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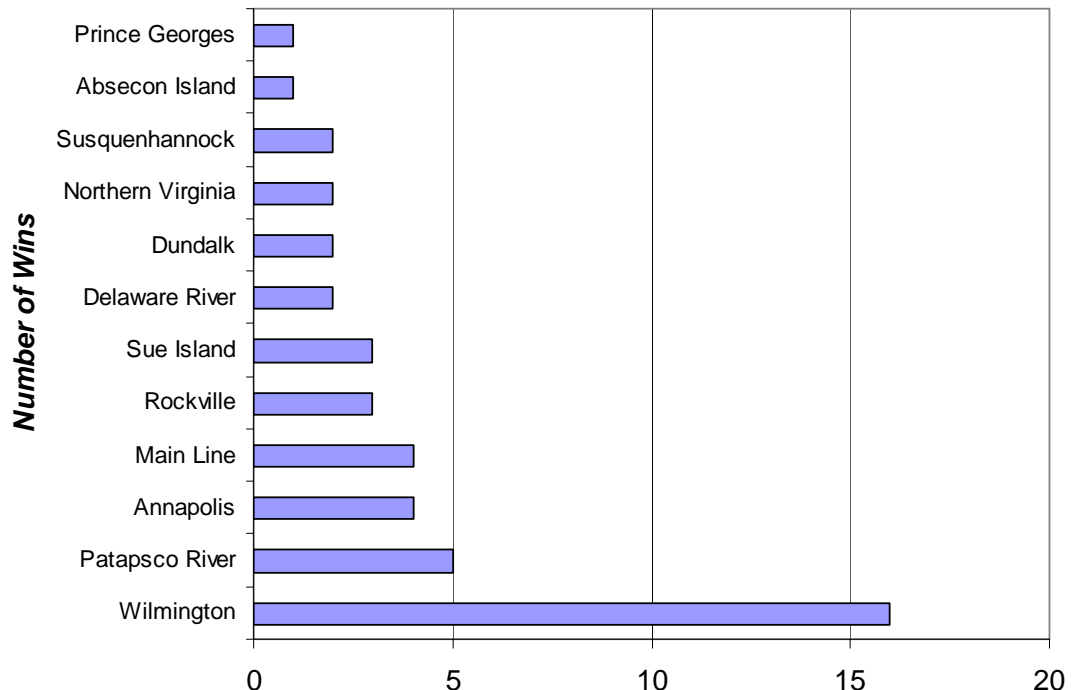
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THE CUP IS BACK

Forty-seven years ago in 1962, our district established a perpetual trophy, the Thau Reese Trophy, for the winner of a D5 handicap sail contest. The Wilmington "Sail" and Power Squadron has an amazing history of dominating this award. Out of 45 winners, (no apparent contests held in 1985, 1992, and 1999) Wilmington members have won 16 or about 36% of these races. The majority of these, 10 or 22% overall, were won by our distinguished racer, Harwin Smith, on *STINGER*. Smitty dominated this event with 7 wins from 1996 to 2004. Other winners have included: Sut Anderson (2), Al Bauer (1), Al Furbeck (2), Tom Webster (1). We have "out-sailed" other squadrons 3:1 as shown in the chart below

D5 Thau Reese Sail Regatta Wins



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**COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE**

By Cdr. Harry S. Anderson, II, JN

HERE'S TO OUR SQUADRON'S HEALTH

The health of most organizations, including our Squadron, can be measured by evaluating membership participation, satisfaction, and growth. So, how are we doing?

I am very proud of how our organization is doing. Most importantly, I want to thank each of you for your efforts. Our membership is about 190 and although we lose 15-20 each year, we typically add the same number of new members to stay about even. Our social meeting attendance is 70-90 members or 40%, which is fantastic relative to virtually any organization and as much as double our peer squadrons. We average 25 boats active in our annual cruise and this year we had 94 members or about 50% attending our commander's picnic. Last year we had 41 take advanced and elective courses. This record is amazing! Give yourselves a round of applause.

OK, we could use a bit more participation in a few areas, such as raft-ups, but it is clear that you love picnics. We even have passion and initiative as evidenced by Dave Sharpless organizing an impromptu cruise to Solomons in September. Never mind the fact that weather cancelled the event; some of us diverted to Dividing Creek in the Wye River where Sea Lion and Freedom enjoyed appetizers in the rain and the next day we hailed Irene DuPont, Jr. on his skipjack, Barbara Batchelder.

We are doing well as a squadron and we should and will celebrate our successes...but we must not be complacent. For those who know me, I am always looking to improve, so I have a mission for you. I urge you to look around your marina, talk to your boating friends and neighbors and help them understand what a wonderful impact our club could have on their lives. Friends, Fun, and Better Boating awaits them. You, more than anyone, know

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Executive Department

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in July Gail and Jeff Russell again opened their home on the Sassafras River for a summer picnic. Members enjoyed assorted appetizers, a scrumptious buffet dinner and delicious desserts. A few of our more adventurous members decided to dinghy once again toward the head waters of the Sassafras. A great day - many thanks to Gail and Jeff from all of the attendees. Unfortunately the annual Fall picnic for members and friends at the home of Jim and Zelma Robinson had to be unavoidably cancelled and will not be rescheduled this year. As of this writing, *Windward Passage* with Randy Williamson on board will be leaving soon for the BVI while Kathy and John Reager aboard *Oceana* are preparing departure to the Bahamas. With Gypsy II now up on the hard, the boating season is over.

Friends, Fun, & Better Boating

We've had a good season, a great cruise, more participation in the racing program, shared many good times, and eaten too much. A lot of this made possible by our fellow WPS members working on the various committees.

The Activities Committee has plans for us through the winter season:

- The next gathering will be the Holiday Social at the Brandywine Community Center at 1400 on 6 December. No pre-registration, no fee, just bring an appetizer or dessert to share with your friends and fellow boaters.
- On 22 January 2010 at 1900 we will meet to socialize and learn about the restoration of the 1888 sailing yacht Elf.
- On 12 February 2010 at 1830 we will have our Annual Meeting and Founders Day Social.

Now our winter projects hopefully will begin. Some of us may even be considering winter trip(s) to warmer climates. Before you know it spring will be here and it will be time to prepare our boats for the 2010 boating season starting off with the WPS Annual Cruise on 19-25 June. I wonder just how many of those winter projects will be completed?

Lt/C John G. Ingram, AP
Executive Officer

Education Department

Fall classes were convened at A. I. DuPont High School on 8 September. Eight students enrolled in the Cruise Planning Course this fall with the offering ably taught by John Ingram. We have also scheduled a course in N commencing late October (still time to enroll). This educational year we are offering only one certification class in the fall. The class started on 8 October at McKean High School with only four students enrolled. Fall historically has had low Certification registrations. In most recent years, with boat ownership a victim of the times, class enrollments have fallen even lower.

The Educational Department continually seeks information from each of you as to courses you may desire. We remain flexible in our course scheduling, so with your input(s) we may better educationally accommodate you, our members.

Spring Classes begin 19 January at 1900 at A. I. DuPont High School. Advanced Piloting is the only Advanced Grade currently scheduled. Again, please make your course needs known – Advanced Grades or Electives, we shall try our best to comply.

Additionally, our parent organization, USPS, continues to expand Guide offerings. See WPS Yearbook pg 28 for some of these seminar formatted courses. Most of these subjects can be covered in one evening – interested – let us know!

We are anxious to provide you with the best boating curriculum available and we are as previously stated “flexible”. Let's talk – Jim Robinson 610-444-5155 or jimrobinson37@aol.com

Lt/C James Robinson, AP
Educational Officer

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

The Assemblies Committee invites everyone to join them at this year's Holiday Social on Sunday, 6 Dec 09 at 1400 (2 PM). We'll be at the Brandywine Community Center, as usual. There is no charge or need to pre-register for this event. However, in the spirit of giving and sharing, we ask everyone to bring an appetizer or holiday goodie (or both!) for all to enjoy.

Please remember to bring your "Ditty Box" for the Wilmington Seaman's Center, gaily wrapped (but with no ribbons or bows, please). You may add a card or note in your box. If you were not attending the October Social to pick up your shoebox and shopping list, call me or dig an old shoebox out of the bottom of your closet and check the shopping list on the WPS web site.

This is a perfect opportunity to wish all of your boating friends a Very Happy Holiday Season!

Let's review: Sunday, 6 Dec 09, 1400; bring an appetizer or holiday goodie; bring your "Ditty Box". See you there!

*Lt/C John G. Ingram, AP
Executive Officer*



WPS Holiday Socials





WPS Birthday List September - December

<i>Name - September</i>	<i>Date</i>
Jeffrey J. Bottari	9/11
Richard L. Burkhard	9/24
Joseph Donia	9/22
Anthony L. Eros	9/20
Carol Jo Heald	9/15
Joseph D. Irr	9/19
Eugene Richard Janik	9/22
Robert R. Keller	9/14
Donna Myers	9/20
Gail Russell	9/20
Rita A. Shade	9/20
Carl L. Stacey	9/02
Edward H. TenEyck Jr.	9/06
William L. Theis	9/12
Thomas S. Webster III	9/05

<i>Name - October</i>	<i>Date</i>
Victoria J. Benson	10/27
Timothy R. Chambers	10/20
Frank J. Clendening	10/23
Margaret B. Hall	10/10
Herman Hopman	10/17
John C. Leshner	10/29
James E. Malin	10/30
John J. McEvoy	10/24
Robert B. Minshall	10/27
Pamela M. Orris	10/10
Henry E. Romani	10/27
Marguerite R. Travis	10/08
Dennis M. Wallace	10/11
Dwain J. Watkins	10/07
Mary Jane Wenhold	10/12
Walter R. Williamson	10/28

<i>Name - November</i>	<i>Date</i>
Bert H. Mahlman	11/2
C. Robert Buchanan	11/4
Emilia Talloua-Abel	11/4
Betty Parker	11/11
Edward H. Kris	11/16
C. Harwin Smith	11/21
Donald R. Engler	11/22
Conrad L. Hoover	11/26
W. Michael King	11/26
George J. Roewe, Jr.	11/27

<i>Name - December</i>	<i>Date</i>
Paul W. Morgan, Jr.	12/1
Anne M. Minard	12/3
John R. Slack, Sr.	12/5
Cathy L. Knowles	12/7
Harry Sutton Anderson II	12/9
Craig B. Bailey	12/9
Robert J. Melcher	12/9
Patricia M. Lipari	12/12
John E. Koval	12/13
Laurence R. McKay	12/14
Kenneth A. Schaefer	12/14
Katherine L. Minshall	12/16
C. David Sharpless	12/16
Betty K. Ingram	12/19
John T. Reager	12/21
Frederic W. Abel 3rd	12/25
David C. Ginn	12/26
Margaret M. Smith	12/26
Stephen F. Considine	12/27
Dale Maahs	12/31

Jay Minshall's 1000th WPS Wednesday Luncheon

The WPS Wednesday luncheon on 16 September 09 was Jay Minshall's 1000th!! Those in attendance enjoyed hearing of past meetings, where they were held and who attended.



JANUARY ASSEMBLY

Rick Carrion – ELF Classic Yacht Restoration Guild
Friday, 22 January, 2010

Rick Carrion, ELF Classic Yacht Restoration Guild will be our featured speaker for our first assembly of 2010. Rick will share his experience with the restoration of the ELF Classic. There will also be an auction of white elephants. The proceeds will be donated to the Antique Boat Restoration Society. Please contact Geri Walker or Sue Engler, if you have any items you wish to donate.

The evening begins at 1830 with appetizers and soft drinks and continues with dinner at 1900. Dinner will include Subs, Chips and Ice Cream. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

All of our winter meetings will be held at the Brandywine Community Center on Naamans Road, just off Concord Pike (Route 202). The Community Center is a free-standing building with a dome, and is by the fountain in front of the shopping center.

Reservations due by Tuesday, 19 January 2010.

Lt./C Rita Shade, P

Lt Betty Ingram

Co-chairpersons

Assemblies Committee – John Ingram, Anne Pounds, P & Robert Pounds, AP, Lt. Mary Stacey, Lt Judith Stadler, AP, Geraldine Walker, AP, Sue Engler



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Names of those attending (for name tags) _____
_____ @ \$8.00 _____ @ \$4.00 Total = \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BETTY INGRAM and mail with this form to: Betty Ingram
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Calendar of Events



Weekly Luncheons: Lucky's Coffee House, Concord Pike, Talleyville DE, Wednesday

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| 06-08 | Nov. | | D/5 Fall Conference
Rockville Hilton, Rockville MD |
| 25 | Nov. | 1930 | WPS Executive Committee Meeting
Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark DE |
| 06 | Dec. | 1400 | WPS Holiday Social
Brandywine Community Center |
| 07 | Dec. | | Deadline for Jan-Feb Lubber's Line material |