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### Think Cruise – Mark your Calendars for the “BEST OF THE BEST”

Believe it or not, we have less than one month of winter left – at least according to the calendar. Your Cruise Committee, once again and as usual, has readily accepted the perennial challenge of reinventing the annual summer mainstay event – the “Cruise”. Up to the task, absolutely! Your committee is pleased to present the 2013 Edition of the WSPS Summer Cruise, **“BEST OF THE BEST”**! Yep, that’s it! The itinerary is pretty much a replay of the “Just Cruisin” event of several years ago. The title seems appropriate in that the theme and events are representative of membership desires and inputs. Whether you’re participating by boat or by car (no numbing auto miles involved), either way works - full week participation or single event, please plan on participating at whatever level you can.

The charge of the committee was, and is, to encourage participation in this special week by creating an extraordinary itinerary with ports of call and activities that would appeal to both *boat and boatless members*. We begin with The Commander’s Kick-Off Party and Picnic at Lankford Bay Marina. What more can be said about this ever popular and well attended event that kicks off the summer season with always memorable food, beverage and, more importantly, camaraderie. Attendees for food planning purposes are requested to make reservations in advance (see Registration Form in this Lubber’s Line issue for this and all other “Cruise” activities). Careful consideration has been given to port selection, shore side activities, and the availability of local lodging to not only entice but to cater to our *land traveling members*. The eastern shore, specifically the Chop-tank River and surrounding locale, offers us as visitors not only panoramic water overlooks and indescribably glorious sunsets, but an opportunity to experience the personalities of some quaint area water towns.

Seasoned WSPS cruisers will quickly recognize ports of call as having been visited by any number of cruises past plus one new one. *“Something old, something new!”* Our week afloat is essentially as follows: *Saturday* – Lankford Bay Marina (kick-off party), *Sunday* – Selby Bay off of South River for the traditional “Dinner on the Hook” Raft-up, *Monday* – Knapp’s Narrows Marina (poolside party and dinner at your choice of any of the great local restaurants) and on Tuesday morning a tour of the Poplar Island reconstruction site (limited availability), *Tuesday* – La Trappe Creek anchor out with a poker run planned as the



**WSPS Cruise  
Registration  
Form**

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**COMMANDER'S  
MESSAGE**

*Judith C. Stadler, AP*

The winter months have gone by quickly, and spring is approaching! It's been a mild winter, and we are watching the weather forecasts with renewed interest as we try to gauge when temperatures will be warm enough for treks to prepare the boat for sailing season.

Our assemblies this fall and winter have been especially enjoyable. We learned a lot about the Port of Baltimore and traveled north with Bill and Donna Zimmerman as they shared their adventures in the waters of Nova Scotia. Just recently, we enjoyed a film about "Hooligans Navy", the yachtsmen who braved wind, seas and potential gunfire to help guard our shores from German u-boats during World War II. Many thanks to Betty Ingram and the members of the Assemblies Committee for another year of great programs.

At our recent Annual meeting, we approved the new by-laws, making it official that we can be called the "Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron." This new name really reflects our membership and identifies us as an organization open to both sail and power boaters. We also elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. Hopefully, you will be able to join us for the installation and wish them well at our Change of Watch and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on March 17.

I would like to thank this year's squadron officers for all of their help, especially Barbara Sharpless, who not only served as our very capable secretary, but also took on the task of serving as my "mentor", helping to keep me aware of the tasks to be done. Many thanks to all of the members who have given their time in various ways for the squadron this year and who gave so generously to the Seamen's Center through our gift boxes during the holiday season.

Most of all, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your commander this year. May you have a great 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year!

## *Executive Department*

As we delicately tip-toe around the ice & snow into the month of March, we find lots of activities occurring within your newly named Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron.

As your commander-elect, it was my duty to attend the D/5 winter training session on 9 February at the Maritime Conference Center in Linthicum, MD. This huge Maritime Institute is located near Baltimore and just a short one hour drive from home. District 5 is in control of 33 squadrons in the geographic areas of NJ, PA, MD, and VA. I met mostly all the other commander-elects of our district. One of the newest formed squadrons is the Nanticoke River Power Squadron, from Seaford, DE. A link to their website follows: [http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/tools/information.cgi?Nanticoke River](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/tools/information.cgi?Nanticoke%20River). While sharing lunch on Saturday with their Cdr-elect Clarence M. Kohlenberg, CM for short, I found that it took four years for their organization to gain suitable documentation to be admitted into the district. Sometimes we lose track of how our forefathers submitted this precious paperwork seventy-five years ago. Yes, the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron has 75 years of history and many dedicated volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those folks who have worked for our squadron in the Executive Department this year: Our Flag Lieutenant, Carl Stacey, who prepares the flag display and leads us in the pledge of allegiance at all of our socials, and his lovely wife Mary, who organizes the ditty boxes for the Wilmington Seaman Center at Christmas time (of course both Carl and Mary also have miscellaneous other duties throughout the year); Pam Orris, our Lubber's Line Editor, and her husband Bill, who coordinates web duties with our Administrative Officer John Ross; and Keith Sanclemente, our Legal Counsel, with our Liaison Officer David Sharpless, had many meetings to bring the name change to vote at the Founder's Day Social on 15 February. I would like to also thank P/C Donna F. Zimmerman, JN for all of her help and dedication in re-vamping the by-laws to suit our national organization.

As a friend in our all-volunteer squadron, I would like to appeal to all of our membership to join me in thanking our commander, Cdr. Judy C. Stadler, AP, for a job well done at our annual Change of Watch on 17 March.

*Lt/C Donald R. Engler, P*  
*Executive Officer*

## *Administrative Department*

Well, here we are on the eve of another boating season. As you begin to plan and execute your spring commissioning, don't forget to keep your Power Squadron in those plans. This year's Change of Watch Assembly will be hosted at the Embassy Suites Newark - New Amstel Jr. Ballroom beginning 1200 on Sunday, 17 March. Please respond to the evite, or send in the registration form elsewhere in this issue, at your earliest convenience to be sure you don't miss it. Special thanks to Lt. Mary E. Stacey and Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P who coordinated all of the plans for this special event!

Also, be sure to keep an eye on our website's calendar and "Like" us on Facebook to ensure you're up to date on all of our activities. This year we will mark our Squadron's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our Commander Elect is bursting with ideas for revitalizing our squadron and broadening its appeal to new members. Your Executive Committee is always eager to hear your ideas for enhancing your Squadron experience.

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One of the things we hope to emphasize in 2013 is more on-water activities including events for trailer boaters. A small group of us started this last year and we had a blast touring the Christina, Chester and Susquehanna rivers in dinghies and smaller trailered boats. Not only would our small boats enable us to get in areas we'd be hesitant to take our larger boats, but it's great to spend a day on the water and use less than 6 gallons of gas! We hope to add more of you as we plan our trailer boat events this year. If this also sounds like fun to you, and you'd like to join us in trailer boat activities, please be sure to let Dave Sharpless, Jim Robinson, John Koval or myself know.

At this moment, we do not have an Administrative Officer for 2013 so if you have an interest in joining the Executive Committee and helping chart the course for our Squadron's future, please let one of the Executive Committee members know. Our Squadron doesn't run itself; it's the input and effort of its dedicated leaders who directly impact the quality of our programs and the satisfaction you ultimately achieve from your Squadron association.

*Lt/C John S Ross, AP*  
*Administrative Officer*

### ***Welcome New WSPS Members***

***Richard and Mary Anne Ebersole***, referred to WSPS by P/C John Ingram and Lt Chuck Stadler, live in the Wilmington area and have a son and two grandsons who live out of state. The Ebersole's have been long-term active members of the New Castle Sailing Club and are currently "boatless", but who knows what the future holds! If needed, they can be called upon to serve as crew on a sailboat.

*Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P, Secretary*

## ***Education Department***

Spring is fast approaching. We still have time to schedule some informative educational programs. Our National organization is constantly making available new programs intended to improving the boating experience. A list of these useful and informative topics is available in the squadron Yearbook page 28 and on the National website, <http://www.usps.org>. We can draw upon the expertise of some of our most dedicated and knowledgeable members to craft and present a theme type of program. Interested in attending one of these in the future? The choice for customized seminar subjects is up to you. Put us to work! Let us know your needs. Suggestions, questions, feel free to contact P/C Jim Robinson, AP at 610- 444- 5155 or [jimrobinson37@aol.com](mailto:jimrobinson37@aol.com).

We shall, in concert with West Marine, be offering in seminar format, a course in Chart /GPS usage. Tentatively this will be held at the New Castle West Marine store in late March. Details as to date, time, etc. to be forwarded via email when available.

Again this year we will offer NASBLA approved safe Boating classes locally. Declining enrollment is largely due to potential attendees taking on-line classes with non-proctored exams. Spring Certification Class schedules are as follows:

21 March-Kennett VFW, Kennett Square, PA

02 April-A.I. du Pont High School, 50 Hillside Road Wilmington, DE

18 April-McKean High School, 301 Mc Kennan's Church Road, Wilmington, DE

*P/C James Robinson, AP*  
*Education Officer*



## *WSPS Birthday List /March-April*

<i>March-April</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>March-April</i>	<i>Date</i>
William E. Barber	Mar 05	John S. Ross	Apr 01
Keith Sanclemente	Mar 05	Beverly J. Melcher	Apr 03
Edward A. Kalinowski	Mar 06	William A. Parsons III	Apr 03
Mary E. Stacey	Mar 07	Alan G. Cropper	Apr 04
Geraldine R. Walker	Mar 08	Zelma C. Robinson	Apr 08
Albert I. Willett	Mar 09	John H. Bailey	Apr 10
Martin G. Wagner	Mar 19	Donna J. Hilton	Apr 12
Jeanmarie Bailey	Mar 24	David L. Benfer	Apr 13
Kim Miller-Royal	Mar 24	Janet E. Bryson	Apr 15
John A. Bryson	Mar 25	Charles R. Stadler	Apr 15
David Wenhold	Mar 26	William Zimmerman	Apr 15
Dorothy Ann Brabson	Mar 26	Aaron P. Wagner	Apr 19
Stuart P. Arasim	Mar 28	Victoria Sherry	Apr 21
Sarah Lind Cheyne	Mar 29	Jessica Reager	Apr 22
Walter L. Osgood	Mar 31	Thomas S. Webster Jr.	Apr 22
		Nancy J. Peffer	Apr 27

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activity, *Wednesday* – Mears Yacht Haven with dinner at the Tred Avon Yacht Club, *Thursday* – Edge Creek off of Broad Creek where, weather permitting, a circle raft will be formed and any leftover food, etc. from the week can be shared, and *Friday* – Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin. We attempted to book the paddleboat once again but found the economics just didn't work. Planned is a bus coach ride to and from Cambridge to the Suicide Bridge Restaurant for dinner and closing ceremonies.

Finally, all members - new cruisers, old cruisers, potential auto cruisers - are encouraged to participate in all or any part (event) of our week afloat. The Registration Form (deadline adherence requested) appears in this Lubber's Line issue. Need more details, interested in local lodging options, personal timetable conflict, general questions – whatever? Don't give up just yet! Contact the undersigned or any committee member. The group is committed to aid and facilitate in any way we can to bring a little of the WSPS Cruise into your life!!!

*P/C C. David Sharpless-Cruise Chair*  
*bdsharpless@verizon.net*

**WSPS 2013 ANNUAL CRUISE / PICNIC REGISTRATION****June 15 - June 21, 2013**

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LOA: \_\_\_\_\_ Draft: \_\_\_\_\_ Beam: \_\_\_\_\_

Power \_\_\_\_\_ Sail \_\_\_\_\_ Captain's Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Boat US Member: (Y)\_(N) Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Captain's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Mate: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Crew \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Note: Please note any special considerations or accommodations required on reverse side of form.**

1. Cruise Fees: Registration Fee: \$40 - due no later than 31 March  
 Cruise Fees: *balance due no later than 30 April*  
 Late Registration Fee: \$40 additional after 31 March \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. 2013 Cruise T-Shirts: "Best of the Best"  
 Adult:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S (34-36) \_\_\_\_\_ M (38-40) \_\_\_\_\_ L (42-44)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ XL (46-48) \_\_\_\_\_ XXL (50-52) \_\_\_\_\_ XXXL (54-56)  
 Total Adult (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$12/ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (a)  
 b. Child:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ YS (6-8) \_\_\_\_\_ YM (10-12) \_\_\_\_\_ YL (14-16)  
 Total Children (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$9/ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (b)  
 Total "T" shirt amount due (a + b) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ITINERARY AND ACTIVITIES**

3. Saturday – June 15, 2013 Lankford Bay Marina  
KIA's – Ann and Dave Benfer  
 Zelma and Jim Robinson  
Activity: Commander's Kick-off Party and Picnic  
 Picnic Fees: (\_\_\_\_) Adults & Children X \$10.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$ 1.75/ft. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electricity: 30 AMP line(s) (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$ 6.50ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 50 AMP line(s) (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$13.00ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Sunday – June 16, 2013 Selby Bay off South River - Anchor Out  
KIA's – Carol Hanson and Barbara Sharpless  
Activity: "Dinner on the Hook" Raft-up  
 Will be Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Will Not be Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Forward from Page 1 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Monday – June 17, 2013 Knapp's Narrows Marina  
KIA's – Betty and John Ingram  
 Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$ 2.00/ft \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electricity: 30 AMP line (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$ 7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
                   Twin 30 AMP lines (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$14.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
                   50 AMP line(s) (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$14.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity: Poolside Appetizer and Cocktail Party - Meal OYO  
 Poplar Island Tour/Raffle

6. Tuesday – June 18, 2013 La Trappe Creek - Anchor Out  
KIA's – Sue and Don Engler  
Activity: Poker Run

7. Wednesday – June 19, 2013 Mears Yacht Haven and Oxford Boat Yard  
KIA's – Mary Sue and Tom Stoner  
 Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$ 2.25/ft. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electricity: 30 Amp line(s) (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$ 7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
                   50 Amp line(s) (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$14.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity: Dinner at Tred Avon Yacht Club  
 (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$25.00/per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Thursday – June 20, 2013 Edge Creek off Broad Creek - Anchor Out  
KIA's – Kim Miller-Royal and Michael Royal  
Activity: Circle Raft/Share Leftovers Feast

9. Friday, June 21, 2013 Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin  
KIA's – David Sharpless and Bart Wilson  
Closing Ceremony Hosts – Carol Hanson and Dennis Wallace  
 Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$1.35/ft. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Electricity: 30 Amp line(s) (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$ 5.00ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
                   50 Amp line(s) (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$10.00ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity: Bus ride to Suicide Bridge Restaurant  
 Dinner at Suicide Bridge Restaurant  
 Bus ride back to marina  
 (\_\_\_\_\_) X \$30.00/per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FEES REQUIRED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BALANCE DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Requests for Special Boat and/or Crew Consideration(s) etc:

Please make your check payable to: WSPS Cruise/C. David Sharpless  
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 Newark, DE 19711-3006

*WSPS Cruise Memories 2012*  
*"Bettin' on a Good Time"*







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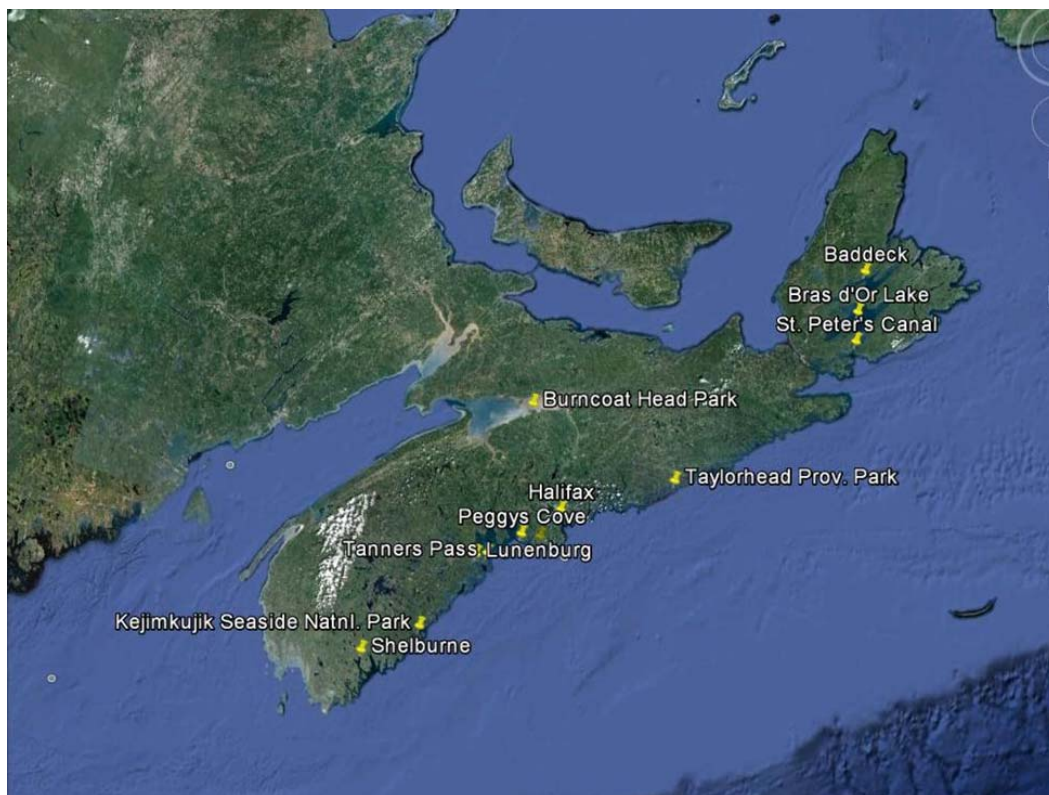


*WSPS Cruise Memories 2011*  
*Just Cruisin'*



### *WSPS Assembly – 18 January 2013*

Bill Zimmerman, JN and P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN shared photos and recollections of their favorite places from their 2011 sailing trip to Nova Scotia. They were accompanied on the sail up by John Ingram and Randy Williamson and, in all, were able to spend nearly five weeks exploring the Bras d'Ors Lake and the southern coast. Nova Scotia is an excellent cruising ground and a logical next step for those who enjoy cruising in Maine. The coastline is wonderfully undeveloped and scenic. Marinas and towns are few but there are excellent anchorages in abundance. Best of all, the lobster season is over by mid-July so there are NO POTS to contend with – only great sailing and perhaps a spot or two of fog. Think about adding Nova Scotia to your list of planned cruising destinations.



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20	Mar	1930	Embassy Suites Newark, Newark, DE
21	Mar	1900	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting
21	Mar	1900	Safe Boating Certification Class Begins
31	Mar		Kennett Square VFW, Kennett Square, PA
31	Mar		Cruise Registration Due
02	Apr	1900	Safe Boating Certification Class Begins
07	Apr		A.I. duPont High School
07	Apr		50 Hillside Road, Wilmington, DE
11-14	Apr		Deadline for May/June/July Lubber's Line Material
17	Apr	1930	D/5 Spring Conference, Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD
17	Apr	1930	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting
18	Apr	1900	Connectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
			Safe Boating Certification Class Begins
			McKean High School



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### Calendar of Events

