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2016 WSPS Summer Cruise

The Cruise Committee has been assembled, the itinerary established, reservations for our ports of call have been made and confirmed. Specifics of activities, etc., remain in pencil at this date. In summation, the planning detail of the week afloat activities, i.e., sail rallies, fabulous shore side eateries, raft - up and anchorage events are "on deck" are progressing. The site of the Commander's Kick-Off (CKO) Party and Picnic, hosted by Cdr. John Ingram, AP and wife Betty, will be returning to the beautiful grounds of the Sailing Emporium in Rock Hall.

The Itinerary:

Saturday, 18 June – Commander's Kick- Off – Rock Hall Sailing Emporium

Sunday, 19 June – Anchorage – Shaw Bay off Wye River – "Dinner on the Hook"

Monday, 20 June – St. Michael's Marina – Tour of the Chesapeake Bay Museum

Tuesday, 21 June – Anchorage – Rhode River - Dinghy Drift

Wednesday, 23 June – Port of Annapolis – Dinner ashore

Thursday, 24 June – Anchorage – Magothy River – Dinghy Drift/Share Leftovers

Friday, 25 June – Bodkin Creek / Pleasure's Cove Marina – Closing Ceremonies and Dinner at Cheshire Crab Restaurant

General Information: Wednesday, 8 June 1830–Captains' Meeting, Brandywine Hundred Library



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2016**

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**OUR
COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE**



I want to begin by thanking: The Nominating Committee for offering me this position again, the General Membership for confirming me at the Annual Meeting, and all of you who have served before me to maintain our 77-year squadron history.

As we enter our 78th year, we are mindful that this is not your father's squadron. We don't have 400 members; we're significantly less than half now. We don't have 30 to 40 boats on a cruise; we get half of that number now. People are moving away from boating and seeking other interests. Vacant slips in marinas are testaments to this change. The average age of USPS members is 64. We can beat that!

That being said, we do have a hard core of volunteers that are active and provide us with the annual week-long cruise on the Chesapeake Bay, picnics and crab feasts, spontaneous raft-ups, small trailer boat activities, and, in the off season, the Assemblies Committee brings us together with food and entertainment.

This past year, we issued 35 merit marks to individuals who contributed their time and effort to make this squadron viable. I would like to recognize the work of former Editor Lt Pamela Orris, P, who published our Lubber's Line for the past nine years and won numerous District and National recognition for our Squadron. P/C Donald R. Engler, AP, will be assuming the Editorial responsibilities going forward. I would also like to recognize P/C Engler and P/C C. David Sharpless, AP, who both earned their 25th merit marks last year and have become Life Members, and Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P, for completing her 25th year of membership in USPS.

With your help we will strive to maintain a vibrant squadron with active, engaged members by delivering our core values of "Friends, Fun and Better Boating". (Got that from P/C Harry W. Anderson, II, JN.)

Commander John G. Ingram, AP

77th Change of Watch at Schaefer's Canal House

On 13 March 2016 the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron's 77th Change of Watch took place at Schaefer's Canal House in their southern window room. Following a delicious buffet lunch offering of chicken breast with lump crabmeat and grilled bistro steak medallions followed by dessert, MC for the day, P/C C. David Sharpless, AP, called the ceremonies to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by F/Lt John Goon, AP and the invocation given by our Squadron Chaplain, Lt Carol Hanson, P. The tolling of the bell and a period of silence recognized the passing of: Mary Donia, wife of member Joe Donia, Nancy J. Ennis, wife of member Jim Ennis, member Bert H. Mahlman, N, Deborah Theis, wife of member Bill Theis, and member Thomas S. Webster, Jr., SN.

Fourteen Past Commanders were introduced. District 5 representative, D/Lt/C C. M. Kohlenberg, S was introduced and spoke on the importance of boating education. MC Sharpless introduced Sergeant John McDerby, DNREC Representative, for his message. Commander Michael King, AP was then called to the podium for his final message as Commander. Following his words, he presented P/C Jay Minshall, AP and P/C Hugh Mahaffy, N with mementoes. Following this, D/Lt/C Kohlenberg then relieved Commander King of his responsibilities as Commander of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron and in turn Commander King dismissed his officers and committee persons elected and appointed to serve during his tenure.

Before the installation of the new officers, MC Sharpless requested Lt Pamela Orris, P, retiring Editor of The Lubber's Line, to come to the podium.

Pam was presented with a special plaque from the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron membership in recognition for her many years of dedicated service. Following this, he asked guest Judy Kohlenberg, who happens to be Commander of Nanticoke River Sail and Power Squadron, if she would like to say a few words.



The installation ceremony continued with the administration of the Oath of Office to P/C John G. Ingram, AP for 2016-2017.

The Oath of Office was then administered to the 2016-2017 Bridge Officers and the Executive Committee members. Following his acceptance of this his second command, (first 2010-2011), Commander Ingram spoke about membership and dedication and ended by recognizing the following members: P/C Donald R. Engler, AP and P/C C. David Sharpless, AP for receiving their 25th Merit Marks and thusly becoming Life Members, Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P for receiving her 25 Year Membership pin and Lt William Zimmerman, JN for receiving the Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. He ended by thanking everyone for their ongoing support.

In closing, MC Sharpless presented P/C King with his Past Commander's plaque for the 2015-2016 Bridge year, then thanked his wife Wendy, the 2015-2016 Bridge and Executive Committee, the Change of Watch Committee for the behind the scenes work in making this day so special and finally those members without whose contribution this successful year would not have been possible.

At the request of P/C Engler, MC Sharpless asked everyone to gather for a group picture to be followed by a picture of all Past Commanders.

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP



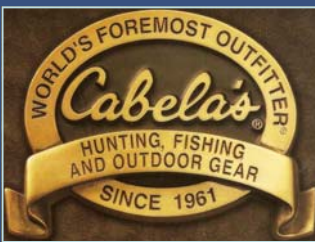
More Images from the 2016 Change of Watch



Education Department

A New Path for Boating Education; Can You Help?

We're off on an adventure! More than my starting out as the Education Officer for the Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron which I consider an honor for the trust you have placed in me. I am writing about an adventure with Cabela's at Christiana Mall.



Our public boating class will be held there starting on 12 April for four Tuesday evenings. We are also planning to offer a USPS Paddle Smart seminar in late May with a marketing push in the store leading up to the seminar, and possibly an information table in the marine department to talk with customers about boating safety in general. They sell a lot of canoes and kayaks there.



All of this came about very quickly and a bit by chance. At the Change of Watch, I was talking with our guest speaker, Delaware boating law administrator Sgt. John McDerby, and he mentioned that some groups have been able to use a classroom at Cabela's. P/C Dave Sharpless and I thought this could be a great location for our public boating class and within days we went to check it out.

We met a squadron member, Joseph Zammit, who works there as a greeter. He arranged for us to meet the store's marketing director, Eric Williams, who showed us the conference room. It is a comfortable classroom all set up for projected presentations. As we talked more, he told us that the store has an extensive marine supply department and also sells a lot of boats, often to people who know nothing about what they are getting into. We walked around the boats on display outside and all through the marine department, all the time thinking about the library of seminars that we have.

While we were looking at the boats, a woman and her son came by and asked if we could help her with a rowboat. We let Eric take the lead, starting with the fact he wasn't a salesman. Bottom line, she was looking for a rowboat to give to her husband for a birthday present to go out on Lums Pond. Beyond that she knew nothing, and we offered a few ideas. It was clear that there is a need for knowledge on site.

In the March/April "Lubber's Line," I was taken with P/C Mike King's last Commander's Message. He wrote, "What I am beginning to understand now is that many, many squadron members are education junkies of a sort. The desire to share knowledge about boating with others is its own force."

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Around the country, more and more squadrons are teaching not only seminars but also member classes to the public. The desire to teach seems to be what is driving this new trend.”

Of course, I always think a column is good when I agree with it, but I have also been thinking of late that the Power Squadrons are changing. I think that we are becoming more of an organization of teachers rather than students. It used to be enough to offer our public classes and then our advanced grades and electives to our members. I have been in three squadrons now, Mohawk Hudson in upstate New York, Pittsburgh and now Wilmington and each has the same problem—not many students and declining participation. We need to find new venues where we can share the information we have and our respect for boating safety.

So let's give Cabela's a try. We certainly know this store is a destination for many people, so let's be a part of the attraction. We can try a new tack to boating education and we can learn from the project. We have a great set of seminars to offer and they have a great facility and a loyal customer base.

We will need help. Is there any member who has experience in paddle-sports and can help with this project? Are there any members who would like to work at an information table for a few hours on a Saturday? Is there something else you think we should do? Let's talk about it.

One more thought I have. To say “no” is the easiest answer in the world when asked to do something. To say “yes” creates challenges and problems. But to say “yes” also opens doors to new opportunities and great experiences you might otherwise miss.

*P/C Mark Atkinson, AP
Education Officer*



Cooperative Charting

Free NOAA PDF Nautical Charts Now Permanent Charts are part of a new wave of navigational products and services

After a short trial period, PDF versions of NOAA nautical charts will become a permanent product, free to the public NOAA announced last month. Go to <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/PDFs/PDFs.shtml>, to view a listing of traditional nautical charts converted to the PDF format. These are especially valued by recreational boaters who use them to plan sailing routes and fishing trips.

The free PDF charts are part of a suite of new and enhanced navigational products designed to make NOAA's data more accessible to the general public. "Up to date charts help boaters avoid groundings and other dangers to navigation, so our aim is to get charts into the hands of as many boaters as we can," said Rear Admiral Gerd Glang, director of NOAA's Office of Coast Survey. "Within about 90 days of the product's beta release, people had downloaded nearly 2.3 million charts. To us, that represents over two million opportunities to avoid an accident at sea."

To help boaters who aren't sure which chart they need, NOAA has launched a new interactive chart locator (<http://www.charts.noaa.gov/InteractiveCatalog/nrnc.shtml>) that allows people to select a chart from a map of the U.S. and choose their format. Whether downloading one of the new PDF nautical charts, selecting a chart to order from a "print-on-demand" vendor, or finding an electronic chart, the interactive catalog presents a highly integrated suite of navigation products.

NOAA is also making available for free the NOAA ENC Online, a new web-map showing the features included on NOAA electronic navigational charts (NOAA ENC®). The map allows users to see chart data that was previously only available to users who purchased specialized viewing systems. The site is well positioned to serve its growing user group.

Another change is upgrading image resolution, from 254 dots-per-inch (dpi) to 400 dpi, of NOAA's digital charts. The change improves image quality and legibility of the raster navigational charts that are used in chart display systems. Coast Survey asked users to vet the changes against scripts used in mobile apps. Initial compatibility issues and discrepancies that were identified have been resolved. The suite of RNCs will be upgraded beginning April 2016.

Improving the dpi will make it easier for mariners

Improving the dots per inch will make it easier for mariners to interpret the information on raster charts



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NOAA cautions users to be careful when printing PDFs as this may alter the chart scale, color, or legibility that may impact suitability for navigation. Printed charts provided by NOAA-certified Print-on-Demand (POD) providers fulfill a vessel's requirement to carry a navigational chart "published by the National Ocean Service" in accordance with federal regulations.

The changes are part of a systematic reconstruction of NOAA's nautical products, anticipating mariner needs as navigation transitions to a new digital age. Earlier, NOAA announced the privatization of chart printing and distribution, with NOAA-certified vendors providing improved paper for "print-on-demand" charts that fulfill a vessel's requirement to carry a navigational chart published by the National Ocean Service in accordance with federal regulations.

P/R/C Steve Leishman, SN
Cooperative Charting Committee

Boating Safety News

AT LAST IT'S TIME

Having paid the slip fee and completed the work order it's time to: paint, wax and launch the boat.

Also important is checking the following:

- Running lights work and lenses are clear;
- Fire extinguishers showing a proper charge – inspection needed?
- Propane tank within the 12 year period as noted on the handle, otherwise requalified for filling;
- Fresh batteries in the flash light (s), handheld GPS, and running lights for the dink
- Life jackets that inflate automatically may require replacement of the "pill" that causes inflation;
- First aid kit need a refreshment/replacement of meds, etc.?
- Flares sufficient in number and current;
- Raw water pump impellor need replacing?

Wishing you a safe 2016 boating season,

Dave Benfer, JN

YES, YOU DO NEED THAT MUCH ANCHOR LINE!

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In last week's edition of our local newspaper there was a short story regarding two men that left three children in an anchored 26 foot craft while the men went diving in the nearby waters. While they were under water, the anchor of the boat broke loose and the craft with the children on board drifted away. Due to strong currents the divers could not catch up to the drifting craft as it moved further away. This was a real recipe for disaster! Fortunately, a passing boater picked up the divers, the Coast Guard was called for the drifting craft, and all were rescued without any harm. The responsible adults here trusted their safety and that of the children to the boat's anchor. Obviously, this didn't work out very well.

All too often boaters fail to recognize the amount of anchor line and/or chain (rode) required to hold a secure anchorage. Seems like boaters just don't want to purchase and carry that much chain and/or line. I do not know the details of this specific incident, but I will bet the divers did not have sufficient line out on their anchor. Any time a boat can drift along with its anchor on the bottom and fail to have the anchor catch hold, you know there was not sufficient rode. If you doubt me, put your anchor out with a short rode and see how far you drift before the anchor bites into the bottom.

The United States Power Squadrons® recommend an anchor rode that is equal to seven to ten times the water depth plus the height above water of the point where the anchor is attached to the vessel. Seven is the multiplier in calm seas and ten is required in windy days. So if you are in 20 feet of water and your bow cleat is 3 feet above water line, you need 20 +3 or 23 times seven feet of anchor rode (161 feet) to hold anchor on a calm day and 23 times ten on a windy day(230 feet).

I wonder how many boaters who anchor in 20 feet of water are carrying 200 feet of anchor rode. Better yet, what about the fishermen that venture off shore and try to anchor in 80 feet of water. In this case we are looking at above 500 to 800 feet of rode to hold an anchor in place. In my area, I don't know of any off-shore recreational fisherman that carry any where near that amount of line and/or chain.

So please believe the 7 to 10 ratio guidelines for anchor rode and make sure you have sufficient for your situation. To learn more about this topic, look for a local Anchoring Seminar from the nation's largest safe boating educator, the United States Power Squadrons. For boating courses in your area contact its headquarters at 888-367-8777 or go on line to its home page at www.USPS.org. As its members remind us, "Boating is fun..., we'll show you how!"

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Administrative Department

4th Annual WSPS Crab Feast

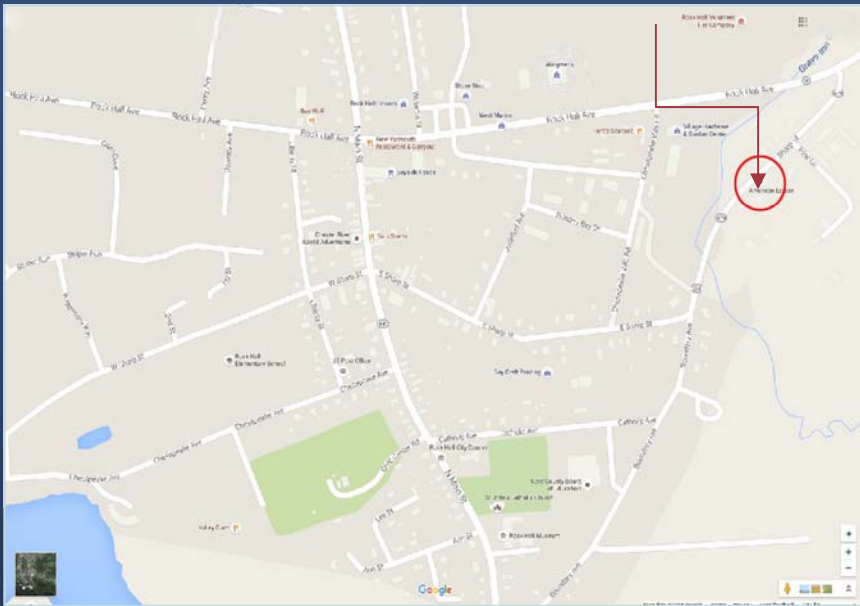
Join us for the WSPS 4th Annual Crab Feast to be held on July 30th, at the Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion Post #228 located at 21423 Sharp Street in Rock Hall, MD 21661.

This is our first time at this facility, which is totally air conditioned.

Let's make a good impression on these folks from Rock Hall so we will be welcomed back next year.

All communication will be through our Administrative Officer Lt/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP.

Please call Bruce at (614) 309-2325 ~ Reservations are required for this date.



Date: Saturday, 30 July
Timing: 4 PM until 7 PM
Cost: \$10 per person
Food: Maryland Blue Claws
Please bring a salad, side dish or heated casserole.
Wine and beer will available for purchase at the bar at a very reasonable price.
Please don't bring your own.



WSPS 2016 ANNUAL CRUISE / PICNIC REGISTRATION**June 18 – June 24, 2016**

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 bottom of page 2.**Cruise Fees: Registration Fee: \$40 - due no later than 15 AprilCruise Fees: *balance due no later than 30 April*Late Registration Fee: \$40 additional after 30 April

\$ _____

2016 Cruise T-Shirts

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

Saturday – June 18, 2016

Sailing Emporium - Rock HallKIAs –**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 \$ 8.00/ea \$ _____

50 AMP line(s) (____) X \$16.00ea \$ _____

Sunday – June 19, 2016 Shaw Bay - Anchor OutKIAs –**Activity: "Dinner on the Hook" Raft-up**

Will be Attending _____ Will Not be Attending _____

Page 1 Subtotal \$ _____

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Balance Forward from Page 1 \$ _____

Monday – June 20, 2016

St. Michael's Marina

KIAs –

Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____)	X \$ 2.60/ft	\$ _____
Electricity: 30 AMP line (_____)	X \$12/ea	\$ _____
Twin 30 AMP lines (_____)	X \$24/ea	\$ _____
50 AMP line(s) (_____)	X \$24/ea	\$ _____

Note: Chesapeake Bay Foundation members may opt for slippage at the "Museum"- arrangements on your own!

Activity: TBA

Tuesday – June 21, 2016

Rhode River/West River - Anchor Out

KIAs –

Activity: TBA

Wednesday – June 22, 2016

Port of Annapolis

KIA –

Activity: Men's Hors d'oeuvres Contest

Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____)	X \$ 2.75/ft	\$ _____
Electricity: 30 Amp Line(s) (_____)	cost in slip fee	
50 Amp line(s) (_____)	cost in slip fee	

Thursday – June 23, 2016

Eagle Cove/Magothy River - Anchor Out

KIAs –

Activity: Dinghy Drift/Share Leftovers

Friday - June 24, 2016

Pleasure Cove Marina on Bodkin Creek

KIAs –

Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____)	X \$ 2.00/ft	\$ _____
Electricity: 30 Amp Line(s) (_____)	X \$10.00ea	\$ _____
50 Amp line(s) (_____)	X \$15.00ea	\$ _____

Closing Ceremony Hosts – Carol Hanson and Dennis Wallace

Dinner and Closing Ceremonies at Cheshire Crab

Skewered Hawaiian Chicken (____) X \$25 \$ _____

Single Crab Cake Meal (____) X \$25 \$ _____

Double Crab Cake Meal (____) X \$32 \$ _____

Note: Beverages, salad, vegetable sides and dessert provided. Cash Bar available.

***Please List Any 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

WSPS Birthdays

Carol Hanson	May 03	Maurice A LaPlace	Jun 15
Lynn A. Mahaffy	May 07	J. Mark Walters	Jun 16
Paul W. Esterle	May 08	Michael A. Royal	Jun 17
Thomas A. Minshall	May 12	Jane E. Drummond	Jun 21
Richard Alan Butler	May 14	William Orris	Jun 22
Bruce A. Wyngaard	May 16	Lyn F. Anderson	Jun 26
Paul Bosco	May 18	C. Forrest Collier	Jun 28
Reade Y. Tompson	May 18	Robert B. Hall	Jun 30
Susan L. Clark	May 20	Allene Hopman	Jul 05
Leslie A. Brower	May 22	Jay R. Minshall	Jul 05
Kirk L. Bailey	May 25	James F. D'Wolf	Jul 07
Hugh M. Mahaffy	May 28	Lynda L. Hastings	Jul 07
Stephen A. Leishman	Jun 03	Wendy Shipman	Jul 07
Harold C. Marden, Jr.	Jun 06	Kathleen H. Leef	Jul 19
Bart Wilson	Jun 07	John G. Ingram	Jul 24
Bill Moody	Jun 09	Robert F. Mahaney	Jul 31
Donna Zimmerman	Jun 12	Eileen Malin	Jul 31

Calendar of Events for the next three months**www.wspsoaters.com**

Weekly Luncheons on Wednesday: 1130

- 18 May - WSPS Executive Committee Meeting, Conectiv, Newark, DE
 21-27 May - National Safe Boating Week;
 25 May - Delaware River Educational Diner Cruise, Ben Franklin Yacht, 401 N. Columbus Blvd., Pier 24, Phila., PA 19123; Boarding begins at 1800;
 04 June - Trailer Boating Da on the Upper Bay; specifics to be announced
 08 June - WSPS Executive Board Committee Meeting, Brandywine Hundred Library;
 08 June - WSPS Cruise Skippers' Meeting, Brandywine Hundred Library;
 18 June - Commander's Kickoff & Spring Picnic, Sailing Emporium, Rock Hall, MD;
 19-24 June - WSPS Annual Cruise, including sail rallyes, see Lubber's Line for details
 01 July - Deadline for August/September Lubber's Line Material;
 23-28 July - D/5 Summer Cruise; various points on the Chesapeake Bay;
 28-31 July - D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous, Mears Marina, Kent Narrows;
 30 July - WSPS Picnic - Crab Feast at the American Legion, Rock Hall, MD