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Wilmington Power Squadron 68th Annual Change of Watch 2007

On Sunday, 25 March 07, the 68th annual Change of Watch of the Wilmington Power Squadron was held at Hartefeld National Country Club with about 55 members in attendance. Master of Ceremonies, P/C Dennis M. Wallace, P introduced our District Five Representative, P/D/C Bill Selden, AP, and recognized the following past commanders present, including himself, P/C Jay R. Minshall, AP, P/C Frank J. Clendening, N, P/C Robert F. Mahaney, AP, P/C D. Jeffrey Russell, AP, P/C Roger L. Cason, SN, P/C H. Philip Goettel, AP, P/C C. David Sharpless, AP, and P/C Edward H. Kris, SN.



*Incoming Cdr Jay Green, and
WPS past commanders at 2007 COW*

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The Squadron Chaplain, Lt Carol Hanson, P, presented a thoughtful blessing and honored the passing of four members: Joan B. Booz, AP, Roland P. Diefenderfer, P, Robert E. Haley, JN, and Francena Johnson.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By Cdr Jay Greene, AP



I want you to know that I am pleased to be your new Commander. I follow a long line of past commanders, most recently P/C Martin G. Wagner, AP and P/C W. Michael King, AP. Their cumulative efforts have made the Wilmington Power Squadron a great organization. Now it is my turn at the helm.

I plan to abide by the USPS® objectives: 'The objects of the United States Power Squadron shall be to encourage and promote a high standard of skill in the navigation in the handling and navigation of yachts, power and sail...' Notice it says yacht, not boat. We are not just boaters; we are a group of yachtsmen (and women). 'To encourage and promote the study of the science and art of navigation, seamanship and small boat handling.' This means that every activity we plan has a purpose. Everything we do as an organization helps make your membership more valuable and meaningful. Helping out on a committee is the best way for you to get the most out of your membership and we really appreciate those of you who do.

We are going to have a great summer. Your bridge and their committees have put together a wide array of activities. I think we have something for everyone. I will tell you a little about some of the events we have planned. Look for more information elsewhere in this issue and online at www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org.

First, Lt/C Harry S. Anderson II, P has created a new Land and Sea rendezvous at Turner Creek early this summer. I'm going! Are you? It is going to be great! Lt/C. Donna Zimmerman, AP is going to have a photo contest. I'm going to take pictures! Are you? OK, I'm a professional, but don't let that stop you. The photos are going to be used for P/R to promote our organization. Later, she is planning a Cooperative Charting event with P/R/C Stephen A. Leishman. Let's give her our enthusiastic support. Your efforts will help WPS and it is fun!

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Executive Department

After only a few weeks as an official member of the WPS Bridge, I've realized that there are many ways the Executive Department can assist our new Commander in his goals of increasing membership and member involvement. Members get involved when there are opportunities to learn something, make a difference and have some fun. The Executive Department has three areas where such opportunities clearly exist – Cooperative Charting, Vessel Safety Check and Public Relations (yes, PR). We are looking to increase our activities in all three areas so now is a great time to get in on the ground floor if you have an interest.

I'll be ably assisted in my goals by the leaders of these three Committees. Steve Leishman will continue as Cooperative Charting Chairperson. Steve's been very active in District Co-op Charting and is gearing up for some squadron on-water work for 2007. With federal budgets under such strain, NOAA needs our help in keeping the charts recreational boaters rely on up to date. We plan to use an integrated system consisting of GPS, depth sounder and laptop to conduct depth surveys in areas of interest to WPS members. We need help – particularly volunteers with shoal draft powerboats – to get this new initiative off and running. Please contact Steve or me for more information. Lt/C James Robinson, AP will serve again as Chair of the Vessel Safety Check Committee. We need to train a few new inspectors, and then develop some plans to use this great public service tool to introduce potential new members to the WPS. Lastly, Mike King has agreed to take over Public Relations from Harry (Sut) Anderson. Sut has done a wonderful job publicizing our squadron and boating safety courses. We've been in newspapers, magazines and on the radio. Our poster distribution crew plastered the area with flyers. The results? Over 100 new students who now know something about the WPS.

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Administrative Department

Years ago, my Dad and I sailed his Pearson Commander in the annual WPS Cruise. We'd enjoyed terrific breezes, races between anchorages, raft ups, and sing-a-longs: and there were dinghy races, a bonfire, and a big wind hurling us under the Key Bridge yet to come. The Cruise, like our squadron was defined by camaraderie, seamanship and stewardship – three qualities that were particularly highlighted for me on about day four.

In St. Michael's squadron members sat at long tables under our tent overhead with laughter and happy conversation. My teacher sat in the seat next to me that night and kindly asked if I knew how to pick a crab. "Not yet" and the lesson began. He had me select the biggest, fattest crab in the pile and then took it masterfully in his practiced grip. I watched hungrily, anticipating the sweetness of the meat waiting inside. With swift expertise he twisted, cracked, pried -- and devoured every morsel held in that shell. No need for more demonstration – I was quickly one of the seasoned feasters.

If stewardship, camaraderie and seamanship is what you have in mind for the new boating season, why not begin with our 26 May Land & Sea Rendezvous at Turners Creek on the Sassafra River. On 16 June we've combined the WPS Family Picnic with the Commander's Kick Off Party. A special invitation goes out to our new members so we've added a New Member Get-Together with the festivities on 16 June. The annual cruise takes place from 17-23 June. July starts with the Raft 'n Ski and Picnic on the Sassafra (details on the raft 'n ski to follow in the July/August issue). We've got three overnight Raft-up Rendezvous in the works – the first is August 19-20 on the Middle River – and we're hoping to incorporate some cooperative charting activities on at least two of them. Stay tuned for more details in the July-August Lubber's Line.

*Lt/C Harry S. Anderson II, P
Administrative Officer*

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We have great cruise planned in June and we want as many members to attend the kick-off as possible. Festivities will start in the early afternoon. Even if you are not leaving with the cruisers in the morning, you will have plenty to do. We are planning a Pass and Review to honor some important WPS members that are attending. We want you aboard to help make the event a success. Rock Hall is a wonderful little town and offers much for the visitor. We hope to see you there.

Your bridge was at the D-5 Spring conference, where we got some training and learned much about the larger scope of USPS. National has been very slow in embracing new technology. That seems strange coming from an organization based on early adoption of technology: engine power when everyone else was sail. Today the sextant has been made obsolete by GPS. If you want to know how their response impacts our organization, look at the list of past commanders in your yearbook. You will see that the first ten or so have N designations. Then a few JN are mixed and finally, since 1999, every one is an AP. It is not that the current commanders are any dumber than the earlier ones. The JN and N courses were no longer relevant. National has promised new JN and N courses and has revamped the entire line-up of courses. It is an exciting time for us. I'm going to sign up! Are you?

We want to attract and keep our new members, so I have established a member involvement committee chaired by P/C Lynda Hastings, AP. One thing we will do is survey the membership in an effort to "delight our customers!" We invite all new members to come out to our events and get to know us. Finding new ways to reach out to our members and keep them involved will be among my highest priorities as your commander.

We are going to lead by example. We are going to be the best educated and safest yachtsmen on the water. We will keep safety and education as our top priorities. But I challenge us to add one more that makes us relevant: our environment. We should support state and national clean water initiatives.

We should support globally positive boating. We should be seen as boaters that are good stewards of our environment.

We have a lot to do and I am looking forward to getting started. I'll see you this summer!

Cdr Jay Greene, AP

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We plan to continue Sut's great work and find ourselves in need of some quality photos and articles for publication. So we're having a photo contest – see page X and get your cameras ready.

I would like to end my first article as Executive Officer by recognizing some of the other key department members who will help us accomplish our goals for the year. Safety Officer Lt/Robert K. Wenholt, P will continue to help us improve our standards of seamanship with his thoughtful, well-researched articles in each issue of the Lubber's Line. One of Bob's recent articles was picked up by the Mariner, giving the squadron some nice publicity. P/C D. Jeffrey Russell, AP and Lt/Gail Russell, P has agreed to continue on as our Webmasters with Lyn Anderson joining as assistant. If you haven't visited our site lately, you haven't visited it at all. Check out the new features at www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org and see how the webpage supports our goal of timely access to information. P/C Robert F. Mahaney, AP manages the somewhat user-hostile member database which let's us generate the annual yearbook, among other things. F/Lt Carl L. Stacey, AP and Lt/Mary E. Stacey will once again organize our seaman's outreach "Christmas at Sea" program. Others serve as needed; P/C Edward H. Kris, SN as Liaison Officer with the State of Delaware and Lt/R. Keith Sanclemente as Legal Officer. We try not to need Keith but it's great to know he's there if we do.

*Lt/C. Donna Zimmerman, AP
Executive officer*

Boating Safety News

WEAR IT!

This year, the National Safe Boating Week is 19-25 May 07, and the National Safe Boating Council is emphasizing the use of personal floatation devices (PFD's). Their slogan is "WEAR IT!" So, in keeping with the spirit of the campaign, I'll briefly review the different types of life saving devices, as well as some 2005 statistics.

There are six different types of PFD's that are defined by the National Safe Boating Council and sanctioned by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Belt Pack - Two basic forms, which are the manual inflatable and automatic inflatable. Not the best PFD if you're in the water for any length of time. Good for working around the boat in the marina or while anchored.



Automatic/Manual Inflatable Belt Pack

Type I Off-Shore – Excellent buoyancy (minimum buoyancy will be 22 lbs for adults, 11 lbs for children). Supports the head out of the water in a very profound angle, thus increasing chances for survival if the person is unconscious. Not too comfortable. Although suitable for all waters, it is the only type that should be worn in off-shore or extremely rough waters. Rather expensive, but well worth it.



Type I

Type II Near-Shore – Good buoyancy (minimum buoyancy will be 15 ½ lbs for adults, 11 lbs. for children). Not very comfortable. Will keep the head out of the water, thus helping to keep a semi-conscious or unconscious person alive. Not too expensive.



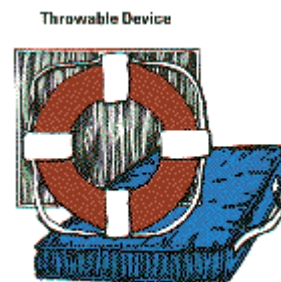
Type II

Type III Life Jacket – Similar buoyancy to the Type II device. Best used in an area where there is a high probability of quick rescue.



Type III

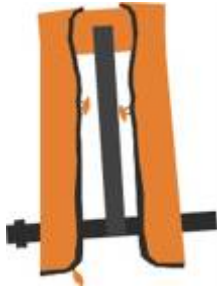
Type IV Throwable Lifesaving Device – This type of device does not supplement having other devices on board. It is a throw able device: a cushion, a life buoy, a horse collar.



Type IV

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Type V Special Purpose - Specially made jackets used for fishing, personal water devices, etc. Made for comfort. Won't support the head out of the water. Not recommended for use on pleasure or sailing craft. This type of device does not supplement having other devices on board.



Type V

The Inflatable – Currently categorized as a Type V, but could be subject to change based on historical data. There are two basic forms; manual and automatic. They are lightweight, comfortable, have good buoyancy and are good for the bay or inland waters. They are not recommended for off shore boating or very rough waters. These inflatables will support the head out of the water, but not as well as a Type I or II. Sailors prefer this type. Expensive!!

NOTE: A device with a buoyancy of 22 lbs. will support a 300 lb. person in the water. Make sure you check the label on the device to ensure it is Coast Guard approved, and has adequate buoyancy.

Make sure your boat has the right number and the right type of PFD's on board - One PFD for the maximum number of people. You might want to include a few children's PFD's. Having a child use an adult PFD can be dangerous. The child's head could slip through the head opening of the PFD and could cause the child's head to stay underwater. A worse case scenario: it could also break the child's neck as the child enters the water.

Some Statistics for 2005:

The top five types of accidents are:

1. Collision with a vessel: the highest ranking with more than 1350 accidents and 79 fatalities.
2. Falling overboard: 500 accidents and 213 fatalities.



"Young Matthew Sherry Observing National Safe Boating Week - "WEAR IT"

3. Collision with a fixed object: 490 accidents and fatalities.
4. Skier mishap: 464 accidents and 10 fatalities. A dangerous sport?
5. Capsizing: 440 accidents and 199 fatalities.

70% of all water fatalities were a result of drowning. Approximately 85% of the fatalities (over 400 people) who drowned were not wearing a life jacket. There is a very high probability that the vast majority of these people would not have died had they worn a PFD.

One final word: accessibility. Having the PFD's readily accessible on board your boat is a must. If you can get to the PFD in a matter of seconds, I would imagine you could say it is readily accessible. It's a little difficult to have everybody wear a PFD, especially children. So the next best thing is to have the devices readily accessible. Now is a good time to inventory your safety equipment, in particular, your PFD's. And don't forget to check your fire extinguishers while you're at it.

See you on the water, and make sure you - - WEAR IT!!

*Lt/Robert K. Wenhold, P
Safety Officer*

Cooperative Charting

At the recent District 5 Spring Conference our District Coop Charting Chairman, Tom O'Donnell, led a seminar that discussed depth surveys. He also gave an update on the NOAA-District 5 Workshop to be held in Norfolk at the Atlantic Marine Center on Saturday, 05 May.

The NOAA/D-5 classes will include the various cooperative charting programs including: depth surveys, range line surveys, Coast Pilot book updates, nautical chart updates, and small craft facility updates. There should be a couple of small boats at the facility to permit hands-on, on-the-water depth survey training. Computers will be available to download the files and analyze the data.

There are plenty of social and dining activities to keep you busy and happy in Norfolk. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 757-393-2573 and specify the D/5 USPS group. We have posted more information and a registration form on our website for those of you that would like to attend. I will be teaching a class, so look me up.

The cooperative charting year began on 1 April. 07. It's new in the year. Summer is coming and its time to get back on the water. Now is a great time to learn of the various cooperative charting activities we can do either as a group or as individuals.

The latest edition of two NOAA charts have been ordered and received for squadron activities:

- 12272 Chester River - Kent Island Narrows, Rock Hall Harbor and Swan Creek.
- 12278 Chesapeake Bay - Approaches to Baltimore Harbor.

I'm looking forward to working with squadron members to have a large percentage of members participating in cooperative charting this summer.

P/R/C Steve Leishman, SN

NOTE: REGISTRATION FORM ON WEBSITE
AT: www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org

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Outgoing Commander, P/C Martin G. Wagner, AP, gave his farewell "salute" proclaiming strong advancement in public relations and one of the largest Spring Boating Classes in over five years. P/D/C Selden swore in our new Commander, Cdr Jay Greene, AP, and his Bridge:

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Cdr Jay Greene, AP

Executive Officer

Lt/C Donna Zimmerman, AP

Administrative Officer

Lt/C Harry "Sut" Anderson II, P

Squadron Educational Officer

Lt/C James Robinson, AP

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Secretary

Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P

Treasurer

P/C Robert F. Mahaney, AP

Assistant Treasurer

1st/Lt Teresa Falk

In accepting his oath of office, Cdr Jay Greene exclaimed how pleased he is to lead this fine organization, dedicated to education, civic service and social activities. His plans for this year include increasing member involvement, delighting our members, and promoting environmental stewardship. He wants us to lead by example; yachtsmen involved in volunteer efforts to keep the squadron strong, focused, and growing.

Thanks goes out to our COW committee for their help and support: Lt Mary E. Stacey, F/Lt Carl L. Stacy, AP, P/C H. Phillip Goettel, AP, Nancy Goettel, P/C Lynda L. Hastings, AP, Lt John P. Goon, P, Geraldine R. Walker, AP, P/C Dennis M. Wallace, P, and Lt Carol Hanson, P.

Lt/C Harry "Sut" Anderson II, P
Administrative Officer



Change of Watch 2007 Welcome to our New Bridge



***Swearing in the new
WPS Bridge Officers***



Our new Cdr. Jay Greene, AP



P/D/C William Selden, V, AP



***Master of Ceremony
P/C Dennis M. Wallace, P***



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*2007 District/5 Spring Conference
Ocean City, MD*



*P/C Mahaney, P/C Wagner, P/R/C Leishman
and Cdr. Greene mix fun with business at the
conference*



*Cdr. Jay Greene, AP
WPS wins
2006 Distinction in Journalism Award*



Accepting awards at the D/5 Conference



2007 District/5 Spring Conference Ocean City, MD

I recently attended the annual D/5 Spring Conference in Ocean City, Maryland. In truth, I mostly went for a vacation. I had been attending these conferences for years as one of your squadron officers and now, as past commander, I was ready to see what Ocean City looked like, instead of only seeing the inside of the conference hotel. I occasionally weakened and attended some of the sessions and, as penance, Cdr. Greene asked me to write an article for the Lubber's Line.

So, what happened of any importance? First let me report that our squadron was extremely well represented. Present for some, or all, of the meeting were Cdr. Jay Greene, Executive Officer Lt/C Donna Zimmerman, AP, Education Officer Lt/C James Robinson, AP, Administrative Officer Lt/C Harry S. (Sut) Anderson II, P, Treasurer P/C Robert F. Mahaney, AP, Editor Lt/Pamela Orris, Cooperative Charting Chair P/R/C Stephen A. Leishman, SN and P/C Martin G. Wagner, AP. We were both seen and heard.

Perhaps the most important piece of news is that, in spite of my articles, Wilmington was awarded the Snyder award for the best newsletter in the district. This is a highly sought after award and winning is an impressive feat. What makes it even more impressive is that this was the first year for our Editor, Pam Orris. Congratulations Pam! What a way to start off! What are you going to do for an encore?

One of the sessions that I attended was concerned with Boat Operator Certification and the USPS University concept. The intention of USPS is to establish a four level certification program for recreational boaters that would be recognized by various factions of the boating community such as charter operators. The four levels are Inland Navigator (IN), Coastal Navigator (CN), Advanced Navigator (AN) and Offshore Navigator (ON). Certification at each level would require passing several of our existing USPS courses, attendance at a number of USPS

seminars and on the water skills demonstrations. They hope to have programs for the first two levels, IN and CN, up and running by the end of this calendar year. This is still very much a work in progress and many details still need to be filled in. From my perspective, this program has not been well thought out and has not received sufficient input from the member and squadron level. These points were made at the meeting by representatives from a significant number of squadrons, including Wilmington. Hopefully these deficiencies will be corrected before the program is put into operation.

In the meantime, the new Seamanship course is ready. They promise the new JN course will be available in May and will consist of mostly GPS and some celestial math. The new N follows in about 12 months. Engine maintenance is totally revised now and includes diesel engines. The two hour packaged seminar is proving to be popular for members and the general public. There are 7 seminar topics available now and 8 more are in the works.

A resolution was put forward by P/D/C Drex Bradshaw that would limit both National and District dues and reduce them to a level significantly below current levels so that the greater part of our dues would go the squadrons where, in Bradshaw's view, the most important work is done and the need is the greatest. This resolution will be voted on at the District Summer Council and, if passed, submitted to National for a vote at the next Annual Meeting. While I can't predict the future, I can tell you that this resolution was greeted very enthusiastically by the audience in Ocean City. Personally I would be very surprised if this resolution goes anywhere on a national level, but anything that brings the concerns of the squadrons to National attention is welcome.

Even though I did actually go to some of the meetings and endured the truly awful food at the District Change of Watch (ours is much better) I enjoyed the trip and appreciate the opportunity to report back to the membership.

P/C Marty Wagner, AP

Education Department

Education Department Update

The winding down of our Spring classes marks the end of a two year revitalizing initiative directed at improving, quite simply, the way we conduct all phases of our educational business. Specifically, the results have been outstanding. We all owe our fellow members (instructors, proctors, administrators and especially our students) a widespread “hearty” thanks for their respective contributions. More on this subject in future issues as Spring results become available.

*Lt/C James Robinson, AP
Education Officer
P/C C. David Sharpless, AP*

Did You Know?

U.S. recreational vessels less than 20 m are not required to carry radios, but if they do, they must be turned on and set to channel 16.

This change in watch keeping requirements was made in 2004. The specific wording of the regulation (FCC 47 CFR 80.310) follows:

Watch required by voluntary vessels.

Voluntary vessels not equipped with DSC must maintain a watch on 156.800 MHz (Channel 16) whenever the vessel is underway and the radio is not being used to communicate. Noncommercial vessels, such as recreational boats, may alternatively maintain a watch on 156.450 MHz (Channel 9) for call and reply purposes. Voluntary vessels equipped with VHF-DSC equipment must maintain a watch on either 156.525 MHz (Channel 70) or VHF Channel 16 aurally whenever the vessel is underway and the radio is not being used to communicate. Voluntary vessels equipped with MF-HF DSC equipment must have the radio turned on and set to an appropriate DSC distress calling channel or one of the radiotelephone distress channels whenever the vessel is underway and the radio is not being used to

communicate. Voluntary vessels equipped with Inmarsat A, B, or C systems must have the unit turned on and set to receive calls whenever the vessel is underway and the radio is not being used to communicate

Thanks to Lt/David L. Benfer, JN and Lt/ W. Randy Williamson, JN for getting us straight on the change in regulations.

*Lt/C Donna Zimmerman, AP
Executive Officer*



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WE DID IT!

Winning the Snyder Award is a personal achievement. Sure, it took a little talent on my part but it also reflects on the team who supported me through the last bridge year. My success began with the help of John Goon and Lynda Hastings in transitioning me to be the next Lubber's Line Editor. The training included the timely receipt of news articles, organizing and assembling the articles for format, editing for common problems such as grammar, consistency and readability; minor article revisions, and adherence to district and USPS guidelines. I now know the true meaning of multi-tasking!

You are only as good as the team behind you. I want to thank everyone from bridge officers to squadron members. You wrote articles that made our newsletter informative, educational, and interesting to read! The photographs you sent to me expressed our squadron's spirit for the love of family and friends that share in the enjoyment of boating. My husband, is the genius behind the computer – I can't tell you how many times he was there to rescue me from some sort of glitch in a program, helped me develop higher level talents in computer programs, and put up with my grumbling during this past year. Most of all he motivated me to take on the editor's position.

I look forward to the next bridge year as your editor.

Lt/Pam Orris

First Annual WPS All-electronic Photo Contest

Calling all Squadron Photographers. We need your help. The Public Relations Committee is in need of electronic photographs to accompany articles about the Wilmington Power Squadron. We're trying to get the word out about America's Boating Club and have had great success in getting articles published in the Mariner recently. What we're a little short on is suitable photographs.

So we thought we would have a contest. The annual summer cruise is a great time to take photographs so the timing of the contest was established with this mind. But the contest is open to everyone! No need to go on the cruise. No need even to take a new picture if you have old ones you are particularly fond of in an appropriate format. Winner's get bragging rights and the pleasure of seeing their photographs in the Lubber's Line and possibly in other local publications. And everyone who participates helps us build a library of photographs to support the WPS and grow our membership for the future.

Here are the Rules:

- All submissions must be in electronic form. The higher the resolution the better. For example, the Mariner requires 4x6 jpeg's with 200 ppi (pixels per inch).
 - No more than two (2) submissions in each category – *10 total pictures*
 - All submissions due to the judges by 10 July 07. Send your entries electronically to Donna Zimmerman at zimmdf@comcast.net.
 - Your entry in the contest constitutes your agreement that your photographs may be published, ideally with a photo credit to you, but without further compensation.
- The 2007 Public Relations Committee will judge the entries.

Here are the Categories:

- Happy people boating.
 - Safe or unsafe actions, conditions or situations.
 - Boating humor – you need to include a clever caption with these entries!
 - Nautical animals.
- Favorite boating pictures.

Remember, you can only submit two entries in each category so you really will have to pick your favorites. GOOD LUCK!

*Lt/C Donna Zimmerman, AP
Executive Officer*

NEW AND OLD MEMBERS PICNIC

The Squadron Picnic, in conjunction with the Commander's Kick Off Party for the WPS Annual Cruise, will be held 16 June 07 in Rock Hall at the Sailing Emporium. At approximately 1430 hours we will gather for a special event recognizing contributions of several members. This will be followed by cocktails at 1700 and dinner at 1800. So, even if you are not going on the cruise, plan on cruising down to Rock Hall.

The cost is \$5.00 per person payable in advance to "WPS Cruise/David Sharpless". Please bring a dessert, salad or side dish. Beverages and picnic fare will be provided.

Lt/David L. Benfer, JN



May 26th LAND & SEA RENDEZVOUS

Please join us, Saturday May 26th, for a RENDEZVOUS at Turners Creek on the Sassafras River. We have reserved the pavilion from 1500 to 1900 but come early and take advantage of a great day of options and events! The grills will be fired up for a 1700 dinner so bring a burger, a hotdog or other favorite food for yourself and also bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share with others. We'll provide water, ice, soft drinks and cups, plates and plastic ware. Please drink alcohol only in the pavilion.

Cruising boats: join us for a Saturday to Sunday overnight raft-up. Pay close attention to the entrance buoys and stay close to the right shore when entering. Do not cut across the submerged sandbar that heads west from the east side of the entrance. For drafts >6', anchor outside the entrance and take a dinghy in or on low power call WPS Fleet on channel 68 for a pick-up. (Optional Sunday night anchorage in Frog Mortar Creek, Middle River, [Lat 39° 19.5'N & Lon 76° 24.1'W].)

"Day use" boats: launch them from the Turners Creek ramp. This area and Lloyd Creek, 3 miles away, are great for kayaks. (Trailers need a \$10 ramp permit from Vonnies Sporting Goods before launching.) Other ramps include Duffy Creek Marina and the public ramp near the Granary Restaurant.

Tour the scenic Sassafras River: Jeff Russell will guide any interested boaters up the river. Invite someone who arrived by land or boat to join you on your boat! Meet at the public ramp at 1400.

Chestertown Tea Party and Parade: For those arriving early by boat, who want a shuttle ride to Chestertown to take part in the Tea Party events at such as the Sultana tour between 1000 and 1300, food, fun, vendors & games, contact Sut or Lyn Anderson at 302-733-0289 or sail-happy@comcast.net. For more info on this event see: <http://www.chestertownteaparty.org/introduction.htm>

Take a hike: nature-lovers can look for bald eagles in the Sassafras River Natural Resource Maintenance Area west of Turners Creek. Take the last road to the left before the Turners Creek parking lot and follow the signs. <http://www.kentcounty.com/gov/parkrec/parks/sassaf.htm>

Come just for dinner: if you're still busy with spring prep on your boat, you've got to eat sometime! Stop by at the end of a hard day and tell us how it's going.

Relaxing: If you prefer to relax all day, bring a comfy chair, enjoy the water view, toast a new boating season, and start socializing at 1500 in the pavilion

Georgetown Racing Fleet: we're excited that this group will be joining us for the day, so please make them welcome and invite them to become WPS members.

Get a card for your poker hand: don't forget to get another card (or your first one if you missed the COW, 2007) to build your hand for the PIRATE POKER Challenge at Change of Watch, 2008!

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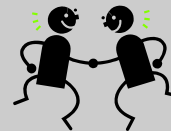


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Directions: Take Rt 213 south to Galena (past Sassafraz River). Turn right at the town stoplight staying on Rt 213. Continue 5.8 miles, and just past Vonnies, turn right onto Rt 298 toward Betterton & Still Pond. Continue 1.3 miles and turn right onto Turners Creek Road, Rt 448. Continue 2 miles and park in the lot on the left above the creek. <http://www.kentcounty.com/gov/parkrec/parks/turner.htm>

*Lt/C Harry S. Anderson II, P
Administrative Officer*

Welcome New WPS Members



Welcome to our newest member, **Jeffrey Hellen**, and his family. Congratulations are in order for their successful completion of our Spring Certification Course offered at Kennett Square High School. Jeff and his wife, Jane, live in the West Chester, PA area with their 13 year old son, Jordan, and their daughter, Jackie, who is attending college. They keep their 42' Chris Craft, *Time Out*, at Skip Jack Cove.

A big welcome back to **Nyla Deputy** after a six year absence. She keeps her 40' Silverton, *Buy the Hour*, at Summit North.

WELCOME ABOARD!

*Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P
Secretary*

WPS Birthday List May/June

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Lynn A. Mahaffy	5/7	Lawrence J. Logan, Jr.	5/31	S. Walter Le Compte, Jr.	6/15
Glenn T. Halsey	5/12	Dean S. Alfano	5/31	J. Mark Walters	6/16
Thomas A. Minshall	5/13	John D. Pomije	6/3	J. T. Reager	6/16
Kevin R. Mullery	5/13	Stephen A. Leishman	6/6	Robert F. Detweiler	6/18
Carol Hanson	5/13	Harold C. (Hal) Marden, Jr.	6/6	Bonnie Fairchild	6/19
Ann Minshall Brown	5/13	D. Frederick Yaeger	6/7	Jane E. Drummond	6/21
Richard A. Butler	5/14	Victor M. Salter	6/7	William V. Orris	6/22
Robert Updegrave	5/16	Bart Wilson	6/9	Martha J. Sanclemente	6/23
Paul Bosco	5/18	Billy O. Moody	6/9	Carla Miners	6/25
Reade Y. Tompson	5/18	Jeffrey A. Hellen	6/11	Christopher I. Cannon	6/26
Susan L. Clark	5/20	Donna Zimmerman	6/12	Lynne M. Schaefer	6/26
Phyllis L. Willett	5/23	Robert P. David	6/12	C. Forrest Collier	6/28
Kirk L. Bailey	5/29	Nyla L. Deputy	6/15	Stephen M. Marrone	6/28
Hugh M. Mahaffy	5/29	James H. Lassiter	6/15	Jeanne L. Minshall	6/29

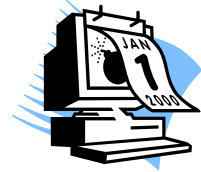


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P/C Martin G. Wagner, AP
Donna Hilton
P/R/C Stephen A. Leishman, SN
Cdr. Jay Greene, AP

Calendar of Events



04-06	May		D/5 - NOAA Co-op Charting Workshop Atlantic Marine Center, Norfolk VA
16	May	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Connectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark DE
19-25	May		National Safe Boating Week
26-27	May		WPS Spring Land & Sea Rendezvous Turner's Creek
31	May		Last day for 2006 - 2007 dues renewal
07	Jun.		Deadline for July Lubber's Line material
11	Jun.	1830	WPS Cruise Skippers Meeting Brandywine Hundred Library 1300 Foulk Road, Wilmington, DE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE FROM (07 JUNE) AND TIME (1900)
13	Jun.	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark DE
16 Jun.		1700 1430	WPS Annual Picnic, Commanders Kick-Off & New Member Get-Together Event to acknowledge contributions of WPS members The Sailing Emporium Rock Hall MD See the Lubber's Line for details (page 10)
16-23	Jun.		WPS Annual Cruise, including Sail Races



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www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org