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Christmas At Sea Bridging the Gap Between Ship and Shore

Once again this year we will be supporting The Seamen's Center of Wilmington's "Christmas at Sea" program.

The holiday season is a difficult time for the seafarers arriving in Delaware. They know that they will not see and most likely not even be able to talk with their families. They feel very isolated from their loved ones.

The "Christmas at Sea" program attempts to give a gift to every seafarer who arrives in Wilmington during the month of December. Last year, over 1,200 ditty boxes were distributed. The mariners appreciate that they have not been forgotten and that people they have never met would take the time to give them a gift.

We will be distributing shoe boxes at our November Social on 8 November. Bring your box, filled with items from the shopping list and wrapped with holiday paper (no bows or ribbons), to the Holiday Social at the Butler's on 8 December. You may include a card or note if you wish.

Call me at 302-738-0817 with any questions, or if you are unable to attend either of these two functions but want to participate.

Thank you for your generosity.
Lt Mary Stacey



Ditty Box Contents

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Toothpaste | Playing Cards |
| Toothpaste | Chapstick |
| Comb | Knitted Hat/Scarf |
| Candy/Gum | Hand Lotion |
| Sewing Kit | Shampoo |
| Pens/Stationary | Razors |
| Soap | Cough Drops |
| Warm Gloves | Winter Gloves |



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**COMMANDER'S
MESSAGE**

Donald R. Engler, P

Summer is OVER...this is the proclamation from many of the news anchors or weather folks covering the Phila-DE-NJ area. I certainly disagree!

There is still a lot of summer left in this year, however if you have children or grandchildren attending school that started on 26 August perhaps some of the enjoyable events of the summer may be over for you. But it isn't finished for members of the Wilmington Sailing & Power Squadron. We have a raft-up planned for 28-29 September at Eagle Cove behind Gibson Island in the Magothy River. Arrive around 1400 for the fun to begin.



The clean- up of Route 20 in Rock Hall has taken place twice so far this year with pictured notable attendees at the last one on Crab Feast Saturday, 3 August. Thanks for those who attended from the left: Don Engler, Leslie Brower, Sue Engler, Bruce Wyngaard, John Ingram, Betty Ingram, Richard Butler, and Dennis Wallace. Also thanks to our leader John Ingram, who provided the orange waste bags, and the yellow safety vests.



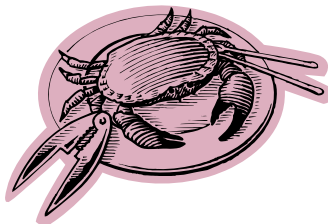
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The Crab Feast held at the Rock Hall Community Center was a splendid opportunity for your commander to present a certificate and lapel pin to those new members: Leslie Brower, Bruce Wyngaard, and Donna Powell. Also welcome to Karen and Ken Rogers who were not able to attend the crab feast.

The crabs were delightful... and they were so full of meat! A great time was had by all. I didn't see a crab that wasn't a #1 size. I was also glad to see such a good turnout and especially those that we haven't seen for a while. Perhaps we could make this an annual event?



The Crab Feast was also an excellent time for me to reward those who help our squadron every day of the week. The DVD slide show that dates back to 1989 to present goes to Terry & Richard Butler, Ann & Dave Benfer, and Tom & Kay Webster. Their numerous duties go unnoticed many times.



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Pictured to the left is the Wednesday WS&PS Lunch Bunch meeting at the Season's Pizza on Concord Pike (202) near the Talleyville Post Office. We don't always entertain this large of a group, but all is welcome to arrive before 11:30. Clockwise around the table is: Dennis Wallace, Jean Minshall, Jay Minshall, Carlos Stacey, Mary Stacey, Sue Engler, Barbara Sharpless, Geri Walker, Tom Webster, Don Engler, Dave Benfer, Woody Yaeger, and Lynda Hastings.



It has come to my attention that the membership may not know all of those that attend the executive board meeting regularly during the year and govern WS&PS. At the last meeting I remembered to bring a camera and ask my lovely wife to capture an image of those that were attending. Tom Webster, second from right, is not a regular member but was appearing for the annual audit approval. *The members from the left:* Richard Butler, Treasurer Marty Wagner, Secretary Barbara Sharpless, Cdr. Engler, John Ingram, Jim Robinson, Jay Minshall, Dave Sharpless, Tom Webster, and Judy Stadler. Missing from the image is Executive Officer John Ross who was in touch via phone throughout the meeting.

Cdr. Donald R. Engler, P

Executive Department

I hope you had a great summer on the water. As each boating season comes to a close, I think back on what I learned (or had forgotten about) during the season. This season's most memorable lesson for me was safety oriented. In early September, Pat and I cruised with some friends down to the Middle River to attend a Wine & Blues Festival. Just as we were getting close to our destination, several Coast Guard and DNR boats raced by with sirens blaring. They were headed to Sue Creek, just off the Middle River, where a boat had just suffered an explosion. Fortunately, there were no fatalities, but one man suffered serious burns and two women suffered moderate burns. Although I could find no official accounts of what occurred, the chatter amongst the guests at the event we were attending was that the boat operator had just refueled and one of his engines was proving difficult to start. Presumably, there were fumes or a gas leak in the bilge, which subsequently exploded and the three were thrown overboard. The boat was destroyed, having burned nearly to the water line and we witnessed the charred wreckage being later towed from the scene. I can't imagine the grief or guilt that boat owner feels wondering what he could or should have done to avoid the injuries and damage incurred. Events like these serve as a sobering reminder of how important boating safety is, and how things like this don't just happen somewhere far from us. They can happen to us too and, as Captains, we owe it to ourselves and our guests, to ensure we've done everything we reasonably can to ensure everyone's safety aboard our boats.

At times it's too easy to forget or overlook the basics, especially when we're eager to get our voyage started. So, events like these are a great opportunity to remind ourselves of the proper protocols for refueling a boat. Although I consistently make sure all of my doors and windows are closed during refueling and I'll run the blowers for five minutes or so after refueling, I had gotten lazy about making certain everyone was off the boat during refueling and don't re-board until I had run the blowers and re-fired the engines. Along these lines, when we were having our current boat surveyed for our purchase, our surveyor discovered that the vent hose was separated from the blower, probably having been kicked off during some prior service. So, while the blower worked it was doing nothing to exhaust any vapors from the bilge. I wonder how long that hose had been off the blower and how its prior owner had dutifully run the blowers and getting a false sense of security that he had followed the appropriate starting and refueling protocols. Kudos to my surveyor for finding that and repairing it for us on the spot! So, now every time I'm in the bilge, I check to make sure that hose is fastened securely to the blower and that the hose doesn't have any cracks. In addition, I always make certain that I can hear the blowers operating before waiting the five minutes before starting the engines.

Many of you have been boating for far more years than I have, and may have witnessed a boat fire or at least the after-effects of one. Because safety is so critical to enjoying what the water offers us, I thought it would be prudent to repeat the protocols for safely refueling your vessel. The following is from a prior USPS Ensign article:

To minimize the chances of losing your boat to flames or explosion while refueling, follow these simple tips:

- As you tie up to the fuel dock, point out the fuel filler cap to the attendant. Doing this may seem unnecessary, but fuel has been accidentally pumped into bilges, freshwater tanks, fish holding tanks—you name it.*
- Get everyone off the boat to stretch their legs and move a safe distance from the boat.*
- Stop the engines, shut off the electricity, and extinguish open flames and other sources of heat, such as lit*

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cigarettes, pipes or cigars. Installing a master kill switch to the battery will ensure that automatic equipment won't suddenly turn on.

-Move about the boat, sniffing for fuel vapors. Close any openings that could allow fuel vapors into enclosed spaces; don't forget the bilges, where spilled fuel can hide. If you smell fuel in the bilge, don't turn on the bilge exhaust blowers. A spark is all it takes to blow the bottom out of your boat.

-While fueling, make sure the nozzle is in constant contact with the filler pipe to help avoid static sparks. To avoid spills or overfilling, pay attention and don't walk away while refueling.

-After you've filled the tank, put the cap back on and check for spills. Wipe up spills immediately, and safely dispose of the rag. Fuel spilled into the water must be cleaned up and the spill reported to the dock manager and the National Response Center at 800-424-8802. You can be fined for not reporting a spill.

-Sniff around to make sure vapors haven't collected anywhere. Then turn on your blowers and ventilate the boat until no fumes are detected.

-Now you can get your passengers back on board and pull away from the gas dock on your way to a great day on the water.

Great tips like these are one of the many benefits of being a member of the US Power Squadron, and taking advantage of the many educational opportunities they offer. The USPS's website has great information, but just as valuable if not more so are the local educational opportunities the Wilmington Sail & Power Squadron offer. It's one thing to educate yourself with written literature, but I've always found it particularly beneficial to have that information reinforced by live educators with real--life (or real boating) experience. Aside from the basic boating safety classes, the squadron teaches, we're always looking for your suggestions on what would enhance your boating experience educationally. So, if you have any suggestions, please let our Educational Officer, Jim Robinson, or any of the executive committee officers, know of your interests.

*Lt/C John S. Ross, AP
Executive Officer*

WSPS Birthdays/October-November-December

Oct-Nov-Dec	Date	Oct-Nov-Dec	Date	Oct-Nov-Dec	Date
Marguerite R. Travis	Oct 08	James A. Malin	Oct 30	Robert J. Melcher	Dec 09
Margaret B. Hall	Oct 10	Bert H. Mahlman	Nov 02	John E. Koval	Dec 13
Pamela M. Orris	Oct 10	Emila Talloua-Abel	Nov 04	Laurence R. McKay	Dec 14
Dennis M. Wallace	Oct 11	Betty Parker	Nov 11	Kenneth A. Schaefer	Dec 14
Mary Jane Wenhold	Oct 12	Donna C. Powell	Nov 11	Katherine L. Minshall	Dec 16
Herman Hopman	Oct 17	Edward H. Kris	Nov 16	C. David Sharpless	Dec 16
John J. Mc Evoy	Oct 24	C. Harwin Smith	Nov 21	Betty K. Ingram	Dec 19
Victoria J. Benson	Oct 27	Donald R. Engler	Nov 22	John T. Reager	Dec 21
Richard C. Ebersol	Oct 27	Conrad L. Hoover	Nov 26	Frederic W. Abel 3 rd	Dec 25
Robert B. Minshall	Oct 27	W. Michael King	Nov 26	Margaret M. Smith	Dec 26
Walter R. Williamson	Oct 28	Anne M. Minard	Dec 03		
John C. Leshar	Oct 29	Harry Sut Anderson	Dec 09		

Cooperative Charting

The Cooperative Charting year began on the 1st of April and ends next March 31st. We are, therefore, approximately one-third of the way into another year. With two to two and one-half months remaining in the boating season of good cruising weather there is still time to participate in USPS Cooperative Charting program.

Using the Internet you can find the latest updated edition of the Cooperative Charting Manual available online at <http://www.usps.org/national/coch/>. In the manual you'll find a number of non-technical programs available in which to choose. See which program best suits your interests. All reports must be made using Cooperative Charting Website (CCWWB). To get full credit all reports must be submitted within four weeks of the investigation date.

There has been much talk over the years about restarting the very popular Geodetic Recovery program. At the Governing Board meeting earlier this month, this subject was discussed in the Coop Charting Committee. Details have to be worked out with NOAA National Geodetic Survey office and approved by USPS. Look for more information on this at the 100th Anniversary Annual Meeting in Jacksonville beginning in late January 2014.

Some popular Coop Charting websites:

NOAA charts: <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/Raster/Index.htm>

NOAA Coast Pilot Book: <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/nsd/cpdownload.htm>

NOAA Tides and Currents: <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/>

NOAA Tides Online: <http://tidesonline.nos.noaa.gov/>

USCG Light Lists: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lightList>

USCG Local Notice for Mariners: <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/default.htm>

Cooperative Charting Website (CCWWB) Log In Page: <https://www.ccweb.noaa.gov/ccweb/>

P/R/C Steve Leishman, SN

Squadron Cooperative Charting Chairman

Education Department

We have not scheduled any Boating Certification classes until Spring 2014. We remain receptive to any inquiries from any group or business desiring certification or seminar formatted education.

Advanced Grades - Piloting began 10 September 2013 with six new members taught by P/C Judy and Charles Stadler.

P/C James Robinson

Education Officer

Audit of Treasurer's Records-2013

On the basis of our examination, made in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices appropriate for a non-profit organization including such tests as we deemed necessary, we recommend acceptance of the Treasurer's records.

Auditing Committee: P/Lt/C John A. Bryson, AP and Lt Thomas S. Webster, Jr., SN

Administrative Department

Mark your calendars!

The Assemblies committee has scheduled an interesting series of lectures this fall and winter. Please come join us at our upcoming events. Events start at 1830 (6:30 pm) at the Brandywine Town Center, except for the December Social.

Friday 8 November 2013 – Wilmington Fire Department - Marine Unit

Sunday 8 December 2013 – December Social

Host: P/C Richard & Teresa Butler

Location: 8 Sebastian Drive, Newark, DE

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Join us at Richard & Teresa's home for our holiday social. Bring your own wine and appetizer or dessert to share.

Friday 17 January 2014 – P/C Richard & Teresa Butler, Cruising on a barge in France.

Friday 21 February 2014 – Founder's Day & Annual Meeting. Research vessel Rachel Carson located in the Solomons, MD

Remember: At the November social we will distribute ditty boxes to be filled with goodies for the Wilmington Seamen Center. These boxes will be collected at the December social.

Assemblies Committee: Betty & John Ingram, Mary Stacey, Geri Walker, Zelma Robinson, Anne & Mike Minard, Donna Zimmerman, Sue Engler and Judy Stadler.

Sunday, 8 December 2013
Home of P/C Richard and Teresa Butler
4-6 PM

P/C Richard and Teresa Butler have graciously offered the use of their home for our annual Holiday party. Please bring your favorite wine and an appetizer or a holiday treat to share. The Assemblies Committee will provide soft drinks and hot beverages. Also, don't forget those gift boxes for the seaman's center!

If you are planning to attend, please call Richard and Teresa on 302-234-2464 or send an e-mail to tab6141@gmail.com.

Location: 8 Sebastian Drive, Newark, DE 19711



NOVEMBER ASSEMBLY
Friday, 8 November 2013

Lt. Joseph Kempista will be our featured speaker for our first Fall Assembly of the 2013-14 season. Joe is a member of the Marine Unit of the Wilmington Fire Department. His presentation will be about the operation of the fire boats.

The evening begins at 1830 (6:30 PM) with appetizers and soft drinks and continues with dinner at 1900. Dinner will include lasagna, salad and those famous fall pies! The cost again this year is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12.

All of our fall and 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, 5 November 2013

WSPS Assemblies Committee

WILMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – NOVEMBER 8, 2013

Names of those attending (for name tags) _____

_____ @ \$5.00 _____ @ \$4.00 Total = \$_____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BETTY INGRAM and mail with this form to

Betty Ingram, 8 Tarragon Court, Wilmington, DE 19808
Email - Bkooingram@verizon.net
Tel - 302-633-1733

The Boat Names Have Been Changed to Protect...

Five squadron members share with us why they named their boats what they did...

“Freedom” - Owners: Lyn and Harry Sut Anderson II

I don't know the history of Freedom, however it was Freedom when I bought her. I loved the name because it expresses one of the quality of life parameters I value the most. The minute I step on the boat, my stresses all disappear.



Also a sailboat offers the true FREEDOM to be independent should I need to. Only thing lacking for long-term freedom is a water maker.



“First Born” - Owners: Geri and Bob Walker

We have owned three boats. Charja, was a Lipincott Lightening, named after an Island my husband spent time on as a meteorologist while he was in the Air Force. Our second boat was a scaled down Bluenose from Nova Scotia, named the Bluenose Lady, and our third boat was is named First Born. We never changed the name of First Born for fear of bad luck/. I wonder if that rumor is true?



“Gypsy II” - Owners Betty and John Ingram

Gypsy II is our 1984 Pearson 386 Sloop which we keep on the Chesapeake at North Point Marina in Rock Hall, MD. For over 30 years we sailed and raced on chartered boats or OPBs (Other People's Boats). Some of the owners were getting older and selling their boats. Betty told me that if I wanted our own boat to continue sailing, we should buy one while we could still sail one.



“Gypsy II” (continued)

We spent a year looking for the right 34 - 36 foot Pearson, when we found *Gypsy*, she had everything we would want on our second boat. She had full electronics and radar at the nav-station and at the helm, AC and heat, windless and wash-down, full cockpit enclosure, and a bow-thruster. So we renamed her *Gypsy II*. She will be our first and second (last) boat.



“Weatherly” - Owners: Carol Hanson and Dennis Wallace

The Weatherly naming was somewhat challenging. I think it is easier to name a child than name a boat! Anyhow, back when we bought our 33', I went to the Philadelphia library and started looking through lists, lists, and more lists - past Kentucky Derby winners etc., - that kind of stuff. I finally came across a list of America's Cup boats and went through each name until I got to Weatherly which was the winning boat in the 1962 cup race against Gretel. And since C&C's can go to weather - as you know, I thought it most appropriate.

When we bought our 37' I obviously kept the name but I'm also not necessarily a fan of various iterations, i.e. Weatherly II, Weatherly III etc. and since I had removed the name from the 33' when we sold her...that's what we went with. Maybe the next boat I'll come up with something different. Will Carol read this?



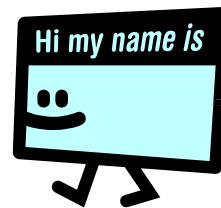
“Second Wind” - Owners: Sandy and Dave Netting

When we switched from sail to power we knew it would be a big shift in the type of boating we would do so we wanted to pick a name that reflected that change for us.

This is our SECOND WIND for boating, a new phase of being on the water for us. Hence the name, SECOND WIND.



Re-Naming Your Boat



Everyone knows that renaming your boat will bring nothing but bad luck and make your boating experience something that you will want to forget. But what happens when, after months of searching, you find your dreamboat with a name that you just cannot live with. Well... You change it and here is how!

Once you are certain every reference to her old name has been removed from her, all that is left to do is to prepare a metal tag with the old name written on it in water-soluble ink. You will also need a bottle of reasonably good Champagne. Since this is an auspicious occasion, it is a good time to invite your friends to witness and to party. Begin by invoking the name of the ruler of the deep as follows:

*Oh mighty and great ruler of the seas and oceans, to whom all ships and we who venture upon your vast domain are required to pay homage, implore you in your graciousness to expunge for all time from your records and recollection the name (**insert the old name of your vessel**) which has ceased to be an entity in your kingdom. As proof thereof, we submit this ingot bearing her name to be corrupted through your powers and forever be purged from the sea. (At this point, the prepared metal tag is dropped from the bow of the boat into the sea). In grateful acknowledgment of your munificence and dispensation, we offer these libations to your majesty and your court. (Pour at least half of the bottle of Champagne into the sea from East to West. The remainder may be passed among your guests.*

It is usual for the renaming ceremony to be conducted immediately following the purging ceremony, although it may be done at any time after the purging ceremony. For this portion of the proceedings, you will need more Champagne, much more because you have a few more gods to appease. Begin the renaming by again calling Poseidon as follows:

*Oh mighty and great ruler of the seas and oceans, to whom all ships and we who venture upon your vast domain are required to pay homage, implore you in your graciousness to take unto your records and recollection this worthy vessel hereafter and for all time known as (**insert the new name you have chosen**), guarding her with your mighty arm and trident and ensuring her of safe and rapid passage throughout her journeys within your realm. In appreciation of your munificence, dispensation and in honor of your greatness, we offer these libations to your majesty and your court. (At this point, one bottle of Champagne, less one glass for the master and one glass for the mate are poured into the sea from West to East.)*

Cdr. Donald R. Engler, P

Calendar of Events

www.wspsoaters.com

Weekly Luncheons on Wednesday: 1130
Seasons Pizza, 3901 Concord Pike, Wilm., DE

16	Oct.	1930	WSPS Exec. Committee Mtg. Connective Energy & Technology Ctr. Newark, DE
02	Nov.		D/5 18 th Annual Land Navigation Contest Delhigh Power Squadron, Bethlehem, PA
08	Nov.	1830	WSPS Social Brandywine Community Center
20	Nov.	1930	WSPS Exec. Committee Mtg. Connective Energy & Technology Ctr. Newark, DE
22-24	Nov.		D/5 Fall Conference Hyatt Regency Cambridge, MD
07	Dec.		Deadline for January/February Lubber's Line Material
08	Dec.	1600	WSPS Holiday Social Home of P/C Richard and Terry Butler 8 Sebastian Drive, Newark, DE 19711share

