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WPS November Assembly

The first assembly of the 2012-2013 Season was well attended by 56 members and guests. Shared appetizers were followed by lasagna and salad, apple and pumpkin pie.

Our guest speaker was Joe Greco, from the Port of Baltimore. Joe shared many statistics related to the Chesapeake Bay, the Patapsco River and Port Operations. It was interesting to learn of the relationship with Port Dredging and the environmental projects at Hart-Miller Island and Poplar Island. We heard the story of those strange cranes we saw on our WPS Cruise this past season. Those giant cranes, and the special ship they sailed on, were built in China for the Port. The cranes will accommodate the largest ships anticipated next year, facilitated by the recent deeper dredging of the Chesapeake channels. This makes the Port very competitive on the East Coast.

Commander Judith C. Stadler, AP, brought us up to date on squadron name change. Our Squadron Legal Officer, Keith Sanclemente, suggested the easiest and least expensive process would be to use "doing business as" The Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron.

P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN, reported on the Rules Committee's effort to update our By-Laws to comply with USPS National guidelines.

New members, John and Jean Bailey were introduced. They keep their sailboat, *Novus*, at North Point Marina in Rock Hall, MD.

Lt. Jack Bryson was recognized for his 25 Merit Marks for service rendered to the Squadron over the years. No more dues for Jack!

We look forward to seeing you all at the January Assembly.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Judith C. Stadler, AP

Happy 75th Anniversary! By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have entered the year of our 75th Anniversary as an organization of the United States Power Squadrons. This means seventy-five years of dedication to boater education and safe boating practices. It is truly wonderful to be part of an organization that has been advocating for these principles for so long.

We have had an eventful fall season. Hurricane Sandy had many of us scurrying to prepare our boats for the onslaught of hazardous weather. From what I've heard, most members came through relatively unscathed with either no damage or just minor problems. Unfortunately, many of us know others who did not. The national organization has asked us to be aware where help is needed and do what we can ...much help will be needed for a long, long time.

We have also had our first Assembly with a very interesting program on the Port of Baltimore, and enjoyed a great Holiday Social. Many thanks to all of you who spent time and effort preparing gift boxes for the Seamen's Center in Wilmington. Recently we've also had the opportunity to recognize several members celebrating special anniversaries with the squadron: Marguerite Travis, P/C Dave Sharpless, AP and John Goon, AP received their 25-year pins, and Jack Bryson reached 25 Merit Marks. We also had a special get-together at one of our Wednesday lunches to honor Connie Hoover for 50 years of Power Squadron membership. Wow!

On the business front, we had a brief meeting at the November Assembly and approved going forward with activities to support our change in name to Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron. We voted for the option of "doing business as" Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron, which allows for a name change without a

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Executive Department

T' was the night before Christmas and throughout the land, all of the membership boats were covered and systems were protected from the cold temps of the coming winter. All but one that is: BobRaAnne, who has left the Chesapeake Bay in favor of the warmer waters of Florida and perhaps the Bahamas. I received an email from Barbara Danehower last month while they were staying in Hilton Head Island for a few days. Another couple that sailed with us to the Bahamas in 2010-11 is waiting to head over to Nassau when a weather window appears. Their cruising blog is well written and illustrated nicely. Catch up with them at: <http://aamauger.blogspot.com> . I have!

A 13-day chronicle of the devastating Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath that killed more than 100 people, destroyed whole communities in coastal New York and New Jersey, left tens of thousands homeless, crippled mass transit, triggered paralyzing gas shortages, inflicted billions of dollars in infrastructure damage and cut power to more than 8 million homes, some of which remained dark for weeks are now within a mending period. The East Coast (Oct 30), the U.S. Small Business Administration have approved more than \$150 million in low-interest disaster loans to about 2,500 homeowners, renters and businesses. We in Delaware were divinely lucky. This "eye" of the storm passed directly over us, but we saw the destruction elsewhere. At this late date, if you are asked to donate used clothing or household goods to the cause, please help them out!

Have you seen this "SailAngle" Message? USPS Members get the lowest prices in the industry on Cruises, backed by the only 110% Best Price Guarantee in the industry. Shop and compare thousands of cruises from 18 of the world's top fleets departing from 22 U.S. ports. Browse the latest in new promotions and last minute offers or shop by category – weekend cruises, family cruises, honeymoon cruises, and more. This sounds like fun and particularly nice during the winter months of expected cold temps and snow. The link supplied is: <http://www.cruisesonly.com/>

We hope you enjoyed your Christmas Holidays and are preparing for a happy, healthy New Year

*Lt/C Donald R. Engler, P
Executive Officer*

Administrative Department

Well, here we are in a New Year and I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season! I've never been much for making New Year's resolutions because usually sticking with them requires too much of a commitment. But what about resolutions that make your life more fulfilling, such as spending more time on the water or with your friends in the Wilmington Power Squadron! Now that's something all of us could get behind without any grief or hard work. This year will mark the 75th anniversary of our Squadron. Amazing, isn't that? Your Change of Watch Committee is hard at work planning to recognize it accordingly; so, mark your calendars for the Change of Watch on 17 March to be hosted at the Embassy Suites across from the Football Stadium at the University of Delaware.

What about other easy and fun resolutions? Well, on Friday, 18 January the next WPS Social will be held at the Brandywine Community Center and, in addition to good food and boating camaraderie, P/C Donna & Lt Bill Zimmerman will give a presentation on Sailing to Nova Scotia. And, at our Founder's Day & Annual Meeting on Friday, 15 February, also at the Brandywine Community Center, we will feature a film on the Houligan Navy and a presentation on "See Something, Say Something - protect our inland waterways". So how about resolving to join us at these upcoming events? Watch for sign-up forms elsewhere in this issue. We've also begun using an internet service called Evites to send electronic invitations to make it easy for you to respond and easy for us to get a headcount of who to expect. Watch your inbox for these.

The Annual Cruise is scheduled for 15-21 June and the Cruise Committee is already at work trying to top their past cruises. This resolution will cost you a few bucks (mostly for fuel for the power boaters) but it's guaranteed you will spend more time on the water with a great group of boating friends.

As always, we strive to ensure the squadron is responsive to your needs. Whether it be educational opportunities or fun social/boating oriented events, please make sure you let one of the Executive Committee members know what you're thinking would be worthwhile activities. We really enjoy hearing from you.

*Lt/C John S Ross, AP
Administrative Officer*

WPS 2013 Change of Watch – Mark Your Calendars

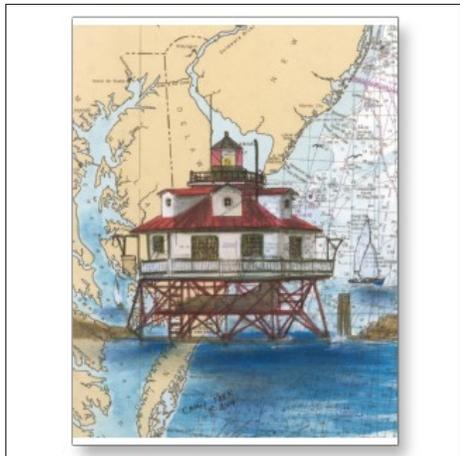
The 2013 Change of Watch, our 74th, will be held at the beautiful Embassy Suites across from the University of Delaware Football Stadium on Sunday, 17 March 2013. Mark your calendars for this event. On this date we will also be celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Wilmington Power Squadron. Please forward any appropriate suggestions and ideas for this day of observance to Barbara Sharpless via e-mail - bdsharpless@verizon.net. Additional information on the Change of Watch will be made available in the January/February 2013 Lubber's Line.

2013 Cruise Reminder – Mark Your Calendars

The WPS Annual Summer Cruise for 2013 is scheduled for the week of 15-21 June. Please mark your calendars accordingly. The itinerary, activities, and highlights, yet to be determined, will appear in forthcoming issues of the Lubber's Line.

Boating Safety News

Navigation Backup



Some may consider this article not related to safety; it doesn't address sunburn, first aid, danger areas for swimming, fire aboard, CPR, etc.

However the ability to know where we are while underway, especially in periods of limited visibility, certainly relates to safe boating. Many, perhaps most, have some sort of chart plotter that enables one to see aids to navigation; perhaps even the presence of other vessels, and may be even the course, speed, vessel's name, etc. if AIS is installed.

If equipped with radar the navigator can see potential dangers and confirm his/her location. The plotter might even have the ability to display current and approaching weather fronts.

It goes without saying we should always have a paper chart or chart book for reference and plotting.

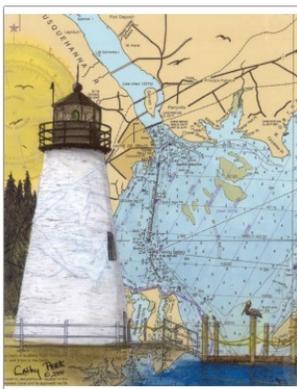
One can easily get dependent on all of the above, but what if that chart plotter fails, you've neglected to maintain your DR position on that paper chart and weather conditions take visibility to zero.

There are a number of software programs for computers, laptops and cell phones to backup that plotter that just quit at a most inopportune time. (Isn't that when most things fail?). The Capn software is one of the earlier computer programs.

Garmin's very new app for iPad or iPhone is another option. It's called GarminBluechart mobile. The app is free and the charts are extremely inexpensive. Real time weather can be added for a very low, one time cost.

If a chart plotter is important to you and you recognize a backup makes sense then this is one of many options you might consider. (Google Garmin Bluechart Mobile)

*Lt. David L. Benfer, JN
Safety Officer*





WILMINGTON SAIL and POWER SQUADRON
CHANGE OF WATCH

Sunday, 17 March 2013

**Embassy Suites Newark
 New Amstel Jr. Ballroom
 654 South College Avenue
 Newark, DE 19713**

Arrive at 1200 to socialize with friends. Drinks may be purchased from the bar.

BUFFET – 1230

*Soup Du Jour, Fresh Baked Roll Assortment, Mixed Garden Green Salad, Dressings,
 Mediterranean Pasta Salad, Chef's Selected Vegetable and Starch, Sliced Herb-Roasted Beef with
 Bordelaise Sauce, Chicken Marsala with Mushrooms, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Soft Drinks*

CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY – 1330

Pastry Selection and Small Individual Dessert Shooters after the Ceremony

Please forward your reservation slip and check **payable to WPS** to:
 Barbara Sharpless, 2 Hailey's Trail, Newark, DE 19711 by **Friday, 8 March 2013**
(Please don't be late.)

WILMINGTON SAIL and POWER SQUADRON
CHANGE OF WATCH
Sunday, 17 March 2013

Names of Attendees: _____

_____ **@ \$25.00 per Person = \$** _____

75th Anniversary Celebration



Conrad Hoover's birthday is just a scant four days after mine in November. I remembered to wish him a belated happy birthday when we met at the 5 December luncheon at Season's Pizza to celebrate his 50th year with the Wilmington Power Squadron. There were 26 folks attending this notable celebration and all were happy to hear Connie's short acceptance speech. Now keep in mind, Connie is 26 years older than I but he does have younger thoughts than some of our senior citizens in the squadron. While waiting for our luncheon orders to be delivered Connie was remarking about his dog and pulled out his I-phone to show me the pics. Since we were sitting together, and our commander, P/C Judy Stadler, AP was on the other side of Connie, he was talking about how life is treating him now-a-days. I asked him if someone drove him to the luncheon and he was quick to retaliate with: "do you think I can't drive myself?" I was surprised to hear him move so quickly into the defensive, that I myself was groping for an excuse for my poorly worded question.

I met Connie sometime during the springtime in 1982 after Sue and I first joined WPS. He was always involved in the teaching aspect of the squadron and we both spent time in two of his classes. Life in the Wilmington Power Squadron really was different then. There was pomp and circumstance, not at all meetings, but certainly at the Change of Watch and some of the socials. Education was the driving force in the 80's & 90s, with perhaps as many as 30 persons in each of the 5 classes offered. There was always an "Introduction to Boating" - "Seamanship" & "Piloting" given with "Sail" - "Weather" - "Marine Electronics" - and perhaps "Engine Maintenance". Everyone completed their questions from the handbook during the week to be handed in at the beginning of class. Connie was a very caring instructor who knew his subjects well. At the time, he was still a working engineer with DuPont. Both Sue & I always felt encouraged to learn more in Connie's class; I guess it was his unassuming attitude that kept us interested. On-the-water was a completely different venue for Connie and his wife & first mate, Barbara. Always a competitor, Connie looked for wind direction and locations to benefit his older Pearson Vanguard sloop: Aria. If you thought that 32' green sailboat was out to putt around, you have better watch his progress if he was near you! With a higher PHRF, Connie could win if you could see him.

Connie and Barbara sold Aria in 2007, however they still enjoy the squadron socials and luncheons. Remember to say hi to them when you see 'em!

*Lt/C Donald R. Engler, P
Executive Officer*

(Photos courtesy Don and Sue Engler)



Nominees for the 2013-2014 Bridge Year

As the current Bridge year is soon coming to a close, the Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for next year's Bridge, Executive Committee, Audit Committee, Rules Committee, and Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, on behalf of our general membership, wishes to extend thanks to all of those dedicated members who have agreed to serve. The vote on these nominations will be held at the 15 February 2013 Founder's Day Assembly which begins at 1830 at the Brandywine Community Center off Naaman's Road.

The nominees for the 2013-2014 Bridge Year are as follows:

Bridge Nominees:

Commander: Lt/C Donald R. Engler, P
Executive Officer: Lt/C John S. Ross, AP
Education Officer: P/C James Robinson, AP
Secretary: Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P
Assistant Secretary: Lt Susan F. Engler, P
Treasurer: P/C Martin G. Wagner, AP

Executive Committee General Members:

P/C Richard A. Butler, JN
P/C John G. Ingram, AP
Lt John E. Koval, Jr., P
P/C Jay R. Minshall, AP
P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
Cdr Judith C. Stadler, AP

Audit Committee:

P/Lt/C John A. Bryson, AP (Chairman, 2 year term)
Lt Thomas S. Webster, SN (1 year term)
P/C John G. Ingram, AP (1 year term)

Rules Committee:

P/C Donna F. Zimmerman, JN (Chairman, 1 year term)
P/C John G. Ingram, AP (2 year term)
Cdr Judith C. Stadler (3 year term)

Nominating Committee:

P/C John G. Ingram, AP (Chairman, 1 year term)
P/C James Robinson, AP (2 year term)
Cdr Judith C. Stadler (3 year term)

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

P/C Harry S. Anderson, II, JN
P/C John G. Ingram, AP
P/C James Robinson, AP

**JANUARY ASSEMBLY
Sailing in Nova Scotia
18 January 2013**

Please join us on Friday 18 January 2013 to learn about P/C Donna & Lt Bill Zimmerman's trip to Nova Scotia aboard Mystic Star.

The evening begins at 1830 (6:30 PM) with appetizers and soft drinks and continues with dinner at 1900. Dinner will include Casapulla subs, chips and dessert. The cost this year is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

Our meeting 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 due by Tuesday, 15 January 2013.

Assemblies Committee:

Mary Stacey, Geri Walker, Zelma Robinson, Donna Zimmerman, Anne & Mike Minard, Sue Engler, Judy Stadler & Betty & John Ingram...

**Sailing In Nova Scotia
- 18 JANUARY 2013 -**

Names of those attending (for name tags) _____

_____ @ \$8.00 _____ @ \$4.00 Total = \$ _____

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WPS Birthday List /January-February

<i>Jan-Feb</i>	<i>Date</i>
Robert V. A. Harra, Jr.	Jan 02
James Robinson	Jan 04
Irene duPont, Jr.	Jan 08
Kathy Scott-Reager	Jan 15
David I. Netting	Jan 21
Richard Parton	Jan 21
Michael Minard	Jan 22
Robert G. Danehower, Jr.	Jan 27
Patricia S. Maher	Jan 28
Pierce W. Johnston, Jr.	Jan 29
George C. Bentley	Jan 30

<i>Jan-Feb</i>	<i>Date</i>
Erich D. Smith	Feb 09
Sue F. Engler	Feb 11
Francis Richardson, Jr.	Feb 12
D. Jeffrey Russell	Feb 12
Paul D. Ehrlichman	Feb 13
Pat Esterle	Feb 17
Nancy N. Goettel	Feb 22

*Don Engler, Connie Hoover (center)
Judy Stadler*



Welcome New WPS Members

New member **Nicholas Waite**, who lives in the Newark area, took the public boating course offered by WPS at McKean High School in the Spring. He is currently boatless and can be called upon to serve as crew on a sailboat.

Stuart Arasim, recommended to WPS by member Bill Theis, is also a graduate of the public boating course offered at McKean High School and lives in the Wilmington area. Stuart, an avid fisherman, is a power boater and enjoys fishing the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays.

John and Jeanmarie Bailey live in Aston, PA and have two sons, John and Justin, who are presently away at college. They keep their 38' Beneteau, *Novus*, at North Point Marina in Rock Hall, MD. They were referred to WPS by P/C Dennis Wallace.

**FEBRUARY ASSEMBLY
FOUNDER'S DAY & ANNUAL MEETING
15 February 2013**

Please join us for our Founder's Day and Annual Meeting on Friday, 15 February 2013. Learn about the Houligan Navy's participation during WWII and the See Something, Say Something program to protect our inland waterways.

The evening begins at 1830 (6:30 PM) with appetizers and soft drinks and continues with dinner at 1900. Dinner will include Pizza, Salad and Dessert. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

All of our 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 due by Tuesday, February 12th.

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

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Calendar of Events

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Weekly Luncheons on Wednesday: 1130

Seasons Pizza, 3901 Concord Pike, Wilm., DE



13-19	Jan.		USPS Annual Meeting Jacksonville Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL
16	Jan.	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
18	Jan.	1830	WPS Social Brandywine Community Center
05	Feb.	1900	WPS Spring Educational Courses Begin Advanced Grades & Elective Courses I. duPont High School 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington, DE
07	Feb.		Deadline for March/April Lubber's Line Material
15	Feb.	1830	WPS Annual Meeting & Founders Day Social Brandywine Community Center
20	Feb.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE

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