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CHRISTMAS AT SEA



Organizationally, we have been around since 1938. Our charter, purpose for being, is essentially to offer education and camaraderie for our members and last but not least to provide a civic service function to our community. Members Mary and Carl Stacey have accepted the coordinating baton over the last several years for fulfilling the civic part of our obligation. The Seamen's Center of Wilmington, managed by a very capable Joan Lyons, year after year has successfully appealed to groups like ours for support. The purpose quite simply is to provide gifts of welcome to world traveling mariners visiting the Port of Wilmington during the Christmas season.

Specifically, the goal of the Seamen's Center of Wilmington's Christmas at Sea Program is to give a "Ditty Box" filled with gifts to every seafarer arriving in Delaware during the month of December. Last year the Seamen's Center provided gifts to over 1,200 grateful mariners. WPS is a proud contributor to this endeavor.

The ditty boxes are filled with essentials and goodies as listed below. Please see your way clear to be a part of the Christmas at Sea Program this year. Pick up your shoebox at the Social on Friday, 11 November at the Brandywine Community Center, fill it from the list below, and return your prepared and wrapped gift to the home of Donna and Bill Zimmerman at the Christmas Social on Sunday, 11 December. Calendar conflict, unable to attend, please contact Mary Stacey or Barbara Sharpless for pickup. At this special time of the year, the Seamen's Center will thank you and most importantly, the recipient seamen will be appreciative.

DITTY BOX CONTENTS

Toothpaste	Sewing Kit	Playing Cards	Hand Lotion
Toothbrush	Chap Stick	Shampoo	Soap
Comb	Knitted Hat/Scarf	Razors	Warm Socks
Candy/Gum	Pens/Stationery	Cough Drops	Warm Gloves

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**COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE**

By Cdr. James Robinson, AP

We have all had to say good-bye to an all too short summer and hello to fall. Boat storage and winterization have crept into some of our thought processes as the calendar advances. That having been said, we still have some great outdoor/boating weeks ahead as we gradually move our organizational activities ashore.

Mark your calendars for 1500 on 23 October. My wife Zelma and our family cordially invite all members to the annual WPS Fall Picnic at our home. No boating worries for weather, wind, tides, ground tackle, etc. on this date. Just hop in the car, plot your course and join the group at the home of the Robinson's, 122 Fairthorne Street, Kennett Square, PA. Attendance notification would be appreciated.

As we move on into winter, your Assemblies Committee, in an effort to minimize the emotional impact of boat storage, cold weather, etc., has scheduled a calendar full of interesting programs (specifics elsewhere in this issue) designed to help us navigate through the winter blahs.

You may have noticed a slight increase in the volume as well as subject matter of some of the more recent ads received through the mail. Our National organization, in an effort to offer additional benefits to membership, has made our membership roles (names and addresses only) available to a limited number of marketing/sales concerns. Locally, the WPS Executive Committee voted unanimously against all aspects of this activity in its entirety. Regrettably, our wishes were overridden at the both District and National levels. Further, we were unsuccessful in an after-the-fact request to have the names of all WPS members removed from



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Education Department



Fall not only affords most of us a little boating hobby “kick-back” time, but could well be the most opportune time to advance our boating knowledge. We currently have an Advanced Piloting class underway at A.I. duPont High School. Our only fall offering for the Certification Class is scheduled to begin 27 October at McKean High School. This course consists of two hour sessions on four consecutive Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Several years ago we successfully presented a series of one night, two hour seminars with subjects selected by attendees from the USPS University –Seminar Series (page 28 of the Squadron Yearbook). Within our organization we fortunately have the depth and expertise to create topics from scratch, or to customize a presentation from an existing seminar. Don’t have the time for a full course commitment? Consider a seminar. You pick the subject of interest, put us to work. Previously these classes were conducted through the week, at a convenient location, two hours in duration, no testing involved, fees - \$15/household. We would like to once again make this format available. **All we need to proceed is your input!**

As of this writing we will be conducting a seminar, probably in late winter, on Sail Rallying/Racing. This offering will be structured to appeal to the novice as well as the experienced sailor. There is significant interest in resurrecting an intra-squadron sailing competition series beginning next spring. The intent of this program is quite simple - member involvement. Preparation being everything, this seminar may be just the thing for both the boat owner and/or want-to-be crew member. Details of this program will be made available throughout the winter through the Lubber’s Line and Socials.

Once again your inputs and involvement help make us a stronger organization.

Please contact David Sharpless with your ideas at (302) 239-7995 or email- bdsharpless@verizon.net

*P/C C. David Sharpless AP
Education Officer*

IN MEMORIAM

On 29 August 2011 Robert C. Buchanan (Bob) passed after a lengthy illness. Bob for many years actively participated in all aspects of WPS. He will always be remembered for his meticulous timekeeping during both intra-squadron and district Navigation Contests. Serving as our Property Officer he was equally committed to excellence. Bob was a USPS Life Member accumulating 38 Merit Marks, and perhaps more importantly, a valued and dedicated friend to WPS.

Our most sincere condolences to wife Janice and the Buchanan family.

Boating Safety News



As many of you know the Automatic Identification System (AIS) is one of the latest navigation aids available to the boater. It can provide course, speed, destination, length and draft of the vessel, name, etc. when viewed on your chart plotter. And if your AIS is one that transmits (our's just receives) the same sort of info can be made available to the vessel you see in the distance, or not seen because it is around the bend or hidden in fog.

However, one must input the data so you may not see all the information mentioned above.

Earlier this year I had an experience that raised a couple of questions, one remains and I would appreciate an answer (that can be documented).

Entering Block Island Sound in the middle of the night a tug about three miles ahead appeared on the screen as "towing". Because it would cross our course at an oblique angle and visibility was limited I attempted to locate what I assumed would be a barge. Failing to see any running lights I called the tug (made easier because the name was part of the AIS data). The captain responded saying he was "pushing" not "towing".

That answered one question but not the other, is towing the same as pushing according to the Nav rules or can/should the operator be specific and enter "pushing".

What does this have to do with safety, well AIS is a great tool, but one should not hesitate to call to confirm things are as they appear. Plus it breaks the monotony of a night watch.

Lt/C David L. Benfer, JN
Safety Officer

Fall Clean-Up Rock Hall, MD

On Saturday, 8 Oct 2011, P/C Dennis Wallace, P, Lt/Bart Wilson, P/C John Ingram, AP, and Lt/Betty Ingram, P, completed the Fall Clean-Up of the WPS section of Rt. 20 in Rock Hall.



Administrative Department

Hopefully, you've had a wonderful boating summer and are looking forward to some cruising on the water this fall.....if we can get a few trips in between hurricanes and tropical storms heading our way! Be safe out there.

Fortunately, we have some land-based activities coming this fall and winter. Our fall picnic will be held at Jim and Velma Robinson's on 23 October 2011. Mark your calendar for this great fall feast, and give them a call for directions to their home in Kennett Square, if you've not been there before.

Our first fall assembly will be Friday evening, 11 November 2011. Peter Trogdon of Weems and Plath has a really interesting presentation on the history of navigation. It's still amazing to me how sailors traveled in past centuries without all the navigation systems, weather forecasting, and other aids we rely upon today. He will also bring along some items from the Weems and Plath line of products. If you're looking for new navigation equipment, it will be an opportunity to see these things first-hand.

Since we had so much positive feed-back on the venue for the holiday party last year, we're having another wine and appetizer social for 2011. Come, bring along your box for the seamen's center, an appetizer or dessert, and wine to share. The social will be at 4 PM on December 11 at Bill and Donna Zimmerman's home.

Bring along a new member or potential new member to any or all of these events!

*Lt/C Judith C. Stadler, AP
Administrative Officer*

December Holiday Social...New Location

Sunday, 11 December 2011

Home of Donna and Bill Zimmerman

4-6 PM



Last year's holiday social was so successful, we are repeating this event! Donna and Bill Zimmerman have graciously offered the use of their home for a wine and appetizer party. As last year the time of the party will be from 4 PM to 6 PM.

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 those gift boxes for the seaman's center!

Location: 1 Evans Drive, Landenberg, PA
(H) 610-274-8444

Lt /CJudy Stadler & Lt/Betty Ingram, Co-chairpersons



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any advertising mailing lists going forward. Those wishing to opt out of future member benefit mailings may do so on an individual basis as follows:

Opt-Out Instructions

Go to **www.usps.org**

Be prepared to enter your member certificate number and zip code

Go to **Members Stuff Box** and click **Benefit Announcement Options**

The **Manage Your Member Benefits Announcement Benefits** announcement option page comes up

Reset your member announcement option to **No**

Click update

That's all it takes

Finally, looking to the future, interested in getting involved in or simply the "how to's" of sail racing/ rallying, applicable rules, etc.-no boat necessary? Well, we sure have some members with expertise on this subject! Sooo --- on the drawing boards for spring is a sail competition series, probably around the Rock Hall area. We will all be learning more on this subject at upcoming socials and Lubber's Line articles.

We don't go out of business in the winter, we just change gears. Maximize your membership, get involved.

Hope to see you all at the upcoming shore side events!

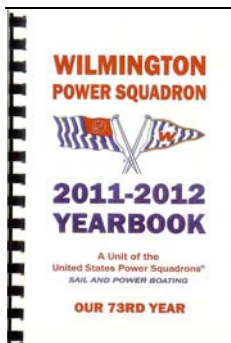
End of the Season Helpful Hint – Outboard Motor Fuel



Do you have a little mixed (oil and gas) two cycle gasoline left over from the boating season? Have concerns re storage, moisture, etc.? Your four cycle lawn tractors, lawn mowers, and snow blowers love it!!!! Cautionary note: Not recommended for use in any computer controlled engine (auto, truck).



2012 - 2013 Yearbook



It's getting close to the time for our 2012-2013 yearbook to be assembled and printed. If you have any changes to your listing in the member roster section of the 2011-2012 yearbook, please e-mail your changes to Barbara Sharpless at: bdsharpless@verizon.net.

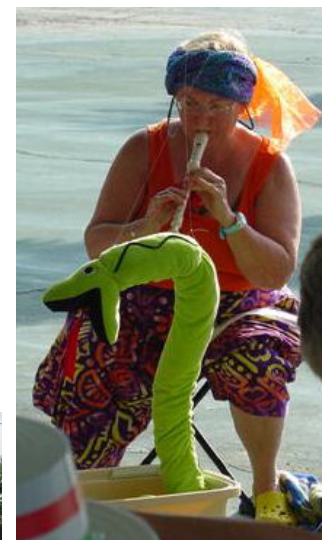
2012 Cruise Reminder

The Annual Summer Cruise scheduled for 23-29 June 2012 is still in the formation stages as of this writing. Please mark the dates on your calendar accordingly. The itinerary, activities, highlights, reservation forms, etc. will appear in forthcoming issues of the *Lubber's Line*. Additionally, we shall be establishing an informational "e-net" for the purpose of keeping our potential cruisers and shore goers apprised as plans move forward toward fruition. All members are invited to participate in all or any portion of this Week on the Bay event.

Interested in receiving the e-mails, have questions, whatever? Contact David Sharpless at 302-239-7995 or send an e-mail to bdsharpless@verizon.net.

P/C Dennis M. Wallace, P
P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
2012 Cruise Co-Chairs

WPS Cruise Memories



**NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY
A History of Navigation
Friday, November 11, 2011**

Our speaker for the evening will be Peter Trogden, President of Weems and Plath, which has been in business for 80 years and is the world's largest manufacturer of navigation instruments. His talk follows a 4,000 year timeline highlighting the world's greatest explorers and famous inventors of navigation instruments. He gives information to help sailors learn from the mistakes of early explorers to improve safety on the water. Peter has traveled to many of the world's best maritime museums to get info for this talk. He grew up in the northwest -- sailing and power boating his whole life -- and has logged more than 20,000 ocean miles. He and his wife cruised to the Bahamas in 06, Maine in 07, the Great Lakes in 08, British Columbia in 09, and Alaska in 2010. They have a Harbor 20 sailboat and Zimmerman Downeast 36.

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 this year is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

Our fall 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, November 8, 2011.

*Assemblies Committee: Judy Stadler & Betty Ingram, Co-chairpersons,
Mary Stacey, Geri Walker, Zelma Robinson, Rita Shade, Donna Zimmerman, Mike & Anne Minard, John Ingram.*

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Names of those attending (for name tags) _____

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BETTY INGRAM and mail with this form to

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WPS Birthday List - Oct-Nov-Dec

<i>Oct-Nov-Dec</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Oct-Nov-Dec</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Oct-Nov-Dec</i>	<i>Date</i>
Marguerite R. Travis	Oct 08	Bert H. Mahlman	Nov 02	Robert J. Melcher	Dec 09
Margaret B. Hall	Oct 10	Emila Talloua-Abel	Nov 04	Patricia M. Lipari	Dec 12
Pamela M. Orris	Oct 10	Betty Parker	Nov 11	John E. Koval	Dec 13
Dennis M. Wallace	Oct 11	Richard Rodenhouse	Nov 11	Laurence R. McKay	Dec 14
Mary Jane Wenhold	Oct 12	Edward H. Kris	Nov 16	Kenneth A. Schaefer	Dec 14
Herman Hopman	Oct 17	C. Harwin Smith	Nov 21	Katherine L. Minshall	Dec 16
Frank J. Clendening	Oct 23	Donald R. Engler	Nov 22	C. David Sharpless	Dec 16
John J. McVoy	Oct 24	Janine D. Marrone	Nov 25	Betty K. Ingram	Dec 19
Victoria J. Benson	Oct 27	Conrad L. Hoover	Nov 26	John T. Reager	Dec 21
Robert B. Minshall	Oct 27	W. Michael King	Nov 26	Frederic W. Abel 3 rd	Dec 25
Henry E. Romani	Oct 27	George J. Roewe Jr.	Nov 27	David C. Ginn	Dec 26
Walter R. Williamson	Oct 28	Anne M. Minard	Dec 03	Margaret M. Smith	Dec 26
John C. Leshner	Oct 29	Cathy L. Knowles	Dec 07		
James A. Malin	Oct 30	Harry Sut Anderson	Dec 09		

WELCOME NEW WPS MEMBER

William E. Barber and his wife Joan live in the Landenberg, PA area and keep their 36' Catalina, "Adagio", at Worton Creek. They are also members of the New Castle Sailing Club and have had varied sailing experience ranging from the Chesapeake Bay and the Caribbean to Traverse Bay in Michigan. Bill and Joan were recommended for membership in WPS by P/C John Ingram.

Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P
Secretary



Calendar of Events

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- Weekly Luncheons on Wednesday:
Lucky's Coffee House, Concord Pike, Talleyville DE
- 30 Sept-02 Oct D/5 Sail Regatta and Fall Festival
Herrington Harbour South
- 19 Oct 1930 WPS Executive Committee Meeting
Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
- 23 Oct 1500 WPS Fall Picnic for Members & Friends
Home of James & Zelma Robinson
122 Fairthorne St., Kennett Square, PA
- 27 Oct 1900 Safe Boating Certification Begins
Mc Kean High School
301 McKennan's Church Rd., Wilmington, DE
- 04-06 Nov D/5 Fall Conference
Wyndham Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA
- 11 Nov 1830 WPS Social
Brandywine Community Center
- 30 Nov 1930 WPS Executive Committee Meeting
Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
- 07 Dec** **Deadline January/February Lubber's Line Material**
- 11 Dec 1600 WPS Holiday Social
Home of Bill and Donna Zimmerman
1 Evans Drive, Landenberg, PA

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