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WSPS - 75th Change of Watch

The 75th Change of Watch for the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron as well as the kickoff observance for our 76th anniversary was held on Sunday, 16 March 2014 at the Embassy Suites in Newark, Delaware. Prior to the lunch, attendees were treated to a slide show presentation commemorating some of our past activities over the last year.

Our MC for the day, P/C C. David Sharpless, AP, called the ceremonies to order following a delicious lunch offering. District 5 representative, D/Lt/C William J. McManimen, SN, was introduced followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by F/Lt Carl Stacey, AP. Our Squadron Chaplain, Lt Carol Hanson, P, following the invocation, somberly recognized the passing with a tolling of the bell and a period of silence for member Sarah B. Tompson. Eight Past Commanders were introduced and D/Lt/C McManimen added his comments about our squadron and activities.

Commander Donald Engler, P, was called to the podium for his final message as our Commander. Next, after summoning his Bridge Officers to the podium, he presented each one with an appropriate gift commemorating their contributions to his year at the WSPS helm. He also cited the long standing service of Flag Lieutenant Carl Stacey, Chaplain Lt Carol Hanson and Merit Mark Coordinator/Auditor P/Lt/C John (Jack) Bryson. D/Lt/C McManimen then relieved him of his responsibilities as Commander of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron. His officers and committee persons elected and appointed to serve during his tenure were subsequently dismissed. Ever so briefly Commander Engler was relieved of his duties only to be requested back to the podium for the administration of Oath of Office for 2014-2015. He was presented the Commander's flag of his office to prominently be displayed on the starboard spreader. The Oath of Office was then administered to the 2014-2015 Bridge Officers and the Executive Committee members. Following his acceptance of his second consecutive command, Commander Engler spoke about membership and showed a brief slide show depicting graphs showing the outstanding growth of WSPS this past year. He then presented the following WSPS members with a DVD of the 2013 Slide Show: F/Lt Carl and Mary Stacey, P/C David and Barbara Sharpless, Lt Tom and Kay Webster, Lt/C John Ross and Pat Maher, P/C Marty Wagner and Donna Hilton and P/C John and Betty Ingram. This presentation was for the time and talents they have given to the organization over the past year. He was again called to the podium and was presented a beautiful engraved wall

My boat's name is

Squadron Members Boat Names

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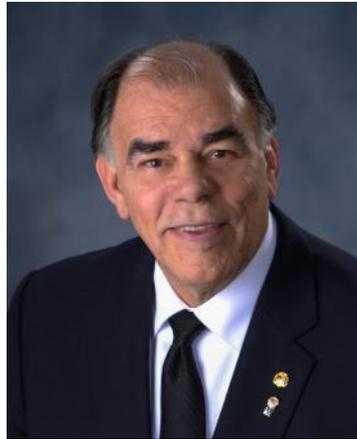
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**COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE**

Donald R. Engler, P

Exciting Springtime!

As your Commander for the second consecutive year, I give thanks to the membership and the Executive Board for your confidence in me to pilot WSPS thru the year 2014.

This is our 76th year of operation and with the awards we received at the Spring Conference held in Ocean City, MD, I feel excited to approach this second year almost identically as the first. We have earned the honor of being the second top squadron in the US in membership growth. This can be a little misleading since several of the squadrons in D/5 have had more new members join their squadrons than ours; but, the equation states that we retained 94% of our present members and gained 4% of new membership growth. Kudos to our educational team and our membership involvement team for bringing this about! I didn't attend the national meeting in Jacksonville, FL this year but, in my place, D/5 Commander Marty Lafferty was happy to accept this award to a standing ovation. He told me more than once that "I should have been there."

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Other awards that speak for themselves are: The National Communications Award due to the staff of the Lubber's Line. Heaps of thanks and kudos go to Pam Orris for setting a standard of distinctive performance again in 2013! Also included with Pam is her husband Bill and Barbara and Dave Sharpless for their efforts.

Our Executive Officer, John Ross, AP, earned the National Communications Award for maintaining and adding to our WSPS Website. Both John and your Commander received awards for the "Most Improved Social Networking 2013" and "Most Likes".

Well enough of the boasting and let's get onto the more important items like an introduction to our new D/5 Commander and how his efforts will help benefit our squadron.



District 5 Commander James Colston is pictured above being sworn in and below with his new bridge.



Apart from being involved in district activities, we must make our own squadron successful. This year we have placed an event in each month and several months have more than one event. On 11 April we saw the movie "All is Lost", a documentary-mostly on some poor planning of a single-handed sailor. We were fortunate to have viewed the show with 40 of our fellow members sitting together feeling the same hurt that Robert Redford felt. The subs were good and the popcorn enjoyable, but we thought the hurt experienced on the screen was unnecessary. If only he had planned a little better and had taken one of WSPS Advanced Piloting classes or JN. Many thanks to our Assemblies Committee for hosting our last meeting until next November.

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barometer/thermometer hand crafted by his Commander's Aid for 2013, P/C David Sharpless. At this time there was still one more gift to be awarded. Commander Engler called his wife Sue to the podium to help present this item to both P/C David and Barbara Sharpless. The gift was a framed, wall print of their boat in the Choptank River taken during the summer cruise.

MC P/C Sharpless thanked the Change of Watch Committee for the behind the scenes work so necessary in making this day so special, adjourned the meeting and invited everyone to enjoy desert as well as watch a further showing of the slide show.

2014 Change of Watch Committee

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Our Spring Picnic, 17 May, will be held at Rock Hall Community Center. We will also have a "White Elephant Sale" which includes any marine items that you want to sell or give-away. Join us for the trash pickup on Rt. #20 in Rock Hall at 12 Noon; we'll be finished before 1300 and meet back at the Community Center. There is more information about these activities in this edition of the Lubber's Line.

WSPS Day Afloat will take place on 31 May for those folks graduating from our boating classes at A.I. duPont High School and McKean High School.

Summer Cruise Chairman P/C David Sharpless, AP, has reminded me to ask all those that expect to go on the cruise this year to promptly send in their checks.

The new 2014 yearbook was updated, printed and mailed to your homes. Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P, has done an admirable job again this year.

Commander Don R. Engler, P

Education Department

Looking back at this past educational season at this point in the year is gratifying to once again be able to have made and/or make available three Advanced Grades to membership. First on deck was Piloting instructed by P/C Judy and Chuck Stadler, AP, followed up by the Winter/Spring offering of Advanced Piloting taught by P/C Mike King, AP, and P/C David Sharpless, AP (test results are still pending evaluation by National). Finally Seamanship, a pre-requisite for obtaining the grade of AP, will be made available to all members later this Spring. This subject will be formatted as a home study course followed by a proctored review and exam. Membership will be advised as to timing specifics via E-vite. Interested students will be asked to respond, again via E-vite, to facilitate the purchase of course material.

Two Certification classes have been/will be taught this Spring. The first session consisting of 11 students is being taught at A.I. duPont High School by Lt/C John Koval, P. Testing is scheduled for 29 April. McKean High School is once again hosting the second seasonal offering of Certification classes commencing 20 March. Teaching and proctoring assignments are being done by P/C John Ingram, AP, and P/C David Sharpless, AP, respectively, with 13 students enrolled as of this writing.

The two module Sail Course (101 Basic Sail and 102 Advanced Sail) is tentatively scheduled for a 9 September start-up at A.I. duPont High School. Please refer to page 25 in the WSPS 2014-2015 Yearbook for course highlight overview. Interest will help bring this class to fruition. Make your pre-reservation call to the undersigned by 21 July at the latest. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS ACCORDINGING!!!!** Please be aware that the lead time for ED material(s) from National can stretch out to 30 days

If you have any interest or questions in either of these courses or a subject adaptable for seminar formatting, please contact Jim Robinson at 610 444 5155 or jimrobinson37@aol.com.

P/C Jim Robinson, AP

P/C David Sharpless, AP

Executive Department

Spring has finally sprung and no doubt many of us are busy commissioning our boats and resuming our water activities. Before I get into my message for this issue, I'd just like to share a commissioning surprise I experienced this year in hopes that others might avoid similar breakdowns. On day one of commissioning, I turned on our boat's HVAC system, noted that I was getting heat, and went about my business refreshing the onboard water tank and generally cleaning outside the boat. About an hour later, I went back inside the boat and found about two inches of water on my lower cabin floor. Obviously, I had sprung a pretty big leak somewhere. I immediately turned off the fresh water pump and the HVAC system and checked the sinks and head. Neither showed any sign of leakage. I next checked the HVAC unit, which is under the bed, and much to my surprise found that the water discharge hose had blown off the unit, so none of the river water used for heating and cooling was being discharged overboard. What was surprising is that the unit hasn't been serviced in quite a while and I don't often have the need to go under the bed to check it, so nothing had been disturbed there for quite a long time. Upon closer inspection, the hose was doubled clamped, but one clamp wasn't anywhere near to connecting to the tube the hose went over, and the second clamp was broken in that the screw would just keep turning. So, the fix was one of the cheapest ones I've ever had; just two new hose clamps and I was back in business. As an avid do-it-yourselfer, as recommended, I do periodically check the hose clamps on my engines and generator and it's often surprising that many will seem a bit loose and can use a half a turn or so. But, quite frankly, I've never paid attention to the hoses that connect to the heat pumps. Another lesson learned - check all hoses and hose clamps on all systems at least once a season.

In other news, I'm about to embark on some minor updates and changes to our website (accessible via www.wspsboaters.com or www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org). Probably the most notable update will be tying our website's photo gallery to our Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron Facebook page. As you may have noticed, the archive of pictures we have our website is quite old and by tying the website to our Facebook page (which does have a nice photo gallery) we can stay more current. You will not have to be a Facebook member, however, to see our pictures. If you are a Facebook user or are tempted to become one, we encourage you to "friend" Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron to access us there. If there are any other changes you'd like us to consider for our website, please let me know; otherwise, I'll look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Lt/C John S. Ross, AP
Executive Officer

Administrative Department

With warm weather near at hand, I constantly ask myself how Maggie and I can take part in some of the events without using our family boat. Specifically, my thoughts are participation in the annual cruise. In years past, due to difficult circumstances, we were not able to attend. Missing this time of fun and bonding saddened us. The Cruise Committee has, over recent years, put together a splendid way for us to take part in certain events of our choosing. We can and have opted to drive to many of the squadron events that are specifically scripted for members who are stuck "shoreside" for whatever reason. Car miles being faster and sometimes simpler afford us with the opportunity to participate while allowing us to be home at night with our daughter. Case in point, last year Maggie and I, time constrained as usual, car pooled with Lt/C John Ross, AP, and Pat to Suicide Bridge to join the WSPS cruisers for an outstanding buffet. Once again Maggie and I are time conflicted and will be unable to participate in all of the cruise this year but are looking forward to our cruise associated land trips as well as many of our other shore side functions.

The point here is that the Executive Committee has again scheduled an appealing series of events that can be shore attended. The Spring picnic in Rock Hall on 17 May, the Commander's Cruise Kick-off and Picnic at Lankford Bay Marina on 14 June, the Crab Feast in Rock Hall on 2 August are but a few of the activities being offered. The Commander's Message also touches on some of these activities. Each of you will be notified of upcoming events by our E-vite system inviting your participation. The Calendar of Events in the WSPS 2014-2015 Yearbook may be the appropriate tool for planning purposes.

Need additional details, please feel free to contact me at 410-287-2346 or any member of the Executive Committee.

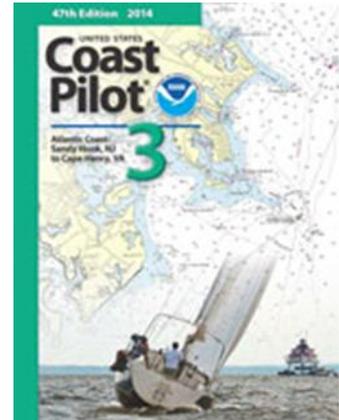
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Co-operative Charting

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Coast Pilot Volume 3 - 47th Edition, 2014, shown here, covers the Atlantic coast from Sandy Hook, NJ to Cape Henry, VA, including Delaware Bay and Chesapeake Bay. This is the volume that covers USPS District 5 area.

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The USPS Cooperative Charting Program offers individuals six different ways to help NOAA improve and update their nautical charts and publications. Visit the USPS Cooperative Charting website at www.usps.org/national/coch/. Get involved. It is a rewarding pastime. Call your chapter Cooperative Charting Chairman.

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

WSPS Picnic and White Elephant Sale

Saturday, 17th May 2014

1400 - 1700

Rock Hall Civic Center
Pavilion & Picnic Area

Please mark your calendars accordingly

Reservations for planning purposes are requested by Wednesday, 14th May to John Ross, e-mail: @johnsross3@gmail.com or call 302-235-5856

Grills will be fired up at 1400; arrive when you can. The "fixin's" and sodas will be provided. All you have to do is simply take an afternoon break and plan on spending a little quality time in scenic Rock Hall. Bring a grille item for yourself plus a side

The White Elephant Sale will commence before the picnic and run until all items have been either sold or processed. Please bring anything you want to sell; place a price tag and name on each item and our expert auctioneer will try to sell it!

Directions: At the light on Route 20 in Rock Hall turn left onto N. Main Street (toward stores) and right onto Civic Center Road. There is plenty of parking.



The Boat Names Have Been Changed to Protect....

Six squadron members share with us why they named their boats what they did...

“L’CHAIM” - OWNERS: MARTY WAGNER & DONNA HILTON

“L’Chaim”. It’s Hebrew and means “to life”. Most people have heard it used often as a toast on happy occasions and, of course, there is the song by that name in “Fiddler on the Roof”.

When we bought our Jeanneau in 2001 we thought hard about a name. We had always followed the old nautical tradition of giving a new (to us) boat a new name and had used “L’Chaim” as the name for our old Newport 30. Finally we decided that we already had the perfect name and would defy tradition by naming the new boat “L’Chaim” as well.

After all, we all know that nothing is more life affirming than getting on our boats and setting off on the water. What else can make us feel more alive?



“WAKE THIS WAY” - OWNERS: JOHN ROSS AND PAT MAHER



Upon making the commitment to buy our 37’ Sea Ray Sedan Bridge, we made naming the boat a family project. Each of us suggested names and we then ranked them in order of preference. The winning score was Wake This Way. We wanted a unique name and were always attracted to names that had more than one meaning. Our chosen name has its origins based on the song Walk This Way, one of

WAKE THIS WAY
NEWARK, DE

my favorite bands, Aerosmith’s early hits. The word Walk was exchanged with Wake, to symbolize a boat’s wake and since this boat was our first opportunity sleep aboard a boat, a second meaning is a tribute to our ability to spend the weekends on the boat and “wake” up there. So far, we haven’t come across a boat with the same name. I’ve also been quick to suggest names for other people’s new boats. While no one yet has been bold enough to adopt my suggestion of Wet Spot, I was the one to come up with the name Sneakers for Pat’s sister and her husband’s boat which recognizes their tendency, as early birds, to disappear from family events to sneak back home.

“MYSTIC STAR” - OWNERS: BILL AND DONNA ZIMMERMAN

Naming a boat is always a good puzzler.

The trick is to come up with something unique, expresses something about you, not too cliché, and just the right length. It needs to be something that you can tolerate hearing and speaking on the VHF radio and be easily understood. Mystic Star is the name we came up with for our third boat. Before we had acquired her in 2008 we had the good fortune to sail on a number of ocean passages from the Chesapeake to the Caribbean and Maine aboard boats of our good friends and were awestruck on those perfect sailing nights at sea where the stars just come right down to the horizon in all directions. Nothing like that experience on land for sure. The name brings to mind that experience; the mystery of the sea and the night sky, and we just liked the sound of it. So far she's been a good boat.



“COOL BREEZE” - OWNERS: STEVE AND VICTORIA BENSON

We bought our Morgan 46 in Ft. Lauderdale, and then came home for a few weeks before we went back to Ft. Lauderdale to bring our "new to us boat" back to the Chesapeake via the ICW. During our time at home, we came up with a new name for the boat, but decided to wait to rename it until we had the boat back on land in our Chesapeake marina. Later, as we came up the ICW we called each of the 91 bridges on the radio and said "This is Kuhl Brieze, could we have a northbound bridge opening please".

By the time we got to the Chesapeake a month later, we were so used to the old boat name, that we decided to keep it, but with American spelling instead of German spelling, and that is how she came to be called "Cool Breeze". Besides, with two air conditioners and a generator, we could have a "cool breeze" any time we wanted to.

The attached picture was take in the Exhumas, Bahamas.



“NORTHERN EXPRESS” - OWNERS: MIKE AND ANNE MINARD

Our family of five spent 25 years and at least as many names naming our future sailboat. Most of our names were mythical characters, astronomy related, or magical in nature. The names were representative of strength, perseverance, romance, puffs of wind-in-the-sail names.

In 2001, we purchased our documented Pearson 424 ketch, Northern Express. We all said that's a great name! And that was the end of the naming.



“JUBILEE” - OWNERS: DON & SUE ENGLER

Jubilee came to us in November 2008 with that same name. Both Sue and I liked the name and decided that we would keep it, however this was before the original owner added an incentive to keeping the name by supplying the builder's papers and several T shirts. Now I have no idea why he wanted us to keep the name, perhaps he still had some sentimental feelings toward the boat. Just knowing we would receive the huge file of the builder's papers was incentive enough to not take the time to decide upon another name. And since we haven't been too stellar as far as picking a name for previous boats...."In Sync" and "Final Focus" we felt a kinship to "Jubilee". After viewing the listing of documented boats with the name Jubilee, and there are about 125, we still feel comfortable with it, however we are seeing ourselves a few times in other ports.



WSPS Birthdays/May-June-July

<i>May-June-July</i>	<i>Date</i>
Carol Hanson	May 03
Lynn A. Mahaffy	May 07
Paul W. Esterle	May 08
Thomas A. Minshall	May 12
Kevin R. Mullery	May 13
Richard Alan Butler	May 14
Robert Updegrave	May 16
Bruce A. Wyngaard	May 16
Paul Bosco	May 18
Reade Y. Tompson	May 18
Susan L. Clark	May 20
Leslie A. Brower	May 22
Janet C. Kalb	May 22
Kirk L. Bailey	May 25
Hugh M. Mahaffy	May 28
Stephen A. Leishman	Jun 03
Harold C. Marden, Jr.	Jun 06
D. Frederick Yaeger	Jun 06
Bart Wilson	Jun 07
Bill Moody	Jun 09
Donna Zimmerman	Jun 12

<i>May-June-July</i>	<i>Date</i>
Maurice A LaPlace	Jun 15
J. T. Reager	Jun 16
J. Mark Walters	Jun 16
Michael A. Royal	Jun 17
Jane E. Drummond	Jun 21
William Orris	Jun 22
Lyn F. Anderson	Jun 26
Lynne M. Schaefer	Jun 26
C. Forrest Collier	Jun 28
Robert B. Hall	Jun 30
Allene Hopman	Jul 05
Jay R. Minshall	Jul 05
James F. D'Wolf	Jul 07
Lynda L. Hastings	Jul 07
Wendy Shipman	Jul 07
Kathleen H. Leef	Jul 19
John G. Ingram	Jul 24
Robert F. Mahaney	Jul 31
Eileen Malin	Jul 31
Thomas T. Stoner	Jul 31



Calendar of Events

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Weekly Luncheons on Wednesday: 1130

Seasons Pizza, 3901 Concord Pike, Wilm., DE



17 May		WSPS Spring Picnic & Rt #20 Cleanup, Rock Hall Civic Center
17-23 May		National Safe Boating Week
21 May	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting, Conectiv Center, Newark, DE
21 May	1700	Delaware River Educational Dinner Cruise
04 June	1800	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Brandywine Hundred Library
04 June	1830	WSPS Cruise Skippers' Meeting Brandywine Hundred Library
07 June		Trailer Boating Day on upper Bay
14 June	1700	Commander's Kickoff & Picnic Lankford Bay Marina, Rock Hall, MD
15-20 June		WSPS Annual Cruise
07 July		Deadline for August/September Lubber's Line Material
19 July		D/5 Practice Navigation Contest, Rock Hall, MD
19 July	1400	Pool/Cocktail Party at Worton Creek
26 July-01 Aug.		D/5 Summer Cruise on the Chesapeake Bay
01-03 Aug.		D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous, Crisfield, MD
02 Aug.		WSPS Picnic & Rt #20 Cleanup, Rock Hall Civic Center