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Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron at the Wellwood



On 20 October, forty members and guests met at the Wellwood Restaurant in Charlestown for a delicious Oyster, Ham & Chicken, all-you-can-eat, dinner. Commander Engler captured the above group shot (*page 14*) and made presentations to new members: Brian Sundermeir and Becky Colbert.

After dinner, Larry, the Wellwood's owner/manager gave us a short synopsis of the history of his restaurant and the many pieces of artwork and furniture that have come into this old, but well preserved building. The poker game of older days was held on the second floor reserved for mostly Washington DC nobility. A most interesting painting of Larry's mother was hanging in the very room we were seated. Perhaps this painting brought more interest in what he was saying.

A fun time and full stomach of the Wellwood's raw and fried oysters was thoroughly enjoyed by all and to cap it off, it was a short ride home.

If you missed this event this year, perhaps you will be able to join us next October!

The Wellwood Restaurant ~ 523 Water Street ~ Charlestown, Maryland
<http://www.wellwoodclub.com/>

(Additional photos at the Wellington, page 14)

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Donald R. Engler, P

It's just my imagination....

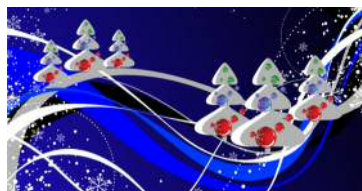
running away from me.

If you have lived long enough to remember the Motown Sounds then the above title rings a bell with the group the "Temptations" who performed it. However it also echoes some of the 'dreams' that I have brought about this year during my tenure as your commander. Walt Disney did say "if you can dream it...it can be done."

And this year with the help of your WSPS Executive Board we have offered you, the member, much more than a dream. Our "Day Afloat" for those new members has become a reality again! The super crab feast held in August was well attended at the Rock Hall Community Center. The raft-up this September in Eagle Cove brought a positive note to the 9 boats (20 persons) attending, and the Oyster/Ham/Chicken Dinner at the Wellwood in Charlestown was also an attendance success!

My dreams aren't a lot different than yours; in fact, if you have an idea for our organization, please present it: at a weekly luncheon, or assembly meeting, give me a call, email, or look for me at a squadron function and we can talk about it!

Welcome to new members Brian Sundermeir and Becky Colbert from West Chester, PA. They keep their 33' Tartan "Deryn Pearce" at Swan Creek Marina and joined us at the Oyster Dinner in Charlestown.



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I continued handing out the DVD slide show to those folks who have responded to helping our squadron with their time and talents. I probably made a spectacle of myself again while everyone was waiting to begin the buffet line at the Wellwood Restaurant, but we needed to reach these folks.

Commander Don R. Engler, P



Bill and Donna Zimmerman

Jack and Janet Bryson

Pat Maher and John Ross

Administrative Department

November Assembly

Our fall assembly was well attended with 51 squadron members and guests present. Included in that number were new members Brian Sundermeir and Becky Colbert and transferees P/C Mark and Chris Atkinson.

The evening began with a sharing of appetizers and greetings with old friends. This was followed by dinner of lasagna & salad and apple & pumpkin pies.

The meeting was opened by P/C Judy Stadler followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Flag Officer Carl Stacey. The speaker for the evening, Lt. Joseph Kempista from the Wilmington Fire Department, Marine Division, was introduced by Lt Mary Stacey. Lt Kempista showed a slide presentation covering the history of the Marine Division, the type of boats and their mission. The Marine Division is composed of a small cadre of specialists who operate and maintain the vessels while members of Wilmington and other local volunteer companies provide the firefighting crews.

Executive Officer John Ross introduced the new members and reminded us about the upcoming Holiday Social to be hosted by P/C Richard and Terry Butler. He commented that an evite will be going out to all members. The Assemblies Committee was recognized for their efforts. Ditty boxes for the seafarers at the Wilmington Seamen Center were provided by Carl and Mary Stacey. The filled boxes will be collected at the Holiday Social and delivered to the Seamen Center by Carl and Mary.

*P/C John Ingram
Lt Betty Ingram*

November Assembly 2013



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Executive Department

Happy Holidays, Fellow Boaters! First, I'd like to remind you that, due to inclement weather, we had to re-schedule the WSPS Holiday Social at Richard and Terry Butler's home to 5 January 2014 at 1500. The date and time has been updated on the Evite, so if you need to change your RSVP, take a look for your original invitation in your e-mail and update your RSVP accordingly. We hope to see you there!

Speaking of events, as we plan for activities in 2014, we'd like to encourage you to help us out by suggesting activities that you'd like to see us arrange. We've had some great times in 2013, such as our Socials, the Crab Feast and Oyster dinner, the Cruise, raft-ups, etc., but we know folks like you always have ideas for enhancing your boating experiences and connections. So, what would you like to see us to facilitate in 2014? Suggestions for on-water get-togethers? Particular destinations you think others would enjoy as well? How about any particularly remarkable meal you've had at a water oriented restaurant? Imagine what we might do if every reader provided us at least one suggestion! So, let's forget about snow for a couple of minutes, discuss it with your spouse or significant other, and contact me or one of the other officers with your suggestion(s)!

Lt/C John S. Ross, AP
Executive Officer

2014 Cruise Reminder – Mark Your Calendars

The WSPS Annual Summer Cruise for 2014 is scheduled for the week of 15-20 June 2014. Please mark your calendars accordingly. At this early date, the itinerary, activities and highlights are yet to be determined. Pre-registration as always is requested for planning purposes. If interested in participating on the Cruise Committee contact David Sharpless at bdsharpless@verizon.net.

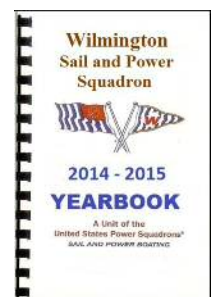
In Memoriam

Sarah B. Tompson

On October 9, 2013, Sarah B. Tompson, wife of P/C Reade Tompson, SN, passed away at her residence in Cokesbury Village. Sarah, in addition to volunteering in many areas in the community, was also a long time Certificate Holder and supporter of WSPS. Upon retirement, Sarah and Reade, both active sailors, spent many years traveling on their sailboat.

Our sincerest condolences go out to Reade and his devoted family.

It's getting close to the time for our 2014-2015 yearbook to be assembled and printed. If you have any changes to your listing in the member roster section of the 2013-2014 yearbook, please e-mail your changes to Barbara Sharpless at: bdsharpless@verizon.net



Boating Safety News

WHO GOES FIRST ?

Those who have passed thru Kent Narrows Bridge are aware of the narrow opening and how challenging the passage can be with a strong current. In the opening prior to that mentioned in the next paragraph a 50 foot sailboat struck the bridge abutment and was taking on water!

In our most recent passage the bridge tender announced which group of waiting vessels would go first. Upon our return there was no such announcement so I asked; his response was "I am advised by my boss not to play traffic cop".

I like most others were of the opinion vessels with the current had right- of- way, but no one I asked could cite the regulation. Initially Rule 27: "Vessels Not Under Command or *Restricted in Ability to Maneuver*" seemed to be the answer. However upon further investigation Inland Rule 14d addresses the situation directly. It states "a power driven vessel proceeding downbound with a following current shall have a right-of-way over an upbound vessel, shall propose the manner of passage, and shall initiate the maneuvering signals prescribed by 34(a)(1) as appropriate".

Since the bridge tender cannot advise who goes first, perhaps the captain of the vessel with the current should make it know via VHF that he or she intends to proceed first and how those "stemming the current" will be passed, i.e. port to port, or starboard to starboard.

Seems to me to be a good approach particularly at the Kent Narrows bridge.

Dave Benfer, JN
Safety Officer

Education Department

The Fall Advanced Grade course of Piloting has just been completed. The class was once again ably taught by P/C Judy and husband Chuck Stadler, both AP's. Congrats to the following new members for the successful completion of this course: John Bailey, Jeanmarie Bailey, Leslie Brower, Kathleen Leef, Donna Powell, and Bruce Wyngaard. Again, a special thanks to Chuck and Judy. Your efforts are reflected in your students' superior test scores.

Spring Education Courses will begin 4 February 2014 at A. I. duPont High School, 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington DE. Driven by interest level, we shall be offering Advanced Piloting to not only our most recent Piloting grads but to any other "P" Grade members interested in climbing to the next rung of the navigational skill ladder. Auditing of AP, or any of our classes, is always encouraged as a great means of subject refreshing for those of us who may need a little navigational "tweak". For additional information on this or any other relative subject you might have an interest in please contact either Jim Robinson at 610-444-5155 (e-mail jimrobinson37@aol.com) or David Sharpless at 302-239-7995 (e-mail bdsharpless@verizon.net).

Boating Certification classes start 20 March 2014 at Kennett Square, 1 April 2014 at A. I. duPont High School, and 17 April 2014 at Mc Kean High School. As always, we remain receptive to any inquiries from any group or business desiring certification or seminar formatted education.

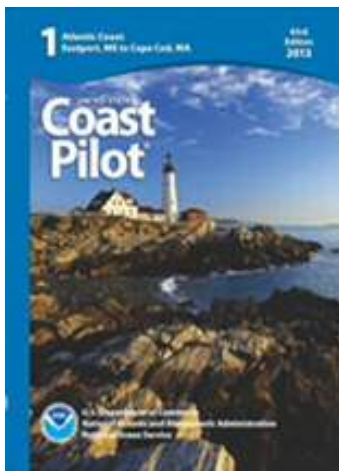
P/C James Robinson, AP
P/C C. David Sharpless, AP

Co-operative Charting

United States Coast Pilot® Books

United States Coast Pilot® books are a series of nautical books that cover a variety of information important to navigators of coastal and intracoastal waters and the Great Lakes. Issued in nine volumes, they contain supplemental information that is difficult to portray on a nautical chart. They are available in paper or electronic (pdf format) editions. Paper bound books are updated once a year when the new edition becomes available. Electronic editions are updated weekly and are free only at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm>.

The latest printed version is the 43rd Edition 2014 and at this time is only available for the Coast Pilot 2 book. The other eight volumes will become available throughout the calendar year.



Did you know that the picture on the cover of each volume is the same for all Coast Pilot books printed in the same year? Note the 2013 covers for volumes 1 and 7. The material in each volume follows the same format. Chapters 1 and 2 are the same in each volume as are the two Appendices at the back of the volumes. Chapter 3 and subsequent chapters before the Appendices contains general information that is peculiar to the region covered by a particular Coast Pilot volume. The Coast Pilot is intended to be used as a supplement to NOAA nautical charts.



The history of coast pilots, or sailing directions, goes back many centuries. Between the sixth and fourth centuries, BC, the Egyptians produced such a works. In 1796, Edmund March Blunt (1770-1862) of Newburyport, MA, published the *American Coast Pilot*, which was not the first of such books of American waters, but was the first published in the United States. Blunt's *Coast Pilot* was in its 21st edition when the copyright was sold to the United States Government in 1867.

USPS Cooperative Charting program offer members an opportunity to participate in updating Coast Pilot volumes. Visit the Cooperative Charting website and find the manual at the bottom of the page. <http://www.usps.org/national/coch/> Review chapter 3. Coast Pilot book updates is a program you can do during the non-boating season.

Curiosity question: Do you know what other NOAA publication follows the same practice of having the same picture on the current year's publication? Did you guess it was the Catalog of Charts and Publications! Check it out.

*P/R/C Steve Leishman, SN
Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairman*

The Boat Names Have Been Changed to Protect....

Five squadron members share with us why they named their boats what they did...

“Journey” - Owners: Ann and Dave Benfer



What is a journey? A journey is not a trip, but a vacation. It's a process or a discovery. It's actually a process for self-discovery which brings us face to face with ourselves. A journey shows us not only the world, but how we fit into it. Does the person create the journey or does the journey create the person? The journey is life itself... where will life take you?

We immediately liked the name “Journey” for this reason.



“Estelle” - Owners: Kay & Tom Webster and Gail & Tom Webster III



“Estelle” is an old, slow, 42' trawler with lots of room for all the grandkids to play.

Alfred I. DuPont owned “Alica” a 140' steam yacht, and formed the Cambridge Yacht Club. My grandfather and uncle became charter members of CYC and named his first boat Estelle. It was a new 25' in-board (one cylinder, 8 hp gas powered) powerboat in 1912. And now, just like my

grandfather, after many, many years of hard sailing, we bought a more comfortable power boat and have named her “Estelle”.



“Wind Venture” - Owners: Judy and Chuck Stadler



In Sept. 2001 Judy and I contracted with Beneteau for a new boat to be built. We knew we would not see the completed vessel until the Spring of 2002. We had time to prepare for getting equipment, etc. and to find a name. We brainstormed a few names. We did not want any tricky cute names so we listed a few we liked that seemed to fit sailboats. Then Judy in doing an internet search came across a place on the BoatUS site that listed in order the most popular boat names. The ones we had chosen were something like one, three and four

on the list. So setting them aside we started again. We wanted Wind in the name. Finally settled on Wind Venture and have not yet seen another Wind Venture since.



“Novus” - Owners: Jean Marie and John Bailey

As many of you know, Novus is our first boat. We had many decisions to make that were a true test to our marriage from picking the boat itself, to naming it and choosing a marina. We were pretty much at opposite ends of the spectrum on the name because I wanted a fun name. I liked Happy Hours, 5 O'clock Somewhere and all the popular names you see on many boats out there on the bay. John wanted something that was unique that no one else would have. By default, we finally narrowed it down to naming her after myself, the Jean Marie, because we couldn't agree on anything else. After all you don't hear that name everyday! Next we chose North Point for our marina.



We were making progress and ready to pick out our slip. As we were strolling down the dock, we came across a boat named JeanMarie. What are the odds of that? We couldn't pick a name that someone else at our marina already had. We were back to square one so we started looking again and came up with the word Novus. In Latin Novus means new and exciting which we thought was appropriate for the second chapter of our lives. We are looking forward to retiring soon and spending time on our sailboat and this name reflects the new “season” of our lives. Now when we sit up top in the cockpit and watch all the boats go by, we're glad that we don't see any other boats with the name Novus on them. This is one time I can admit that I'm glad I listened to him!



“Knot Again” - Owners: Barbara and Dave Sharpless

In the late 80's, my wife Barbara and I found ourselves boat-less having just sold our 11 year old Trojan F-32. We scoured boat brokers, trade publications and dealers anxiously seeking to replace our old boat with a newer version of the same craft. Circumstances were consistently dictating a series of conditions of sale (one divorce, two business failures). We became weary of the hunt!

The Solution - one Saturday morning while crossing the Bay Bridge on our way to see a one year old boat also encumbered by yet another series of situations, I wearily said “E N O U G H, let's just go ahead and have one built.” Her response - “*WHY KNOT*” - and we did; hence the name of our last boat. Fifteen years later in mid-January we learn of an F-36 Trojan repo coming available from western North Carolina. With virtually nothing known of the craft except a fresh accumulation of financial and legal issues, we enthusiastically mused “*KNOT AGAIN*”, plowed forward, completed the purchase and named the boat accordingly.





WILMINGTON SAIL and POWER SQUADRON
CHANGE OF WATCH
Sunday, 16 March 2014

**Embassy Suites Newark
New Amstel Jr. Ballroom
654 South College Avenue
Newark, DE 19713**

Arrive at 1200 to socialize with friends. Drinks may be purchased from the bar.

BUFFET – 1230

*Soup Du Jour, Fresh Baked Roll Assortment, Mixed Garden Green Salad, Dressings,
Mediterranean Pasta Salad, Chef's Selected Vegetable and Starch, Sliced Herb-Roasted Beef with
Bordelaise Sauce, Chicken Marsala with Mushrooms, Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea, Soft Drinks*

CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY – 1330

Pastry Selection and Small Individual Dessert Shooters after the Ceremony

Forward your reservation slip and check **payable to WSPS** to:
Sue Engler, 919 Moores Lane, New Castle, DE 19720-2040
by Friday, 7 March 2014
(Please don't be late.)

WILMINGTON SAIL and POWER SQUADRON
CHANGE OF WATCH
Sunday, 16 March 2014

Names of Attendees: _____

_____ **@ \$25.00 per Person = \$** _____

Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron at the Wellwood



Happy  Holidays  
 Holidays



WSPS September Raft-up at Eagle Cove



Our Sept Raft-up had the nicest weather and a super anchorage to join with one another aboard Novus, the Bailey's 38' Beneteau with her large cockpit table for appetizers. Two rafts were anchored by Mystic Star and the other by Jubilee. Attending were Eau de Vie: Terry & Richard Butler with guests Heloise & John Osborne; Novus: Jeanmarie & John Bailey; Mystic Star: Donna & Bill Zimmerman; Gypsy II: Betty & John Ingram; Pleasure's Mine: Bev & Bart Wilson; Carpe Diem: Kim & Mike Royal; Wind Venture: Judy & Chuck Stadler; Nauti-gal: Nancy & Jim Ennis; and Jubilee: Don & Sue Engler & Geri Walker. This was an especially nice raft up since we welcomed Donna and Bill Zimmerman back from their trip to Newfoundland and Maine and to visit with some folks we haven't seen since the Summer Cruise. Both the Royals and Stadlers had been sailing all week visiting Baltimore and Annapolis. Our sail back on Sunday was in winds to 16 knots and some much fun. It was exciting to see as many boats appear for this get-together and more of these type of raft-ups will be planned for next year.



Nominees for the 2014-2015 Bridge Year

As the current Bridge year is soon coming to a close, the Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following candidates for next year's Bridge, Executive Committee, Audit Committee, Rules Committee, and Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee, on behalf of our general membership, wishes to extend thanks to all of those dedicated members who have agreed to serve. The vote on these nominations will be held at the 21 February 2014 Founder's Day Assembly which begins at 1830 at the Brandywine Community Center off Naaman's Road.

The nominees for the 2014-2015 Bridge Year are as follows:

Bridge Nominees:

Commander: Lt/C Donald R. Engler, P
Executive Officer: Lt/C John S. Ross, AP
Education Officer: P/C James Robinson, AP
Administration Officer: Lt John E. Koval, Jr., P
Secretary: Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P
Assistant Secretary: Lt Susan F. Engler, P
Treasurer: P/C Martin G. Wagner, AP

Executive Committee General Members:

P/C Richard A. Butler, JN
P/C John G. Ingram, AP
P/C Jay R. Minshall, AP
P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
P/C Judith C. Stadler, AP

Audit Committee:

P/Lt/C John A. Bryson, AP (Chairman, 2 year term)
Lt Thomas S. Webster, SN (1 year term)
P/C John G. Ingram, AP (1 year term)

Rules Committee:

P/C John G. Ingram, AP (Chairman, 1 year term)
P/C Judith C. Stadler, AP (2 year term)
Cdr Donald R. Engler P (3 year term)

Nominating Committee:

P/C John G. Ingram, AP (Chairman, 1 year term)
P/C James Robinson, AP (2 year term)
P/C Judith C. Stadler AP (3 year term)

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

P/C John G. Ingram, AP, Chair
P/C James Robinson, AP
P/C Judith C. Stadler AP

WSPS Birthdays/January-February

<i>Jan-Feb</i>	<i>Date</i>
Robert V. A. Harra, Jr.	Jan 02
Lois B. Radcliff	Jan 02
James Robinson	Jan 04
Irene duPont, Jr.	Jan 08
Kathy Haywood Rogers	Jan 12
Kathy Scott-Reager	Jan 15
Kenneth W. Rogers	Jan 17
David I. Netting	Jan 21
Richard Parton	Jan 21
Mike Minard	Jan 22

<i>Jan-Feb</i>	<i>Date</i>
Robert G. Danehower	Jan 27
Patricia S. Maher	Jan 28
Pierce W. Johnston, Jr.	Jan 29
George C. Bently	Jan 30
Erich D. Smith	Feb 09
Sue F. Engler	Feb 11
Francis Richardson, Jr	Feb 12
D. Jeffrey Russell	Feb 12
Paul David Ehrlichman	Feb 13
Pat Esterle	Feb 17

Welcome New WSPS Members

Brian Sundermeir and Becky Colbert live in West Chester and keep their 33' Tartan, *Deryn Pearce*, derived from the middle names of Brian's daughter and son, at Swan Creek Marina in Rock Hall. They definitely plan on taking some education classes which was one of their reasons for joining. Brian and Becky were introduced to the membership at the October Ham and Oyster Dinner.

Mark and Chris Atkinson transferred to WSPS from the Pittsburgh Power Squadron (D/7) and were introduced to membership at the November Social. Prior to joining the Pittsburgh Power Squadron they were members of the Mohawk- Hudson Sail and Power Squadron (D/2) where Mark served as Commander in 2006-2007 while Chris held the position of Education Officer. They live in Newark and keep their 42' Lobster-type boat, *Willow*, in Kent Island, MD.

Welcome aboard Brian, Becky, Mark and Chris!

Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P
Secretary



(Photo credits - Pat Maher and Don Engler)

Calendar of Events

www.wspsoaters.com

Weekly Luncheons on Wednesday: 1130
Seasons Pizza, 3901 Concord Pike, Wilm., DE



15	Jan.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
17	Jan.	1830	WSPS Social, Brandywine Community Center
26	Jan.		USPS Annual Meeting
02	Feb.		Jacksonville Riverfront, Jackson, FL
04	Feb.	1900	WSPS Spring Educational Courses Begin Advanced Grades & Elective Courses A.I. duPont High School, 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington, DE
07	Feb.		Deadline for March/April Lubber's Line Material
14-16	Feb.		D/5 Winter Training Session Maritime Institute, Linthicum, MD
19	Feb.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
21	Feb.	1830	WSPS Annual Meeting & Founders Day Social Brandywine Community Center
16	Mar.	1200	WSPS Change of Watch Embassy Suites Newark 654 South College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713

