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## Go "South of the Border" with the 2010 WPS Annual Picnic and Summer Cruise! (Sat 19 June - Friday, 26 June 2010)

Mark your calendars now to participate in the 2010 WPS Annual Picnic to be held in conjunction with the Commander's Kick-off Reception for the 2010 WPS Summer Cruise, both scheduled for Sat. 19 June under the pavilion at Lankford Bay Marina in Rock Hall, MD. Similar to last year, we are planning a more complete menu of catered foods (3 meat selections + side dishes) so you only need to bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share – everything else will be provided. The Commander's reception begins at 1700 followed by the picnic at 1800. Use the 2010 Cruise Registration form to sign up for the full cruise or the picnic only!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the 2009 WPS Cruise survey – the 2010 Cruise Committee listened to your input. There was a majority request to return to Baltimore to close the cruise and so we have arranged the last port-of-call at Baltimore Inner Harbour East (with newly completed renovations - we



WPS members kick-off the festivities at the 2009 Annual Cruise Picnic and Commander's Reception

hope!). For anchorages we included favorites + one new anchorage, Leeds Creek. The social activities play a big role in the success of the cruise and the committee is planning something every day, including sail races and a predicted log contest.

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# Commander's Message

By Cdr. Harry S. Anderson, II, JN

Through education courses, personal experiences, and Lubber's Line articles, we learn many safe-boating practices. One of these practices is to provide friends or family with a float plan so that they will know if you don't arrive at your destination.

March of last year, I set sail with each of you on a voyage as commander of our squadron. At the COW, I outlined a float plan for our voyage with three elements.

- 1. Maintain a vibrant squadron with active, engaged and satisfied members.
- 2. Stay focused on delivering our core value of Friends, Fun, and Better Boating.
- 3. Lay the groundwork to turn around our membership decline.

This cruise is coming to an end and rest assured, we will arrive "safe and sound." We have maintained both event excellence and good participation in our core activities - the cruise, the commander's picnic, and our social meetings - and we all had a lot of FUN. We enhanced communication through frequent broadcast emails and we had more participation in D5 events making new FRIENDS.

While cruising, we must constantly adjust to weather, tides, and other forces beyond our control. So too, have we adjusted course during this voyage. Demand for our advanced and elective courses has waned as our organization matures, so to maintain our focus on BETTER BOAT-ING, we are introducing more 2-hour seminars. And we have also adjusted our newsletter issues to allow us more time for boating during the summer.

Finally, during our cruise we started laying out plans to increase membership. These plans include growing our options for weekend boating activities. Via D5 squadron collaboration, we will offer fun events for you to enjoy every weekend of the boating season. We hope that more activity options, combined with your commitment to bring along friends, will result in membership growth.

All successful cruises require planning and participation. I thank you for all you've done to make this year a success. I ask that you continue the voyage of this great organization and remember to keep one hand on the helm.

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## **Executive Department**

March will be a busy month for WPS with opportunities to recruit new members with our Safe Boating education classes; one is scheduled to start at A. I. du Pont High School on 9 March and another at McKean High School on 18 March 2010.

The Cruise Committee has put together another great program. Make sure you check this out and sign up before 31 March to avoid the \$40 late fee!

Our Change of Watch is scheduled for Sunday 21 March at the Nauti-Goose, on the water in North East, MD. Come join fellow members for a Deluxe Brunch Buffet, recognize the service of this year's board, officers, and past commanders, and congratulate the incoming board and officers. Reservations are due 14 March.

The District Five Spring Conference and Officer Training will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City, MD on 25-28 March 2010. There will also be a D-5 Change of Watch on Saturday night, the 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by a reception.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of those who have worked this past year on various Executive Department Committees and made us all proud:

- **Carl and Mary Stacey** who again organized the Christmas Ditty Boxes effort for the Wilmington Seaman's Center and the members who prepared nearly 50 boxes. I personally delivered many of those boxes to some very grateful seamen far from home. They were most appreciative.
- Donna Zimmerman and Bill Orris who worked on our computer systems and maintained our web site.
- Dotty Brabson, who worked on Public Relations, and the many members who put up the posters.
- **Steve Leishman** who chaired our Cooperative Charting efforts and represented the squadron at District and National levels.
- Keith 'Big Daddy' Sanclemente served as our able Legal counsel (so far we have not needed his services).
- **Dave Sharpless** served as our Liaison Officer and, with **Marty Wagner**, co-chaired the Membership Involvement Team.
- Judy and Chuck Stadler served as Safety Officers and kept us focused with their articles in the Lubber's Line.
- **Jim Robinson,** in addition to serving as our Education Officer, has also led our Vessel Safety Check team for the past several years.
- And, last, but not least, **Sut 'The Commander' Anderson**, has served as our WPS Telephone Monitor for the past few years. He never missed a single call. This position and title will be retired this year.

Well done one and all!

Lt/C John G. Ingram, AP Executive Officer

Today, *Elf* is the flagship of the Guild's education program, and she is used to teach maritime history, historical restoration techniques, seamanship and tidewater ecology.

*Elf* has been meticulously restored using 16 common and exotic woods – although several concessions were made to modern day racing rules. Cotton sails were replaced with dacron, stainless wire was used instead of

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## Administrative Department

### "Elf "- From Cocoon to Butterfly

The black and white photo of "Elf" sailing downwind is mesmerizing. She is like no other. In fact, there is no other boat gracing the North American waters with a silhouette like Elf. Those days vanished long ago.

Her sails, so huge and overshadowing -- like the delicate wings of a butterfly – dwarf the 30 foot hull and make it appear as if *Elf* could be somehow suspended in air, barely attached the surface of the water.

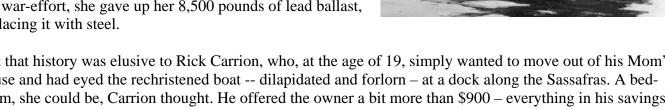
Built in 1888 and now the oldest wooden small yacht in North America, she was built to race, and a worthy opponent she was, sailing up and down the East Coast with nearly 2,400 square feet of sails to the wind. In 1893, historical maritime books document *Elf* as the first small craft to successfully cruise round-trip from Marblehead, Massachusetts to Halifax, Nova Scotia. She regularly cruised to the Bahamas. And, for the war-effort, she gave up her 8,500 pounds of lead ballast,

replacing it with steel. But that history was elusive to Rick Carrion, who, at the age of 19, simply wanted to move out of his Mom's house and had eyed the rechristened boat -- dilapidated and forlorn -- at a dock along the Sassafras. A bedroom, she could be, Carrion thought. He offered the owner a bit more than \$900 – everything in his savings account – and was prepared to sweeten the deal with his wristwatch if need be. The savings book sufficed.

It was quite a few years before Carrion learned that his gritty, grimy possession was the original *Elf*, and many years of searching through maritime museums turned up enough pictures and history for him to think restoration might be possible. He sailed Elf for some 19 years before undertaking the restoration – done piece by piece, all the way down to the iron bones. Carrion set up the Classic Yacht Restoration Guild to oversee the volunteer effort that would bring *Elf* from her cocoon. Her restoration has been carried out under

Technically, *Elf* was an innovative, gaff topsail cutter rigged racing yacht built by George Lawley of Lawley Yard in Boston for, according to shop logs, \$3,500. More simply, she is described as "modest hull size and extraordinary rigging and over-canvassed." She has an 11 foot beam, six foot draft, 17 foot bow, and a top sail that goes 68'6" in the air to grab every bit of wind.

the watchful eye of craftsman Graham Ero of GE Wooden Boats in Still Pond, Maryland.





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# **Boating Safety News**

### A Quick Safety Check on your Vessel Lighting

Recently, Boat U.S. magazine had several articles centered on sailing at night. One of those articles featured vessel lighting and recent tests conducted with the newer LED lights. You may love night boating and spend time doing that each year, but others of you may not venture out much a night. Even if you seldom travel out on the boat at night, that still doesn't mean that you can ignore the condition of the lights on your boat, since they are an important safety feature.

The intention of navigation lights on your boat is to prevent collisions between vessels at night or in <u>reduced</u> <u>visibility</u>. So even if you seldom venture out at night, reduced visibility may occur during daylight hours, and the rules still apply. According to the navigation rules, all vessels must carry specific lights of prescribed color, arc, range of visibility, and location. A good source of the rules, such as Chapman Piloting, is a great reference to keep on board your boat.

The intent of this article is not to review all of the regs on vessel lights, but to mention just a few items that can and should be checked each year, possibly as part of your pre-season maintenance checklist. There are requirements that boat builders include the proper lighting when a boat is outfitted, but changes we make along the way, could affect the visibility of your vessel by other boats on the water.

1. <u>Lens clouding</u>. Older incandescent light fixtures have lenses that may become cloudy or hazed. Checking and possibly replacing these lenses can increase the visibility of your boat from afar.

2. <u>Blocking the stern lights</u>. Any items carried at the stern of your boat, such as a dinghy on davits, has the potential of blocking visibility of the stern light. Check it out, and re-locate a stern light, if necessary.

3. <u>Dinghy lights</u>. These are often the first to go! And the rules and enforcement of proper lighting on dinghies vary by state. If you're thinking about cruising outside your normal cruising grounds, be sure to check out the state rules where you are headed. Don't keep batteries in the light fixtures, but be sure to check out or get new batteries each season, and be sure the lights you use are visible from a safe distance.

It is interesting to note that the new LED lights use much less battery power than the incandescent bulbs. Testing described in the Boat US article gives them high marks for length of visibility. (For more test details, check out *www.boatUS.com/foundation.*) You may want to consider replacing lights on your boat with LEDs, or, at least, using LED replacements as old incandescent bulbs burn out. Also of note, though the subject doesn't fall under navigation: If you're looking for added security, the newer motion sensors can be used to light up your boat at night.....just as you may have these devices on you outdoor lighting at home. Could be a great deterrent for unwanted visitors!

Lt/Judith C. Stadler, P Lt/Charles R. Stadler, AP Safety Officers

(WPS Annual Picnic and Cruise, continued from page 1)

The first leg of the cruise Sunday, 20 June will take us to a new anchorage, Leeds Creek, for the popular potluck dinner raft-ups. On Monday, 21 June we will cruise to Knapp's Narrows, where you will have the choice of Knapp's Narrows Marina or Tilghman-on-the-Chesapeake. Note that the evening wine and appetizer social will be held at the Knapp's Narrows location. After the social you can enjoy dinner at several local restaurants within walking distance.

Tuesday, 22 June takes us to Mill Creek where we hope to offer something we haven't done in a number of years – a circle raft. This will of course be weather dependent, but the Committee chose a protected anchorage with good holding to allow this afternoon event option.

On Wednesday, 23 June we will dock at Port Annapolis Marina. In addition to a beautiful pool, they have a large covered pavilion where our Committee will host a "South of the Border" party. Bring your own beverages and an entrée to grill for later – use of pavilion, tables, chairs plus charcoal for the grills, side dishes, dessert and picnic supplies are included in your "South of the Border" ticket. Sign up today!

Thursday, 24 June we will be anchored out in Bodkin Creek for the "Appetizers on the Hook" raft-ups and then on to Baltimore. The 2010 Cruise Awards Ceremony on Friday, 26 June provides a great opportunity to socialize with all your WPS friends. Find out who wins the sailboat races and the predicted log contest. See which boat takes home "The Chance for Romance" trophy! The event starts under the tent on the docks at Inner Harbour East with BYO cocktails at 1730 (non-alcoholic beverages will be provided) and then at 1800 we'll serve a catered barbeque dinner from Adam's Ribs followed by the Awards ceremony.

The cruise itinerary and events are designed to allow all size boats, both power and sail, the opportunity to participate. The social activities will offer many opportunities to meet new members and renew old friendships. For those that choose to join events by land, all marina locations have hotels or bed and breakfast locations nearby. Use the 2010 Cruise Registration form to also sign up (and submit payment) for all land only activities Please be sure to include your email address and cell phone number on the registration form so we can keep you up-to-date on any event changes. Some events involve costumes, contests, a shared dish, etc. so we need to have a way to get you pertinent info on the cruise and land event(s) you plan to join. Sign-up for one or all of these events using the Cruise Registration Form on pages 7 & 8.

A special thank you to the 2010 Cruise Committee who have planned and made arrangements for all parts of the cruise: Don and Sue Engler, John and Betty Ingram, Mike and Anne Minard, Dennis Wallace and Carol Hanson, Chuck and Judy Stadler, Tom and Mary Sue Stoner, Bart and Bev Wilson, Bill and Donna Zimmerman. Carl Stacey is designing the 2010 Cruise t-shirt and arranging for the t-shirt printing.

*Note*: Effective immediately, Dave and Barbara Sharpless will be assuming 2010 Cruise Co-Chair responsibilities from Dennis and Cathy Knowles. Please direct inquiries to Dave and Barbara going forward for all cruise related questions. Note address change on cruise form.

Lt/Cathy L. Knowles, AP Lt/Dennis D. Knowles, AP

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KIA's - Chuck and Judy Stadler

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21-Jun Knapps Narrows

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		Cruise Fees: balance due no later than <u>30 April</u>	Balance Due	\$
Special C	onsiderations Please note	ny special needs or considerations (ie. dietary or handio	cap):	
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	and forward	o: Dave Sharpless Jarrell Farms 2 Hailey's Trail		

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### (Elf, continued from page 4)

galvanized; polyester line was used instead of manila, and fittings were fashioned of bronze instead of iron. But, other than those changes, Carrion says a 19<sup>th</sup> Century sailor would be right at home on *Elf*.

Elf is once again plying the waters – or, rather, seemingly skimming along the surface. She can be found along the East Coast and in the Chesapeake. Last summer, her seaworthiness was successfully tested on an ocean voyage to the wooden boat show in Connecticut. This summer, she will be docked at Saint Michael's, if you would like to see her.

Rick Carrion spoke about Elf at the Wilmington Power Squadron social in January, which was attended by more than 70 members and guests. A silent auction raised nearly \$200 for the Classic Yacht Restoration Guild.

Lt/C Rita A. Shade, P Administrative Officer





Rick Carrion discusses the restoration of Elf

### WPS Annual Meeting and Founder's Day Social

The 71<sup>st</sup> Founder's Day Social was held at the Brandywine Community Center on 12 February 2010. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Commander Harry (Sut) Anderson, II, JN, called the meeting to order. District Commander Ralph A. Bernard, AP, new WPS members Ginny and Robin Seitz, guests Joan Meddow, Bill Derry, Patty Miner, Ken Bruce, Mary Howell and Dave and Tony Mershon were welcomed. After remarks by District Commander Bernard, the speaker for the evening was introduced. Dr. Samuel Lyness, a retired neurosurgeon, an avid sailor, and the Executive Officer for the Annapolis Sail and Power Squadron, spoke on Medical Emergencies at Sea Beyond First Aid. At the conclusion of his presentation, the Slate of Officers for the coming year was read by P/C C. David Sharpless, III, AP, and approved by the members present. Following a few comments about up-coming events, the meeting was adjourned.

Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P Secretary

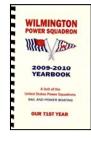
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### WPS Birthday List March - April

March	Date	April	Date
Henry A. DePhillips	3/04	John S. Ross	4/01
Keith Sanclemente	3/05	Beverly J. Melcher	4/03
Edward A. Kalinowski	3/06	William A. Parsons III	4/03
Patrick A. Pennington	3/07	Alan G. Cropper	4/04
Mary E. Stacey	3/07	Teresa L. Falk	4/05
Geraldine Walker	3/08	Zelma C. Robinson	4/08
Albert I. Willett	3/09	David L. Benfer	4/13
Daniel Rakus	3/13	Janet E. Bryson	4/15
Martin G. Wagner	3/19	Charles R. Stadler	4/15
John A. Bryson	3/25		4/15
Dorothy Ann Brabson	3/26	William Zimmerman	
David Wenhold	3/26	Aaron P. Wagner	4/19
Janice B. Considine	3/28	Victoria Sherry	4/21
Sarah Lind Cheyne	3/29	Jessica Reager	4/22
Walter L. Osgood	3/31	Thomas S. Webster, Jr.	4/22



### 2010 - 2011 Yearbook

It's the time for our yearbook to be assembled and printed. If you have any changes to your listing in the member roster section of the yearbook, please update your information **ASAP.** E-mail your changes to Barbara Sharpless at: **bdsharpless@verizon.net** 

Welcome New WPS Members

Please welcome the following new WPS member:



<u>**Richard and Carol Parton</u>** live in Garnet Valley, PA and keep their 38' Catalina, "*Jenny Ann*", at Haven Harbour in Rock Hall. They took the WPS Anchoring Seminar that was being offered through the City of Newark Parks & Recreation at the Newark Senior Center and are very interested in continuing their boating education.</u>

Lt/C Barbara Sharpless, P Secretary MARCH - APRIL 2010

# <u>WILMINGTON POWER SQUADRON</u> <u>CHANGE OF WATCH</u>



Sunday, 21 March 2010 Nauti-Goose, 200 W Cherry Street, North East, MD 21901 (I-95 Exit 100A)

Arrive at 1130 to socialize with friends. You may purchase drinks from the bar.

# **DELUXE BRUNCH BUFFET**

Fresh Cut Fruit, Danishes, Muffins, Toast, Rolls and Butter Made-to-order Omelets, Scrambled Eggs, or Eggs Over. Ham, Onions, Peppers, Broccoli, Bacon, Spinach, American and Cheddar Cheese Waffles, French Toast, Warm Syrup, Bacon, Sausage and Potatoes White Rice, Seafood Newburgh and Chicken Stir Fry

# **CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY - 1300**

Dessert, Coffee and Tea after the ceremony.

Please send in your reservation slip and check **payable to WPS** to: Mary Stacey, 600 Benham Ct, Newark, DE 19711-6015 by **Friday, 14 March 2010**. *(Please don't be late. Thanks)* 

# WPS CHANGE OF WATCH Sunday, 21 March 2010

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_ @ \$35.00 per Person = \$\_\_\_\_\_

## **Calendar of Events**

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

09	Mar.	1900	Safe Boating Certification begins
			A. I. du Pont High School, 50 Hillside Rd., Wilm., DE
18	Mar.	1900	Safe Boating Certification begins
			Mc Kean High School, 301 Mc Kennan's Church Rd., Wilm, DE
19	Mar.		WPS Cruise Registration Due
21	Mar.	1130	WPS Change of Watch
			Nauti-Goose, 200 W Cherry Street, North East, MD 21901
24	Mar.	1930	WPS Executive Committee Meeting
			Conectiv Energy & Technology Center, Newark DE
25-28	Mar.		D/5-Spring Conference & Officer Training
			Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, MD
			Hosted by Patapsco River Sail & Power Squadron
30	Mar.	1900	Test Date for Safe Boating Certification Class taught at A. I. du Pont High School
07	Apr.		Deadline for May/June/July Lubber's Line material
08	Apr.	1900	Test Date for Safe Boating Certification Class taught at Mc Kean High School