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Think Cruise! It's Time to Mark Your Calendars and Make Your Plans!!!

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 2011 Edition of the WPS Summer Cruise.



Cruise Registration Form

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Change of Watch Reservation Form

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“JUST CRUISIN”! Yep, that’s it! **“JUST CRUISIN”**, an appropriate title and theme describing the summer cruise. Whether you’re “Cruisin” by boat, or “Cruisin” by car (no numbing auto miles involved), either way works - just as long as you **“Cruise”**. Full week participation or single event, whatever, **“Just Cruise”**.

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

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By Cdr. John G. Ingram, AP



We all hope that the cold weather is about over and we can get back to working on those projects to get the boats back out on the water. It won't be long now. We have not been idle... the Assemblies Committee, led by Lt. Betty Ingram and Lt. Judy Stadler, put together a fine series, and the Cruise Committee, led by P/C Dave Sharpless and P/C Dennis Wallace, has organized a great event for June. The Education Department, led by Lt/C Jim Robinson, ran 2 courses, Marine Electronics, taught by Randy Williamson, and Piloting, taught by Chuck and Judy Stadler. The Nominating Committee, led by P/C Dave Sharpless, selected and presented a fine slate of officers and committees for next year. The Change of Watch Committee, led by Lt/C Barbara Sharpless and Lt. Mary Stacey, has put together another great program for the COW on March 20th... hope to see you there.

This year we awarded Merit Marks to over 40 individuals, to recognize their time and effort given to the squadron. There were the usual long-term supporters, and we really appreciate their dedication and continued support on the various committees and other positions within the squadron. But, more importantly, we were really pleased to see some of the newer faces stepping up to fill positions that will keep the organization going. I wish all the best to the incoming Commander, Jim Robinson, and his Bridge as we enter our 73rd year.

It has been my pleasure, and high honor, to serve your WPS Commander this past year. The squadron is in good shape... but I have left room for improvement. It has been a good year made possible by the great group of Bridge Officers and other volunteers I have worked with throughout the year. Thank you.

Executive Department



The national meeting of U.S.P.S. was held in Orlando Florida the first week in February. The primary reason for having this meeting is to provide time for face to face committee meetings. There were more committee meetings than any three people could attend and that just included those that were open to everyone. There were even more closed meetings than open ones! Most committees were very enthusiastic about the work they were doing. Where there was conflict it revolved around two or more mutually exclusive ideas for making USPS. a better organization.

There were also guests at the meeting. The Coast Guard was there to say they need USPS. NOAA, the people who update and publish charts, were there to say they need USPS. The National Association of State and Local Boating Law Administrators was there to say the same thing as were a number of marine manufacturers and lobbying groups. While declining membership is calling into question the survival the organization we all belong to, the need for a group such as ours is undeniable.

Prior to the meeting the Chief Commander decided that all members of USPS would be enrolled in Sail Angle .com with the ability to opt out if the individual so chooses. Sail Angle is an easy to use yet sophisticated communications package that will bring internet communications to every level within USPS. This decision will be especially beneficial to small squadrons that have limited resources for such a project. USPS has been plagued with computer programs that are difficult to use and counter intuitive. After a decade or more of making computer related activities hard we are finally doing something that makes them easy and fun. Keep an eye on your inbox for a message directly from the Chief Commander!

This meeting also provided some additional insights to the BOC program. This program is a significant change for USPS. This program seeks to give recognition to members for their skills as well as their knowledge. Because this is will be available to all members and over time may become more significant than recognition of just knowledge, it is a program that is being unrolled very slowly. Change is hard and so is figuring out how to teach and measure skills. Significant progress in teaching boat operating skills to new boaters has been accomplished. Slow and steady progress seems to be the order of the day and by the end of this decade members may be most proud of being Advanced Coastal Navigators and less enamored with being AP.



Education Department

Our spring classes have begun with courses for new boaters to improve their boating knowledge or for seasoned boaters to review what they already know. Elective course Marine Electronics started in January taught by Lt Randy Williamson, JN. Ten students have completed ME101 and 102 and gone on to ME 103 Marine Electronics for Navigation. This module presents information on depth sounders, RADAR, GPS Electronic Charting, and Computer-Assisted Navigation.

Lt Judy Stadler, AP and Lt Charles Stadler, AP are teaching Piloting. This Piloting class will run eight weeks with a open book exam at the end of the course.

There's still time to attend a USPS University Seminar Series. A list of programs is available in the 2010-2011 Yearbook or we can custom build one. Spring Commission, Engine Cooling System, Engine Charging System. Give Dave Sharpless or Jim Robinson a call we can build a Seminar to meet your needs.

Lt/C James Robinson, AP
Educational Officer

WPS Annual Meeting and Founder's Day Social

The 72nd Founder's Day Social was held at the Brandywine Community Center on 18 February 2011. After a delightful dinner of pizza and salad, Assemblies Co-Chair Lt/C Judith Stadler, AP, introduced Commander John Ingram, AP, who called the Annual Meeting to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by F/Lt Carl Stacey, AP, a moment of silence was held in remembrance of member Stephen F. Conside, Sr., who passed away recently. Bob and Barbara Bishop, guests of member Tom Stoner, AP, and Mary Howell, mother of member Mary Polk, P, were introduced. New members Jeff Arriza and Nancy Peffer were recognized. The Slate of Officers for the coming Bridge year was read by Nominations Committee Chairperson P/C C. David Sharpless, AP, and approved by the members present.

The business portion of the evening being adjourned, P/C Sharpless was asked to give some highlights on the upcoming 2011 Annual Summer Cruise. He encouraged non-cruisers to get involved in this year's cruise which, in his words, will be very different from anything we have ever done in the past. Lt Mary Stacey and Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P, Co-Chairs of the Change of Watch Committee, reminded members to get their reservation forms in for the festivities on 20 March. Commander Ingram then introduced the speakers for the evening, members P/C Donna Zimmerman, JN, and Bill Zimmerman, JN, who gave a very entertaining talk about their recent travels along the coast of Maine aboard their sailboat, *Mystic Star*. (Details of their presentation appear elsewhere in this Lubber's Line issue.)

Prior to adjourning the meeting for the evening, Commander Ingram recognized and thanked the members of the Assemblies Committee for all their hard work.

Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P
Secretary

Boating Safety News

PRACTICAL FIRST AID KIT

Perhaps this is a good time to review the items in your kit, adding and refreshing the contents as you think appropriate; sort of like changing batteries annually in your smoke alarms.

An EMT suggested the following:

- Three to four pairs of gloves in a zip lock bag
- Compress dressings or trauma pads (sanitary napkins work well)
- Box of band aids and rolls of adhesive tape
- 3 roller gauze bandages
- Ten to Twelve sterile gauze pads individually wrapped
- Turkey baster to rinse/flush wounds
- Bottle of chewable aspirin
- Bottle of liquid Benadryl
- Antibiotic wound ointment
- Scissors (“EMT shears) with an angular blade
- Tweezers
- CPR Pocket mask (optional)
- Chemical ice packs
- Chemical hand warmers
- First Aid book



I confess not being familiar with the contents of our onboard kit until prompted by writing this article. Here are some things I found:

- Multi use splint (www.samsplint.com)
- Sterile Gel-soaked dressing for burns
- RX for ear infection
- RX for pain
- RX Epipen
- Oral thermometer
- Triangular bandages

Except for prescriptions I suspect most of the above can be found in First Aid Kits such as Adventure Medical's (www.adventuremedicalkits.com available at West Marine.

Lt/C David L. Benfer, JN

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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 Choptank 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 WPS cruisers will quickly recognize the ports of call as having been visited by any number of cruises past. "*Something old, something new!*" Predictably, we have once again included some of the perennial favorite squadron places and events but **never**, emphasize **never**, have we been able to offer a meal and cruise on a "paddle wheeler", or never have we had the opportunity to "go ashore" to observe the reconstruction activities on Poplar Island first hand, never have we been able to offer dining at the beautiful Tred Avon Yacht Club, and so on!

Our week afloat is essentially as follows: *Saturday* - Lankford Bay Marina (kick-off party), *Sunday* - Rhode River anchor out, *Monday* - Knapp's Narrows Marina (poolside party and dinner at your choice of any of the great local restaurants) and a tour of the Poplar Island reconstruction site (limited availability), *Tuesday* - Trippe Creek anchor out, *Wednesday* - Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin (complete with 3 hour dinner cruise aboard legitimate paddle wheeler), *Thursday* - Broad Creek anchor out, and *Friday* - Oxford Closing Ceremonies at the Tred Avon Yacht Club.

Finally, all members - new cruisers, old cruisers, potential auto cruisers - are encouraged to participate in all or any part (event) of our week afloat. Not specifically discussed here but unquestionably part of the planning is that the "Riverboat" theme will be readily apparent throughout the week. It will be visible in most everything we do from a truly must have theme appropriate "T" shirt, other theme appropriate garb, theme appropriate activities (maybe even to include a little "sport of chance") - everything!

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 WPS "**Cruisin**" into your life!!!

Cruise Co-Chairs

P/C David Sharpless, AP

P/C Dennis Wallace, P

WPS 2011 ANNUAL CRUISE / PICNIC REGISTRATION
June 18 – June 24, 2011

Boat Name: _____ LOA: _____ Draft: _____ Beam: _____

Power _____ Sail _____ Captain's Cell Phone Number _____

Boat US Member: (Y)_(N)_ Number: _____ Captain's Email: _____

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

Captain: _____ Guests: _____
 Mate: _____ Children: _____ Total Crew _____

***Note:** Please specify 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. **Cruise T-Shirts:** Special Riverboat Cruise Edition *Available to all Members*
 - a. **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 18, 2011** *Lankford Bay Marina*
KIA's – 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 19, 2011** *Rhode 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 20, 2011** Knapp's Narrows Marina
KIA's - Betty and John Ingram
 Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____) X \$2.00/ft \$ _____
 Electricity: 30 AMP line(s) (_____) X \$7.00ea \$ _____
 50 AMP line(s) (_____) X \$14.00ea \$ _____
Activity: Poolside Appetizer and Cocktail Party - Meal OYO

6. **Tuesday – June 21, 2011** Trippe Creek - Anchor out
KIA's – Anne and Mike Minard
Activity: Anchor Out Surprise Activity

7. **Wednesday – June 22, 2011** Cambridge Yacht Basin
KIA's – Marina: Bev and Bart Wilson
 - Riverboat Dinner Cruise: Ann and Dave Benfer
 - Theme Hosts: Nancy and Jim Ennis
 Riverboat 3 hour Cruise + Meal – (_____) X \$44/ea \$ _____
 Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____) X \$1.50/ft. \$ _____
 Electricity: 30 Amp line(s) _____ X \$5.00ea \$ _____
 50 Amp line(s) _____ X \$10.00ea \$ _____

8. **Thursday – June 23, 2011** Broad Creek - (Raft out)
KIA's – Barbara Sharpless/Marty Wagner
Activity: Anchor Out – Surprise Activity

9. **Friday, June 24. 2011** Mears Yacht Haven & Oxford Boat Yard
KIA's – Barbara and David Sharpless
Awards Ceremony – Dennis Wallace and Carol Hanson hosts
 Slip Fee: Vessel LOA (_____) X \$2.25ft. \$ _____
 Electricity: 30 Amp Line(s) (_____) X \$ 7.00ea \$ _____
 50 Amp line(s) (_____) X \$14.00ea \$ _____
Activity: Dinner at the gorgeous Tred Avon Yacht Club
Dinner – Tred Avon Yacht Club (salads, ribs, burgers etc.)
 Adults (_____) X \$32.00/per person \$ _____
 Children (12 and under) (_____) X \$20/per person \$ _____

TOTAL FEES REQUIRED \$ _____

BALANCE DUE \$ _____

*Requests/Cruise Comments or clarifications needed: (special needs or requests etc.)

Please make your check payable to: WPS Cruise/C. David Sharpless
 forward to: 2 Haileys Trail
 Newark, DE 19711-3006

Two Summers in Maine – and a little lesson for us all

It's a little unusual for one of the speakers to be writing the Lubber's Line article about their presentation – but it was an unusual presentation to say the least. Wanting to avoid any technical glitches, I set up our laptop and the projector before the social, testing all the connections, adjusting the focus – everything worked great! So I turned everything off and unplugged the extension cord – not wanting to risk the tripping hazard as we moved our chairs around for the presentation.



Mistake Island Light, Down East Maine

Imagine my surprise (fill in other emotions here!) when I turned on the laptop after dinner and was met with the “blue screen of death”. If you are unfamiliar with the “blue screen of death”, generally it means “time to buy a new computer”. Despite a valiant rescue attempt by some very knowledgeable computer folks (John Ross and Randy Williamson), the laptop persisted in its recalcitrant behavior. I even whacked it around a bit – but no go. Here we are in front of a room full of WPS friends waiting to see photos of the beautiful Maine coast and we've got “nothing”!

As I said to the group – flexibility is essential to successful and enjoyable cruising – so we went ahead and gave a version of our presentation without any slides at all. We described our routes up and back, our concerns before starting out, the kinds of challenges we found and some things that worked well for us. Describing our favorite places without any photos was really difficult and we really appreciate the audience hanging in there with us for that. I know it would have been much more enjoyable with the visuals. In retrospect, I think not having pictures to fall back on made us think a bit more deeply on what made those places special to us: the natural beauty, of course; but also the joy of finding your way to a new place while meeting little challenges along the way. Maine is full of unexpected, delightful places and that's what really makes cruising there special.

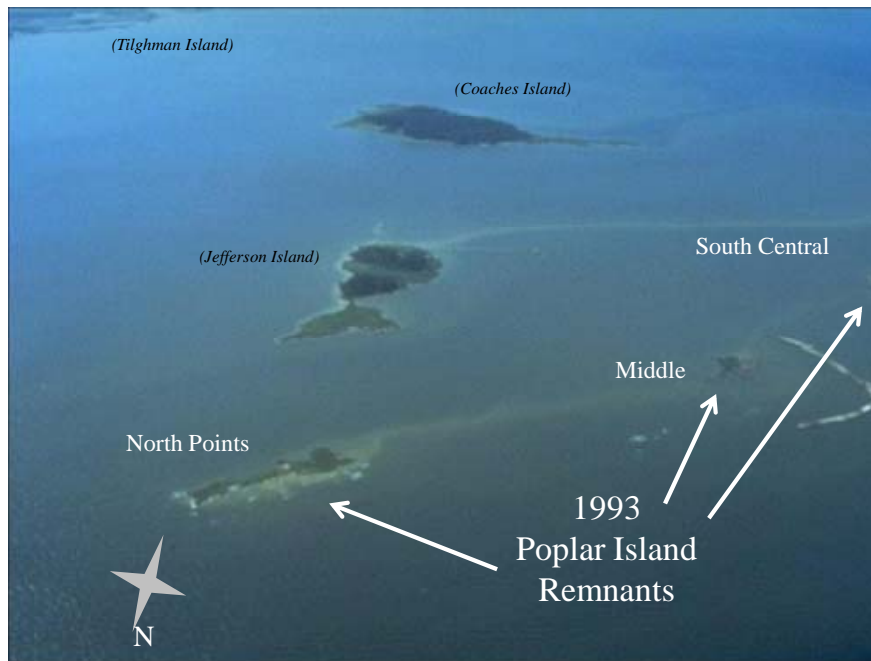
By the time we got home, we both fully realized how disappointed we were. Even though we had been ambivalent about giving a talk on our trip, after we spent time pulling it all together we were both looking forward to sharing our experiences and memories with so many people who appreciate and enjoy so many of the same things we do. We were also mad at ourselves. We know better than to rely solely on electronics. We don't do it on the boat. We've got redundant electronic nav systems along with the paper charts and traditional tools that we absolutely know how to use. All the data on the laptop (and on our other computers at home) was backed up. But we didn't have a contingency plan last night and Murphy nailed us. Don't let it happen to you – on home or on the water.

In case you couldn't make the “presentation”, it's on our website: www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org.

***January Assembly
Chesapeake Dredging and Poplar Island Project
(as reported by Cdr John Ingram)***

Our Chesapeake Bay is and has been effected by run-off and sedimentation, and erosion and silting resulting in the bay getting shallower and shallower. In fact, the current average depth is only about 21 feet. Laura Baker, from Maryland Environmental Services, spoke to us about the economic activity associated with the port of Baltimore. Baltimore is about 150 nm from the Atlantic Ocean, allowing this port to be closer to the mid-west than any other Atlantic port. The deep-draft ships require a 50-foot channel be maintained, by dredging, from Baltimore to the Atlantic, at Cape Henry, Virginia.

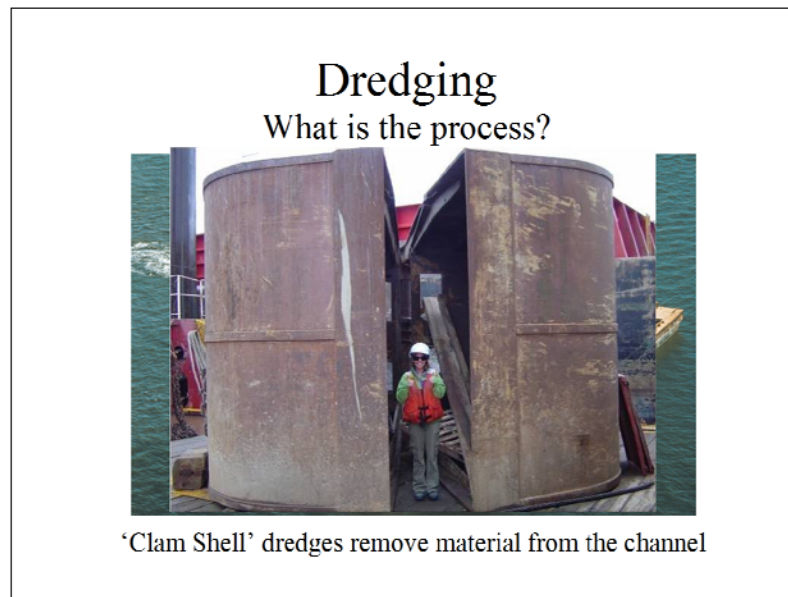
Historically, the bay was bordered by chains of islands strung along the edges of the bay. These islands were surrounded by shallow channels and vast salt marshes. Over the last 150 years, approximately 10,500 acres of island habitat has been lost in the middle-eastern portion of the bay, due to erosion. If these rates continue, it is estimated that remote island habitats will disappear from the mid-Bay region within 20 years.



In 1747, Poplar Island, located off Tilghman, was about 1800 acres with permanent residents... a pretty big island. 100 years later, it had eroded to about 1100 acres. The wind and waves of the Bay had washed over the island taking little pieces of it away. By the mid-1990s, Poplar was reduced to only 5 acres and was soon to disappear.

So we have dredged material that needs to be placed somewhere, and we have a disappearing island with the potential to be rebuilt. The Ecosystem Restoration Project at Poplar Island was a win/win solution for everyone. Because the Chesapeake Bay is so important to the Port of Baltimore, we have a responsibility to maintain clean water and a healthy wildlife habitat in the Bay.

There are 4 locations in the State of Maryland where they place dredged material from the shipping channels. Poplar Island is one, the others are Cox Creek, Masonville, and Hart-Miller Island. Hart-Miller Island was close to capacity and stopped receiving dredged material in December 2009.



In 1998, the project was begun to restore Poplar Island to its large size. Dredging is done by large cranes with clam shell dredges (two big buckets) mounted on barges. The clam shell buckets are lowered to the bottom, they scoop up the sediment, bring it back to the surface, and unload it onto scows. A tugboat takes to scow to the dredged material processing center on Poplar Island. The unloading process includes mixing bay water with the dredged materials to make a slurry that is pumped onto the island and dewatered and dried to optimize storage capacity. After the material has dried and become solid ground, plantings are put in to make it a good habitat.



The island is divided into 6 main cells totaling nearly 1150 acres. 50 percent of the island is considered upland (dry) and 50 percent wetland, of which 80% is low marsh and 20 % is high marsh. Today, Poplar Island has become a home to many birds and terrapins and a terrapin adoption program.

WILMINGTON POWER SQUADRON

Change of Watch

Sunday, 20 March 2011

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

Arrive at 1130 to socialize with your friends. You may purchase drinks from the bar.

DELUXE BRUNCH BUFFET

Seasonal fresh fruits and berries
Assorted muffins, Danish pastries, croissants and bagels
Country egg scramble with Cheddar cheese, peppers and onions or scrambled eggs
Eggs Benedict - Frosted flake French toast with warm Vermont maple syrup
Crisp bacon and pork sausage - Deerfield's herbed breakfast potatoes
Smoked salmon display with chopped red onions, chopped egg whites and capers
Deerfield's mixed greens salad and Cæsar salad
Deerfield's Chicken Grand Marnier: egg-dipped boneless chicken breast,
sautéed shallots, orange zest, Grand Marnier and a touch of cream
Deerfield's Pan-seared Crab Cake: Old Bay remoulade
Chef's vegetable selection - Assorted miniature desserts

CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY - 1300

Please send in your reservation slip and check **payable to WPS** to:
 Mary Stacey, 600 Benham Court, Newark, DE 19711-6015 by **Monday, 14 March 2011.**
 (Please don't be late. Thanks)



WPS Change of Watch
Sunday, 20 March 2011

Names of Attendees _____

_____ @ \$35.00 per Person = \$ _____



WPS Birthday List - March-April

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

Welcome Aboard New Members



Michael Royal and Kim Miller-Royal live in the Newark area and are presently enrolled in the Piloting course being taught at A.I. DuPont High School. Michael and Kim were referred to WPS by member John Ross.

Welcome Aboard Michael and Kim

Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P
Secretary

Calendar of Events



			Weekly Luncheons: Lucky’s Coffee House Concord Pike, Talleyville DE, Wednesday
02	Mar.	1830	USPS® Seminar Series, Newark Senior Center, Boat Anchoring, (18 years of age and older)
9	Mar.	1830	USPS® Seminar Series, Newark Senior Center, Basic Coastal Navigation (18 years of age and older)
16	Mar.	1830	USPS® Seminar Series, Newark Senior Center, Marine Radar (18 years of age and older)
20	Mar.	1130	WPS Change of Watch, “D” at Deerfield 507 Thompson Station Rd., Newark, DE
23	Mar.	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark DE
24	Mar.	1900	Safe Boating Certification begins, VFW Kennett Square, PA
25-27	Mar.		D/5 Spring Conference & Officer Training Princess Royal Hotel, Ocean City, MD
30	Mar.	1830	USPS® Seminar Series, Newark Senior Center, On-Board Weather Forecasting (18 years of age and older)
31	Mar.		<i>Cruise Registration Due</i>
05	Apr.	1900	Safe Boating Certification begins, A.I. DuPont High School 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington, DE
07	Apr.		Deadline for Lubber’s Line Material
21	Apr.	1900	Safe Boating Certification begins, McKean High School 301 McKennan’s Church Rd., Wilmington, DE
27	Apr.	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Connective Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
28 Apr-01 May			D-5 NOAA Coop Charting Workshop, Atlantic Marine Ctr., Norfolk, VA

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