

# FRIENDSHIPS

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Friendship Sloop Society

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## Commodore's Message

## Fog Frustrates Friendships

The 1990 summer season proved to be another successful one for the Sloop Society as participation at our events continued to be strong and enthusiasm as great as ever.

Jack Vibber kicked off the season with his usual good time at the SailFest in New London. There were seven sloops on the line for the start of the racing in some fine weather.

The return to Friendship to commemorate our 30th anniversary provided a better than expected turnout. There were 18 sloops on the line for the start, on a beautiful sailing day, certainly a lot different from the weather that greeted the fleet in Boothbay. The weather in Boothbay didn't put a damper on the occasion however. Despite the weather, it appeared that everyone enjoyed themselves. It provided the opportunity for many of us to socialize with friends, enjoy our first ever predicted log race, and watch with enthusiasm, the model sloop races. Between the events at Friendship and Boothbay, we had better than 30 different sloops participate, the best turnout in many years.

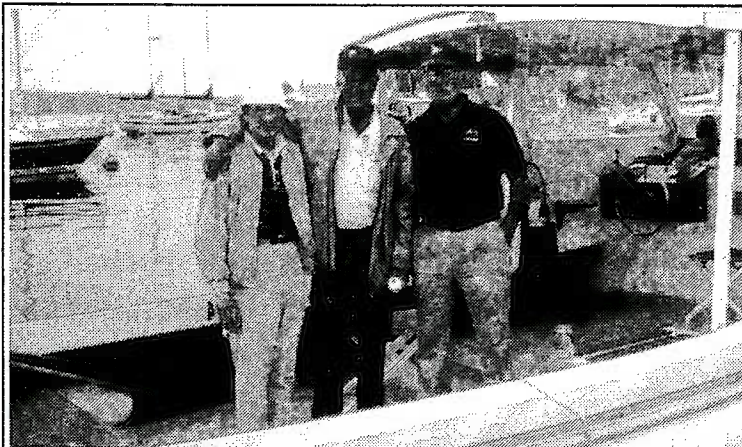
The **Banshee** did finally get back to Marblehead for the Massachusetts Bay Regatta, and it was a great time. Dave Graham hosted a record number of sloops, and again, despite the stormy weather, everyone had an enjoyable time. The porch at the Corinthian, rain or shine, is still a great place to gather with fellow skippers and crew.

The annual meeting, the final event of 1990, will soon be here, and we've made a few changes which I hope you'll enjoy. First the location is new - the New England Center on the campus of the University of New Hampshire. The setting in the ledges and pines, the facilities, rooms, and food combine

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The following report was submitted by our Race Committee Chairman, Bruce Morang.

1990 was the year of the Lobster Lady, fog, peckery winds, heroic winds, more fog, and the first-ever predicted log race under power.



The Race Committee onboard the **Dragon Lady** dockside at the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club. L. to R. Thornton Hooper, Race Committee Chairman Bruce Morang & Dragon Lady's owner George Pew. Absent were Leo Campbell & Bill Quinn.

The Homecoming Regatta marking our 30th anniversary year was held off Friendship, Sunday, July 22. The Race Committee was aboard **It's Always Something**, the lobster boat of the Lobster Lady Deborah Lash, who holds a Phd in Sociology from a college education begun with a grant from the Friendship Scholarship Foundation. Debbie sings operatic arias to lighten her long day hauling the trap line she inherited from her dad. She is probably one of Maine's few lobster women, and

certainly the only one holding a doctorate. We found her charming and most accommodating...even after her boat's exhaust stack made quick ashes of the Race Committee flag.

By the time we set up a starting line off Cow Island Ledge buoy, a nice southeast breeze settled in and we sent two divisions off for a race among Muscongus Bay Islands. In Division I, Bob and Holly Lash sailing **Gypsy**, proved that experience in that garden of islands can and does pay off as they led home the **William Rand** and **Banshee** to take the win. Division II's race was spiced by a fine jogging battle between **Tannis** and **Toddy** which lasted until Bill ("Trust me, Dad") Cronin fetched a corner of Thief Island, a corner that had gone unnoticed by many generations of sailors. And by the time Mary got things sorted out, **Toddy** was well away and headed for the Friendship Harbor finish line. **Toddy** was followed by **Anna B.** and **Phoenix**. A total of 18 sloops came home for the event, and the sparkling sunny day was

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# Record Turnout for Marblehead Regatta

*Submitted by David W. Graham*

The Marblehead Regatta for 1990 was a contrast in weather changes. For instance, in spite of the weather guessers call for "strong southwesterlies throughout the weekend", Saturday morning delivered a light southeast breeze that had a hint of swinging to the southwest before becoming still lighter. With but a ten minute postponement to assemble the eighteen sloops that had gathered to form the two divisions, the starting gun was fired at exactly 10:20 AM just off the lighthouse, where lovers of Friendship Sloops had gathered to watch the proceedings. The sloops in Division I were given a triangular course (twice around) consisting of a total 11.4 NM, while the larger sloops in Division II were assigned a larger triangular course (also twice around) whose total turned out to be 15.4 NM. Government buoys were used for the turning marks in both divisions. The predicted (by the Race Committee, thank you) southwesterly did develop in time for both divisions to realize a beat on both times around, but the dying breeze and an approaching thundershower made for mighty slow going as some of the slower sloops in Division I approached the finish line. As it developed, all sloops in both divisions finished safely as the gathering squall passed innocently to the northeast.

The late afternoon clearing skies allowed us to have a delightful time in honoring the 75 year old **Eagle** (#53), when at the side float of the Corinthian Yacht Club, a suitably inscribed silver tray was presented on her behalf, to her skipper, Don Huston. The whole event was then washed down with a bottle or two of champagne.

## Sunday Morning

The contrast in weather made an appearance at 6:00 AM when one of Don Kent's old fashioned "back door cold fronts" poured a stiff northeast wind right down the harbor, with gusts exceeding 35 knots and at times, heavy driving rain. The best guess was that it would ease off by noon, but it was going to be a tough shot to call as time was not in our favor if we were to present awards and get everyone enroute home by mid-afternoon. Still, consideration had to be given to the less experienced among us and at 9:30 AM when two cannon were fired and the "AP" was run up the flagpole, no one was visibly in disagreement. When by 11:30, conditions had not improved sufficiently to let us go for it, the decision was made to "bag it" for the day and make the awards presentation at 1:00 PM.

And so it was reluctantly, the regatta was based on one day of racing -- the first time in memory that we had to cut it short. Therefore, the awards were presently thusly:

<p><b>1990 Winner - The Ridgway Trophy</b> #91 <b>Phoenix</b> Skipper - Tad Beck</p>
<p><b>Division I</b> 1st Runner Up - #234 <b>Elizabeth Jane</b> Skipper - Bill Owens 2nd Runner Up - #57 <b>Old Baldy</b> Skipper - Jim Wilson 3rd Runner Up - #180 <b>Banshee</b> Skipper - John Wojcik</p>
<p><b>Division II</b> 1st Runner Up - #7 <b>Tannis</b> Skipper - Jack Cronin 2nd Runner Up - #123 <b>Resolute</b> Skipper - Harold Burnham 3rd Runner Up - #52 <b>Rights of Man</b> Skipper - Phil Smith</p>

Though not formally announced at the regatta, I can pretty well assure you that the dates for the 28th annual regatta at Marblehead in 1991, will be August 20th and 21st, for which we can only hope will bring more favorable conditions. But in all honesty, I suppose we'd be saying that even if the weather guessers had been correct in their prediction for the 1990 regatta.

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## Bancroft Award

The Bancroft Award will be presented again this year at the annual meeting. It is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution toward the perpetuation of the Friendship tradition. The award might recognize an outstanding voyage, the launching of a home-built sloop or restoration of an old one. It might also honor the work of a poet, painter, or model maker. If you have someone who you think should be considered for the award, please contact one of the members of the selection committee:

Jack Cronin, Chairman  
Doug Amsbary  
Maria Burnham  
Kevin Rose  
Jim Wilson

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## A Special Thanks

The Salter family wishes to thank all of our members who sent cards, flowers, and called during Alice's recent illness. A thank you also to all those at the Boothbay regatta who as a group, sent along the flowers and card. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by Alice and the family.

## Thank You

There are many people who deserve thank yous for the time and effort they have put in which make our gatherings a success. Hopefully we haven't missed anyone in this list, if we have, we apologize.

The officers, members and staff of the **Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club** for the use of their facilities. A thanks also for the coffee and donuts which were served each morning compliments of the club.

A special thanks to **George Pew** for the use of his beautiful vessel **Dragon Lady** which has served as the Race Committee boat for the last few years.

A big thank you goes to **Bruce Morang** for all the time and effort he puts into the preparation and running of the regatta at Boothbay, and a thank you to his wife **Marcia** who provides valuable assistance to Bruce.

To **Leo Campbell, Bill Quinn & Thornton Hooper** for serving on the Race Committee.

To **Bill & Caroline Zuber** for planning the events at Friendship.

To **Roger Duncan** for his editing of the annual yearbook.

To **Jack Vibber** for organizing and hosting the New London Regatta and to **Mike Lamperelli, Executive Director of the New London Marine Commerce & Development Committee** for their support of the New London Regatta.

To **Dave Graham** for organizing and hosting the Marblehead regatta with a special thanks to the **Corinthian Yacht Club** for use of their facilities.

To **Frank Soto, Sherri Duprey and Kent Mockler** of the **Central Park Model Yacht Club** and **Ed Childs** of Longmeadow, Mass. for bringing their radio controlled models of Muscongus Bay Sloops to Boothbay and participating in a model regatta to the delight of all.

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## Annual Yearbook

Roger Duncan is again preparing for the 1991 Annual Yearbook. If you have any material for publication, please send it along to Roger at:

Post Office Box 66  
East Boothbay, ME 04544

This year's booklet was a few pages smaller than in the past. With the economy in New England in the state that it is, some of our prior advertisers elected not to take an ad in the book this year, while many of our faithful advertisers continued to support the Society. The shortage of advertising resulted in a last minute effort by the publisher to obtain additional ads which caused a delay in getting the booklet to press. We ask you to consider two things:

When you have the opportunity, patronize our advertisers and tell them you saw their ad in the yearbook. And if you own a business, please consider taking an ad in next year's booklet.

## Regatta Notes

There were three skippers in attendance at this year's regatta who were on the starting line at the the Society's first race in 1961. For their continued support of the Society, the following members were recognized at the awards ceremony and each were presented with a pewter Friendship plate:

Bernard McKenzie - **Voyager**

Roger Duncan - **Eastward**

Teddy Brown - **Vida Mia**

Kent Mockler, representing the Central Park Model Yacht Club, presented a check to the Pendleton Scholarship Fund which was the proceeds from the sale of peanuts at the club's annual Friendship regatta.

This year's Post Office Trophy was awarded to Bill "Rocky" Cronin of **Tannis** for finding the rock marked on the chart on the southwest shore of Thief Island during the Saturday race at Friendship. Bill's words to his father just before they found the rock were "Trust me Dad". Bill was presented the trophy and a T-shirt with his famous words while the theme from "Rocky" was played in the background.

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## Gloucester Schooner Festival

*Written by Mary Cronin*

The most delightful weather of the year welcomed forty-three traditional vessels (most of them gaff rigged) to the Gloucester Schooner Festival with seven Friendships participating.

The Festival Committee welcomed each boat into the harbor and showed them to a mooring, a likely boat with which to raft or a good spot to anchor. The working boats were particularly careful on entering the mooring area. The Captain's meeting was followed by a windward-leeward race (no reaching!) for the smaller boats. A well attended fish fry followed the race and several of the old schooners had open house for the public.

Sunday saw the race between the big schooners and that evening all the crews were guests of the Coast Guard at the Coast Guard station followed by the Awards Ceremony and folk singing.

The Friendships finished the race as follows: **Resolute, Tannis, Eagle, Noahsark, Ollie M., Safe Home and At Last**. The entire affair was well handled by the Gloucester Schooner Committee and was one of the most enjoyable weekends of the year.

# Fog Wrecks Havoc With Sloop Races

The following article was written by Nick Leadley and was published in the August 2nd edition of the **Boothbay Register**.

A thick Maine fog forced cancellation of the annual Friendship Sloop races scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, but the sloop captains braved the mists on Wednesday, July 25.

According to Race Committee Chairman Bruce Morang, a predicted log race was held on Wednesday, during which the sloop captains were required to holler an exact estimate as they crossed the starting line established by the Race Committee of the time it would take to sail from McKown Point, around Squirrel Island, and back to the starting line of McKown Point. Captain Bruce Lanning of Winter Harbor onboard **Schoodic** won the predicted log race.

"Only the best navigators came out for that race," stated Morang.

On Thursday, July 26, the fog lifted, but the race course had to be shortened due to lack of wind in the afternoon, yet the sloops competed in the only actually sailing race of the three day event. **Old Baldy**, owned by Jim Wilson, took first place honors in the small boat division, while Dave and Loretta Westphal of Key Largo, Florida and West Southport onboard **Toddy**, took first place in the large boat division.

Despite the running of only one race, Morang stated that there was a bright point when the Friendship Sloop Society gained a number of small members. A group that sailed model Muscongus Bay sloops, a forerunner of the Friendship Sloop, in New York City's Central Park, gave a demonstration of the vessels for the captains of the larger sloops during Friendship Sloop Days. The owners decided to change the name of their twenty-inch vessels to Friendship Sloops, joined the Friendship Sloop Society, and made a donation to the Society's scholarship fund.

"They had a marvelous time," said Morang of the model sloop owners, "and are a welcome addition (to the Friendship Sloop Society)."

Morang added in closing that the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club was owed thanks for a marvelous job of hosting the captains and their sloops during the 30th annual Friendship Sloop Days.

## Race Results and Trophies

### State of Maine Trophy

(overall winner)

**Toddy**

#### Division I (25 ft. & under)

*Herold Jones Trophy* - **Old Baldy**

*Bruno & Stillman Trophy* - **William Rand**

*Lash Brothers Trophy* - **Celebration**

#### Division II (26 ft. & over)

*President's Trophy* - **Toddy**

*Winslow Trophy* - **Tannis**

*Homecoming Trophy* - **Anna B.**

*Cup* - **Phoenix**

*Eda Lawry Trophy* - **Morning Star**

*Owner-Builder Trophy* - **Rita**

*Danforth Trophy* - **Phoenix**

*Nickerson Trophy* - Robert Langton - **Content**

*Post Office Trophy* - Bill Cronin - **Tannis**

*Spirit of Friendship Trophy* - Cronin Children on **Tannis**

*Jarvis Newman Trophy* - **Old Baldy**

*Gladiator Trophy* - **Rights of Man**

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## New London Regatta Results

*Jack Vibber sent along the following report on the regatta held in New London:*

On 7-8 July, 1990 the "Friendship Sloop Regatta" was held in New London in conjunction with the "Sailfest". The weather was good with a light wind, but we had two days of racing plus entertainment with the fireworks and our usual good time picnic at Green's Harbor Park.

There was a total of ten entries, but three could not make it due to various mishaps. The results of the Saturday race were:

#### Class A (over 25 Feet)

1. **Rita II** - Frank Snyder
2. **Rights of Man** - Phil Smith
3. **Capt. George** - Walter Durant

#### Class B (25 Feet & Under)

1. **Finast Kind** - Mike Loram
2. **Elizabeth Jane** - Bill Owens
3. **Fiddlehead** - Capt. Harry Jackson

Sunday race results were:

#### Class A

1. **Rights of Man**
2. **Rita II**
3. **Capt. George**

#### Class B

1. **Finast Kind**
2. **Fiddlehead**
3. **Elizabeth Jane**

## Model Sloops Compete at Boothbay

*Ed. Note: This year the Sloop Society sponsored racing of radio controlled Muscongus Bay Sloops at the annual regatta in Boothbay. There were five model yachts competing in the regatta: three from the Central Park Model Yacht Club of New York City, Ed Childs of Longmeadow, Mass. and Commodore John Wojcik. Everyone, spectators and participants, had a great time. Spectators were given the opportunity to sail a model yacht during the evening. The following articles is from the Annual Friendship Issue of **Masthead**, the newsletter of the CPMYC. We hope to make this an annual event at Boothbay, and encourage you to consider building a model during the upcoming winter.*

Model yachting and full size yachting co-existed and complimented one another nicely at Boothbay Harbor last week when the Friendship Sloop Society held their 30th Annual Regatta. The event, affected by fog and low winds, turned out to be a great deal of fun. Members of the Central Park Model Yacht Club offered an on water demonstration regatta, complete with full pageantry (and a keen appreciation by all in attendance). Many past and present Friendship owners, some who have passed their craft on to a family member or friend due to the daily difficulties of maintaining a full sized Friendship, showed extreme interest. Many expressed a desire to be in the first twenty to be presented to the American Model Yachting Association as a proposed "Friendship Class".

Leo Campbell, a race committee member, and previous owner of the Albion Morse "Muscongus", says that he plans to get a winch and start building a hull very soon.

Many youngsters were very excited about the models, especially on the Thursday evening after the BBQ when CPMYC turned the controls over to the youths and let them race. The great breezes and little amount of seaweed sure made them look good....so good that we've been challenged by several locals next year. These folks studied our boats thoroughly (and you can expect for good reason). This class has developed, as has my eye for lines and sail trim while sailing on **Endeavor** during the only race on Thursday. My opinion that a separate jib(s) control will move this class to greater participation (remember Frank Lusk had it first), was agreed upon by many, almost as many who asked why we hang our lead so low!

Our club involvement with this 30th annual regatta was awarded, appreciated, and we were welcomed back. We offered a positive avenue for skippers to compete, learn, and enjoy while on shore, the boats they, and we, love and live with. The possibilities of the older teaching their younger members via modeling, the ability to reproduce your full sized yacht in Friendship Class scale, and the wonderment and amusement of the spectators goes a long way in the Friendship tradition.

Our team from CPMYC was fully recognized and awarded during the awards ceremony, with each skipper receiving an embroidered tote bag and a brass plaque commemorating the regatta for attachment to the boat bulkhead. The incredible warmth and good will extended to our members by the skippers, their families, their crew, and by the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, made us all feel that we are truly a part of the Friendship family. You can be assured that we will go back to encourage the sport of model yacht racing, however, not for demonstration....but to race with the best!!!

Notes: Anyone interested in registering their Friendship or similar boat with the proposed Friendship class within the American Model Yachting Association, should first join the AMYA and then send me a letter of desire to pledge for a Friendship class.

Our class guideline, at this point, require a 27" waterline, wood construction, and certain other requirements, which are available on request. More developments are in the works to include more types of early Friendships than the currently endorsed Laughing Whale 46" Muscongus kit.

Kent Mockler

### Results - Model Friendship Class Race

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| 1. Frank Soto    | <b>Julie Robb</b>   |
| 2. Sherri Duprey | <b>Murie</b>        |
| 3. Ed Childs     | <b>Rita</b>         |
| 4. John Wojcik   | <b>Banshee II</b>   |
| 5. Kent Mockler  | <b>Gallant Lady</b> |

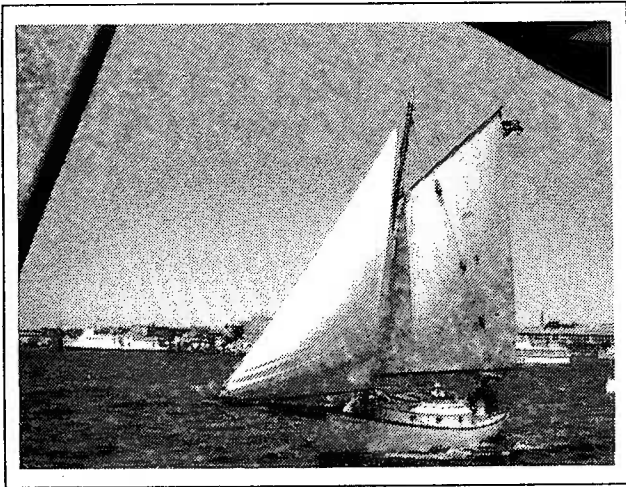
The final result is from a two race event held at Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club on July 25, 1990. At least 50 people watched from the yacht club decks. Bruce Morang, race committee chairman, fired the CANNON in the usual FRIENDSHIP start.

Phil Smith - O.D.  
**Rights of Man #52**

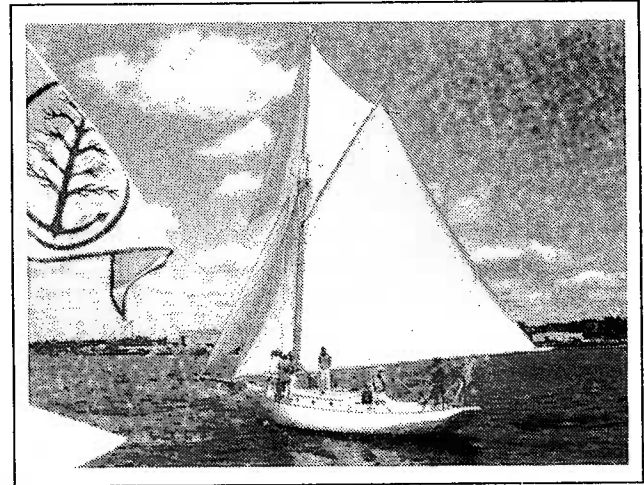
### Chartering Information Wanted

If you charter your Friendship Sloop either as a bareboat charter or skippered, please send along to the editor, information about what you have to offer. In a future edition of the newsletter we will be publishing the list of members who charter their sloops.

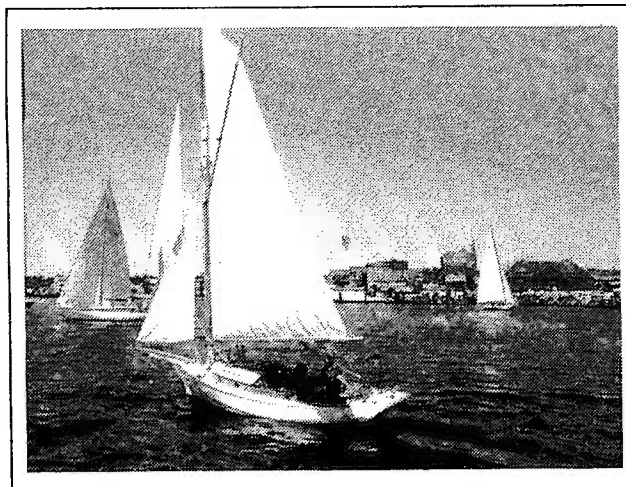
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The **Capt. George**, owned by Walter Durnat, sailing by the committee boat at the New London SailFest



The **Rita**, owned by Frank Snyder at New London. That's the Noank Wooden Boat Burgee flying from the committee boat.



The **Elizabeth Jane** sailing along in New London harbor.



The crowd gathers at the Sloop Society flagpole in Friendship for the Sunday morning memorial service.

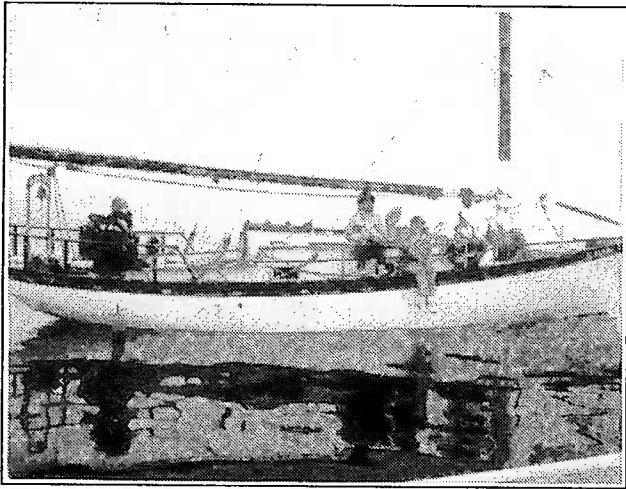


Donald Duncan, Sloop Society piper, at the memorial service in Friendship.



Bill Schuneman, (Right), skipper of **Baschert** with Paul Foudy relaxing in the cockpit waiting for the fog to lift at Boothbay.

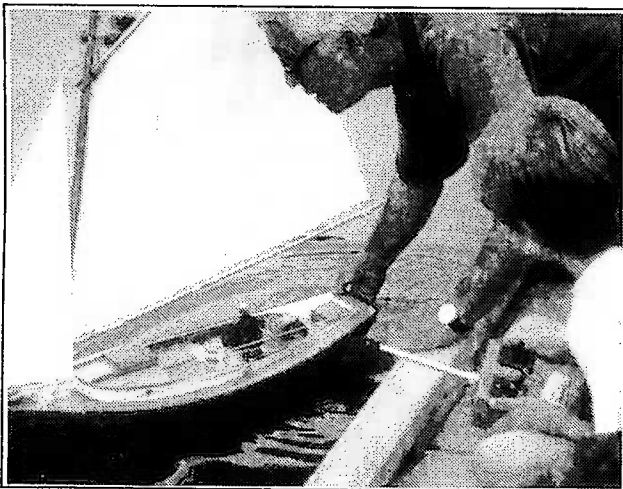
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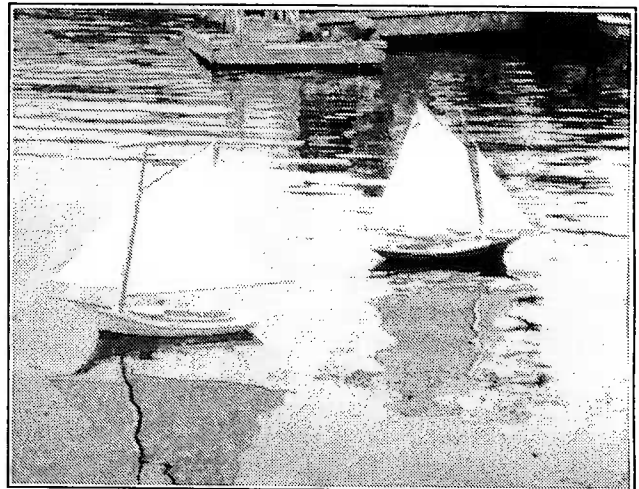
**Toddy**, State of Maine Trophy winner, ghosting along in the Fog at Boothbay.



John Rand, Vice Commodore Bill Rand at the tiller, and Lori Denis (now Rand) aboard the **Wm. M. Rand** at Boothbay.



Frank Soto of the CPMYC, with Andrew Cronin at the transmitter, about to send the **Julie Robb** on her way.



The **Murie** (L) and the **Julie Robb** maneuvering at the start of the model sloop races.



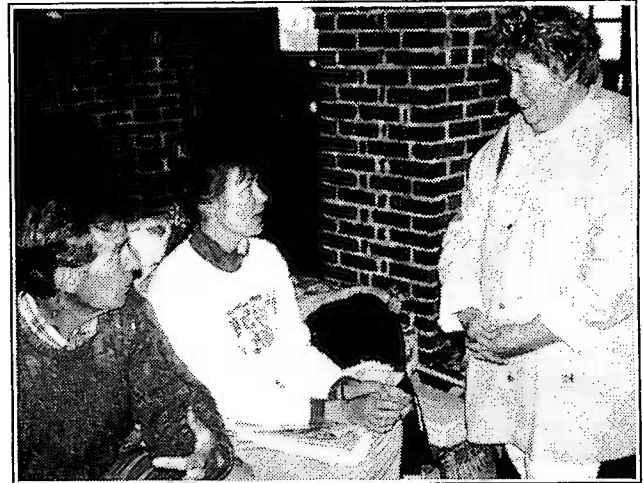
**Celebration**, owned by Greg & Annette Merrill of Bayville, & Southbury, CT and crewed by the family at Boothbay.



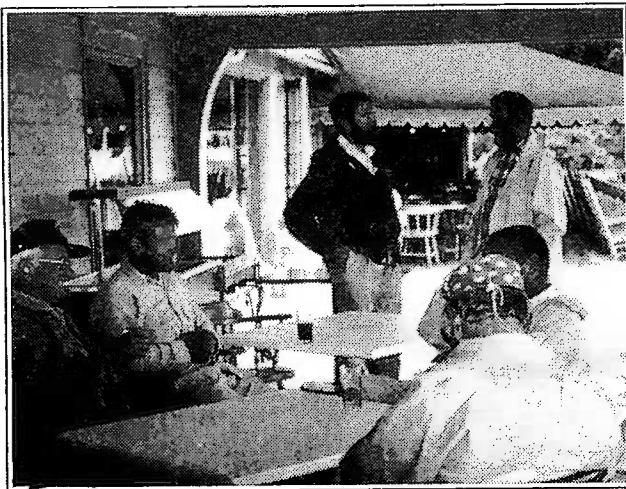
The crowd gathered on the hill behind the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club for the Thursday awards ceremony.



Commodore John Wojcik (**Banshee**), Dick Salter (**Liberty**) & Bruce Lanning (**Schoodic**) enjoying a story at Marblehead.



Lee and Barta Hathaway, owners of **Good Hope**, discussing Sloop Society business with Mary Cronin, Society Secretary.



Skippers & crew gather on the Corinthian Yacht Club porch after the race to discuss the results.



Don Huston (right), skipper of **Eagle**, making a point to Bill Cronin, owner of **White Eagle** and crew onboard **Tannis**.



Harold Burnham who skippered **Resolute** to a 2nd in Div. II receives his trophy from Dave Graham, our host at the CYC.



Al Beck, owner of **Phoenix**, discussing sailing tactics with son Tad, who skippered **Phoenix** to the Ridgway Trophy.



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followed by a shoreside lobster bake hosted by Connie and Elbert Pratt and Bill and Caroline Zuber.

Then the fog came on, and not on "little cat feet" as Carl Sandburg would have you believe. This was industrial-strength fog, and it bottled the Friendship fleet in Boothbay from Monday to Thursday. Tuesday's race had to be abandoned due to the miasma, but Wednesday was salvaged when Vice Commodore Bill Rand came up with a predicted log race from McKown Point through the gloom to Squirrel Island (if you could find it) and back. The Skippers' challenge was to hail the Race Committee's

**Dragon Lady** with a predicted time for the course before they started. Since we may again resort to this watery hooliganism if the weather dictates, following are the results of this five mile run: **Schoodic**, just 55 seconds earlier than her predicted time; **Banshee** who was 1:34 late; **Knee Deep** (which left the mooring without her spars, and may not even be a member of the Society) finished 2:04 early; **Tannis** was 2:37 early; **Gladiator** was 2:52 early; **William Rand** (pushed by her shore boat which was propelled by a rice-powered engine) was 5:15 earlier than predicted; **Sarah Meade** was 5:47 early; **Anna B.** was 10:29 early; and **Voyager II** was 10:38 early.

By Thursday, it lightened up enough so that we could set a starting line, and we posted a twice around Handicap Alley course around Squirrel Island and into Fishermen's Passage. Shortly after the "go" gun, the fog shut down again, and many of the more discriminatory skippers radioed us they were packing it in and coming home. Those that stayed on the course, however, took well over four hours to grope their way around the marks with the Division I winner, **Old Baldy**, finishing in 4:38, and no one in Division II was able to finish within the five-hour limit, and we finished them where they lay at 4:45.

Fog accepted and for the record, the trophy list can be found on Page 4.

And you have every right to ask what it is the Race Committee does waiting for the fleet to grope its way home on foggy days. Well, we make the best of it. Marcia serves us Brie on delightful little Danish crackers, and George Pew reads aloud to us from Elizabeth Barrett Browning's "Confessions".

See you next year.

## Annual Meeting Notice

Saturday, November 17, 1990

New England Center

University of New Hampshire

1-3:30 PM - Pre-Meeting Events

3:30-6 PM - Business Meeting

6-7 PM - Social Hour

7 PM - Dinner

Room Reservations - 603-862-2800 - \$59.00/Night

## Maine Maritime Museum Announces Lecture Series

"Do You Know the Coast of Maine" and "Our Maritime Heritage" will be topics of two lecture series offered by the Maine Maritime Museum. Lectures cover a variety of topics of maritime and historical interest, and guest lecturers offer a vast range of experience and erudition.

"Our Maritime Heritage" is a series of seven evening lectures on specific topics of maritime history:

October 16: "Tools of the Shipbuilding Trades", Nathan Lipfert.

November 20: "Paddle Wheels: The Coming of Maine's Age of Steam", Linwood Snow

January 2: "Maine Families That Went to Sea", Jack Battick

February 20: "You Can Tell a Sailmaker By the Cut of His Jib", Nat Wilson

March 27: "Tea and Trade", Jean Weber

April 24: "Sounds of the Sea", concert by Tom Ilinan and Don Sineti

May 15: "Lighthouses Come in All Different Shapes and Sizes", Kenneth Black

Advance registration for the series is \$25 for non-members and \$12 for members of the Museum. Individual lectures are \$5 for non-members and \$3 for members except for the April 24th concert, which is \$8 for non-members and \$5 for members.

"Do You Know the Coast of Maine" is a series of five evening lectures dealing with coastal geography, economics, and history. The program includes an informal social hour with the lecturer before the program.

November 7: "A Video Journey Down the Coast of Maine", Andrew Holmes

December 12: "How Maine Provided Granite to the World", Eleanor Richardson

January 24: "A Cruising Paradise Unequaled", Hank and Jan Taft

February 26: "Maine Islands", Philip Conkling

March 12: "Our Future is Now", Governor John R. McKernan, Jr.

Advance registration for the series is \$40 for non-members and \$20 for Museum members. Individual lectures are \$9 for non-members and \$6 for members.

In addition to the lecture series, the Museum will present three concerts of traditional sea music and six apprenticeship workshops. For registration information, contact Maine Maritime Museum, 243 Washington Street, Bath, ME, 04530, (207)-443-1316.

## Class A Sloop Available

Will Collyer of Mattapoisett has informed the Society the Class A sloop **Gannett** which he has partly rebuilt, is available to anyone who wishes to take it away and complete the job. To date Will has rebuilt the stem and keel, and the next item on the to-do list is to install new frames.

The **Gannett**, Sloop registry #97, is one of the oldest Class A sloops still in existence having been built in 1903. She measures 27' long.

If interested in rebuilding and preserving this Class A sloop, call or write Will at:

RFD #2, 10 Holly Lane  
Mattapoisett, MA 02739  
(508)-758-2573

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## Spars For Sale

Barbara Hadlock, who along with her late husband Bill owned **Heritage**, has the following spars available for sale:

Mast - 45' 6"	(has 5 coats of spar varnish)	\$2500
Club - 12'		600

All the spars are of Sitka Spruce and were made by Pidgeon Hollow Spar Company.

Call or write Barbara at:

PO Box 65  
So. Freeport, ME 04078.  
(207)-865-6775

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## Items For Sale

Doug Amsbary, (603-823-8459) owner of **Departure**, has the following items for sale:

2 Ea. 6"x15" white fenders - used	\$ 8.00 ea
2 Ea. 5/8" x 18' braided dock lines w/eye splice	\$12.00 ea
2 Ea. 5/8" x 25' braided dock lines w/eye splice	\$18.00 ea
1 Ea. Norfloat used 8"x18" fender	Make an offer
2 Ea. Nordel chaff guards - fits 5/8" or 1/2" line	\$ 2.50 ea
Black inflatable anchoring ball	\$ 8.00
14' 1" Dia. 3 strand nylon	\$14.00

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## Mainsail For Sail

Mrs. Vera Studley of Gloucester sent along a letter to the Society informing us that she has a mainsail for a Friendship for sale. Dick Salter travelled to Gloucester to measure the sail and provided the following information:

Head - 16' 6"	2 Sets of Reef Points
Hoist - 17' 9"	4 Batten Pockets
Foot - 25' 7"	500.4 Square Feet
Leach - 30' 3"	Good Serviceable Condition

If you are interested in the sail, please call Mrs. Studley at (508)-283-0410.

## Scholarship Fund

The Pendleton Scholarship Fund, established by the Sloop Society a number of years ago, has continued to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from the town of Friendship who will be continuing their education. As we all know, the cost of education continues to rise. If you're interested in donating to the scholarship fund, donations can be sent to:

Elbert Pratt  
P.O. Box 129  
Friendship, Maine 04547

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## Secretary's Notes

*Mary received the following letter this past July:*

Dear Sirs:

We are a group of friends, members of Yachting Club La Herradura interested in building a Friendship Sloop. I, as a subscriber of "Woodenboat" magazine took your address in order to consult with you about the best design for a boat absolutely authentic, with accommodations for four persons and able for cruising. Perhaps you can recommend a designer who can sell the plans for our project. Additional information from you is desirable as you are authorities in Friendship Sloops.

We know you will correspond to our desire and perhaps in the near future you will count on us as members.

Thanks very much for your attention to this and we remain hopefully,

Francisco C. Spencer  
Coquimbo, Chile

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## Mail Wanted

Harold Burnham, whose family owns **Resolute**, is an officer in the Merchant Marine, and is currently serving onboard the VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) "Ocean Wizard". Harold met the ship in Gibraltar, sailed to Cameroon to pick up a load of crude oil, unloaded the cargo in Israel, and is now in Greece with the ship waiting to pick up another cargo. Harold would appreciate hearing from members of the Society. Mail can be addressed to him at:

3/M Harold Burnham  
Ocean Wizard  
Boston Ocean Carriers  
362 University Avenue  
Westwood, MA 02090

## Commodore's Message

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to provide a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere.

We've also made a change in the amount of time that we have to socialize. Last year's comments after the meeting were focused on the amount of time that was available, so this year we've planned some pre-meeting time where we will have videos of this year's events, photos, scrapbooks, articles for sale (past yearbooks, burgees, coffee mugs, embroidered goods from Down East Embroiderers, Sloop Society patches, etc.). We also hope to have a couple of the Muscongus Bay Sloop models on display (one completed and one under construction). If you have an item that you'd like to bring - a scrapbook, pictures of a rebuilding of a sloop (Bill Rand will be bringing his 8mm home movies of the building of the **William M. Rand**), a sloop model, etc. we hope that you'll bring it along.

On another note - it's not too often that one is able to participate in a "Once in a Lifetime Experience", and anyone who sailed in the 1980 Talls Ships Parade in Boston would certainly call that such an experience. It appears that we'll be able to participate in such an experience for a second time when Boston hosts Sail 92 in July of 1992. So far, 11 Class A tall ships have committed to the event, and according to Sloop Society member Commander Dave Cashman, skipper of the **USS Constitution**, the Friendships will be invited back again for the 1992 event. Dave is a member of the committee planning the event. So mark your calendars with the date (we hear July 11th) and get ready for a "Once in a Lifetime Experience".

Finally - this is the last "Commodore's Column" that I'll be writing as my term of office expires in November. My thanks go to many people who have helped me during these two years and who have made it an enjoyable experience. A special thanks to all the members who have participated in the many events that we've sponsored over the last two years. To those who have been unable to make an event - a thanks to you for staying on as members and supporting the Society through your membership. And a big thank you to the officers and executive board who have worked hard over the last two years to keep it going.

See you at the Annual Meeting!!

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## Friendship Weddings

Doug Amsbary, owner of **Departure**, and Irene Stein whose father, Bob Stein, owns **Essential**, were married September 8th in Franconia, New Hampshire.

John Rand, builder of the **William M. Rand** and who skips the sloop along with his dad, Vice Commodore Bill Rand, married Lori Denis August 24th in Montpelier, Vermont. Lori has crewed onboard the **Wm Rand** at the Boothbay Regatta the last two years.

The Society sends along its best wishes to both couples.

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## Cruising World Calendar

The 1991 Cruising World Calendar has a great photo of Bill Zuber's **Gladiator** tied to the inside float at the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club. George Pew's **Dragon Lady** is also in the same picture tied to the outside float.

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## The Editor Wishes to Thank

**Bob Phaneuf**, owner of Phaneuf Press, for supplying us with another year's+ supply of mastheads.

**Andrea Wilson** for the pictures in this edition taken at Friendship, Boothbay and Marblehead.

**Jack Vibber** for the pictures taken at New London.

**Marcia Morang** for creating the PMTS's from all the photos. PMT's are required for the printing process.

**Bruce Morang, Jack Vibber, Dave Graham** and **Mary Cronin** for the articles and results from the regattas of this past summer.