



Fun, Friends...and Better Boating!
Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron



THE LUBBER'S LINE

VOLUME 83, ISSUE 4

Our 83rd Year 1938-2021

August - September - October 2021



A Thoroughly Enjoyable Cruise!



Every June our members enjoy a weeklong cruise on the Chesapeake Bay and this year did not disappoint! Eleven of the twelve boats, including sail and power, cast off from North Point Marina in Rock Hall to go north. With two days of good sailing for sail boaters, we enjoyed rafting up in Worton Creek and the Sassafas River before settling in at Tidewater Marina in Havre de Grace for two nights. The thirty-two boaters took full advantage of all that Havre de Grace has to offer!



Thanks to the thorough research of Bruce Wyngaard aboard *Brio*, with His lovely wife, Leslie, and ever energetic daughter Nina, many completed the self-guided tour of Historic Havre de Grace. Did you know that Havre de Grace was nearly named the Capital of the United States? In 1789 when the

House of Representatives voted on a permanent location for the capital, there was a tie between Havre de Grace and Washington. The deciding vote favoring Washington was cast by the Speaker of the House! In the 1800's, because of the ferry and the railroad, Havre de Grace was a bustling hub of activity!



Our WSPS boaters also delighted in the nature trail, the Maritime Museum, the Decoy Museum, antique shops, and the bookstore! The restaurants favored were the Tidewater Grill, and the Vineyard Wine Bar Restaurant, consistently rated among the best 10 restaurants in Maryland! A stop in Bomboy's homemade ice cream shop was mandatory! Mark Atkinson, aboard Willow with wife Chris, reflected, "I often think that arriving at even the most familiar place by water makes a new experience. So it was at Havre de Grace. It really felt like we arrived at a destination at the head of the Bay after a narrow channel through the Susquehanna Flats. And after we arrived, it was a place so vibrant with its preserved and remembered history.





Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron 2020 - 2021



Our Commander's Message



Commander

Cdr Carol Hanson, P
588 Winfield Way
Chester Springs, PA 19425-9530
(610) 458-3394
jchanson@comcast.net



Administrative Officers

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
2 Hailey's Trail
Newark, DE 19711-3006
(302) 239-7995
bdsharpless12@gmail.com



P/C John G. Ingram, AP
8 Tarragon Court
Wilmington, DE 19808
(302) 593-5220
cmdrjgi@verizon.net



Education Officer

Lt/C David L. Benfer, JN
11 Chilton Road
Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 593-2486
dbenfer51@gmail.com



Secretary

Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P
2 Hailey's Trail
Newark, DE 19711-3006
(302) 239-7995
bdsharpless12@gmail.com



Treasurer & Website

Lt/C John Ross, AP
234 North Star Road
Newark, DE 19711-2937
(302) 235-5856
johnsross3@gmail.com



Lubber's Line Editor

P/C Donald R. Engler, AP
4340 62nd Court
Vero Beach, FL 32967-7811
(302) 540-2760
don@englers.com



As I write this column, it is 90 degrees outside and most of us are hunkered down in air conditioning, many missing our boats. However, you need to know that the heat has not hampered the efforts of our committed Executive Committee. **Education and outreach** continue to be two important goals with related activities.

Thanks to all the members who completed the **Education Survey!** Read Thompson graciously thanked me for sending it out and commented on the additional info in electronics since he last taught! **Engine Maintenance** had the most interest followed by the OpenCPN software program, then Cruise Planning, Marine Communication Systems, Radar for Boaters, and Instructor Development. Four responders indicated an interest in being an instructor. Most responders are comfortable with virtual or in person classes. The Executive Committee has discussed providing an Engine Maintenance class to be scheduled this fall or next spring.

Additionally, District 05 has announced that, through a blended virtual & live program, an **Instructor Development Course** will be available this this fall, beginning October 14, 2021. See page 16 and please let me know if you are interested!

We welcome **new members!** A well-supported **outreach** event was held at North Point Marina on May 22nd. See page 06.

The **June Cruise** was thoroughly enjoyable. See front page & page 03.

Mark Atkinson has again coordinated a July **Basic Boating Certification** course with WSPS Instructors Dave Sharpless and John Koval, and the Delaware Safety Council. Details from Mark on page 11.

It's time for **America's Boating Club Wilmington** on page 05.

WSPS hats were distributed to WSPS members in 2018. As new members have joined, we are getting requests for MORE HATS! A redesign is in the works. Please see Laura Hepting for details!

The **WSPS lunch bunch** is back at Season's Pizza on Wednesdays at noon! Join us! See page 20.

We send get **well wishes** to Geri Walker, Chester Gibson, Scott Mayhue and Randy Williamson. All are recovering nicely! Please let me know if I missed anyone!

Thank you all for your dedication and good work to benefit our beloved boating club!

Stay Cool!

Cdr Carol Hanson, P



A Thoroughly Enjoyable Cruise!

Continued from the first page



Following our visit to Havre de Grace, we proceeded to anchor out in lovely Still Pond and spent the final day at Anchorage Marina at Fells Point in Baltimore.



Randy Williamson commented, "My most favorite experience was having Dave and Sandy Netting join Susan and me on board *Windward Passage* and seeing them enjoy visiting anchorages that they had first sailed to nearly 50 years before." Sandy replied how much they enjoyed their time with the Williamsons, particularly in the cocoon of warmth and dryness on a rainy Thursday sailing south.



The group sincerely appreciates the good work of Donna Zimmerman, for her efforts in coordinating the cruise, with support from the trusty captain of *Mystic Star*, Bill Z.



Also joining the group was Terry and Richard Butler aboard *Eau de Vie*, John and Betty Ingram aboard *Gypsy II*, Laura and

Wayne Hepting aboard *Lady L*, Kathy Leef aboard *Mystic Star*, Bart and Bev Wilson aboard *Pleasure's Mine*, John and Colleen Schleicher, and guests, Mike and Gloria Hasel, aboard *Scrimshaw*, Bill and Joan Barber, with guests Gail and Peter Weintraub aboard *Skylark*, Scott and Kathy Mayhue with guest Amy Sheranko, aboard *Star Reacher*, and Dennis Wallace and Carol Hanson aboard *Weatherly*.

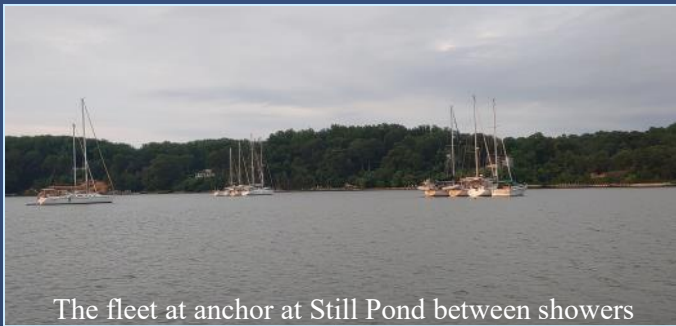
Overall, we had a thoroughly enjoyable week with great friends and good weather! So now, how to top this for next year!!

Your Commander, Carol Hanson

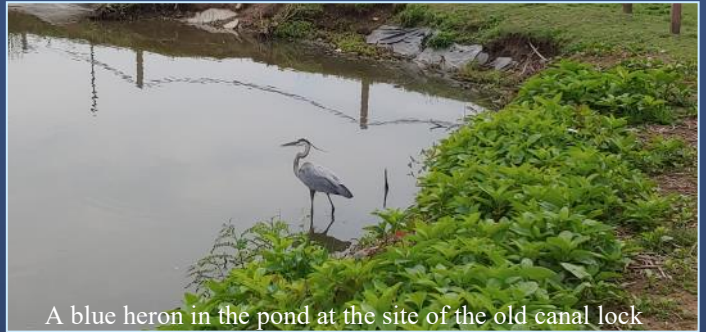


Thoughts of the 2021 Summer Cruise

I often think that arriving at even the most familiar place by water makes a new experience. So it was at Havre de Grace. It really felt like we arrived at a destination at the head of the Bay after a narrow channel through the Susquehanna Flats. And after we arrived, it was a place so vibrant with its preserved and remembered history.



The fleet at anchor at Still Pond between showers



A blue heron in the pond at the site of the old canal lock



One of the murals of historical Havre de Grace
The Red Onion Bordello.



The Red Onion as it looks today

P/C Mark Atkinson, AP
Cruise Committee Member



Willow



Trademark Change?



It's time for **America's Boating Club Wilmington!**

Recently I was talking to a young lady, a guest on a fellow squadron member's boat, and asked her if she knew what a squadron was. She said, "I have no clue! Maybe a group of airplanes?" That is a typical response from those who first hear about power squadrons. As reported in the Lubber's Line last year, a market study was completed by America's Boating Club, (ABC) formerly, United States Power Squadrons (USPS).

The results, not surprising, found that USPS, who has been doing business the same way for 100 years, was viewed as being stogy and out of touch. Times have changed. Today's boaters are more diverse, with different interests and less time devoted to boating activities. Families are busier. Technology has changed entertainment and learning, Traditional baby-boomer boaters are aging out. We are no longer affiliated with military. Many boaters have not heard of the United States Power Squadrons, or they get us mixed up with other organizations. The name, **America's Boating Club, is clear on who we are and what we enjoy doing.** After reviewing membership demographics and potential names, it seemed maintaining the Wilmington name makes the most sense for our squadron.

Though we will forever be named The Wilmington Power Squadron in our Bylaws, we have been "doing business as" Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron since 2013. In April, based on feedback from our Marketing Committee, the Executive Committee approved the recommendation to adopt Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron "doing business as" America's Boating Club Wilmington. We will then be consistent with our national organization and over approximately 78% of our District squadrons who have adopted America's Boating Club as part of their name.

The recommendation to adopt "doing business as" America's Boating Club Wilmington will be presented to the membership at the Friday, 5 November Social at the Brandywine Town center. Please join us in as we move forward, looking to the future, to not only sustain but to grow our beloved organization.

It's time!

Cdr Carol Hanson, P



Weatherly

WSPS VSC & Outreach Campaign

WSPS Members held a WSPS outreach/information event at Rock Hall's North Point Marina and Bayside Landing Park, on May 22, 2021. Captains of power and sail boats, small and large, took advantage of the opportunity! Over eighteen Vessel Safety Checks were completed by WSPS certified examiners, John Bailey and J.T. Walton! Most passed and those boat captains earned a WSPS/US Coast Guard sticker to post on their boat to prove it! WSPS members agreed it was an exceptional way to introduce National Safe Boating Week, May 22 – May 28, 2021.

Many thanks to Bill Barber, Terry and Richard Butler, Bev and Bart Wilson, Bruce Wyngaard, and John and Betty Ingram for volunteering to man the info area. Thanks also goes to Lori Campbell, North Point Marina owner, for permitting us to use the pavilion, a perfect location for the event!



Safety Vessel Checks examiners continued their good work! On July 4th John completed six examinations requested by the Bay Region Mariners Sailing Association (BRMSA). J.T. Walton reports that he

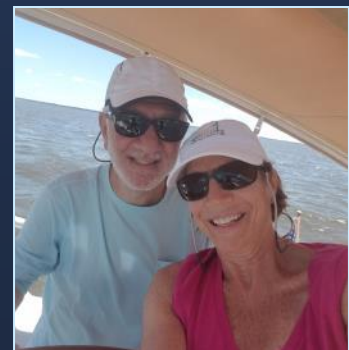


has completed over 30 Safety Vessel Checks at boat landings in the Bohemia River! Great job John and T.J.!! We thank you!!

Two familiar faces. Laura Hepting, and Colleen Schleicher have submitted their applications to join WSPS! Additionally, Gail and Peter Weintraub, who crewed on the June cruise with the Barbers aboard Skylark, have submitted their application! A warm welcome to you all!!



The Spin Sheet Magazine continues to feature pictures of WSPS members and events monthly! Keep an eye out! You may see yourself!





*Vessel Safety Check
for 2021*



Free Vessel Safety Check!

No Cost, No Obligation, but just indispensable information to keep you safe on the water!

**Schedule your free vessel safety check this spring with our two vessel examiners: Lt John Bailey, AP & JT Walton.
John's email address is: mpnwhat@gmail.com**

*Lt John Bailey, AP
Vessel Safety Check Examiner*



Novus



Administrative Department



Oyster Dinner

The Annual Oyster Feast remains penciled in (October 17, 2021) as our premiere Fall event. We, unfortunately, had to cancel the event in 2020 due to Covid 19 considerations. A year later, our way forward in the planning of the 2021 Edition of the Feast is no less clear than a year ago. Most of us have had vaccinations, and are a little more at ease about the virus in general. The question for our membership is, would you be willing to attend the October dinner with the on-going virus environment? We are not asking for a commitment at this early date, just some guidance as to your interest in attendance.

You may recall our accommodations at the Wellwood are a bit "snug" (40-45 people). The small area may be a pivotal element in your attendance decision.

You will be receiving an e-mail in the near future requesting some interest guidance. Your responses will determine how and if we proceed forward with this event.



P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
Co-Administrative Officer



Knot Again



It is Time to Send Me Your Merit Mark Info

In September, I will be sending out an email message asking for your Merit Mark Log to support a request to award our Squadron members a Merit Mark from the USPS Commander. Merit Marks are our "pay" for the support you have given our Squadron throughout 2021. Twenty-five or more and you don't pay any dues for life!

Each member is responsible for submitting supporting information to me so I can prepare the recommendation. The Merit Mark Log is simple: a list of each activity and how many hours you spent each activity for the period starting on January 1, 2021 and ending October 8th, 2021. Just email it to me at 108atkin@gmail.com by October 15th. If you prefer, you can snail mail me at 108 Tall Pines Road, Newark, DE 19713.

A minimum of 16 hours for the year, or 10 vessel safety checks per person are required to be considered for an award.

Here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Attending a general meeting only counts if you present something to the membership. Note what it was and how much time was involved.
- ◆ If you worked on an activity but it was shut down by COVID, it still counts! For example, work on the Crab Feast comes to mind.
- ◆ Note the number of committee meetings you attended, what your contribution was and how much time you spent on that activity.
- ◆ If you have taught or proctored a course, tell me the name of the course and number of sessions. If you provided a special service for the class (grading tests, mentoring students, etc.), what was it, how many times and time spent.
- ◆ For vessel safety checks, at least 10 per person per year are needed. However, also note if you organized an event, how long you drove to the event, or if you provided any additional services or advice, how much time was spent.
- ◆ If you supported an outreach event, what did you do, when was it, and how many hours did you spend at that event supporting it?
- ◆ For membership recruitment, identify how you promoted the squadron, what your success was, and how much time you spent on that activity.
- ◆ If you wrote an article for the Lubber's Line, what was it on, how long did it take to write, did you take pictures to go with it?
- ◆ If you found speakers for our programs, which date was the program, and how much time did you spend to source each speaker?
- ◆ If you coordinated our ZOOM meetings, or supported setting them up, etc., how much time do you spend for each meeting and how many meetings did you support?
- ◆ If you are on the Assemblies, Cruise or Marketing Committee, for example, detail what you did, how much time, etc.

And there are so many more ideas like these!

My log would look like this so far: Attended X Executive Committee Meetings at 2 hours each, total Y. Wrote 2 articles for Lubber's Line promoting Merit Marks, 3 hours total. Designed new boater's certification course cards, 8 hours total. Prepared boater's course cards for distribution at National Guard class, 1 hour total. Prepared monthly membership reports for 10 months, 1 hour per report, total 10 hours. Prepared and submitted Merit Marks to USPS Commander, hours TBE.

Now that wasn't bad, was it? It took 5 minutes out of my day.

Please work on your logs now and remember to send them to me by October 15th.

Don't worry, I will remind you!

Lt Chris Atkinson, AP
Assistant Secretary, Roster Contact
and Merit Mark Coordinator



Willow



Boating Safety News

A New Law Requiring the Use of Engine Cut-off Switches

Operators of recreational vessels **less than 26 feet in length** will be required to use an engine cut-off switch (ECOS) and associated ECOS link (ECOSL) as of April 1, 2021, as the U.S. Coast Guard implements a law passed by Congress.

The ECOS and ECOSL prevent runaway vessels and the threats they pose. The ECOSL attaches the vessel operator to a switch that shuts off the engine if the operator is displaced from the helm. The ECOSL is usually a lanyard-style cord that attaches to an ECOS either in close proximity to the helm or on the outboard motor itself if the vessel is operated by a tiller. When enough tension is applied, the ECOSL disengages from the ECOS and the motor is automatically shut down. Wireless ECOS have recently been developed and are also approved for use. These devices use an electronic "fob" that is carried by the operator and senses when it is submerged in water, activating the ECOS and turning the engine off. Wireless devices are available on the aftermarket and are beginning to become available as manufacturer-installed options.

Each year, the Coast Guard receives reports of recreational vessel operators who fall off or are suddenly and unexpectedly thrown out of their boat. These events have led to injuries and deaths. During these incidents the boat continues to operate with no one in control of the vessel, leaving the operator stranded in the water as the boat continues on course, or the boat begins to circle the person in the water eventually striking them, often with the propeller. These dangerous runaway vessel situations put the ejected operator, other users of the waterway, marine law enforcement officers, and other first responders in serious danger.

Section 503 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018 required manufacturers of covered recreational vessels (less than 26 feet in length, with an engine capable of 115 lbs. or more of static thrust) to equip the vessel with an ECOS installed as of December 2019. Owners of recreational vessels produced after December 2019 are required to maintain the ECOS on their vessel in a serviceable condition. It is recommended that recreational vessel owners regularly check their existing ECOS system to ensure it works properly, following manufacturer's instructions.

Section 8316 of the Elijah E. Cummings Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2020 requires individuals operating covered recreational vessels (less than 26 feet in length, with an engine capable of 115 lbs. or more of static thrust, which equates to about 3 horsepower or more) to use ECOS "links" while operating on plane or above displacement speed. Using the ECOSL is not required when the main helm is installed within an enclosed cabin. Common situations where ECOSL use would not be required include docking/trailing, trolling, and operating in no-wake zones.

Seven states currently have ECOS use laws for recreational vessels, and 44 states have ECOS use laws for personal watercraft (PWC).

Boaters are encouraged to check the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information on this new use requirement and other safety regulations and recommendations: <https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-switch-faq.php>

*P/C Donald Engler, AP
Lubber's Line Editor*



Jubilee



Education Department

Boater Safety Education is Back

On July 13th the squadron resumed basic boater education for the first time in more than two years and restores a partnership with the Delaware Safety Council for boating education. Seven members of the Delaware National Guard attended the class at the Delaware Safety Council office in New Castle. It is the second time the squadron has been requested to offer a class by the safety officer for the Delaware National Guard.



The opportunity was a bit of a surprise as the safety officer contacted the Safety Council which had accommodated the first class to ask for a class. In turn, the Safety Council class coordinator, called us to see if we could provide a class and we said that we would be happy to be back in the education business. The class administrator P/C Mark Atkinson, AP began to organize a class.

The first step at the end of May was to check the Delaware Fish and Wildlife Boating website class calendar and there were no classes listed. He called the Office of Boating Safety to find out if the state would support a class with books, tokens and processing the exams. The initial response was that the state was still adhering to a policy of no public classes.



After he explained this would be a closed group offered to members of the Guard and not publicized on the state website it would be supported. The director of the state office even offered to send a fish and wildlife officer to

meet the class and talk about boating law enforcement.

Dates for three sessions were finally set in July to accommodate everybody's schedules. P/C David Sharpless, AP and P/C John Koval, P volunteered to instruct the course, while Delaware Fish & Wildlife Officer Bryan Wittington visited to congratulate the class on the last meeting night.

As with the previous "Guard" class, the students were enthusiastic, attentive, and disciplined. There were two couples who are current active boaters who needed certification, one who rents boats on occasion and wants certification and to have more knowledge, and two who are thinking about getting into boating.



The squadron is now looking forward to re-establishing a partnership with the Delaware Safety Council for classes as we were invited to present three boater certification classes in 2022. The Council had offered classes in the past but lost their instructor several years ago. We wanted to offer classes but needed a space. The council will also raise the visibility of our classes with its means of publicity. P/C David Sharpless and P/C Mark Atkinson had met with Executive Director Pete Booker a year and a half ago about a partnership. In between the COVID 19 pandemic struck and all our plans were derailed.

P/C Mark Atkinson, AP
Class Administrator



Willow



Who Said You Can't Have Fun at a ABClub National Meeting?



“Why should I attend a National Meeting?” “What’s in it for me?”

ABClub/USPS National Meetings attendees often hear this from other members. The reason anyone should attend any “meeting” is to have fun! What is fun? With lots of committees and a range of times and dates for meetings, members find time before, in between, and after to meet other members, participate in the group events and even attend the offsite events. Never been to a national meeting? Be sure and sign up as a First Timer! You will be invited to meet national leadership and other First Timer attendees. Traveling with a friend or spouse who

is active and attending meetings? Join others for offsite events such as boating and/or kayaking followed by lunch. Don’t want to get wet or be outside? Why not join the group for High Tea, or touring the Natural Science Museum? Did you know the Natural Science Museum is the largest in the southeast US? You will not want to miss this!

In addition to individual committee/department meetings, you can check out some interesting seminars and topics. “Introduction to the New Information Center”, “How Not to Recruit”, “Your Squadron Activities Hit Parade”, “21st Century Tools for Teaching in the Blended Learning Environment” and “Building and Delivering PowerPoint Presentations in Today’s Online World” are just a few. The entire agenda is available online.

Opening the meeting is our Keynote Speaker, Kevin P. Duffus. We have all heard about WWII activity off the North Carolina coast, but I do not think we knew the extent. Come learn about the **War Zone: World War II off North Carolina’s Outer Banks**. This speaker is sure to be interesting.

Wednesday evening come join us for Friends Night. We will be gathering for dinner then some fun entertainment with games and challenges. This event is for everyone, and it was a big hit at our last in-person national meeting in 2020 Annual Meeting.

Thursday, September 2, we will all gather for an entertaining **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater!** With a large cast, it is sure to be entertaining and lots of laughs with your friends participating! Can you guess the murderer? It may be someone you know and sitting next to you. Do not let your guard down!

Continued to page 13



Who Said You Can't Have Fun at a ABClub National Meeting?

Continued from page 12

On Thursday and Friday, stop in the Meet and Greet room. This room is for us to have a place to chat, have small group meetings, gather with friends to play cards or other games or just to relax. If you have never been to the USPS headquarters building, multiple free tours are being offered. The library is a must see!

Saturday offers a busy day of the Governing Board meeting, the group luncheons and ending the conference with a 50's Sock Hop! Yes, go back in time with some of your favorite tunes, and a Blue Plate Special! Costume, sock, and dance contests will provide lots of fun for participants and people watchers.

Also, to help keep prices down, we are offering a fundraiser. **Buy a chance for two free nights** in Ponte Vedra, FL (2022 Annual Meeting) for \$10! Fundraiser is only available in Raleigh at the National Meeting 2022 Annual Meeting display table.

National Meetings are designed to communicate and share ideas to members, boating community friends, squadrons and districts. Along with the business, comes lots of opportunities to have fun with our boating friends. It is not all work, but also times to meet others, make new friends, and get to know those you know, more! Come join us and make your post-quarantine time a fun one!

(Check out the National Meeting Reservation site for a list of all meetings and events, meeting details, times / dates and reservations for meals and offsite. https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=40.)

We are also looking for new team members! Contact chair Arlene Anderson (arlene.anderson47@yahoo.com) for more information.

Some work is done at the meeting and some is done before. Some jobs are for a few hours and some are for more. For example, we need volunteers who can use Word and/or Excel, send emails, make phone calls to hotel area businesses, chat with guests at the meeting and more! You won't be disappointed.



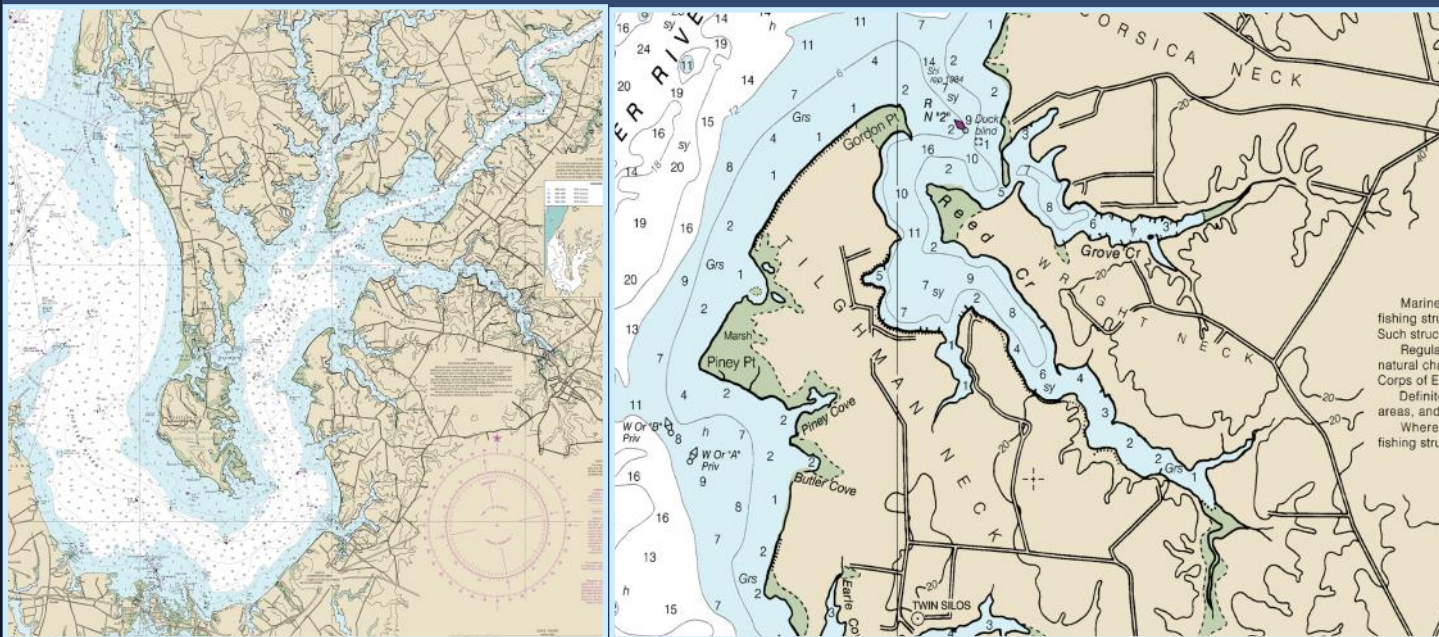
21-22 August Reed's Creek Raftup

Calling all WSPS boaters!

Scheduled for August 21 & 22 Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron boaters and friends are invited to a raft up in beautiful, secluded Reed Creek!

A suggested arrival time of around 2 pm to begin rafting up at an anchorage area beyond RN2 buoy and inside Gordon Point looks safe with deeper water for about 6-8 boats.

Reed's Creek is always a safe, popular location and we will enjoy the scenic Chester River with multiple sailing venues, as we travel south and east to go north! If you know any boaters who may be interested in joining us, please include them!!



Scott E. Mayhue
Raftup Coordinator



Star Reacher



Sea Fever
by John Masefield

I must go down to the seas again, to the
lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer
her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and
the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey
dawn breaking.
I must go down to the seas again, for the call
of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be
denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white
clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and
the sea-gulls crying.
I must go down to the seas again, to the
vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way, where
the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing
fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the
long trick's over.

"Sea Fever" by John Masefield. Public domain.

This lovely poem or could be a song, comes to us from P/C Lynda Hastings, AP, who is well known for her select choice of music and strumming on her guitar.



Instructor Development

A class to prepare members to teach public courses!

**Where: A blended virtual on-line & live program.
On-line via Zoom. Live classes available in**

**When: On-line classes begin October 14, 2021
Live sessions begin on November 11**

Most USPS members must complete the Instructor Development (ID) course to become certified to teach the public. This special 2021 class offers an expedited program for members who have not been able to attend a local class.

This is a two-phase class.

Phase 1 provides on-line tutorials of the USPS Instructor Development course materials.

Phase 2 provides live sessions where students can complete the required 5-, 10- & 15-minute presentations.

The Instructor Development course is designed to demonstrate interactive teaching methods focused on adult learning. Students are required give three presentations to their peers utilizing a variety of teaching aids and presentation skills; and prepare a 1-hour lesson plan that's submitted to USPS for review.

ID course details are available on-line at <https://www.usps.org/departments/13000/13000-educational-committees/13290/13290-instructor-development-course>. Prior to beginning class students must download materials from this site and review class requirements.

This special class is organized to serve many.

USPS members. The required 8 session curriculum (**Phase 1**) is presented on-line using the Zoom application. Many members may participate.

Students who complete the 8 sessions must then (**Phase 2**) present the 3 required presentations to a live audience and then prepare the 1-hour lesson plan. Two venues are available:

A centrally organized **Phase 2** program will be conducted during the USPS District 5 Educational Conference in Lancaster PA. Student seats are limited by resources and available time.

Students who cannot participate in Lancaster must coordinate with local officers to complete **Phase 2**. A course template to support local officers and instructors will be provided.

The Lancaster PA schedule details are evolving. Facility resources are available on November 11 to support several simultaneous sessions. Instructor availability will limit the number of sessions and student seats. An equitable method of allocating seats to squadrons will be developed.

Required for USPS members who desire to teach public boating safety classes.

Students completing the program become USPS Certified Instructors for a 4-year period.

Registration required! Contact [Nancy Cheris](#) or the D5 DEO/ADEO for details.

We look forward to seeing you in this Class. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the DEO or ADEO. Your Educational Department team welcomes the opportunity to be of service



Administrative Department

2021 WSPS Photo Contest



WSPS Members – When you go to the Chesapeake Bay, whether in the car or boat, don't forget to capture images with your camera or cell phone. The Photo Contest slated for judging last year was postponed until October 2021 so you have a full year to gather more of those images!

The categories will remain the same:

PEOPLE - BOATS - SCENIC/WILDLIFE - AND SUNRISE/SUNSETS

First, second and third place winners will be announced in November-December 2021 Lubber's Line. WSPS members can submit as many digital photos as they want in one category or in all of the categories. The winning images will also appear on the squadron's website. These images must have been taken between **1 October 2020 and 20 October 2021**. These images should be of life on the Chesapeake Bay where we spend most of our time. Folks should take a look at their archived images, select the best ones, check the date, to see if it is in range of the above dates, and send them via e-mail to:

Lt Sue Engler, P at: sue@englers.com

To guarantee the safe passage via the internet, please send (medium size) files from your phone or whatever your capture may be. If you are using a software program to extend/reduce the image's size, please make the longest side 2000 pixels and it's Ok to send multiple emails. Since we didn't have a 2020 Photo Contest, all images received in 2020 will be judged with the 2021 submissions. *By submitting images to this contest the photographer gives his/her permission to have the pictures published in the Lubber's Line and on: <http://www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org/>*

So, show off your photographic skills and impress your fellow WSPS members!

Lt Sue Engler, P
Photo Contest Coordinator



Jubilee

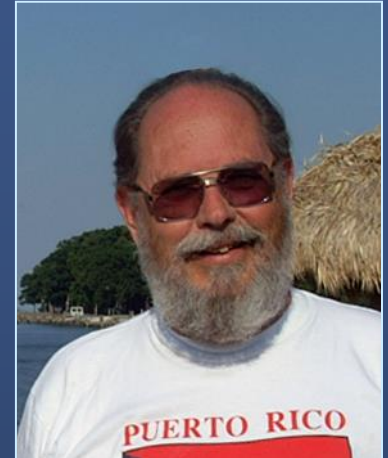


In Memoriam

Carl L. Stacey, AP

Carl L. Stacey, AP, 22 Merit Marks, in failing health for the past several years, passed on May 6, 2021. Carl and wife Mary were both long-term active members and supporters of all things Wilmington Power Squadron (WSPS). Both of these folks, each in their own way, applied their seemingly endless energies to most everything we did. Carl was always a staunch advocate of protocol and decorum when our assembly get-togethers warranted it (Change of Watch, Founder's Day, etc.). His inputs were always valued.

Carl, a retired United States Air Force Officer, served many terms on our Executive Committee, but declined Bridge responsibilities. His, and Mary's as well, permanently raised hands made them sought after committee members year after year for anything squadron related (excepting any Bridge responsibilities). Carl's sense of patriotism could not be overstated. He needed no excuse to fly "Old Glory".



The Stacey's were widely recognized, liked, and respected! The family trawler, "Bolero", visited the "nooks and crannies" of the Chesapeake Bay for years. Always a fun filled gathering place, the "Bolero" was the site of many, many memorable "activities" while participating in squadron on-water activities (week-end raft-ups, cruises, sailing/navigation contests, etc.). Whatever the task, representing Wilmington at District 5 functions, organizing shoreside Social Activities, lending some personal expertise to some educational initiative, or just some good old-fashioned play time, WPS (WSPS) was the beneficiary of Carl and Mary's involvement. With health as a consideration, they opted to relocate to Florida several years ago.

Good-Bye to a very dedicated and capable member. Thanks to both of you for all the years. It was our pleasure!

Mary has recently been moved into a care facility. Cards of well wishes would be appreciated and may be forwarded to son John Stacey @2660 Aloe Avenue, Coconut Creek, FL 33063

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
Co-Administrative Officer



In Memoriam

Paul W. Esterle, S

Paul W. Esterle, S, passed on Monday, April 19, 2021.

Paul accumulated seven Merit Marks during his tenure with United States Power Squadron units in Akron, OH, Bristol, TN, and Newark, DE. He once shared that "I just don't seem to have the time" to become squadron active. The refurbishing of the family Columbia at the Bay Boat Works facility in North East, MD was of primary interest, health permitting.

From his early years of boating, many elements other than just boat ownership came to dominate his interest. The intrigue of the design of Chesapeake Bay sailing crafts evolved into a lifelong hobby of crafting these designs into handcrafted models. Professionally, he was a published author and technical advisor to various national publications. Locally, he became the Editor of the extremely popular Nor'Easter Magazine.

Health issues limiting his physical abilities, failed to suppress his enthusiasm. An engaging man who knew of what he spoke.

Condolences to wife Pat and the Esterle family.

From WSPS membership-Our sincerest THANKS!



(1945-2021)



WSPS Birthdays

August Birthdays

Goon, John P.	08/01
Atkinson, Mark C.	08/03
Gibson, Chester M.	08/05
Ennis, James A.	08/07
Stanford, Wayne T.	08/07
Sharpless, Barbara L.	08/09
Cason, Roger L.	08/13
Crooks, Ronald D.	08/20
Barber, Joan I.	08/31

September Birthdays

Webster III, Thomas S.	09/05
Papiez, Ewa	09/07
Mayhue, Scott E.	09/10
Theis, William L.	09/12
Wilson, Beverly	09/14
Russell, Gail	09/20
Butler, Teresa Ann	09/21
Donia, Joseph	09/22

October Birthdays

Weintraub, Gail C.	10/04
Travis, Marguerite R.	10/08
Hall, Margaret B.	10/10
Orris, Pamela M.	10/10
Wallace, Dennis M.	10/11
Runyan, Voris	10/24
Williamson, Walter R.	10/28
Malin, James E.	10/30

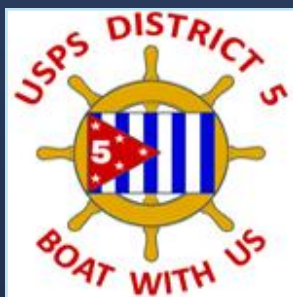


Join us for weekly luncheons each
Wednesday @ 12:00
At Seasons Pizza 3901 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803



Schedule of Up-Coming Events

21-22 August		WSPS Raft-up Reed's Creek (see page 14 for chart & more info)
18 August	1900	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Via ZOOM until further notice
29 Aug. – 05 Sept.		USPS Governing Board Meeting Raleigh, NC (see page 12-13)
09-12 September		Atlantic City Boat Show Atlantic City Boat Show 2021 in Atlantic City Convention Center (expofp.com)
15 September	1900	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Via ZOOM until further notice
07-10 October		United States Powerboat Show, Annapolis City Dock
14-18 October		United States Sailboat Show, Annapolis City Dock
15 October		Deadline for November/December Lubber's Line Material
17 October	TBD	Oyster Dinner at the Wellwood Restaurant (see page 8)
20 October	1900	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Via Zoom until further notice
05 November	1800	Beginning of Winter Socials at Brandywine Town Center



— Starting May 2021 —
 Join us for weekly luncheons each
 Wednesday @ 12:00
 At Seasons Pizza 3901 Concord Pike
 Wilmington, DE 19803



Visit us on the web at: www.wspsoaters.com

The *Lubber's Line* is a publication of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron published the first week of January, March, May, August, and October.