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Register Now for the 2009 WPS Summer Cruise!

The Cruise Planning Committee is pleased to present the 2009 WPS Summer Cruise 20 June - 26 June 2009. The registration form is on pages 7 & 8. Based on your responses to the 2008 survey, the Cruise Committee has scheduled visits to many of your favorite ports of call and anchorages.

All WPS members, including new cruisers, are invited to participate in all or part of our week on the Bay. On past cruises, some of our members have chosen to join the cruise 'by land' to participate in scheduled shore activities.

Our 2009 Cruise Plan will allow several opportunities for members to join by land with convenient hotel accommodations available nearby in Rock Hall, St. Michaels, Herrington Harbour and Oxford.

Your participation in any part of the cruise is encouraged, especially the Commander's Kick-off Reception and Annual Picnic at the Sailing Emporium in Rock Hall on Sat. 20 June. We are planning a more complete menu of catered food for the opening picnic so you will only need to bring either an appetizer or dessert to share – everything else will be provided.



*WPS members enjoying appetizers
2008 Annual Cruise*

Sunday, 21 June, we will be at anchor in Shipping Creek off Eastern Bay for the popular pot luck dinner raft-up. On Monday, 22 June, we will visit St. Michaels with access to shopping, sightseeing and restaurants. We are planning a pre-dinner wine and appetizer reception and then dinner will be on your own with many great dining choices in St. Michaels. The short distance from Shipping Creek to St. Michaels will accommodate early afternoon arrivals so that you can enjoy the museums, shopping, or the pool. We have slips reserved at St. Michaels Marina, but cruisers may anchor as an option and join activities by dinghy or water taxi.

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**COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE**

By Cdr. Donna Zimmerman, JN



March is the time for a WPS rite of passage – the Change of Watch. As I sat down to write this article for the Lubber's Line – my last as Commander - I reflected upon the appropriateness of the name for our annual ceremony. Standing watch alone on a small boat offshore is indeed a special experience. Everyone else is asleep and counting on you to ensure their safety. If you are close to shore, constant vigilance is required as freighters and tugs can come up on you surprisingly quickly. Sometimes it's cold, wet and, truth be told, a little miserable. But other nights are spectacular – warm, favorable breezes – an almost unbelievable night sky – the gentle hiss of a boat speeding along towards its destination. The time passes quickly and pleasantly. You are almost reluctant to wake the next watch. Almost. But wake them you do. Then you savor the last few minutes alone in the cockpit while they collect themselves and their gear and maybe grab a cup of coffee. Then the “change” occurs. You pass on what's happened on your watch, what's going on at that moment and what's coming up. You try to pass on anything you've learned or anything you think might be helpful. Then you go below, leaving the vessel and its crew in the capable hands of the new watch.

And so it goes with the Squadron. On 22 March, we will welcome in our new Bridge for 2009-2010. I hope you will join us for the opportunity to socialize with old “shipmates”, enjoy a delicious lunch buffet, and mark our Change of Watch. See the sign up form on page 11.

I want to thank everyone on the 2008-2009 Bridge for their support and hard work. I'd also like to thank all our Committee Chairs and Committee Members and everyone who volunteered even an hour of time for the squadron. Because of your efforts, we educated dozens of new boaters and expanded the knowledge of our members. We participated in a boat show, conducted Vessel Safety Checks and brought a bit of holiday cheer to seaman at the Port of Wilmington. We were recognized for our Website and our Newsletter. We enjoyed picnics, socials, raftups, cruises and one another. It was a great watch and one I will long remember.

Executive Department

March will be a very busy month for recruiting new members, gaining skills, and growing leadership in the squadron. It starts off with two rigging seminars taught by Randy Williamson on 3 and 10 March. Also on 10 March will be the start of a 4 week public safe boating course at A. I. du Pont HS followed by another to start Thursday 19 March at McKean HS. On Friday 13 March we kick off the Wilmington Boat Show, where we again have a booth in addition to public seminars on *How to Read a Chart* and *Using GPS* taught by Randy Williamson, JN and Cdr. Donna Zimmerman, JN.

Don't forget to get your cruise registration in by Sunday 15 March and join fellow members at the Change of Watch on Sunday the 22nd to recognize the service of this year's board and past commanders and to congratulate incoming officers. Finally, the month ends with officer training on Friday 27 March at the D5 Conference in Ocean City, MD.

I want to thank the numerous members who helped this year on the XO committees: Carl and Mary Stacy who again organized the ditty boxes for Wilmington Seamen and the 35 members, who put together boxes, Bill Orris for his award winning job on our web site, Steve Leishman, Jay Greene, Donna Zimmerman, Pat Pennington, Kevin Mulery, and Tony Erros for their work with Cooperative Charting, Keith Sanclemente for being our go-to member for legal council, Dottie Bradson for her Public Relations work and everyone who put up posters, Chuck and Judy Stadler, who found time during their cruising life this Fall and Winter to write excellent safety articles, Jim Robinson and his team of Hal Marden and Ed Kalinowski for their efforts with vessel safety checks, David and Barbara Sharpless, Marty Wagner, Bob Mahaney, Jay Greene, Donna Zimmerman and John Ingram for their work on the membership committee. Well done everyone!

Lt/C Harry S. Anderson, II, AP
Executive Officer

Administrative Department

Three groups in the Administration Department have been very busy, in what we think of as the off-season, putting together activities and programs for you. The Assemblies Committee put together 4 social gatherings with food and speakers in October, December, January, and the February Annual Meeting and Founder's Day Social. Also The COW Committee has organized our annual Change of Watch ceremony scheduled for 22 March and our Cruise Committee has put together another great cruise for the Squadron in June.

The Outdoor Activities Committee will be organizing a schedule of events that we will all enjoy this season. Many of us do not have our boats ready to put in the water yet, but its not too early to mark your calendars for the following events:

16 May Land and Sea Rendezvous at
Turner's Creek Park, MD

An opportunity for cruise boats and trailer boats to get together and share the WPS experience on the Sassafras River.

10 June WPS Annual Cruise - Skippers
Meeting

Cruise details will be discussed and cruise kits will be distributed at the Brandywine Hundred Library.

20 June WPS Commander's Picnic Rock Hall,
MD

WPS members are invited to picnic together and it's a great way to start the annual cruise (details on page 5)

21 - 26 June WPS Annual Cruise, including Sail
Races

18 - 19 July WPS Summer Raft-Up Rendezvous
Date is firm, mark your calendar

26 July WPS Raft-Up/Picnic/Water-skiing
Rendezvous at the home of P/C Jeff
Gail Russell on the Sassafras River

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Boating Safety News

Thinking Ahead to Spring Commissioning

We are still enjoying our sojourn in Florida. We are in Marathon until February 24 and will then travel to St. Petersburg. After we arrived here in late January, I overheard another boater finishing up a Vessel Safety Check. We always have ours done in May at our marina in Rock Hall by a friend who belongs to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Some of you have Lt/C James Robinson, AP do it for you. Our hope is that you will go through it with your boat. We will have it done here in Marathon and have the nice new 2009 sticker to show if we are boarded for inspection.

But, to the point of this short article: During the cold of winter you can prepare for your Safety Check. The Coast Guard has an informative sight describing what is involved in a Vessel Safety Check. The address is www.uscgboating.org/safety/vsc.htm. There you will find lists and explanations for the VSC. Are your documents in order, your flares up to date, your head secured, your PFDs still good, your sounding device working, etc.? Spend a little of your winter boat dreaming time to assure you are ready for a Vessel Safety Check and for another safe boating season.

Another hint: Our friend who does our VSC made a suggestion to us you may find helpful. Every so often take your fire extinguishers and turn them over and over to be sure the fire retardant is not lumped together in the bottom.

As we sail off with our new VSC sticker, we wish you safe boating.

Lt/Judith C. Stadler, P
Lt/Charles R. Stadler, AP
Safety Officers

Educational Department

Lt/John Koval, P kicks off the Kennett VFW Boating Class with students from West Grove, Avondale, West Chester, Unionville and Christiana PA Chapter #1 covers parts of a boat, types of boat hulls, classes of boats, types of engines and drives, personal watercraft and sail boats. Chapter #2 covers boat capacity, float plans, fueling your vessel safety, trailering your vessel and vessel maintenance.

P/C Martin G. Wagner, AP is the instructor for Advanced Piloting. Students include P/C Dennis Wallace, P - Dennis has been around for years and sails all over the bay but some times gets lost, he is taking AP to find his way to North Point. Don Engler is also a sailor who has hundreds of hours of sailing the bay and has found time to take AP. Joe Irr and Joshua Swift are new members.

Sail starts out with 15 students with Bill Zimmerman teaching and taking the course. Students include Abel Frederic, Sut Anderson, Paul Bosco, Dorothy Bradson, Sue Engler, John and Betty Ingram, Ed Kalinowski, Ken and Dorothy Lehman, Jim Malin, John and Kathy Reager, Bill and Donna Zimmerman. Randy Williamson will use a DVD by professional Rigger Brion Toss on Standing Rigging 3 March and Tuning your Rig 10 March. March 3rd and 10th are open to all membership.

Lt/C James Robinson, AP
Educational Officer

(2009 WPS Summer Cruise, continued from page 1)

From St. Michaels, we will cruise across the Bay to an anchorage on the Rhode River. Mike and Anne Minard are planning dinghy races for the days' social activity – you'll learn more at the Skipper's meeting but there has been mention of using blind folds in some fashion!

And after the great success of our 50's themed activities in Herrington Harbour last year, we again asked Nancy Ennis and 'her team' to do the planning for Wednesday, 24 June – our theme for 2009 is Circus-Circus. With a short cruise to Herrington Harbour from our Tuesday night anchorage on the Rhode River, you'll have plenty of pool time before you'll need to get your costume on and make your way to the big tent. Make sure you purchase your circus tickets when you complete the registration form.

Then on to Edge Creek, off the Choptank River, where we have a second organized raft-up planned. Our final port on Friday, 26 June, will be Oxford Yacht Haven and Oxford Boatyard with a catered barbeque dinner and awards ceremony under a tent on the marina grounds.

Additional committees are in place planning the Sail Races and predicted Log Contest during the cruise. Based on survey feedback, we are organizing educational workshops to allow new members to participate in both events. And a circus themed photo contest is planned for the cruise week.

Early registration is needed to secure the right number of slips at marina locations and provide the committee with the funds to meet facility deposit requirements. Please note two critical dates: 15 March (registration deadline) and 30 April (final settlement date for full cruise fees). The full details of all activities will be included in the Cruise book that will be distributed at the Skipper's mtg. scheduled for Wednesday, 10 June 1900 (location tentative: Brandywine Hundred Library). ***Note change in date to Wednesday 10 June from Thursday 11 June since the library now closes on Thursday at 5 pm.***

We want to thank the 2009 Cruise Committee for their participation in planning and for leading events during the cruise: Sut & Lyn Anderson; Don & Sue Engler; Jim & Nancy Ennis; John & Betty Ingram; Steve Leishman; Mike & Anne Minard; John & Kathy Reager; Dennis Wallace & Carol Hanson; Randy & Susan Williamson; Bart and Bev Wilson; Bill & Donna Zimmerman.

*Lt/Cathy L. Knowles, AP
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Co-Chairs, 2009 Cruise Committee*



WPS Annual Picnic and other June Land Events

The 2009 WPS Annual Picnic will be held in conjunction with the Commander's Kick-off Reception on Sat, 20 June at the Sailing Emporium marina in Rock Hall, MD. We are planning a more complete menu of catered foods this year so you only need to bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share – everything else will be provided. The Commander's reception begins at 1700 followed by the picnic at 1800. Use the 2009 Cruise Registration form to sign up!

The 2009 Cruise itinerary will allow several opportunities for WPS members to join by land with convenient hotel accommodations available in St. Michaels, Herrington Harbour and Oxford. Use the 2009 Cruise

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WPS Annual Meeting and Founders Day Social

Commander Donna Zimmerman, JN called the 13 February 09 meeting to order. F/Lt. Carl Stacey, AP opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. P/C W. Michael King, AP announced the Slate of Officers for the coming year, which was approved by the members present. The meeting was adjourned and we proceeded with the February Social.

Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P told us about the plans for the Change of Watch that will be held on Sunday, 22 March 09. Cdr. Donna Zimmerman shared the plans for our 2009 Annual Cruise.

Joe Irr, Chairman of the Board for the Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy Program introduced our speaker for the evening, Captain Greg Shin of the Skipjack *Martha Lewis*. Capt. Greg educated and entertained us with *Martha's* story and the history of oystering on the Chesapeake Bay. *Martha* is a V-bottom, two sail bateau (skipjack). She is one of the few remaining working dredge boats, which make up the Chesapeake Bay oyster fleet -- the last to fish commercially, under sail, in the United States of America. *Martha* was built in 1955 by Bronza Parks. Two sister ships (*The Lady Katie* and *Rosie Parks*) were in the yard alongside the *Martha Lewis*. Mr. Parks built *Martha* for Captain James Lewis, who named the boat after his mother. Most skipjacks were named after mothers and daughters, since other relationships could always end. *Martha* was restored during the winter of 1994 under the direction of Shipbuilder, and Master Shipwright, Allen C. Rawl, in alliance with the City of Havre de Grace & Havre de Grace Maritime Museum.

When Capt. John Smith first discovered the Chesapeake Bay in 1608, oysters were so plentiful that oyster beds were a hazard to navigation. In the 1870's nine million bushels of oysters were shipped annually from the bay's eastern shore with nearly 600 vessels in the state of Maryland licensed to dredge for oysters. Oyster wars were fought between tongers and dredgers and amongst each other.

The skipjack appeared on the bay during the 1890s. It was a simple one-masted craft that was V-bottomed or dead-rise, cheap to construct and easy to man. The luff and the foot of the mainsail are nearly equal, which makes a very large and powerful sail.

At the turn of the century, the skipjack flotilla numbered nearly a thousand. Only thirty-one worked the 1978-1979 season. Today, bolstering is at best a part-time business on the Chesapeake. For the past two years, *Martha* is the only skipjack to have dredged under sail alone.

The remaining 4 or 5 skipjacks can be seen racing at Tilghman's Island and at Cambridge. The *Martha Lewis* sails out of Havre de Grace with groups of school children on educational trips, or regular 1-2 hour trips to visit the light houses, or private parties. *Martha* is sailed by Capt. Greg and an all volunteer crew. He concluded with an extended question and answer period. For more information on the *Martha Lewis*, go to: www.skipjackmarthalewis.org

Lt/C John G. Ingram, AP
Administrative Officer



Captain Greg displays a model of a dredge used for oystering on the *Martha Lewis*

WPS 2009 ANNUAL CRUISE & PICNIC REGISTRATION

20 June - 27 June, 2009

(To Register for Picnic, Circus or Awards Ceremony ONLY, complete names in the Crew section below, fill out the Day 1, Day 5 or Day 7 section, calculate the total and send in your check)

Boat Name	<input type="text"/>	LOA:	<input type="text"/>	Draft:	<input type="text"/>	Beam:	<input type="text"/>	
Power Boat	<input type="text"/>	Sail Boat	<input type="text"/>	Boat US Membership Number:				<input type="text"/>
Captains Cell Phone Number:								<input type="text"/>
Captains Email Address:								<input type="text"/>

Crew: In addition to names, please include ages of children and relationship of guests

Captain: _____ Guests: _____

Mate: _____ Children: _____

Cruise Registration Fees:	Due no later than 15 March	per boat	\$40.00
	Late Registration Fee: additional \$40 after 15 March		\$ <input type="text"/>
	Total cruise fee balance due no later than 30 April		

Cruise T-Shirts		Please Specify quantity for each size:	
Adult:		Children:	
S (34-36)	<input type="text"/>	YS (6-8)	<input type="text"/>
M (38-40)	<input type="text"/>	YM (10-12)	<input type="text"/>
L (42-44)	<input type="text"/>	YL (14-16)	<input type="text"/>
XL (46-48)	<input type="text"/>	Total Children	<input type="text"/>
XXL (50-52)	<input type="text"/>		
Total Adult	<input type="text"/>	X	\$13 each = \$ <input type="text"/>
			X \$10 each = \$ <input type="text"/>

Day 1 Saturday 20-Jun Sailing Emporium Marina, Rock Hall

KIA's - John and Kathy Reager, Steve Leishman

Slip Fee:	<input type="text"/>	Vessel LOA	X	\$2.00 per foot	\$ <input type="text"/>
Electricity:	<input type="text"/>	30 AMP	X	\$8.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	50 AMP	X	\$16.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

Day 1 Saturday 20-Jun Commanders' Kick-Off Reception and Picnic

KIA's - John and Kathy Reager, Steve Leishman

Adults:	<input type="text"/>	X	\$10.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Children (10 & under):	<input type="text"/>	X	\$5.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

Meat, side dishes, beverages & picnic supplies will be provided.

The Commander's Kick-Off Reception and Picnic is open to all WPS members, both cruisers and members wishing to drive down and participate. For food planning and tables & chairs, we need reservations for ALL participants including "land travelers" (picnic only). Bring an appetizer or a dessert to share (12-14 people).

Day 2 Sunday 21-Jun Shipping Creek Anchorage

KIA's - Randy and Susan Williamson

Activity: Anchor Out - "Dinner on the Hook" with Raft-Up Assignments

Day 3 Monday 22-Jun St. Michaels Marina

KIA's - Bart and Bev Wilson, Dennis and Cathy Knowles

Slip Fee:	<input type="text"/>	Vessel LOA	X	\$2.50 per foot \$90min	\$ <input type="text"/>
Electricity:	<input type="text"/>	30 AMP	X	\$10.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	50 AMP	X	\$20.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

I will anchor out instead

Sub-Total First Page \$

Boat Name _____

Sub-Total First Page \$

Day 4 Tuesday 23-Jun Rhode River Anchorage

KIA's - Mike and Anne Minard
 Activity: Anchor Out - Dinghy Races

Day 5 Wednesday 24-Jun Herrington Harbour South Marina

KIA's - John and Betty Ingram, Jim and Nancy Ennis

Slip Fee: <input type="text"/>	Vessel LOA X	\$1.75 per foot	\$ <input type="text"/>
Electricity: <input type="text"/>	30 AMP X	\$6.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	50 AMP X	\$12.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

Activity:

Circus Tickets: <input type="text"/>	Adults X	\$14.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	Children (10 & under) X	\$7.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

Circus tickets include tent rental, tables & chairs, charcoal for grills, side dishes and dessert.
 Bring your meat course to grill and your own beverages.

Day 6 Thursday 25-Jun Edge Creek Anchorage

KIA's - Bill and Donna Zimmerman
 Activity: Anchor Out - "Appetizers on the Hook" with Raft-Up Assignments

Day 7 Friday 26-Jun Mears Yacht Haven & Oxford Boatyard

KIA's - Don and Sue Engler

Slip Fee: <input type="text"/>	Vessel LOA X	\$2.25 per foot	\$ <input type="text"/>
Electricity: <input type="text"/>	30 AMP X	\$7.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	50 AMP X	\$14.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

I will anchor out instead

Day 7 Friday 26-Jun Awards Ceremony

KIA's - Bill and Donna Zimmerman; Dennis Wallace and Carol Hanson

Adults: <input type="text"/>	X	\$32.00	\$ <input type="text"/>
Children (10 & under): <input type="text"/>	X	\$16.00	\$ <input type="text"/>

Catered dinner under a rented tent: BBQ ribs and chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, pasta salad, rolls, butter, water and sodas.

Total Fees

Total Fees Required \$

Cruise Fees: balance due no later than **30 April**

Balance Due \$

Special Considerations

Please note any special needs or considerations (ie. dietary or handicap):

Make Check Payable to:

WPS Cruise / Dennis Knowles

and forward to:

Dennis Knowles
 3 Reese Drive
 Newark, DE 19711

WPS Birthday List January - February

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Joyce L. Kee	3/1
Henry A. De Phillips, III	3/4
R. Keith Sanclemente	3/5
Edward A. Kalinowski	3/6
Mary E. Stacey	3/7
Patrick A. Pennington	3/7
Martin D. Detweiler	3/7
Geraldine R. Walker	3/8
Albert I. Willett	3/9
Wende L. Greene	3/10
Martin G. Wagner	3/19
John A. Bryson	3/25
Dorothy Ann Bradson	3/26
David Wenhold	3/26
Janice B. Considine	3/28
Sarah Lind Cheyne	3/29
Walter L. Osgood	3/31
John S. Ross	4/1
Beverly J. Melcher	4/3
William A. Parsons, III	4/3
Alan G. Cropper	4/4
Teresa Falk	4/5
Henry E. Romani	4/8
David L. Benfer	4/13
Janet E. Bryson	4/15
Charles R. Stadler	4/15
William T. Zimmerman	4/15
Robert N. Manning	4/17
Zelma C. Robinson	4/18
Aaron P. Wagner	4/19
Victoria Wenhold Sherry	4/21
Thomas S. Webster, Jr.	4/22
Jessica Reager	4/22

Welcome New WPS Members

Please welcome the following new WPS members:

Mary Jane Wenhold – A special new member welcome to long-time friends of WPS **Mary Jane Wenhold** and her two children **Vicki** and **David**. Mary Jane and Vicki are recent grads of the WPS Certification course. David is a holder of a Coast Guard Captain's License. The family's 37' sailboat, Sorceress, resides at North Point Marina in Rock Hall.

Betty Ingram – **Betty**, wife of the WPS Executive Officer for the 2009-2010 Bridge Year John Ingram, has been organizationally active for many years and has decided to make her membership official. She presently serves on the Assemblies Committee. Betty and John keep their 38' sailboat, Gypsy II, at North Point Marina.

Pat and Paul Esterle – keep their boat in Delaware, at the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay. They sail "Bryn Awel", a Columbia 10.7 35-footer as well as "Ternabout", a 20-foot Ouyang Matilda sloop. They are former members of the Akron Power Squadron in D/7. Paul is an AP, senior member and just received his 25 year pin from APS. Paul is a boating writer, book author, Managing Editor of Nor'easter magazine and currently Technical Editor of Small Craft Advisor magazine. Pat is a Site Manager for Reybold, Inc. For boating information visit Paul's website at www.thevirtualboatyard.com

Welcome Aboard!

*Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P
Secretary*

**Sail Race
WPS 2008
Annual
Cruise**



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USPS Education Makes a Difference

Most States have mandatory boating safety course laws, and statistics reveal that they are saving lives. In 1974, with approximately six million pleasure boats registered in the United States, there were 1,754 deaths. By 2005 boat registrations had doubled to approximately thirteen million, but deaths had dropped to 701, and continue to drop. According to the latest 2007 Coast Guard statistics, courses taught by United States Power Squadrons had the best record with only one fatality of the 659 reported in 2007. Drowning is the leading cause, because of boaters falling overboard and not wearing a life jacket.

US POWER SQUADRONS	1
COAST GUARD AUXILIARY	12
STATE	24
INFORMAL	21
OTHER	34
NONE	282
UNKNOWN OPERATOR INSTRUCTION	309

*Lt/C James Robinson, AP
Educational Officer*



Wilmington Power Squadron Change of Watch

Sunday, 22 March 2009

**The D at Deerfield – 507 Thompson
Station Road – Newark, DE**

The buffet lunch begins at 1300 (socializing starts at 1230). The ceremony starts at 1400 followed by dessert and coffee. See the WPS Website or last issue of the Lubber’s Line for details on the menu.

Send checks payable to: Mary Stacey, 600 Benham Ct., Newark, DE, 19711

The cost is \$35.00 per person and your check must be received by **FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2009 at the LATEST!** Please include names of attendees with

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Registration form to sign up (and submit payment) for the land activities.

At St. Michaels on Monday, 22 June, we are planning the popular Wine and Appetizer reception beginning at 1730. After the event, enjoy dinner at any of the wonderful restaurants in St. Michaels.

The Circus-Circus Event scheduled at Herrington Harbour on Wednesday, 24 June promises to be a fun evening. It starts at 1730 under the “big tent” – be sure to provide your email address on the registration form for detailed communications on this event – think costume, talent and games . . . and prizes! Bring your own beverages and an entrée to grill – side dishes, dessert, charcoal and picnic supplies are included in your circus ticket. Sign up today!

The 2009 Cruise Awards Ceremony on Friday, 26 June provides a fantastic opportunity to socialize with all your WPS friends. Find out who wins the sailboat races and the predicted log contest. See which boat takes home “The Chance for Romance” trophy! The event starts under our tent on the grounds of Oxford Yacht Haven at 1730 with BYO cocktails (non-alcoholic beverages will be provided) and then at 1800 we’ll serve a catered barbeque dinner followed by the awards presentation. Please be sure to include your email address and cell phone number on the registration form so we can keep you up-to-date on any event changes. Some events involve costumes, contests, a shared dish, etc. so we need to have a way to get you pertinent info on the land event(s) you plan to join. Again, sign-up for one or all of these events using the Cruise registration form.

*Lt/Cathy L. Knowles, AP
Lt/Dennis D. Knowles, AP
Co-Chairs, 2009 Cruise Committee*

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A big thank you to all the Committee leaders and members who have contributed their time and effort to make these WPS events happen. It has been an honor to work with these dedicated individuals this past year.

*Lt/C John Ingram, AP
Administrative Officer*

WILMINGTON POWER SQUADRON

Change of Watch

Sunday, 22 March 2009



The D at Deerfield - 507 Thompson Station Road - Newark, Delaware

Arrive at 1230 to socialize with your friends. You may purchase drinks from the bar.

DELUXE LUNCH BUFFET

Seasonal Sliced Fresh Fruits and Berries

The "D" Mixed Greens Salad - field greens, shredded carrots, sliced cucumbers, tomatoes, red onions and house-made herbed croutons with balsamic vinaigrette

Grilled Vegetable Pasta Primavera - roasted red peppers, yellow squash, zucchini, carrots, basil, garlic and olive oil

Deerfield pan-seared Crab Cakes, Old Bay remoulade

Beef Burgundy - seared tenderloin tips, shallots, gourmet mushrooms, Burgundy wine and demi-glace

Long Grain Rice Pilaf

Zucchini and Squash Medley

Chef's Selection of Assorted Desserts

Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Hot Teas or Iced Tea.



CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY - 1400

Please send in your reservation slip and check **payable to WPS** to:

Mary Stacey, 600 Benham Court, Newark, DE 19711-6015 by **Friday, 13 March 2009.**

(Please don't be late. Thanks)



WPS Change of Watch

Sunday, 22 March 2009

Names of Attendees _____

_____ @ \$35.00 per Person = \$ _____



Calendar of Events



- 10 Mar. 1900 Safe Boating Certification begins
A. I. du Pont High School, 50 Hillside Rd., Wilm., DE
- 15 Mar. WPS Summer Cruise Registration due
- 18 Mar. 1930 WPS Executive Committee Meeting
Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark DE
- 19 Mar. 1900 Safe Boating Certification begins
Mc Kean High School, Mc Kennan's Church Rd., Wilm., DE
- 22 Mar. 1300 WPS Change of Watch
The D at Deerfield – 507 Thompson Station Road – Newark, DE
- 26-29 Mar. D/5 - Spring Conference & Officer Training
Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD
Hosted by Patapsco River PS
- 7 Apr. **Deadline for May - June Lubber's Line Material**