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THE ANNUAL WSPS CRUISE

Think warm weather! The balance of winter, at least according to the calendar, is measurable in days!

The itinerary for the 2014 edition of **"The Cruise"** was presented to membership on 21 February at the Annual Founders' Day observance. Once again the Cruise Committee was charged with the task of "cruise" reinvention. The "Committee" successfully massaged inputs from membership in the itinerary this year. Sailing the Eastern Shore area has proved to be a perennial favorite with WSPS cruisers as have our stays in Baltimore. We were able to incorporate both in this year's itinerary not to mention some stop-overs at some memorable dockside eateries. Once again the cruise has been scripted to encourage participation by ALL of our membership - boat not necessarily required. Lankford Bay (Rock Hall) especially and St Michaels are both easy auto destination points. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Officially we begin with the perennial Commander's Kick-off and Spring Picnic which will again be hosted by Commander Donald Engler at Lankford Bay Marina. KIA's for this event are P/C Jim and Zelma Robinson. On Sunday, 15 June, we depart for Selby Bay featuring a pre-assigned Pot-Luck Raft-Up organized by KIA's Carol Hanson and Barbara Sharpless. Monday, 16 June, finds us crossing the Bay heading to a favorite Eastern Shore destination, St Michaels. Slippage will be at the St. Michaels Marina (formerly Town Dock) with P/C David Sharpless our KIA for the day. A tour of the Chesapeake Bay Museum is scheduled followed by a shore side Appetizer Party and finally dinner on your own. We return to the Western Shore on Tuesday, 17 June, for an anchorage in Mill Creek hosted by KIA's Jean Marie and John Bailey. Dinner will be at the Western Shore favorite spot - Cantler's Riverside Inn. For Wednesday, 18 June, KIA's P/C John and Betty Ingram have on the schedule an anchor out on Bodkin Creek with dinner on the "deck" at the Cheshire Crab Restaurant. On Thursday, 19 June, we'll be making our way to the Harbor East Marina in Baltimore for a two day stay. KIA's Bart Wilson and P/C David Sharpless will be assembling an Inner Harbor dinghy cruise. Friday evening, 20 June, P/C Dennis Wallace (assisted by wife Carol) will be handling the Closing Ceremonies. As an added bonus, Saturday, 21 June, is slated as an optional layover day in Baltimore. Those cruisers who spent the previous two days at the Harbor East Marina may choose to extend their time by taking advantage of free slippage (electricity as per fee schedule) on Saturday - Compliments of Harbor East Marina. Throughout the week, we'll also have rally events for the sailboat contingent. **Sounds like a great time and we hope to see you there!**

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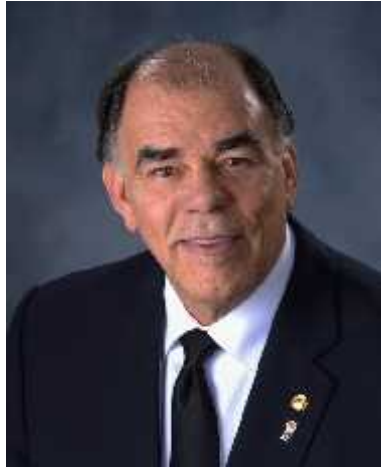
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Donald R. Engler, P

Spring Forward!

If you haven't felt that this winter has been an especially hard one, perhaps you moved from Canada or even Maine where our friends Mary Sue & Tom Stoner now live. These past few months have aptly been named "the dark ages" by many a sailor or waterman. Another covering of snow fell today just a day after Sue and I finished installing our full cover on Jubilee in 50° temps. So is this the type of winter we can expect from the polar vortex in the coming years?

Our Change of Watch will take place at the Embassy Suites in Newark on Sunday 16 March. Known as the only formal affair of the year, and the start of the boating year, it is just a week after Daylight Saving Time begins (3/09)! So set your clocks or you'll be late!

The 2014 Summer Cruise has been planned and registration is due by 31 March. Lots of time has gone into the planning of this week by chairman P/C Dave Sharpless and the Cruise Committee, so don't miss it!

On Friday, 11 April, I have added "A Night at the Movies" showing "All is Lost," a sailing show starring Robert Redford. It didn't win an Academy Award this year, but it was nominated. This is an additional meeting for the Assemblies Committee and will take place at the Brandywine Community Center starting at 1800 (6PM).

Saturday, 17 May will be here before we know it. Both cleanup on Route #20 in Rock Hall and the Spring Picnic with the never before "white elephant" sale will be happening. So as forethought, consider attending both! A call to P/C John Ingram, AP to take part in the cleanup and register on E-vite for the picnic, should cover all bases.

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Executive Department

This past weekend of 50-60 degree weather gave us the first promising signal that Spring is not that far away; so, those of us with boats can now begin planning spring commissioning. The WSPS Executive Committee recently formulated our calendar of activities, which are now published on the www.wspsoaters.com website. As you begin thinking about your plans for Spring, Summer and Fall please take a look at the calendar and mark your calendars to join us on any of the fine activities we have planned.

In the near term, we have the Change of Watch ceremony on Sunday, March 16th, at the Embassy Suites in Newark. The Cruise Committee has also finalized its plan for our Summer Cruise for which registrations are due by March 31st. Elsewhere in this issue you'll find the registration form and additional information on each of our stops. The Cruise Committee has again ensured that plenty of activities are available for members who would prefer to participate by car. So even if you're without a boat, we'd love to have you at any of the activities planned.

Some other highlights of the spring and early summer calendar include Movie Night (All is Lost starring Robert Redford) at the Brandywine Community Center on April 11th, our Spring Picnic and Rte #20 Clean-up at the Rock Hall Civic Center on Saturday, May 17th, and a Trailer Boating Day on the Upper Bay on Saturday, June 7th. These are just a few of the many activities we have planned. Please check our website calendar for more information on these events as well as the others we have planned.

Lt/C John S. Ross, AP
Executive Officer

Boating Safety News

Kayaks

My Webster New Collegiate Dictionary defines Kayak as "Eskimo canoe, usually of sealskin and completely decked, the covering being laced about the paddler" - time for a new dictionary.

Today's kayak is made of fiberglass, may or may not have a seat, pedals, rudder and maybe even a box for live bait with circulating water powered by a nine volt battery.

The growth in paddle boating (kayaks, canoes, stand up boards) has grown far beyond Webster's idea of a kayak. It has been a steady growth since 2006 at which time 2.8% of Americans ages 6 and older were participating in the sport.

As with any water sport there are safety concerns. In 2012 of the [Vessel Types With The Top Casualty Numbers](#) there were 382 drownings, of which 83 are attributed to Canoe/Kayak; second only to open motorboats' 211 drownings.

Obviously one should wear a PFD, have an awareness of the current weather and water temperature and leave a float plan with someone ashore. Appropriate clothing is important because getting wet is very likely. A small water proof container with basic first aid equipment, sun screen, bandaids, etc., as well as snacks and drinking water is recommended depending upon the length of the trip.

Lt David L. Benfer, JN
Boating Safety News

Co-operative Charting

How well do you know your nautical signal flags? Soon we'll be back on the water. We may see some large ships and look up to see some signal flag flying. You may ask yourself, what does that flag mean?

There are only two international marine signal flags that are swallow tail flags. They represent the letters A and B. Many of the letter flags also have a second meaning.

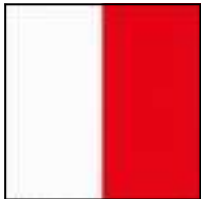


The A, or Alpha, letter flag also has the meaning of "diver is down, keep clear at slow speed."

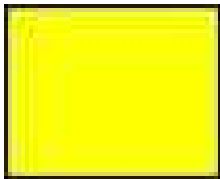


The B, or Bravo, letter flag also has the meaning of "ship has dangerous cargo."

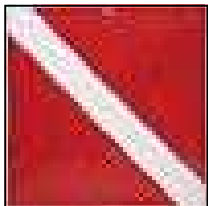
All other international marine signal flags are square in design. You may know some of them.



The H, or Hotel, flag also has the meaning of "ship has a pilot onboard." You may see this flag on ship operating in the Chesapeake Bay, the C&D canal, and the Delaware Bay.



Should you cruise to a foreign country, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, etc., you may use this Q, or Quebec, flag. It also has the meaning of "request to pratique" or "permission to use a port." Take the USPS Cruise Planning course to learn more about this signal flag.

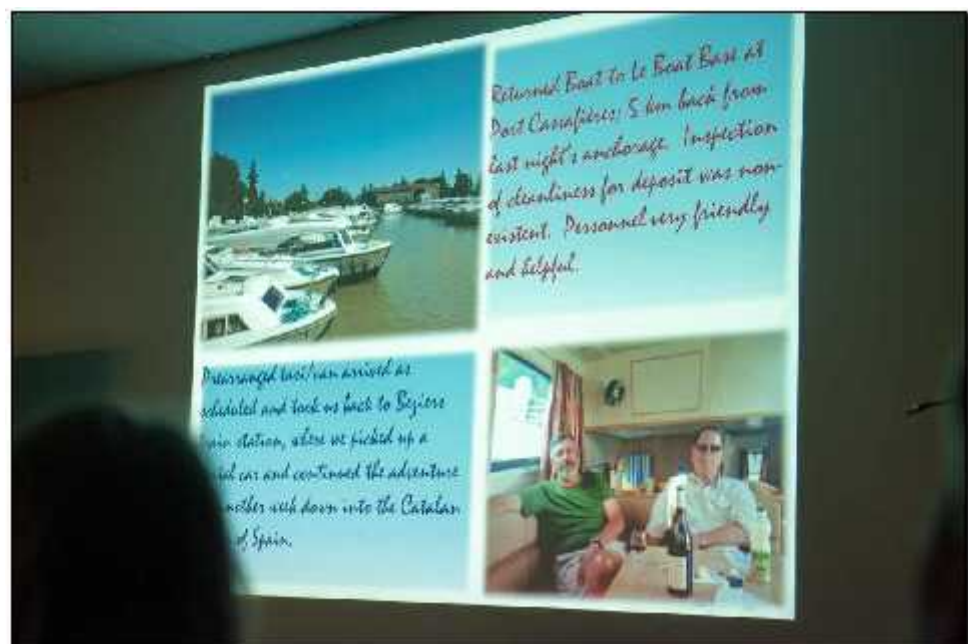


Another square flag, but not an international signal flag, you often see is the Red flag with diagonal stripe from the upper left corner to the lower right corner. It is required in the US, Canada and other countries when the diver is in the water. You may also see this flag mounted on a surface marker buoy.

*P/R/C Steve Leishman, SN
Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairman*

17 January Social – Cruising in Southwest France

At the January Social Theresa Butler and P/C Richard Butler presented information, photos and videos of their June 2013 ten day trip with Bill and Donna Zimmerman down the Canal du Midi in southern France aboard a purpose-built charter powerboat. The canal was part of a series of canals completed in the 1600's to connect the Atlantic and Mediterranean and most of the locks, aquaducts and bridges date from that time. A total of 64 locks were negotiated and traveling downriver is highly recommended. The slow pace of the boat – maximum speed of just over 4 knots – and the beautiful rural countryside of France made for a relaxing and scenic vacation. June is a perfect time if you have an interest in exploring any of the canals in France and Le Boat is a reputable company with a wide range of boats to choose from.



17 January Social – Cruising in Southwest France





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Dear Mrs. Stacey:

The Christmas at Sea "season" unfolded in early November with a group of volunteers from the Episcopal Church of the Ascension filling and wrapping over one hundred "ditty boxes". This year participants included individual knitters, church groups, Boy Scouts, a 4-H Club, local businesses and far too many others to mention. Together your efforts enabled the Center to provide over 1,200 gifts to seafarers arriving in our State. This year we had more port related businesses involved than ever before and students from two Catholic Elementary Schools!

Knitted items come from all over the region. More than 100 knitted caps arrived from Lancaster, Pennsylvania and a kind woman in Claymont sewed dozens of polar fleece caps. We even have knitters dropping off hats and scarves at my home! A big thank you to Port Contractors for donating warm hats embroidered with their logo!

Christmas at Sea involves a lot of heavy lifting! The SCW volunteers rally to help me move everything from the donated items to the finished boxes that are delivered to ships. I physically could not do this without their help.

The real joy, however, is when the SCW van pulls up to the gangway of a ship. There is nothing more fun than waving up to the deck watch and yelling Ho! Ho! Ho! Their faces change from someone looking cold and lonely to a full-on smile that truly extends from ear to ear. Some of them come bounding down to greet us while others seem a bit shy. They are profusely thankful for our efforts and the gifts – all of which would not be possible without each and every contributor that makes this program so successful.

Thank you for helping the Seamen's Center of Wilmington make a seafarer's life a little brighter this holiday season. Your generosity helped these mariners realize that they and their labor have not been forgotten and, though you will never meet, have helped to bring smiles to over 1,000 faces!

Again, thank you and Happy New Year!.

Sincerely,


Joan Lyons
Executive Director



The newest iteration of the Member Involvement Committee has been formed to increase the involvement and participation of both new and older members in the on-land/on-the-water happenings of the Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron. The first meeting took place after the weekly luncheon at Season's Pizza in Talleyville on 8 January 2014. We developed some new ideas that we will be pursuing right away. More importantly, we are looking for your suggestions for things that will make existing programs and activities into even more appealing, not-to-be-missed events. If you have some ideas for new activities that you would like for us to pursue, we are all ears. Look for us at upcoming socials (or drop us an e-mail) to share all your great ideas. See you soon.



Membership Committee members from the left: Lt Sue Engler, P, Lt. Mary Stacey, P/C Lynda Hastings, AP, Leslie Brower and Leslie's daughter Nina who was just sitting-in.

(Commander's Message, Continued from page 2)

On the "lighter side", many of us meeting at the WSPS Luncheons on Wednesdays have been asking each other..."what boat projects are you starting this year?" A couple of us are considering modifying our refrigeration systems by mostly adding a little better insulating material. Some are changing their impellor, seals and bearings in their raw water pump. And some are just plain waiting until the weather warms before entertaining any work. The challenge for me is to idle away the time when there is work to be done.

Commander Don R. Engler, P

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The Reservation Form (complete with deadline dates) is included in this copy of the *Lubber's Line*. Shore travelers need not respond now; we shall "e-vite" our car travelers at a later date. All members are encouraged to participate **in all or any part** of this, our hallmark activity.

Please contact P/C C. David Sharpless, Cruise Chair, at bdsharpless@verizon.net or 1-302-239-7995 if you should have any questions.

WSPS 2014 ANNUAL CRUISE / PICNIC REGISTRATION
June 14 – June 20, 2014

Boat Name: _____ LOA: _____ Draft: _____ Beam: _____

Power _____ Sail _____ Captain's Cell Phone Number _____

Boat US Member: (Y)____(N)____ Number: _____ Captain's E-mail: _____

Crew: In addition to names, please include ages of children and relationship of guests

Captain:

Guests:

Mate:

Children:

Total Crew _____

***Note: Please note any special considerations or accommodations required on reverse side of form.**

1. **Cruise Fees:** Registration Fee: **\$40 - due no later than 31 March**
 Cruise Fees: **balance due no later than 30 April**
 Late Registration Fee: **\$40 additional after 31 March** \$ _____

2. **2014 Cruise T-Shirts**

A. Adult:

_____ S (34-36)

_____ M (38-40)

_____ L (42-44)

_____ XL (46-48)

_____ XXL (50-52)

_____ XXXL (54-56)

Total Adult (_____) X \$12/ea = \$ _____ (a)

b. Child:

_____ YS (6-8)

_____ YM (10-12)

_____ YL (14-16)

Total Children (_____) X \$9/ea = \$ _____ (b)

Total "T" shirt amount due (a + b) = \$ _____

ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES

3. **Saturday – June 14, 2014 Lankford Bay Marina**

KIA's – Zelma and Jim Robinson

Activity: Commander's Kick-off Party and Picnic

Picnic Fees: (____) Adults & Children X \$10.00/person \$ _____

Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____) X \$ 1.75/ft. \$ _____

Electricity: 30 AMP line(s) (_____) X \$ 6.50ea \$ _____

50 AMP line(s) (_____) X \$13.00ea \$ _____

4. **Sunday – June 15, 2014 Selby Bay off South River - Anchor Out**

KIA's – Carol Hanson and Barbara Sharpless

Activity: "Dinner on the Hook" Raft-up

Will be Attending _____ Will Not be Attending _____

Page 1 Subtotal \$ _____

Balance Forward from Page 1 \$ _____

5. **Monday – June 16, 2014** **St Michael’s Marina**
KIA – David Sharpless
 Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____) X \$ 2.60/ft \$ _____
 Electricity: 30 AMP line (_____) X \$ 10.00 \$ _____
 Twin 30 AMP lines (_____) X \$ 20.00 \$ _____
 50 AMP line(s) (_____) X \$ 20.00 \$ _____
Activity: Chesapeake Bay Museum Tour Scheduled
 Appetizer and Cocktail Party Ashore - Meal OYO

6. **Tuesday – June 17, 2014** **Mill Creek – Anchor Out**
KIA’s – John and Jean Marie Bailey
Activity: Dinghy Activity w/ dinner at Cantlers optional

7. **Wednesday – June 18, 2014** **Bodkin Creek – Anchor Out**
KIA’s – Betty and John Ingram
Activity: Dinghy Activity w/dinner at the Cheshire Crab

8. **Thursday – June 19, 2014** **Harbor East Marina – Baltimore**
KIA’s – David Sharpless and Bart Wilson
 Slip Fee Schedule: 30ft slip @ \$72(_____), 40ft slip @ \$94(_____)
 50ft slip @) \$117.50 (_____), «T» Dockage (_____), @ \$2.75ft (_____) \$ _____
 Electricity: 30 Amp Line(s) (_____) X \$ 5.00ea \$ _____
 50 Amp line(s) (_____) X \$ 10.00ea \$ _____
Activity: To be determined

9. **Friday, June 20, 2014** **Harbor East Marina – Baltimore**
KIA’s – David Sharpless and Bart Wilson
Closing Ceremony Hosts – Carol Hanson and Dennis Wallace
 Slip Fee: As per Thursday Schedule \$ _____
 Electricity: 30 Amp Line(s) (_____) X \$ 5.00ea \$ _____
 50 Amp line(s) (_____) X \$ 10.00ea \$ _____
Activity: Dinner by Adams Ribs under the tent at the marina
 Fees: \$25.00/Person; _____ Number of Attendees \$ _____

***Saturday, June 21, 2014** **Optional Layover Day in Baltimore**
 Electricity: 30 Amp Line(s) (_____) X \$ 5.00ea \$ _____
 50 Amp line(s) (_____) X \$ 10.00ea \$ _____

TOTAL FEES REQUIRED \$ _____

BALANCE DUE \$ _____

*For those cruisers who go into Baltimore for both Thursday and Friday nights, Saturday slippage will be a free day (3 days for 2 with no date carry-over option). Electricity fees required each day of stay.

**Please Note: Requests for Special Boat and/or Crew Consideration(s) etc:

Please make your check payable to: **WSPS Cruise/C. David Sharpless**
 forward to: **2 Haileys Trail**
Newark, DE 19711-3006

Founders' Day 2014

The Founders' Day Assembly held 21 February at the Brandywine Community Center was well attended by 48 members. Shared appetizers were followed by great pizza and salad with yummy ice cream varieties for dessert.

Our guest speaker was Michael Hulme, Master of the research vessel *Rachel Carson*. Hulme, who was recently named Director of Marine Operations of the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science in the Solomons, presented a most interesting talk and slide show on his life experiences and the details of the vessel. While presenting his very personal biography, he stated that one of his pleasures in the Coast Guard was the opportunity to teach new recruits and seamen new skills. He stated that from learning more about the goals of the US Power Squadron, he also admires its programs of boating safety and skills course work. He continues to enjoy teaching others.

We heard a detailed story about the design, construction and operation of the *Rachel Carson*, a state of the art 81 foot research vessel ideally suited for operation on the Chesapeake and its tributaries. Powered by twin 1200 hp jet drives and outfitted with on-board laboratories, the *Carson* is also equipped with berths provided for scientists and crew for multi-day expeditions. She is equipped with a cPos dynamic positioning system, which allows the vessel to hover in place over a fixed spot and do so repeatedly. This allows the scientists to collect accurate information. Some of the *Carson's* missions involve placing of research buoys and other sensors, fish species counting and migration studies, plankton research and many others. A continuing mission of the crew is to oversee all procedures so that they are conducted safely. The crew is delighted to supervise tours of the vessel if you are in the Solomons. Some advance scheduling would be helpful to ensure the vessel's presence at the Center.

Following the presentation, a short business meeting was called to order by Commander Donald Engler. Nominations Committee Chairman, P/C John Ingram, presented the Slate of Officers and select committees for the coming year. A motion was made and passed to approve the nominations for 2014-2015. P/C David Sharpless spoke briefly about the itinerary for the annual cruise in June and passed out registration forms. After thanking the Nominations Committee and Assemblies Committee for their hard work and dedication, Commander Engler adjourned the meeting.

Anne and Michael Minard
Assemblies Committee



Founders' Day 2014



The Boat Names Have Been Changed to Protect....

Six squadron members share with us why they named their boats what they did...

“PORTABELLA” - OWNERS: ZELMA AND JIM ROBINSON



Since Jim worked in the mushroom industry in the Kenneth Square area for over fifty years, he felt a kinship to his endeared portabellas. The entire family voted to name their present 40' Silverton “*Portabella*.” When asked if he could define this name, Jim answered, “a big, open, veiled mushroom produced in the world today.” Jim added that the previous boat they owned was named “Two Ladies” after both Zelma and Jim’s mothers.



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“WILLOW” - OWNERS: CHRIS AND MARK ATKINSON

We have a few basic principles for boat names: 1) It must be easily understood over the VHF radio; 2) It must be significant; and 3) It must not be embarrassing in the unfortunate event of having to call a Mayday or other emergency.

We thought of “*Willow*” because it is a flexible and graceful tree, good qualities for a boat. Also it is among the first trees to green up in the spring and among the last to lose its leaves. We thought further and looked in an old tree book that noted willow trees

are common along rivers and

other waterways across the continent and we thought our boat should be, too. Finally, we knew it was a natural source of acetyl salicylic acid, a basic ingredient of aspirin. It’s good for headaches and other pains.

And as we bought the boat to carry us into retirement, relief from the headaches of stress would be a very good thing.



“SEA LION” - OWNERS: WENDY SHIPMAN AND MIKE KING

“*Sea Lion*” is a tawny colored Island Packet sailboat with traditional lines that seemed to require a traditional name. Selecting this name in a family that values females was not difficult. We were concerned that there might be so many boats with this old fashioned name and that confusion in radio transmissions might occur, but coming across a similarly named vessel on channel 16 is very rare. In a nod to the unique we have named our tender *Sea Goat*. This difficult to sail, aluminum craft guarantees humility. Wendy’s grandfather was notorious for teasing his favorite granddaughter and would



constantly inform her that he had gotten her goat. On more than a few occasions this wayward small craft seems to get our goat!

“PLEASURE’S MINE” - OWNERS: BART AND BEV WILSON



When we purchased our third Catalina sailboat, a 1989 36 ft. sloop, she was already named “Andrea Lloyd”, the names of her prior owners. That name reminded us too much of the famed Andrea Doria, which SANK. We didn’t need THAT. We were coming out of a rough time for our family, the death of our oldest son, Jeff. We knew Jeff would want us to make new happy memories for our family. We, along with sons Jim and Steve, submitted suggestions for a new name. The winner: Jim’s sugges-

tion “*Pleasure’s Mine*,” A variation of the usual response, “It’s my pleasure,” it was an upbeat name. Individually, it expressed our feelings about the boat and the good times we anticipated in the future. We, along with our sons, their wives, our five grandsons, and our friends in the Squadron, have created memories for our family that deserve the statement “*Pleasure’s Mine*.”



“NAUTI - GAL” - OWNERS: NANCY AND JIM ENNIS

The family gathered for a boat naming session shortly after we bought our Catalina 36. Nancy thought “**Nauti-Gal**” was a cute play on words and would keep folks guessing “what does THAT mean?”

A long list of the usual boat names was created by both us and our kids. After much discussion, the kids decided that their absolute favorite was “**Breaking Wind**”. We found out quickly that



Jim and I were outnumbered four to two, however the democracy quickly became a monarchy and King James and Queen Nancy opted for our present “**Nauti-Gal**.”



“EAU DE VIE” - OWNERS: TERESA AND RICHARD BUTLER

Our first sailboat was a 1983 Catalina 30. The boat’s name was “Celebration” and we knew that the name would change. While on a visit to see my family in Florida (Terry), I had lunch with my mom at Marina Jack’s in Sarasota and enjoyed looking at all the sailboats at the marina. One boat particularly caught my eye, because of the name “Eau de Vie”. I called Richard that evening and told him I found the perfect name for the Catalina 30. What did he think? He liked it!! The 2004 and 2005 hurricanes had



other plans for the 1983 Catalina 30, however our old Catalina 30 (now named “Bay Girl”)

is still sailing on Mobile Bay in Alabama!

We moved from Alabama to Texas and bought our present boat a 33 ft Beneteau. The name was “Evangeline”, which is now “**Eau de Vie**”! We lived in France and love everything French, especially wine, cheese, and food, so I thought this name would be perfect for our boat.

“**Eau de Vie**” is French for “water of life”. It is a clear, colorless fruit brandy that is produced by means of fermentation and double distillation and it can also be made from grapes. The fruit flavor is typically very light. We do keep a bottle on board!!



Christmas

Pictures from the 5 January 2014 Christmas Social at the Home of P/C Richard, JN and Terry Butler



2014 Event Schedule for the Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron



17 January - Assembly @ Brandywine Town Center
Terry & Richard Butler, Canal Boats of France

21 February - Assembly @ Brandywine Town Center
Founder's Day Social; Election of Officers

16 March - Change of Watch Ceremony, Embassy Suites,

11 April - A Night at the Movies - Brandywine Town Center

17 May - WS&PS Spring Picnic & cleanup Rt. 20 in Rock Hall
White Elephant sale at the picnic

31 May - A Day Afloat - Spring Boating Class Graduates

07 June - Trailer Boating - Upper Chesapeake Bay

14 June - Commander Cruise kickoff @ Langford Bay Marina

15-20 June Summer Cruise on the Chesapeake Bay

19 July - Pool Party at Worton Creek Marina - anchor out or
drive in to our land based party.

2 August - WS&PS Crab Feast & Rt.20 clean-up Rock Hall

23-24 August - Raft-up at Still Pond - Nettle free swimming

27-28 September - Raft-up at Eagle Cove

25 October - Oyster Dinner at the Wellwood Restaurant

14 November - Social Assembly @ Brandywine Com. Center

7 December - WS&PS Holiday Social to be held at Mike King
and Wendy Shipman's home: Hockessin, DE



WSPS Birthdays/March-April

<i>March</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>Date</i>
William E. Barber	Mar 05	John S. Ross	Apr 01
Edward A. Kalinowski	Mar 06	Beverly J. Melcher	Apr 03
Mary E. Stacey	Mar 07	William A. Parsons III	Apr 03
Geraldine R. Walker	Mar 08	Alan G. Cropper	Apr 04
Albert I. Willett	Mar 09	Zelma C. Robinson	Apr 08
Martin G. Wagner	Mar 19	John H. Bailey	Apr 10
Jeanmarie Bailey	Mar 24	Donna J. Hilton	Apr 12
Kim Miller-Royal	Mar 24	David L. Benfer	Apr 13
John A. Bryson	Mar 25	Janet E. Bryson	Apr 15
David Wenhold	Mar 26	Charles R. Stadler	Apr 15
Dorothy Ann Brabson	Mar 26	William Zimmerman	Apr 15
Sarah Lind Cheyne	Mar 29	Aaron P. Wagner	Apr 19
Walter L. Osgood	Mar 31	Victoria Sherry	Apr 21
		Jessica Reager	Apr 22
		Thomas S. Webster Jr.	Apr 22

Education Department

Our Fall 2013 class of Piloting posted probably the highest class test average of any Advanced Grade course WSPS has taught in recent years. Congratulations to Jean Marie Bailey, John H. Bailey, Leslie A. Brower, Kathleen H. Leef, Donna C. Powell, and Bruce A. Wyngaard for "job well done". Once again, a special thanks to co-instructors P/C Judy Stader, AP and Chuck Stadler, AP for your ongoing contributions.

We have been once again able to offer and successfully seat an Advanced Piloting class for the Spring 2014 term beginning 4 February. The current session is being team taught by P/C Mike King, AP, P/C David Sharpless, AP, and P/C John Ingram, AP.

Seasonal Boating Certification Classes are scheduled to begin for the Kennett Square area at the Kennett VFW facility on 20 March, followed by New Castle County classes at A. I. DuPont High School on 1 April, and finally at McKean High School on 17 April. Classes are scheduled to begin at 7:00 and meet weekly for 2 hours - 4 consecutive weeks.

Would a several hour seminar on a specific boating subject be of interest? Please contact the undersigned with your ideas.

P/C James Robinson AP-SEO

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP

Calendar of Events

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Weekly Luncheons on Wednesday: 1130
Seasons Pizza, 3901 Concord Pike, Wilm., DE



16	Mar.	1200	WSPS Change of Watch Embassy Suites, Newark, DE
27-30	Mar.		D/5 Spring Conference Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD
31	Mar.		Cruise Registrations Due
01	Apr.	1900	Safe Boating Certification Class Begins A.I. duPont High School 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington, DE
07	Apr.		Deadline for May/June/July Lubber's Line Material
11	Apr.	1800-2100	Night at the Movies – <i>All Is Lost</i> w/ <i>Robert Redford</i> Brandywine Community Center
16	Apr.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
17	Apr.	1900	Safe Boating Certification Class Begins McKean High School 301 McKennan's Church Rd., Wilmington, DE
02-03	May		D/5 Coop Charting Workshop NOAA Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, VA
17	May		WSPS Spring Picnic & Rt #20 Cleanup Rock Hall Civic Center

