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### I'm Dreaming Of A WPS Christmas...

*Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat.  
please to put a penny in the old man's hat.....*

Or, if you prefer, just come to meet with WPS friends (old and new) for a festive holiday celebration. As usual, we will meet at the Brandywine Towne Community Center on Naamans Road. The date is 3 December 06 and the time is 1430.

In the spirit of giving and sharing, which is traditional at this time of year, we request that you bring a hors d'oeuvre or a Christmas goodie for all to enjoy. We always have a great time sampling each other's goodies! Soda, eggnog, tea coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. There is no charge for this event and no registration is required.

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### WPS Fall Picnic

On 30 September 06, hosts Zelma and Lt/C. James Robinson, AP again opened their home to fellow members for our annual WPS Fall Picnic. As usual Captain NOAA attempted to ruin the festivities with chilly dank weather.

The threatening weather couldn't stop the 40+ WPS members from going to the Robinsons' home to share the day of phenomenal food and camaraderie. Hot dogs, hamburgers, various salads and hors d'oeuvres, and Zelma's fantastic mushroom and desert recipes were the highlight of the day. Jim again successfully outsmarted the weather man with canopies set up outdoors and a clean garage (imagine that, a clean garage) complete with picnic tables and chairs. In addition Jim kept his laptop and power point system going all day showing pictures of recent summer cruises to the delight of all attendees.

A big thank you goes out to Jim, Zelma, and their two sons, Jimmy and

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By Cdr Martin G. Wagner, AP



I wasn't going to do it. I promised myself. I wasn't going to do it. It's too easy. It's too trite. Everyone does it. I was not going to write an article about the end of the boating season. But I can't help myself.

It is a transition time. One or two more sailing days and then the boat must be winterized. Many people write about this as a sad time of the year. But I don't think it's sad for WPS members. Fall classes have started and we have already graduated the first group of boating class students. The first social of the winter is in two weeks. Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year are not really far away. The excitement of planning for the next boating season has already started to build. It doesn't matter if this season was good or bad. Next season will be better.

Meanwhile we have friends to meet with, skills to polish, courses to take, service to render and plans to make. So, if you're feeling the end of the season blues, take advantage of what WPS offers and brighten your outlook. Come to one of our socials and swap nautical lies with friends old and new. Plan some new boats projects and call your WPS friends to get more expert advice than you really need or want. Look at our course schedule and pick one out to improve your skills. For WPS members this isn't a sad time at all. It is yet another time when our membership improves our lives.

It's so good that I almost wonder how boaters in places like Florida, California and Hawaii put up with an all year long boating season.

Almost.

## *Executive Department*

In previous articles I have mentioned the three legs of business: Product Expertise, Finance and Marketing. All three must be healthy for the whole to be prosperous. We perform the first two well and now we have made great strides with the third.

I have mentioned our hard working P/R man "Sut" Anderson before. He has made many inroads to attract new members from areas other than basic boating graduates. He wrote an article and supplied photographs of our 2006 cruise, which was reprinted in the Mariner. Now the Mariner has reprinted a fine float plan article by Lt/Robert K. Wenhold, P. Our educational course schedules are in their calendar of events and in Nor'easter and Spin Sheet. The general boating public will read these articles and become aware of who we are, what we do and understand our expertise. Then they may want to join us. But how?

We guess that many people will use the internet, so we have established our very own URL separate but connected to the national Power Squadron website. This makes a search for us more productive. Once they find us, they can now click on a "Join Us" button that takes them to an information page. There they will find membership guidelines and a membership application, in PDF format, which they can download. Thanks go to P/C D. Jeffrey Russell, AP for his work on this; but he is not done yet.

We have plans to develop our website further. The new website will allow us to offer members helpful features at the click of a mouse. Wouldn't it be nice to find a calendar of events, or past and present Lubber Lines there? It could serve as a starting place to find other boating needs with links to boating related parts and service suppliers. We will also be able to add new email mailboxes. For example, questions about boating courses can be routed directly to the Education Officer. This should be much more efficient and offer timelier

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## *Administrative Department*

### *Outdoor Activities*

With much of the boating season behind us it's a great time to start looking forward to 2007. There are several areas where we could use your help to make sure we have another excellent year. First, we're looking for additional member input into the design of the 2007 Cruise and have included a survey in this issue. Please take a minute and let us hear from you – even if you aren't certain you will be joining in next summer. Do return the survey promptly as cruise planning starts in early November. A T-shirt design competition is expected again so all you budding artists will have an opportunity to be immortalized in 100% cotton. More details on that in the next issue of the Lubber's Line.

Another place where we need help is with recruitment. To remain a vital organization, the Power Squadron – like any organization – is in constant need of new members. Most come from boating classes or the "Power of One" – current members bringing friends, family and slipmates into the organization. If you know anyone planning to get into boating, you can use both methods to help get them involved. Give them a WPS gift certificate for the Safe Boating Course which will meet their certification requirements and introduce them to the Power Squadron. Lt/Elizabeth H. D'Wolf can provide these attractive gift certificates in time for the Holidays.

Lastly, make an early New Year's resolution to get more actively involved in Squadron activities. We can always use additional help with educational, outdoor and social activities. Personally I've found working on some of the activities to be lot's of fun – especially when there's a group to share the tasks. We're actively looking for participants in the Assemblies Committee and for KIA's for outdoor events for next summer. If you aren't certain what you would like to do, just give me a call and we can talk over some options. For you newer members,

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## Education Department

### Falls Classes Are Underway Spring Classes Are Approaching

Only twenty-two members registered for our classes this fall; we anticipated forty! What happen? Have we become lethargic or are we so busy with life that there is no time to take WPS CLASSES? It takes the same labor to teach twenty-two students, as to teach forty. WPS has the best instructors in the USPS®. They are prepared to offer their time and talent to educate WPS members. What can we do to increase registration for our spring classes?

Attendance in *Marine Electronics (ME 101)* totaled only eight students. Lt/W. Randy Williamson, JN our instructor expected a larger turn out for the class. Again, what happen? Randy devoted a lot of time and effort to make this class informative and interesting. Many of us missed the opportunity to acquire the ability to make good use of our electronic devices while on the water. For the eight members attending the current class, Randy informed me that the test for *ME101* will be given on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Good luck students!

In *Piloting (P)* Lt/C. Harold Mardon, Jr., SN [Hal], has 12 students. Hal also put a lot of time into making his class interesting. *Junior Navigation (JN)* this semester is being taught by Lt/John Diffley, SN. Only two members registered for the class. This is the last time the current curriculum is offered. In 2007 National will merge the class with GPS Navigation.

We had a good turn out of thirteen students attending our *Public Boating Class*. F/Lt Carl L. Stacey, AP (Instructor) and Steven W. De Veber, P (Proctor) has this class moving along. Together, they have a lot of experience and information to pass on to their students. This will be a well informed class.

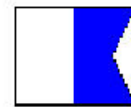
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## Cooperative Charting

### Do you know your flags?

The other day I was out on the water doing some nautical chart updates and I notice some flag flying on other vessels. I later learned the flags were called International Code flags. I wonder how many of the flags you can recognize and tell someone their meaning.

The first flag I saw was the white and blue Alpha flag swallow tail flag. According to my chart, they must have been exploring around a symbol for a sunken wreck with PA noted next to the symbol. The PA stands for Position Approximate. NOAA wants to know if there really is a wreck down there. If so, what is the depth of the water above its highest point, and its exact location so the wreck can be accurately plotted on a chart?



I would guess that most of us know this flag by an-



other design better know as the scuba diver flag. Either one of these flags tells you to stay clear that divers are conducting diving operations. We see these flags in the windows of dive shops and on boat usually in warmer waters.

Another flag I saw was the white and red Hotel flag. This flag indicates a pilot vessel on duty and under-



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## Boating Safety News

### October is Fire Prevention Month

By the time you receive this Lubber's Line, Fire Prevention Month could be history. What the heck; let's talk about it anyway.

Instead of presenting some pretty brutal statistics regarding fire at home, at work, or on the boat, I thought I'd just use this article to remind you of a few fire safety tips that you may or may not remember.

The first one is a "procrastinator's special". When you set your clocks back for winter, change those 9-volt batteries in your smoke detectors. *Sure, no problem; I'll take care of it next Tuesday.*

Another tip isn't so obvious. Take a moment and think of the floor plans in your house and boat. Could someone find themselves in a "trap" at various locations if a fire took place? These areas would be ideal locations for fire extinguishers. They are relatively inexpensive but could be worth their weight in gold.

We know, however, that in many cases the smoke from a fire is the real danger. Fire extinguishers can't help us with eliminating or negotiating deadly smoke. Smoke detectors placed at critical areas (*a key point*) can be your greatest ally. Your local fire company might be selling smoke detectors for a reasonable cost.

At this time I'd like to introduce another tip; something *really* inexpensive. It's called a fire plan, and it could be in the form of a very simple, but meaningful discussion with members of your household. Talk about what you would do if caught in a room with smoke seeping through the cracks of the door. Smoke in most cases will rise so crawling on the floor alongside the wall might be your best method of escape. You might want to discuss escape routes and methods out of each "trap" in your house (bedrooms in particular), and discuss how you could exit your way to safety.

A sidetrack, if you don't mind. My wife and I would take the kids to Washington, D.C. every year for a long weekend. We'd stay at a Marriott on the 10<sup>th</sup> + floor for the view. As we entered our hotel room, my wife would play a game with the kids. *"Where are the exits on this floor?" (Over there, and there, and there) "Which exit would we take if we had to leave our room because of fire and smoke?" (That one over there; it's the closest) "How would we get to the exit?" (We'd go along the wall and stay close to the floor).* Then the kids would crawl along the wall until they got to the exit. It was a "fun thing". Over the years, it got to the point where our kids would ask us the questions, and we all would all crawl along the wall. The things you do for your kids!

I'll probably hear about this next tip from every animal lover/owner in the squadron. Humans are more important than animals! While you're discussing the things to do during a fire situation, you might want to bring up what to do with Muffy the cat, Rex the dog, or whatever pets you might have in the house. This could be a very delicate subject with small kids and some "confused adults." If you can get to your pet without putting yourself in harm's way, that's fine. Jeopardizing your own life to save Muffy or Rex isn't a good idea. By the way, the animals would probably be able to get out of the house faster than you. They don't like smoke and fire either! It might also be a good idea to abandon any thoughts of searching for the kids' favorite toys.

The second-last tip: Does everyone in your household know how to call 911, or what to use to call 911? Answer – Regular phones, cell phones, and hollering to your neighbor. You might want to make up a little note with what to say when you contact a 911 operator. Every second counts.

The last tip: Try not to turn yourself into a fire-fighter. If the place is ablaze, get out! The fire may

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*(I'm Dreaming of a WPS Christmas, Continued from page 1)*

This year, Santa is changing his role with us. For the first time he will be receiving rather than giving! Santa will be standing by to receive all the many ditty boxes that WPS members donate each year to the Christmas At Sea program sponsored by the Seamans Center of Wilmington. In return, Santa will be rewarding donors with a kiss...of the chocolate variety. For more details see Mary Stacey's Christmas At Sea article below.

Bring your smiling face, your yummy dish and enjoy getting the holidays off to a great start.

*P/C Lynda L. Hastings, AP*

## CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Once again this year, we will be assisting the Seaman's Center of Wilmington with their "Christmas at Sea" program. During the month of December, the program strives to give every seafarer arriving in Delaware a "Ditty Box". The "Ditty Box", a shoe box wrapped in your favorite Christmas paper, is filled with gifts and goodies. A few ideas are listed below on how you can personalize your "Ditty Box".

As we all know, sailors are separated from their families for lengthy periods of time. A ditty box helps ease the loneliness and isolation that follow the seamen during the holiday season. The Seamans Center of Wilmington offers a warm welcome to seafarers during the Christmas holiday. Coffee, telephones, computers, plus a van to go shopping add a personal and practical touch during the season. The Wilmington Seamans Center and the sailors who receive a ditty box appreciate your support.

*Lt/Mary Stacey  
Community Affairs*

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Knit hat or scarf, toothpaste and tooth brush, shaving cream and razors, skin care lotion, soap and deodorant, playing cards, candy.

Miscellaneous items:

Chapstick, cough drops, comb, sewing kit, etc.

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Charlie, not just for this event but for their ongoing dedication to our organization.

Your Assemblies Committee has planned a series of great shore side Fall and Winter activities. Details may be found in the WPS Yearbook as well as the *Lubber's Line*. Maximize your membership by getting involved!

*P/C C. David Sharpless, AP*

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responses than the current phone message system. A very effective way of attracting new members is called "Power of One." The National Power Squadron even promotes it. Everyone can be part of our marketing effort. But how does one do it? Imagine you are at your marina when you strike up a conversation with a fellow boater. All of us meet boaters who are not WPS members. Now don't make the same mistake that I do and ask "why not?" That only reinforces and justifies their position not to be a member. Instead, let's do what Lt/C. David Sharpless, AP does. Ask them to Join Us!

And now you are prepared to answer the big question: But how? All the membership information is on the website. Check it out yourself at [www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org](http://www.wilmingtonpowersquadron.org).

*Lt/C Jay Greene, AP  
Executive Officer*

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KIA stands for Know it All – you know, the one in charge.

*Lt/Donna Zimmerman, AP  
Outdoor Activities Chairperson*

## Autumn Splendor on the Magothy

Saturday, 14 October 06 was not a day for the less salty sailors and it kept most people off the Bay. Small craft warnings were posted, so the trip across the Bay from Rock Hall would have made a good challenge for two in an open sailboat. Our 4.5-hour

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## WPS 2007 Cruise Possibilities – HELP DESIGN OUR CRUISE!

Get out your charts and your recollections and help us plan the 2007 WPS Cruise. You will recognize many of the following locations and activities from past cruises – though there are a few new options as well as spaces for you to suggest other favorites of your own. Please indicate your five top choices in each of the three categories below (Anchorage, Marinas, Activities). We've separated the anchorages into Western and Eastern shore – you can split your five votes any way you like across the Bay but please limit your total choices to five. There are a few questions at the end of the survey. We've asked that you provide your name and contact number and a guess as to how likely you are to participate in this year's cruise (June 16-22, 2007). You aren't committing to anything even if you list your likely participation at 100%. This is for planning purposes only. Please send your completed form to Lt/C. Barbara Sharpless, 2 Hailey's Trail, Newark, DE 19711 or [bdsharpless@verizon.net](mailto:bdsharpless@verizon.net) or to Lt/Donna Zimmerman, AP at 1 Evans Dr., Landenberg, PA 19350 or [zimmdf@comcast.net](mailto:zimmdf@comcast.net) **no later than November 10, 2006.**

### FAVORITE ANCHORAGES (N to S)

#### Western Shore

- \_\_\_ Hawk Cove, Middle River (behind Hart-Miller and Pleasure Islands)  
L 39° 14' 25" N; Lo 76° 23' 33" W
  - \_\_\_ Eagle Cove, Magothy River  
L 39° 05' 21" N; Lo 76° 26' 07" W
  - \_\_\_ Broad Creek, Magothy River  
L 39° 04' 35" N; Lo 76° 28' 45" W
  - \_\_\_ Little Round Bay, Severn River  
L 39° 02' 48" N; Lo 76° 33' 54"
  - \_\_\_ Mill Creek, Whitehall Bay (could include dinner at Cantler's)  
L 38° 59' 34" N; Lo 76° 27' 07" W
  - \_\_\_ Harness Creek, South River  
L 38° 56' 12" N; Lo 76° 30' 42" W
  - \_\_\_ Rhode River (near Big Island or up Bear Neck Creek)  
L 38° 52' 55" N; Lo 76° 32' W
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#### Eastern Shore

- \_\_\_ Fairlee Creek, Chesapeake Bay (some could choose the Great Oak Marina instead)  
L 39° 16' N; Lo 76° 12' 25" W
  - \_\_\_ Cacaway Island, Langford Creek (east fork) Chester River  
L 39° 07' 27" N; Lo 76° 09' 47" W
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#### Eastern Shore

- \_\_\_ Corsica River (Middle Quarter Cove or Emory Creek), Chester River  
L 39° 04' 37" N; Lo 76° 08' 09" W
  - \_\_\_ Warehouse Creek, Eastern Bay  
L 38° 56' 15" N; Lo 76° 19' 48" W
  - \_\_\_ Bight beyond Dunn Pt., Wye River  
L 38° 53' N; Lo 76° 10' 43" W
  - \_\_\_ Shaw Bay, Wye River, Eastern Branch  
L 38° 51' 23" N; Lo 76° 11' 07" W
  - \_\_\_ Hunting Creek, Miles River  
L 38° 46' 53" N; Lo 76° 10' 27" W
  - \_\_\_ San Domingo Creek, Broad Creek, Tred Avon River (backdoor to St. Micheals)  
L 38° 46' 20" N; Lo 76° 13' 48" W
  - \_\_\_ Baby Owl Cove, Broad Creek, Choptank  
L 38° 44' 52" N; Lo 76° 16' 12" W
  - \_\_\_ Dun Cove, Harris Creek, Choptank River  
L 38° 44' 04" N; Lo 76° 19' 02" W
  - \_\_\_ Trippe Creek, Tred Avon River  
L 38° 42' 36" N; Lo 76° 07' 12" W
  - \_\_\_ Irish Creek, Choptank River  
38° 42' 30" N; Lo 76° 13' 30" W
  - \_\_\_ LaTrappe Creek, Choptank River  
L 38° 37' 04" N; Lo 76° 07' 02" W
  - \_\_\_ Hudson Creek, Little Choptank  
L 38° 32' 35" N; Lo 76° 14' 50" W
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**FAVORITE MARINA LOCATIONS**

- Annapolis, MD (Annapolis Yacht Basin)
  - Annapolis, Eastport (Port Annapolis/Annapolis Landing Marinas)
  - Baltimore, MD (Inner Harbor East)
  - Cambridge, MD (Municipal Yacht Basin)
  - Friendship, MD (Herrington Harbor South)  
L 38° 43' 36" N; Lo 76° 32' 30" W
  - Georgetown, MD (TBD)
  - Havre de Grace, MD (Tidewater Marina)
  - Lankford Bay Marina, Langford Creek, Chester River  
L 39° 07' 08" N; Lo 76° 10' 27" W
  - Miles River Yacht Club, Long Haul Creek, Miles River  
L 38° 48' N; Lo 76° 13' 15" W
  - Oxford, MD (Mears Marina/Oxford Boatyard)
  - Rock Creek, Patapsco River (White Rocks Marina)  
L 76° 30' 20" N; Lo 39° 09' 05" W
  - St. Michaels, MD (St. Michael's Marina)
  - Taylor's Island Marina, Slaughter Creek, Little Choptank  
L 38° 46' 42" N; Lo 76° 17' 12" W
  - Tilghman, MD (Knapp's Narrows)\*
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- Crab Feast
  - Appetizer Competition
  - Sailboat Races
  - Predicted Log Contest
  - Visit to St. Michaels Maritime Museum
  - Visit to Naval Academy
  - Dingy Drift and Singalong
  - Dingy Races and Other Competitions
  - Dingy and a Movie
  - Vessel Safety Checks
  - MOB Rescue Experience
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The Commander's Cocktail Party will once again be held at Sailing Emporium in Rock Hall, MD. All are invited – not just cruise participants – so mark you calendars now for Saturday, June 16, 2007.

**QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Should we extend the cruise one day, ending on Saturday night rather than Friday? Y N
- 2) Should we anchor out on two consecutive nights to minimize cost/marina stays? Y N
- 3) Any other suggestions? \_\_\_\_\_

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**FAVORITE ACTIVITIES**

- Circle Raft
- A Second Pot Luck Dinner/Raftup
- Dingy Poker Run
- Talent Show

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Probability of Participation:** (10-100%) \_\_\_\_\_



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trip down the bay from the Bohemia River was in 4-foot seas, 50-degree temperatures and 15-25 knot winds on our quarter. It might make for a difficult passage if we were not so well equipped. We piloted our 460 Chris Craft "Big Joy" from the lower helm and ran in relative comfort. Even though it blew almost constant spray on the windshield at times, the three big windshield wipers kept visibility good. The heater kept us toasty warm and Wende was able to make hot chocolate and prepare lunch for the two of us while we were under way!

Bob and Joanne Updegrave, our neighbors at Bohemia Bay Yacht Harbor, made the trip an hour ahead of us and greeted us on our arrival in Eagle Cove. We rafted up with their 440 Carver "Radio Waves." Bob has excellent ground tackle, which held both of us in the diminished winds of the protected cove. PC/C. David Sharpless, AP had to be encouraged (cajoled) into making the trip across, and indeed he and Barbara did in their 36 Trojan "Knot Again," bringing Dotie and Lt. J. Kenneth Lehman, JN and new members Jim and Nancy Ennis. Dave said it was hard to see the crab pots against the setting sun, but the western winds and seas diminished as they approached the shadow of the lee shore. Appetizers and camaraderie abounded, but ended all too quickly because they needed to get back before dark.

Bob cooked steaks on the grille. It was his first time using his portable gas unit and he did an outstanding job. He makes a rub of herbs and spices that are out of this world. Wende likes using her oven aboard and served baked lasagna. Good company, good wine, fresh salad and functioning heaters rounded out a sumptuous meal in home-like comfort aboard the Big Joy. I had made my favorite applesauce cake from scratch. We warmed it in the microwave and served it for dessert. It was as good as my mother ever made. Not bad for a first timer!

The overnight was crystal clear, cool, and calm as I expected and Sunday was gorgeous. The Magothy is magnificent with crisp clear blue skies and autumn showing in the changing colors on the shore. This is what made the trip worthwhile. The trip

home was much calmer and judging by the full sails we saw, it looked like it was a great day for sailing.

We are sorry more people could not enjoy it with us.

*Lt/C Jay Greene, AP*

## **The October Social What Happened (And Didn't Happen)**

Well, there was good news and bad news! The good news is that the 66 members and guests who came enjoyed socializing, a good dinner and the WPS DVD about "Boating Under Adverse Conditions." The bad news is that, at the last minute, the Coast Guardsman who was scheduled to give us a presentation was called out on operational assignment. The Coast Guard did assure us, however, that someone would be available to make a presentation on 3 Dec 06 for our Holiday Social.

Getting back to the good news - we had four new members who had not joined us for an assembly before. They were: Kathy Scott-Reager and John Reager; Monika Sloan and Mike Bernardo. It was great having them. Please come again. We also enjoyed having as our guest Lois West, Lt/Wende Greene's mother.

Lt/Donna Zimmerman, AP asked that anyone who had ideas about next June's cruise get in touch with her. Remember, it is never too early to think about the next boating season!

As part of our community service, we took the leftover food from our dinner to the House of Joseph, a Ministry of Caring shelter for terminally ill homeless men. As always, they were glad to see us.

See you at the Holiday Social on 3 December. Don't forget your "Ditty Box"!

*P/C Lynda Hastings, AP*

*Lt/Mary Stacey*



*Lt/C. Elizabeth H. D'Wolf, Administrative Officer, is our master of ceremony for the October Social*



*Lt/Wende L. Green and Lt/C. Jay Greene, AP take a moment to smile for the camera*



*Lt/C. James Robinson, AP and P/C D. Jeffrey Russell, AP prepare for our WPS video presentation - Seamanship Under Advanced Conditions*



*Mary Stacey explains the significance of Ditty Boxes donated to the Seamans Center of Wilmington*



*Lt/D Frederick (Woody) Yeager, P encourages members to join him in the WPS Weekly Luncheons*



*P/C Lynda L. Hastings, AP introduces MaryAnne Rice from the North East Squadron of USPS*



*Lt/C. Jay Greene, AP is the drawing grand prize winner - a new folding chair*

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Registration for our spring classes is approaching. We guarantee the time you spend in class will be extremely useful during the 2007 boating season. Spring classes begin 16 Jan. 2007 at A.I. du Pont High School, 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington, De. We will offer a revised *Seamanship (S)* course and *Advanced Piloting (AP)* to sharpen your navigation skills. Planning to attend our WPS Summer Cruise this June? Our *Cruise Planning (CP)* course will help you maximize your efforts with the details of cruising before your crew is underway! The result is a stress free cruise for everyone on board.

Why not attend a spring class? WPS has highly qualified instructors and a curriculum unsurpassed in our district. Learn with us to find how boating education and "boating fun" can work together for the 2007 boating season.

*Lt/James Robinson, AP  
Education Officer  
Lt/Pamela M. Orris, Editor*

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way or at anchor.

You can often see these flags on the Chesapeake Bay in the areas of Solomon Island, Baltimore Harbor, and at the western end of the C&D canal.

A third flag that I really didn't want to see was the solid red swallow tail flag indicating the loading or unloading, or carrying dangerous cargo onboard. In this case the vessel was underway and the flag indicated that it was carrying dangerous cargo.



*P/R/C Steve Leishman, SN*

### **LOST and FOUND**

Lost by someone and found by us after the 20 Oct. Social, a tan men's Columbia jacket size L. Call Lynda Hastings to claim it, 234-0312.

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be small, but the smoke could be too much to handle.

The key ingredients to good fire safety practices are having a sufficient number of fire extinguishers and smoke detectors with fresh batteries, have discussions about what to do in case of a fire, know how to use 911 emergency calling, and apply common sense.

The Holidays are approaching; think safe, play safe.

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

## **Coveted "Broken Spar" Returns to Wilmington**

For nearly forty years District 5 has held a sail regatta and from time to time members of WPS have won the "Broken Spar Award". This year the race was held on Columbus Day weekend and the award went to *Sea Lion* skippered by P/C W. Mike King, AP. In a four boat race on the Chester River that featured extraordinary wind shifts, there was extra excitement as a completely different sailing group used some of the same marks and the same radio channel for their simultaneous race. Watching the sailboats got boring for some of the power vessels several of whom went off to fish! This could mark the beginning of a combined future event: The D5 Autumn Sail Race and Fishing Tournament!! On shore at Castle Marina the sailing weekend provided lots of food and fun and camaraderie. At the Sunday night banquet it was announced that next year the event will be held at Cambridge and hosted by the Cambridge Sail and Power Squadron.

*P/C W. Michael King, AP*



***WPS Birthday List***  
**Many happy returns to all WPS  
 members who have a birthday in  
*November/December!***

Mahlman, Bert H.	11/02	Greene, Jay	12/08
Buchanan, C. Robert	11/04	Melcher, Robert J.	12/09
Pickering, Joseph T.	11/05	Bailey, Craig B.	12/09
Rodenhouser, Richard	11/11	Anderson II, Harry Sutton	12/09
Parker, Betty	11/11	Nedwick, James R.	12/10
Courter, Arlo J	11/14	Koval, John E.	12/13
Kris, Edward H	11/16	McKay, Laurence R.	12/14
Courter, Alicia L.	11/20	Schaefer, Kenneth A.	12/14
Pomije, Barbara G.	11/21	Sharpless, C. David	12/16
Smith, C. Harwin	11/21	Hurlock, Donna M.	12/16
Marrone, Janine D.	11/25	Minshall, Katherine L.	12/16
King, W. Michael	11/26	Reager, John T.	12/21
Hoover, Conrad L.	11/26	Ginn, David C.	12/26
Roewe Jr., George J.	11/27	Smith, Margaret M.	12/26
Slack Sr., John R.	12/05	Diefenderfer Jr., R. H.	12/26
Knowles, Cathy L.	12/07	Considine, Stephen F.	12/27

***Welcome New WPS Members***

**James Ennis** – Jim and his wife, Nancy, live in Langhorne, PA and keep their 36' Catalina sailboat, "*Nauti-Gal*", at North Point Marina in Rock Hall. They are looking forward to participating in our 2007 Annual Summer Cruise.

**Lauren A. Millio** – Lauren lives in West Chester, PA and is presently enrolled in our Piloting class. Her varied sailing experiences range from the Chesapeake Bay, the Caribbean, and, most recently, the Ionian Islands in Greece. Count her in as another enthusiastic sailor to our WPS crew.

**William Simmonds** - Bill and his wife, Linda, live in the Newark area and enjoy spending time on their 20' powerboat, "*Rim Shot*". Bill completed the WPS public boating class offered for the first time in Delaware City.

**WELCOME ABOARD!**

*Lt/C Barbara L. Sharpless, P  
 Secretary*

# Calendar of Events

3-05 Nov.		D/5 Fall Conference Hilton Garden Inn, Suffolk VA
15 Nov.	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Delmarva Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
16 Nov.	1700	WPS 2007 Cruise Planning Meeting Donna Zimmerman's Home, 1 Evans Dr., Landenberg, PA
03 Dec.	1430	WPS Holiday Social Brandywine Community Center
<b>07 Dec.</b>		<b>Deadline for January Lubber's Line material</b>
<b>16 Jan. 07</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>WPS Spring Educational Courses begin Seamanship (S), Advanced Piloting (AP), &amp; Cruise Planning (CP) A. I. Du Pont High School 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington, DE</b>

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