

# THE LUBBER'S LINE

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## Our Christmas Social



The melodious sound of Christmas Carols, colorful lights and decorations, delicious hearty hors d'oeuvres brought by the members, all



contributed to a festive Holiday celebration on 9 December, 2018.



The thirty WSPS members who gathered at the Brandywine Town Center also enjoyed a fabulous spread of fancy sandwiches, salads and yummy desserts.

P/C Dennis Wallace, P awarded the coveted WSPS sail rally silver bowl Trophy to Captain Bill Barber, and first mate Joan Barber of the sailing vessel Skylark, the winners of the competitive June Cruise sail rallies.

Many thanks go to Lt Chris Atkinson, AP and P/C Mark Atkinson, AP Leslie Brower, AP and P/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP, Lt Betty Ingram, P, Joan and Bill Barber, Lt/C Carol Hanson, P and P/C Dennis Wallace, P, and Lt/C John Ross, AP for their planning and coordination of the Christmas mood music, colorful decorations, and fabulous food that contributed to a very successful WSPS Holiday Social.



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**OUR  
COMMANDER'S  
MESSAGE**



**"Tempus Fugit"**, how well we know. We greeted the fall with not just the annual boat winterizing routine, but the 2018 edition of the always memorable WSPS Oyster Feast. The enthusiastic staff at the Wellwood Restaurant greeted forty plus members with yet another sumptuous meal. The event unofficially marked the end of the boating season and the beginning of our squadron "shore side" activities for the cooler months. As the calendar rolled into December, our Assemblies Committee treated us again to a pleasant Christmas get-together - a very nice affair. Some of our members once again assembled "ditty" boxes for donation to the mariners visiting the Port of Wilmington during "the season."

**"Time Flies."** As this edition of the Lubber's Line goes to press, this Holiday season has become a memory. I sincerely hope that each of you had a wonderful Christmas, enhanced with pleasant remembrances of Christmas seasons past. We move forward into January, 2019 with the nominations of the 2019 Bridge Officers and Executive Committee. A sincere thanks to those members who once again have volunteered time and energy allowing WSPS to go forward with operations into our 81<sup>st</sup> year.

Our day-light time, thanks to the Winter Solstice (21 December), is getting increasingly longer each day. I realize talk of the upcoming boating season is a bit premature so in the interim let us pass time by participating in the "shore side" activities assembled by Lt Betty Ingram, P and her volunteers.

**Note:** Details of upcoming speakers/subjects for each of the following assemblies are addressed by Betty Ingram elsewhere in this issue. First, 11 January Social, the presentation of nominees for the 2019 Bridge and Executive Committee. In this same time frame the Cruise Committee will be working to establish an itinerary for the 2019 Summer Cruise. Volunteers welcomed! (read Admin. Officer's News - Page 10). This is a fun committee so why not get involved! Second, Founders' Day Observance on 15 February with guest speaker and election of 2019-2020 Executive Committee and Bridge Officers. Third, Change of Watch once again will be convened on 10 March at Schaefer's Canal House. Fourth, Basic Boating Course resumes tentatively at Cabela's on 11 April. Our "evite" notification system will, as always, assist you in planning for your participation in all of our activities.

**"Tempus Fugit"** – and how! The calendar showing April, we hopefully have come full circle from warm to cold to warm by this point in time. So.....**Time** to get limbered up, start on our boat "to do list", and make some summer plans.

Cdr. John Koval, P

## *Assemblies Committee*

### January Social

#### Friday, 11 January, 2019 - 1830

Elizabeth Shea, Curator of Mollusks at the Delaware Museum of Natural History will talk to us about "Research at Sea - Understanding Marine Life in the North Atlantic."

Liz will talk about her numerous trips aboard NOAA and other research vessels, the technology available today for exploring the depths of the ocean, and some of her personal research with squid and other mollusks. She'll also discuss the efforts at the Delaware Museum to focus research on Delaware's inland rivers and bays.

Dr. Shea joined the Collections and Research division as Curator of Mollusks in 2006. She is interested in all aspects of cephalopod biology, especially their ecology, taxonomy and systematics. As a graduate student, she studied the early life history of oceanic squids. Since her post-doc, she has shifted focus to understanding the cephalopod biodiversity of deep sea canyons and seamounts. She has worked with Canada's Bedford Institute of Oceanography's Ecosystems Research Division to explore and collect specimens from the Gully Marine Protected Area, and is currently participating in NOAA's Deep Sea Coral Expeditions.



In late August 2016, Dr. Shea took part in an expedition studying the Carolina Canyons off the coast of North Carolina through NOAA. She was featured in their "Before they were scientists" series and wrote "Cephalopods: Photo-bombing Deep-sea Corals" for the expedition's website. For Science Friday's Cephalopod week in 2017, Dr. Shea was interviewed for the short film, *The Giant Squid's Biggest Mystery*.

Assemblies Committee: *Betty & John Ingram, Geri Walker, Anne & Mike Minard, Sue Engler, Donna Zimmerman, Judy Stadler, Kathy Leef, Leslie Brower, Bruce Wyngaard, Bart & Bev Wilson, Terry Butler & Joan Barber.*

# Assemblies Committee

## Founder's Day

### Friday, 15 February, 2019 –1830

Scott & Kathy Mayhue will share highlights from their 2017-2018 trip to the Bahamas aboard S/V Star Reacher. On 11 November, 2017 a cold and cloudy day on the Chesapeake Bay, Star Reacher and her crew of four left for Key Biscayne, Florida.



Star Reacher arrived on 17 November at Key Biscayne, and anchored in No Name Harbor.



We waited six weeks for a weather window to sail to the Bahamas. The South Florida weather was beautiful while we waited in Key Biscayne to make the crossing on 23 December, 2017.



Star Reacher made the crossing to Bimini and spent Christmas in Great Harbor, Berry Islands.



We flew home for New Year's Day and returned to Star Reacher shortly thereafter to enjoy the rest of the winter and spring in the Bahamas.

Come see our program in February!



*Administrative Department*



**WILMINGTON SAIL and POWER SQUADRON**

**CHANGE OF WATCH - Sunday, 10 March 2019**

**Schaefer's Canal House**

**208 Bank Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915**

*Choice of two salads: Fresh Greens, Garden Vegetables with Balsamic Vinaigrette, and Baby Spinach Leaves, Sliced Strawberries, Toasted Almonds with a warm Bacon Dressing.*

*Choice of two entrées: Pork Tenderloin in a Honey Rosemary Sauce, and C&D Chicken Breast with Lump Crab Meat Imperial with Fresh Lemon Cream Sauce. Served with fresh rolls & butter, roasted red skin potatoes, seasonal vegetables, coffee, iced tea & soda.*

*Dessert: Traditional Cheesecake*

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

**BUFFET – 1230**

**CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY – 1330**

Please forward your reservation and check **payable to WSPS** to:

Barbara Sharpless, 2 Hailey's Trail, Newark, DE 19711-3006

by **Monday, 4 March 2019** (Please don't be late.)

**WILMINGTON SAIL and POWER SQUADRON**

**CHANGE OF WATCH**

**Sunday, 10 March 2019**

**Names of Attendees:** \_\_\_\_\_

**@ \$28.50 per Person = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## *Educational Department*

### The Evolving USPS Education Program

National Education Officer Craig Fraser, SN wrote a column in the current issue of The Ensign about sweeping changes to the education program. "Change is always hard, but we must embrace change to be the elite boating organization we were, are and always will be. We in the Education Department have been moving through the winds of change and will continue holding our course pointed into the future," he wrote.

The elements of plan to upgrade the program were intriguing, but also disappointing. Change seems to mean repackage and make it more accessible to the public without directly involving the squadrons.

The Piloting course is now Marine Navigation; Advanced Piloting is now Advanced Marine Navigation; Junior Navigation is now Offshore Navigation; and the final advanced grade is now Celestial Navigation. However a review of the Education Department pages on the National Website reveals that while the names have changed, the content remains the same. The content change will come over time but no timetable is offered. Seamanship was changed this past fall into a seminar based curriculum, and the pilot period is over and comments from squadrons using that format will be reviewed for possible refinement of the course in 2019. Course materials are available as e-books, so the students can print them or view them on a reader.

The Piloting course replacement will also be a seminar based course that will focus on electronic navigation. Students will be able to study the seminar guides on their own or with an instructor and may take them at will or as part of structured class schedule. Another indicator of the course for the future is a new website for the America's Boating Club marketing strategy. It is easy to navigate and user friendly with links to a lot of useful information. A page entitled "Dive Deep with Courses" describes the content of the advanced and elective grades. On that page the Marine Navigation courses are described to give you the skills you need to get you where you're going using charts and marine electronics as well as a knowledge of wind, currents and tides.



## *Educational Department (continued)*

### The Evolving USPS Education Program

Offshore Navigation and Celestial Navigation are a must for oceangoing captains, teaching you planning and monitoring your voyage using modern marine electronics and how celestial observations can help you estimate your vessel's position with confidence.

The Marine Electronics group has been expanded once again with a new component, "Radar for Boaters." The latest addition is now available on-line and as a printed seminar book. On the matter of on-line seminars, there are now nine available directly from this new website, most for \$30 each.



As this is a public access site introducing United States Power Squadrons as America's Boating Club, all courses are available to the public as well as members. Discounts are given to members. There is also a link to the University of Western Florida continuing education program to register for on-line narrated versions of classroom PowerPoint presentations of advanced and elective grade on-line courses and seminars. However when I checked the site in mid-December, no classes were available.

All of these new developments are welcome for making our organization more accessible to the boating public and long overdue for recognizing modern boating. But the important words are "long overdue." And yet they are still not ready for implementation. The fact that the America's Boating Club theme has been out for almost a year suggests people might be following the links and finding the promise is unfulfilled.

Of a special concern to me is the declining and less involved membership of most squadrons are not able to deliver this product which is so glowingly promoted. When the squadrons are unable to offer the classes promised or the hands-on experience of the several on-the-water-training initiatives, member recruitment is not helped.

*P/C Mark Atkinson, AP  
Squadron Education Officer*

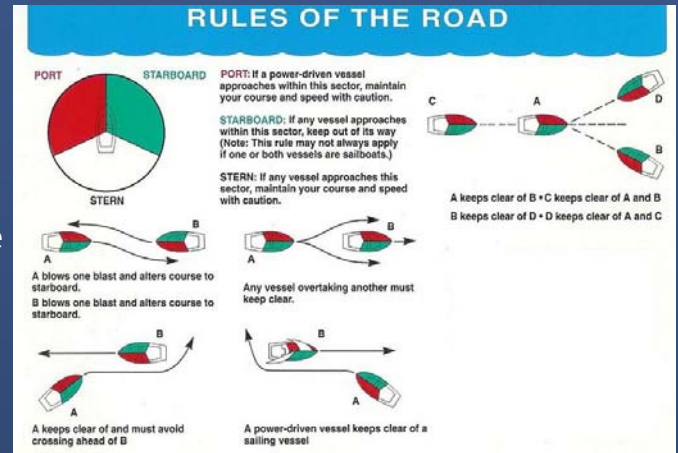


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# Boating Safety News

## COLREGS 38d

The International Rules were formalized in Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, and became effective on 15 July, 1977. The Rules (commonly called 72 COLREGS) are part of the Convention, and vessels flying the flags of states ratifying the treaty are bound to the Rules. The United States has ratified this treaty and all United States flag vessels must adhere to these Rules where applicable. President Gerald R. Ford proclaimed 72 COLREGS and the Congress adopted them as the International Navigational Rules Act of 1977.



While we may not know the Rule number for the “danger signal” (#34d), I assume most of us correctly interpret five short and rapid blasts on the ship horn or whistle as pending collision or other danger. Rule 34d states when vessels in sight of one another are approaching each other and from any cause either vessel fails to understand the intentions or actions of the other, or is in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid collision, the vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the whistle. Assuming the vessel in doubt is the stand on vessel it maintains course and speed.

After time to determine the other vessel’s action, if the other vessel does not appear to be taking sufficient action to give way or avoid collision and we are still in doubt Rule (7a) advises to consider that risk of collision exists.

We are to determine by all possible means that collision is possible (not just likely). For example, courses and speeds steady and relative bearings remain unchanging.

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**DAY SKIPPER ESSENTIALS**

**CHART SYMBOLS**

- Rock which covers and uncovers. Ht above Chart Datum where known
- Rocks awash at the level of chart datum
- Dangerous underwater rocks of known depth
- Wreck, depth not known, dangerous. 'Mast' - mast visible at Chart Datum. 'PA' - position approximate.
- Wreck, visible at Chart Datum
- Foul ground - do not anchor
- Overfalls - side rips

**COLREGS**

Vessel at anchor (white light at night)

Sailing vessel (motor sailing)

Day

Night

Diver down keep clear

R-G-W tricolour

All round white light

White stem light

Steaming light

Red / Green side lights

**Permitted lights:**

- Sailing - A, or C+D
- Motoring - E + C + D
- At Anchor - B

Motor vessel > 50 Metres

Port side

Motor vessel > 50m From ahead

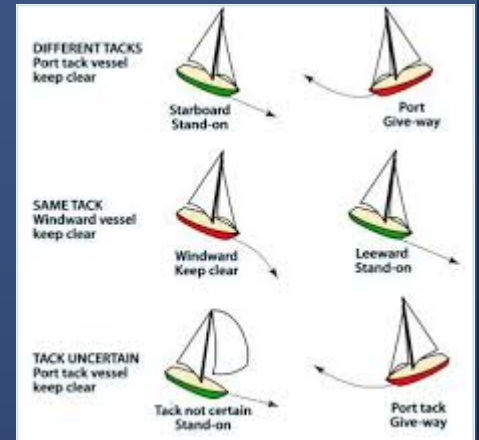
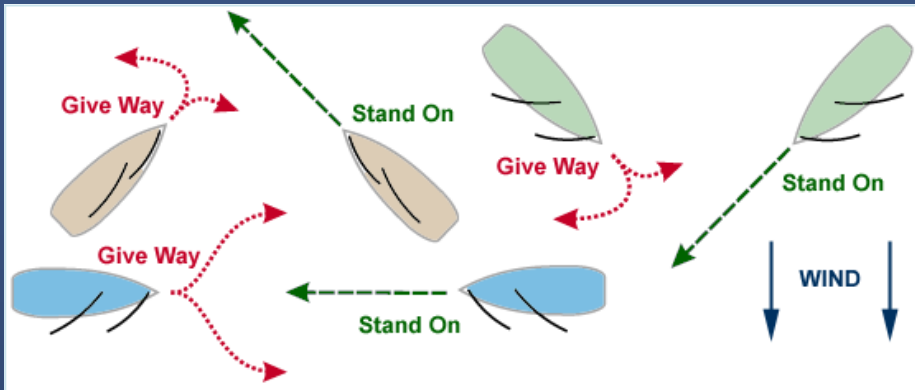
**Sound Signals**

- Turning to Starboard
- Turning to Port
- My engines are in astern propulsion
- Please make your intentions clear (= get out of the way)
- Motor vessel - In fog or approaching a bend
- In fog - not under command, restricted ability to manoeuvre, constrained by draught, fishing, sailing



## Boating Safety News (continued)

### COLREGS 38d



Rule 8 (e) clearly states if necessary to avoid collision or allow more time to assess the situation the vessel shall slacken her speed or take all way off by stopping and reversing her means of propulsion.

“If necessary” is highly subjective and perhaps very difficult to assess the situation until after the fact. If there is a collision after sounding five short blasts and sufficient action is not taken to avoid collision one may be considered at fault.

Hopefully this will give a better understanding of how to proceed when in doubt of an approaching vessel and its actions. Rule 8 (e) clearly states if necessary to avoid collision or allow more time to assess the situation the vessel shall slacken her speed or take all way off by stopping and reversing her means of propulsion.

*Lt David Benfer, JN  
Safety Officer*



Journey

## *Administrative Department*

### A Vision for 2019



Have you seen the latest WSPS articles in Spin Sheet?

As part of the WSPS Marketing Plan to increase visibility, informational articles and pictures are being submitted to Spin Sheet each month. To date, topics included Our October Oyster Dinner, WSPS 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Hat's-Off), and the Annual Christmas Social when the membership provides gift boxes for the Wilmington Port Seamen's Center. Future articles will cover highlights of our Assemblies Speakers, Safety Vessel Checks, WSPS Educational Programs, and the Annual Summer Cruise Adventures. Plans are in motion to include other boating magazines and media avenues. Members of the Executive Committee are also working on a short, focused tagline, like "WSPS – Fun, Friends and Better Boating!" If you have any thoughts for the tagline, or on how to support the effort, please let P/C Don Engler, AP, P/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP, or Lt/C Carol Hanson, P, know about your ideas.



The Annual Cruise Committee will meet in January to plan WSPS's Summer Cruise from 15-21 June. At this time of year your Cruise Committee is always excited to start thinking about warm sunny days out on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay! Tradition mandates that a kick-off picnic, sail rallies, crab dinners, dingy drifts, a wine and cheese party, and an awards banquet are always included . . . lots of fun times and camaraderie with like-minded sailors! Again, please

let Carol Hanson (jchanson@comcast.net) know if you have any ideas about the itinerary, or are interested in being a member of the Cruise Committee.

We have been asked by the Law Committee of the United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club, to have all WSPS members sign photo releases. Actually, no picture should be used without the subject's permission. Many thanks to those whose signatures we already received at the spirited Holiday Social!



Wishing a peaceful and prosperous New Year to all!!

Lt/C Carol Hanson, P  
Administrative Officer



Weatherly



# Administrative Department

## Oyster Dinner



This group image is of the attending members of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron taken at the Wellwood Restaurant in Charlestown, MD. It is another on-land event celebration of our 80<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Many of our members have either sold or moved away from their boats; therefore a dinner get-together is welcome for all.

We try to have at least five such events throughout the boating/sailing year. Our assemblies during the winter months stimulate all of our membership until the weather changes. Presently, most members are preparing for winterization and love to look forward to the winter social aspects of our organization.



Fifty yrs. of honorable membership given posthumously to Aaron Wagner after his father's passing.



20 year pin presented to David Benfer for many more than twenty-five years of service. Typically this was humorous since Dave is near to fifty years of service.

## *Assemblies Committee*

### November Assembly



Our hats off to all of the membership, past and present, of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron. (WSPS) America's Boating Club is celebrating 80 years of service.

Our membership has been actively involved in providing community boating education, cooperative charting, summers crab feasts, weekly lunches, annual cruises, safety vessel checks, instructional and entertaining monthly winter assemblies in the Upper Chesapeake Bay area.

We deeply appreciate our former WSPS leadership who so successfully supported our WSPS Organization over the past 80 years and have built a strong foundation for current members to enjoy!

Many of our members have sailed the Caribbean, Bahamas, Maine and Canada. Others just enjoy the upper Bay, a day motoring up a tributary, or our land-based social events. Members learn from each other, whether it is engine maintenance, proper setting of sails or navigating electronically. An abundance of knowledge, experience and camaraderie has been shared over the past 80 years in the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron.

It is only right that we tip our WSPS hats to those that came before us!

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## Assemblies Committee

### November Assembly (continued)

The November Assembly Meeting took place on 9 November at 1850; however the evening began for many folks (assembly committee) who set the room up much earlier. This hearty group has grown from a few couples to many of the husbands accompanying their spouses.

The subs available for the evening were varied and delicious and the pie a' mode following the main course was outstanding.

Our speaker for the evening was Captain Scott Wells, who co-owns and operates a 30' pontoon boat for hire from the Schaefer's Dock and Marina. Capt. Wells spoke about the history and development of the C&D Canal.

Scott had many stories about the life and times of the Upper Chesapeake Bay that seemed to interest many of the membership. He answered many of the attending member's questions typically about tides and currents in the canal and of course, the train bridge opening.



*Secretarial Department*

Have you moved or changed your cell phone or home phone, or even your email address recently?

Please notify  
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at  
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or call at  
302-239-7995  
if you have any  
changes  
to the  
2019 WSPS  
Yearbook.

# **WILMINGTON**

## **SAIL and POWER SQUADRON**



## **2019 - 2020 YEARBOOK**

*A Unit of the  
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### **OUR 81st YEAR**



# *Nominating Committee*

**Nominees for the 2019-2020 Bridge Year are as follows:**

### Bridge Officers

Commander .....	Cdr. Carol Hanson, P
Executive Officer .....	P/C W. Michael King, AP
Administrative Officer (s) .....	P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
	P/C John G. Ingram, AP
Education Officer .....	Lt/C David Benfer, JN
Secretary .....	Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P
Assistant Secretary .....	Lt Chris A. Atkinson, AP
Treasurer .....	Lt/C John S. Ross, AP

- Lt Chris A. Atkinson, AP
- P/C Mark C. Atkinson, AP
- Lt John H. Bailey, AP
- P/C Donald R. Engler, AP
- P/C John G. Ingram, AP
- P/C John E. Koval, P
- Kathleen H. Leef, P
- Lynn A. Mahaffy, P
- P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
- P/C Bruce A. Wyngaard, AP

### Audit Committee

- P/C John G. Ingram, AP (Chairman)
- P/C C. David Sharpless, AP

### Nominating Committee

- P/C John G. Ingram, AP (Chairman)
- P/C W. Michael King, AP
- P/C C. David Sharpless, AP

### Rules Committee

- P/C John G. Ingram, AP (Chairperson)
- P/C Donald R. Engler, AP
- P/C Donna F. Zimmerman, JN

The ratifying vote by General Membership will take place on 15 February 2019 at the Founders' Day Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted for membership consideration by the

### 2018-2019 Nominating Committee

- P/C W. Michael King, AP (Chairman)
- P/C John G. Ingram, AP
- P/C C. David Sharpless, AP

*Administrative Department***2019 WSPS Photo Contest**

WSPS Members – The Photo Contest will resume in October, through the winter and into the spring & summer of 2019. 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/C Carol Hanson, P at: [jchanson@comcast.net](mailto:jchanson@comcast.net).

Because these files can be as large as 4-7 mb, just send (medium size) files or whatever your 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 on the website.

The photographs will be judged, and then published in Lubber's Line.

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

Lt/C Carol Hanson, P  
Administrative Officer



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## *News from the United States Power Squadron*

### **A Little Sunshine to Start the Day in Orlando**

Start your day on Thursday, 21 Feb., 2019, from 7:30–8:45 a.m. with a delicious breakfast, and join us as we recognize and thank those who have donated to America's Boating Club over the years. Learn about opportunities to join the group and meet our National Treasurer and his team. Enjoy a Florida Sunshine Breakfast, including fresh Florida orange juice, seasonal fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, crisp applewood smoked bacon, country sausage links, and much more, all for a nominal price. We look forward to seeing you!

**Email:** [Liz Glassell - lglassell@yahoo.com](mailto:lglassell@yahoo.com)

**Read More:** [https://www.usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?mtg\\_id=22](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=22)

### **RV Site Chosen for 2019 Annual Meeting**

As in past years, Highway Mariners has made arrangements with Sherwood Forest RV Resort to reserve 15 sites for us from 17-23 Feb., 2019, for \$33 per night plus tax, an attractive rate during Florida's peak tourist season. To reserve your site at this rate, call the park at 407-396-7600 and say that you are with United States Power Squadrons. You will be required to guarantee one night when making the reservation. The address is Sherwood Forest RV Resort, 5300 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy. (HYW 192), Kissimmee, FL 34746.

### **Make Orlando Reservations Now, and Enjoy the Holidays**

February will be here before you know it. Reserve your room at the Rosen Centre Hotel and register for your events. We have planned great tours, breakfasts, committee lunches, and dinners. There will be something for everyone! Reserve now, and enjoy the holidays.

**Email:** [Vincene A. Aquilato - antarvin@hotmail.com](mailto:antarvin@hotmail.com)

**Read More:** [https://www.usps.org/php/reservations\\_new/meetings.php?mtg\\_id=22](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=22)

### **Don't Take Your Members for Granted**

Our membership year may be ending, but it's vital to keep in touch with members and thank them for their efforts. Be sure to express appreciation to your vessel examiners, instructors, newsletter contributors, poster contest volunteers, executive committee members, and others. As a suggestion, you might publicly review why volunteers received a merit mark. Everyone likes to receive praise. Remember to praise in public.

**Email:** [Robert Howd - rhowd1@ec.rr.com](mailto:rhowd1@ec.rr.com)

## Following Mystic Star

While rushing hither and fro shopping for Christmas goodies, I received a call from Lt Bill Zimmerman, JN and P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN to let me know that they have taken a mooring (17 Dec.) at the only marina in Vero Beach. Both Sue and I knew they were close since we have been watching their progress down the Florida coast on "SPOT." We set -up a time to meet, & have lunch at a favorite local New York Deli, and later shop for some groceries for "Mystic Star." Of course everyone knows that Bill & Donna are ultimately headed to the Bahamas to enjoy the warm water, delightful weather and have quite an adventure in doing so. However a secret most sailors share when passing through Vero Beach is that it off-times has been called Velcro Beach, because it is hard to



get away. They arrived on a Monday afternoon; we picked them up on Tuesday and spent most of the afternoon together.



There is a free bus that drives through the marina and takes you (actually anyone), where you want to go on the main street. (Rt.60) This service, washer, dryer, lots of free books to read, and a nearby yacht club are all available. Tonight (Friday) we picked Bill & Donna up at the marina and visited the Vero Beach Power Squadron (we are associate members) for the happy hour that



lasted 2 hours. Notice WSPS burgee? Bill was telling me that he expects the high winds to slow down on Saturday afternoon and they will leave for Ft Pierce, just 10 miles south of us, or I suggest that they may want to wait and see the Eagles play on Sunday. Just kidding! Ed.>



## In Memoriam

WSPS Member **Eileen M. Malin**, P, age 62, passed away suddenly on 22 September. Eileen and husband Jim sought out WSPS for some “formal” boating education some 10 years ago upon acquiring a new 34’ powerboat (the *St. Somewhere*).

Eileen was an ardent outdoor person as reflected by her undergraduate and graduate pursuits in agricultural related education. The state of Wyoming became the beneficiary of both her talents and expertise. Personal involvement in the raising and breeding of horses, cattle and sheep ranching, hunting, virtually any and all things relating to the “outdoors” were active interests for the balance of her life.



Returning to the East Coast from the West, she immersed herself in the rearing of three active children (not to mention each of their respective activities), maintaining the Malin home, gardening, involvement in the family business, and the all too necessary attention required for maintaining an aging extended family.

Boating became a welcome diversion for Jim and Eileen. The *St. Somewhere*, a favorite “kick-back” place, could be found in any number of ports of call and gunk holes at any given time around the Chesapeake Bay. Voyages in the family inflatable from the home marina to some of the local upper bay restaurants were always pleasurable and memorable.

The Malin’s have since day one maintained association with WSPS as not only members, but active supporters in our advertising programs.

Sincerest condolences to her husband Jim, sons Kyle and Ryan, daughter Janeen, mother Jeanne, sister Anne, brothers Jim, Steve and Larry, as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

We shall all miss you, Eileen!

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP  
Executive Board Member

## In Memoriam

Sadly P/R/C Stephen A. Leishman, SN passed unexpectedly on 18 December, 2018 at home. Steve, a man of many and varied interests, was a retired United States Air Force Officer. He earned a Life Membership with 32 Merit Marks. During his USPS years, 41 in all, he served as a Huntsville (AL.) Squadron Commander, District 17 Commander, and later accepted responsibilities at the National level as a P/R/C in the Education Department. During his tenure with USPS, Steve completed **all** Advanced and Elective courses offered by USPS and was awarded the prestigious Education Award by our National organization.



Upon a work transfer to the Delaware area, Steve moved his USPS affiliation to then WPS. Ever interested in the area of “navigation” (an almost automatic continuation of interest given his military career), Steve assumed the helm of our Cooperative Charting initiatives both at both the Squadron and District levels.

He was a boater, an avid boater, who believed education to be a necessity for the furtherance of the boating hobby. Steve was ever willing to lend an assisting hand to fellow boaters. The sale of the family trawler did not signal an end to water related involvement, only a relocation of his office from waterfront to home front. We have as Chesapeake hobbyists been indirect beneficiaries of Steve’s energies in the Cooperative Charting (water depth recording) areas.

Many thanks Steve! We miss you already.

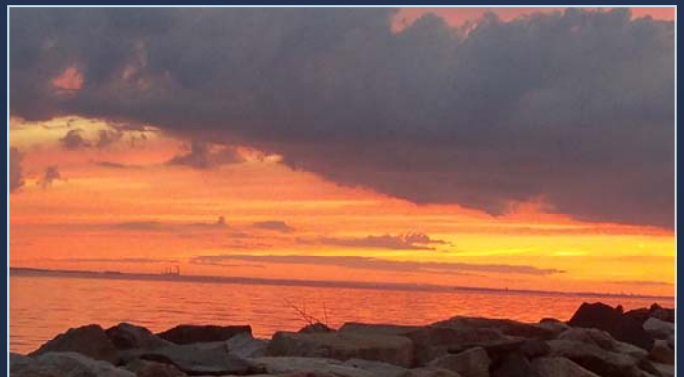
Sincerest condolences to wife Janet, son, and the Leishman family.

The full obituary with the arrangement timeline is available at:  
<http://www.mccreryandharra.com/obituaries.php>

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP  
Executive Committee Member

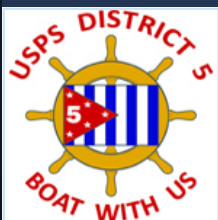
## *Schedule of Up-Coming Events*

11 January	1830	WSPS Social, Brandywine Community Center
16 January	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Tech. Center, Newark, DE
15 February		Deadline for March/April Lubber's Line Material
15 February	1830	WSPS Annual Meeting & Founders' Day Social Brandywine Community Center
17-23 February		USPS Annual Meeting Rosen Center, Orlando, FL (Sign-up info Page 17)
20 February	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
10 March	1200	WSPS Change of Watch (Sign-up Sheet on Page 05) Schaefer's Canal House 208 Bank Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915
20 March	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
29-31 March		D/5 Annual Meeting/Spring Conference Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD
31 March		Summer Cruise Registrations Due

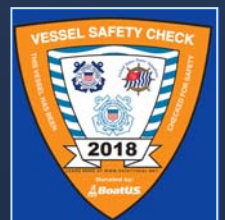


## WSPS Birthdays

Robert V. A. Harra, Jr.	02 Jan	Patricia S. Maher	28 Jan
Lois B. Radcliff	02 Jan	Sue F. Engler	11 Feb
Irene duPont, Jr.	08 Jan	Francis Richardson, Jr.	12 Feb
David I. Netting	21 Jan	D. Jeffrey Russell	12 Feb
Mike Minard	22 Jan	Paul David Ehrlichman	13 Feb
Robert G. Danehower.	27 Jan	Pat Esterle	17 Feb



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