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### Near Perfect Raft-up

The wind Gods were good to us on Saturday, 19 July 08 as John G. Ingram, AP & Betty Ingram aboard Gypsy and Kathy Reager & I on Oceana sailed southwest from Rock Hall, around Kent Island, then up the Chester River past the Corsica to Comegy's Bight. As we sailed we played at racing unknowing boats, passing several, and quietly cheering as we took the lead in our imaginary Trans Atlantic Race. Unfortunately, we were awakened from the dream and nipped at the finish line by Gypsy. However, to our delight we were welcomed by Thomas S. Webster, III, P and Kay J. Webster aboard Estelle with guests P/C Lynda L. Hastings, AP and John P. Goon, P. We anchored quickly, rafted up, and were invited on board Estelle for cocktails, great conversation, and abundant hors d'oeuvres that left everyone with no appetite left for dinner. About two hours later the contented group broke up, Estelle headed for the protection of the Corsica for the night, and Gypsy anchoring in the bight just ahead of us.

Kathy and I went for a late evening swim. We relaxed, enjoyed the beautiful harvest moon and the cool breeze provided by the long fetch up the river. It was a very peaceful night's sleep.

Ahhh..... To be continued... and continued ... and continued.

*John T. Reager, AP*



**Fall Picnic for  
Members and  
Friends  
James &  
Zelma  
Robinson's  
Home  
RSVP 21 Sept.**



*(left to right) John Goon, Kay Webster, Lynda Hastings and Tom Webster aboard Estelle*

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**COMMANDER'S  
MESSAGE**

*By Cdr. Donna Zimmerman, JN*

**Goodbye, Nina B**

We got the offer over the phone. Not everything we wanted, but a fair price to be sure. And the timing was great – with the closing just after the annual cruise and just before our new boat was to arrive. So we said yes!

Then it started – the sadness of selling our dear friend, Nina B. We would have owned her for 20 years in October. In our first year, she took us through New York harbor on a beautiful spring day, out Long Island Sound to Block Island, then home through the C&D canal to the Chesapeake and nineteen splendid sailing seasons. Work precluded long trips aboard but we honed our sailing, navigation, maintenance and mechanical skills over many holidays and weekends. And in the process, we came to know Nina B so very well. Going to the boat felt like going home - home to a place filled with wonderful memories of time on the water, of people and of places. She's been the perfect boat for us and we'll miss her.

Yes, we're excited about the new boat we have coming. It's perfect for our plans in retirement and it's loaded with all the amenities we so easily did without for so many years. But we'll both be happy when the first few years are behind us and we begin to develop that special relationship with an inanimate object that only other long-time boaters can understand.

See you on the water.

## *Executive Department*

Fall brings boating days with crisp air, ideal wind with minimal waves, and spectacular color. Don't miss them! With such fantastic days, it can be hard to focus on longer term legislative issues that could completely disrupt our boating routines. But, focus we must! I have good news and bad news:

The good news is that in August, President Bush signed into law "The Clean Boating Act of 2008," which gives recreational boats a permanent exemption for the court imposed EPA discharge permit. This eliminates the need for each of us to apply for permits to discharge engine cooling water and even deck run-off. Thanks to each of you who wrote their representatives to express your desire and need to create an exemption to this permitting. As a boating group, we prevailed!

The bad news is that you should be aware that Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) is sponsoring bill 786, which will restrict the National Weather Service to such a degree that it will only be able to issue severe weather reports. Gone will be wind, weather, tide predictions, and general forecasts we all rely on without subscribing to commercial, and likely expensive, services. If you have an opinion, let your legislators know.

The USPS has upgraded their website with a focus on "Boating is Fun....We'll show you how!" This is all a part of an effort to attract new members. If you are looking for something specific, you may find it easiest to click on "Site Index" at the top of the USPS home page. From there you will find key topics to navigate toward your interest. While you are at it, check out the nice upgrades that our Webmaster, Bill Orris, is making to our WPS web site.

*Lt/C Harry S. Anderson, II, AP  
Executive Officer*

## *Administrative Department*

In July, we had a 3-boat raft-up on the Chester River, KIA'd by John T. Reager, AP and Kathy Reager on Oceana. John P. Goon, P and P/C Lynda L. Hastings, AP crewed on Estelle with Lt Thomas S. Webster, Jr., SN and Kay J. Webster as well as Betty and I on Gypsy II.



*(left to right) Betty Ingram, Kathy & John Reager  
aboard Estelle*

P/C Jeffrey Russell, AP and Gail Russell, P treated 45 of us to a wonderful Picnic / Rendezvous at their home on the Sassafras River. As usual, the Eastern Shore was pummeled by heavy thunder and lightning, but not at the Russell home this year. The main course and drinks were provided by the hosts, the rest of us brought side dishes, salads, or deserts. P/C Dave Sharpless and Lt /C Jim Robinson tried to organize a dinghy flotilla, but the weather did not cooperate.

We had a good turnout and nice weather for the rendezvous at Sue Island on the Middle River. We shared a picnic and crabs with the local squadron and were treated to tours of two new boats: the Zimmerman's "Mystic Star" and the Benfer's "Journey". Remember the boat show is coming up.

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## ***Boating Safety News***

### **First Aid and First Aid Kits**

When Lt/C Harry S. Anderson, II, AP, called and asked if we would take on the responsibility of Safety guru for the Wilmington Power Squadron, he assured us that this task could be accomplished from afar, since it is our plan to head south with Wind Venture for the winter. The suggestion was that topics will most certainly arise as we take our journey. Well, sure enough, we haven't even left yet, and there is already some planning that has led to our first, and maybe even second, article...first aid and first aid kits.

We have been doing some research into suggested items that should be available on the boat...not just the typical band aids and "what not" for minor cuts and ibuprofen for the occasional headache. It is also clear that the standard First Aid Kits available from your favorite boating store may not be quite enough, either. In the June, 2008, issue of *Practical Sailor*, there was the first in a promised series of articles reviewing first aid kits on the market today. Of greatest use was the information used to judge these commercially available products. The classification system divides the needs for different types of supplies for small boat cruisers based primarily on how far you may be from professional medical help: Class I – within several hours at most; Class II – within 12 hours; Class III – within 24 hours; and Class IV – several days or more. This first article reviews the basic, Class I medical kit. There are also several other useful references listed at the end of this article.

Before talking about the contents of a first aid kit....knowing what to do with what's in it is of utmost importance. One of the first things that any boater should consider is to take a first aid and CPR course....and update if you haven't done this recently! Secondly, have a good idea of how and where to call for professional help, if needed, while you're out on the water (VHF, cell phone, etc.). Keep a list of emergency numbers within easy reach on the boat if you're boating within easy access of land. Third, keep your first aid supplies in a well-labeled place on board, and keep them well organized with all medications up-to-date.

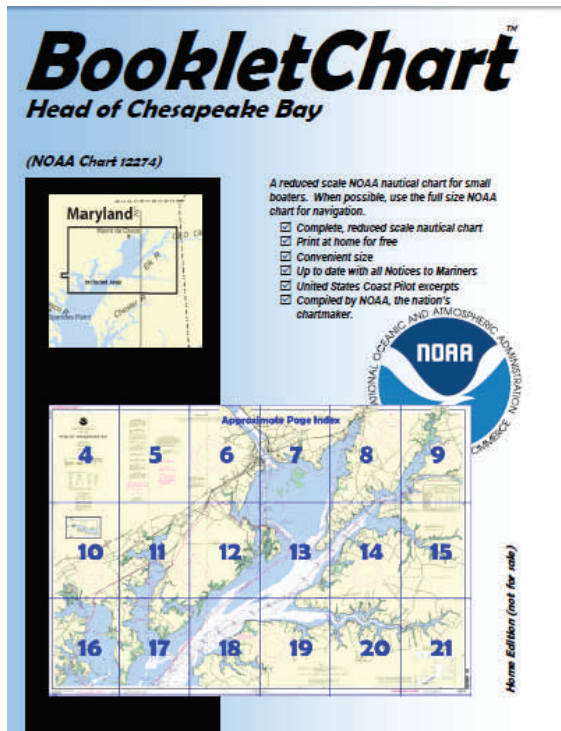
Here's a list of basic first aid supplies, accumulated from several references and just plain experience on board:

<b>Adhesive bandages in several sizes</b>	<b>Instant cold packs</b>
<b>Sterile gauze pads</b>	<b>Eye wash</b>
<b>Adhesive tape</b>	<b>Antiseptic</b>
<b>Rolled adhesive bandages</b>	<b>Sun screen</b>
<b>Tweezers</b>	<b>First aid cream</b>
<b>Blunt scissors</b>	<b>Aspirin or substitutes</b>
<b>Cotton balls and cotton tipped applicators</b>	<b>Motion sickness pills</b>
<b>Non-sterile gloves</b>	<b>Treatment for insect bites</b>

Some references also suggest carrying a first aid manual. We would like to suggest one additional need, not technically a first aid supply, but one that could prevent some great discomfort -- insect repellent. Since reputable repellents are registered pesticides, and regulated by the US EPA, they must carry a list of insects on the label that they will repel. Note that some, but not all, are good for those nasty Chesapeake biting flies!



## NOAA's Experimental BookletChart™ now available for the Chesapeake Bay



The experimental BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale and divided into pages for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full scale nautical chart. Bar scales have also been reduced in scale, and are accurate when used to measure distances in a BookletChart. Excerpts from the United States Coast Pilot are included, and chart notes are consolidated on a single page for easy reference. Emergency information for the charted area is printed on the back cover.

FREE! Print as many copies as you like. Use them at home, on-board, or attach a page or two to the [Float Plan](#) that you leave with a friend, relative or local marina before heading out on the water.

BookletCharts™ can be found at:

[The NOAA Web Site](#)

### Printing BookletCharts™

**Speed** – The BookletChart files are large. Broadband Internet service is required.

**2-Sided Printing** – Some printers will duplex (print 2-sided documents). Specify your printer using the Adobe Acrobat Reader “Print Setup” or “Print” dialog. Then look for the “Properties”, “Layout”, settings to choose 2-sided printing. Otherwise, print the odd pages, then reinsert the pages into the paper supply tray and print the even pages to accomplish duplex printing. This is available using the Adobe Acrobat Reader “Subset” options in the “Print” dialog.

**Resolution** – Print the BookletCharts at “normal” or “regular” resolution – about 600 dpi. High resolution does not improve the image, but it adds significantly to the printing time.

**Binding** – Several staples down the left edge of the BookletChart allows it to open like a book and lie flat. Facing pages show adjacent areas of the chart making this a practical solution.

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### Drew Sanclemente wins USA Triathlon Youth and Junior National Championships

Drew Sanclemente, daughter of WPS members Keith and Martha Sanclemente, competed with 47 girls in the 11 and 12 year old age group. She completed the 200-yard swim, 6.3-mile bike ride and 1.25-mile run in 29:44.3. She kept a steady pace in all three events that made her a national No. 1. Her competitors were pre-teen athletes from the triathlon hotbeds of California, Colorado and Illinois, many who were part of teams and had bicycles that cost thousands of dollars. Drew attends Alfred G. Waters Academy in Middletown and is a well-rounded student-athlete who participates in various art and math club events at school, recycling causes and even attended the Delaware Aerospace Camp at the University of Delaware.

## *WPS Birthday List September - October*



<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Carl L. Stacey	9/2	Joseph Donia	9/22	Frank J. Clendening	10/23
Edward H. Ten Eyck, Jr	9/6	Richard L. Burkhard	9/24	John J. Mc Envoy	10/24
Jeffrey J. Bottari	9/11	Paul J. Domanski	9/26	Victoria J. Benson	10/27
Robert R. Keller	9/14	Dwain J. Watkins	10/7	Robert B. Minshall	10/27
Carol Jo Heald	9/15	Marguerite R. Travis	10/8	W. Randy Williamson	10/28
Joseph D. Irr	9/19	Pamela M. Orris	10/10	John C. Leshner	10/28
Anthony L. Eros	9/20	Margaret Broyles Hall	10/10	James E. Malin	10/30
Donna Myers	9/20	Dennis M. Wallace	10/11		
Gail Russell	9/20	Herman Hopman	10/17		
Eugene Richard Janik	9/22	Timothy R. Chambers	10/20		

## *Welcome New WPS Members*



Please welcome the following new WPS members:

**Joshua Swift**-Josh and his wife Wendy are power boaters and live in the Hockessin area with their two young sons. Josh applied for membership to WPS via the Web Site. Having completed a public boating course a few years ago, he was interested in furthering his boating education. He completed the Seamanship class that was offered in the Spring and is planning on taking Piloting in the Fall.

Welcome Aboard!

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

## Calendar of Events

02-07	Sep.		USPS Governing Board Meeting Marriott Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI
9	Sep..	1900	WPS Fall Educational Courses begin: Advanced Grades & Elective Courses A.I. du Pont High School 50 Hillside Rd., Wilmington,
12-14	Sep..		WPS Fall Mini Cruise ( <b>CANCELLED</b> )
17	Sep..	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
28	Sep.	1300	WPS Fall Picnic for Members and Friends James & Zelma Robinson's Home 122 Fairthorne Street, Kennett Square, PA
04-05	Oct.		WPS Rendezvous
<b>07</b>	<b>Oct..</b>		<b>Deadline for November - December Lubber's Line Material</b>
9	Oct.	1900	Safe Boating Certification begins: Mc Kean High School 301 Mc Kennan's Church Rd., Wilmington, DE
11-13	Oct.		D/5 Sail Rendezvous & Regatta Host and location to be announced
Tentative			
15	Oct.	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE
24	Oct.	1830	WPS Social Brandywine Community Center

