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23-24 August Still Pond Raft-up



Saturday 23 August was a grey day that did have some wind for sailing. Those that came from Rock Hall and South, enjoyed the east wind, but perhaps not enough of it. All eleven boats piled into Still Pond before 1600, but the sea-state from the ships going North & South kept most of the rafts to 3 boats or less.

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boats (not just WSPS boats) out-numbered the powerboats in Still Pond. It was great to see *Safari* (Bill and Pam Orris) attend and to be the first to enter the pond. As the boats entered, the rafts began to materialize. We saw *Weatherly* (Dennis & Carol) sailing in with *Pleasure's Mine* (Bart & Bev) following closely, then *Nauti-Gal* (Jim & Nancy with Barbara Sharpless). *Jubilee* (Don & Sue) was rafted with *Sea Lion* (Mike & Wendy) and waiting for *BOB RA ANNE* (Bob & Barbara) coming from the Sassafra.



Windward Passage (Randy & Susan) had arrived, anchored themselves, and dinghied over to join the 3rd raft when *Mystic Star* (Bill & Donna) appeared. *Eau de Vie* (Richard & Terry) quickly moved to *Mystic Star's* starboard side and *Estelle* (Tom & Kay & Tom Jr. & Gail) became the party boat that all on the 3rd raft hopped aboard. Some boats broke off their rafts before dark and some stayed, but the bumpy sea-state continued until 0300. In the morning Don, Sue & Pixie headed to shore to give the Pix some valuable



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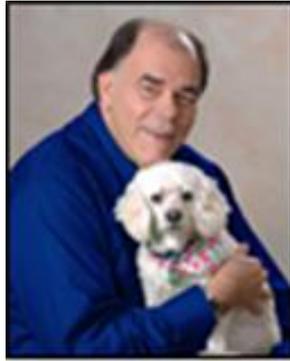
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

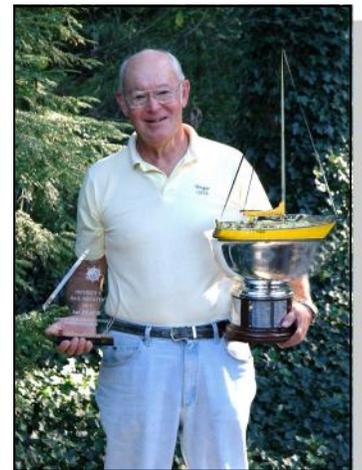
Donald R. Engler, AP

Our September mornings are becoming cooler yet the sun still warms us in the afternoons. We know our boating days are becoming numbered so let's enjoy the time we have left this year! WSPS has another raft-up planned at Eagle Cove off the Magothy River on 27-28 September. We could all gather at 3PM and have or'dorves aboard Jubilee or any other boat in the raft. Respond to the flyer in this month's *Lubber's Line*.

The Annapolis Boat Shows will be taking place 9-13 October for the sailboat show and 16-19 October for the powerboat show. If you are a member of WSPS and want to receive free admission to either of these shows, feel free to call me and I will put you in touch with folks that need help at the USPS booth.

Another WSPS event coming again this 26 October will be our second yearly Oyster Dinner at the Wellwood Restaurant in nearby Charlestown, MD. Look for more info via the E-Vite pipeline.

Congratulations to WSPS member, C. Harwin Smith, a safe boating advocate for years, educator, staunch sailboat racing captain, holder of N full certificate and friend for being elected into Delaware's Maritime Hall of Fame. On 11 October there will be a banquet and induction ceremony held at the Lewes Yacht Club beginning at 5:30 PM. Contact info can be found elsewhere in this month's Lubber's Line. Love to see you there!



Betty Ingram, our assemblies chairperson, has reminded me that our first assembly will be on 14 November at the Brandywine Community Center beginning at 1830. The speakers for the night will be Bill and Donna Zimmerman.

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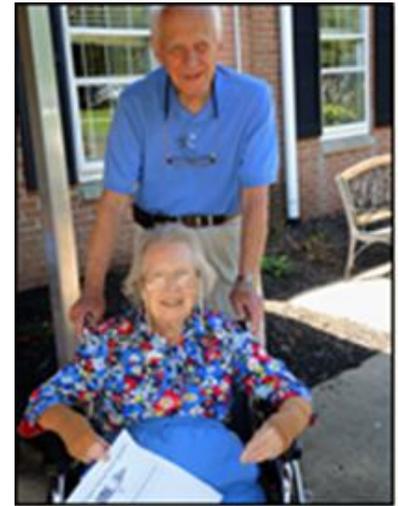
Their presentation will be on “Sailing the Southwestern Coast of Newfoundland” and will include many images of the scenery of Newfoundland during their 2013 cruise.

Congratulations to Betty Parker (pictured with her husband Dick), Lynn A. Mahaffy, Pat Esterle and Janet Bryson for earning their 25 year pin for dedication and service to the Wil-



mington Sail and Power Squadron. I wanted to make this presentation in person to Betty at Foulk Manor North and was delighted Dick could join us.

It certainly was good to see Geri Walker actually walking into Seasons Pizza for our usual Wednesday WSPS Luncheon. She is doing much better and says she has no pain whatsoever from her 21 July hip replacement. Geri says she feels so much



better that on 16 September she and her son Bob will be flying to France for a 11 day canal boat trip.

Lately work on Jubilee has proceeded to a feverish pitch. We just finished constructing a bow awning to keep the boat cooler and protect the hatch & v-berth from rain. Also Sue has me sewing up 5 gal jug covers



to keep the sun from melting ours. Sue, Pixie and myself are planning another trip “South.” We are calling it “Eternal Summer.” I know a lot of folks aren’t too happy that their Commander is departing just as the leaves begin to fall, but we are looking to enjoying a warmer senior winter of our life and maybe our last health window to do so. We’re so happy our Pixie will be able to join us! Before we go, I will pass our blog so you may maintain contact during the fall/winter/spring months.

Cdr Donald Engler, AP

Executive Department

I'm always on the lookout for PC tools and Mobile Applications for maximizing our enjoyment and safety of boating, and I'd like to pass along a few of my favorites in case they'd be helpful to you as well.

Active Captain (www.activecaptain.com) has a wonderful and FREE online Interactive Cruising Guidebook which, once you sign-up for a free account, enables you to research marinas, anchorages and more all over the world. Using its graphical map, you can zoom to wherever you're interested in going, or search for a destination by name. From there you can zoom in and click on the icons for information and user reviews of available marinas, anchorages, boat ramps, etc. in that area. At present, 25 (with more in development) third party navigation products (e.g. Garmin) for the PC and mobile devices have added Active Captain data to their applications. Active Captain is owned and developed by a husband and wife boating couple who are continually working to enhance the usefulness of the tool. Their latest efforts are to begin offering fuel prices by location.

Before getting into mobile boating applications, I should mention that I'm an Apple fan, owning both an iPhone and iPad so the applications I'm sharing are those that I use regularly on those devices. Comparable products are likely also available for Android, Windows and Blackberry devices.

Back-up GPS - For traditional GPS systems, I'm most familiar with Garmin products as we currently own three of their chart plotters. Our Sea Ray's GPS is from the early 2000's with a grey scale (non-color) display. Although it's old, it still gets us around the bay. Since it did fail us once (due to an antenna issue), I try to bring along a back-up whenever we're in unfamiliar waters. As a backup to our backup, I also have Garmin's BlueChart app on both my iPhone and iPad. The app itself is free and charts/maps are very reasonably priced, especially compared to the cost of chart plotter map updates. You can even construct routes on the BlueChart application and show your progress underway and it contains Active Captain data should you want to access it for planning or in a pinch. One word of caution is that any mapping application, whether boating related or not, once active on your mobile device is a rather significant battery hog; so, if you're using it underway, ideally you'd want your device plugged into its charger (and turn off the application once you're done with it for that trip).

For weather applications, we of course want accurate forecasts and preferably something offering live and projected radar tracking. For me, my favorite weather app is NBC 10's Weather primarily due to its predictive radar tracking, which will show you the direction and intensity of any storms anticipated in the next couple of hours. One surprise to me is that the application is location aware and I've used it throughout the USA. It may even work internationally, although I just haven't had the occasion to try that.

Sail and power boaters may find the SailFlow application useful as it graphically (on a map) shows wind speed and direction for any desired location as well as wind, weather and temperature forecasts for the following 16 hours. We used this one over the Fourth of July this year when we had to postpone our boat trip back home due to the effects of the hurricane off the Atlantic coast.

That's it for now. If you've found any that I've overlooked or have any favorite apps of your own, please let me know and I'll share them in a future issue.

Lt/C John S. Ross, AP
Executive Officer

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land-time, and had time to visit some of the folks that stayed behind. *Mystic Star* was waiting for the weather to improve before leaving on their trip to Cape May and then to Cape Cod. *Safari* was enjoying the warm sun of the late morning. They said they were going to take their time going back to the marina.

Thanks to all the boats and crew for attending this raft-up and perhaps next year we could come into Worton Creek where there would be an opportunity to raft 5 or more boats and less worry about dragging your anchor and sea-state.



Cdr. Don Engler, AP



Administrative Department

It is perhaps a little premature to say goodbye to this year's boating season. Maybe a brief recap as well as some near-term on-deck squadron activities is in order. The Annual Cruise was well covered in our last issue. Next up, on August 2, WSPS sponsored the 2nd Annual Crab Feast in Rock Hall. Weeell! The crabs, according to the 40± attendees, were phenomenal. We did a raft-up at Still Pond on August 23-24 (pictures this issue) – another well attended event.

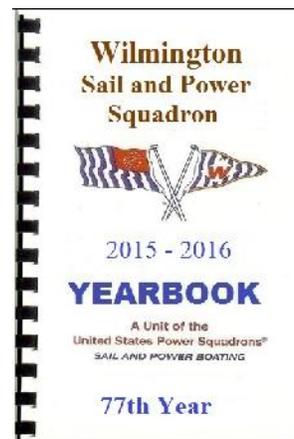
Oysters!!!! Dr. Oz, of TV fame, last week stated that a great way to slow the aging process is to get enough of the mineral *copper* into your body. Well, who knew, oysters are one of the best sources for *copper*, therefore, if for no other reason consider your attendance at this upcoming fete as a potential health benefit. Soooo, this having been said, it is not too early to save Sunday, October 26, for the 2nd Annual Oyster Feast once again being held at the Wellwood Inn in Charlestown, MD. E-vites with specifics to be sent in the near future.

A full schedule of Autumn-Winter shore side activities has been finalized just prior to *Lubber's Line* press time (see details this issue).

Why not make this season your time to get involved in your organization.

Lt/C John E. Koval, P
Administrative Officer

It's getting close to the time for our 2015 - 2016 yearbook to be assembled and printed. If you have any changes to your listing in the members roster section of the 2014 - 2015 yearbook, please e-mail your changes to Barbara Sharpless at bdsharpless@verizon.net.



Cooperative Charting

NOAA's Paper Nautical Charts are Here to Stay *New certified printing agents bring buying options*

It won't be long before mariners and the boating public will have a wider choice of options and special services when they purchase NOAA paper nautical charts, thanks to NOAA's expanded "Print-on-Demand (POD)" chart production and distribution system.

NOAA has now authorized seven companies to sell NOAA's paper nautical charts that are printed when the customer orders them -- or "on demand." The information on the charts is still maintained by NOAA, and the charts are corrected with Notices to Mariners up to the week of purchase.

Five companies have now joined the original "print-on-demand" distributor OceanGrafix and the more recently certified East View Geospatial. The newly certified companies are Frugal Navigator, Marine Press, Paradise Cay Publications, The Map Shop, and Williams & Heintz Map Corporation.

Rear Admiral Gerd Glang, director of NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, said "We asked private companies last year to help us transition from the government-run system to a robust and competitive market for paper nautical charts, and we are pleased with the results."



Rear Admiral Gerd Glang certifies a new print-on-demand chart agent after inspecting the company's sample chart.

Admiral Glang is confident that the expansion of the print-on-demand program will lead to new options for all who purchase U.S. nautical charts. As a premium service, for example, print agents are authorized to customize charts with user-specified overlays.

"With more chart printing agents, we hope to encourage competition and ensure fully up-to-date charts are widely available. Buyers can shop around and find different types of paper, or choose between traditional or new color palettes. Our printing agents can offer delivery or in-shop service, and customers can have their navigation track lines or other information printed as overlays on their chart,"

Glang pointed out "All charts sold by NOAA-certified printing partners are NOAA charts and fully meet navigational requirements."

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



Delaware Maritime Hall of Fame Event Reservation Form

Please fill in the information requested below to reserve your place at the Delaware Maritime Hall of Fame Banquet to be held 5:30-9:00 p.m., October 11, 2014 at the Lewes Yacht Club.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Cell Phone: _____

Menu Choices: Prime Rib, Chesapeake Chicken, Vegetarian

Names of People in Party: _____

Dinner Choice: _____

Use back side of this page for additional names.

Total Number of Seats Requested: _____

Total dollar amount submitted: \$ _____

Seats will be held in your name once we receive this reservation form with a check for payment @ \$80.00 per person. Sorry, credit cards are not accepted and payment is not refundable. Please send your reservation form and payment check (made payable to Delaware Maritime Hall of Fame) to: Denise Seliskar, 209 Shipcarpenter St., Lewes, DE 19958. Please have your reservation in by September 7th. Your name cards will be at the door when you arrive.

For further information, for special requests, or to confirm that Denise received your check, contact her at seliskar@udel.edu or, if you don't have e-mail, at 302-542-6797.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Bridging the gap between Ship and Shore

Once again this year we will be supporting The Seamen's Center of Wilmington's "Christmas at Sea" program.

The holiday season is a difficult time for the seafarers arriving in Delaware. They know that they will not see and most likely not even be able to talk with their families. They feel very isolated from their loved ones.

The "Christmas at Sea" program attempts to give a gift to every seafarer who arrives in Wilmington during the month of December. Last year, over 1,200 ditty boxes were distributed. The mariners appreciate that they have not been forgotten and that people they have never met would take the time to give them a gift. We will be distributing shoe boxes at our November Social on 14 November. Bring your box, filled with items from the shopping list and wrapped with holiday paper (no bows or ribbons), to the Holiday Social at Wendy Shipman and P/C Mike King's home on 7 December. You may include a card or note if you wish. Call Betty Ingram at 302-633-1733 with any questions, or if you are unable to attend either of these two functions but want to participate.

Thank you for your generosity.

Assemblies Committee



DITTY BOX CONTENTS

Toothpaste	Playing cards
Toothbrush	Chapstick
Comb	Knitted Hat/Scarf
Candy/Gum	Hand Lotion
Sewing Kit	Shampoo
Pens/Stationary	Razors
Soap	Cough Drops
Warm Gloves	

Mark your calendars!

The Assemblies committee has scheduled an interesting series of lectures this fall and winter. Please come join us at our upcoming events. Events start at 1830 (6:30 pm) at the Brandywine Town Center, except for the December Social.

Friday, 14 November 2014 - Sailing the Southwestern Coast of Newfoundland

Sunday, 7 December 2014 - December Social

Host: P/C Mike King and Wendy Shipman

Location: 601 Old Wilmington Road, Hockessin, DE

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Join us at Mike & Wendy's home for our holiday social. Bring your own wine and appetizer or dessert to share.

Friday, 16 January 2015 - Presentation on Fort Delaware by Laura Lee from the state of Delaware

Friday, 20 February 2015 - Founder's Day & Annual Meeting.

Remember: At the November social we will distribute ditty boxes to be filled with goodies for the Wilmington Seamen Center. These boxes will be collected at the December social.

Assemblies Committee: Betty & John Ingram, Geri Walker, Zelma Robinson, Anne & Mike Minard, Donna Zimmerman, Sue Engler and Judy Stadler

WSPS NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY
Sailing the Southwestern Coast of Newfoundland
Friday, 14 November 2014

For our first Fall Assembly of the 2014-15 season P/C Donna and Bill Zimmerman will be doing a presentation on their 2013 cruise from Rock Hall, MD to Newfoundland.

The evening begins at 1830 (6:30 PM) with appetizers and soft drinks and continues with dinner at 1900. Dinner will include lasagna, salad and those famous fall pies! The cost this year is \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

All of our fall and winter meetings will be held at the Brandywine Community Center on Naamans Road, just off Concord Pike (Route 202). The Community Center is a free-standing building with a dome, and is by the fountain in front of the shopping center.

Reservations are due by Tuesday, November 5, 2014. Please let me know if you are unable to attend (302) 633-1733 or email - bkooingram@verizon.net.

WSPS Assemblies Committee - Betty & John Ingram, Geri Walker, Zelma Robinson, Anne & Mike Minard,



WSPS December Holiday Social

Sunday, 7 December 2014
Home of Mike King and Wendy Shipman
4-6 PM



P/C Mike King and Wendy Shipman have graciously offered to host the WSPS holiday party from 4 to 6 p.m. Please contact Mike and Wendy at 302-636-0292, if you are planning to attend. **Please bring your favorite wine and an appetizer or other holiday goodie to share.** The assemblies committee will provide soft drinks and hot beverages. Also, don't forget those gift boxes for the seaman's center!

Mike and Wendy's address is 601 Old Wilmington Road, but don't use your GPS to find their house, or you'll be hopelessly lost! The driveway entrance to their home is off of Hobson Drive. There is plenty of parking in the mulch to the side of the drive.

Detailed Directions:

From the Rt.141 North Exit off I 95 proceed five miles north along 141. You will pass through Newport and much road construction. At the Rt. 48 crossing (which has a traffic light) turn left. Proceed 3 miles. You will be near the crest of a large hill. After the crest turn right onto the first road, this is Old Wilmington Road. Follow the curve around and then turn right into West Riding. This is Hobson Drive. We are the third driveway on the left. We have a long driveway with a turn in it, but just follow it on back. If you are unsure, call Mike or Wendy at **302-636-0292**.

Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron

Join Us for a Raft-up at Eagle Cove

Saturday & Sunday - 27-28 September



Eagle Cove has very little sea state therefore we can raft-up 5 or more boats to a raft and visit on each!

Bring some or'dorves to share and something to drink.

Call Cdr Don Engler - 302.426.9000 or email - don@englers.com
Let us know if you are coming ~ Call before Thursday, 25 September





WSPS Birthdays/October-November-December

<i>Oct-Nov-Dec</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Oct-Nov-Dec</i>	<i>Date</i>
Marguerite R. Travis	Oct 08	Edward H. Kris	Nov 16
Margaret B. Hall	Oct 10	C. Harwin Smith	Nov 21
Pamela M. Orris	Oct 10	Donald R. Engler	Nov 22
Dennis M. Wallace	Oct 11	Conrad L. Hoover	Nov 26
Mary Jane Wenhold	Oct 12	W. Michael King	Nov 26
Herman Hopman	Oct 17	Anne M. Minard	Dec 03
John J. Mc Evoy	Oct 24	Harry Sut Anderson	Dec 09
Victoria J. Benson	Oct 27	Robert J. Melcher	Dec 09
Richard C. Ebersol	Oct 27	John E. Koval	Dec 13
Walter R. Williamson	Oct 28	Laurence R. McKay	Dec 14
John C. Leshner	Oct 29	Katherine L. Minshall	Dec 18
James A. Malin	Oct 30	C. David Sharpless	Dec 16
Bert H. Mahlman	Nov 02	Chris A. Atkinson	Dec 19
Emila Talloua-Abel	Nov 04	Betty K. Ingram	Dec 19
Betty Parker	Nov 11	Frederic W. Abel 3 rd	Dec 25
Donna C. Powell	Nov 11		

Audit Report

The audit of the Squadron books for the year ending March 31, 2014 has been completed.

The Audit Committee reviewed the financial reports and bank statements, and found them to be satisfactory. The Treasurer, P/C Marty Wagner, AP, has done a fine job. The results have been reported to the Commander and the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted by the Audit Committee:

Lt. Thomas S. Webster, Jr., SN P/Lt/C John A. Bryson, AP P/C John G. Ingram, AP

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Jane Goode

We were just made aware of the recent passing (July) of Betty Jane Goode at her home in Virginia. During husband Tom's years of association with WPS, (including his tenure as Commander from 1989-1990), Betty Jane closely supported all facets of our organization supplying often needed assistance where needed. Leisure times were spent on the Chesapeake sailing aboard their 40' Islander, *Goode Times*. Both enjoyed the competition and comraderie of the on-water activities of the squadron, especially the annual cruise races. Quoting daughter Becky, "She was blessed to have had a life full of traveling, sailing, and enjoying time with her family. I'm sure she and Dad are off sailing away right now."

Sincerest condolences to her family from her boating friends at WPS (WSPS).

Calendar of Events

www.wspsoaters.com

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



27-28	Sept.		WSPS Event—Raft-up at Eagle Cove E-Mail going out with Specifics
8	Oct.	1900	WSPS Fall Education Courses Begin, Advanced Grades & Elective Courses New Castle Sailing Club, 614 South Street, New Castle, DE 19720
11-13	Oct		D/5 Sail Regatta, Fishing Tournament and Fall Festival, Patuxent River, MD
15	Oct.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Mtg. Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
24-26	Oct.		D/5 Fall Conference Smith Mountain Lake, VA
26	Oct.		2nd Annual Oyster, Ham & Chicken Dinner Wellwood Inn
14	Nov.	1830	WSPS Social, Brandywine Community Center
14-15	Nov.		D/5 18th Annual Land Navigation Contest Delhigh Power Squadron, Bethlehem, PA
19	Nov.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
07	Dec.		Deadline for January/February Lubber’s Line Material
07	Dec.	1600	WSPS Holiday Social Home of Wendy Shipman and Mike King 601 Old Wilmington Road, Hockessin, DE 19707-9390
16	Jan.	1830	WSPS Social, Brandywine Community Center



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