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## Cruisin' on Chesapeake Bay: The WPS 2007 Annual Spring Picnic and Summer Cruise

We've got something a little different planned this year to kick off both our outdoor activity season and the annual summer cruise. We're combining the Spring New Members Picnic with the Commander's Cruise Kick-off Party and hoping for a grand turnout of all our members! The combined Commander's Kick-off will be held on Saturday, 16 June at the Sailing Emporium in Rock Hall, Md. This is a great location for those arriving by land or water. We'll provide drinks and the main course (typically excellent turkey and ham) – members bring an appetizer, salad or desert. Please let us know if you are coming in advance so we have plenty for everyone. See enclosed registration form for specifics.



Raft-up Fun at the WPS 2006 Annual Summer Cruise

Now on to the Cruise. It seems as though the WPS 2006 Annual Summer Cruise no sooner ends and it's time to start planning for 2007. The first meeting of your 2007 Cruise Committee was held on a Thursday night in November. Prior to this meeting, cruise surveys were distributed to WPS members for the purpose of collecting input regarding favorite ports of call, anchorages,

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

By Cdr Martin G. Wagner, AP



Well, this is it, my last Lubber's Line article as Commander. This means that I can write anything I want without fear of repercussion. Don't worry; I won't get nostalgic, although I may become slightly philosophical.

As I'm writing this article it is cold outside. Wind chills are near zero. Our boating class at Kennett Square just started on 07 February. By the time you read this, hopefully, it will be warmer with hints of spring in the air and the beginning of spring boating fever in full swing or just on the horizon. So it will be a good time for you to think about Wilmington Power Squadron and what it means to you. After a year as Commander I am still amazed by our members. As we tell our new students, if you need some information or have a problem, there will be somebody in WPS who has the answer. Not only that, but they will be ready to just jump in and help you out. That is certainly different from any other organization that I belong to.

So, where am I going with this? WPS continues as a successful organization. It remains successful by focusing on the needs of its members and by constantly renewing itself by getting new and current members involved. We try to make sure that all of our new members come to our social events, participate in our on the water events and further their education. We also like to get new members involved by asking them to work on one of our committees or finding other ways of contributing to the organization. Occasionally we miss someone. I know it's hard to believe, but we make mistakes. If we haven't asked you, it's not because we don't like you. Ask us.

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## Executive Department

## **Seller Beware**

Adages such as "buyer beware" and "a picture is worth a thousand words" have stood the test of time because they have some basic truth behind them. "A boater's happiest days are the day he buys his boat and the day he sells it" is a popular adage used by your non-boating friends to make light of your predicaments. Instead, if they knew the truth, they would shed tears with you on the day you sell your boat. Let's examine this one more closely.

We had a wonderful experience with our first cruiser. We bought it at a good price and that made us very happy. We put a lot of work and love into it and it showed. I assure you, the days we spent on the water with our Wilmington Power Squadron friends was far happier than the settlement date. Our boating happiness scale has freedom and exhilaration at one end and maintenance drudgery or foul weather at the other. This puts the purchase experience closer to the middle!

We looked at a lot of boats and spoke to a lot of salespeople as we dreamed about our next boat. Boat shopping entails internet browsing, boat shows, financial considerations and lots of choices such as gasoline versus diesel. As we shopped, a lot more thought went into what boat we wanted to buy rather than who would sell our boat. A friend's valued recommendation was all we had to go on when we chose our broker.

We chose a brokerage in Chestertown, Maryland who is now doing business in Georgetown. They had attracted a buyer and brought them through survey to settlement. Boat transfers in Maryland do not require the seller's attendance at settlement. The broker mails you your money when the deal is done. I had chosen my next boat and scheduled settlement well after I would have my money in

## Administrative Department

## 2007-2008 ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW

Here is a sneak preview of upcoming events for our squadron so you can plan your year. This is the best quality and variety of education, boating activities, and social assemblies you can get from any club. Join Us for fun, friends, and better boating!

## MEMORIAL DAY LAND & SEA RENDEZVOUS

MARK YOUR CALENDERS for 26 May, the end of SAFE BOATING WEEK, and the beginning of Memorial Day Weekend for a must attend WPS event at Turner's Creek on the Sassafras River. Cruising boats join us for a raft-up (optional 2<sup>nd</sup> day anchorage in Frog Mortar Creek, Middle River, [L 39° 19.5'N & Lo 76° 24.1'W]), "day use" boats bring them to the Turners Creek ramp, and those without a "hole in the water" join us by land at the Turner's Pavilion. This event will have something for EVERYONE .... including POKER PIRATES! We have the pavilion reserved from 1500 to 1800. Grills will be fired up so bring something to grill for yourself and a side dish or desert to share with others. More info to follow in the April/May Lubber's Line

## **Wilmington Power Squadron**

25 Mar.	2007 Change of Watch (Hartefeld)
26 May	Spring Raft-up & picnic at Turner's
	Creek, Sassafras
16 June	Commander's picnic & Cruise Kick
	Off at Rock Hall
16-23 June	2007 Summer Cruise
22 July	Summer picnic at the Russell's on the
	Sassafras
18 Aug.	Summer Raft-up (place to be
	determined)
11 Sept.	Fall Advanced Elective Boating
	Courses Begin at A. I. Du Pont (AI)

## **Education Department**

The boating season is quickly approaching and soon we will be sanding, scraping and painting the bottom of our Boats.

First we must finish spring classes:

<u>Advanced Grades Course</u> – Advanced Piloting Instructor Dennis Knowles - 8 students

<u>Elective Course</u> – Marine Electronics (ME 102) Instructor Randy Williamson - 9 students

#### **Boating Classes**:

Kennett Square – 15 students (began February 7<sup>th</sup>) A.I. du Pont High School (begins March 13<sup>th</sup>) Mc Kean High School (begins March 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Lt/James Robinson, AP Education Officer

#### GET YOUR USCG CAPTAIN'S LICENSE?

A number of members have expressed interest in obtaining a USCG license, but are hesitant to spend the time and money required by the schools offering formal training programs. Generally, these programs require commitments of three or more consecutive weekends and tuition of several hundred dollars. There has been some discussion (within the squadron) of offering a program using an instructor who works for one of the approved schools along with some of our members who are experienced instructors. By doing this, we can control costs and have a schedule that is flexible for squadron members interested in obtaining the license.

If you have an interest or suggestions please call me at 302-478-7911 or via email dbenfer@aol.com.

David L. Benfer, JN

## Cooperative Charting

At the recent USPS Annual Meeting it was announced that Geodetic Mark recovery would no longer be part of the USPS Cooperative Charting program. If you have found any marks and not yet reported them you have until the end of March 2007 to do so.

In the works is a new Cooperative Charting / NOAA Manual. Currently in draft form, it will be presented to NOAA for their approval. If all goes well, a new manual may be available for distribution at the Governing Board in Norfolk this September.

The Cooperative Charting year ends on 31 March. All reports should be submitted on CCWeb by that date as a new Cooperative Charting year begins on 1 April. All reports must be entered into CCWeb by this date, or they will be credited to the following year.

Below are a few of the websites associated with Cooperative Charting that may interest you.

District 5: <a href="https://www.usps.org/index/html">www.usps.org/index/html</a>

NOAA Charts: nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/

Raster/Index.htm

NOAA Coast Pilot Book: <u>nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/</u>

nsd/cpdownload.htm.

USCG Light Lists: www.navcen.uscg.gov/pubs/

<u>LightLists/LightLists.htm</u>

**USCG Local Notice for Mariners:** 

www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/default.htm.

USPS website: www.usps.org,

CCWeb Home Page: ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/usps/

On 29 March through 1 April the District 5 Spring Conference, at the Princess Royale Hotel in Ocean City, MD, will have a Cooperative Charting session that you should find very interesting. More information on this conference is on the front page of the D/5 website. To get more information, consider attending the all-day NOAA workshop in

## **Boating Safety News**

## IS THE SUN MY FRIEND?

On a bright sunny day I saw a mom and dad walking down the street with their two kids, about ages two and four. I noticed that the children wore sunglasses. It made me start to think about the affects of sun on us humans. After doing the research, I'm in favor that this mom and dad receive an award.

The subject of the sun and its hazardous affects on the body is more of a health issue than a safety issue. This is an important topic to review, especially for all boaters who usually spend the entire day on the water. We're subjecting ourselves to the sun's rays, either directly or through reflection off the water. We believe if we're wearing SPF 15 sun lotion, a baseball cap, or a cotton fabric like a T-shirt, that we're well protected from the harmful rays of the sun. But this is not the case. I gathered some information from BoatUS, the American Cancer Society, and Ohio State University internet sites. Hopefully it will help you better prepare for the day's fun in the sun. Since the safety of the crew falls on the captain, I think it is captain's responsibility to ensure that the crew is properly protected, or at least given a reminder.

The sun emits three types of ultraviolet rays onto the earth; UV-A, UV-B and UV-C. All three generate harmful cancers such as squamous cell, basal cell, and malignant melanoma when caught in their early stages, can be effectively treated. These dangerous rays can also result in eye damage such as premature cataracts, various retina and cornea damage, and solar retinopathy. Both UV-A and UV-B cause sunburns, but UV-A penetrates the skin deeper and is the source of severe sunburns. UV-C has been found to be the most carcinogenic. So do we really need to worry about this? At the present time the ozone layer provides protection but will our future tell a different story?

When do we start protecting ourselves from the

sun? At birth, since UV-A rays are cumulative. UV-B rays are not cumulative, but they "encourage" the harmful effects of the UV-A rays when the skin burns or blisters. Young children, who suffer from sunburn, begin accumulating the effects of UV-A and UV-B deep under their skin at that time. So, the earlier a protection program is started the better! It could take 20 - 40 years or longer before something appears on the skin. Over the last ten years, the incidence of melanoma has been dramatically increasing. Based on genetics and skin color, the maximum absorption rate varies for each individual. Our tolerance to a myriad of diseases diminish when we reach our individual absorption rate. By the age of 18, we've reached the 50 - 80 percent of lifetime exposure to the sun. Other than being active during the nighttime hours, knowledge and preparation are the best way to counteract the sun's harmful bardment of UV rays.

SPF stands for "sun protection factor". Wearing SPF 15 will shield you from the sun's harmful rays 15 times more than not wearing any protection at all. Therefore, the amount of protection you have from the sun is dependant on the SPF rating you use. But all SPF ratings only last about four hours on the skin, so make sure you re-apply lotion accordingly.

Here is a list of things we can do to protect ourselves:

- Start a prevention program at a very early age for everyone in your family. Encourage your relatives and friends to do the same.
- Never stare at the sun, even if you are wearing sunglasses. For some reason, little kids want to do this. Remember the cumulative effect.
- Wear sunglasses all day long, even if it's heavily overcast. Five percent of the sun's rays make it to the earth on a rainy or snowy day; 15% on a

(WPS 2007 Summer Cruise, Continued from page 1) activities, etc. We've tried our best to include some

activities, etc. We've tried our best to include something for everyone.

Ports of call scheduled for this year are: Rock Hall, Oxford, Herrington Harbour South, and Baltimore Inner Harbor East. Anchorages that will be visited are: Rhode River, Baby Owl Cove on Broad Creek, and Eagle Cove on the Magothy River. Activities during the week will include a "Dinner on the Hook" raft-up, a women's appetizer contest, sailboat races, predicted log contest, dinghy activities including another great "drive-in movie", a crab feast, talent show, and much more! We will end the cruise with a buffet dinner from Adam's Rib and our awards ceremony at the Inner Harbor East Marina in Baltimore. We're hoping many cruisers will stay over in Baltimore on Saturday night after the formal ending of the Cruise.

All members, including new cruisers, are invited to participate in all or part of the week afloat. In recent years, some of our fellow boaters have elected to travel by land to some of the shore-side activities. Your participation at any level is encouraged, especially at the Commander's Kick-off Party/Picnic in Rock Hall, the talent show in Oxford and the awards dinner/weekend in Baltimore. Please use the registration form to let us know what portion of the week or activity you can attend. The registration fee applies only to cruisers – land-based members pay only for the events they will attend.

<u>Time is of the essence.</u> Included in this newsletter is a registration form. Please complete and return it along with your check to David Sharpless at the address located on the bottom of the form. Because of arrangements that have to be finalized with the marinas, the deadline for the balance of all fees due is 13 April 2007.

Many thanks to the following members for volunteering their time, energy and expertise in facilitating this year's cruise: Lyn and Sut Anderson, Ann and David Benfer, Wende and Jay Greene, Carol Hanson, Cathy and Dennis Knowles, Dodie and Ken Lehman, Bob Mahaney, Sandy and Dave Netting, Pam and Bill Orris, Gail and Jeff Russell, Rita

Shade, David Sharpless, Carl Stacey, Marty Wagner, Dennis Wallace, Tom Webster, Mary Jane and Bob Wenhold, Susan and Randy Williamson, and Bill Zimmerman.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this annual event, 16 June – 22 June! Skipper's Meeting will be on 7 June. Location of this meeting will be announced at a later date.

Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P Lt/C Donna Zimmerman, AP 2007 Summer Cruise Co-Chairs

#### **Photos - WPS 2006 Annual Cruise**



Appetizers aboard Rusty Rutter



Dingy games aboard Big Joy

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## <u>WPS 2007 ANNUAL CRUISE / PICNIC REGISTRATION</u> <u>16 June – 22 June 2007</u>

	Boat Name:	LOA:	Draft:	_ Beam:
	Boat US Membership: (Y)	_(N) Number:		
	Crew: In addition to names, pl	ease include ages of childrer	and relationship	
	Captain:	Guests:		
	Mate:	Children:		
	Note: Please specify any specia	l considerations or accommo	odations required on	reverse side of form.
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		s: balance due no later than tration Fee: \$40 additional a		\$
II.	Cruise T-Shirts: Please specify	Adult: (S-XXL) Child: (6-12YRS)		<b>\$</b> \$
III.	Saturday – 16 June 2007 <u>I</u> KIA's – Mary Ja	Rock Hall-Sailing Emporium ne and Bob Wenhold, Ann a		
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		2/30 AMP @ <u>\$14.00</u>		\$
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IV.		Rhode River		
		and David Sharpless		
	Activity: Ancho	or Out – "Dinner on the Hoo	ok" Raft-up	
v.	Monday – 18 June 2007 I	Baby Owl Cove (Broad Cree and Randy Williamson, Lyn an		
		or Out – "Kick Back, Do Not		
VI.	Tuesday – 19 June 2007 <u>(</u> KIA's – Dodie a	Oxford, MD – MearsYacht F nd Ken Lehman, David Sha		
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VII. Wednesday – 20 June 2007 Herrington Harbour South  KIA's – Cathy and Dennis Knowles, Rita Shade  Slip Fee: Vessel LOA X \$1.75 ft.  Electricity: 30 AMP @ \$6.00	\$
50 AMP or 2/30 AMP @ \$12.00	\$
Activity: Women's Appetizer Contest	
VIII. Thursday – 21 June 2007 <u>Magothy River-Eagle Cove</u> **KIA's – Wende and Jay Greene  Activity: Dinghy activities and "drive-in movie"	
IX. Friday – 22 June 2007 <u>Baltimore Inner Harbor East Marina</u>	
KIA's – Lyn and Sut Anderson, Donna and Bill Zimmerman	φ
Slip Fee: Vessel LOA X <u>\$2.35 ft.</u> Electricity: 30 AMP @ <u>\$5.00</u>	\$
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Activity: Dinner provided by Adam's Rib followed by the	Ψ
Awards Ceremony – hosted by Dennis Wallace and Carol Hanson	
Food Fees:	
Adults X <u>\$35.00/per person</u>	\$
Children X <u>\$20.00/per person</u>	\$
<u>Optional Layover</u> Saturday – 23 June 2007	
Slip Fee: Vessel LOA X <u>\$2.35 ft.</u>	\$
Electricity: 30 AMP @ \$5.00	\$
50 AMP or 2/30 AMP @ <u>\$10.00</u>	\$
TOTAL FEES REQUIRED BALANCE DUE	\$ \$

## **Comments/Requests etc.:**

#### **Cruise Notes:**

- (1) <u>Sailing Emporium</u>-The Commander's Kick-off Party and Picnic is open to all members, whether cruisers or members just simply wishing to drive down and participate. Food planning being a principle consideration, we must insist on reservations from our "land travelers" (picnic only) as well as a \$5.00 contribution toward expenses.
- (2) <u>Inner Harbor</u>-The "Committee" is pleased to advise that we can again offer an optional day layover (Saturday) for those members interested, at cruise rates. A tent will again be on site for the closing ceremonies (costs included in your meal fees).

Questions etc. may be directed to any member of the Cruise Committee.

Please make your check payable to: WPS Cruise/David Sharpless and forward to: David Sharpless 2 Haileys Trail

Newark, DE 19711-3116

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## YET ANOTHER WPS ACHIEVEMENT

The WPS website was chosen to receive the 2006 Web Site Award thanks to the work of P/C D. Jeffrey Russell, AP and Lt Gail Russell, P, our website masters. WPS scored second highest in the District and was presented with the award for Excellence by National. WPS also extends congratulations to the D/5 Squadrons listed below for the awards they received.

Absecon Island 75 Points
Recognition Award
Miles River 79 Points
Recognition Award
Nansemond River 83 Points
Recognition Award
D/5 87 Points
Excellence Award
Ocean City 88 Points
Excellence Award
Wilmington 90 Points
Excellence Award
Mid Potomac 94 Points
Excellence Award

P/C Robert F. Mahaney, AP

## LOOKING FOR SUMMER SAILING INSTRUCTORS

Want a different summer? Come join the Sailing Staff at YMCA Camp Letts on Maryland's Chesapeake Bay instructing 8-16 yr olds. Room and Board provided. All levels welcome. We take having FUN very seriously. Contact Matt Garcia 410-919-1414 or by email mgarcia@ymcadc.org

Harry S. Anderson, III (Sut)

(Co-op Charting, Continued from page 4)

Norfolk, VA the first weekend in May. To get more information on this workshop, look in the Spring 2007 edition of the Mark 5 or check the D/5 website under district events, Mark 5 Newsletter and select the Spring 2007 edition.

P/R/C Steve Leishman, SN

## JUNE IN JANUARY

Over 70 members (and a few ants) feasted on a picnic supper at the January Social. The food was enjoyed by all. The highlight of the evening was a presentation by long-time members Sandy and Dave Netting who entertained us with tales of their adventures while traveling the ICW from their home in North Carolina to Tarpon Springs, Florida. We were very grateful to Sandy and Dave for coming to Wilmington in risky weather to be on our program.

We were very pleased to welcome some of our longtime members who we don't see often enough. We also had some guests, including Mary Anne Rice from the NERPS and Mary Francis, a friend of member Pat Haac. We welcomed back Nyla Deputy as a reinstated member.

The Nominating Committee presented their recommendation for the slate of officers for the coming Bridge Year. Elections will be held during the Founders' Day Social on 16 February 2007. The Cruise Committee appealed to participants to get their registration forms and fees in as soon as possible so that deposits can be sent to the marinas.

Assemblies Committee Co-Chairs P/C Lynda L. Hastings, AP Lt Mary E. Stacey

## 68<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHANGE OF WATCH IS APPROACHING

Welcome spring and our new Commander C. Jay Greene, AP. Say goodbye to winter and our present Commander Martin G. Wagner, AP. The Wilmington Power Squadron will celebrate its 68th Annual Change of Watch with a lavish brunch at The Hartefeld National in Avondale, Pa. The celebration begins at 1130 on Sunday, 25 March 2007. A registration form is included in this issue of the Lubber's Line. We request that you return your reservation in a timely manner. Our Change of Watch is always a festive occasion and hopefully you can join us to say thank you and welcome to our outgoing and incoming Commanders.

Lt/Mary Stacey COW Committee Chair (Boating Safety, Continued from page 5)

cloudy day. Make sure the sunglasses provide

- 100% UV protection. Accept nothing less. Wrap-arounds are better than flats.
- Wear a full-brimmed hat when in the sun. It will protect your nose, lips and ears (sensitive to melanoma) and your neck. Baseball caps only protect your face.
- Use SPF 30 or better sun block, and re-apply the lotion every two to four hours. This includes "water resistant" and "waterproof" lotions. Try to apply the lotion 10 15 minutes before going into the sun. This will give the skin enough time to absorb the blockers.
- Try to stay in the sun no longer than an hour at a time. Head for the shade, the bimini, or the umbrella and take a break from the UV bombardment. Remember, the UV reflection off the water is at least 15% of what you would receive if directly in the sun, 10% off concrete, and 15% off sand. The sun's rays are strongest between 1000 and 1500 hrs. High solar noon (1200 on 21 June) is the strongest time.
- Stay out of tanning booths! "I'll use a tanning booth to get a base tan." It's a gross misconception that a "base" tan will help prevent you from burning. The "base" tan misconception lures you toward excessive amounts of sun, resulting in over exposure to UV rays. Any tanning of the skin is not good; sometimes unavoidable, but still not good.
- Swimming pools are lots of fun. But keep in mind, you continue getting the effect of UV rays reflecting off the pool water. Wear sunglasses when in the water (that's a tough one!).
- Wear the proper clothing, particularly from the waist on up. A cotton T-shirt will only have an SPF of 10 15. A wet T-shirt provides no protection at all and loosely woven fabrics provide very little to no protection. There is actually sportswear on the market having an SPF rating of 30+.

The weaves and fibers of the garment are coated with a protective finish that won't come off when washed. The SPF rating can be found on the label.

- Shoveling snow? Wear sunglasses and apply sun block on your nose and ears.
- If your state allows it, put a special UV coating on the side and back windows of your car. The coating will protect you from UV rays and cool the interior of your car. Yes, also wear sunglasses.

The sun can be our friend. Fifteen minutes of exposure in the morning and afternoon can be a good thing. It allows the body to produce an adequate amount of Vitamin D for healthy bones and teeth.

This article isn't meant to scare anyone; just want to rattle some cages and make people aware of some very important facts about "our friend" the sun. Air pollution and other man made catastrophes deplete a part of the atmosphere above the earth's surface called the ozone layer. Without this atmospheric protection, the level of ultraviolet ground level radiation increases. This becomes a threat to our well-being and will affect our daily lives as never before. Since you will find us on or around the water, we should be aware of the potential dangers from the sun. A few simple precautions and some preparation for a day's fun in the sun will help ensure a happy, healthy, safe future.

You will find me under the bimini, wearing 100% UV sunglasses, a full-brimmed hat, and applying SPF 60 sun block under a knit long-sleeved shirt. I'm no fool! Being the captain, when she lets me, I'll make sure the crew is also dressed accordingly.

See you on the water!

Lt/Robert K. Wenhold, P Safety Officer (Commanders Message, Continued from page 2)

Why am I bringing this up now? This year as Commander has made me aware of how helpful members of WPS can be. You're never alone and someone is always there to make sure that nothing important falls through the cracks. Volunteer for something! The squadron will find an activity consistent with your interests, level of ability, and the time you have available. After having participated in most of the activities and squadron positions of WPS, I guarantee you will benefit for your volunteer time to the squadron. What's that you ask? You don't believe it! Try me!

Cdr Martin G. Wagner, AP

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hand from the sale

of the first. This broker was a little slow getting me my check. Imagine my surprise to find another person's check in my envelope. Is this a simple mix-up, a sign of ineptitude or something more sinister?

Naturally he would replace the check with the right one. It won't take long. In real estate, "time is of the essence" and it is true in boating too. I did meet his assistant to pick up the correct check in time to deposit it for settlement on my next boat. I knew I was in trouble when my debit card with the tens of thousands of dollars of his deposit behind it was refused at the gas pump on my way to pick up the new boat. You guessed it, the check was no good. I had already completed settlement on my new boat. I had to scrape together all the cash I had to cover the shortage and keep my own checks from bouncing. Where would this put you on the happiness scale?

Boat brokers are not regulated in Maryland. It is more like you are hiring a small contractor and not like hiring a real estate professional. When you choose to sell you boat, try to find someone reputable and you won't find yourself in court suing for what is rightfully yours. (Administrative Department, Continued from page 3)

30 Sept	Fall picnic	at the	Robinson	's in
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Kennett Square, PA

Oct. Possible Fall Raft-up (date & time to

be determined)

2 Nov. Fall Social at Brandywine

Community Center (BCC)

9 Dec. Holiday Social at BCC

15 Jan. Spring Advanced Elective Boating

Courses Begin at AI

18 Jan. 08 Winter Social at BCC

15 Feb. Founder's Day Social at BCC

30 Mar. 2008 Change of Watch (place to be

determined)

## **USPS National & District Events**

20-25 Feb.	USPS Annual Meeting
	(Jacksonville, FL)
29 Mar01 Apr.	D5 Spring Conference
	(Ocean City, MD)
5-6 May	NOAA Cooperative Charting
	Workshop (Norfolk, VA)
13-19 July	D5 Cruise to Chrisfield
19-22 July	D5 Council (Chrisfield)
4-9 Sept.	USPS Governing Board Meeting
	(Norfolk, VA)
6-8 Oct.	D5 Sail Regatta (Cambridge, MD)
24 Jan. 08	D5 Officer Training
19-24 Feb.	USPS Annual Meeting
	(Dallas, TX)

## SQUADRON POKER

D5 Spring Conference

28-31 Mar.

Some say life's rewards are achieved through LUCK and others say they're achieved by HARD WORK. The great thing about the Wilmington Power Squadron is that it never seems like HARD WORK.... you can be rewarded both for your LUCK and for HAVING FUN. Play SQUADRON POKER!

This is your chance to compete with the best card sharks our squadron has to offer! Here's how it works. At each Squadron function that you attend this bridge year (assembly, picnic, raft-up, elective course, beginning with the 2007 change of watch, 25 March 2007), choose one card from the poker

# WPS Birthday List Many happy returns to all WPS members who have a birthday in March/April!

Name	Date	Name	Date
Joyce L. Kee	3/1	William A. Parsons, III, AP	4/3
Henry A. De Phillips, III, P	3/4	Alan G. Cropper, AP	4/4
R. Keith Sanclemente	3/5	Teresa Falk	4/5
John J. Watson	3/5	Kathleen T. Harkins	4/5
Martin D. Detweiler	3/7	Henry E. Romani, AP	4/8
Mary E. Stacey	3/7	Philip R. Goettel	4/12
Geraldine R. Walker, AP	3/8	Donna J. Hilton	4/12
Albert I. Willett, AP	3/9	David L. Benfer, JN	4/13
Wende L. Greene	3/10	Janet E. Bryson, AP	4/15
Martin G. Wagner, AP	3/19	Charles R. Stadler, AP	4/15
William R. Schlegel, AP	3/20	William T. Zimmerman, AP	4/15
John A. Bryson, AP	3/25	Taylor C. Bennett	4/16
Dorothy Ann Brabson, P	3/26	Robert N. Manning, JN	4/17
Mart Joseph Amick,	3/28	Elizabeth H. D'Wolf	4/18
Janice B. Considine	3/28	Zelma C. Robinson	4/18
Sarah Lind Cheyne, N	3/29	Aaron P. Wagner, P	4/19
Walter L. Osgood, SN	3/31	Jessica Reager	4/22
William D. Simmons	3/31 4/1	Thomas S. Webster, Jr., SN	4/22
		Steve R. Harkins	4/28
Beverly J. Melcher	4/3		

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deck at registration. The more you're involved, in the 12 or so squadron activities, the more cards you collect. Choose your best five-card hand to play by the 2008 COW and the best three hands will win fabulous prizes (to be announced in May/June 2008 Lubber's Line). You or your designate must present your hand at the 2008 COW to win. There is no ante (cost to participate) this year and some are calling it *PIRATE POKER*. What will it be for you...opening a "chest of gold" while surrounded by your favorite mates or "walking the plank" alone? Arrghh!

Harry S. Anderson, III (Sut)

There has been some expressed interest in a Fall Cruise. If you are interested, please contact Sut Anderson at 302-733-0289 or <u>sailhappy@comcast.net</u> and express your ideas on dates, length, and locations.

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## WILMINGTON POWER SQUADRON

Change of Watch Sunday, 25 March 2007



Hartefeld National Hartefeld Drive, Avondale, PA (At the junction of PA SR-41 & DE SR-7)

## Arrive at 1130 to socialize with your friends. You may purchase drinks from the bar. THE BRUNCH

**TO START:** Freshly Squeezed Orange Juice, Apple Juice and Grapefruit Juice. Fresh Sliced Fruits and Berries. Medley of Muffins, Danish and Croissants with Butter and Preserves. Assorted Bagels with Whipped Cream Cheese.

**BREAKFAST ITEMS:** Country Egg Scramble with Cheddar Cheese, Peppers and Onions. Eggs Benedict. Frosted Flake French Toast with Warm Maple Syrup, Crisp Bacon and Pork Sausage. Hartefeld's Herbed Breakfast Potatoes. Smoked Salmon Display with Appropriate Condiments.

**SALADS:** Baby Greens with Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Red Onions, Apple Balsamic Vinaigrette. Baby Spinach Salad with Strawberries, Almonds, Honey Mustard Vinaigrette. Baby Greens with Toasted Almonds, Mandarin Oranges, Citrus Vinaigrette.

**ENTREES:** Hartefeld's Lump Crab Cakes with Spicy Remoulade. Filet Medallions with Wild Mushroom Cream Sauce. Chef's Selection of Vegetables.

**DESSERT** (Served after the COW Ceremony): Chef's Selection of Assorted Desserts to include Pies, Cakes, Mousse and Pastries.



Coffee, Hot Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee or Iced Tea.

## <u>CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY - 1300</u> <u>DESSERT COURSE - 1400</u>

Please send in your reservation slip and check payable to WPS to: Mary Stacey, 600 Benham Court, Newark, DE 19711-6015 by Thursday, 19 March 2007. (Please don't be late. Thanks)

## **Change of Watch**

Sunday, 25 March 2007

Names of Attendees (for nametags & place cards)
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## **Calendar of Events**

13 Mar 1900 Boat Smart/Chart Smart begins:

A. I. du Pont High School, 50 Hillside Road, Wilmington, DE

21 Mar. 1930 WPS Executive Committee Meeting

Delmarva Energy & Technology Center, Newark, DE

22 Mar. 1900 Boat Smart/Chart Smart begins:

Mc Kean High School

301 Mc Kennan's Church Rd., Wilmington, DE

25 Mar. 1130 WPS Change of Watch

Hartefeld National, 1 Hartefeld Dr, Avondale, PA

29 Mar.- D/5 - Spring Conference & Officer Training

01 Apr. Princess Royale Hotel

Ocean City MD

07 Apr. Deadline for May Lubber's Line material

18 Apr. 1930 WPS Executive Committee Meeting

Connective Energy & Technology Center, Newark DE

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