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Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron



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Summer Cruise 2019



Once again, due to a creative group of boaters, good pre-planning by the Cruise Committee, comfortable sunny weather, great locations and activities, the WSPS 2019 Annual Summer Cruise did not disappoint. There was something for everyone, be it the Kick-Off Picnic, Sail Rallyes, raft-ups, a prize winning Men's Appetizer Contest, a "Celebration of Island Life" floating fiesta, thrilling blind dinghy races, a guided tour of the U.S. Naval Academy Museum, an awards



banquet . . . lots of fun times and camaraderie with like-minded souls on fifteen boats!

The beautiful pavilion overlooking the Chesapeake Bay at North Point Marina provided the location for the Commander's Kick-Off Reception and Annual Picnic coordinated by Lt Betty Ingram, P aboard *Gypsy II*. About fifty attended, including boaters and landlubbers. The Commander's punch of lemonade, blueberries, and the remaining secret recipe was refreshing!



Pre-assigned raft-ups at the Rhode River off West River on Sunday gave folks an opportunity to engage, learn about each other's adventures and the uniqueness of individual boats.



On Monday at lovely Herrington Harbour South, the Men's Appetizer Contest was a huge hit, coordinated by the innovative couple Bart and Bev Wilson aboard *Pleasure's Mine*, with support from Wayne and Laura Hepting aboard *Lady L*.



Though competition was stiff, P/C Richard Butler, JN aboard *Eau de Vie* took home the prize with his tasty crab avocado toast.



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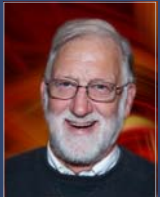


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Our Commander's Message



As I write this, it is 95 degrees out 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 Executive Committee. Education and Outreach continue to be two important goals with related activities. Members of the Education Department have taught two Basic Boating Certification courses this spring and early summer. More info on page 7.

We continue to showcase WSPS through monthly editions of Spin Sheet and Prop Talk articles.

Check them out: <https://www.spinsheet.com/>

Chris Atkinson, AP, Terry Butler, P and myself are working on another outreach initiative. Through Terry's contacts, we scheduled a tabletop presentation at the Hockessin Athletic Club. Terry and I helped Chris design poster themes related to education, use of PFDs, knot tying, and our motto of "Fun, Friends . . . and Better Boating". As an artist, Chris did a fantastic job putting the tabletop posters together. The Englers and Chris also designed and produced a beautiful updated 4" x 9" rack card for marketing purposes. It contains many photos and important info describing who we are and what we do. Several WSPS folks supported the effort held on 10 June. We had over twenty-five people interested in learning about the WSPS, and four who signed up indicating interest in the Basic Boating Certification course. We are now scheduling additional tabletop presentations at various YMCAs in PA and Delaware. Outreach is a long term project, and getting the word out through different venues is a priority. Please share if you have any ideas about this, or any connections with a YMCA, an athletic club, or any place else where we can show case the benefits and activities of the WSPS. More can be found about our "Outreach Program" on page 14.

Since April, I have been involved in monthly District Commander Conference Calls. There are 31 Squadrons in the District and at least a dozen commanders participate in the calls. Topics include marketing, recruiting, and various Squadron activities. In July, a draft USPS Strategic Plan was presented, which in turn was presented to our WSPS Executive Committee. USPS has asked for our comments. P/C Dave Sharpless, AP, P/C Mike King, AP and I will be reviewing the plan and responding.

We had a wonderful cruise this year. The article is included on page one and continued to page 10. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Crab Feast on Saturday, 27 July.

Cdr Carol Hanson, P



Executive Officer Report

Sometimes there are changes that stand out and everyone discusses them. Other times there are changes that occur slowly and we don't notice until one day we look back after a number of years and we wonder what happened. Over the last couple decades the Coop Charting Program has disappeared.

Many years ago when I first joined Wilmington Power Squadron I was intrigued by the Coop Charting Program. As it was explained to me it seemed like a wonderful and most worthwhile program. As I investigated the program it always seemed it was under performing its obvious potential. The idea that a squadron could send information to NOAA and then NOAA would update their charts seemed to me a win-win. USPS members would have to make precise and very accurate determinations of chart errors pointing out exactly what the error was and exactly where on the chart the error was located. Doing this exercise required honing ones skills in piloting and taking more time to do even more chart study. It obvious that practicing piloting and doing chart study would improve member's nautical skills and make them more proficient and safer boaters. Squadrons could see the obvious benefit and so many squadrons including Wilmington came up with activities to increase member interest.

District 5 also got involved in trying to building member interest by offering a day long program at the NOAA base near Norfolk VA. I attended this activity twice and it is here that the flaw in the win-win scenario was exposed. While the NOAA personnel were gracious hosts, and generous with their time and knowledge, it finally became clear to me that USPS, no matter how well their intention, was not providing useful information in any appreciable quantity to NOAA. Technology made the information we were passing along not useful. Two items of technology really helped NOAA update charts in great detail. First NOAA digitized all of their charts. This means that every chart is stored as data. How close are those data points on the chart master in the NOAA computer? Believe it or not the data points are only one inch apart! Because this level of detail is available from side scan sonar and can be digitized on board NOAA survey ships, a file from WSPS of thirty waypoint depths taken from the center line of the Chester River into Queenstown is actually of almost no value no matter how carefully it is done. Another technology that has enhanced NOAA's ability is Google maps which can be manipulated to show new shore-side construction and areas where shoaling is occurring. A technician with a large monitor can find more trouble spots in one day than all D/5 could find in a year.

We have a tendency to blame ourselves when a program we liked disappears. However, sometimes the program went away because there is a better way to do things. Knowing why a program went away helps but nostalgia remains and it still hurts a bit.

*P/C W. Michael King, AP
Executive Officer*

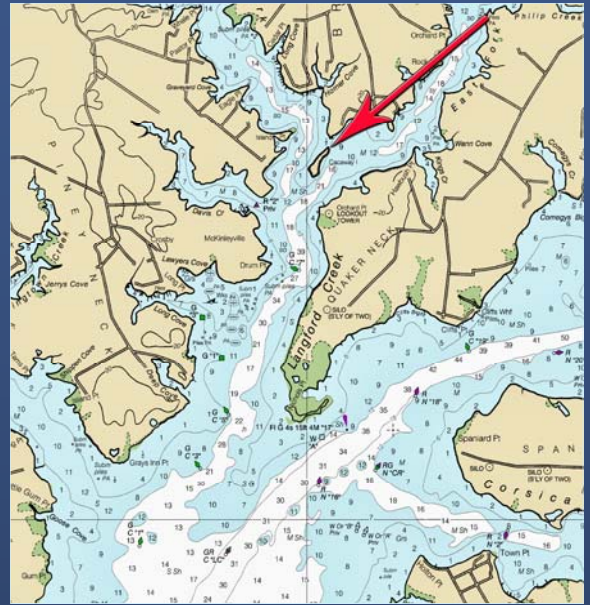


Administrative Department

WSPS Summer Raftups

A Raft-up is planned at Cacaway Island off the Chester River for 18-19 August.
Arrive before 2 PM to share in the hors d'oeuvres.

Please call or email P/C John Ingram, AP (302) 593-5220 or email: cmdrjgi@verizon.net to let him know that you are coming.



17-18 August WSPS Raft-up at Cacaway Island on the Chester River



A Raft-up is planned at Eagle Cove off the Magothy River for 21-22 September.
Arrive before 2 PM to share in the hors d'oeuvres.

Please call or email P/C John Ingram, AP (302) 593-5220 or email: cmdrjgi@verizon.net to let him know that you are coming.



21-22 September WSPS Raft-up at Eagle Cove off the Magothy River





Administrative Department

The 7th Annual Crab Feast



The air conditioned Sgt. Preston Ashley American Legion Post #228 in Rock Hall was rented for the 2019 edition of this Annual Crab Feast. Several years back the Executive Committee wisely opted to move the event indoors eliminating the weather as a variable. As in the previous years, the format of the "feast" was picnic in nature (no formality here). Light appetizer, snack, and desert fare was supplied by the members, crabs (3 bushels) courtesy of the Chesapeake Bay.



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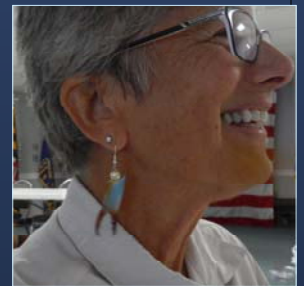


Turnout was good. We had the crabs, munching fare, our beverage (s) of choice, indoor air conditioned weather - all helped make a memorable event! Perhaps most importantly the "feast", like all of our shore-side activities, afforded the opportunity for our non-boating members to remain involved. The WSPS participation of ALL members in all facets of what we do has been and continues to be one of our most important organizational goals. Mem-

bership interest and support, as evidenced by the attendance, helps insure space on the 2020 Squadron Activity Calendar for an Annual Crab Feast VIII.

The old adage "a picture is worth a thousand words" is appropriate here.

None of this would be possible without the set up/cleanup assistance of members Lt/C Dave Benfer, JN & wife Ann, P/C Richard Butler & wife Terry, P, Lt Leslie Brower, AP, Cdr Carol Hanson, P, Laura Hepting, Mike Minard, Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P, Bev Wilson, P/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP and a very special acknowledgement to two very special people, Lt Betty Ingram, P and husband P/C John Ingram, AP. **Couldn't do it without you guys, Once again, THANKS FROM ALL OF US!**



Memorable food, memorable people, memorable day!!!!

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
Event Chairperson



As many of you can tell there was something distorting the lens on our camera... I think it was a small piece of Old Bay seasoning that stuck to the lens. Our Apologies to those that appeared softer than they wanted to be, but we still know who you are!

~Editor

Administrative Department

7th Annual Oyster Dinner

Join us for the Seventh Annual Oyster Dinner will be held again at the Wellwood Restaurant in Charlestown, MD at 1500 hours on Sunday, 20 October. We expect this annual event to again reach expansion stages on more than 40 persons. Of course the food is delicious, the service delightful, and the fried oysters plentiful.

Members: \$25 - Guests: \$40

Member and guests sign-ups begin on 20 September. Members/Guests are asked to reserve your seats by sending your checks to:



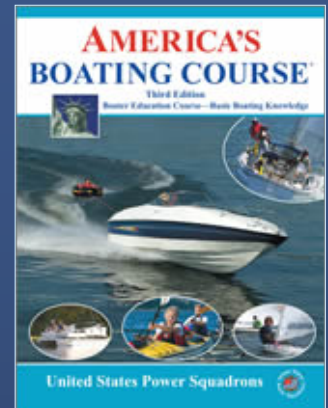
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Educational Department

WSPS's Current Educational Activity

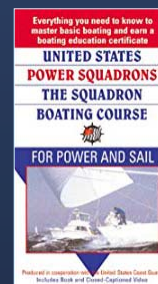
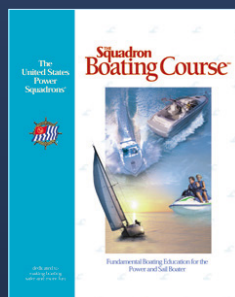
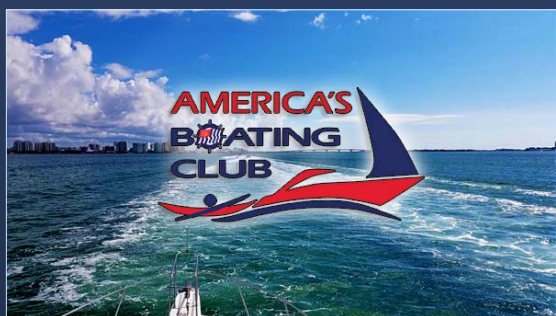
Basic Boating Course – Members of the Education Department including P/C Mark Atkinson, AP, Lt/C David Benfer, JN, P/C John Koval, P, and P/C David Sharpless, AP have taught two Basic Certification courses and certified 14 students in two separate classes consisting of four two-hour sessions each. We remain committed to offering only courses presented in a multi-session classroom instruction format vs internet or single session education based certification programs.



Over the past several years we have had students who previously had taken the "internet course" enroll in the WSPS Certification Class. Why – each of these individuals, to the person, felt class time was a far more effective way to advance their respective boating knowledge, confidence, and awareness afloat. Proctored test scores have proven that to be the case. We are about boating education, not boating certification!

A special thanks to P/C Michael King, AP for efforts expended in the successful recertification of our Basic Instructors.

Junior Navigation (JN) – At present District 5 is organizing a JN Class for any member with AP designation. Sights will be obtained locally and course material delivered online. Those interested should contact James Heckman jlheckman4929@gmail.com.



Lt/C David Benfer, JN
SEO



Journey



Boating Safety News

Six Deaths Reported on the Chesapeake Bay

According to a story in the Chesapeake Bay Bulletin, Anne Arundel County, Maryland has reported six boating fatalities in just one week. *The Bay Bulletin* has learned that two people died in a jet ski accident early Wednesday morning on the South River. The report came just before 2:30 a.m. north of the Route 2 South River Bridge in Edgewater, according to the Anne Arundel County fire department. Witnesses called 911 reporting a man and woman went out from a home on Edgewater Drive after 1:30 a.m., and the witnesses heard the sound of a collision just 15 minutes later.



Maryland Natural Resources Police, the Annapolis Fire Department, the Coast Guard, and the Maryland State Police Aviation Command all responded to the scene. The responders found a partially-submerged jet ski and damage to a navigational aid in the South River. The bodies of a man and woman were pulled from the water around 5:15 a.m. Anne Arundel County Fire Department spokesman Capt. Russ Davies says the two were not wearing life jackets. "We urge people to use their flotation devices," Davies tells *Bay Bulletin*. These two victims are the fifth and sixth boating disappearances or deaths on the Bay since Saturday, all of them in Anne Arundel County. A boat marine tech died test-driving a vessel in Curtis Bay, a kayaker and Secret Service special agent drowned on the Severn, and two crabbers' bodies were recovered on the Patapsco.

First and foremost, always wear a life jacket when on a boat or kayak or paddleboard. The Maryland Marine Police, Game Wardens and Coast Guard will be out in force this weekend looking for boaters who may be operating their vessels dangerously especially after consuming alcohol. Make sure that whenever you're on the water to always operate your boat safely and wear your Personal Flotation Devices.



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



Jubilee



Vessel Safety Check Report



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Once Lt John Bailey, AP completes the four Vessel Safety Checks he has lined up, he will have completed a total of 21 Vessel Safety Checks so far this year. We are thankful, and so is he, that he is retired! Nice going John!

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
today with our vessel examiner is
Lt John Bailey, AP
His email address is:
mpnwhat@gmail.com***

Lt John Bailey, AP
Vessel Safety Check Examiner



Novus



WSPS Summer Cruise

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A definite highlight of the week, held on Tuesday in Harness Creek, was the fabulous "Celebration of Island Life." The event was organized by Chris Atkinson, AP & P/C Mark Atkinson, AP on *Willow* and supported by Dale Gorman, S & P/C Dan Gorman, AP on *Aquarius 2*, P/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP & Leslie Brower, AP on *Brio*, and Bill & Joan Barber and John & Colleen Schleicher on *Skylark*. We boarded the rafted decorated boats, while island music serenaded all. The Hawaiian Chicken, apps and sides were delish!



On Wednesday in Little Round Bay on the Severn, the Blind Dinghy Races were thoroughly entertaining, great fun and very funny! Coordinated by P/C Dennis Wallace, P aboard *Gambol*, two heats involving 6 to 7 dinghies had rowers who were blind folded. Fortunately, Bill Orris, AP aboard *Safari*, assumed waterway Uber driver, picking up many who had no dinghies. Rowers with blind folds were



directed by crew who could not speak. They directed the blind rower through touch hand signals, rowing from the start around another anchored boat, *Journey*, while Lt/C Dave Benfer, JN and Ann aboard kept a watchful eye. No husbands and wives allowed together. Amazingly, P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN aboard *Mystic Star* was crew aboard the winner of both heats, with competitors P/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP aboard *Brio* winning the first heat and John Schleicher aboard *Skylark* winning the second heat.

The final two days of the cruise were spent at Port Annapolis Marina. On Thursday, many visited the Boatyard Bar and Grill for yummy crab, after appetizers in the pavilion. On Friday, cruisers enjoyed a guided tour of the Naval Academy Museum, including the highly regarded Roger's Ship Models. The models were created by craftsmen in the 1600 – 1700's and are exact replicas of 17th century British vessels. Friday evening included the Awards Ceremony with lively conversation and entertainment.



This year we welcomed Jim Ennis, who sailed with P/C Don Engler, AP & Lt Sue Engler, P aboard *Jubilee*, Kathy Leef, AP who sailed With P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN & Bill Zimmerman, JN aboard *Mystic Star*, Ken and Dodie Lehman, who sailed with Randy Williamson, JN & Susan Williamson aboard *Windward Passage*, and Sandy Netting and Dave Netting, JN who joined Cdr Carol Hanson, P & P/C Dennis Wallace, P aboard *Gambol*. Traveling up from North Carolina, Sandy and Dave have chaired or participated in **over 50** WSPS annual cruises.



We welcomed back Roy and C.J. Jones, guests of Pam and Bill Orris aboard *Safari*, and John and Colleen Schleicher, guests of Joan and Bill Barber aboard *Skylark*.

The weather for the week was consistently sunny and beautiful. Unfortunately for the ten sail boats on the cruise there was limited wind on most days. However, that did not deter the dedicated Rallyers. At least eight sail boats gave it their best effort!

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WSPS Summer Cruise

Congrats to *Gypsy II* for their first place finish on Monday, *Jubilee's* two firsts on Sunday and Wednesday and *Novus* who won the tough final race on Thursday with a four minute lead over the second place boat. Many thanks to Bill Zimmerman aboard *Mystic Star* for coordinating the Rallye events, and the yeoman's job of calculating the times of the Rallyers, to the second. This year competition was strong, and the winner was unknown until the last day. Ever so humble, Bill awarded the trophy to himself! *Mystic Star* who had accumulated the most points in the Rallyes for the week. We also appreciate Bill's role as



Communications Officer, and his daily commitment to manage the directed radio net communication for the WSPS cruisers for the week.

The coveted Chance for Romance trophy was awarded to the ever-thoughtful couple on *Brio*, P/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP and Leslie Brower, AP.



At the closing awards ceremony, Dennis applied his unique perspective to roast all cruisers including Donna on *Mystic Star*, who, after many years of avoidance, earned an award for creating the Donna Zimmerman Rule during the Blind Dinghy races. He continues to encourage future cruisers to be observant!

The camaraderie among this group of old and new friends is what makes this week afloat truly a special event. Many thanks to KIA's who made arrangements: at North Point Marina – Betty and John Ingram, Ann and Dave Benfer, Joan and Bill Barber, and John and Colleen Schleicher; at Herrington Harbour South – Bruce Wyngaard and Leslie Bower, Bev and Bart Wilson for organizing the Men's Appetizer Contest; for Port Annapolis - Kathy Leef, Joan and Bill Barber for researching restaurants, Carol Hanson for the tours of the Naval Academy Museum, and Randy Williamson for coordinating the dinner with Adam's Ribs. Additional thanks go to Chris and Mark Atkinson for the fantastic "Celebration of Island Life" event and Dennis Wallace for the Blind Dinghy races and closing ceremonies.



Special thanks to Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P for an informative cruise book that helps us all stay on track!! Additional thanks to Geri Walker, AP for the procurement of the Skippers' Meeting site, and Betty and John Ingram aboard *Gypsy II* and Lt/C John Ross, AP for the support with WSPS Cruise finances.

So . . . WSPS Members - WHERE TO NEXT YEAR????!!

Cdr Carol Hanson, P
Cruise Chairperson



Weatherly



Images from the Summer Cruise





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WSPS Outreach

Outreach continues to be a priority for us at WSPS.

The included images are from the successful tabletop presentation at the Hockessin Athletic Club on 10 June focused on the broad based WSPS activities of the squadron. This presentation includes both on and off water activities. Education and marketing materials were available as handouts. Two computers featured a lively WSPS website and the USPS educational website. Members of the squadron, particularly Mark Atkinson, actively demonstrated marine knot tying to children and adults, while Chris and other Squadron members talked about benefits. The handout pictured to the right was developed by Chris and Don Engler. The pictures and demos did a great job in telling our story!!

Currently we have permission to schedule tabletop demonstrations at the Brandywine YMCA in Delaware, the Lionville YMCA in Pa, and the Bear-Glasgow YMCA. Please let me know if you have any ideas about this or are willing to be there to support the effort!

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Find us at: WilmingtonPowerSquadron.org
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For over 60 years, America's Boating Club has served members primarily in Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland. We offer boating related social activities and educational classes.

Our national organization offers educational video and online seminars and classes along with discounts for boating insurance and non-related items such as pet insurance.

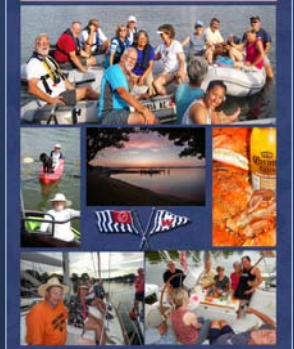


In service to the community, we offer Basic Boating Certification classes which are recognized nationally. More advanced seminars and courses to improve boat handling and navigation, maintaining boat systems and other related topics are available with your membership.

We provide FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS to help ensure the safety of you and your family.

Summer activities include our annual week-long cruise with a sail rally, weekend raft-ups and on the land gatherings such as our CRAB FEAST. Winter activities feature special events such as our OYSTER FEAST, and monthly special events with appetizers, a light dinner and interesting guest speakers.

Contact us now at: WilmingtonPowerSquadron@gmail.com for more information.



Cdr Carol Hanson, P
Outreach Co-Chairperson



Weatherly



District/5 News

2019-20 District 5 Bridge



L-R: D/F/Lt Fuzzy Jones, AP; D/Lt/C Michael Payne, AP; D/C Walter Neese, SN; D/1st/Lt Melvin Shralow, JN; D/1st/Lt Stephanie Ward, AP; D/Lt/C Nicholas Montalto, SN; D/1st/Lt Robert Blevins, AP; D/Lt/C Penn Hess, AP; D/Lt/C Jeffrey Short, JN; D/Lt/C Joseph Gibson, AP; D/1st/Lt Frank Hudson, P

2019-20 D/5 Upcoming Events

3-6 Oct US Power Boat Show Annapolis, MD

10-13 Oct US Sailboat Show Annapolis, MD

8-10 Nov District 5 Fall Conference Fredericksburg, VA

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9-16 Feb USPS Annual Meeting Ponte Verda, FL

26 Feb-1Mar Atlantic City Indoor Boat Show Atlantic City, NJ



United States Power Squadron

The 2018 Charles F. Chapman Award Recipients

Each year, we recognize the top educators in the United States Power Squadrons, America's Boating Club, with the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching. These volunteer instructors have devoted themselves to teaching boating and boater safety courses to prepare our members to become the best trained, most prepared boaters on the water.

Named after one of the founding fathers of United States Power Squadrons, the award recognizes educators who embrace their work with unparalleled dedication and a deep commitment to their students.

This year's recipients, David Mangold, Don Duncan and Dave Greene, received the 2018 Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching at the 2019 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.





United States Power Squadron

Paddle boarding Safety

Stand-up paddleboarding is the fastest growing water sport in the world.

With the rise in popularity, many paddleboarders often forget that being on a paddleboard requires the same safety precautions and vigilance as any other on-the-water activity. Now is a perfect time to brush up on some paddleboarding tips and water safety practices.

The first thing to know about stand-up paddleboarding is that a paddleboard is a vessel when used “**beyond the narrow limits of a swimming, surfing or bathing area.**” If used within a designated swimming, surfing or bathing area, the Coast Guard does not consider a paddleboard to be a vessel.

What does this mean for you? When using a paddleboard beyond these limits, you need to be as prepared as you would be when using a traditional vessel. That includes wearing a life jacket. Whether you are a seasoned paddleboarder or new to the activity, follow these tips when using stand-up paddleboards:

- ◆ Wear a life jacket and carry a whistle.
- ◆ Be a competent swimmer.
- ◆ Know how to rescue yourself.
- ◆ Know how to tow another board.
- ◆ Know the local regulations and navigation rules.
- ◆ Understand the elements and hazards—winds, tidal ranges, current and terrain.
- ◆ Know when to wear a leash.
- ◆ Be defensive; don't go where you aren't supposed to be, and avoid other swimmers, boaters and paddleboarders.
- ◆ Use **proper blade angle** to be the most efficient paddleboarder.
- ◆ Take a safety course.



USPS Governing Board Meeting

America's Boating Conference

Sunday, September 08, 2019 - Sunday, September 15, 2019

Louisville, KY
MEAL RESERVATIONS OPEN



Galt House Hotel

This is the main meeting Hotel

[Hotel Web Site](#)

140 North Fourth Street

Louisville KY 40202

Telephone: 1-800-THE-GALT

Rate: *Standard Room = \$169 and Executive Suite = \$189*

On-line registration for members is:

https://www.usps.org/php/reservations/reservation_a.php?mtg_id=35

Squadron Member History

Why I belong to Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron

When Bob and I became interested in boating/sailing we took the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary's only course about seamanship & boat handling. It wasn't long afterwards that we joined WPS.

Over the years, as a couple, we took Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, and Electives: Sail Class, Engine Maintenance, Weather and Navigation. As we grew within the squadron, we learned from the very best teachers and applied all of this education to our sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. I have amassed 35 Merit Marks since joining and am included in the Education Proficiency Award found in the yearbook each year.



Commander's Kick-Off 2019

One spring we weren't going to make the yearly cruise because Bob was building a new transom, but our friends the Nettings came to help us with their boat and two kids. They stayed three days working with Bob and yes, we made the cruise!

After my husband Bob, passed, the Nettings took Bobby (son) and me on the cruise. Four plus two on a small boat; quite exciting! After a few years, young Bobby and I chartered a Choy Lee. Again, some Squadron members checked Bob out and we were charter ready!

After my son Bob couldn't get time-off from his job to go on the summer cruise, Richard and Terry Butler took me on their boat until he was transferred South. After the Butlers, the Englers took me under their wing for ten or more years until I was unable to go in 2017.

WSPS has been my family and has kept me boating. I can't think of a greater group of people that respect and care about me. To some of the newer members, take the great courses, get on a committee, and get to know this great organization!

Geri Walker, AP



At the wheel of Jubilee



Crab Feast





Seven Ways of How I Started Boating

It was not unusual for a family to have a boat when I was growing up on the south shore of Long Island (New York). But my family's approach was more frugal than most. It was a 14 foot open aluminum boat my father ordered as a kit. It was a car top boat with a small Johnson Sea Horse outboard. It continued family traditions of getting to the clam flats and fishing in the channels of the Great South Bay. Though it was "my" boat when both of my brothers had gone off to college when I was about twelve, it wasn't much good to me without two tall teen-agers to lift it onto the station wagon roof racks.



The spirit of boating didn't leave me and I encouraged my wife-to-be, Chris, to try it. For our first adventure in the late 70's, we took the Adirondack Trailways bus from Albany to Saranac Lake. Though it was a beautiful Adirondack lake setting, there wasn't much to do. So we rented a small open boat and motored off to the far shore, and a connection to Upper Saranac Lake where we had to pass through a small hand operated lock. It was a great adventure with no problems; a satisfying trip. Over the years we rented other small boats in the Thousand Islands and on Chautauqua Lake. We also owned leaky inflatable boats and a canoe which we used to explore the surrounding lakes.

My work with the New York State Assembly Tourism Committee in the 1980s deeply involved me in the redevelopment of the New York State Canal System. I was steeped in the history and lore of the canals from the 1826 Erie Canal to the Modern Barge Canal of 1918. I knew we had to get a boat to experience firsthand the waterways. In 1989 we bought a 1966 MFG runabout with a vinyl canvas top and a 65 hp. Mercury outboard. That motor had an odd quirk where after it ran for about a half hour, something failed in the ignition and it would quit and not start again. We were towed back to the ramp a few times, and we called it fuel efficient cruising. One day a knowledgeable ramp watcher said a relay was overheating and told us what to buy and how to install it.



We were back to boating and explored the canals and enjoyed a couple of vacations in the Thousand Islands. Sadly, we realized the boat was too small to haul all of our gear and firewood to the island campground where we would spend a week in a state park cabin. It was no small matter since the trip was about seven miles each way. At the end of the second vacation, we had our eyes on a larger boat, a 19' Cobia with a cuddy cabin. There was also a portable toilet so we really could go places. With a charcoal grill and an ice cooler, we could go out for weekends and really do some exploring. We trailered that boat to the Thousand Islands a couple more times, to Seneca and Cayuga Lakes and all of the Champlain Canal. Just the same, we found the boat still too small and yearned for something better suited for long distance cruising.



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Then we happened on a 23' SunRunner Weekender at Shady Harbor Marina on the Hudson River. Though still a trailer boat, this boat had space—a huge vee berth, an enclosed portable toilet, a small galley, and outdoor dining space under a large camper canvas. We called that boat *Tardis* for the BBC science fiction series “Dr. Who” and his time and space machine in a telephone call box. It was bigger on the inside than the outside. (Photo-- Sun Runner Weekender TARDIS in a slip on the Hudson River) This was an unfortunate boat. As spacious as it seemed, we learned about trawlers soon after we bought her and realized what distant cruising could really be. We continued our usual trailer travels on the canals and summer vacations in the Thousand Islands and on the Finger Lakes. But it still wasn't like we had a real kitchen, hot water showers and air conditioning.



In the interim, we went to Florida for trawler school, a week aboard a Grand Banks 32 with instruction at Southwest Florida Yachts Sailing and Cruising School. A captain came aboard every morning at 8 for a morning of classroom work at the galley table and the afternoon underway—mostly learning docking skills. There was homework and study time for a mid-term and a final exam in the evenings. We also left the marina for three days and two nights to practice piloting and anchoring. We were hooked.



Soon after that experience in late 2001, we found the Mohawk Hudson Power Squadron to pursue further education in the advanced grades and electives. We also began searching in earnest for our trawler. We found it in Hampton, Virginia. A classic Taiwan Sundeck with a blue hull and a forest of teak for the interior cabinetry and exterior decks and trim. It also had the classic syndrome of saturated balsa wood core from the water that seeped through the thousands of screws that attached that teak to the fiberglass decks. After we brought it north to Albany, we plied our customary waterways at length in comfort. In between journeys we learned

epoxy resin and fiberglass mat skills. There was a lot of work on that boat. But isn't a boat always a lot of work?

Our boating was interrupted when we moved to the Pittsburgh area where Chris' job was relocated. We bided our time for the 5 ½ years until she was eligible for early retirement, knowing that we would find a boat suitable for the Chesapeake Bay; our Prince Edward Island built lobster yacht, *Willow*.

P/C Mark Atkinson, AP



Willow



Administrative Department

2019 WSPS Photo Contest



WSPS Members – The Photo Contest has resumed this year. The closing date will be **Wednesday, 18 September, 2019**. Good Luck, and 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 categories will be the same:

People - Boats - Scenic/Wildlife - and Sunrise/Sunsets

First, second and third place winners will be announced in October-November-December 2019 Lubber Line. WSPS members can submit as **many** digital photos as they want in one category or in all of the categories, but can only win once in that category. The winning images will also appear on the squadron's website. These images must have been taken between **1 October, 2018 and 17 September, 2019**. 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

Because these files can be as large as 4-7 megabytes, just send (medium size) files or whatever your internet service provider will permit. If you are using a software program to reduce the image's size, please make the longest side 2000 pixels. It's OK to send multiple emails. *By submitting images to this contest the photographer gives his/her permission to have the pictures published in the Lubber's Line and on the WSPS Website.*

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

*Lt Sue Engler, P
Photo Contest Coordinator*



Jubilee



Following Justice North to Cape Cod

Dave Turley and Claire Wyngaard have returned from their cruise from Delaware City to Cape Cod. Here are some excerpts from their blog.

We stopped in Cape May, NJ; Atlantic Highlands, NJ; Port Jefferson, NY; Block Island, RI; Harwich, MA; Martha's Vineyard, MA and Newport, RI with three overnight sails. We motored through NY City and Hell's Gate on the way up and sailed outside Long Island on the way back. We left on May 20th and returned on June 12.



Justice returned to her slip in Delaware City a day or two earlier than we had originally planned. A frontal system forecast to arrive the next day was supposed to bring 30-40 knot winds offshore and waves that would have turned a trip up the Delaware Bay into an ordeal of tall, choppy seas aft of the beam. We had following winds and seas all the way from Sandy Hook (New York City) to home.... One tack the entire 34 hours!



Justice is strong, heavy and stable. Her standing rigging is substantial, in that she has 14 stays holding up the Mainmast and 10 supporting the Mizzen. A medium displacement vessel of 44 feet LOD at 28,760 pounds, so she is comfortable in a good breeze and

heels very little. A full keel vessel with cutaway forefoot, attached rudder and a feathering Maxprop wheel spinning in an aperture. When we use our jib blade sails, all the sails are small and manageable. We have an option to use our 135% jib, (use with the

inner blade) which is tempting in good weather and when we don't need to tack often. The spinnaker is asymmetrical in a sock, so it's easy to adjust, hoist and collapse.



One of the goals of this trip was to give Claire her first coastal ocean experience without setting up a situation where she would wish she was not there. We ultimately experienced a range of weather, wind and wave conditions during the trip that ranged from calm to gusty winds (35 knots) driving steep waves that brought

our forward progress to a halt. Thankfully the challenging conditions were in the daytime. A long-distance sailor for whom I hold great respect told me "when you encounter bad weather at night it is not so bad because you cannot see the waves". Claire and I experienced the comfort and trust that is generated by being aboard a vessel that is heavily built and designed to rise above virtually any sea condition..... even when the crew may not feel like THEY are ready.



If you would like to read the entire account of Claire and Dave's experiences please go to their webpage link: www.SailingJustice.blogspot.com

Schedule of Up-Coming Events

17-18 Aug.		WSPS Raft-up at Cacaway Island off the Chester River See Page 04 of this Lubber's Line issue
21 Aug.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting DP&L, 500 N. Wakefield Dr., Newark, DE 19702
3-8 Sept.		Atlantic City In-Water Boat Show, Atlantic City, NJ
15 Sept.		Deadline for October/November/December Lubber's Line Material
08-15 Sept.		USPS Governing Board Meeting Louisville, KY
18 Sept.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting DP&L, 500 N. Wakefield Dr., Newark, DE 19702
21-22 Sept.		WSPS Raft-up at Eagle Cove off the Magothy River See Page 04 of this Lubber's Line issue

Audit Committee Report

The annual audit of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron financial records was conducted on Thursday, 13 June 2019. The records were found to be compliant as mandated by WSPS By-laws. The recordkeeping/systems are in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

The Treasurer, Lt/C John S. Ross, AP, has done a fine job. The results have been reported to the Commander and the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted:
WSPS Audit Committee

P/C John G. Ingram, AP
Chairman



Gypsy II



WSPS Birthdays

John P. Goon	Aug 01	Ronald D. Crooks	Aug 20
Mark C. Atkinson	Aug 03	Charles P. Schutt Jr.	Aug 30
Chester M. Gibson	Aug 05	Thomas S. Webster III	Sep 05
James A. Ennis	Aug 07	Edward H. TenEyck Jr.	Sept 06
Wayne T. Stanford	Aug 07	Gail Russell	Sept 20
Barbara L. Sharpless	Aug 09	Teresa Ann Butler	Sept 21
Roger L. Cason	Aug 13	Joseph Donia	Sept 22



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