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THE LUBBER'S LINE

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The Sixth Annual Oyster Dinner will be held again at the Wellwood Restaurant in Charlestown, MD on Sunday, 21 October. We expect this annual event to again reach expansion stages, therefore before we can open the registration to non-members we must give our membership time to decide if they want to attend. Of course the food is delicious, the service delightful, and the fried oysters plentiful.

Members: \$30 - Guests: \$40

Member sign-ups begins on 1 October and member cutoff is 15 October. Any member may sign up a guest after 15 October. Members are asked to reserve your seats by sending your checks to:

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*OUR
COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE*



If there is one thing that I have found in our daily lives to be consistent, it is time itself. Never does it increase or decrease, even though we sometimes say "time flies". It seems like only yesterday that we were planning the annual summer cruise and the WSPS summer festivities. All too soon for some, the time for winterization is suddenly at hand, the planning, the arrangements, the actual movement of our crafts to our land storage area of choice, and last, but not least, the final emotion retching deed-*winterizing*.

It has been my experience over time that preparing one's boat for the winter must be done with great deliberation and care. A small mistake in planning or execution can create a great deal of future work and expense at spring commissioning. If there is a something to fix, to repair, or a "re-do", whatever, and the way forward could use some clarification, please consider some helpful inputs from a knowledgeable fellow WSPS member, possibly someone in our Engine Maintenance group or some directional guidance from a member (s) from our Education Committee. Assistance may be closer than you think.

This edition of the Lubber's Line, calendar advancing, leads us forward to our Oyster, Ham and Chicken Dinner at the Wellwood Restaurant on 21 October (additional specifics included in this Lubber's Line issue). Hopefully you can join your fellow members and partake of the fine fare at this festive event. Thanks to P/C C. David Sharpless and all who helped arrange this dinner. Please mark your calendar and check your e-mails for info regarding socials planned for the upcoming winter months.

On deck, next up after the "Wellwood" is the Christmas party. No members have volunteered their homes this year so we are tentatively scheduled for the get-together to be held at the Brandywine Community Center off Naamans Road (subject to change). Any interest in volunteering your home for this event?

Time, time, time has claimed some of our most dedicated WSPS members over the past few years. I hope that you will keep in touch with their loved ones and let them know that we care. See pages 16-19 to see how much we care.

The Holiday season is approaching. I would ask that each of you take something from your bucket list, a trip, buy something, recruit a new member, or just reward yourself with a long overdue compensating gift. Don't wait, we only have today, tomorrow is not guaranteed. Spend some quality time with your spouse, kids and grandchildren. Let them know how important they are to you. When you see a member of our military or law enforcement, give them that special thank you for doing what they do. When you see a special needs person, give them a high five. You will always be rewarded with a smile.

In closing, may God Bless you all this Holiday season, you are very special to our membership.

Cdr. John Koval, P



Assemblies Committee

Mark your calendars!



The Assemblies committee has scheduled the following dates for this fall and winter. Please come, join us at these upcoming events. Events start at 1830 (6:30 pm) at the Brandywine Town Center.

Friday, November 9, 2018 - Captain Scott Wells is a member of the Chesapeake Area Professional Captains Association. He will share the history of the C&D Canal. He also works on the canal most of the summer and knows it well from a mariner's viewpoint.



At the November social we will distribute ditty boxes to be filled with goodies for the Wilmington Seamen Center. These boxes will be collected at the December social.

Christmas Social

Sunday, December 9, 2018 1400-1700

Location: As of the writing of this October, November, December Lubber's Line the meeting location has not yet been determined nor confirmed.

However all attending are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

*Lt Betty Ingram, P
Assemblies Chairperson*



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Assemblies Committee

January Social

Friday, January 11, 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: Photobombing 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*.

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Founder's Day

Friday, February 15, 2019 –1830

Scott & Kathy Mayhue will share some highlights from their 2017-2018 trip to the Bahamas aboard S/V Star Reacher.

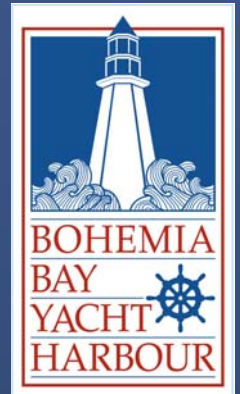


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Educational Department

Getting Our Name Out at Bohemia Bay Yacht Harbour

During the early spring this year, we developed a project to promote our name and reputation for smart boating at the Bohemia Bay Yacht Harbour. Lt. Dave Benfer, JN had his boat in winter storage there, and learned that their manager likes to offer speakers and breakfast for their slip-holders Sunday mornings, but had trouble finding presenters. He called P/C Dave Sharpless, AP and me, and we said it was an interesting opportunity to promote the squadron and make contacts. We offered seminars and my presentation on the NYS Canal System.



Our commitment was to attend the marina's Opening Day party and to offer casual seminars on "What to Do if the Captain is Disabled," "Anchoring" and the photo presentation about the New York State Canal System. Regrettably, the project generated minimal interest for the topics offered and no interest in our squadron except for one couple who are long time members of the Main Line Squadron of Pennsylvania. It was a serious disappointment for the time invested in planning and presenting each session.

A committee of P/C Sharpless, Cdr. John Koval, P, P/C Mike King, AP and Lt Dave Benfer and I met on a Saturday to identify the challenges and action for an untrained crew when the captain is suddenly disabled for a new presentation.



We also went to the marina on Saturday, 2 June for the Opening Day festivities only to discover the event was not an afternoon meet and greet but a sit down dinner party for three hundred guests. Fortunately, Cdr. Koval and his wife Maggie were able to return in the evening to enjoy the party and meet the guests and talk about our upcoming programs.

The Sunday morning programs were not well attended, though quite a few slip-holders passed through the room to pick up coffee, juice and pastries to go. The first date was 8 July, a beautiful day at the end of the mostly rainy 4th of July holiday weekend. Clearly the slip holders had better things to do. The other two dates were more fa-

avorable circumstances, but still attracted only a few people.

We continue to struggle with the problem of how to generate interest in our organization and the quality of education we can provide, as well as the extensive experience our members are ready to share for better boating.

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



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Educational Department

News From National--Seamanship Course to be Replaced

The Advanced Grade course, Seamanship, typically the first course a new member would take is to be replaced by six two-hour seminars. The Education Department of the United States Power Squadrons announced in August that the new course will be available as a pilot offering for squadron use after September first. They intend for the new format to be in place for all squadrons in the first quarter of 2019.

The seminar series is to be available in e-book format only and instructor materials will be available on-line with instructor kits available free for each ten students registered.

During the pilot program, the 2016 edition of the Seamanship course will be also be available in e-book format and in print for as long as the current supply lasts. The Seamanship exam will be valid for two more years.

The course will be known as "Boat Handling," and passage of the exam covering the six seminars will earn the student the Seaman grade. The six new seminars comprising the Boat Handling course are:

1. Rules of the Road – A Practical Approach
2. Confidence in Docking and Undocking – Slow-Speed Maneuvering
3. Boating with Confidence – Handling Your Boat Underway
4. Anchoring with Assurance – Don't Get Carried Away
5. Emergencies on Board – Preparation for Handling Common Problems
6. Knots and Line Handling – The Knots You Need to Know

Students will also download the free US Coast Guard Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook. The \$48 catalog price for the seminar kit will be the same as Seamanship 2016. The \$4 order fee will be waived, and there will be no shipping & handling fee.

Feedback from squadrons that use the new curriculum will be considered for the final version of "Boat Handling" to be released for general use in the first quarter of 2019. At that time, "Boat Handling" will be released as a six-part course, and each unit will be available as a stand-alone seminar. When the "Boat Handling" seminar series is released, these legacy seminars will be replaced:

- ◆ Mastering the Rules of the Road (2009)
- ◆ Boat Handling under Power (2013)
- ◆ Advanced Powerboat Handling (2008)
- ◆ Anchoring (2012)
- ◆ Emergencies on Board (2011)
- ◆ Knots, Bends, and Hitches (2015)
- ◆ Once inventory of printed student material for legacy seminars has been depleted, only the "Boat Handling" equivalent seminar will be authorized for use.

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



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Boating Safety News

	VESSELS	INJURIES	DEATHS
INFORMAL	2	2	1
INTERNET	43	40	3
INTERNET COURSE	6	8	0
NO EDUCATION	838	629	56
NO OPERATOR	191	22	2
OTHER	186	105	11
STATE	525	374	16
UNKNOWN	480	216	69
US POWER SQUAD.	68	33	2
USCG AUXILIARY	223	141	7

Notes:

From 2009 forward, the Coast Guard started to code two fields: No Operator and Internet Education.

All years prior will not have these categories.

THIS DATA FROM THE U.S. COAST GUARD'S BOATING SAFETY DIVISION

This year 14 people have died in boating accidents in Maryland - 5 more than last year. Thirteen of those who drowned were not wearing a life jacket; one individual's jacket did not inflate. In that case the "dissolving" disk intended to activate the CO2 cylinder inflating the vest may have been defective or the cylinder was empty.

In 2017 all 9 victims were without a life jacket.

In 2016 14 of the 17 victims were without a life jacket.

In 2015 19 of the 21 victims were without a life jacket.

Take a few minutes to check any inflatable life jackets aboard your boat making certain the disk (s) and CO2 cylinder (s) are in good condition and attach a whistle in the process.

Lt David Benfer, JN
Safety Officer



Journey



Administrative Department

22-23 September Raft-up



Eight sailboats rafted up in Eagle's Cove. We were thrilled to have Jay and Wende Greene aboard *Our Joy* join us for a couple hours on Saturday to represent the power boats! Though cloudy and cool, the weather held as boaters were transported by dingy to the host boat, *Skylark* for Happy Hour. All appreciated the generosity of Joan and Bill Barber, who managed to accommodate most of the crowd on aboard *Skylark*, and Betty and John Ingram next door aboard *Gypsy II* who welcomed the overflow. The hors d'oeuvres were delicious and bountiful, so no dinner was required! As the last raft-up for the season, good humor and laughter flowed! Conversations centered on some who are heading south to Florida or the Bahamas for the winter season, updates on boat maintenance/winter storage and technology, WSPS Assembly Programs, and fall/winter plans. Others who attended included Bruce Wyngaard and Leslie Brower aboard *Brio*, Richard and Terry Butler aboard *Eau de Vie*, Bill and Donna Zimmerman aboard *Mystic Star*, Bart and Bev Wilson aboard *Pleasure's Mine*, Scott and Kathy aboard *Star Reacher*, and Carol Hanson, Randy Williamson, and Dennis Wallace aboard *Windward Passage*. We all look forward to similar raft-up events in the 2019 WSPS on water boating season!!

Images captured by Carol Hanson, Dennis Wallace and Leslie Brower.





Administrative Department

2018 WSPS Photo Contest



Thank you for entering your favorite images for this 2017-2018 WSPS Photo Contest!

Since we have four categories, the following pages will show all of the winning entries. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to our judges.

Committee Chairperson: Lt/C Carol Hanson, P

Committee Member: Lt Susan Engler, P

Committee Member: Kathleen Leef, AP





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The categories are: People - Boats - Scenic/Wildlife - and Sunrise/Sunsets

People



Terry Butler



Terry Butler



Beverly Wilson

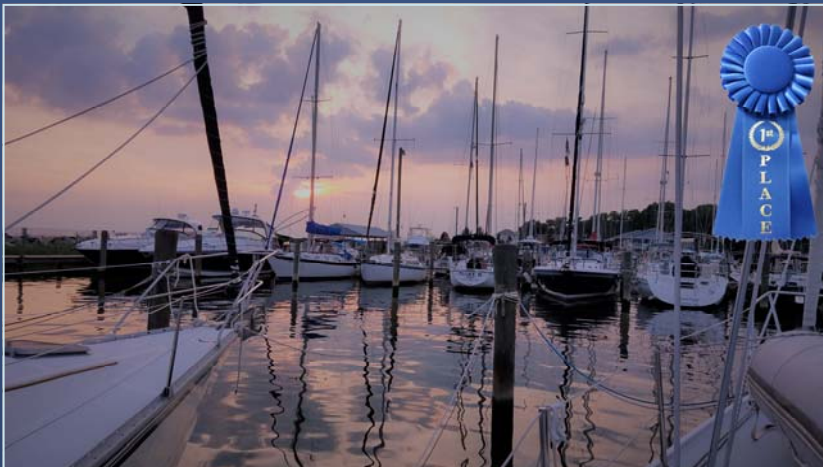


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Boats – Sail or Power



Beverly Wilson

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Scenic and Wildlife



Sandy Netting



Sandy Netting



Terry Butler



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2018 WSPS Photo Contest



Sunrise & Sunsets



Bev Wilson



Terry Butler



Terry Butler

Editorial Department

2018 WSPS Photo Contest

Yes, I get a chance to express myself too! Did you notice only (3) persons entered images this year. Does this upset anyone that they did not enter? You could have been a winner!

Since I help write and produce this newsletter five times a year, I feel it's time to speak up for the lack of interest in our super well managed WSPS Photo Contest. The coordinator spends her time organizing and categorizing each image; she places a one page ad in this newsletter for each edition; she talks to everyone at North Point about sending their images all the time; and there is a fair, equitable judging that takes place each year.

So why don't you try to win next year?

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:

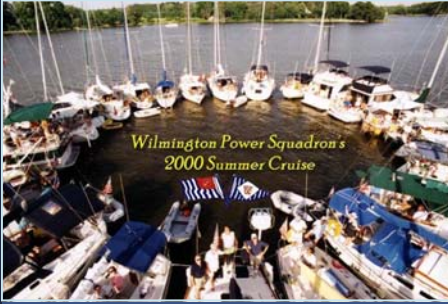
People - Boats - Scenic/Wildlife - and Sunrise/Sunsets.

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 **October 1, 2018 and September 17, 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 at: 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.

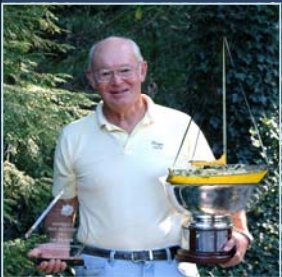
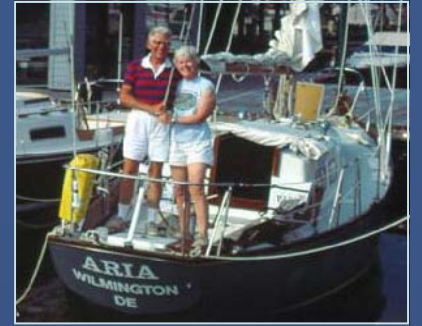
So, show off your photographic skills and impress your fellow WSPS members!



Editor's Column

WPS Revisited

Images From Twenty Years of WPS Cruises



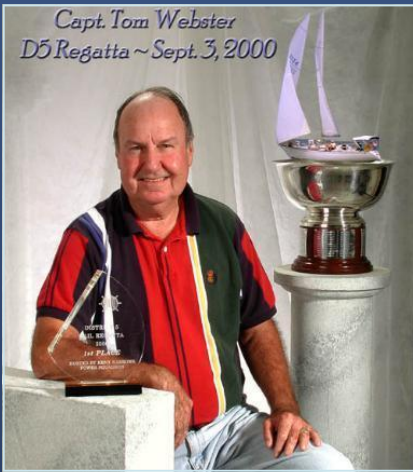
We miss so many of these folks who have cruised with us, and it was WPS then.



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Schedule of Up-Coming Events

4-8 Oct.		Annapolis Sailboat Show
11-14 Oct.		Annapolis Powerboat Show
17 O	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy Center, Newark, DE
21 Oct.	1500	6th Annual Oyster, Ham & Chicken Dinner Wellwood Restaurant, Charlestown, MD
26-28 Oct.		D/5 Fall Education Conference Doubletree Hotel, Annapolis, MD
9 Nov.	1830	WSPS Social Brandywine Community Center
14 Nov.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy Center, Newark, DE
01 Dec.		Deadline for January/February Lubber's Line Material
9 Dec.	1600	WSPS Holiday Social - Location to be announced
11 Jan	1830	WSPS Social at Brandywine Community Center

Season's Pizza



WSPS Birthdays

Marguerite R. Travis	Oct 08	Donald R. Engler	Nov 22
Margaret B. Hall	Oct 10	W. Michael King	Nov 26
Pamela M. Orris	Oct 10	Anne M. Minard	Dec 03
Dennis M. Wallace	Oct 11	Robert J. Melcher	Dec 09
Herman Hopman	Oct 17	John E. Koval	Dec 13
John J. Mc Evoy	Oct 24	Katherine L. Minshall	Dec 16
Walter R. Williamson	Oct 28	C. David Sharpless	Dec 16
James A. Malin	Oct 30	Chris A. Atkinson	Dec 19
Edward H. Kris	Nov 16	Betty K. Ingram	Dec 19



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