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Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron



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September Raft-up at the Heptings



Our September Raft-Up/Gathering was held at an incredibly special location. The Shore House is seven acres of private waterfront property located on Black Hole Creek, off the Magothy River. Seventeen members of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron arrived by boat and car for fresh air, sunshine, and socializing!! The Shore House, complete with five outdoor picnic tables, a fire pit, grills, and games including Corn Hole and horseshoes, provided plenty of space for social distancing and fun times! Additionally, a long deep-water dock was ample room for four boats to tie up and raft. Though Social Distancing guidelines were still in place, and dinner there was on your own, it was a welcome relief to catch up with like-minded boaters and landlubbers of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron. Raft-ups are held monthly during the summer. Currently held on Zoom, socials with topical speakers are held most months during the winter.

Cdr Carol Hanson, P



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2020 - 2021**



**Our
Commander's
Message**



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Hello WSPS Friends.

The colder weather has arrived. Many sailors have their sails off, and most boaters have begun the winterizing process. Some intrepid members are heading south for the winter!

Most Important: The WSPS November 6th Social will be held on Zoom at 6:30 p.m.!

Charting on Ontario's Rideau Canal by Boat US magazine editor Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore. Find out why this is a UNESCO World Heritage Site! These days, it is so challenging to have gatherings, but so good to see each other and catch up!

When starting the meeting, we will briefly share some rules about Zoom. We will then say the USPS pledge found on the inside cover of our WSPS Yearbook. Please join in. The membership will have 15 to 20 minutes for socializing and catching up. Members will be asked to raise your hand when you wish to speak so everyone is not talking at once! Our Speaker will be introduced by Betty Ingram at 7:00 p.m. At 7:45 p.m. we plan for a brief Business meeting. Please join us!

Four members of WSPS are completing a challenging **Advanced Celestial Navigation** course complete with mandatory sextant sightings/recordings. Read about a participant's experience on page 7 in this Lubber's Line.

Articles in Spin Sheet: WSPS continues to post monthly articles and pictures about our squadron activities in Spin Sheet. Both the August and September raft-ups were featured! Pictures are being added to our Web Site and Facebook, as well as the Lubber's Line. Check them out!

Your dedicated **Executive Committee continues to meet** monthly via Zoom. In October, we welcomed Bill Barber to the Committee! Bill has been boating for over 50 years and was past Commodore of the New Castle Sailing Club. He describes himself as a recovering racer! John Ingram reported that the Seaman's Center is encouraging donations of the Holiday Ditty Boxes. Members will be volunteering for your Ditty Box drop off locations. Stay tuned for more info. Chris Atkinson, Merit Mark Coordinator, sent in recommended Merit Marks for deserving members for 2020. A Merit Mark recognizes a member's substantial personal effort to support WSPS programs. Due to the cancelation of many events and education courses, fewer members were eligible for Merit Marks this year, however, 18 members were recommended. We sincerely appreciate your commitment to our Squadron!

Though our world is somewhat transformed, and the Executive Committee is enjoying the benefits of Zoom, we are proving that there is life, activities, connectivity, and fun during a pandemic.

WSPS is a group of like-minded individuals who care about each other! As our United States Power Squadron Commander stated, "keep up the good work, your sense of humor, and compassion for others, as we continue through this uncharted journey!"

Cdr Carol Hanson, P



November 6th Social via Zoom

Chartering on Ontario's Rideau Canal

BoatU.S. Magazine's managing editor Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore takes you on a journey through some of the historic locks and charming towns that make up this spectacular UNESCO World Heritage Site that's also part of the famed Great Loop.

You'll hear stories and see photos from her Le Boat charter trip with three strangers, and she'll introduce you to some of the interesting people and places she encountered in route from Seeley's Bay to Smiths Falls and beyond.

The Zoom connection that we will be using to view this wonderful experience is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86582533745?pwd=TIAWdTRMdnI1bkZ6VjJsT042YmI4Zz09>



*Lt Betty Ingram, P
Assemblies Chairperson*



Gypsy 11

D05 Fall Meeting



America's Boating Club® Mid-Atlantic THE VIRTUAL D5 FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Save the date: **November 4-7, 2020**



Conference Agenda

Time	Seminar	Link to FCCall Session
Friday October 30, 2020		
1600 -	FreeConferenceCall Practice Session	D5FEC
Wednesday Nov 4, 2020		
0900 - 0950	Virtual Meetings & Video Production Workshop	D5OddHr
1330 - 1420	DB2000 & WEB Officer Tools - How to find Information	D5OddHr
1430 - 1520	HQ-800 Training – Focus on recent enhancements	D5EvenHr
1630 – 1720	Squadron Educational Officer Meeting	D5EvenHr
Thursday Nov 5, 2020		
0900 - 0950	America's Boating Channel Update	D5OddHr
1000 - 1050	CPR Update	D5EvenHr
1100 – 1150	Executive Officer's Meeting	D5OddHr
1330 – 1420	New USPS Merit Mark System	D5OddHr
1430 – 1520	Becoming a US Coast Guard Captain	D5EvenHr
1530 – 1620	Marketing America's Boating Club®	D5OddHr
1630 – 1720	Newsletter Editor Meeting	D5EvenHr
Friday Nov 6, 2020		
0900 – 0950	Teaching Piloting On-line	D5OddHr
1000 - 1050	Meeting & Rendezvous Committee Meeting	D5EvenHr
1000 - 1200	Instructor Recertification	
1100 – 1150	AIS Mini-seminar	D5OddHr
1330 - 1530	National Weather Service SKYWARN® Program	Register
1530 - 1620	The New Virtual Classroom – A blended approach	D5OddHr
Saturday Nov 7, 2020		
0900 - 0950	ABC On-the-water programs	D5OddHr
1000 - 1050	Educational Dept. Programs – General Update	D5EvenHr
1100 – 1150	Administrative Officers Meeting	D5OddHr
1330 - 1420	Town Hall	D5OddHr
1430 - 1630	Conference Presentations & Awards	D5EvenHr

New Member Expose' #1

Introducing John and Colleen Schleicher to the Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron

Our daughter's in-laws, John and Colleen Schleicher, who we fondly refer to as our "out-laws" (easier said than "in-laws once removed"), started sailing once or twice a year with us shortly after our daughter Katie and their son John were married in 2013. These were typically short trips over a long weekend. However, in 2018 we invited them to join us for our first summer cruise on *Skylark* with the WSPS and they loved the longer trip, raft-ups, on-shore social events and rallies!

In 2019, they were with us again for the summer cruise and a week later they also joined us for a cruise around the Del-

MarVa peninsula (with our buddy-boat *Brio*), which was their first taste of off-shore sailing.

John and Colleen have both taken various ASA (American Sailing Association) courses and chartered a couple of times. Since their interest in sailing kept growing, I suggested they consider joining WSPS, even though

they live in, Allentown, PA, which is about as far (distance-wise) as some other WSPS members who are active in the squadron. In addition, I could tell John was itching to skipper his own boat in one of our summer cruises and to do that, he needed to be a member! John and Colleen joined the WSPS last fall and made plans to charter a boat out of Haven Harbor for the 2020 summer cruise. However, COVID-19 fouled those plans.

Hopefully, we will all be together again for the WSPS 2021 summer cruise!



Bill Barber



Skylark

New Member Expose' #2

I studied Physics at Silesian University and started sailing on Mazuria Lakes while in college, in Poland. I met Lech Papiez, a fellow theoretical physicist while in college and we married and had our daughter Maja shortly after we finished college.

In 1981 we moved to Ireland since my husband received a full scholarship at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Dublin. After martial law was imposed in Poland we decided to emigrate to Canada. While living in Winnipeg, Manitoba I gave birth to our son Adam and Lech earned his Master's Degree in Medical Physics. As he was attending his master's program, I was working as a Radiation Physicist in many cancer centers both in Canada and the USA.

We moved to Indianapolis in 1992, where Lech devoted his life to cancer research at the Indiana University Radiation Therapy Department. I was so lucky that one of the radiation oncologist that I knew gave me his Flying Dutchman sailboat so we could enjoy sailing again. One time I took it to Canada myself and sailed on Lake Ontario.

We moved to Dallas in 2006 where I passed the American Sailing Association 101 and 103 sailing course on Lake Hubbard Reservoir. It was there that we bought and sailed our Catalina 25' tall rig. We named it - "Luck of the Irish".

I still own this sailboat and keep it at Great Oak Landing Marina. Sadly, in 2016 my husband passed away. I retired in 2018 and moved to Delaware to be close to Maja. Once in Delaware, I joined the Wilmington Ski Club and New Castle Sailing Club.

My interests are: sailing, skiing, traveling, snorkeling, classical music, ballroom dancing, theater, movies (no science fiction or zombies). I finally became interested in history, which I disliked in my youth.

I think that this is more than enough, and this is the short version.



*Ewa Papiez
New Member*



Luck of the Irish



Advanced Celestial Navigation

What do Dave Benfer, Kathy Leef, Randy Williamson, Bruce Wyngaard and Bill Zimmerman have in common? Clue: It has something to do with the universe and taking measurements using objects that are light years away.

Five members of the Squadron are taking an online celestial navigation class that is the second of two navigation classes sponsored by the USPS. Using a sextant, students are taking sights of the Sun, Moon, planets and stars to determine our location on earth. The course also covers emergency navigation, electronic and offshore software and charting for offshore voyages.



These days we have become accustomed to the convenience and accuracy of GPS which we often take for granted. But electronic breakdowns - electrical malfunctions - can radically change an off shore voyage. In fact, the Annapolis Naval Academy had stopped teaching celestial navigation but now requires it to have a fall back in case bad actors might interfere with GPS.

So we are learning the same principles mariners have used for hundreds of years. We look at the same celestial bodies that appear in the sky. With a sextant we measure the height from the horizon of celestial bodies and make calculations to determine where we are located on earth.

Several of us have practiced using our sextants at North Point Marina, in Rock Hall MD, which has good southern and western natural horizons over the water. Kathy Leef has taken sights on the Delaware River at New Castle. This is new endeavor for me. I am using a loaned sextant given to the Squadron by past commander Reade Thompson. Randy Williamson has been using his sextant for over 20 years and hopes to take other advanced navigation classes offered by the Squadron.

Our instructor shared a story of a seasoned naval captain who said it takes about 15,000 sextant sights to become very proficient. Fortunately far fewer are needed to become good. A few squadron members will be sailing with Scott Mayhue to Florida. He will be bring his sextant. I look forward to practicing on the trip.



So my boyhood mystery of what those mariners are doing looking at the sky has been demystified. Now a new journey has begun exploring the sky.

*P/C Bruce Wyngaard, JN
Navigation Attendee*



Brio



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It was a beautiful September afternoon when Chief Inspector Lt John Bailey found his way to Jubilee on Pier 5 at the Wharf at Handy's Point. Actually John arrived before the Englers and did some preliminary sleuthing on this warm sultry day. We knew flares were Ok since Sue bought new ones the day before, but you can never be sure when you look into the eyes of the ever-so investigative Chief of Operations at WSPS. We started with the ice-breaker talk, but we knew where this was leading...to the cabin area and to the Olin Case where the flares were about to be discovered. Our detective was quick in filling the proper forms and did a commanding dosey-doe on the finger pier to let us know he had our best interest at heart... John wanted us to be 'safe on-the-water' and aimed to prove it. With a nod of his head and a smile on his face, Chief Bailey produced the much sought after 2020 VSC Decal to be affixed to the port side of the mast. And so, without a moment to waste, he jumped out of the cockpit and was motoring on-his-way to the next boat inspection. - What a fun guy John is and an enjoyable inspection that he performs!



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

Lt John Bailey, AP
Vessel Safety Check Examiner



Novus



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Power of One

Once again, the calendar tells us that the time for winter prepping is here. Plans for the boat storage are coming to fruition, home yard work is in the final stages, house heaters have had seasonal maintenance, and plans for winter trips are being finalized. Now to the not so easy! The Covid-19 Virus has and continues to take a toll on our personal lives. WSPS has not been spared. Many of our activities have been necessarily cancelled. Some events have been scaled back with social distancing employed as a mandatory consideration.



This is also the time of year the Executive Committee exercises its primary role which is to ensure, as best it can, the path forward for WSPS. We fortunately, albeit out of necessity, continue, at least in the short-term, to “re-cycle” many of the same members in and out of operating responsibilities year after year. Most of our remaining active members have contributed varying amounts of time and expertise over the years. We have been organizationally successful thanks to the collective energies of our membership. However, our enrollment numbers locally and nationally are in decline - we are aging!

The point of all this is we can each have an effect on the long-term viability of WSPS. Fellow member Bill Barber wrote an interesting article on not only his squadron involvement, but the enticing of family member John Schleicher into the boating hobby as well as into an affiliation with WSPS. The process of getting like-minded people into the squadron has over the years been the most effective tool that USPS uses in the recruitment of members. The time-tested term applied to this form of activity - “**Power of One**”. Bill’s article, appearing in this issue of the Lubber’s Line, reflects just such an initiative on the personal level. The write-up is interesting, humorous, and hopefully motivating for each of us. On-site shoreside activities (continue to be structured to appeal to boater and non-boating members as well) will be resuming at some point. Our horizon for new member recruitment should not be limited to boaters, but expanded to include non-boating friends as well.

It’s your squadron! Please give the above some thought!

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



Knot Again



Boating Safety News

L-Band Threatens GPS

A coalition of groups whose users rely on the Global Positioning System (GPS) wants the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to change its mind about an [April 20 decision to permit Ligado Networks](#) to begin construction of a land-based industrial 5G (fifth generation) "L-Band" wireless network. The group is concerned that once operable, the network will negatively impact the reliability of the nation's Global Positioning System (GPS).



In a letter sent yesterday signed by 78 GPS stakeholder groups including the [Keep GPS Working Coalition](#) and Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](#)) to US Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee Chair Robert Wicker (R-MS) and Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (D-WA), legislators were urged to reverse the [Ligado Order](#). It requests the legislator's "direct involvement to protect the satellite communications and GPS services that we provide and are relied on by tens of millions of Americans every day." The Commerce Committee's extensive responsibilities include science, technology and communications policy.

Ligado's slice of licensed "L-Band" spectrum, designated for space-based navigation and communications, is located near lower frequency bands used by hundreds of millions of GPS units in public safety, health, government, transportation, military, commerce, agriculture and more. BoatUS and other coalition members believe that, as the Ligado network is rolled out, instances of signal interference will increase.

"This is about boaters – and many others' – continued ability to safely navigate and get reliable weather forecasts so we know when to go out or head home, and safety-of-life issues especially when on-the-water help is needed," said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs, David Kennedy. "The FCC's decision threatens GPS reliability for countless consumers, farmers, ranchers, pilots, boat owners, surveyors, construction companies and other private GPS users who will be forced to suffer the network's interference with their GPS devices or require them to pay to replace them."

The coalition believes that the [Ligado Order](#) disregarded mountains of evidence highlighting the interference issue, ignored established technical standards, relied only on limited studies with vague and impractical criteria to assess interference, and was made during the COVID-19 pandemic while stakeholders were dealing with the health crisis. They claim FCC also ignored serious concerns from the federal government as well as agencies including the departments of Defense, Transportation, Commerce, Interior, Justice and Homeland Security, in addition to NASA, the National Science Foundation, Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Coast Guard.

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Jubilee



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2020 WSPS Photo Contest



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

The categories will remain the same:

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

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

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

Because these files could be as large as 25 megabytes, please 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

WSPS Birthdays

November Birthdays

December Birthdays

Donald R. Engler Nov 22

Donald G. Gorman Dec 02

Michael W. King Nov 26

John Koval Dec 13

Katherine L. Minshall Dec 16

C. David Sharpless Dec 16

Chris A. Atkinson Dec 19

Betty K. Ingram Dec 19



Last year's winner in the People's Selection.

Sandy Netting



Schedule of Up-Coming Events

05-08 Nov.	D/5 Fall Education Conference	Via Virtual
06 Nov.	1830	WSPS Social Via Zoom
11 Nov.	1900	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Via Zoom
01 Dec.	<i>January/February Lubber's Line Material Due</i>	
06 Dec.	1500	WSPS Holiday Social Via Zoom



Last year's winner in the "Boats" selection

Kathy Leef



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