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WPS Announces Nominees 2007-08 Bridge Year

The term of office served by our leadership is referred to as the Bridge Year. This term begins at the Change of Watch Ceremony, which is held in March each year. In accordance with WPS bylaws, the Nominating Committee is submitting the names of the following members to serve as our leaders for the upcoming Bridge Year. Their names will be read at the *January Assembly* and the election will be conducted at the *Founders Day Assembly* in February. All have agreed to serve if elected. We are grateful to them for their willingness to devote their talent and energy to the Wilmington Power Squadron.

The nominees are:

Commander – Lt/C Jay Greene, AP
Executive Officer – Lt Donna Zimmerman, AP
Administrative Officer - Harry (Sut) Anderson, P
Squadron Education Officer – Lt/C Jim Robinson, AP
Asst. Education Officer – Lt/C Elizabeth D'Wolf
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- Cdr Martin Wagner, AP;
- P/C Michael King, AP;
- P/C David Sharpless, AP;
- Lt Ken Lehman, JN;
- David Benfer, JN;
- P/C Lynda L. Hastings, AP;
- Rita Shade, S

Audit Committee:

- P/Lt/C John Bryson, AP
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Nominating Committee Chair –

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By Cdr Martin G. Wagner, AP



No purple prose this issue, just business. Some changes are headed our way from the National organization. Some of the biggest changes will be in the Education Department. If you have been reading "The Ensign" lately you will have seen mention of the USPS® University concept. What is the USPS University? Briefly it is a combination of expanded course offerings, seminars and a new Boater Certification program. The certification program will qualify boaters at four different levels: Basic, Coastal, Advanced Coastal and Offshore. To reach these levels will require a combination of courses, seminars and skills demonstrations, some of them on the water. USPS is working with boat chatters', the United States Coast Guard and European government agencies to make this a meaningful program. Presumably this would mean that if you wanted to charter a boat for a week of cruising you would just whip out your certification card and everyone would be happy. Details of the program are still being worked out, but start up is anticipated in the very near future. Watch this space.

You have all heard of the Power of One program. That's where we talk to our boating friends and acquaintances and tell them about all the advantages of USPS and get them to join. One of the dues changes for next year is to increase the one time entrance fee from \$10 to \$25. The new fee will cover an entire family, but if you know an individual who would make a good WPS member do them a favor. Get them to join before the end of May and save them some money.

The final item is a change that hasn't happened yet. At the USPS Annual meeting in February there will be a vote on a proposal to suspend, for three years, the requirement that a prospective member must have passed an approved boating course to qualify for membership. The arguments in favor of this proposal are long (I will supply them on request), but can be summarized by saying that some members consider this to be a hindrance in recruiting new members and, besides, as states tighten their requirements this issue will go away in a few years anyhow. Some of us, including the Wilmington Power Squadron Bridge, believe that it is important to retain this requirement in order to maintain our image as the premier organization for the educated boater. How do you feel? Let us know so that we can represent you adequately.

Cdr Martin G. Wagner, AP

Executive Department

I have noticed that the closer I get to be your commander next year, the farther I look toward the future. For example, I started this bridge year with the thought that the P/R committee needed to be developed so it might attract new members. When you think about it, those potential members will likely be the future leaders of Wilmington Power Squadron.

Early this year I made a few calls to find out who wanted to help lead the P/R committee. Several members were willing to help out but the leaders needed to be willing to take on a challenge. So it was John Ingram and Harry "Sut" Anderson that agreed to do it and we hammered out our mission statement at our first meeting. From there we established a new website and have had numerous Lubber Line articles reprinted in the Mariner and elsewhere so we can give the general public an understanding of who we are.

A few meetings later, we had created a plan to use fliers and local media resources to help promote the Educational Department's spring boating classes. Sut had researched our poster options, printed up the fliers and attached tear-off boating class information. At our Holiday Social, we got a terrific response from the membership to help us post these fliers from Wilmington and Bear to West Chester and Oxford to Newark and Northeast. All this P/R effort combined should generate a fair amount of excitement for our spring classes!

We always generate new members from the boating classes. During our brainstorming sessions, we have come to understand that the people that take a course are interested in learning enough to be a safe boater, not just fulfill the State's certification requirement. These boaters want to take advantage of the continuing education that we offer and probably want to make friends with like-minded sailors and power boaters. What better way to make friends than get involved? We have lots of

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Administrative Department

Celebrating the Holidays

Santa welcomed seventy members to the WPS Holiday Social on 3 December 06. We shared a wide array of goodies brought from home and plenty of good company. The room was decorated with boughs of greens from the Lehman's farm and red candles from the Stacey collection. Martha Diffley provided 8 glorious poinsettias from Glasgow High School as decorations that were later given as door prizes.

In support of the Christmas at Sea program of the Wilmington Seaman's Center, members brought a record 45 ditty boxes to share with the lonely seamen who run the ships that bring the treasures of the world to our shores. In addition we displayed some of the dozens of caps, scarves and mittens that we are able to donate to the Center that were the handwork of Tom Webster's sister, Silvia Seer, and of Jean and Harry Anderson's friend, Dorette Richardson. Joan Lyons, Director of the Seaman's Center, was thrilled with our donations when Carl and Mary Stacey delivered them to the Center the next day.

In addition, we were privileged to have a presentation by CPO Roger Krass of the US Coast Guard. He discussed a variety of changes coming to improve the rescue and homeland security capabilities of the Guard in our area. New towers are being installed in the Delaware River and Bay area with RDF capabilities that will enable the Guard to triangulate on emergency transmissions to reduce search time and enhance rescue capabilities. Similar towers will be coming to the Chesapeake in a few years. He reminded us that in 2010 all EPIRB monitoring will be done exclusively on the 406 frequency. All old model EPIRBs using the lower frequency will no longer be functional.

It was a special treat for us to welcome new member, Dotti Brabson, and her husband, Jay, to their

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Education Department

Spring Educational Courses Begin 1900 on 16 January 07

Advanced Piloting (AP) and Cruise Planning (CP)
A.I. du Point High School
50 Hillside Road, Wilmington DE

Advanced Piloting-Course Highlights

This is a good opportunity for members to upgrade their rank of Piloting.

- Advanced Piloting emphasizes positioning techniques for operating in unfamiliar waters, in extended coastal or inland navigation beyond familiar waters, and under conditions of limited visibility.
- Emphasis is placed on accuracy and regular position check.
- Piloting covered navigating with a basic GPS and introduced the electronic compass; Advanced Piloting explains navigation with chart plotters, electronic charting systems, radar, sonar and other electronics.
- Advanced positioning techniques with and without electronic are instructed, including avoidance techniques.
- Navigation with tides, winds, and currents are presented, and means to predict their effects and correct for them using electronic and graphical plotting techniques.

Cruise Planning-Course Highlights

Designed for members who plan to cruise for a day or a year in either a sail or power boat. This cruise covers the following topics:

- Cruise preparation and planning.
- Boat and equipment
- Anchor and anchoring
- Security

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Boating Safety News

Reflections and a New Year's Resolution

The Holiday season has come and gone. Old man winter is knocking at your door. You've replaced the screens with storm windows. The leaves have been raked and disposed. Snow shovels are at the ready. Bring on the "dark ages". Bring on those boring months of January-to-March!

There are lots of things that could and should be done during the dark ages. You have that list of a few dozens projects to be done around the house. You have the wonderful company of family and friends to help chase the doldrums away. And, of course, your work and all that it entails keeps you pretty busy. But with all this activity, there still seems to be a certain disruption in your memory bank that is ever-present.

Could it be the memories of those warm summer days at the marina, cruising on the water, or looking for a secluded anchorage to spend another relaxing day on the hook? I often think of the many experiences (both good and not so good) of the prior boating season. It helps melt the snowflakes that seem to build up in my brain at this time of the year. I think of the places my wife and I visited, and the WPS cruise, the raft-ups, picnics and crab feasts at the marina, and the good times with friends watching another beautiful sunset on the Chesapeake.

I also think about the "close calls" I had with my boat, or with other boaters, and how fortunate I was to have safely negotiated them. There were some times when I was simply lucky, and other times I knew what had to be done and did it – safely.

Like most of you, I have made many New Year's Resolutions in the past. I only ever kept one: to stop smoking. My resolution this year will hopefully be my second one.

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- Chartering
- Cruise outside of United States
- Crew and provisioning
- Voyage management
- Communications
- Navigation
- Weather
- Emergencies

Boating Certification Classes

1900 on 07 February 07

Kennett High School, South Union Street, Kennett Square PA

1900 on 13 March 07

A.I. du Point High School, 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington DE

1900 on 22 March 07

Mc Kean High School, 301 Mc Kennan's Church Road, Wilmington DE

Our fall classes are completed with tests sent to National for grading. We had ten students enrolled in Piloting and eight students in our Marine Electronic ME101 class.

Lt/James Robinson, AP
Education Officer

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To minimize or eliminate the element of luck for any close call; to anticipate instead of react; to devote more time to planning and preparing my activities; to be more cognizant and respectful of my fellow boaters; to make the safety of my crew, my friends, the highest priority.

That's one heck of a resolution. I really hope I can keep it.

May the dark ages pass swiftly and safely. See you on the water.

Lt/Robert K. Wenhold, P
Safety Officer

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Nominating Committee:

- **P/C Michael King, AP**
- **Cdr Martin Wagner, AP**

Rules Committee Chair

- **P/C Erich Smith, N**

Rules Committee:

- **P/C Roger Cason, SN**
- **Lt Conrad Hoover, JN**

Respectfully submitted,

P/C Dennis Wallace, P, Chair

P/C Lynda Hastings, AP

P/C Michael King, AP

WPS Nominating Committee

NOTE:

Our annual Change of Watch will be held Sunday, 25 March 2007 at Hartefeld National in Avondale, Pa. This is a change of venue from that listed in the 2006-2007 Yearbook. The elegant, scrumptious brunch will begin at 1130 followed by the Change of Watch ceremony. The committee hopes you'll come out to thank Cdr Marty G. Wagner, AP for his hard work and welcome Lt/C Jay Greene, P as our new Commander. Mark the date on your new 2007 calendar NOW so you won't forget. The registration form will be in the next issue of the Lubber's Line.

Lt/C Mary E. Stacey
COW Committee Chair

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jobs on committees that are available for new members in Assemblies, P/R, Cruise, Outdoor activities and Education.

Ok, picture this. A local boater reads our Mariner article in June, picks up a tear-off in December and uses our website to find his way to spring classes in 2007. He (or she) gets involved in a raft-up that summer and takes Seamanship in the fall. By now he has come to the attention of our committee chairmen and is invited to help out. It is only a matter of time and he (or she!) is groomed for the bridge.

People we have not even met yet will soon be in charge of WPS future. It is daunting and exciting!

Lt/C Jay Greene, AP
Executive Officer

WPS 2007 CRUISE T-SHIRT CONTEST

One of the more interesting and fun traditions of the WPS are the annual Cruise T-Shirt Contest where members and their families design the T-shirts worn during our annual cruise. Cruise goers keep their shirts from year to year and occasionally there is a contest during the cruise to see who has the earliest design. Some wear a different design each day of the cruise. It is time again to compete and submit your best artwork. Ready, set, GO!!!

All entries will be displayed and voted on at the Founders' Day Social on 16 February 2007. The design receiving the most votes will become the official WPS 2007 CRUISE T-Shirt.

Design Guidelines:

1. Size: Do not exceed 12" X 12". The design will be scanned by the printing company so it must be "camera ready".
2. Colors: Do not exceed FOUR colors. They should be bright and contrast well with each other.
3. The design MUST include the words: "Wilmington Power Squadron" (or WPS) and "2007 Cruise" (or Cruise 2007).
4. Put the name of the artist on the BACK of each submission. You may submit as many designs as you wish. The artist of the winning design can sign or initial his or her design before printing if they wish.
5. All entries must be submitted no later than **12 FEBRUARY 2007** to: Carl Stacey, 600 Benham Court, Newark, DE 19711-6015.
6. The contest is open to all WPS members and their families.

F/Lt Carl L. Stacey, AP

WANTED: I am looking to borrow or have your old copies of 1) sailboat directories or 2) Sail Magazine prior to 4/03 or 3) Cruising World Magazine prior to 12/04. Call Sut Anderson at 302-733-0289 or send email to sailhappy@comcast.net.

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first WPS social. We look forward to seeing them again soon.

We have a great committee whose work makes these Assemblies such a pleasure for all to attend. Our continued thanks go to Geri Walker, Ken and Dodie Lehman, Carl Stacey, John Goon, and Martha, John and Sarah Diffley for their efforts.

*Assemblies Committee Co-Chairs
P/C Lynda L. Hastings, AP
Lt /Mary E. Stacey*

LET'S SOCIALIZE!

In January 2007, members Sandy and Dave Netting will show slides and talk about their ICW trip from North Carolina to Tarpon Springs on the gulf coast of Florida. They took the east coast ICW to Stuart, then Okeechobee Waterway to Fort Myers and then the gulf coast ICW to Tarpon Springs. Biggest adventure of the trip, going under a FIXED railroad bridge having a 49 foot clearance with a FIXED mast of 48 feet in hurricane high waters! They will have lots of neat statistics and cruising ideas for the ICW.

In February 2007, we will feature a program by Kate Livie, Outreach Program Coordinator for the Sultana Projects of Chestertown, Maryland. She will discuss both the Sultana Organization and the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of Captain John Smith on the shores of Chesapeake Bay. This assembly will also celebrate Founders Day and have our annual elections. Please register early for both socials using the convenient form found elsewhere in this issue. See you there!

NOTE: We have been blessed with good weather for our socials for many years. It is our fervent hope that this will continue. HOWEVER...in the event of inclement weather, please call Mary (738-0817) or Lynda (234-0312) on the day of the event to verify if the social is still on or if we will have to cancel due to weather. Call before 1600, since we have to leave soon after that to go set up the building for the evening. After 1600 we will either be on our way to the Social or out shoveling snow.

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Celebrating the Holidays with Santa WPS December Social



Sarah Diffley with Santa at the registration table



The Assemblies Committee never quits.



Ditty Box donations to the Wilmington Seaman's Center



Sarah and Martha Diffley draw winners of poinsettia door prizes



Our guest speaker CPO Roger Krass of the US Coast Guard



Mary Stacy and Lynda Hastings checking out table decorations

WPS Birthday List
Many happy returns to all WPS
members who have a birthday in
January/February!

Harra, Jr., Robert V. A.	1/2	Bentley, George C.	1/30
Radcliff, Lois B.	1/2	Clendening, Dorothy	2/6
Rodenhouser, Deborah A.	1/3	Smith, Erich D.	2/9
Robinson, James	1/4	Richardson, Jr., Francis H.	2/12
du Pont, Jr., Irene	1/8	Russell, D. Jeffrey	2/12
Brandt, Pamela P.	1/10	Ehrlichman, Paul D.	2/13
Hackett, Patricia H.	1/12	Polk, John J.	2/18
Scott - Reager, Kathy	1/15	Polk, Mary V.	2/18
Cocciolone, Jr., Alfred	1/16	Selden, V, William D	2/19
Bailor, Frank V.	1/17	Goettel, Nancy N.	2/22
Bernardo, Michael P.	1/17	Anderson, Harry S.	2/23
Netting, David I.	1/21	Brandt, Donald C.	2/24
Johnston, Jr., Pierce W.	1/29	Slack, Lois H.	2/27

Welcome New WPS Member

Please welcome our newest member, ***Donna Hilton***. Donna completed the Fall WPS Boat Smart course that was offered at A.I. Du Pont High School. She is not a stranger to the WPS membership. Over the last few years she has been serving as first mate on our Commander's boat, "*L'Chaim*".

WELCOME ABOARD Donna!

Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P
Secretary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

(Perfect for posting on your refrigerator.)

JUNE IN JANUARY

19 January 2007

We're going cruising with Sandy and Dave Netting aboard GLORY to where the days are sunny and the nights are balmy. Hear about their ICW adventures as they travel from North Carolina and across Florida by way of the Okeechobee. We'll be dining on delicious picnic food, so bring your appetite! The cost: \$8.50 per person; \$4.25 for those 12 and under. Please get your reservations in by 15 January 2007. The place: Brandywine Community Center; the time: 1830 (6:30 PM).

ANNUAL MEETING AND FOUNDERS' DAY SOCIAL

16 February 2007

Our guest speaker will be Kate Livie, Outreach Program Coordinator for the Sultana Projects. She will discuss both the Sultana Organization and the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of Captain John Smith on the shores of Chesapeake Bay. We'll be dining on lasagna, salad, bread and make-your-own sundaes for dessert. Sounds yummy! The cost: \$8.50 per person; \$4.25 for those 12 and under. Please get your reservations in by 12 February 2007. The place: Brandywine Community Center; the time: 1830 (6:30 PM).



ANNUAL MEETING & FOUNDERS' DAY SOCIAL - 16 Feb 07
(Reservations due 12 Feb 07)

Names of those attending _____

_____ @ \$8.50 = \$ _____ @ \$4.25 = \$ _____ Total = \$ _____

Make checks payable to MARY STACEY and mail (with this slip) to:
Mary Stacey, 600 Benham Court, Newark, DE 19711-6015



JUNE IN JANUARY - 19 Jan 07

(Reservations due 15 Jan 07)

Names of those attending _____

_____ @ \$8.50 = \$ _____ @ \$4.25 = \$ _____ Total = \$ _____

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Calendar of Events

16 Jan.	1900	WPS Spring Educational Courses begin Seamanship (S), Advanced Piloting (AP), & Cruise Planning (CP) A. I. Du Pont High School 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington, DE
17 Jan.	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Delmarva Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
19 Jan.	1830	WPS January Social Brandywine Community Center
07 Feb		Deadline for March Lubber's Line material
07 Feb.	1900	Boat Smart / Chart Smart begins; Kennett High School South Union Street, Kennett Square, PA
16 Feb.	1830	WPS Annual Meeting & Founders Day Social Brandywine Community Center
20-25 Feb.		USPS Annual Meeting Adam's Mark, Jacksonville FL
21 Feb.	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Delmarva Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE

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