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WSPS Change of Watch

The 74th Change of Watch for the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron as well as the kickoff observance for our 75th anniversary was held on Sunday, 17 March 2013 at the Embassy Suites Newark. Prior to the lunch, attendees were treated to a slide show presentation commemorating some of our past activities over the many years, tastefully assembled by then Lt/C Don Engler, P.

Our MC, Lt Mary Stacey, called the ceremonies to order following a delicious lunch offering. Guests in attendance, District Commander James J. "Jeff" McKinney, JN, and Sergeant Gregory Rhodes representing the Delaware Boating Education, were then introduced, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by F/Lt Carl Stacey, AP. Our Squadron Chaplain, Lt Carol Hanson, P, following the invocation, somberly recognized the passing with a period of silence for two long-standing friends and contributing members, P/C Harry Anderson, SN, and P/C Frank Clendening, N. Ten Past Commanders were introduced (including our longest distance traveler former P/C James H. Houston (Tex) (who was returning for the ceremony from the Cincinnati area) and enthusiastically thanked by membership for past as well as ongoing contributions to WSPS.

Following remarks by District Commander McKinney and Sergeant Rhodes, Commander Judith Stadler, AP, was called to the podium for her final message as our Commander. Next, after summoning her Bridge Officers to the podium, she presented each one with an appropriate gift commemorating their contributions to her year at the WSPS helm. Commander McKinney relieved Commander Stadler of command responsibilities for the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron and her officers and committee persons elected and appointed to serve during her tenure were also subsequently dismissed.

District Commander McKinney requested Commander Elect Donald Engler, P, to the podium for the administration of the Oath of Office and presentation of the Commander's flag. The Oath of Office was then administered to the 2013-2014 Bridge Officers and the Executive Committee members.

Following his acceptance of command message, newly elected Commander Engler presented P/C Stadler with mementos of recognition for her year of service as

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Conference
And Meeting***

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**COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE**

Donald R. Engler, P

My thanks to the membership and the Executive Board for their confidence in selecting me as your Commander for this 75th year of operation of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron. I will try to “live up” to the responsibility.

“The line it is drawn –The curse it is cast – The slow one now will later be fast, as the present now will later be past; the order is rapidly fadin' and the first one now will later be last...for the times they are a-changin'.” Yes, Bob Dylan penned these words 50 years ago, so he must have known that WSPS would be experiencing some dire times. This is something many of the past commanders have talked about in their first address to the rank & file, so I guess I'm not much different from those before me. It is essential to add some fresh faces to our squadron and hold onto the ones we have. Perhaps each of us could act as a membership disciple and approach some of the folks in our marinas, or while we're preparing our boats for the water this spring.

I have asked that the “Day Afloat” be resurrected to include those attendees of our spring boating classes. This year we have three such classes scheduled; so the intent is to invite, each of the graduates to visit one of seven different vessels (sail & power) for a short voyage followed by lunch on the hook at a nearby cove. I have scheduled 1 June for this event. There is more information about the “Day Afloat” further in this issue.

Interest in trailer boating has enjoyed a resurgence over recent years. The economy, fuel costs, conflicting family priorities, maintenance costs, etc., are just some of the apparent reasons that large boat ownership has waned. Several members of the Executive Committee, small boat operators, have agreed to organize an upper bay small boat rendezvous on 8 June (details elsewhere in this issue-additional info via email as the date approaches). The intent here is quite simple; we are reaching out to those members who are part of the resurgence in popularity in small boat ownership. Just for general info, many of our members do participate

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and enjoy this specific facet of the fabulous boating hobby. Small boat owner? Like upper bay water activities? Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us

As the squadron cheerleader, I would like to see more faces at our outdoor socials which begin with the annual spring picnic at the Rock Hall Community Center on 18 May. Come out earlier in the day and help with the trash removal on Rt. #20 in Rock Hall where we foster a small area of roadway from the center of Rock Hall to Lawton Avenue and follow up by joining in with the picnic group at the Community Center. All of those attending the annual summer cruise from 15–21 June will want to attend the “Skipper’s Meeting” at the Brandywine Library on Tuesday, 4 June. Please note, this date has changed from the original date that was reported in the yearbook.

Perhaps all of this sociability may be too much for some of you, but I have a feeling that our growth is determined by how we treat any and all of our guests and prospective new members. Come on out to all the events, or just a couple, and see some folks you haven’t met. Light fare lunches more to your liking? We still sponsor the long standing Wednesday luncheons at Season’s Pizza on Rt. #202 in Talleyville beginning at 11:30 A.M. Your involvement could become infectious.

During the Change of Watch Ceremonies I chose to thank persons that have given their time and talents to WSPS over the years. These couples/persons are the reason(s) for our organization’s livelihood and I noted that there are many more folks deserving this notoriety. Mary and Carl Stacey, Barbara and David Sharpless and Geri Walker were suitably thanked and each was given a gift of the WSPS DVD Slide Show that ran most of the time before lunch began. Hats off to these folks and more to come!

Commander Don R. Engler, P

Executive Department

After a long wait, Spring is finally upon us and, if you haven’t started already, spring commissioning is knocking on the hull.

With our recent renaming to Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron, we’ve also renamed our website to www.wspstoaters.com. Not only does it recognize our new name, it’s shorter and thus easier to type in accurately. We also hope to appeal to non-member boaters to give us a look. So please bookmark it, so you can stay on top of this year’s activities. (Just as an FYI, our old website address of www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org will continue to work and is mapped to the same destination.)

One of our areas of emphasis this year is greater attention to boaters who may not previously joined us in a boating activity. Thus, we are reaching out to segments like trailer boaters to participate in tours of the various waterways that are so prolific around the bay and more locally. So, if you are a trailer boater, and this includes those of us with dinghies, skiffs, or any trailerable watercraft, keep an eye out on our website calendar for upcoming trailer boat outings.

Please also consider joining us for a Day Afloat on June 1st. Essentially, we’ll have various squadron members opening their boats for guests to accompany us on a day on the water. More details will be announced as we get closer to the event. Also, please join us for a Squadron picnic in Rock Hall on Saturday, May 18th. Details will be announced in an upcoming evite.

I wish you all a safe and memorable season on the water!

Lt/C John S. Ross, AP
Executive Officer

Education Department

The Boating Certification classes are in full swing as of this writing. The Kennett Square class, held at the VFW facility, had five students, all now certified operators, once again team taught by P/C David Sharpless, AP, and Lt John Koval, P. Classes at A. I. du Pont High School began 9 April with eleven students also being team taught by P/C Sharpless and P/C Mike King, AP. Our final certification offering this spring beginning 18 April will be at Mc Kean High School. We are expecting strong attendance thanks to the advertisement in the News Journal paper.

An outboard carburetor repair seminar is tentatively scheduled for 20 April at the West Marine Store in New Castle.

To better serve you, the membership, we need to know your interests, whether it be Advanced Grades, Elective Courses or Seminar subjects. Within our organization, we have the expertise to customize and present, in a seminar format, most any boating subject. Please call Jim Robinson with your interest at 610-444-5155 or E-mail to jimrobinson37@aol.com.

*P/C James Robinson, AP
Education Officer*

Boating Safety News

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Finally! Time to remove the cover, paint the bottom, wax the hull and launch the boat. You did pay the slip fee and complete the work order, right?

Hard to overlook the above and important to check the following:

- Fire extinguishers properly charged?
- Running lights work & lenses clear?
- Dinghy lights need new batteries?
- Life jackets in good condition, location marked and sufficient in number?
- The "pill", which when wet activates the inflation of the life vest, need to be replaced?
- The first aid kit – anything missing or out of date? Still have the Benadryl, antibiotic wound ointment, gauze pads, sun screen, etc.?
- Propane tank older than 12 years? If so it should be "re-qualified" otherwise it might not be refillable – the date manufactured is on the handle.

Remember the CPR procedure – not breathing, call 911, open airway, at least 100 compressions per minute directly over the breast bone, and stop when subject begins breathing.

Think SAFETY and enjoy the season.

*Lt David L. Benfer, JN
Boating Safety News*

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Commander. He thanked WSPS members Mary and Carl Stacey, Barbara and David Sharpless and Geri Walker for the time and talents they have given to the organization over the years and presented them with DVDs of the slide show presentation.

Copies of this picture of the Past Commanders present at the 50th anniversary of the Wilmington Power Squadron, sent by P/C Robert David, SN, were presented to the “oldest” Past Commander at each table.



A picture of the eleven Past Commanders present for the 75th anniversary, which included P/C Stadler as well as newly sworn in Commander Engler, was taken by Squadron Photographer Lt Susan Engler, P. As a memento of the 75th observance of the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron, each person present received a commemorative ceramic coffee mug inscribed with a special 75th anniversary WSPS logo.

MC Lt Stacey thanked the Change of Watch Committee for the behind the scenes work so necessary in making this day so special, adjourned the meeting and invited everyone to enjoy dessert as well as watch a further showing of the slide show.

2013 Change of Watch Committee

WSPS 2013 - Change of Watch





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Wilmington P/C's at 50th Change of Watch, l to r: Cropper, McClure, Mahaffy, Conner, Anderson; Kutter, Minshall, Carleton, Kee; Haac, Smith, Hurd; Mahaney, Moody, David, Clendening; Winnerling, Bair.

50th CHANGE OF WATCH A WINNER!

More than two hundred officers, members and guests, including USPS Chief Commander William D. Selden, N and District Commander Hugh M. Strawn, AP, participated in the Wilmington Power Squadron 50th Change of Watch in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel du Pont on 23 April. Representatives of 16 other Squadrons were among those in attendance.

Following the Welcome Aboard message from Master of Ceremonies P/C C. Harwin Smith, N, the Invocation by Lt Richard A. Spraker, AP, and the Pledge of Allegiance by Squadron Flag Officer Lt N. Russell Hein, P, a delightful dinner was served as only the Hotel du Pont does it.

P/C Billy O. Moody, AP, then introduced Past Commanders of WPS who were in attendance (see photo above).

Commander Alan G. Cropper, AP conducted an Awards and Recognition ceremony thanking the 50th Change of Watch Committee and Chairman P/C Frank J. Clendening, N for fine efforts and results. Commander Cropper also thanked Lt Edward H. Ten Eyck, N, R/C Robert P. David, N, and P/C Wolfgang Kutter, N for their contributions in fund raising activities. P/C Pierce W. (Dick) Johnston was complimented on preparation of the 50-year history of WPS.

Recognition was accorded five members of WPS with 25 years service. They are Ed Meyer, Phillip Rennolds, Evans C.

Guequierre, David L. Wassum and Dwain J. Watkins. Chief Commander Selden presented a plaque to P/R/C Howard R. McClure, N, in honor of his Charter Membership in WPS and service in USPS.

Commander Cropper made a special presentation award to Cy Liberman, journalist for the *News Journal Papers*, for his valued services in publicizing safe boating.

D/C Commander Hugh M. Strawn, AP then gave his address emphasizing that good Squadron public relations is every member's obligation.

Chief Commander William D. Selden, N spoke on the importance of "You" in the Squadron ... that the individual is what makes each Squadron a viable entity.

Following his presentation, Chief Commander Selden was presented with a check for the USPS Educational Fund by Commander Cropper in honor and memory of P/C Thomas F. Johnson, Jr., JN.

Commander Cropper then gave his farewell remarks and introduced "the main event", the Change of Watch.

Joined on the quarterdeck by C/C Selden and D/C Strawn, the current watch was relieved and new officers installed (see box on page 2).

Commander Roger L. Cason, N thanked P/C Alan G. Cropper, AP for his efforts and leadership the past year and presented several articles of appreciation.

16 SQUADRONS ATTEND WPS 50th C-O-W

Commanders, their wives, and representatives from 16 other Squadrons participated in the Wilmington Power Squadron 50th Change of Watch. The Squadrons were:

Blue Hen Power Squadron
Cambridge Power Squadron
Dundalk Power Squadron
Indian River Power Squadron
Main Line Power Squadron
Northeast River Power Squadron
Ocean City Power Squadron
Salisbury Power Squadron
Absecon Island Power Squadron
Kingsway Power Squadron
Miles River Power Squadron
Mobjack Bay Power Squadron
Patapsco River Power Squadron
Pennsaw Power Squadron
Richmond Power Squadron
Sue Island Power Squadron

ANNUAL CRUISE

Ahoy mates! Your reservations for this year's Annual Cruise are due in to Jack Bryson by May 15 along with your payment.

For those not going on the cruise, you are welcome to join either the Saturday night "Crab Feast" in Rock Hall or the Friday night dinner at the Maryland Yacht Club. Again, contact Jack Bryson for reservations.

For you "captains," the "Skippers Meeting" will be held 9 June, 2000, at Boscov's Auditorium in the Concord Mall, Wilmington.

Lt/C Craig B. Bailey
Administrative Officer

Commander Cason then made incoming Commander's comments, stressing the need to keep volunteer participation at a high level. Commander Cason cited the involvement on a District level of P/C Harry Anderson, N, D/Lt Paul Holmberg and P/C Wolfgang Kutter, N; on a National level, R/C Robert P. David, N and P/C Harry A. Winnerling, N.

Ceremonies over, members and guests enjoyed dancing to the music of the Vic England trio.



As your Commander for 2013, I felt it my duty to attend the District 5 Annual Meeting and Spring Conference held at the Royal Princess Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. Sue and I arrived at noon on Friday to see that many of the festivities had already begun. We were quickly involved with the exhibitors and the lunch that was being served. We spent the afternoon in seminars and were introduced to the spreadsheet software (DB2000) that is required for communication with our national organization. The meetings carried on into the early evening, however we were interested in “hospitality suites” that 11 of the squadrons had prepared around the pool area (see photo above). They ranged from “Family Feud” to “Dunk the Commander” (don’t get any ideas). Many of these suites included hands-on tying of knots and identifying boats of different eras, etc. Many had drink concoctions that few had tasted before. It was an enjoyable evening and we met lots of folks from around our district.

We found that Saturday morning started with the council meeting punctually at 8 AM. Needless to say, there were lots to learn and way to numerous to list here. We did win the Distinctive Communicator Award for our Lubber’s Line, honors for our website and recognition of the Wilmington S&P Squadron for Social Media & Networking. Later in the day, more info became available about CPR and falls. The conference closed at 1645 and everyone rushed to their rooms to prepare for the Change of Watch to be held in the Palmetto Ballroom.



A Day Afloat - 2013

We are celebrating your graduation from the **Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron** Boating Class by offering a free, educational day on the water of the Chesapeake Bay. **Saturday June 1st** is the date that many of the members of the squadron will be taking you for a short trip from their marinas. Please make your selection of the volunteer boats below, call Cdr. Engler @ 302.426.9000, and join us for
A Day Afloat!

Eau de Vie (S) - Richard & Terry Butler - North Point Marina, Rock Hall, MD

Estelle (P) - Tom & Kay Webster - Hacks' Point Marina, Bohemia, MD

Gypsy II (S) - John & Betty Ingram - North Point Marina, Rock Hall, MD

Journey (P) - Dave & Ann Benfer - Langford Bay Marina, Rock Hall, MD

Jubilee (S) - Don & Sue Engler - Located at Green Point Marina, Worton, MD

Portabella (P) - Jim & Zelma Robinson - North Point Marina, Rock Hall, MD

Wind Venture (S) - Chuck & Judy Stadler - Haven Harbor, Rock Hall, MD

Meet the owners at their marina at **10AM** or their chosen location for boarding their vessel. Please remember to bring your lunch and beverages will be provided for you. We'll go for a short sail or motor to a cove to raft up with other boats. Please ask any questions that come to mind and we will try to answer all on this short trip. Remember to wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes or sneakers.

Please call the folks above to "sign on" to their boat. Thanks for your participation!!



Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron's Annual Spring Picnic

Saturday, 18th May 2013

1400 - 1700

Rock Hall Civic Center
Pavilion & Picnic Area

Please mark your calendars accordingly

Reservations for planning purposes are requested by Wednesday, 15th May to John Ross, e-mail: @johnsross3@gmail.com or call 302-235-5856

Grills will be fired up at 1400; arrive when you can. The "fixin's" and sodas will be provided. All you have to do is simply take an afternoon break and plan on spending a little quality time in scenic Rock Hall.

Bring a grille item for yourself plus a side dish to share.

Cost: \$2.00 per person, payable at picnic site



Directions: At the light on Route 20 in Rock Hall turn left onto N. Main Street (toward stores) and right onto Civic Center Road. There is plenty of parking.



WSPS Birthdays/May-June-July

<i>May-June-July</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>May-June-July</i>	<i>Date</i>
Carol Hanson	May 03	J. Mark Walters	Jun 16
Lynn A. Mahaffy	May 07	Michael A. Royal	Jun 17
Paul W. Esterle	May 08	Jane E. Drummond	Jun 21
Thomas A. Minshall	May 12	William Orris	Jun 22
Kevin R. Mullery	May 13	Martha J. Sanclemente	Jun 23
Richard Alan Butler	May 14	Lyn F. Anderson	Jun 26
Robert Updegrave	May 16	Lynne M. Schaefer	Jun 26
Paul Bosco	May 18	C. Forrest Collier	Jun 28
Reade Y. Tompson	May 18	Robert B. Hall	Jun 30
Susan L. Clark	May 20	Nicholas A. Waite	Jul 04
Janet C. Kalb	May 22	Allene Hopman	Jul 05
Kirk L. Bailey	May 25	Jay R. Minshall	Jul 05
Hugh M. Mahaffy	May 28	James F. D'Wolf	Jul 07
Stephen A. Leishman	Jun 03	Lynda L. Hastings	Jul 07
Harold C. Marden, Jr	Jun 06	Wendy Shipman	Jul 07
D. Frederick Yaeger	Jun 06	Kathleen H. Leef	Jul 19
Bart Wilson	Jun 07	John G. Ingram	Jul 24
Bill Moody	Jun 09	Robert F. Mahaney	Jul 31
Donna Zimmerman	Jun 12	Eileen Malin	Jul 31
Maurice A LaPlace	Jun 15	Thomas T. Stoner	Jul 31
J. T. Reager	Jun16		

ROCK HALL Rt. 20 CLEAN-UP ***18 May 2013 at 1200***

The Squadron has adopted a 1-mile section of Route 20 in Rock Hall as ours to keep clean. That means that we make a sweep of the roadway once in the spring and again in the fall. We found that it takes us about an hour to complete the task. This spring we have scheduled the clean-up for Saturday, 18 May, at 1200 (Noon). This will give us an hour to clean ourselves up and be at the Squadron Picnic at 1400 (2 PM). This is great PR some healthy exercise. Betty and I hope to see you there. If you can join us, please call and make a reservation, 302-633-1733.

P/C John Ingram, AP

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03-04	May		D/5 Coop Charting Workshop
15	May	1930	NOAA Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk, VA WSPS Executive Committee Meeting
18	May	1200	Connectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE Rt #20 Cleanup in Rock Hall
18	May	1400	WSPS Spring Picnic, Rock Hall Civic Center (Park/Picnic Area)
18	May	TBD	Delaware River Educational Dinner Cruise
18-24	May		National Safe Boating Week
01	June		A Day Afloat (See the Lubber's Line for Details)
04	June	1800	WSPS Executive Committee Meeting, Brandywine Hundred Library
04	June	1830	WSPS Cruise Skippers' Meeting, Brandywine Hundred Library
08	June		Trailer Boating – Day Long Cruise
15	June	1700	Northeast River – Specifics to be Announced Commander's Kickoff & Spring Picnic
16-21	June		Lankford Bay Marina, Rock Hall, MD WSPS Annual Cruise, including Sail Races
07	July		Deadline for August/September Lubber's Line Material
03	August	1200	Rt #20 Cleanup in Rock Hall
03	August	1400	WSPS Picnic, Rock Hall Civic Center (Park/Picnic Area)



Seasons Pizza, 3901 Concord Pike, Wilm., DE

Weekly Luncheons on Wednesday: 1130

Calendar of Events
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