Racing Gary Bonner presents the Club Championship 1st place to Craig Smith; 2nd place Paul and Enzo Prozzillo; 3rd place Jared Sheerer (not pictured); Frostbite series 1st place Mike Mandell (not pictured); 2nd place Craig Tourtellott; 3rd place John Walton.

Photos by Bruce Idleman.

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**Ike's Airport Garage, 3220 Airport Road,**  
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## Cruising Awards



Photos clockwise from top left: Rear Commodore of Cruising Paul Servantes presents the award for the Coves Poker Challenge to Craig Tourtelott; for Meritorious Service to Marsha Cooper and Laurine Valenti; for Distinguished Service to Brian Scarborough; and for Catalina fleet to Wilson Black (prior year's winner; this year's winners Scott and Shelley Daniels not pictured). Photos by Bruce Idleman.

## Fleet Awards



Photos clockwise from top left: Fleet captain Phil Scheetz presents Flying Scot award to Matt Cohen; Fleet captain Paul Prozil presents Thistle award to Craig Smith; Sailor of the Year Dave Radeschi and family fleet friends; Craig Smith presents future round-the-world cruiser Dan Reasoner with farewell beanie bimini. Photos by Bruce Idleman.

## Renew Your Membership!

Judy Morrison

This has been a great year for membership! We've continued to have record high numbers of members, and this is great news! We hope to have you back in 2020 as well. It is now time to renew your memberships, if you haven't done so. As with last year, we are continuing to offer online membership applications and renewals. This way, we can save paper, save on stamps, and also save trying to figure out how to read some of the writing on the membership renewals. Please note that the Fleet Council has voted to increase our dues this year. Costs will now be \$120 for racing members, and \$60 for cruising members. Part of the reason behind the increase is that we haven't increased our dues in over 15 years, and there are some costs that need to be covered, including updating our website. We hope that you will continue to find that the club is still very reasonable, and that you will all continue to renew your memberships.

\*\*\* Our top choice and recommendation is online (Paypal account NOT NEEDED)

1. Go to <http://nockamixonsailclub.org>
2. Click the "Join us" tab at the top.
3. Scroll Down and click "On-line application" Direct link:  
<http://nockamixonsailclub.org/content/NSC-2020-online-membership-application>
4. Complete all information (if you enter it correctly, we'll have the correct information – no errors in difficulty reading your writing!) Be sure to enter all information
5. Click "Submit Application and Pay Your Dues"

When you are directed to the next page, choose Cruising or Racing Member (whichever you signed up for).

\*\* If you have a Paypal account, you can log in and pay using your Paypal account

\*\*If you do NOT have a Paypal account, you DON'T need one! Just scroll down, and click "pay with debit or credit card".

Enter your information on the safe, secure, website, and click "pay now".

You're now registered for the 2020 season!

\*\* A second choice would be to register online using steps 1-5 above. If you do not have a debit or credit card, or do not feel comfortable paying online with them, you can mail a check to:

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\*The third (and least attractive option) would be to download the paper application from the website, complete it, and mail it in with your check. If you choose this option, please be sure to PRINT CLEARLY, and include all information on the form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact NSC Membership Secretary Judy Morrison at [jmorrisonpt@verizon.net](mailto:jmorrisonpt@verizon.net).

## Cruising on the Internet

Diane Paxton

Now that we are heading into the cold snowy winter, I thought I would list a few YouTube live aboard cruising videos that you can watch and follow over the winter. There are so many more live-aboard cruising videos who also share their sailing adventures that I did not list due to limited space. Have fun searching for other live aboard YouTube cruising channels. Several of the YouTube channels I have listed below were even invited to attend this past October's Annapolis Sailboat Show to meet with their subscribers and patrons. Enjoy checking out and watching a few of the list of cruising YouTube videos below. Happy Holidays everyone!

Sailing La Vagabonde

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZdQjaSoLjzFnWsDQOv4ww>

Gone with the Wynns

<https://www.youtube.com/user/gonewiththewynns>

Odd Life Crafting

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNASZ7IA8AS\\_yKT89TAVP9w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNASZ7IA8AS_yKT89TAVP9w)

RAN Sailing

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLYd5EnTTwUKhouIkHoqzMw>

Sailing Magic Carpet

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF4xKWRRSuOo4pkOgn91Tdg>

Sailing Project Atticus

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ProjectAtticus>

Sailing Delos

<https://www.youtube.com/user/briantrautman>

Sailing Yacht Ruby Rose

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9rRsBE2nFbnUSjtmv6Jq6w>

Beau and Brandy

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWv34WrsGkr6FXLYz1AOL7A>

Distant Shores TV

<https://www.youtube.com/user/distantshores1>

Sailing Uma

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXbWsGV\\_cjG3gOsSnNJPVlg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXbWsGV_cjG3gOsSnNJPVlg)

Tula's Endless Summer

<https://www.youtube.com/user/FIKITEsUP>

Expedition Drenched

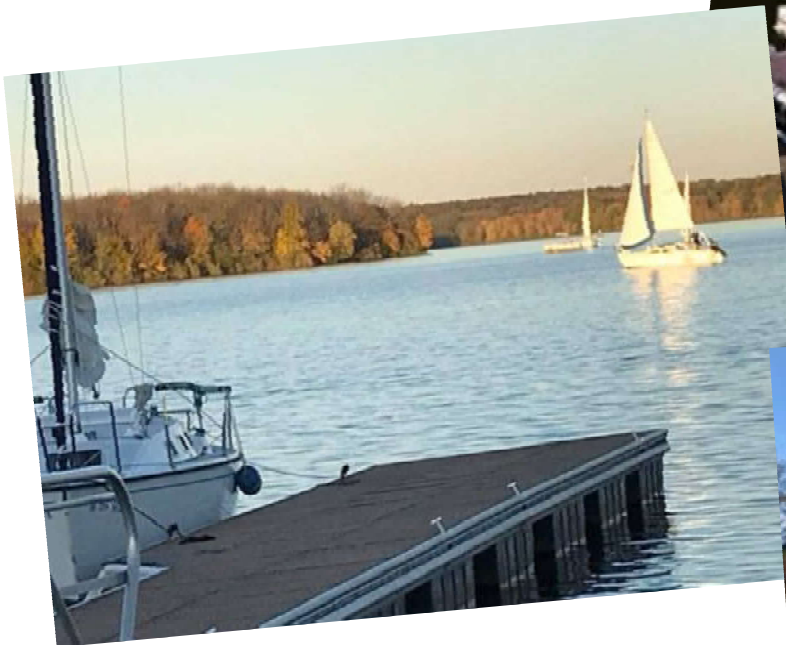
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo1SVuhySkvMbMxWljBSY1g>

### From The Long Way by Bernard Moitessier:

I ought to be able to find more time for solid sleep and hearty meals. After all, there is not that much to do on a boat, even rounding Cape Hope. Or even the Horn. But there is a lot to *feel* in the waters of a great cape. And that takes all the time in the world.

So one forgets oneself, one forgets everything, seeing only the play of the boat with the sea, the play of the sea around the boat, leaving aside everything not essential to that game in the immediate present. One has to be careful though, not to go further than necessary to the depths of the game. And that is the hard part... not going too far.





Clockwise from top left: Party tent at the ULDB (photo by Ken Van Camp); Committee boat getting underway at the Glenn Wesley Memorial Regatta (photo by Brian Scarborough); Scenes from haul-out weekend (photos by Diane Paxton)