

## **Keeping us out of trouble**

Points East is to be commended for putting together the pre-season talks that are associated with the flotillas. Three years ago Susan Genett from [www.realwx.com](http://www.realwx.com) ([www.realwx.com](http://www.realwx.com)) gave a talk on weather prediction and provided the flotilla with weather advice on its crossing to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. (Susan has been providing routing for the Points East-inspired Digby Cup races as well as this year's flotilla.) On a later crossing to the east coast of Nova Scotia, we were able to see her product again.

Recently, on a trip from Antigua to Bermuda to New England, we subscribed to Susan's service and were very pleased with her advice as well as her availability by satellite phone part way through the passages. Thanks again, Points East, for the introduction to a way around an arcane subject, as well as introducing us to a very useful service.

*Jim McNally  
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*Jim: You make a good point about the Republican party failing to deal with ... wait, that was another Jim. Sorry. Delighted Susan could help. Hers is a comforting voice on the other end of the line, though I might have snapped at her once when she told me about the 30K winds 300 miles at sea that things would only get worse over the next 24 hours. Sometimes the truth is hard to accept.*