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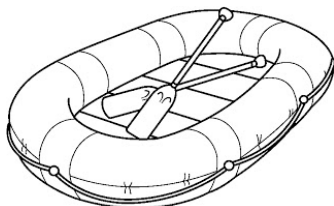
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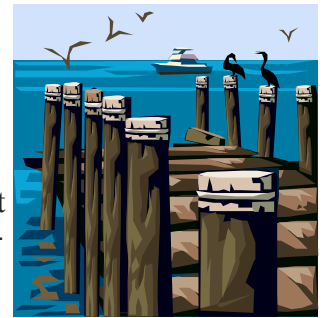
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WSPS Summer Cruise

The Cruise Committee has been assembled, the itinerary established, reservations for our ports of call have been made and confirmed. Specifics of activities, etc., remain in pencil at this early date. In summation, the planning detail of the week afloat activities, i.e., sail rallies, fabulous shore side eateries, raft up and anchorage events are “on deck” and progressing.



The site of the Commander’s Kick-Off (CKO) Party and Picnic, hosted by Cdr Michael King, AP and wife Wendy, will be returning to the beautiful grounds of the Sailing Emporium in Rock Hall. We had planned a catered affair, but we just could not make the economics work for us. We shall once again return to the tried and proven food supply format we have been using. Shore side travelers are once again encouraged to participate when and where convenient.

The Itinerary

Saturday, 20 June – Commander’s Kick- Off – Rock Hall Sailing Emporium
Sunday, 21 June – Anchorage – Harness Creek, South River – “Dinner on the Hook”

Monday, 22 June – Herrington Harbour South – Beach side activity planned
Tuesday, 23 June – Anchorage – Hudson Creek – Little Choptank – Western Themed Dinghy Event

Wednesday, 24 June – Tilghman-on-the-Chesapeake Marina – Dinner ashore at this fabulous eastern shore eatery location

Thursday, 25 June – Anchorage – La Trappe Creek – Dinghy Drift/Share Leftovers

Friday, 26 June – Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin – Closing Ceremonies and Dinner at the Suicide Bridge Restaurant

General Information

Wednesday, 10 June – Captains’ Meeting, Brandywine Hundred Library, Time - 1830

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***COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE***

Cdr W. Michael King, AP

And we will have “fun, fun, fun now that all the ice has melted away.” There is no getting around the fact that Spring is a busy time for boaters. The boat needs a half hundred projects completed before launch day and the other half after launch; but all work and no play is not a prescription for a happy Spring. To add to the fun, first check your squadron yearbook. This year the activity pages are yellow, so, you might think “to find fun, go to the yellow pages!” There is a picnic on May 16th in Rock Hall with free hotdogs and hamburgers. If that isn't enough to bring back your happy face there is the Nanticoke River Marine Park Festival sponsored by the Nanticoke Sail and Power Squadron on the 17th. The day is loaded up with all kinds of entertainment. Check out the details on their website. This is Delaware's only other squadron and they could use the support. Once we get to Memorial Day weekend, the activities come thick and fast and last into the Fall. If there is something you want to do that is not on the squadron calendar or the District calendar, call up a member and make it happen. Boating is fun and your squadron friends can make it a reality.

This year the Cruise Committee was late getting out the registration forms. If you want to enjoy a week on the Bay and you haven't received a registration form, contact one of the Cruise Co-chairs, P/C Don Engler, AP or P/C David Sharpless, AP, for the necessary paperwork. If you can't make it the week of the squadron cruise, the District has a cruise covering much of those same waters a week later. The District cruise ends at Solomons and features a navigation contest. We have access to the launching ramp at Solomons and it might be a real hoot if some of our members were to show up with their trailer boats and bring home the trophy!

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2015 Change of Watch

On 15 March the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron's 76th Change of Watch took place at Schaefer's Canal House in their southern window room.

Prior to the luncheon buffet, a slide show presentation looped on a nearby 50" TV. The images commemorated some of our past year's activities.

The MC for the day, P/C C. David Sharpless, AP, called the ceremonies to order following a delicious lunch offering of chicken breast with lump crabmeat and grilled bistro steak medallions. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by F/Lt Chuck Stadler, AP and the invocation given by our Squadron Chaplain, Lt Carol Hanson, P. The tolling of the bell and a period of silence recognized the passing of: certificate holders Betty Jane Goode and Sarah Jane Johnston, John T. Reager, AP, George T. Roewe, Jr. AP, and P/C C. Harwin Smith, SN.

Fourteen Past Commanders were introduced. District 5 representative, D/ Lt/C Beth Anne Thompson, JN, was introduced and she gave us a short message about receiving her own command of the Patapsco River Power Squadron. MC Sharpless introduced Corporal John McDerby, DNREC Representative for his short speech about the state of the wetlands and boating safety in Delaware. Commander Donald Engler, AP, was called to the podium for his final message as Commander. After summoning his Bridge Officers to the podium, he presented each with an appropriate gift commemorating their contributions to his year at the WSPS helm. He also cited



the long standing service of Chaplain Lt Carol Hanson and Merit Mark Coordinator/Auditor P/Lt/C Jack Bryson who could not attend today. Cdr. Engler also asked P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN, Lt Bill Zimmerman, JN, and Lt Betty Ingram, P, and P/C John Ingram, AP to come forward to receive gifts for their service throughout the year. Lastly, Cdr. Engler asked his wife, Lt Sue Engler, P to join him at the podium to give a gift to David Sharpless, AP (aid to the commander) and Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P. Engler proceeded to ask them to remove the gift wrapping paper from a framed image taken in 2003 of themselves and their dog Tasha. After this surprise, Engler turned to his wife and gave her a gift so she may remember the fun times that were had while he was commander.



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Following this, D/ Lt/ C Beth Anne Thompson, then relieved P/C Engler, AP of his responsibilities as Commander of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron and in turn he dismissed his officers and committee persons elected and appointed to serve during his tenure. The installation ceremony continued with the administration of Oath of Office to P/C W. Michael King, AP for 2015-2016. Mike was presented the Commander's flag of his office to prominently be displayed on the starboard spreader of Sea Lion. The Oath of Office was then administered to the 2015-2016 Bridge Officers and the Executive Committee members. Following his acceptance of this his second command, (first 2005-2006), Commander King spoke about membership and dedication. MC Sharpless thanked the Change of Watch Committee for the behind the scenes work in making this day so special,

adjourned the meeting and invited everyone to enjoy the apple pie a-la-mode dessert being served to them and to prepare for the group image to be taken. -The 2015 Change of Watch Committee-



In Memoriam

John T. Reager, AP

John Reager passed on November 17, 2014. John and wife Kathy, nearing retirement, decided that the cruising lifestyle had an over-powering appeal. That was over nine years ago. Both enrolled in every relative course that then WPS taught in prep for their voyage. Boat purchased (38' Island Packet- the *Oceana*), pre-departure prep work completed (house sale, etc.), off they went, South, cruising the Caribbean and further South sharing many unforgettable tales and experiences with land-locked friends via the web for over five years.

The affable couple accumulated not only memories, but also the lasting friendship and respect of many fellow cruisers.

Condolences to wife Kathy and the Reager family.

Thomas (Tom) S. Webster Jr, SN

Tom Webster passed quietly on April 15, 2015. He was a long-term revered WSPS member accumulating not only 49 Merit Marks during his 56 year association with our organization but, more importantly, the deserved respect of all who called him friend.

Born and reared in Cambridge on Maryland's Eastern shore, Tom spent his early years actively involved in family farming and water-related businesses. Following a three year stint in the United States Marine Corps, he returned briefly to Cambridge followed by a relocation to Wilmington where he established a successful long-term career with the DuPont Company. His formative years produced an attachment to the Cambridge area and Chesapeake Bay that never left him.

An avid competitor!

He was a "hands on" top-tier sailor, the consummate Captain. Crew always knew they were in capable hands, regardless of the situation, with Tom at the helm. WSPS has been a 50+ year beneficiary of this talented man's varied knowledge.

Quiet times on the family sailboat, the *Decoy*, and more recently the trawler *Estelle*, were enjoyed by friends and family.

Sincere condolences to wife Kay, daughters Lauren and Alyssa, son Tom III, step-daughter Ginny Johnson Carman and the members of the Webster and Carman families.

P/C C. David Sharpless, AP

Administrative Department

Well, here it is April; have you done anything on your boat “to do” list yet? Before you know it June will be here and the cruise will be upon us; will you be scrambling to get ready saying, "I can do that in the water?" Hurrying to finish can lead to cutting corners and possibly putting you and/or your crew in peril.

On the brighter side, what a great time we had at the Change of Watch. What more can we ask for, the food, atmosphere and camaraderie were all memorable. For those who missed it, plan to attend next year. You will not be disappointed.

The 2015-2016 WSPS Yearbooks have been mailed. Many of us are well into assembling our summer event calendars. Please don't forget to consult the Yearbook for WSPS dates and activities. We shall be repeating most of the “old stuff, (i.e., Rock Hall Picnic, the Trailer Boat Day Afloat, the Commander’s Cruise Kick-Off picnic, the annual Crab Feast) and returning to our schedule for the first time in a while we are having a "drive or boat to" event in the upper Bay. Planned is a fun time for which children and grandchildren are encouraged to attend. The date is 18 July and the location is Indian Acres, just north of the Sassafras River. Stay tuned for more information on this and other events as we proceed into the upcoming boating season. We shall once again send out timely function reminders (“e-vites”) via our Punchbowl system.

*Lt/C John E. Koval, Jr., P
Administrative Officer*



Education Department

The review and exam for our Sail class, capably taught by Bill Zimmerman at the New Castle Sailing Club, tested on the 23 April - results pending. Many thanks, Bill! Two Certification course sessions were offered for this spring. The first, scheduled for McKean High School, was cancelled. The lone interested student was diverted to class #2 at Glasgow Medical Center. The Glasgow offering is the first venturing for WSPS into the Newark/Glasgow area (previously covered by Northeast River Power Squadron now disbanded).

If you have any interest or questions about any courses or seminars, please contact Jim Robinson at 610-444-5155 or jimrobinson37@aol.com.

*P/C James Robinson, AP
Education Officer*

AN EDUCATIONAL CRUISE ON THE DELAWARE RIVER

Aboard the Benjamin Franklin Yacht



M/V Ben Franklin



Lower Deck, Ben Franklin

Start Safe Boating Week with a Buffet Dinner and Narrated Cruise

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Boarding: 1800

Departure: 1830

Rain or Shine

During the south bound trip, you will enjoy a delightful, full course dinner on the lower dining deck of the Ben Franklin. The informative and exciting narration will focus on aids to navigation, piloting, and chart work using a hand held compass, GPS and plotting our position on Delaware River Chart 12312. On the return trip you will see lighted aids, ranges and navigation lights on the big ships.

Bring your neighbors and friends.

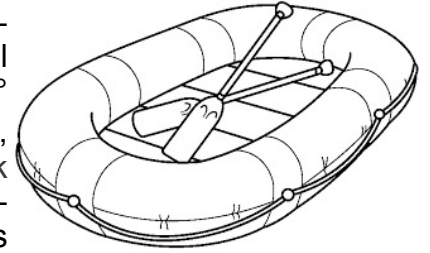
Make reservation by sending a check in the amount of \$35.00 for each adult payable to DRSPS to Doris Brecht, 401 Ryers Ave. Cheltenham, PA 19012 (267-738-7183). List name of each guest and e-mail address. (\$15.00 for children under 12)

Directions: The Ben Franklin departs from 401 N. Columbus Blvd. which is just north of the Ben Franklin Bridge. South on I-95: take the right hand lane at exit 22, for Callowhill St. At the bottom of the off ramp, turn left on Callowhill St. and go several blocks. Turn left on N, Columbus Blvd. You will almost immediately come upon the parking lot at #401 where you will find ample parking. Coming north on I-95 use exit #20, turn left onto Columbus Blvd. Parking lot is just north of Dave & Buster's Restaurant.

Sponsored by Delaware River Sail & Power Squadron and nearby USPS squadrons.

August Raft-Up

A WSPS raft-up is planned for 22-23 August at Worton Creek. Those that attended the August raft-up last year at Still Pond can remember two chilly days with winds gusting to 20 kts. This year we'll be more protected in Worton Creek, with tall trees and land 360° around us. Try to arrive around 2pm so we can begin the rafts, drinks, and snacks. The Harbor House Restaurant (23145 Buck Neck Rd. Chestertown, MD 21620 (410) 778-0669) sits on the Worton Creek Marina side and offers delicious dinners. Raft co-ordinates are: 39° 16' 783"N - 076° 10' 235"W. View the chart below to see the suggested anchoring position.



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Often time we look to our boating safety classes and our wintertime assemblies to bring in new members. With a full calendar of warm time activities, there are lots of opportunities to introduce prospective member to many of the things we do really well. Note to all members: HAVE FUN AND SHARE THE FUN!!!

USPS & USCGA Sign MOU

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed at the National meeting of USPS in January that allows for local squadrons and Coast Guard Auxiliary flotillas to work together on various boating safety programs. This document recognizes that squadrons and flotillas are going to operate in their own best interests and if in those situations where both local groups want to work together that they should do so. How the groups might work together is not prescribed but it is suggested that cooperation could be more useful than competition. There are three flotillas in the Wilmington area.

Cdr W. Michael King, AP



Boating Safety News

WATERMAN'S DISEASE

The following comes from an article in the Marine Trawler Owners Association (MTOA) publication written by Jim Bertch a longtime member and officer of the organization. Jim fought this infection for almost three years and is anxious for others to know about the disease technically known as MycoBacterium Marinum. He is willing to answer any questions about the infection and to relate his experience. He can be reached at jbartch@hotmail.com.

MycoBacterium is a non-contagious variety of a bacteria family that includes Tuberculosis and Leprosy. The specific name depends on the source of the infection. Marinum comes from the water, whether it is a lake, bay, ocean, fish tanks (a rapidly growing problem) or from infected fish at a market. It enters the body through a break in the skin – an abrasion, scratch or a cut – something as small as a pinhole. Symptoms may appear on elbows, knees or feet of swimmers or hands and fingers with aquarium owners and boaters who have had exposure. It may take 4 to 8 weeks to show up in a growth medium. Treatment is a long course of antibiotics and surgery is sometimes necessary in extensive and deep infections.

Marinum is also called waterman's disease, crabber's finger, shrimper's infection and fish market infection. Prevention includes washing hands thoroughly after exposure to sea water, using dilute chlorine or peroxide to assure sterilization and being aware of any cuts and abrasions on your body.

Jim was misdiagnosed for 7 months, took massive doses of antibiotics and had five surgeries, the last one in 2013. In December of 2013 surgeons were predicting removal of one finger. He got the infection in the Chesapeake from either an anchor rode or dock line since he had not been in the water. Fortunately in June of last year, after 2 years and 9 months, it appeared the infection was gone.

Lt David L. Benfer, JN

Note: Coast Guard requires we have a current Rules of the Road aboard. I believe the most recent issue is Nov. 2014, an electronic version is acceptable.

Cooperative Charting

Historical Map & Chart Collection. Did you know that President Thomas Jefferson founded Coast Survey in 1807? He tasked it with creating charts of the nation's coastal waters so America's young shipping industry could thrive. Reflecting Coast Survey's beginnings, the Historical Map & Chart Collection, on the web at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/csdl/ctp/abstract.htm>, contains over 35,000 images — charts, maps, sketches, and more — that are available free to the public.

Start of a New Cooperative Charting Year. The cooperative charting year runs from 1 April through 31 March. Start your planning early to enjoy some cooperative charting while on your boat these summer months. The most current edition of Coast Pilot books are available via the internet. Note that the Coast Pilot books are only printed about once a year. See www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm.

Small Craft Chart Users. When Coast Survey first began providing information about boating facilities, decades ago, boaters traveling long distances had few sources of information about the public services offered by marine facilities. Today, facility/marina information is readily available via electronic means, such as iPads and chartplotters. There are five small craft charts in the District 5 area. In keeping with the times and the speed in disseminating the latest nautical chart information NOAA's Coast Survey will soon begin reformatting small-craft charts over a period of years. Gone will be the facility charts listing the various services at the charted marinas. Small-craft charts will designate sewage pump-out facilities with a magenta "P" symbol.



Chart Inspection Reports. Chart Inspection Reports are used when you conduct a nautical chart survey and find nothing to report or no discrepancies. They are the least technical of all the Cooperative Charting programs. Be sure to use the latest chart so that the most recent changes are charted or removed from the chart. Use the Chart Inspection Report to enter the time expended in your cooperative charting effort. The most current nautical charts can be downloaded and printed at home in a size easiest to use on your boat. The full-size NOAA chart may be requested to be printed on demand. A list of Certified Agents to print NOAA charts can be found on the internet using http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/print_agents.html. An interactive world map will lead you to the chart and number covering your area of interest. CCWeb is the web-based program used to report your findings using the Nautical Chart Report and/or Chart Inspection reports. The use of the CCWeb programs is described in [The Cooperative Charting Manual, 2013, Chapter 4, CCWeb Guide](#). This chapter can be found on the internet at <http://www.usps.org/national/coch/CoCh%20Manual/Chapter%204.pdf>.

Happy and safe boating to all this summer.

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



REGISTRATION FORM SOUTH BOUND CRUISE 2015, FUZZY'S FANTASEAS

RANK _____ NAME _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS: STREET _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ SQUADRON _____

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ CELL _____

EMAIL _____ SPOUSE NAME _____

GUESTS NAME(S) _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

BOAT NAME _____ MANUFACTURER _____ TYPE ___ S-- ___ P_

LOA _____ BEAM _____ DRAFT _____ GAS _____ DIESEL _____

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS _____

DATE AND LOCATION I PLAN TO JOIN THE CRUISE _____

SEND A PHOTO OF YOUR BOAT. THIS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CRUISE GUIDE.

CRUISE PENNANT WILL BE OFFICIAL USPS CRUISE PENNANT. AVAILABLE AT HQ

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AT THE FOLLOWING MARINAS

CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY: CRUISE WILL NOT MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR YOU.

SAILING EMPORIUM ROCK HALL 17 AND 18 JULY (410) 778 1342

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Registration – Non- cruising WSPS members will be receive invitations to any and all shore side activities by E-Mail (Punchbowl) within the next several weeks. Boat registration forms (Captains only) have been sent and the response as of this writing is good. Deadline for boat registrations (\$40 fee due) was 15 April 2015. Settlement for balance of all cruise related fees due is 30 April 2015.

Not registered but interested in doing the cruise? It is late, but not too late; contact either of the undersigned for registration assistance. We, as usual, are flexible and ready to assist in any way we can.

P/C Donald R. Engler, AP
P/C C. David Sharpless, AP
 2015 Cruise Co-Chairs

D/5 Summer Council & Rendezvous

Is it 26 July yet? Mark your calendar for the 2015 Summer Council & Rendezvous. Do you want to enjoy your boat at this great D5 event, but do not have the time to do the cruise? If your boat is trailerable, hitch it up and bring it to Solomons Island. We have made arrangements for parking for your vehicle and trailer and there is a public boat ramp close by. Also there are boat slips available. There may be a variation for our casual evening, which is in the works with the Holiday Inn. More to follow. Remember 26 July, Summer Council/Rendezvous, the more the merrier.

18TH BOARMAN NATIONAL USPS YOUTH POSTER CONTEST

“When you boat be ready to float.....Wear It!”

OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGES 6-14
 AWARDS GIVEN IN THREE AGE GROUPS
 6 to 8 Years--9 to 11 Years--12 to 14 Years

Entry Rules

- 1) May be vertical or horizontal
- 2) Must be on 15 x 20 or 14 x 22 inch poster paper
- 3) Professional illustrations, photos, copyrighted material or computer generated art may NOT be used
- 4) Poster must not be folded
- 5) Posters will be judged for the idea presented more than artistic ability
- 6) One entry per person
- 7) All entries become property of USPS©
- 8) The contest entry form must be completed in full, legibly printed and adhered to the back of the poster.



FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.USPS.ORG/NATIONAL/MEMBERSHIP/YOUTH/POSTER.HTM](http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/poster.htm)



WSPS Birthdays/May-June-July

Carol Hanson	May 03	Maurice A LaPlace	Jun 15
Lynn A. Mahaffy	May 07	J. Mark Walters	Jun 16
Paul W. Esterle	May 08	Michael A. Royal	Jun 17
Thomas A. Minshall	May 12	Jane E. Drummond	Jun 21
Richard Alan Butler	May 14	William Orris	Jun 22
Bruce A. Wyngaard	May 16	Lyn F. Anderson	Jun 26
Paul Bosco	May 18	C. Forrest Collier	Jun 28
Reade Y. Tompson	May 18	Robert B. Hall	Jun 30
Susan L. Clark	May 20	Allene Hopman	Jul 05
Leslie A. Brower	May 22	Jay R. Minshall	Jul 05
Janet C. Kalb	May 22	James F. D'Wolf	Jul 07
Kirk L. Bailey	May 25	Lynda L. Hastings	Jul 07
Hugh M. Mahaffy	May 28	Wendy Shipman	Jul 07
Stephen A. Leishman	Jun 03	Kathleen H. Leef	Jul 19
Harold C. Marden, Jr.	Jun 06	John G. Ingram	Jul 24
Bart Wilson	Jun 07	Robert F. Mahaney	Jul 31
Bill Moody	Jun 09	Eileen Malin	Jul 31
Donna Zimmerman	Jun 12		

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Welcome aboard to our newest member, **Joe Zammit**. Joe and his wife Janet live in the Elkton, MD area and are looking forward to becoming actively involved. Per Joe, having survived two life threatening events when he worked in Manhattan, one being the World Trade Center on 9/11 and the other the Long Island RR massacre in '91, led him to name his 25' powerboat *Mr. Lucky*. He retired from Information Technology two years ago and keeps busy with the Knights of Columbus in addition to various woodworking projects. Joe was recommended for membership by Lt/C John Koval, P, and introduced to the membership at the Founders' Day Social in February.

Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P
Secretary



Calendar of Events

www.wspsoaters.com

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



1-2 May		D/5 Cooperative Charting Training NOAA Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk
16 May	1200	Rock Hall Clean-up on Rt #20
	1400	WSPS Spring Picnic, Rock Hall Civic Center
16-22 May		National Safe Boating Week
20 May	1800	Delaware River Educational Dinner Cruise Ben Franklin Yacht, 401 N. Columbus Blvd., Pier 24, Phila., PA 19123 Boarding starts at 1730
20 May	1930	WSPS Exec. Committee Meeting, Connective Energy & Technology Center < Newark DE
30 May		WSPS Event - "A Day Afloat", Specifics to be announce
06 June		Trailer Boating Day on Upper Bay, Specifics to be announced
10 June	1800	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting, Brandywine Hundred Library
10 June	1830	WSPS Skippers' Meeting, Brandywine Hundred Library
19-21 June		D/5 Practice Navigation Contest, Rock Hall, MD
20 June	1700	Commander's Kickoff & Spring Picnic, Sailing Emporium
21-26 June		WSPS Annual Cruise, including Sail Races
01 July		Deadline for August/September Lubber's Line Material
17-23 July		D/5 South Bound Cruise, Various points on the Chesapeake Bay
24-26 July		D/5 Summer Council and Rendezvous Holiday Inn and Marina, Solomons Island
01 Aug.	1200	Rock Hall Clean-up on Rt #20
	1600	WSPS Picnic & Crab Feast Rock Hall Civic Center

