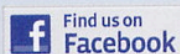


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“ I was asked if I know where all the rocks are. I said no, but I know where they aren't! ”

— EDDIE JOHNSON, CHIEF HARBOR PILOT, ST. MAARTEN

IN OUR WAKE



February 1960: In this issue's "Last Voyage of the Iceboat *Willie Green*," by George E. Eichenlaub, we got a picture of the not-so-pretty side of iceboating. During a race at the Erie Yacht Club, a group of energetic high school and college boys "borrowed" the *Willie Green* for a race. For the *Willie Green*, the race was over when "All aboard hurtled up the ice slope and took off for the brush. Two tons of wood, spars, rending canvas, and men, all flying at the speed of a pitcher's fastball, snapped off the smaller sapling stuff...crashed through the lower branches and naked limbs inland...The whole fabric and cargo, after the flurry of flying things, suddenly came to rest." To learn more about iceboating today, turn to "Captains of Winter" on page 66.



Welcome to the Big Leagues

Nordhavn, a company known for building seaworthy vessels with a top-notch fit and finish, has announced the sale of hull number one of the 120. The Nordhavn 120 represents the company's first launch in the 100-foot-plus market, yet stays faithful to Nordhavn's philosophy of building sound designs for serious cruisers. The owner of 120 hull number one—to be christened *Aurora*—previously owned 62-, 76-, and 86-footers from Nordhavn. With a launch date set for some time in April of 2012, we'll have to wait a little while for *Aurora* to splash. Nordhavn, (949) 496-4848; www.nordhavn.com



Gone But Not Forgotten

On November 12, 2009, the yachting world bid farewell to a legend when Cornelius Nathaniel "C.N." Ray III, the founder of Sea Ray Boats, passed away at the age of 84 after a five-year battle with cancer. In 1959, working with fiberglass wizards and automotive designers, C.N. began Sea Ray Boats (the "Sea" in Sea Ray comes from the "C" in Cornelius), and left his mark forever on the sport of yachting in America and, indeed, the world. To date, Sea Ray has sold nearly 350,000 vessels, and manufactures 40 models between 17 and 60 feet.

Over the Transom

■ The **Atlantic City International Power Boat Show** will be held at the Atlantic City convention center, February 3 to 7. www.acboatshow.com

■ The USPS has made a **Distinguished Sailors stamp series** with four members of the U.S. Navy: William S. Sims, Arleigh A. Burke, John McCloy, and Doris Miller.

■ The **America's Cup** is set to be raced on February 8 in Valencia, Spain. www.americascup.com