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*Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron*



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*Raft-up at Still Pond*



Members of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron enjoyed an August raft up in Still Pond!

Seventeen boaters aboard six boats, five sail and one power, anchored and explored Still Pond Creek in their dinghies. The weather was warm and somewhat windy out of the northeast.

The anchored boats were well protected, snuggled in the north east corner of the anchorage. Though the windy/rainy overnight conditions may have been hard on some, both Saturday and Sunday proved to be good sailing to Still Pond! The Squadron plans for monthly member raft ups during the summer months and socials with relevant speakers during the winter months. As Commander, I invite you to join us! Cdr Carol



### Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron 2020 - 2021



### Our Commander's Message



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Hi All!

Fall is greeting us with cooler more comfortable weather! Summer, as always, seemed to fly by!

By now we are all accustomed to the new normal of masks, social distancing, and small group gatherings. Zoom has given us the opportunity to connect with family and friends, or business associates. Who knew we would become so virtually literate?

Our sincere appreciation also goes to the 26 WSPS members who were awarded merit mark certificates for 2019. It means that they completed a minimum of 16 hours of time dedicated to our squadron. This includes the Assemblies Committee, The Executive Committee, the Cruise Committee, the Audit and Finance Committees, our Education Dept. and instructors, our Lubber's Line editor and contributors, our Certified Vessel Safety Check Officers and Photo Contest judges. Many committed far more than 16 hours last year and this year!

**Thank you for your commitment!!** Many thanks to our Assistant Secretary Chris Atkinson for her attention to completing the 2020 merit mark info. (See page 12)

Six boats and seventeen members enjoyed our August raft up in Still Pond coordinated by Scott Mayhue. Wayne and Laura Hepting invited us to their lovely waterfront family Shore House for a September raft up and land lubber's gathering on Black Hole Creek on the Magothy River. (See page 4).

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## Our Commander's Message Continued

Our First three Assembly/Socials will be held on Zoom this Fall and Winter. Thanks to Betty Ingram, a speaker has already been engaged for November. (See Page 9) To support the effort, Joan Barber, Leslie Brower, Kathy Leef and Lynn Mahaffy have agreed to be members of a Program Committee. Their role will be to plan for and schedule speakers for our Assemblies. We appreciate their willingness!

Don Engler and I continue outreach efforts in Spin Sheet. July featured Circus event memories with Chuck Stadler, August - our summer cruise raft up in the Choptank River, and September Bev and Bart Wilson from our Mexican Fiesta! Check it out!! Inside this issue, Dave Benfer will be discussing the Advance Celestial Navigation Course (page 5) and the four determined WSPS members who are currently taking this challenging course! Dave Sharpless will comment on the decision to cancel the Wellwood Restaurant event. (page 08)

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 USPS Commander stated, "keep up the good work, your sense of humor, and compassion for others, as we continue through this uncharted journey!"

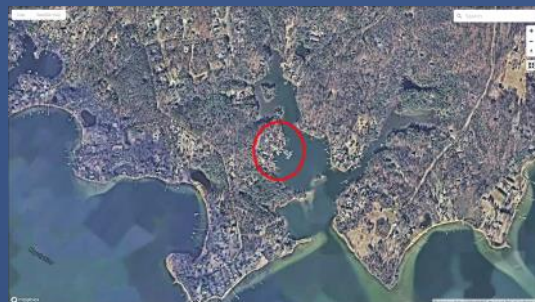
*Cdr Carol Hanson, P*

### Executive Board Meeting via Zoom - August 19, 2020



## *Hepting Raftup at Their Shore Home*

Laura and Wayne Hepting have generously invited us to join them by boat, car, hot air balloon or any way you can get there, to their family's Shore House on Black Hole Creek on the Magothy River! The address is **285 Cove Road, Pasadena, MD 21122**.



By boat, proceed up the Magothy River, pass Dobbins Island and the glass house. When you round marker #10 bear right and cross the Magothy to marker #2. Proceed around the small island on left. Pass anchored sail boats on left which is Patapskut Sailing Assoc. Immediately past there, the first dock on left is: The Shore House. The Heptings boat "Lady L" will be docked there. Arrive by boat any time after 11:00 am as renters are there until then, and house will be being cleaned. Wayne will be there early to greet everyone. The house will be open by 4:00 pm.

Their five-bedroom 2 bath house is on deep water, and WSPS guests arriving by land are invited to stay over if you so desire. Please bring your own food and drinks as is typical with raft ups. If you are considering spending the night in the house, bring your own towels! There are five picnic tables outside and opportunity for socializing, playing horseshoes and other activities.

Social Distancing guidelines are still in place. With over seven acres, there is plenty of space. Raft Ups will be limited to 3 or 4 boats, maximum of 10 people. We do not plan to share appetizers or meals among guests.

The weather is forecasted to be cooler, so we should have a great boating weekend with good friends!!! Please email Scott Mayhue or Cdr Carol Hanson if you have any questions or plan to attend.



Wayne & Laura Hepting  
Our Raft-up Hosts



Lady L

# Advanced Celestial Navigation



Five members of WSPS have selected to attempt the completion of what may be considered the final course, Navigation.

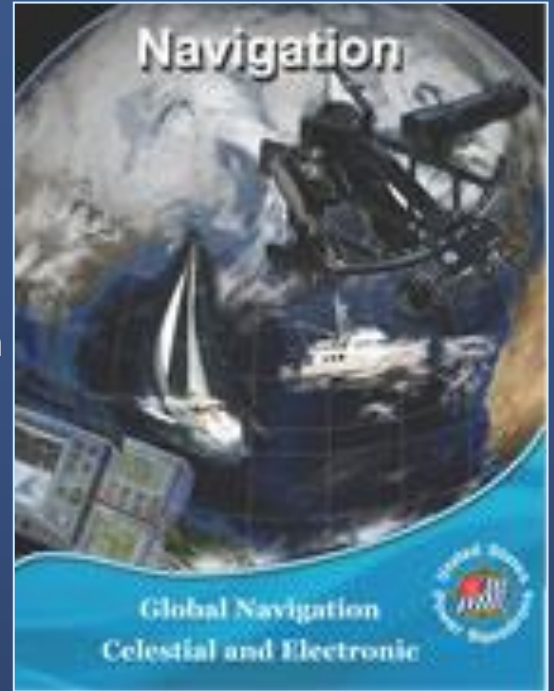
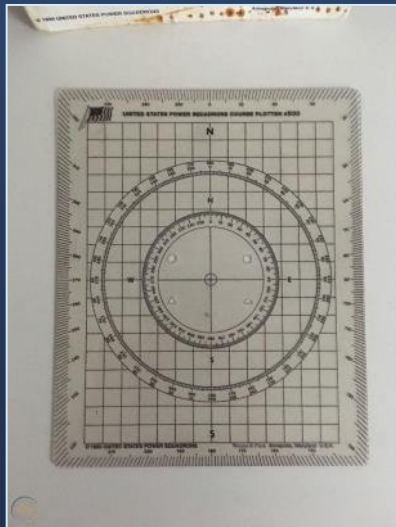
It has been a long time since a formal class has been available in the Wilmington Squadron

and only now because of some of the members of District Five.

The course consists of two parts, celestial sights and off-shore navigation. The sextant portion requires the sighting of the sun, moon, stars and planets to arrive at one's location within a maximum of three miles.

The navigation portion is global and has an electronic component. One is expected to learn how to predict sunrise and sunset, to determine the best off-shore course, what the weather may be for the time offshore and how to maintain a proper log.

The final exam consists of general questions and plotting an offshore cruise including a log. Yes, it is possible to pass one portion but not the other.



Lt/C David Benfer, JN  
SEO



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## Vessel Safety Check



**Free Vessel Safety Check!**



**No Cost, No Obligation, but just indispensable information to keep you safe on the water!**

I would like to take this time to welcome new member JT Walton as a Vessel Examiner for WSPS. For many years, he worked for the Coast Guard in the same capacity and he now wants to perform inspections for us. At Bohemia Vista Marina, JT became certified as an America's Boating Club Vessel Inspector.

A minimum of 5 supervised inspections were necessary to become certified and JT exceeded this with successfully completing 20 inspections. Despite the need for social distancing and wearing a mask on a hot day in July, this was a successful day.



**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](mailto:mpnwhat@gmail.com)**

Lt John Bailey, AP  
Vessel Safety Check Examiner



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# Administrative Department



## The Wellwood Oyster Dinner



The impact of the Covid-19 Virus on WSPS shoreside activities is ongoing.

The Annual Crab Feast - **Cancelled.**

Now in September with much of the population practicing "distancing", the virus is still with us.



The WSPS Executive Committee has again been compelled to cancel another get-together (the 8th Annual Fall Oyster Feast).

Should conditions relating to the virus improve, *MAYBE* a little creative event rescheduling would be in order.



Stay Well All,



P/C C. David Sharpless, AP  
Administrative Officer #2



Knot Again





## *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*





## *USCG Requesting Comments to Improve Shallow Draft Waterways*

The U.S. Coast Guard is conducting an assessment of the Shallow Draft Waterway Systems, the fourth in a series of studies to determine the navigation requirements for mariners in the U.S. Marine Transportation System (MTS). The Waterways Analysis and Management System (WAMS) study will help the Coast Guard to determine the Aids to Navigation (ATON) requirements in the Shallow Draft Waterway Systems which includes all navigable waterways of the United States less than 12 feet.

The WAMS study is focused on providing consistent, program-wide policy necessary to support Coast Guard District Commanders in the execution and management of ATON services within the Shallow Draft Waterway System. The shallow draft system is present in all nine Coast Guard Districts. The recommendations will not determine what individual ATON to add, keep, or remove, but they may shape policy for the next generation waterway system management and design. All ATON activities remain under the purview of the local District Commander. The assessment is part of the U.S. Coast Guard's effort to make navigable waterways of the United States safer, more efficient and resilient. Studies have been previously conducted of the Atlantic and Pacific Seacoast Systems along with the Western Rivers (Inland Waterways) System. Future studies are planned to include the Intracoastal Waterways and Deep Draft Waterway Systems.

Waterway users, interested parties, and stakeholders are invited to provide comments or feedback via the tool posted at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShallowWaterWAMS>. This link will remain available until November 1, 2020. Further questions or comments may be emailed to [CGNAV@uscg.mil](mailto:CGNAV@uscg.mil) using the subject line: "Shallow Draft WAMS".



## *Boating Safety News*

### *Fatigue Can Be Deadly*

Daylight Saving Time begins every year on the second Sunday in March, which this year was March 8th. We "lose" an hour when the clocks are set forward (except in Hawaii and most of Arizona), and for many that means a tired couple of days as our bodies adjust.

People often make light of how little sleep they get on a regular basis; an over-worked, over-tired condition has become the norm for many. But a good night's sleep is not just a novelty, it's a necessity. The effects of fatigue are far-reaching and can have an adverse impact on all areas of our lives.

**Drowsy driving *is* impaired driving**, but while we wouldn't allow a friend to drive drunk, we rarely take the keys away from our tired friends or insist they take a nap before heading out on the road. Research has been gathered that shows:

- You are three times more likely to be in a car crash if you are fatigued
- More than 5,000 people died in drowsy-driving related crashes in 2019
- Losing even two hours of sleep is similar to the effect of having three beers
- Being awake for more than 20 hours is the equivalent of being legally drunk
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**Sleep is a vital factor in overall health.** Adults need an average of seven to nine hours of sleep each night, but 30% report averaging less than six hours, according to the National Health Interview Survey.

Chronic sleep-deprivation causes depression, obesity, cardiovascular disease and other illnesses

Fatigue is estimated to cost employers \$136 billion a year in health-related lost productivity

More than 70 million Americans suffer from a sleep disorder

Get your Rest!

*P/C Donald Engler, AP  
Lubber's Line Editor*



*Jubilee*





## *Merit Marks in a COVID-19 Year*

Even though we are all social distancing, our Squadron strives to provide its membership the best experience it can given the circumstances.

For sure, 2020 is a challenging year for accomplishing the United States Power Squadron's mission. Merit marks represent the recognition that a member has provided a valuable service (of 16 hours or more) to the squadron and its multiple goals of educating boaters and engaging socially with its members. Only this year it might take on a new techno look.

Whoever heard of ZOOM before COVID-19?

Only one merit mark a year is awarded to each member by the USPS Chief Commander based on the recommendation of the Squadron's Merit Mark Chair. The chair is assisted by the Executive Committee and the committee chairs which provides the details supporting the recommendation for award of the merit mark. The award recognizes a member's substantial personal effort to further the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. A certificate is awarded and a special merit mark insignia may be displayed on the member's uniform.

The process of developing our Squadron's recommendation started in late August. By October 9<sup>th</sup>, input to the Merit Mark Chair will have been submitted and the recommendation will be prepared. By the end of October, our Commander will receive the recommendation and the Merit Mark Chair will address any comments, at which time our Squadron's recommendation will be sent to District 5 area monitor, Luther Barnes III. He will review the submittal and if accepted, he will forward our recommendation to the USPS Chief Commander. Sometime after, merit marks are approved, National enters the merit mark in your member record and prepares a certificate that you can download from your USPS account.

So, what may you have done this year (January 1 to December 2020) to get recognized for a merit mark?

A few more ideas can be found on the following page



## *Merit Marks in a COVID-19 Year (continued)*

- Become a committee or activity chair, hold meetings, report out results of the meetings and activity (and all of this might have been by telephone or ZOOM, for example.)
- Participate in a committee or activity as a member and contribute to the process.
- Assist the officers and/or the Executive Committee in the management of Squadron affairs.
- Attend a district meeting as a delegate or participate in a workshop or seminar virtually (since these meetings were not held in person).
- Volunteer to develop and deliver a presentation that could be offered at our monthly social or to other organizations by telephone or ZOOM.
- Participate in providing Vessel Safety Checks (you need to do at least 10 each year for a merit mark and the check can be done in person or virtually).
- Hold an office or become an Executive Committee member, attend meetings, and execute duties to which you are assigned.
- Plan a cruise or raft-up (and yes, there were some this year, NOT held virtual but certainly socially distanced.)

*Even though many of our social events were cancelled this year, all the pre-work still counts as valuable service to the squadron. So, make sure your efforts are counted! Contact your committee or activity chair to remind them to count you in!*

Lt Chris Atkinson, AP  
WSPS Merit Mark Chair



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## *Administrative Department*

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*P/C Donald Engler  
Lubber's Line Editor*



*Jubilee*





## *Administrative Department*

## *2020 WSPS Photo Contest*



WSPS Members – The Photo Contest has resumed this year. The closing date will be **Wednesday, 21 October 2020**. 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 November-December 2020 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 2019 and 20 October 2020**. 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](mailto: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*

# Why We're Members of the Wilmington Power Squadron

*It really didn't take us long to decide to spend our next 40+ years on the water.*



To set the scene: It was a bright Sunday morning when we woke up in a skier's hotel near the slopes of Okemo Mt. in Ludlow, Vermont. We talked about how much fun the previous day was skiing some of the black diamond trails, but soon the conversation changed to what we would be doing when the snow melted. We had a pop-up camper that we enjoyed the previous summer and fall, but now we talked about sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Don had thought about this and knew some of the WPS members that would prepare us for a "boating class." All of this was so new and different that I wanted



to see how far we could go into this adventure. We bought "Final Focus" in the spring of 1982 and literally sailed it all over the Northern Chesapeake and to Lewes, DE and over to Cape May. We



were very young and dumb. We spent our spring & fall evenings at St Josephs on the Brandywine learning from WPS teachers about everything to do with boating. We were looking for something larger to sail so along came a 27' Pearson, "Final Focus" which lasted 4 yrs. One day during a WPS Cruise in Oxford, MD we saw a C&C 33 which was given up and wasting away at the side of the boatyard. Don became friendly with some of the workers at the Oxford Boatyard and they helped show him how this boat could be restored. "In Sync" was our third and we loved her. Our dog Pixie was just 6 months old when she joined us on aboard. Just 6 years later a C&C 35 MkIII came to us which had been a home to a couple in Annapolis. They wanted to adopt children and needed to sell their boat to do so, and "In Sync II" was born. Time passed and Don kept asking when I thought it was time to sail South to Florida and/or the Bahamas. He had been looking in Yachtworld and found a lonely C&C 41 sitting on-the-hard in Rochester, NY. We made the trip with Geri Walker and Pixie and we loved the boat. We had "Jubilee" trucked to Delaware City Marina in 2008 and prepared her to the trip south. Lots of extras were added and some sails were sold to supplement our need for ground tackle and windless. All things considered, we were just going to have fun, meet new people, and see what life away from Delaware was all about. We love being members of WSPS, but we are planning to sell Jubilee this year.



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P/C Donald Engler, AP



Lt Susan Engler, P



## WSPS Birthdays

### September Birthdays

Thomas Webster III	Sept 05
Edward TenEyck Jr.	Sept 06
Ewa Papiez	Sept 07
Bev Wilson	Sept 14
Gail Russell	Sept 20
Teresa Ann Butler	Sept 21
Joseph Donia	Sept 22

### October Birthdays

Marguerite R. Travis	Oct 08
Margaret B. Hall	Oct 10
Pamela M. Orris	Oct 10
Dennis Wallace	Oct 11
John J. McEvoy	Oct 24
Walter R Williamson	Oct 28
James A. Malin	Oct 30

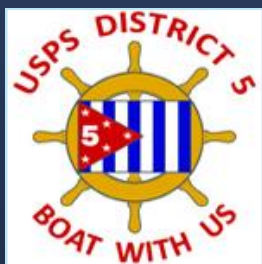
## Remember the Ya-Ya Sisters? 2002





## *Schedule of Up-Coming Events*

16 Sept.	1900	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting held via ZOOM
19-20 Sept.		WSPS Raft-up held at Wayne and Laura Hepting's Shore house 235 Cove Road, Black Hole Creek, Magothy River (See page 4 for directions)
01-04 Oct.		Annapolis Powerboat Show - CANCELLED
08-12 Oct.		Annapolis Sailboat Show - CANCELLED
21 Oct.	1900	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting held via ZOOM
25 Oct.	1500	8th Annual Oyster, Ham & Chicken Dinner (see page 8) POSTPONED – To be rescheduled at a later date
06 Nov.	1830	WSPS Social held via ZOOM (see page 9)



— Coming Soon —  
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