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### 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 November 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring your box, filled with items from the shopping list and wrapped with holiday paper (no bows or ribbons), to the Holiday Social at the Robinson's on December 9<sup>th</sup>. You may include a card or note if you wish.

Call me at 302-738-0817 with any questions or if you are unable to attend either of these two functions but want to participate.

Thank you for your generosity,

*Lt/Mary Stacey*

#### 'DITTY BOX' CONTENTS

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Toothpaste      | Playing Cards     |
| Toothbrush      | Chapstick         |
| Comb            | Knitted Hat/Scarf |
| Candy/Gum       | Hand Lotion       |
| Sewing Kit      | Shampoo           |
| Pens/Stationery | Razors            |
| Soap            | Cough Drops       |
| Warm Socks      | Winter Glove      |



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**COMMANDER'S  
MESSAGE**

*Judith C. Stadler, AP*

It is now the fall boating season, when we look forward to cooler weather and a little more comfortable temperatures as we head out on our bays and rivers for some messing about on the water. Some of us are already looking ahead to those winter projects that will help us get our boats ready for winter storage or next year's boating season. Your Squadron has also been planning for a winter of activities for everyone.

When you receive this newsletter, the Seamanship course should be well underway. We also hope to run several seminar short courses during the winter months. The Assemblies Committee has planned a series of programs we're sure you'll enjoy, and plans are in the works for another great Holiday Social. Details of these events are in the articles of this newsletter, and I hope you can join us for one or all of the events.

I'm happy to report that the work of the Audit Committee has been completed, and once again they found all of our financial records to be in order. Nice work Marty! The committee has suggested one modification that involves keeping hard copies of the dues reports from national, so that we will have these for our squadron records. New systems require us to think about new ways to do things. Many thanks to Jack Bryson and Tom Webster for their help with the audit.

In this newsletter you will also see an announcement for a special meeting of the Power Squadron on November 9, so that we can move forward with our plans for a name change. I am especially grateful to Dave Sharpless and Keith Sanclemente for their efforts in researching this issue so that we can accomplish the name change in compliance with Delaware law and requirements of the United States Power Squadron. The change will also require some work on our bylaws by our Rules Committee, headed up by Donna Zimmerman. Sometimes progress seems slow, but we are aware that all of these tasks are completed by our dedicated volunteers, and we greatly appreciate the job they do.

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## *Executive Department*

As we see the leaves beginning to fall, I am hopeful that you have spent some time or had a diver clean your bottom and running gear. The normal underwater growth that occurs throughout the warmer months of the summer tends to multiply and these barnacles love your inattention. Perhaps the performance may startle you as the six knots you saw in June now turn to four or less. Jubilee has had four bottom cleanings in the last 6 weeks and each time the growth was less than the former. We will be enjoying the cooler weather soon and hopefully getting lots more sailing in before the first freeze.

Along those same lines, after the first freeze, we may want to acknowledge how helpful our boating association has been for us throughout the year. We attend picnics, raftups, the summer cruise (hot wasn't it!), and many other educational events. Very soon our agenda will be switching into the fall/winter socials. During these times, we may pause to reflect how our boating/sailing experiences have been so important in our lives. We may also think about how mistakes were avoided because of our education, friend's timely advice or even something we remembered during a WPS seminar. We as members are fortunate to be part of this association and perhaps we may want to share this good karma with other sailors in our marina or those we meet along the way. One of the many benefits of membership in United States Power Squadrons is the exclusive USPS Boat Insurance Program, which is based on the premise that their **members constitute a class of "preferred risk" boaters by virtue of their formal education in the** care and operation of boats. Their website is: <http://www.insuranceproviders.com> and the toll free number: (800) 356-4098.

All of this "good news" isn't just for the membership to enjoy... I am hoping that you do spend some time spreading the word of how this association has benefited you. An application for membership can easily be found on our website: [www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org](http://www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org) click on the "join us" tab. Please ask them to call me if they have any questions or comments and thanks for promoting WPS!

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

### *WPS 2013 Change of Watch – Mark Your Calendars*

The 2013 Change of Watch, our 74<sup>th</sup>, 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## *Administrative Department*

Well, the hot sticky days of summer appear to be behind us now, and we hope you're getting to enjoy some of the great early Fall boating weather. As mentioned in the last Lubber's Line, we're scheduling a dinghy and trailer boat event for either Friday, 28 September or Sunday, 30 September on either the Sassafra or Chester Rivers. Please contact me if you're interested in participating and we'll keep you in the loop as the details get finalized.

Our first Fall Social will be on 9 November 2012 at the Brandywine Community Center and will feature a speaker from the Port of Baltimore. The Holiday Social will be hosted by Jim and Zelma Robinson at their home (122 Fairthorne Street, Kennett Square, PA) on 9 December 2012 starting at 1600. Don't forget to bring your box for the Seamen's Center, an appetizer or dessert, and wine to share. Your RSVP to the Robinson's would be appreciated. On 15 February 2013, the Annual Meeting and Founders Day Social will feature a film on the Hooligan Navy which was comprised of volunteer citizens who used their privately owned boats to help defend the U.S. in World War II. Imagine painting your boat battleship grey and strapping on a rusted World War I machine gun to help defend your country! As always, we welcome your suggestions for any boating related activities. Special thanks go out to Betty Ingram and the Assemblies Committee for their leadership in coordinating these events.

We're also excited to note that the Wilmington Power Squadron will be observing its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the 2013 Change of Watch. Your Executive Committee wants to make this event as special as possible so any program suggestions or ideas you might have would be very much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Socials!

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

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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, 9 November 2012** – Port of Baltimore.

**Sunday, 9 December 2012** –. December Social

Host: P/C Jim & Zelma Robinson

Location: 122 Fairthorne Street, Kennett Square, PA

Time: 1600 to 1800.

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

**Friday, 18 January 2013** – P/C Donna & Lt Bill Zimmerman, Sailing to Nova Scotia.

**Friday, 15 February 2013** – Founder's Day & Annual Meeting. Film on the Hooligan Navy and See Something, Say Something - protect our inland waterways.

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: Lt/Betty Ingram, P and P/C John Ingram, AP, Lt/Mary Stacey, Geraldine Walker, AP Zelma Robinson, Anne & Mike Minard, P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN Lt/Susan Engler, P and Cdr. Judy Stadler, AP*



## *Boating Safety News*

### *Recreational Boating Statistics 2011\**

In 2011 the Coast Guard counted 4588 accidents that involved 758 deaths, 3081 injuries and approximately \$52 million dollars of damage to property as a result of recreational boating accidents.

The fatality rate was 6.2 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels. This rate represents a 14.8% increase from 2010's fatality rate of 5.4 deaths per 100,000 registered recreational vessels.

Compared to 2010, the number of accidents decreased 0.35%, the number of deaths increased 12.8% and the number of injuries decreased 2.3%

Seventy (70) percent of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those eighty-four (84) percent were not reported as wearing a life jacket.

Only eleven percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received boating safety instruction. Only seven percent of deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received boating safety instruction from a NASBLA-approved course provider.

Eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using vessels less than 21 feet in length.

Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed and, machinery failure rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.

Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was listed as the leading factor in 16% of the deaths.

Fifteen children under age thirteen lost their lives while boating in 2011. Sixty (60) percent of the children who died in 2011 died from drowning. Seventy-eight (78) percent of those who drowned were wearing a life jacket as required by state and federal law.

The most common types of vessels involved in reported accidents were open motorboats (47%), personal watercraft (19%), and cabin motorboats (14%).

The 12,173,935 recreational vessels registered by the states in 2011 represent a 2.1% decrease from 2010 when 12,438,926 recreational vessels were registered.

\*2011 "Executive Summary" from Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Coast Guard

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

In conclusion, I just want to remind everyone that this organization will be celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013. We are already starting to think about just what kind of celebration we might have. It is a great accomplishment to be an active organization, promoting safe boating, for this many years. If you have any suggestions for events or activities that will help us celebrate next year, let us know...or volunteer to organize something!

### ***Special meeting Called for Wilmington Power Squadron Members***

The Executive Committee of the Wilmington Power Squadron is calling a special meeting of the squadron to consider a proposal for a squadron name change. The meeting will be called to order following the program at our first winter assembly on 9 November 2012.

At the direction of members during our Annual Meeting in March, 2012, the Executive Committee was asked to determine what procedures would have to be taken to change the squadron name from "Wilmington Power Squadron" to "Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron". The Executive Committee asked Keith Sanclemente, our legal officer, for an opinion on our options for a name change. Recently, the committee received a proposal from Keith that outlines two options for us with regard to a change in name.

Option A: Amend the Articles of Incorporation with the State of Delaware

This option requires a meeting of the membership, changes to the bylaws and filing with the state of Delaware for a "Restated Certificate of Incorporation." The cost is \$194.00 with an additional \$50.00 for a certified copy.

Option B: Apply for a DBA Certificate with the New Castle County Prothonotary

This option also requires a meeting of the membership and changes to the bylaws. The difference is that we would file for a "Registration of Trade, Business and Fictitious Name Certificate", more commonly known as "DBA" or "Doing Business As" Certificate. The cost of this is \$25.00.

**The recommendation from Keith and the proposal from the Executive Committee is that we follow Option B. The Committee will request your approval for going forward with this option and undertaking an update to the bylaws.**

The Rules Committee will begin to examine what changes need to be made to the bylaws. This will require prior notice of changes, and we anticipate that the work of the Rules Committee and approvals from the national organization can be completed in time for a final vote at the February Annual Meeting.

*Cdr. Judith C. Stadler, AP*

***December Holiday Social -- New Location  
Sunday, 9 December 2012  
Home of Jim & Zelma Robinson 1600 - 1800***

Our last two holiday socials were so successful, we are once again repeating this event. Jim and Zelma Robinson have graciously offered the use of their home for a wine and appetizer party. As in previous years, the time of the party will be from 1600-1800.

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 to bring the gift boxes for the seamen's center. Location: 122 Fairthorne Street, Kennett Square, PA (H) 610-444-5155



**NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY**  
**Friday, 9 November 2012**

Joe Greco will be our featured speaker for our first Fall Assembly of the 2012-13 season. Joe will be talking about the environmental aspects of the port of Baltimore.

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 again this year is \$8.00 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 due by Tuesday, 6 November 2012

*WPS Assemblies Committee*

**PORT OF BALTIMORE – 9 NOVEMBER 2012**

Names of those attending (for name tags) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00      \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$4.00      Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### *WPS Birthday List /Oct-Nov-Dec*

<i>Oct-Nov-Dec</i>	<i>Date</i>
Marguerite R. Travis	Oct 08
Margaret B. Hall	Oct 10
Pamela M. Orris	Oct 10
Dennis M. Wallace	Oct 11
Mary Jane Wenhold	Oct 12
Herman Hopman	Oct 17
Frank J. Clendening	Oct 23
John J. Mc Evoy	Oct 24
Victoria J. Benson	Oct 27
Robert B. Minshall	Oct 27
Walter R. Williamson	Oct 28
John C. Leshner	Oct 29
James A. Malin	Oct 30
Bert H. Mahlman	Nov 02
Emila Talloua-Abel	Nov 04
Betty Parker	Nov 11
Edward H. Kris	Nov 16
C. Harwin Smith	Nov 21

<i>Oct-Nov-Dec</i>	<i>Date</i>
Donald R. Engler	Nov 22
Conrad L. Hoover	Nov 26
W. Michael King	Nov 26
Paul W. Morgan Jr.	Dec 01
Anne M. Minard	Dec 03
Harry Sut Anderson	Dec 09
Robert J. Melcher	Dec 09
John E. Koval	Dec 13
Laurence R. McKay	Dec 14
Kenneth A. Schaefer	Dec 14
Katherine L. Minshall	Dec 16
C. David Sharpless	Dec 16
Betty K. Ingram	Dec 19
John T. Reager	Dec 21
Frederic W. Abel 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dec 25
David C. Ginn	Dec 26
Margaret M. Smith	Dec 26

### ***Rock Hall Rt. 20 Clean-Up Saturday, 13 October 2012 at 1000***

In 2010, the Squadron adopted a 1-mile section of Route 20 in Rock Hall as ours to keep clean. That means that we make a sweep of the roadway once in the Spring and again in the Fall. We found that it takes us about an hour to complete the task. This Fall we have scheduled the clean-up for Saturday, 13 Oct at 1000. This will get us back on our boats by 1100. This is great PR and some healthy exercise. If there is any interest, we could do Hot Dogs and Burgers at North Point Marina at 1200. Betty and I hope to see you there. If you can join us, please call and make a reservation, 302-633-1733.

*P/C John Ingram, AP*



# Calendar of Events

[www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org](http://www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org)

Weekly Luncheons on Wednesday: 1130

Seasons Pizza, 3901 Concord Pike, Wilm., DE



- 17 Oct. 1930 WPS Executive Committee Meeting  
Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
- 01-04 Nov. D/5 Fall Conference, Wyndham Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA  
Hosted by Main Line Sail & Power Squadron
- 09 Nov. 1830 WPS Social, Brandywine Community Center
- 28 Nov. 1930 WPS Executive Committee Meeting  
Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
- 07 Dec. Deadline for January/February Lubber's Line Material**
- 09 Dec. 1600 WPS Holiday Social, Home of Jim and Zelma Robinson  
122 Fairthorne Street, Kennett Square, PA

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