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WSPS December Holiday Social

Sunday, 4 December 2016

Home of P/C Michael King and Wendy Shipman

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



P/C Michael King and Wendy Shipman have again graciously offered to host the WSPS Holiday Social from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please contact Mike and Wendy at 302-636-0292, if you are planning to attend. **Please bring your favorite wine and an appetizer or other holiday goodie to share.** The assemblies committee will provide soft drinks and hot beverages. Also, don't forget those gift boxes for the Seaman's



Center!

Mike and Wendy's address is 601 Old Wilmington Road, but don't use your GPS to find their house or you'll be hopelessly lost! The driveway entrance to their home is off of Hobson Drive. There is plenty of parking in the mulch to the side of the drive.

Detailed Directions: From the Rt.141 North Exit off I-95 proceed five miles north along 141. At the Rt. 48 crossing (which has a traffic light) turn left. Proceed 3 miles. You will be near the crest of a large hill. After the crest turn right onto the first road, Old Wilmington Road. Follow the curve around and then turn right into West Riding. This is Hobson Drive. Turn onto the third driveway on the left. It's a long driveway with a turn in it, but just follow it on back. If you are unsure, call Mike or Wendy at **302-636-0292**.



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**OUR
COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE**



Where did the time go? It seems like we just splashed the boat last week and now we are making a list of winter projects for the boat. It has been HOT, HOT, HOT on the Bay this Summer. This was the year of the three months of August. We didn't get out on the water as often as we would have liked. A lot of time was spent in the slip with no wind and the air conditioner running.

In July, we enjoyed the Squadron Crab Feast at a new venue, the Rock Hall American Legion. Administrative Officer Bruce Wyngaard and his team did a great job of organizing the event and getting the crabs and corn. The best part of the new location was the air conditioning and a lack of the usual swarms of flies. In addition to the members with boats in the Rock Hall area, we had several non-boating members who drove down from Wilmington and northern PA. Jack and Janet Bryson came down with their motor home and hosted David and Sandy Netting, who drove up from North Carolina to attend. Kay Webster and daughter Ginny arrived late, but not too late to enjoy some of the crabs with us. The best surprise was the appearance of P/C Jim Robinson and Zelma. Jim has been missed this year due to an illness. It was good to see him up and about.

We welcomed new member Wayne Hepting and his wife Laura. They live and keep their boat on the Western Shore but visit with us regularly at North Point Marina in Rock Hall.

The Assemblies Committee has put together a great program for this winter season. We look forward to seeing our no-longer-boating friends at these gatherings. Please remember the Holiday Social will be hosted by P/C Mike King and Wendy again this December.

This organization is completing its 78th year. That is 78 years of "Fun, Friends and Better Boating". It has all been made possible by volunteers from our membership. When I was asked to serve on the Assemblies Committee and the Bridge several years ago, I did so because I felt I had gotten a lot from my membership in the form of education, fun, and friends. If you feel that you would like to serve, please let me know. I think we could find a spot for you.

See you on the water or at an assembly.

Cdr John G. Ingram, AP

Christmas at Sea

Once again this year, we will be supporting The Seamen's Center of Wilmington's Christmas at Sea" program.

The holiday season is a difficult time for the seafarers arriving in Delaware. They know that they will not see and most likely not even be able to talk with their families. They feel very isolated from their loved ones.

The "Christmas at Sea" program attempts to give a gift to every seafarer who arrives in Wilmington during the month of December. Last year over 1200 ditty boxes were distributed. The mariners appreciate that they have not been forgotten and that people they have never met would take the time to give them a gift. We will be distributing shoe boxes at our November Social on 11 November.

Bring your box filled with items from the shopping list and wrapped with holiday paper (no bows or ribbons) to the Holiday Social at the home of P/C Michael King and Wendy Shipman on 4 December.

You may include a card or note if you wish. Call Betty Ingram at 302-633-1733 with any questions, or if you are unable to attend either of these two functions but want to participate.

Thank you for your generosity.

The Assemblies Committee



DITTY BOX CONTENTS

Toothpaste
 Playing Cards
 Toothbrush
 Chap stick
 Comb
 Knitted Hat/Scarf
 Candy/Gum
 Hand Lotion
 Sewing Kit
 Shampoo
 Pens/Stationary
 Razors
 Soap
 Cough Drops
 Warm Gloves



The Assemblies Committee 2016-2017

Mark your calendars!

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



Friday, November 11, 2016

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



Sunday, December 4, 2016 – December Social

Host: P/C Mike King and Wendy Shipman
 Location: 601 Old Wilmington Road, Hockessin, DE
 Phone: 302-636-0292
 Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Join us at Mike & Wendy's home for our holiday social. Bring your own wine and appetizer or dessert to share.



Friday, January 13, 2017 – Presentation by Grant Walker from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis on the Rogers collection of ship models at their museum.



The 2016-2017 WSPS Assemblies Committee

Chairperson: Betty Ingram, P

Members: Leslie Brower, AP; Susan Engler, P; P/C Judith Stadler, AP; Geri Walker, AP; Bev & Bart Wilson; Kathleen Leef; Anne & Mike Minard; Bruce Wyngaard, AP; P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN; Cdr. John Ingram, AP.

Educational Department

Disappointing Days

The squadron's project to have two days of "Talkin' Boats," a staffed information table, at the Cabela's Store at Christiana Mall on July 23rd and August 6th did not seem to be an effective use of our time. Was it the wrong season, the wrong place, the wrong format? Who can say?

We were provided a table at a major intersection of the boating gear, fishing rods, marine electronics and the bargain cave. There was a lot of traffic at that intersection, but few people stopped to talk, or even look over the brochures we displayed. We found no one who was interested in the Paddle Smart seminar so we cancelled it.

We had a collection of good quality and informative brochures, equipment to demonstrate lines and knots, a chart book to locate and talk about regional features and flyers for the planned seminar on paddle boating and the Power Squadron Seminars options.

Chris Atkinson, AP and I attended the booth the first day. We noticed that quite a few people were shopping PFDs, and Chris tried to approach some of them with a very helpful brochure about PFD options and fitting. She said it was hard getting people to take the paper, and sometimes felt she was regarded as a stalker.

Based on the first day experience, I attended alone on the second day and had a similar result. As the Squadron Education Officer, and with the sense of the Executive Committee, we are very pleased with the interest and support of the Cabela's store and would like to try to build our relationship. In particular, Eric Williams, the marketing manager of the Cabela's store at Christiana Mall, has been interested in our ideas to provide boating education in their meeting room and on their sales floor. When we told him the first location he had chosen for us in the fishing department under an attractive timber frame did not generate traffic, he immediately moved our table to the prime location described earlier. He has since reiterated his support of our use of the classroom in the store and any other idea we might come up with.

Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome.

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Educational Department — continued

Fall State Certification Class Scheduled

On a positive note, a couple of people who did actually stop to talk asked about whether we would be offering a state boater certificate class anytime soon. We have their names and numbers and will call them when plans are set.

With the marketing basis of Cabela's for hunting gear we are thinking a course in time for the waterfowl seasons might create a higher level of interest. In our previous work with the store we have seen that their on-line calendar of events at the store does generate interest. So we are working to schedule the eight hour class over four evenings in October.

If you know anyone who wants to get a certificate, let them know to call me at (302) 368-7857 or e-mail me at matkinsonseo@gmail.com

P/C Mark Atkinson, AP
Squadron Education Officer



Raft-Up on the Corsica River

The August 20th Squadron raft up may have been lightly attended, but it was an experience. Chris and I were first to commit to the raft up and became the lead boat on our 42 foot lobster boat. We were joined by P/C Jay and Wende Greene on their resurrected Italian express cruiser "Our Joy" on their inaugural overnight trip. The setting was serene, the weather was glorious and we had a fine time visiting well into the evening and getting to know each other better.



The Greene's boat is a 1993 Italian built Euro-style performance cruiser. For those who missed Jay's excellent article in the January-February issue of The Lubber's Line this year, the boat sank in Kent Narrows in 2010. They bought the boat and have been restoring it for the past two years. The work goes on. They arrived late on Saturday afternoon having spent the better part of the day working on the genset exhaust system.

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Raft-Up on the Corsica River - continued

“Our Joy” was a sight to behold approaching our anchorage. Though it looked like a runabout from afar, it has a distinctive design that caught our eye. As it neared, the European styling and fine yacht features became more evident. As it drew up alongside to raft, its size was impressive. But still, she has a fine line.



We were offered the tour, from the aft cabin, which could be a crew's quarters, that has been restored beyond cleaning to the forward stateroom which is now as comfortable as any yacht we have been on. We were told of the projects including a customized LED interior lighting system, galley replacement, a fully digital helm control station, new generator and air conditioning and so much more. Given that the boat had been submerged, all surfaces had been coated in silt. Just the work to clean her up was staggering.



As boaters who have had our share of projects, it was a great experience to witness the fruits of so much more work than we could have imagined. And they're still smiling and talking with each other!

Two other boats had hoped to join us. But it seems their projects for the weekend were more than anticipated and that discretion forced the decision not to come out and play. Their presence was missed.

Showers were in the forecast late on Sunday.

Jay and Wendy got home and in their covered slip before any rain fell. That was a good thing because they are still waiting for a windshield to which roof canvas from the hard top can be attached and it would have been very wet. We, however, were slower to leave the anchorage and had heavy rain coming through Kent Narrows. But we were at our lower helm in our comfortable cabin. Fortunately the rain was brief and the sun returned for the rest of our trip home.

By P/C Mark Atkinson, AP

Administrative Department

The Fourth Annual WSPS Squadron Crab Feast

The Squadron's July Crab Feast was a big success. It was the first time we used the American Legion in Rock Hall. The Legion Hall was air conditioned and neat and it no doubt it helped attendance since members did not need to plan for hot weather or rain. The staff at the Legion were also very helpful.



We had 47 attendees and including new members Wayne



and Laura Hepting and several non members who accepted invitations from members. We had plenty of large crabs, hot dogs and corn. Some folks traveled long distances - it was fun to see Sandy and Dave Netting from North Carolina and two visitors from the Netherlands staying with the Brower-Wyngaardd tried crabs for the first time.

We held a nautical trivia contest - the questions and answers were generated by attendees. We had questions about



navigation, facts about the bay and past leadership of the Squadron. It was fun and based on feedback, it will be repeated next year. Since Carol Hanson seemed to know every answer even before the rest of us



could begin to think of the answer - we might have to consider a handicap for her next year. Dave Sharpless and Don Engler received their 25 merit certificates from Commander Ingram.

Thank you for everyone's help with preparations and clean up. We left the hall in better shape than the way we found it. Many helping hands made the event much easier to do. Thank everyone who provided trivia questions - they were interesting and fun. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.



Administrative Department



The Fourth Annual Oyster Dinner will be held again at the Wellwood Restaurant in Charlestown, MD. We expect this annual event to again reach expansion stages of 40+ folks. 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: \$28 - Guests: \$36

Sunday, 23 October 2016 4-7 PM

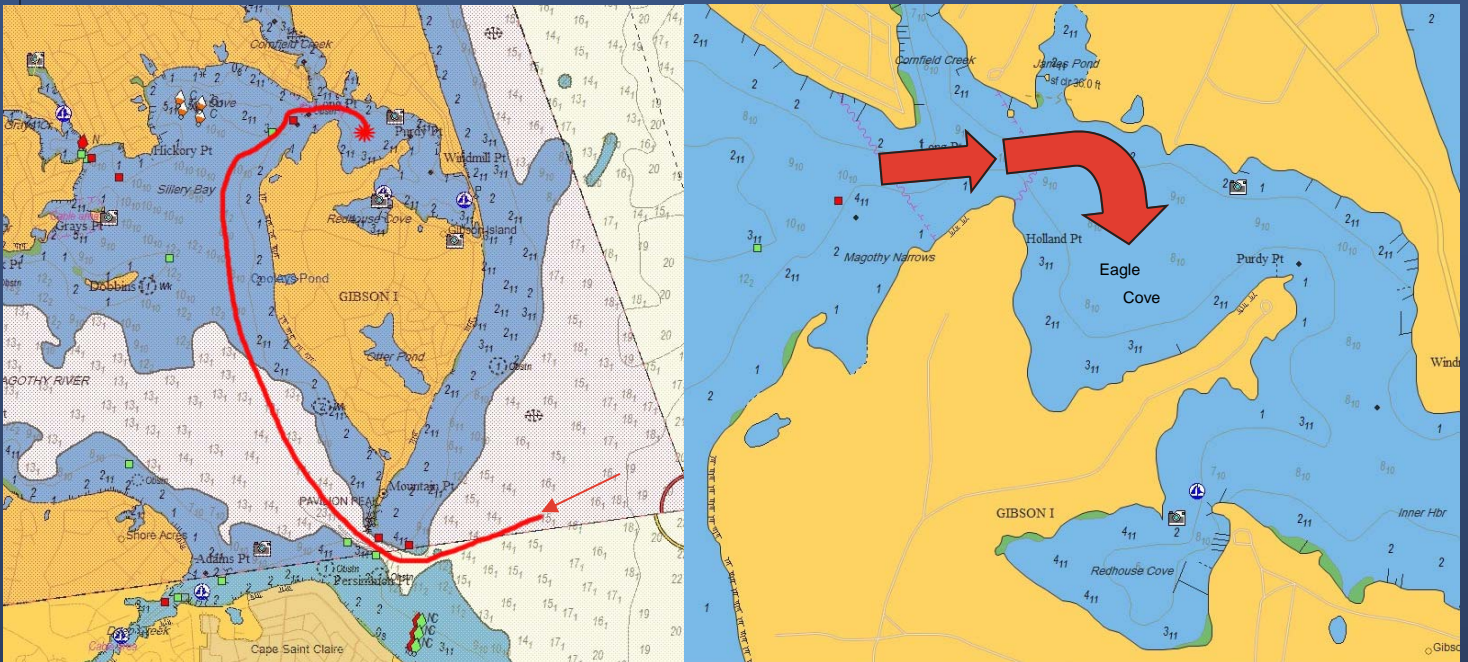
Members sign up begins on 1 October and the cutoff for members is 17 October. Any member may sign up a guest after 17 October. Please call our Administrative Officer, Lt/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP at (614) 309-2325 or email: browynfam@aol.com to reserve your seats for this enjoyable occasion.



Administrative Department



*Join us for a Raft-up
at Eagle Cove on
September 24-25*



***Eagle Cove has very little sea state therefore we can raft
-up 5 or more boats to a raft and visit on each!***

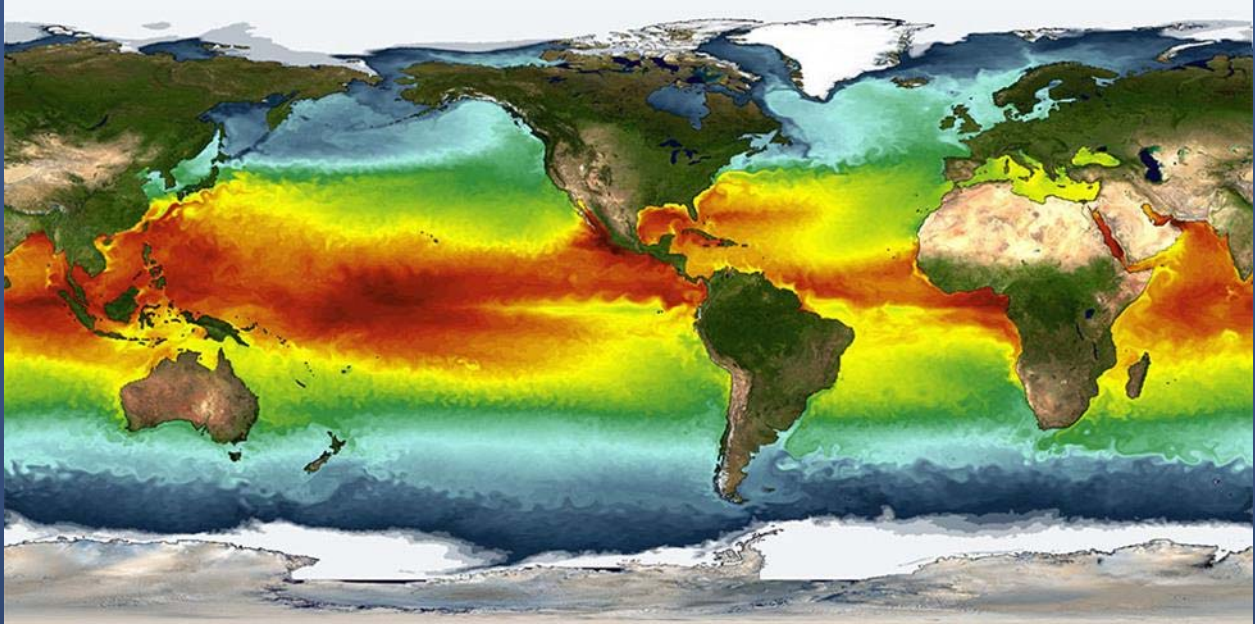
- ◆ Arrive before 2 to enjoy swimming in the nettle-free water
- ◆ Don't forget to bring some or'dorves to share and something to drink.

Let us know you are coming and how many will be aboard.

**Call Administrative Officer Lt/C Bruce Wyngaard, AP
at (614) 309-2325 or email: browynfam@aol.com**

Cooperative Charting Committee

Why do scientists measure sea surface temperature?



The ocean covers 71 percent of Earth's surface. Scientists record sea surface temperature to understand how the ocean communicates with the earth's atmosphere. The ocean communicates with the atmosphere via its surface through its stored heat, evaporation and precipitation. The sea surface temperature provides essential parameters in weather prediction.

Sea surface temperature data are especially useful for identifying the onset of El Niño and La Niña cycles. During El Niño, temperatures in the Pacific near the equator are warmer than normal. During La Niña, the same area experiences colder than normal ocean temperatures. These cycles are caused by multiyear shifts in pressure and wind speeds, and affect ocean circulation, marine ecosystems, and global weather patterns. One of those global weather patterns being experienced by us living on the east coast of the U.S. is hurricane season. The Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1st so we are now entering the "season within the season" - a roughly eight-week period that is often the most active and dangerous time for tropical cyclone activity.

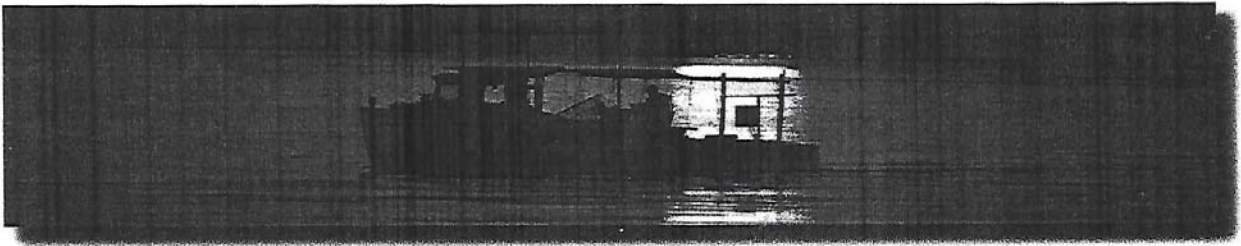
P/R/C Stephen. Leishman, SN

Boating Safety News

Marylander's Guide to Skin Wounds and Water Contact

Vibrio are bacteria that naturally occur in brackish water like the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and in salt water, especially during warm weather months.

Vibrio infections are relatively rare in Maryland and nationwide. However, when *Vibrio* or other bacteria come into contact with an open wound, they can cause serious infections. *Vibrio* infections can be particularly dangerous for people with liver disease or weakened immune systems.



PROTECT YOURSELF

- Avoid water contact if you have any skin wounds.
- If you get a cut or scrape, clean it immediately with soap and clean water after contact. If soap and clean water are not available, clean the wound with hand sanitizer then wash as soon as possible.
- If water contact cannot be avoided, cover wounds with waterproof bandages.
- Wear water shoes to avoid cuts and scrapes.
- Wear gloves and use extra care when handling crab pots or other equipment.
- Always shower after swimming in natural waters and wash hands before handling food or eating.

If you develop a wound with unusual redness, swelling or drainage, SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY and let your healthcare provider know if you came in contact with brackish or salt water.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT *VIBRIO*, HEALTHY AND SAFE SWIMMING AND MORE:

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
mde.maryland.gov/vibrio
 410-537-3906 | toll-free 1-800-633-6101 ext. 3906

MARYLAND HEALTHY BEACHES
<http://www.marylandhealthybeaches.com/vibrio.html>

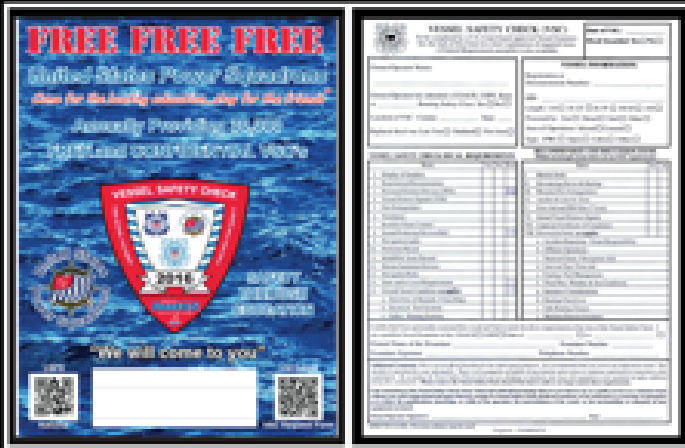
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 AND MENTAL HYGIENE
phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/OEHFP/CHS/sitepages/healthyswimming.aspx
 toll-free 1-866-703-3266



Decal Awareness Program (DAP)



SAVE A LIFE



VESSEL EXAMINERS "WANTED"

There is a new replacement tool in the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) tool box called "DAP" acronym for "Decal Awareness Program".

The flyers and posters were designed to display the three primary aspects of the United States Power Squadrons: EDUCATION, SAFETY, and CAMARADERIE. Using the Vessel Safety Check decal at its nucleus is beneficial, as it's a recognizable symbol. Another benefit of the flyer is Squadrons and VEs can add their contact information electronically from their computer. Also displayed on the flyer is the Quick Response (QR) code for the USPS web site, plus a QR code for the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary VSC locator web site.

This is a new National project that adheres to the USPS branding manual policy.

"Save a Life" boater safety signs were designed to be placed at recreational merchant locations & boat ramps. By including the form 7012, boaters will know in advance what is expected in order to pass a VSC. One of the signs is designed to have a Squadron address box and the other is a Universal sign that combines the USPS & USCGAUX.

With your leadership and support the Decal Awareness Program can increase the annual Vessel Safety Checks.

DAP Announcement quoted from Safety Committee Webpage
Member Site of the United States Power Squadrons® National Website

Welcome to Wayne & Laura!

A big WSPS Welcome Aboard to new member **Wayne Hepting**. Wayne and his wife Laura live in the Pasadena, MD area where they keep their 30' SeaRay, the *Lady L*.

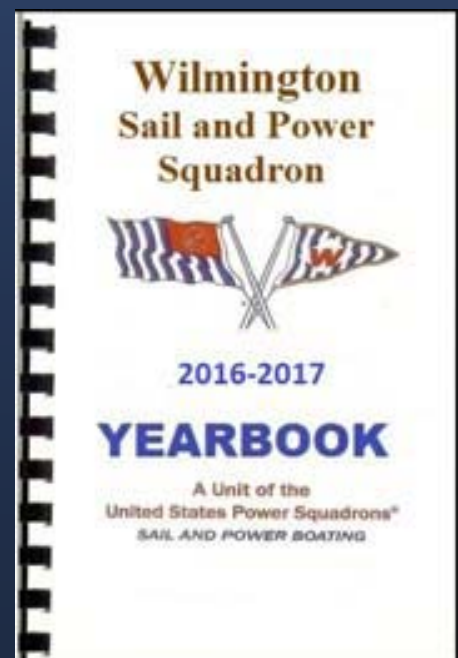
They are well-known to WSPS members as they spend many weekends on their boat at North Point Marina in Rock Hall. Laura can always be depended upon to bring her homemade Cinnamon cake to the Sunday morning get-togethers in the pavilion.



2017-2018 Yearbook Notice

It's getting close to the time for our 2017-2018 yearbook to be assembled and printed.

If you have any changes to your listing in the members roster from the 2016-2017 yearbook, please e-mail your changes to Barbara Sharpless at bdsharpless@verizon.net.



WSPS Birthdays

Marguerite R. Travis	Oct 08	Donald R. Engler	Nov 22
Margaret B. Hall	Oct 10	Conrad L. Hoover	Nov 26
Pamela M. Orris	Oct 10	W. Michael King	Nov 26
Dennis M. Wallace	Oct 11	Anne M. Minard	Dec 03
Herman Hopman	Oct 17	Harry Sut Anderson	Dec 09
John J. Mc Evoy	Oct 24	Robert J. Melcher	Dec 09
Victoria J. Benson	Oct 27	John E. Koval	Dec 13
Richard C. Ebersol	Oct 27	Laurence R. McKay	Dec 14
Walter R. Williamson	Oct 28	Katherine L. Minshall	Dec 16
John C. Leshner	Oct 29	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

Calendar of Events for the next three months

www.wspsoaters.com

Join us for our weekly luncheons at:

Season's Pizza on Concord Pike

each Wednesday: 1130-1300

19 Oct.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv, Newark, DE
23 Oct.	1600	4th Annual Oyster, Ham & Chicken Dinner at the Wellwood
21-23 Oct.		D/5 Sail Regatta, Fishing Tournament & Fall Festival
23 Oct.	1600	4th Annual Oyster, Ham & Chicken Dinner Wellwood Restaurant
05 Nov.		D/5 Annual Land Road Rally/Navigation Contest Delhigh Power Squadron
11 Nov.	1830	WSPS Social at the Brandywine Community Center, Wilm., DE
16 Nov.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv, Newark, DE
17-20 Nov.		D/5 Fall Education Conference Hyatt, Cambridge, MD
01 Dec.		Deadline for January/February Lubber's Line Material
04 Dec.	1600	WSPS Holiday Social Home of P/C Michael King and Wendy Shipman 601 Old Wilmington Road Hockessin, DE 19707-9390

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13 Jan	1830	WSPS Social at the Brandywine Community Center, Wilm., DE
18 Jan.	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv, Newark, DE