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WPS - Member Support You Can Count on Within Our Squadron

Legacy

Wilmington Power Squadron has a long, storied, and extremely productive past. We have a history of contributions to recreation boating that goes far beyond our local waters. Our contributions have enriched all of our members, our district, the United States Power Squadron, and many thousands of boaters that don't even know Wilmington Power Squadron exists. It is worthwhile to retell some of our history and to celebrate the contributions of our members past and present.

A series of articles is planned, highlighting the contributions of individual members. There are no doubt dozens, and dozens, and dozens of members who have made major contributions; and whose efforts and successes need retelling. Deciding who to highlight and which stories (sea stories?) to retell is a daunting task. Currently our plan is to include at least four Legacy articles each year in the *Bulletins of the Wilmington Power Squadron* now known as the *Lubber's Line*. If you have story ideas about a member and that needs telling please contact P/C Mike King AP at 302-636-0292. Many of the impressions one person makes on another are highly personal. A squadron member may have offered you an outing on their boat when you needed to leave the land behind for a few hours, or they might have taught you how to tie a bowline in a way you still remember today, or they might have given you that one piece of data that now allows you to back your boat into a slip with confidence even with a stiff cross wind. There are many times out on the water when the solution to a particular problem comes in the voice of a member who has passed along a 'secret' of safe or enjoyable boating. Actions, stories, and formal lessons enrich us all. The traditions of our organization were not handed to us by King Neptune, they were built up over the years. Others have enriched you; please let us know who they are.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By Cdr. Donna Zimmerman, JN



By the time you read this, the boating season will be winding to a close for all but a fortunate few heading south for the winter. Thoughts turn to winterization, winter projects and staying warm. Why not also give thought to getting more from your WPS membership? Join us at the socials. Bring a friend along and encourage them to join. Get involved in one of our committees. Help out with the public boating classes. Sign up for a class this spring. Jim Robinson would love to know now what classes you might want to see scheduled for the spring session. If you don't want to take a class, how about teaching one? Again, Jim is the contact.

No, none of this is quite as much fun as being out on the water, but it's a great way to pass the time this winter, have fun AND make some new friends. If you're not sure where to start, just give me a call for some personalized suggestions on how to get involved (302-593-2630). We need you.

A Small but Merry Mini-Cruise

Due to limited advance interest, we did not complete plans for a fall mini-cruise. But a few of the interested parties got together over the weekend of September 12-13 nonetheless. The Zimmerman's on Mystic Star were joined in Eagle Cove on Friday night by the Andersons from Freedom and Mike King and Wendy Shipman from Sea Lion. We proceeded to make a full meal out of appetizers, then broke up for a good night's sleep despite the inclement weather. The Englers with Geri Walker on In Sync made a valiant effort to join in the fun but were turned back by 20+ knot winds dead on the nose and a nasty Chesapeake chop until the following day when the evening's appetizer and dinner venue moved to the pavilion at North Point Marina in Rock Hall. Others who joined in the fun that night were John and Mary Polk, Joe and Mickey Irr, Dennis Wallace and Carol Hanson, Jim and Zelma Robinson, and John and Betty Ingram. It was a beautiful early fall evening as only the Chesapeake and good friends from WPS can deliver.

Maybe we should try for a fall mini-cruise again next year?

Executive Department

Now that the boating season is over for this year, I have mission for each of you. **Recruit some new members for our squadron.** This is not a hard sell. Just think about all the wonderful value you get from your membership and let them know they are steps away from **Friends, Fun, & Better Boating.** Our picnics, raft-ups, cruises, and cooperative charting activities deliver on the **Friends and Fun** during the summer and our socials extend that into the offseason. We offer a wide variety of excellent courses for all experience levels at a cost of about 10% of what you would pay commercially. These courses are the first step to becoming a **Better Boater** and the follow-up is practice while attending our on-water activities.

Send them a link to our web site and our cruise photos (<http://picasaweb.google.com/HarryandJean/WPSCruise2007>) to see what they are missing. And don't forget the 20% discount they get on insurance through St. Paul, 25% discounts for C-Map and Nobletec, Boat-US membership discounts etc. For details see: http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/memtools/membeneflyer.pdf. Print a few of these fliers to have when you see your neighbor next.

So, talk to your dock neighbors and home neighbors about joining our club. If you would prefer to have one of our officers or committee members to talk to them, just forward their contact information. They can download an application form on our web site by clicking the "Join Us" button at www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org and if they have any questions have them call me or any officer. Thanks in advance for promoting the WPS!

District News: The D5 Fall Conference will be held November 6-9th in the Solomons. Go to www.usps5.org for more information.

Lt/Harry S. Anderson, II, AP
Executive Officer

Administrative Department

The unofficial Fall Mini-Cruise and Picnic scheduled for 12-14 September 08 included a raft up Friday evening in Eagle Cove on the Western Shore and a bring your own dinner at the North Point Marina Pavilion on Saturday. Betty and I joined a good size crowd for the dinner. Cdr Donna Zimmerman, JN and Bill Zimmerman, JN coordinated the event and Lt/C Harry S. Anderson, II, JN and Lyn Anderson, including their puppy, participated on *Freedom*, sailing from Oxford.

The Fall Picnic for Members and Friends, hosted by Lt/C Jim Robinson, AP and his family on September 28th was a big success. It was a wonderful gathering of boaters, ex-boaters, family and friends. As usual, Zelma Robinson prepared a great table of food for us, and with the other dishes brought by the rest of us, nobody left the picnic hungry. If you weren't there, you missed a good social at the Robinsons.

On October 4th, P/C Mike King, AP and Wendy Shipman, S on *Sea Lion* hosted the Raft Up on Langford Creek. Lt J. Kenneth Lehman, JN and Dorothy Lehman, P on *Adelie*, P/C Dennis Wallace, P and Carol Hanson, P on *Weatherly*, and Betty and I on *Gypsy II* enjoyed the shared appetizers so much, that we skipped dinner. We all enjoyed a light air sail home after breakfast on Sunday.

The Assemblies Committee has put together a good program for the coming season. Please make plans to attend all the Socials.

Please mark your calendars for the following events in October and December:

24 Oct 1830
WPS Social at the Brandywine Community Center.
Cpt John Gage will share tales of his 3 ½ year circumnavigation on his 42' cutter *Dream Catcher*.
07 Dec 1400
WPS Social at the Brandywine Community Center.

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Boating Safety News

First Aid and First Aid Kits – Part 2

Many thanks for the favorable comments we received on our first article on first aid kits. We received a nice letter from Carole Tulip, treasurer of USPS District 5, who sent along two Emergency Medical Record cards, which are available upon request from the district. This brings up a subject we wanted to mention: carrying along with you on board any appropriate medical information and an up-to-date list of medications. The Power Squadron cards are foldable, have space for all of this information, and come with a plastic cover for storing in your wallet or elsewhere on the boat. If you are a captain planning an extended voyage, you might want to provide these cards for crew members to fill in and have available on board.

We decided to continue the topic of first aid for this article, since we had a few more items to pass along.

First, for those doing more extensive cruising, the article in *Practical Sailor*, June 2008, gives an extended list for contents in coastal cruising medical kits, and the September issue covers medical kits for offshore passages. If you are planning a trip of either type, you may want to check out these articles. Also, in the September article there is mention of another reference guide, *A Comprehensive Guide to Marine Medicine* by Dr. Eric Weiss and Dr. Michael Jacobs. It is recommended by a number of organizations, and you may want to check it out.

A few additional first-aid notes and home remedies, especially for those of you who cruise the Chesapeake Bay and other local waters:

Jellyfish stings, etc. We were told long ago that meat tenderizer is great for jelly fish stings. Peter Eastman, M.D. (website <http://www.gate.net/~hirschj/aid.html>) advises first washing with salt water (not fresh water), applying dilute vinegar for ½ hour, and then using the meat tenderizer. On a personal note, Judy found that the tenderizer also works well on wasp stings!

Hydrogen peroxide: Again, a personal experience story. We carry this antiseptic on board all the time. Some years ago, while dinghy sailing, Judy was involved in a capsize of a boat covered with barnacles on the bottom. In the process of righting the boat, she was cut up extensively. Every cut that was treated with hydrogen peroxide healed well. Those few spots that were not, became infected and took some time to heal. Treat cuts on board early and often!

Ear drops: If you don't carry any eardrops for swimmers' ear, a solution of 50% white vinegar and 50% isopropyl alcohol is recommended.

We are just about to depart on our journey south, and by the time you read this, we should be well along our way. Please use the off-time this winter to update your medical information, replenish the first aid kit, and brush up on that first aid knowledge.

Latest References:

Medical Kits for Coastal Cruising. *Practical Sailor*, June, 2008, pp 32-36.

Medical Kits for Offshore Cruising. *Practical Sailor*, September, 2008, pp 15-19.

Weiss, Eric and Michael Jacobs. *A Comprehensive Guide to Marine Medicine*, 2005

Ordering Medical Cards

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We will be collecting materials for the ditty boxes to be donated to the Wilmington Seamen's Center.

A big thank you to all the Committee leaders and members who have contributed their time and effort to make these WPS events happen.

*Lt/John G. Ingram, AP
Administrative Officer*

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

The Assemblies Committee invites everyone to join them at this year's Holiday Social on Sunday, 7 Dec 08 at 1400 (2 PM). We'll be at the Brandywine Community Center, as usual. There is no charge or need to pre-register for this event. However, in the spirit of giving and sharing, we ask everyone to bring an appetizer or holiday goodie (or both!) for all to enjoy.

Please remember to bring your "Ditty Box", gaily wrapped (but with no ribbons or bows, please). You may add a card or note in your box. If you were not attending the October Social to pick up your shoebox and shopping list, call me or dig an old shoebox out of the bottom of your closet and check the shopping list on the WPS web site.



"Ditty Box" Contributions December Social

As a special treat at our social, Ed Okonowitz will be joining us (courtesy of the Delaware Humanities Forum) for a story-telling session. Nobody likes stories better than boaters, and Ed has been very well received on his two previous visits to WPS.

This is a perfect opportunity to wish all your boating friends a Very Happy Holiday Season!

Let's review: Sunday, 7 Dec 08, 1400 (2PM); bring an appetizer or holiday goodie; bring your "Ditty Box". See you there!

LET'S HAVE LUNCH!

For many years (actually many, many years) members of WPS have been meeting for lunch once a week. In the beginning, when most members worked for DuPont, they met at a downtown restaurant. Presently, we meet at Lucky's (formerly the Ranch House) on Concord Pike in Talleyville on Wednesdays. No prior arrangements have to be made, just show up. Our table is in the back corner. We generally arrive between 1115 and 1130. Most of the attendees are retired, but all are welcome. We are generally finished by 1230, so if you can sneak away from work, please do. We swap sea stories, and although some of us no longer have boats, we still have a love of boating. One charming tradition that is observed is that we keep an attendance book that you sign every time you come. You enter the number of that attendance before your name. Some of our members have numbers in the thousands! The present keeper of the book is Frederic (Woody) Yeager, P. If you have any questions, you can call him at (302) 453-8280. Everyone's welcome! Stop by and say hello!

*Lt/Carl L. Stacey, AP
Lt/Mary E. Stacey*

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Around Delmarva

One goal that often ends up on a boater's list of places to go is around the Delmarva. This summer at picnics and at raft-ups there have frequent discussions about squadron members planning and then doing this trip together. P/C Dennis Wallace, P has volunteered to chair a committee to determine if there is interest among squadron members in making this noteworthy voyage during 2009. At this point absolutely nothing has been decided. We have not decided on equipment to take or on dates; we haven't even decided whether to go clockwise or counter-clockwise. But if we are going we have to start planning soon. If this cruise is on your list of things to do someday, 2009 might be a good time. Call Dennis at 610-458-3394 and let him know your level of interest.

P/C W. Michael King, AP



An End to Summer

The last raft up of 2008 was held 3-4 October. Four squadron boats rendezvoused off Cacaway Island in Langford Creek to say good-bye to the boating season. The trip down was under clear blue skies, light breezes and warm afternoon temperatures. By 1600 *Adelie*, *Sea Lion*, *Gypsy II*, and *Weatherly* were all tied together and everyone seemed to be watching a pair of Labrador retrievers chase birds up and down the nearby beach. Soon it was time to eat and we gathered aboard John and Betty Ingram's boat to listen to mellow jazz, pass around platefuls of hors d'oeuvres, recount our times afloat with shared sea stories, and watch the sunset. The party lingered and we soon discovered the nighttime sky was perfect for star gazing with only the thinnest crescent of moonlight. Morning brought a surprise: a thick blanket of fog; a good morning for being lazy. When the fog gave way to a watercolor sky of white, pale yellow, pale grey, and blue we motored home trying in vain to imagine a more idyllic weekend.



The fleet - 2008 Cruise

P/C W. Michael King, AP

WPS Birthday List November - December



<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Mahlman, Bert H.	11/02	Minard, Anne M.	12/03	Koval, Jr., John E.	12/13
Buchanan, C. Robert	11/04	Slack, Sr., John R.	12/05	Mc Kay, Laurence R.	12/14
Kris, Edward H.	11/16	Kutter, Wolfgang	12/07	Schaefer, Kenneth A.	12/14
Smith, C. Harwin	11/21	Knowles, Cathy L.	12/07	Sharpless, C. David	12/16
Engler, Donald R.	11/22	Greene, Jay	12/08	Minshall, Katherine L.	12/16
Marrone, Janine D.	11/25	Melcher, Robert J.	12/09	Reager, John T.	12/21
Hoover, Conrad L.	11/26	Bailey, Craig B.	12/09	Abel, III Frederic W.	12/25
King, W. Michael	11/26	Anderson, II Harry S.	12/09	Ginn, David C.	12/26
Roewe, Jr., George J.	11/27	Lipari, Patricia M.	12/12	Smith, Margaret M.	12/26
Morgan, Jr., Paul W.	12/01	Smith, Dorothy M.	12/12	Considine, Sr., Stephen F.	12/27

Welcome New WPS Members



Please welcome the following new WPS member:

John Pia – John and his wife Deborah live in the Landenberg, PA area and have three children, only one presently still at home. He was referred to WPS by our Educational Officer, Lt/C Jim Robinson. John keeps his 44' Catamaran, "About Time", at Georgetown Yacht Basin. He is presently enrolled in the Piloting course being taught at A.I. Dupont High School.

Welcome Aboard!

*Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P
Secretary*

Calendar of Events



- 07-09 Nov. D-5 Fall Conference
Holiday Inn, Solomons MD
Hosted by D-5
- 19 Nov. 1930 WPS Executive Committee Meeting
Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
- 7 Oct. Deadline for November - December Lubber's Line Material**
- 7 Oct. 1400 WPS Holiday Social
Brandywine Community Center