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2019 Summer Cruise



Are you ready for warmer weather and on the water activities? So is your WSPS Cruise Committee! We have been hard at work designing a fabulous 2019 Chesapeake Bay cruise!

As always our goal is to provide time for fun and camaraderie, while enjoying our beautiful bay and possibly even learning something about our fellow boaters, the Chesapeake Bay and our boats.

We are grateful to our 2019 Cruise Committee members,; Chris & Mark Atkinson, Joan & Bill Barber, Ann & Dave Benfer, Leslie Brower & Bruce Wyngaard, Betty and John Ingram, Kathy Leef, Randy & Susan Williamson, Bev & Bart Wilson, and Donna & Bill Zimmerman, who have been working on everyone's behalf to ensure an enjoyable cruise.



We have planned for the Commander's Kick off, sail rallies, blind dingy races, a Celebration of Island Life event, Men's Appetizer Contest at the lovely Herrington Harbour South Marina, and two evenings in Annapolis, which includes a guided tour of the U.S. Naval Academy Museum, ending with the ever entertaining Closing Ceremony!

Members who are unable to join us for the cruise are encouraged to meet up with us on land for the Commander's Cocktail party and dinner, and in Annapolis for the U.S. Naval Academy Museum tour and dinner.

Please see the Cruise Registration pages 9 & 10 for further information and sign up.

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2018-2019*

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*OUR
COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE*



I would like to take this opportunity to say that I am proud and honored to have served as your Commander for the 2018-2019 Bridge year. A big thank you goes out to the Bridge Officers and committee chairs for a job well done and a special acknowledgment to all of those members who went above and beyond the call of duty and accepted more responsibility. To each and every member of the squadron, thank you for your support, loyalty and dedication.

Moving forward into 2019-2020, our declining membership role numbers continue to be the major concern with the future of WSPS. Attrition, specifically the passing of irreplaceable members, continues to take its toll. This situation can be somewhat remedied if each of us would embrace the issue by sponsoring just one "like minded" friend for membership consideration. Our committees, surprisingly, continue to function, function well. The downside of that comment is we remain dependent on an aging population of *recycling* members that keeps us afloat. .

We are once again able to offer a full calendar of activities designed to appeal to all membership for next year. Sadly, we remain limited in our ability to offer education classes beyond the Certification level due to a lack of need (new member shortage).

Last bridge year a full calendar of water/shore side activities began with a group visit to Fort Delaware in the Spring. We did the annual summer cruise, crab feast, oyster feast and a successful Christmas party to end 2018. Salted in was a season full of successful week-end raft-ups. Each in its own way was memorable. We kicked off calendar year 2019 with a well-organized social in January followed by our annual Founders' Day observance in February.

Event participation this past year has been good. Can we improve on our offerings? Fresh ideas for new or additional activities (afloat or shore side) are always welcome - contact any Bridge Officer or Executive Committee Member with your thoughts.

The boating season is lurking just around the corner. Now is the time for establishing a good realistic plan of attack, a "to do" list if you will, addressing our sometimes daunting seasonal boat tasks.

On behalf of Maggie and myself, our sincerest thanks to all for a memorable year.

Cdr. John Koval, P

Assemblies Committee

Founder's Day

Our Founder's Day and annual meeting held on 15 February celebrated the squadron's 81st year.

P/C John Ingram, AP led the evening's meeting and called the business meeting to order. The nominations for the executive committee and bridge officers for the upcoming year were presented. A vote was taken and the slate-of-officers were elected.

Lt/C Carol Hanson, P reviewed the 2019 cruise schedule. The cruise begins with the kick off on Saturday, 15 June at North Point Marina, Sunday anchor-out at the Rhode River, Herrington Harbor, anchor-out at Harness Creek on South River, anchor-out at Little Round Bay at the Severn River and ending in Port Annapolis. Please contact Carol or P/C Dennis Wallace, P if interested.



Scott and Kathy Mayhue shared their experiences aboard their *S/V Star Reacher* on a trip to the Bahamas in 2017 - 2018. P/C Richard Butler, JN and P/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP joined Scott on the passage to Florida. The conditions were difficult as they headed down the Chesapeake Bay, however they arrived safely and enjoyed the warmer weather when they reached the Bahamas. There were many photos of the various anchorages and interesting stories about their journey.



Please remember to send your payment to Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P for the Change of Watch on Sunday, March 10th. The event will be at Schaefer's Canal House.



Many thanks to the Assemblies Committee for their help in setting up the tables & chairs, serving the meal and taking down everything when we left for each of our three events this season.

*Lt Betty Ingram, P
Assemblies Committee*



Gypsy II

Assemblies Committee: *Betty & John Ingram, Geri Walker, Mike Minard, Sue Engler, Donna Zimmerman, Judy Stadler, Kathy Leef, Leslie Brower, Bruce Wyngaard, Bart & Bev Wilson, Terry Butler & Joan Barber.*



Administrative Department



Preparing for 2019

And so it begins shortly on March 10th at the Change of Watch, I will be inducted as your Commander. It will be my honor!

**How can I best serve you, our membership?
How do I best serve our organization?**

These things I know: We have an excellent and experienced Executive Committee. We are fortunate that they are so committed to the our squadron. We have become more of a social group and less of an educational organization, given the extensive educational boating resources on-line. Our well attended social activities are also extensive.

Betty Ingram and her Assembly Committee make organizing an event look effortless. Is there more opportunity there for our members? Additionally, to maintain a strong organization that is continually renewing itself through new membership, how do we reach out to likeminded individuals who might consider WSPS?

With so many marinas and so many boaters in the northern bay area, how do we engage them more effectively? We have been providing Spin Sheet with monthly pictures and articles on WSPS activities and events. What else might help? America's Boating Club/USPS has developed short educational videos. To get the word out, should we consider offering the most popular for viewing at some of our marinas?

After a large marketing and branding study, The United States Power Squadron (USPS) changed their name to America's Boating Club. They are encouraging all squadrons to consider adopting or at least incorporating it into their name. Our USPS District, D5, is using the name America's Boating Club Mid-Atlantic. "To keep up with the times" do we consider becoming America's Boating Club Wilmington?

Please consider these ideas, and let me or members of the WSPS Executive Committee know your thoughts! How do we reach out and engage other boaters? Mike King and I hope to learn more at the America's Boating Club Mid Atlantic/District 5 Conference at the end of March. We know you care about WSPS and its members.

How can I best serve?

*Lt/C Carol Hanson, P
Administrative Officer*



Weatherly



RESERVATION FORM



United States Power Squadrons® District 5 Spring Conference
28-31 March 2019
Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland

MEMBER: Rank _____ Name _____ ---- Grade _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SQUADRON _____ POSITION _____ FIRST TIMER? _____

E-mail _____ PHONE _____

SPOUSE/OTHER ATTENDEES:

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____

Rank _____ Name _____ Grade _____ First Timer? _____

MENU SELECTIONS

SATURDAY LUNCH:

Lunch Sandwich Buffet: Sliced Meats and cheeses, Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes and Onions, Pickles with Assorted Rolls and Breads, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad and Home-Made Potato Chips # ____ @ \$23.00 = \$____
Brownies and Blondies, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee & Iced Tea Stations

SATURDAY BANQUET ENTREE CHOICES:

Beef Medallions & Mushrooms w/ Gravy over Garlic Mashed Potatoes # ____ @ \$37.00 = \$____

Seafood Newburg over Garlic Mashed Potatoes # ____ @ \$36.00 = \$____
(Scallops, Crab & Shrimp in a Sherry Cream Sauce)

Vegetarian / Gluten Free Vegetable Stir-Fry served over Rice # ____ @ \$27.00 = \$____

Selections served with: House Salad, Vegetable Medley, Rolls & Butter and Chef's Selection of Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Decaf Coffee, & Iced Tea Stations

Children: Chicken Tender Platter with French Fries # ____ @ \$14.00 = \$____

Dietary Restrictions: _____
(Gluten Free Option Available)

Total Enclosed: \$_____

Make Checks Payable to: Delhigh Power Squadron

SEND TO:

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6951 Sunflower Lane

Macungie, PA 18062

Phone: (956) 240-5553

E-mail: k.now@mac.com

**MEAL RESERVATIONS must
be received by 10 MARCH**

Recommended Dress for Banquet: Uniform B with bowtie or suitable after 6 attire.

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL - Call Reservations Dept. at (800) 476-9253

Use the Reservation ID Code: U.S. Power Squadron, District 5

Princess Royale Hotel, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland

Non-Smoking Venue - Handicapped Rooms available on a request basis

Rates: Ocean/Pool View Suite: \$119.00 per night, Ocean Front Suite: \$165.00 per night,

2BR Condo: \$254.00 per night, 3BR: \$284.00 per night

(rates listed above do not include taxes)

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 7 MARCH 2019 TO ENSURE USPS RATES

Educational Department

Public Course Set for April and Thoughts on Stepping Down

Our next boater certification course will be in April at the Cabela's store at Christiana Mall. It will begin on Tuesday, April 9th and continue on the next three Tuesday evenings with the final exam at the end of the class on Tuesday, April 30th. P/C David Sharpless will once again be the principal instructor.

Efforts are underway to publicize this class on the Delaware Boating Education website, in the Chesapeake Bay oriented boating publications Prop Talk and Spin Sheet, on Craig's List and with posters at area boating supply stores. If you know of a place to put up a poster, let me know and I will e-mail a copy to you for posting.

This will be our fifth class at Cabela's since 2016 and my last as your Squadron Education Officer. Lt. David Benfer, JN has been nominated to serve as the next Education Officer, and I will be working closely with him as we go through the process of organizing, publicizing and preparing for the class. I hope to make this a seamless transfer and have him fully prepared to continue our tradition of public education.

I am fully convinced that our public education is a critical service. Our course is so much more than a means to fulfill a legal requirement for a person to operate a boat. It is an introduction to a world of knowledge that is necessary if a person is to go out on the water safely and with confidence. And I firmly believe that confidence is the foundation for having fun on the water.

About sixty students attended the classes during my tenure, were planning to run small boats and didn't seem to care that the world in which a small boat operates is just as complex as for a large boat, or that the captain carries the same responsibilities. It is just as risky, and perhaps more so. While our students seemed to be involved in the class and generally receive high grades, their participation didn't translate into interest in further education.

Although P/C Sharpless and I have talked extensively about why we cannot generate a higher level of interest and what are the barriers to getting our message across, we have no answers. I leave the office knowing that I have served well, and am glad to have had the experience. I look forward to working with Lt/C Benfer in the transition and helping the squadron.

*P/C Mark Atkinson, AP
Squadron Education Officer*



Willow

Boating Safety News

Test Your Eyes, Ears, Nose & Touch!

Having spent a lot of time on our boats, we have gotten used to the sounds, smells, vibrations and motions they emit. As time goes on, this library of sensory memories gets embedded in our brains without our being aware of it happening. This subconscious memory of what is “normal” can be one of the best avenues for identifying problems on a boat.

After shutting everything off, take a minute to listen. Can you hear any drips or gurgles that shouldn't be there? Some of us more seasoned sailors don't hear as well as we once did, so don't hesitate to ask someone with better hearing to listen for you. Running machines may have a “smell.” Exhaust has a certain odor, and if it changes, you need to investigate. A lot of steam or excessive smoke can indicate a problem. Your gauges may all read normal, but they don't tell you everything. The electrical brethren have a concept called “not letting the smoke out.” If you let the smoke out of a piece of electrical or electronic equipment, it's probably not good for anything but ballast.

The first indicator of an electrical failure may be a smell. It may not last long, but you need to find the source and isolate it before things get worse. Again, you know what your boat's normal smells are. If something smells different, find out why. Sometimes machinery smells can be subtle. Sniffing in your engine compartment occasionally is a good idea. Some lubricants emit an odor as they warm up, and you will usually assess that as normal. A strong oil smell could indicate a leak, and you'll need to find out where the excess oil is coming from. Your panel gauge measures pressure, not volume. The gauge tells you when the engine has run out of oil but not that it's leaking. A smell of anti-freeze or excess steam isn't normal and indicates that a hose, heat exchanger or water heater might be leaking.

A boat's motion can change for several reasons. If a group of passengers move to one location, the concentration of weight may cause a list or alter trim. Excess water in the bilge may cause a reduction of stability, resulting in long slow rolls and a tendency to loll at an angle of heel. If the boat doesn't come up on plane at the normal rate or your bow rises excessively, the boat could have excess bilge water. If a motion does not feel normal, investigate. Sounds provide a key source of information. Is a pump cycling too often or running continuously? Is there a new squeak? Is a belt too loose, an impeller failing, an engine running rough? Is an engine or generator surging? Did an exhaust note change? A failed cooling pump that is not putting water into a water-cooled exhaust will make that sound change, and you need to catch the change and respond quickly or it could become an expensive and potentially dangerous situation. Obstructed vent motors can also change their sound.

You probably don't even realize how many little things about your boat's systems that you can sense. Don't hesitate to investigate further when you see, smell, feel or hear something different.

—Carl Smith

This article was originally published in The Nansemond Light, newsletter of Nansemond River Power Squadron D/5.



Administrative Department



Boat Inspections (VSC)

Both the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons have certified vessel examiners who will perform a free Vessel Safety Check ("VSC") at your boat, at a time of mutual convenience. There is no charge and no consequences if you don't pass. Our goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends, through education.



I am the current Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron (America's Boating Club) vessel examiner. Two years ago, I decided to fill the void in our squadron left with the passing of our previous examiner. I took it upon myself to learn the material required to pass the test. I looked through the many districts websites to find out the required steps that I needed to take to become certified. I downloaded a copy of the Vessel Safety Check Manual and began to study it. After feeling that I had a good grasp of the material, I then took and passed the test. I was required to do ten supervised inspections with a Certified Vessel Examiner. P/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP helped me to find someone to work with me and someone who was willing to let me tag along for my hands-on portion of the certification.

I spent quite a few weekends on boat ramps on the Delaware River with Safety VSE P/C Edward Rearick Jr., AP from the Kingsway Power Squadron. Working with Edward was educational and fun. Edward stressed to me that not many boaters feel they need this service. That day I realized what he was talking about first hand. As a boater would approach the parking lot before the ramp, we would offer a courtesy safety check. Many declined; referencing their number of years spent on the water, they said they felt good about their boat's safety. This is a belief many veteran boaters have. Edward pointed out to me that it is our job as a VE to break the ice and get them to take a second to look at safety equipment they have on board. It was our goal to at least get that boater to question themselves about safety even if they didn't allow us to examine their boat. We wanted to get them to double check safety items; for instance, to verify how old the flares are, do I have enough lifejackets for everyone I plan to take along, and things like do my navigation lights work. It's interesting how much we sometimes take for granted unless we force ourselves to check. I hope I can provide this service for a long time. I enjoy talking to fellow boaters and helping them think about safety no matter how long or how little time they have spent on the water. Go on line to the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron Website if interested in having your boat checked.

John H. Bailey, AP

WS&PS Vessel Safety Examiner



Novus

WSPS 2019 ANNUAL CRUISE / PICNIC REGISTRATION
June 15 – June 21, 2019

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

Power ____ Sail ____ Captain's E-mail: _____

Boat US Member: (Y)__(N)__ Number: _____ Captain's Cell # _____

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 the second page of the form.**

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

ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES

2. **Saturday, June 15, 2019** North Point Marina
KIA's – Joan & Bill Barber, Dave & Ann Benfer, Betty & John Ingram
Activity: **Commander's Kick-off Party and Picnic**
Picnic Fees: (____) Adults & Children X \$10.00/person \$ _____

Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____) X \$2.00/ft \$ _____
Electricity: 30 AMP line(s) (_____) X \$8.00ea \$ _____
50 AMP line(s) (_____) X \$18.00ea \$ _____

3. **Sunday, June 16, 2019** Rhode River - Anchor Out
KIA's – Carol Hanson
Activity: "Dinner on the Hook" Raft-up
Will be Attending _____ Will Not be Attending _____

4. **Monday, June 17, 2019** Herrington Harbour South Marina
KIA's – Bruce Wyngaard and Leslie Brower, Bev & Bart Wilson
Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____) X \$2.25/ft \$ _____
Electricity: 30 AMP line (_____) X \$6.00 \$ _____
50 AMP line(s)(_____) X \$12.00 \$ _____
Activity: Men's Appetizer Contest Dinner on your own

5. **Tuesday, June 18, 2019** Harness Creek, South River – Anchor Out
KIA's – Chris & Mark Atkinson
Activity: Celebration of Island Life!

Page 1 Subtotal \$ _____

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6. Wednesday, June 19, 2019 Little Round Bay, Severn River – Anchor Out

KIA's – Dennis Wallace, Ann & Dave Benfer

Activity: Blind Dinghy Races

Dinner on your own

7. Thursday, June 20, 2019 Port Annapolis Marina – Annapolis

KIA's – Kathy Leef, Joan & Bill Barber

Slip Fee Schedule: Vessel LOA incl sprit & dinghy() x \$3.00/ft \$ _____

Electricity: included

Activity: Hors d'oeuvres in the Pavilion

Dinner on your own

8. Friday, June 21, 2019 Port Annapolis Marina – Annapolis

KIA's – Kathy Leef, Carol Hanson, Randy Williamson

Slip Fee Schedule: Vessel LOA () x 3.00/ft \$ _____

Electricity: included

Activity: Tour - U.S. Naval Academy Museum, 10:00 a.m.

Dinner: Buffet by Adam's Rib

Choices: BBQ chicken, pulled pork, smoked beef brisket, coleslaw, baked beans, potato salad, and desert.

Fees: \$30.00/Person; _____ Number of Attendees \$ _____

Closing Ceremony Hosts – Carol Hanson and Dennis Wallace

TOTAL FEES REQUIRED \$ _____

BALANCE DUE \$ _____

To avoid charges, any marina cancellations must be made by the boat Captain 48 hours in advance.

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

Please make your check payable to: **WSPS**
 Forward to: **Carol Hanson**
558 Winfield Way
Chester Springs, PA 19425-9530

*Administrative Department***2019 WSPS Photo Contest**

WSPS Members – The Photo Contest has resumed in October, through the winter and into the spring & summer of 2019. The closing date will be Wednesday, 18 September, 2019. Good Luck and when you go to the Chesapeake Bay, whether in the car or boat, don't forget to capture images with your camera or cell phone.

The categories will be the same:

People - Boats - Scenic/Wildlife - and Sunrise/Sunsets.

First, second and third place winners will be announced in October-November-December 2019 Lubber Line. WSPS members can submit as many digital photos as they want in one category or in all of the categories, but can only win once in that category. The winning images will also appear on the squadron's website. These images must have been taken between **1 October, 2018 and 17 September, 2019**. These images should be of life on the Chesapeake Bay where we spend most of our time. Folks should take a look at their archived images, select the best ones, check the date, to see if it is in range of the above dates, and send them via e-mail to:

Lt/C Carol Hanson, P at: jchanson@comcast.net.

Because these files can be as large as 4-7 mb, just send (medium size) files or whatever your provider will permit. If you are using a software program to reduce the image's size, please make the longest side 2000 pixels. It's OK to send multiple emails. By submitting images to this contest the photographer gives his/her permission to have the pictures published on the website.

The photographs will be judged, and then published in Lubber's Line.

So, show off your photographic skills and impress your fellow WSPS members!

*Lt/C Carol Hanson, P
Administrative Officer*



Weatherly

Following Mystic Star



Saturday, 26 January we headed out of Rock Sound, Eleuthera with about eight other boats for various points in the Exumas. Our destination was the center of the Park at Warderick Wells Cay and had arranged to be on the list for a mooring ball via email on the previous day. The trip across was mostly uneventful, much of it motor sailing as the wind was nearly dead astern. Towards the end it picked up to near 20 knots so jib alone worked well until we made the entrance at Warderick

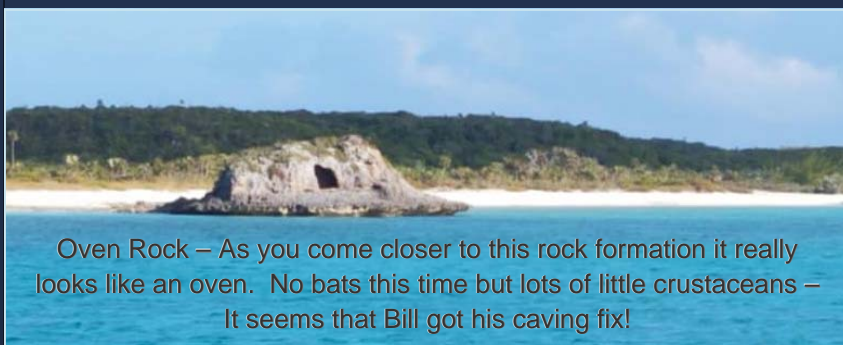
Cut. We knew we might encounter a rough entrance since the tide had already turned to ebb and was opposing the building winds, so we made ready for a wet ride. It turned out to be not bad, but steep standing waves were building. Several other boats made the entrance an hour or two later and had much wilder conditions to contend with, but all made it in OK. The wind filled in and held at 25-30 with squally conditions for most of the afternoon, which was not expected. We were able to grab the mooring pennant in the narrow horseshoe shaped mooring field there at Warderick Wells, but just prior the boat attempting to grab the adjacent mooring was not so lucky and was quickly swept aground on the sand bar maybe one boat length away. Fortunately this was quickly remedied with the help of a park boat with powerful engines and we were all happy to be secure for the high winds during the rest of the day.

On Wednesday (Feb 6) we dropped the mooring early so as to exit via the south route at high tide then sailed with genoa alone the short distance to the Staniel Cay area. We anchored off Big Majors with about fifty other boats, a very popular spot. We stayed there for two nights and made the long dinghy trip to the settlement at Staniel Cay several times. There we walked the small town a bit and picked up some groceries from one of the very small stores there. We also couldn't resist a fine dining experience at the Yacht Club there, which lived up to expectations. That involved a long dinghy ride back to the boat on a very dark choppy night, but well worth it. On Thursday the 7th we caught up with new friends we had met in Great Harbour Cay sailing here from Norfolk, so was fun to share stories again. The next day we rolled out the jib for a short sail south to Black Point and anchored just off of the dock for the Laundromat there.



Bill enjoys cave exploring so if there isn't a cave available, a hole will do!

This is the best and most scenic laundry in the Bahamas (or maybe anywhere) and we could not miss the chance to take care of that chore and enjoy a few more restaurants there in town.



Oven Rock – As you come closer to this rock formation it really looks like an oven. No bats this time but lots of little crustaceans – It seems that Bill got his caving fix!

Following Mystic Star



Warderick Wells Land and Sea Park

There we met a couple that were from the Wilmington area and both had recently retired from careers in chemistry, so similar to our experience--to meet them for the first time in this remote outpost was a real coincidence. From there we moved a few miles down the coast of Great Guana Cay to a favorite protected spot of "Little Bay". We've sat out high wind events here on the last trip and wanted to be set for a few days of high winds once again. About twelve others had the same idea and even in the high winds, one can get to windward to a great beach and walks across the narrow island to the pounding surf on the east side. Things should simmer down by tomorrow or so and we'll be on our way south once again.



We arrived in Georgetown the day after registration so we missed out on most of the events for the Cruisers Regatta - dinghy poker run, blind dinghy race, coconut challenge, beach golf and so forth. We enjoyed being spectators though and even learned the locally approved way to wear a PFD. The annual Regatta Variety Show was a fun event at the Chat & Chill Beach and the guy blowing on the red trumpet did an amazing job too!



We were able to sign up for the big boat races, and ended up with a **first place** in our class for the in-harbor race on Sunday!! We have to admit, however, that most of the other boats in our class did not start, leaving only two boats to compete. So the two of us and boats in the other four classes had a good time out there in perfect sailing conditions.



We hope to head to Conception Island on Thursday and then begin to slowly work our way northward.



P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN
Lt Bill Zimmerman, JN



Mystic Star

In Memoriam

Fellow member Anne Elizabeth Minard, aged 78, in failing health, passed on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Anne, along with husband Mike, had been an active long-term member of WSPS.

During her USPS tenure, she earned 11 Merit Marks serving on various committees throughout the years. Many of us can look back with a smile, a recollection of memories if you will, recalling the ever pleasant greeting she offered attendees at our “get-togethers”. She enjoyed her role as a perennial member of our Assemblies Group and was appreciative of her relationships with fellow members.



The family craft, the “**Northern Express**”, summers in Rock Hall at North Point Marina and winters at Bay Boat Works in Northeast, Md. This affable couple, aboard the easily recognizable green trimmed Pearson ketch, became widely known and highly regarded throughout the boating community. The “Express” has sailed far and wide accumulating friends and memories along the way. The boat and crew somehow always seemed up to the sometimes ambitious itineraries. Throughout all these years, miles traveled and places visited, the on-board “Welcome Mat” was ever out, never stowed!

Anne, affectionately referred to as the “Admiral” by husband Mike, was the consummate purveyor of tasty food fare. She enjoyed hosting, formal or informal, just hosting. She excelled at it! Sailing offered the two the opportunity to explore, sharing time and experiences with friends and family. The crew of choice regardless of itinerary or weather – the grandchildren (any or all). Observers always marveled at the sleeping accommodations provided for all of those kids. Cots, air mattresses, hammocks, sleeping bags, etc. were all placed in service on deck, in the riggings, and in the cabin. Anne jokingly referred to those types of goings on as innovative thinking. A tight family at play, plans coming to fruition – always a good time!

She was always at the ready rendering guidance/assistance in medical emergencies. Many of our squadron members were beneficiaries of her RN medical expertise.

Sincerest condolences to husband Mike, daughters Jeanne, Susan, and Betsy, their respective spouses, and eight grandchildren.

We all miss you Anne. Many thanks for the memories; it has been our pleasure.
Your friends at WSPS,

*P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
Executive Committee Member*

Schedule of Up-Coming Events

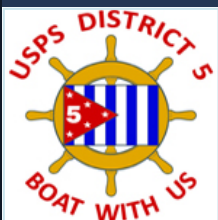
10 March	1200	WSPS Change of Watch Schaefer's Canal House 208 Bank Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915
20 March	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting DP&L, 500 N. Wakefield Dr., Newark, DE 19702
28-31 March		D/5 Annual Meeting/ Conference Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD (see page 5)
31 March		Cruise Registrations Due (see pages 9 & 10)
01 April		Deadline for May/June/July Lubber's Line Material
09 April	1830	Safe Boating Certification Class Begins Location to be announced
17 April	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting DP&L, 500 N. Wakefield Dr., Newark, DE 19702
30 April		Balance of Cruise Fees Due



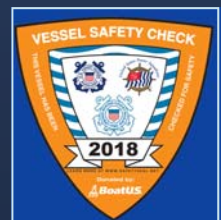
Bev Wilson - "Pleasure's Mine"

WSPS Birthdays

William E. Barber	Mar 05	John S. Ross	Apr 01
Edward A. Kalinowski	Mar 06	William A. Parsons III	Apr 03
Geraldine R. Walker	Mar 08	Alan G. Cropper	Apr 04
Wende Lee Green	Mar 10	Zelma C. Robinson	Apr 08
Jean Marie Bailey	Mar 24	John H. Bailey	Apr 10
Kim Miller-Royal	Mar 24	David L. Benfer	Apr 13
John A. Bryson	Mar 25	Janet E. Bryson	Apr 15
Dorothy Ann Brabson	Mar 26	Charles R. Stadler	Apr 15
Walter L. Osgood	Mar 31	William Zimmerman	Apr 15



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