



FRIENDSHIPS

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Commodore's Message

The sailing season has come to an end and it's now time to get the boat set up for winter storage. It's also time to reflect back on a pretty exciting summer season and look forward to next spring (once the brightwork is varnished!). From the Commodore's perspective the big event this year was the Homecoming. Being the first time our premier event was held in Rockland we were suitably concerned about making sure it all went well. Our concerns were not justified, everything went smoothly, even with fog and a downpour the night of our dinner. We managed three days of races, a parade of sloops, and the city of Rockland wants us to come back next year. So, put "in Rockland" on your calendar now for that last week in July 1996.

Our last event for the season is the annual meeting. It will be at the New England Center, in Durham New Hampshire, on November 18th. We have a pretty full agenda but will also have plenty of time to informally talk over the summer's sailing during the pre and post-meeting gatherings. Please bring your photographs, videotapes, or other memorabilia to share, particularly for the pre-meeting social. The auction will also feature many exotic items for you to bid on, not to mention the possibility of purchasing a Friendship Sloop Society t-shirt in time for Christmas. One new part of the activities will be to announce the first recipient of the annual Morang Award, which compliments the Hadlock and Bancroft awards. In honor of Bruce Morang we will be recognizing the outstanding contribution to our annual yearbook. We hope you will join us for an enjoyable event.

Rich and Beth Langton

Homecoming Races at Rockland

By Bob Rex, FSS Race Committee Chairman

Rockland proved to be an excellent venue for the Friendship Sloop Homecoming. The one element that wasn't 100% cooperative was the weather. (What's new?) Fog and light air for the most part. However, we were blessed with an antidote for both in the person of Ken Rich, a gracious and world-class harbor-master. He predicted that the fog would lift enough, at least in the harbor, to race when the race committee was beginning to despair of getting one in. He was right every time! What an advantage it is to have such great local knowledge in making our decisions!

Rockland Harbor is large enough and there were enough marks to hold 2 of the 3 races inside, and the current didn't prove to me much of a factor.

Race #1 - The only one to be sailed outside of the harbor was sailed in a light southeasterly of 8-9 knots with fog filling in and lifting sporadically. Division I: Bob Lash in **Gypsy** took first on corrected time with Alex Forbes' **Bucephalus** 2nd and John Rand's **William Rand** 3rd. Division II saw Charlie Burnham's **Resolute** 1st on corrected time, 2nd place to Ted Hanks onboard **Sarah Mead**, and 3rd to Jack & Mary Cronin's **Tannis**.

Race #2 was sailed inside the harbor in a light sou'wester. The results in Division I were **William Rand** first, 2nd Miff Lauriat's **Salatia**, 3rd went to **Bucephalus**. Division II finishers was first to Tad Beck's **Phoenix**, 2nd to **Tannis** and 3rd to **Resolute**.

Race #3 was again sailed inside the harbor in a East-Northeast zephyr which was very shifty. A short course was set that eventually had to be further shortened in order to finish the races and incidentally get in before a very nasty squall. Winners in the mini-race were: Division I first place to **Salatia**, 2nd to Richard Stanley skippering **Endeavor**, 3rd to **Bucephalus**. Division II first place to **Tannis**, 2nd to **Phoenix**, and 3rd to Roger and Mary Duncan's **Eastward**.

In retrospect the Homecoming at Rockland was a great success. The harbor and waters off Rockland are very adaptable for racing in all weather conditions. Our hosts were

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Rockland Homecoming

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gracious as well as efficient in meeting our needs. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, the Rockland Share the Pride Group, and other organizations who made this event possible.

For the Race Committee I'd like to thank Mike Soldano - Commodore of the Rockland Yacht Club, Les George, Larry Hassard, Bernie Shaw, Bruce Stedman, and Geoff Torney for the use of the stake boats and their assistance. The crew of **Evergreen** performed a great service to the Society. They set marks & retrieved them, noted sail numbers as sloops rounded marks and were available for safety and rescue duty if needed. They donated a great deal of time and resources.

A thanks also to those in the Society, particularly the "Downeast" contingent who did lots of work to ensure its success as well as the Cronins for stirring up interest with many phone calls.

And thanks again to Bruce and Marcia Morang for their early appreciation of the possibilities of Rockland as a site for future regattas.

Rockland Homecoming 1995 Results

State of Maine Trophy

Best Overall Performance - Tannis

Division I

Herald Jones Trophy - Salatia

Bruno & Stillman Trophy - William Rand

Lash Brothers Trophy - Bucephalus

4th Place Trophy - Endeavor

Division II

Commodore's Trophy - Resolute

Winslow Trophy - Sarah Mead

Homecoming Trophy - Eastward

Class A

Wilbur Morse Trophy - Gannet

Charles Morse Trophy - Gladiator

Alexander McLain Trophy - Morning Star

Spirit of Friendship - Harold Burnham (Chrissy)

Gladiator Trophy - Rights of Man

Nickerson Trophy - Matthew Phillips (Tannis)

Owner/Builder Trophy - Tom Miller (Gannet)

Post Office Trophy - Peter Carter (Liberty)

Danforth Trophy - Freedom

R.W. Stanley Cup - Windhorse

Liberty Trophy - Sarah Mead

Jarvis Newman Trophy - Salatia

Chrissy Trophy - Marcia Morang

Cy Hamlin Trophy - Bob Lash (Gypsy)

1995 - A Better Year at Marblehead

*by Dave Graham, Race Committee Chairman,
Corinthian Yacht Club*

For openers, there were slightly more sloops that showed up than in recent years but of greater importance was the fact there were not the extremes in weather that were experienced during the 1994 regatta. In all, there were an even dozen sloops registered for the August 12th and 13th Marblehead races this year, two of whom were new to the Marblehead area: **Sazarac** (#44) with Roger Lee at the helm, out of Isleboro, who made the run to Marblehead in time for the Saturday start. The other "new" sloop was the newly acquired **Tern** (#24), built in 1902 and now owned by soon-to-be Society member, Paul Haley, who lives here in Marblehead.

The Saturday 9:00 AM skippers' meeting included a moment of silence in the memories of two giants of the Society who had recently slipped their moorings: Bruce Morang and Teddy Brown. During the day it was later recognized that we had also lost member Alex Moir.

Our Bagpiper, Lenard Oakes, led the fleet out of the harbor aboard the Race Committee boat **Pegasus** to scare away the fog and the evil spirits. That accomplished, the start gun was fired only ten minutes late to accommodate a short postponement while everyone assembled at Can "1" off Marblehead Harbor. With the fleet off, we transferred ourselves and our collective gear to our new committee boat, **Messing About** with past Commodore Dick Salter at the helm. She would be our on-duty committee boat for the remainder of the regatta.

Under moderate breezes, the fleet sailed a triangular-windward-leeward course, during which a contender, **Phoenix**, surprisingly broke down when a bob-stay fitting let loose allowing the bowsprit to snap. Under the moderate conditions at hand, **Tannis** had too much of a lead for anyone else to catch up in her division.

Sunday was almost the same, with the end result that **Tannis** was the overall winner of the 1995 Ridgway Trophy that was presented at the awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon.

While the breeze department may have been a little heavy for some, at least we did not have the flat calm of one day during the 1994 regatta, with the following day being a blow-out.

Deep appreciation must go out to Dick Salter for providing a race management platform while **Pegasus** did her normal weekend duty; to Bob Rex, our Race Committee Chairman, for lending a hand on our committee; and to Jerry Ross for coming up with the results in a rapid-fire manner.

While the dates for the 1996 Marblehead Friendship Sloop Regatta have yet to be firmed up, they will likely occur around the 10th and 11th or the 17th and 18th of August. An

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Marblehead Regatta

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announcement of the firm dates will be made at the November Annual Meeting.

Participating sloops were:

#7	Tannis	#105	At Last
#18	Chrissy	#123	Resolute
#24	Tern	#128	Schoodic
#44	Sazarac	#181	Aurora
#91	Phoenix	#258	Kim
#97	Gannet		

#53 **Eagle**, was registered but was unable to participate. Her registration was appreciated, though.

"Thank You" to all participating Friendship Sloops.

Post Office Trophy Recipient Bares All

The following reBUTTal was authored by Peter Carter, owner of #157 Liberty. Peter was the 1995 "winner" of the Post Office Trophy.

In order to salvage my tottering reputation, I want to set the record straight. A "celestial body" was never sighted on or above the **Liberty's** bowsprit during race week at the homecoming in Rockland. ONLY, perhaps, a crescent or an ephemeral sliver of such a "heavenly body" was eclipsed. In truth, only the gesture of such lunacy was displayed to a competing dilly dallying vessel after the **Liberty** crossed the finish line ahead!! The captain and crew of the **Liberty** were simply demonstrating their glee at doing so well in race #1 Division 2 at Rockland.

Let it be understood, the only lunar celestial body (other than my 6 month old daughter's shiny hinee, seen on a diaper tack) that can be witnessed on the **Liberty** would be at the highest of tides and the darkest of nights.

I must say, perhaps, I have the unique distinction of winning a trophy simply by accusations that my briefs gybed while on the bowsprit. Winning is too easy!!! Hope to see you all at the November meeting - after the harvest moon.

Thanks for all the cheer and good times in Rockland. It (?) was spectacular.

Peter, Lorna & Camden Carter
#157 **Liberty** Planet Earth

T-Shirts Still Available

Due to the brisk tee shirt sales during the Homecoming, the Society purchased additional shirts in the following sizes: Medium, Large & Extra Large all in Adult sizes. Contact Doug Amsbary, our membership chairman for available sizes and colors (white w/blue print and hunter green w/white print). Any shirts not sold through the mail will be available at the annual meeting at the New England Center. A new tee shirt design is in the works for next year's Homecoming and a preview may be available at the Annual Meeting.

"Teddy" Brown

"Teddy" was the former owner of the Vida Mia, past president and charter member of the Society, crewed aboard Phoenix for a number of years, and a friend to all.

Kittery - Capt. Frederick S. "Ted" Brown, 82, of 190 Whipple Road, died Monday, July 31, 1985, at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Born in Kittery on May 11, 1913, he was the son of Albert H. and Ruby (Dodge) Brown. He graduated from Robert W. Traip Academy, class of 1930, and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, class of 1933.

Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Merchant Marines from 1933 to 1939, and achieved the rank of chief mate. He also served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1942 to 1946, where he was navigator of the **USCGC Campbell**, and executive officer PF15 - commanding officer of the **PF56 - Covington**.

Before retiring he worked with the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Rigging Shop from 1939 to 1942 and from 1946 to 1969. There he served in the IRO Supervisor Employer Management Relations & Employee Service Division, was the acting director of the Industrial Relations Department, and chairman/founder of the Kittery Port Authority. From 1969 to 1975 he worked for the New Hampshire Department of Employment Security. He was also self-employed as a marine surveyor and compass adjuster, and as a lobster and ground fisherman.



Ted Brown with the Bill Hadlock Award,
presented to him in 1989

He was a licensed pilot for all harbors of Puerto Rico and adjacent islands, New York Harbor and Portsmouth Harbor. He was the relief captain of **RV Jere Chase**.

As an avid sailor and boat builder, Mr. Brown built and owned the Friendship Sloop **Vida Mia** for 37 years.

He was the husband of the late Vida Ward of Chipman, Canada, who he married in 1939.

Survivors include a brother Albert W. Brown of Kittery; a son, Timothy A. Brown of Alfred, Maine; a daughter, Linda A. Brown Brannen of Goshen, KY.; and three granddaughters.

Friendship Sloop Fans Gather for Race

This article, written by M. Jon Rinaldi, was published in the July 24th edition of "The Bar Harbor Times", and is reprinted with their permission.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR - A exciting start, a slow middle and a spectacular duel for the finish line characterized the 4rd annual Friendship Sloop Society's Southwest Harbor Race held Saturday.

Last year, the race ended with a duel between the 28-foot **Resolute**, built and piloted by Charlie Burnham from Essex, Mass., and the 30-foot **Phoenix**, piloted by Tad Beck of Vinalhaven, with **Phoenix** taking the win by inches. This year's race was similar as the two boats came around the last marker side by side and headed for the finish line.

The outcome this year, however, was different, as the **Resolute** strategically let the **Phoenix** tack around the marker first and then tacked in under the **Phoenix**, stealing her wind. This set up the **Resolute** for the easy cruise to the finish line just off Greening Island, where the race began.

The **Phoenix** won the race in 1993.

The sloops evolved at the Friendship yards in response to a need by lobstermen for a dependable vessel to get to their traps and back in the unforgiving Maine weather, but maneuverable enough to be handled by one person. Gradually, sloops went by the wayside as motorized boats made the task of fishing easier.

In 1960, the 30-foot sloop **Voyager** entered the now-famous Boston yacht race, which, as it turns out, marked the revival of the sloop that continues to this day. During the race the weather turned bad, causing many of the yachts to turn to port, while the **Voyager** cruised across the course unhindered by the inclement weather.

While the boats are easy to sail alone, most of the entrants in the informal race had several people on board, except for Alex Forbes, who sailed solo on his 19-foot sloop **Bucephalus** and came in fourth.

After starting off on the western side of Greening Island, the boats headed south towards Southwest Harbor near the Hinckley Company boatyard, and then turned eastward heading for the buoy between Sutton Island and Great Cranberry Island. After reaching the second marker they headed in a northwesterly direction in the mouth of Somes Sound, and after hitting the third mark headed back toward the start/finish line.

After rounding the second marker, about halfway toward the second the wind died, and sails went slack. Over the radio a gasping, croaky voice cried out, "Air. I need air."

It took a while, but the wind did pick up a bit, however as the racers with **Phoenix** leading the pack rounded the second marker and headed for the third, they once again fell into the "black hole."

It was not until the boats got between Northeast Harbor and Greening Island that the wind picked up and the race got

interesting, as **Resolute** and **Phoenix** began cruising for the third marker and **Phoenix** lead most of the way.

Peter Forbes, Alex's father and the organizer of the race, pointed out the boats that did the best were the bigger boats or those with more knowledge of the water, which helped out on the calm section in the middle of the course.

The two leaders were the biggest boats in the race, and the third and fourth place boats were piloted by area residents who had a great deal of knowledge of their surroundings. The third place boat **Freedom** was piloted by Ralph Stanley, who also built the boat and two others in the race, **Endeavor** and **Bucephalus**.

Mr. Stanley built the committee boat, a lobster boat, as well as a slightly larger version, which he arrived on. Many other examples of his handiwork were sighted as we cruised through Southwest Harbor to the town landing.

Final results: first place, **Resolute**, Essex, Mass., Charlie Burnham; second, **Phoenix**, Vinalhaven, Tad Beck; third, **Freedom**, Islesford, Ralph Stanley; fourth, **Bucephalus**, Greening Island, Alex Forbes; fifth, **Salatia**, Southwest Harbor, Miff Lauriat; sixth, **Blackjack**, Northeast Harbor, Wilson Fletcher; seventh, **Endeavor**, Southwest Harbor, Betsy Holtzman; DNF, **Schoodic**, Winter Harbor, Bruce and Mary Lanning; DNF, **Josie**, Southwest Harbor.

Annual Meeting Notice

Saturday, November 18, 1995
New England Center
University of New Hampshire
1-3:30 PM - Pre-Meeting Events
3:30-5 PM - Business Meeting
5:00-5:30 PM - Auction
6-7 PM - Social Hour
7 PM - Dinner - \$28.00 / Person
9 PM - ? Commodore's Hospitality Suite
Room Reservations - 603-862-2800
\$69.00 Single / \$79.00 Double / Night

Dues Notice

Secretary Caroline Phillips will be mailing the dues notices for the 1996 season. We will be reviewing the mailing list and deleting those members who are delinquent in their dues payments. Please renew your membership if you wish to continue to receive our publications and notices.

Membership News

Doug Amsbary, Membership Chairman, has been tracking the happenings of our members. Here's his latest report.

It's great to see so many new boat owners joining the Society. We hope that this trend will continue.

#1 **Voyager** was donated to The Atlantic Coast Challenge (Rockland Apprenticeship) by Tina Bliss Moir. This sloop was on display at the tent site at the Rockland Homecoming. Restoration of this sloop is pending funding.

#13 **Easting** was recently purchased by Art & Louis Toncre of La Porte, TX. The previous owner, Jim Pierpont helped Art sail the boat from Milford, CT to Rockland. They had planned on attending the Rockland Homecoming but due to Louis breaking an ankle, plans were cancelled. Her homeport is now Rockland, ME. She is available for charter through Bay Island Charters in Rockland.

#24 **Tern** changed hands in July. The new owners are Paul C. Haley & Elizabeth A. Stubbs of Marblehead, MA. They listed their homeport for **Tern** as Marblehead Harbor.

#112 **Secret** was recently acquired by Eddie Good of Townsend, MA. He has inquired about biographical information, reminiscences etc. about Phil Nichols, the builder and original owner of **Secret**. Let's try to help him out. Send any information to the Membership Chairman and I will make sure it is forwarded to him.

#126 **Whim** has been sold to Bob Clay of Cambridge, NY

#178 **Essential** was sold by Bob Stein to James R. (Bob) Sherman of Correa, ME. Her permanent homeport will be Correa, ME. Bob Sherman is no stranger to the Society as he has been building the unnamed #252 hull for several years. We have inside information that Bob Stein is planning on purchasing another "fishing" boat although we doubt it will have a suit of sails!

#183 **Silver Heels** has been sold to Robert Horn and Elaine Buchanan of Allschwil, Switzerland. They plan on sailing her in Rhode Island waters (Jamestown will be her homeport) during their summer vacation in the states. They joined the Society upon their purchase of **Silver Heels**.

#220 **Aikane II** was recently acquired by Ruy Gutierrez of Auburn, ME. He decided to change the name to **Amor Brojo** which translates in its Spanish form to mean "Love the Sorceress". Mr. Gutierrez enthusiastically inquired about membership information and we obliged him with a full packet of information.

#249 **Baby Blue** was purchased by Wesley & Carol John of Wayne, NJ. An invitation to join the Society has been extended to the Johns.

#91 **Phoenix** reportedly broke her bowsprit during the Marblehead Regatta. Harold Burnham of Burnham's Boatshop fashioned a new one for Tad Beck. It is rumored that a shackle let go on the bobstay with the resulting consequences.

Several new members and members we haven't seen for a

while attended the Rockland Homecoming:

David and Charlie Holmes travelled from their home in Annapolis, MD to join us for the Homecoming. They hope to re-launch their 22' ferro cement sloop named **Bluenose** sometime later this summer. We have issued our latest sail number (#261) to their sloop. David built the **Bluenose** about 20 years ago and evidently his love affair with it never ended as they have acquired it back and from the pictures they showed us, she will indeed be brought back to "Bristol" condition.

#109 **Petrel** has been sold to Jamie Smith of East Waterboro, ME. He attended the Homecoming.

Michael Howard of Spring Valley, NY joined the Society during the Homecoming and look forward to seeing more of him during our future events.

New members Frank & Janet Muddle are owners of #11 **Shulamite**. They did not bring their boat to the Homecoming.

David Jones, owner of #49 **Windhorse** (ex **Surprise**) sailed with the fleet during the Homecoming. An unfortunate accident during the races left **Windhorse** with a broken boom. The Jones' take passengers out on day trips from their mooring in Rockland Harbor.

New members William & Olive Davison, new owners of #221 **Seal**, came with out their sloop for the festivities.

Joe Hliva, owner of #197 **Natanya**, attended with Sandy White.

Recent new members Robert & Carol Clay, recent purchasers of #126 **Whim**.

Members John & Margo Cook travelled from their home in El Tore, California to be with us during part of the Homecoming. They sailed on **Departure** during Wednesday's race. They by far travelled the furthest distance to attend the Homecoming.

Paul Moorhead & Rebecca Otter, owners of #107 **Magic**, attended for the first time. They travelled from their home in Clairborne, MD.

New member Eddie Good, owner of #112 **Secret**. He has recently purchased the boat from Bob & Betty Monk.

We recently received a membership from Kurt and Verena Stoll of Richterswill, Switzerland. They attended the Homecoming briefly and were very impressed with our organization and through the efforts of Betty Roberts decided to join our ranks. It is believed that they planned their sojourn to Maine to see the sloops in Rockland.

Tom Miller, owner of #97 **Gannet** attended after relaunching the sloop this spring after an extensive rebuild.

Colin & Kathy Whitney, owners of #214 **Gaivota** sailed from Buzzards Bay to attend. She looked in bristol condition.

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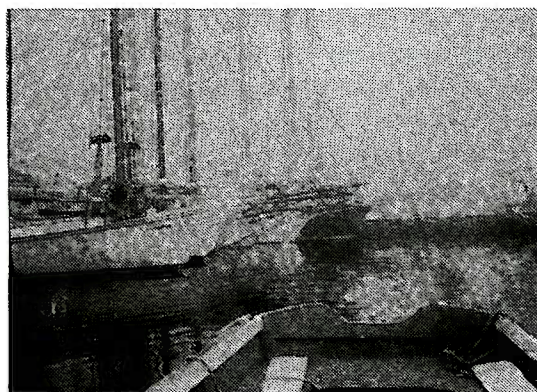
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Rockland Harbor with the Sloop Society tent



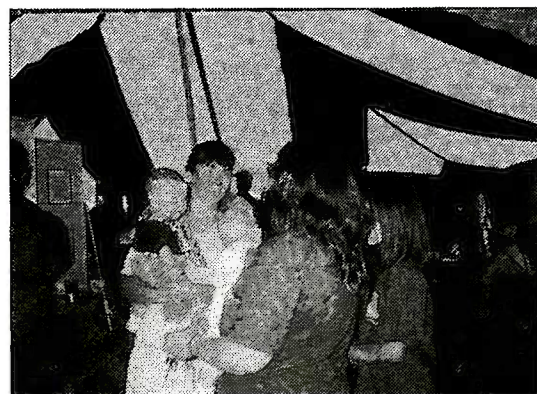
L-R - **Tannis, Gannet, Phoenix and Resolute**
rafted together at the town dock



Bowsprits in the fog



Rockland Mayor Tom Malloy presenting keys to the city
with Race Committee Chairman Bob Rex

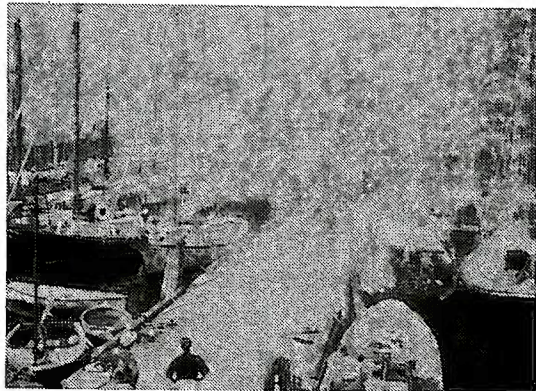


New crewmembers Camden Carter with mom Lorna
(facing) with Matthew Phillips with mom Caroline

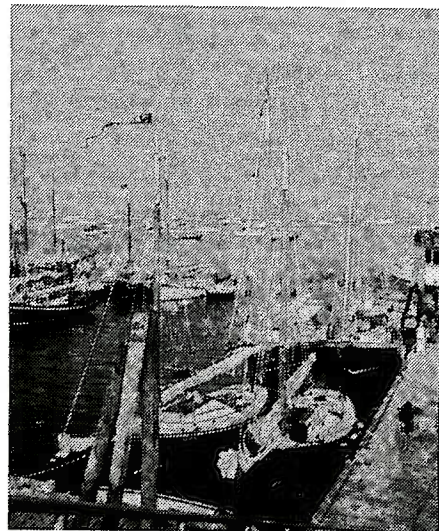


Sloop skippers and crews man the oars of the
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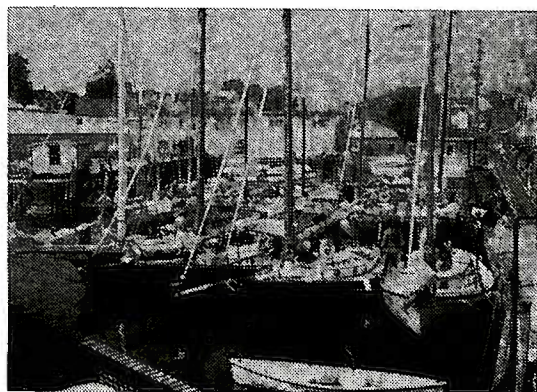
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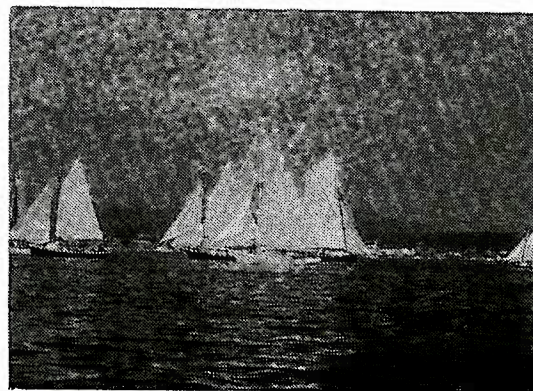
Fog Thinning Out



Banshee rafted to **Salatia** with
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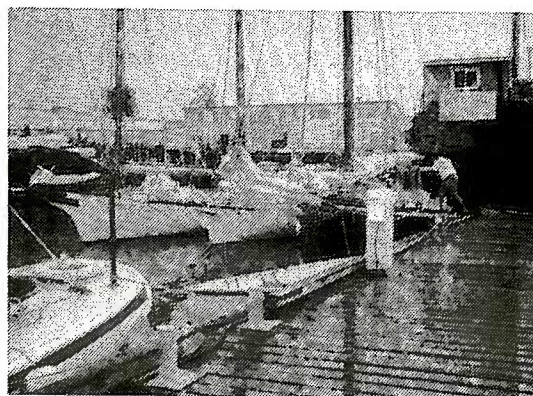
L-R - **Gladiator**, **Liberty**, **Gaivota** and **Voyager**



Light winds on the race course



Discussing the afternoon's race onboard **Tannis**



Early morning at the Rockland Town Dock

Charting Additional Harbor Success

Written by Michael McGuire of the "Rockland Courier-Gazette", it appeared in his column "From Behind My Desk".

You couldn't miss the enthusiasm of Friendship Sloop Society members Wednesday night, under a tent at Rockland's Harbor Park. The chairman of the race committee for the annual gathering of Friendship Sloop owners, Bob Rex, told me, "We're here to stay."

A little rain, some fog, sticky and muggy weather did nothing to dampen the high spirits of the people who traveled to Rockland this week to christen the City of Rockland as the site of the 1995 Friendship Sloop Society Homecoming and annual races. For years, these boats gathered each July in the Town of Friendship but moved to Boothbay Harbor when their annual summer gathering outgrew the ability of that town to handle them. After a few years at Boothbay Harbor, organizers again began looking around and ended up talking with people in Rockland. From there it has been some history in the making.

Members of the Friendship Sloop Society are a diverse lot. Their bond is in ownership and love of the distinctive Friendship Sloop, a craft originally designed for fishing and lobstering. When they get together each summer in Maine, it is for fun, friendship, some not so serious racing and the opportunity to show off their beautiful sailing craft.

Speaking with a few sloop owners during the Wednesday evening barbecue, I was struck by their sincere appreciation for everything Rockland has done to roll out the welcome mat. The people spoke of the gracious help offered by Harbor Master Ken Rich, of the many people who worked to make arrangements for the tent, cookout, and even some entertainment. There was also high praise for Rockland Harbor as a sloop racing venue.

With fog hanging around, and not a whole lot of wind on Tuesday and Wednesday, prospects for racing looked a bit dim. When the wind did pick up, there still was the problem of fog in the bay. The harbor master pointed out that there is plenty of open water in the outer harbor and in the area that cuts up toward Snow Marine Park. Sure enough, racing took place and to hear the sailors talking, you know it was a hit with them.

The fact is, a whole bunch of new people discovered this week that Rockland Harbor just might possess some of the most distinctive harbor qualities of any port on the Maine coast. It has been a most interesting experience watching the transition that has taken place over the last 20 years. My feeling is that the best is yet to come.

I look forward to being part of the contingent that next year welcomes the return of the Friendship Sloop Society.

Maine Author Going Strong at 85

This article, written by Jerry Harkavy of the Associated Press, was published in the September 9th edition of the "Quincy Patriot Ledger". John Gould and his wife Dorothy are honorary members of the Society.

FRIENDSHIP, MAINE - John Gould still chuckles about the "Exhibition of Art" sign he would plant along the road beside his home in this Midcoast fishing village during the summer tourist season.

"People would come boiling in here thinking they were going to see Wyeth, I guess," Gould recalled. "Then, on the barn, there would be a sign that said, 'Today is Art's Day Off.' They'd drive out of here in high dudgeon."

With a thick crop of white hair setting off a wispy remnant of his trademark Van Dyke beard, Gould remains as whimsical as his weekly columns that have entertained readers for more than half a century.

As he approaches his 86th birthday, Gould shows no signs of slowing down. His latest book, "Maine's Golden Road," (W.W. Norton & Co., \$21), recounts the weeklong sojourns that he and his daughter's father-in-law made to the northern Maine woods over 30 years.

Grandparent-to-be who decided they should try to get to know each other better, Gould and Brooklyn-born Bill Dornbusch entered a world accessible only by private logging roads. From their base at Caucomogomac Lake, they journeyed among moose, loons, bald eagles and salmon - not to mention the pesky blackflies.

The book, named for the 92-mile road built by the Great Northern Paper Co. in the 1950s, recalls naturalist Henry David Thoreau's visits to the region a century earlier. Gould's memoir affectionately describes his and Dornbusch's encounters with colorful characters who populated the logging camps, backwoods stores and checkpoints along the Quebec border.

The grandfathers' visits were timed for mid-July, and one of the highlights was their annual Bastille Day observance that drew woodsmen and wardens to the lakeside camp that Gould and Dornbusch dubbed the Caucomogomac Dam Institute of Fine and Coarse Art.

Gould and Dornbusch, who now lives in Bennington, VT., ended their "Grandfather Retreats" two years ago because of failing health.

The two saw plenty of changes in the region over three decades. Mechanical harvesters supplanted woodsmen with chain saws and skidders, while the expanding network of logging roads opened the area to hordes of recreation-minded vacationers.

The author takes a gentle swipe at environmentalists who decry clearcutting and warn about the need to preserve the Maine Woods for future generations. To Gould, that is a task

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Wonderful - Wonderful - Wonderful!!!!

Those were the platitudes being spoken after two beautiful days of sailing in New London, CT. in July. Seven sloops set their sails off the Thames Yacht Club ranging in size from Natanya at 31' to Lady Jeane at 16'. Saturday's race day ended with a beach party picnic cookout and the tremendous fireworks show by the Guicci Brothers over the skyline at dusk. A special note of thanks to Jack Kurrus of the New London Power Squadron for the use of his vessel Magic as the committee boat.

Class A

Natanya	Joe Hliva	Greenwich, CT
Rights of Man	Phil Smith	Newport, RI

Class B

Fiddlehead	Harry Jackson	Groton, CT
Beatrice Morse	Bill Owens	Branford, CT
Finast Kind	Mike Lorum	Noank, CT
Muscongus	Harry Oakley	Shelter IS, NY
Lady Jeane	Ray Dupree	Fayetteville, NC

First Place winners in Class A and Class B categories were presented with half model perpetual trophies. All skippers received photos of the rendezvous highlights.

We look forward to the '96 gathering and invite you to come and fill your skipper's log with the adventures of sailing the New London / Long Island waters. Hats off to Jack Vibber for hosting the event and providing moorings and the picnic "fixings" thru the Thames Yacht Club and keeping everything on an even keel.

Membership News

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Phil Smith, owner of #52 **Rights of Man**. It's been 3 or 4 years since we last saw **Rights of Man** at a Maine regatta. She was sporting a new aluminum mast which looked an awful lot like a wooden one except for the fact that I detected a small "dent" on the side of it.

Ebenezer & Diana Gay attended with #94 **Diana**. They travelled over from Vinalhaven to be with us. Their first appearance at a Homecoming since the Regatta was held in Friendship.

#59 **Sarah Mead** experienced a dismasting while trying to get into Port Clyde on their return trip to Bristol Gut from the Rockland Homecoming. Ted Hanks reported that it was blowing 25-30 knots and the main was "strapped down" pretty tight in order to get to windward. The mast parted where the gaff jaws met the mast. Luckily no one was injured. He further mentioned that he would probably re-rig the sloop to a ketch rig for easier handling by he and Consuelo.

John Gould - Maine Author

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best left to Great Northern Paper, a company he credits with wisely managing the forests to ensure their renewal for nearly a century.

"They're the best people to take care of it... They're the ones who really know that if they ever do lose their wood they're out of business," he said.

"Maine's Golden Road," is Gould's 29th book. W.W. Norton does not divulge sales figures, said Kate Maloney, a publicist for the publisher, but Gould's books are steady sellers that do best in the Northeast, particularly in Maine and the rest of New England.

With most of his books out of print, a secondary market has developed to serve Gould fans. Marti Reed, owner of the Personal Book Shop in Thomaston and a close friend of the author, said it's not unusual for copies of his earlier books to fetch \$100 or more.

Although he is most often described as a humorist, the curmudgeonly Gould takes umbrage at that description. He's less uncomfortable with folklorist or storyteller, and prefers being known simply as a newspaper writer.

A Boston native, Gould moved to Freeport at age 10 and started writing for the Brunswick Record during high school.

After graduating from Bowdoin College he wrote for other newspapers around the country and sent taped commentaries to Canada for airing on the CBC.

He and his wife, Dorothy, who have been married for more than 60 years, raised their two children at their farm in Lisbon Falls, the town where Gould founded and edited a weekly newspaper, "The Enterprise", in 1958.

The paper folded seven years later. When Gould's children grew up and left home, the couple moved to their present home on a peninsula in the part of Maine made famous by painter Andrew Wyeth.

If not the dean of American newspaper columnists, Gould probably comes close. The column he began writing for the "Christian Science Monitor" in 1942, "A Dispatch From the Farm," continues to appear each week. It serves up a quirky blend of opinionated storytelling, larded with memorable characters drawn from small town Maine. Conservative to the core, he's never reluctant to lament the decline of the English language or critique the performance of newspapers in his home state.

Auction Items Needed

For the last few years, the business meeting of the Society has been concluded with an auction. The auction will be for the benefit of the scholarship fund and the operating fund of the Sloop Society. If you have any item that you think would be of interest to our members, and wish to donate it to the auction, please bring it along to the meeting, and please designate to which fund you would like the proceeds from your item to be allocated. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Fall Executive Board Meeting

The Fall meeting of the Sloop Society Executive Board was held on October 14th at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, Maine. Commodore Beth Langton called the meeting to order. Sixteen members of the board were present for the meeting.

The Secretary's minutes of the prior meeting were accepted.

Secretary's Report

Caroline was absent from the meeting, Mary Cronin filled the position of secretary for the day. Mary read the membership status for the 1995 year as follows:

Boat Owners:	120
Full Members:	50
Co-Operative:	36
Honorary:	8
TOTAL	214

The membership numbers are up from last year's 205 members with 25 new members for 1995. Mary then read a letter from Ruy Gutierrez stating that he had purchased a Friendship Sloop and wanted to thank the members of the society for their help in his search for a boat.

Treasurer's Report

David Bell was unable to attend the meeting, Richard Langton read the report submitted by David. Total income received in 1995 was \$14,429.34 and the total expenses for 1995 were \$13,972.22 leaving a balance of \$457.12. The T-shirts cost \$2,600. The Society made a profit from the sale of the T-shirts of \$492.00. There are still T-shirts available. The Society, however, lost \$306 on the Annual Meeting dinner. The committees' budgets were adhered to with some not spending the amount budgeted which has left the Society in good financial shape.

Some suggestions were made regarding the Annual Meeting dinner. One suggestion was that tickets must be mandatory for serving the meal. Richard stated that the New England Center wanted \$5 per person for coffee and tea for the pre-meeting gathering.

A \$300 check was presented to the Bath Maritime Museum as voted at the annual meeting. The museum does not charge the Society for the use of the conference for our meetings.

Scholarship Fund: Elbert Pratt

Elbert stated that five high school graduates were given \$650 each for a total of \$3,250. Three continuing education students were given \$350 each for a total of \$1,050.

Membership Committee: Doug Amsbary

Doug gave an update on the membership status. Doug suggested that an authentication committee be formed to assess whether or not a boat is a Friendship Sloop. Doug then supplied a list of criteria for the Authentication Committee to consider. The members of this committee will be Doug Amsbary, Jim Wilson, and Jack Cronin. Doug stated that he will bring T-shirts to the Annual Meeting. Jack Cronin suggested that Doug look into the possibility of selling baseball caps with the Friendship Sloop logo next year.

Yearbook Editor: Roger Duncan Absent

Rich Langton stated that the yearbook was a success and the publisher was happy with the amount of ads and is willing to print next year's edition. Jack Cronin suggested the possibility that the Society get some financial return on the yearbook as had been done in previous years. Rich will check with Roger on that suggestion.

Newsletter Editor: John Wojcik

John stated that the newsletter was close to completion. He is considering a "picture spread" which might cost \$80-\$90 more. Since the newsletter was \$150 under budget for 1995, the board gave John permission to go ahead with more pages if he wished to do so. The newsletter will include an article on John Gould, committee reports, and meeting reports.

Rockland Homecoming Report: Rich Langton

Rich had contacted the "Rockland Pride" group and they hope that the sloops will return in 1996. They were pleased with this year's event. The Rockland Pride group has suggested the following changes:

- 1 - A local person to man the tent to give out directions and any other helpful information to sloopers and the public.
- 2 - A tent will be provided and located closer to the sloops.
- 3 - The location of the tent will be closer to the bathrooms.
- 4 - Next year's mailing should include how to get in touch with the harbormaster. There should be someone to greet the sloops as they arrive on Sunday and Monday.
- 5 - Delay of the parade of sloops should be announced over the loud speaker to keep the public informed.
- 6 - They were not happy with the caterer for the dinner and may find another. They also would like to collect the money before the dinner.
- 7 - Yearbook: The program of events should be in the front of the book or center page for easy reference.

Rockland is making posters for next year. It was suggested that more contact be made with TV and radio to promote the Sloop Days. Also, since most TV or radio press people cannot spend a full day on the sloops, would it be possible to take them on the parade of sloops for pictures and interviews?

Rockland wanted the FSS to know that they were pleased with the response in 1995; pleased with the number of thank-yous received from the attendees. A letter will be sent to the mayor of Rockland stating how pleased the Society was with the harbormaster's performance. Also, letters of thanks will be sent to all those in Rockland who worked on the success of the Homecoming.

Handicapper: Dick Salter

Dick stated that every five years he sends out 50 remeasuring certificates to boat owners - this year he received only one completed certificate. How can we improve this? John will include an article in a future newsletter asking for better compliance.

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FRIENDSHIP SLOOPS FOR SALE

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NO.	NAME OF SLOOP	LOCAL	LOD	BUILDER	BUILT	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
CLASS "A" ORIGINALS BUILT 1920 or EARLIER							
242	TECUMSEH	FL	36'	Charles A. Morse	1902	Marine Woodcraft	305/767-4333
1	VOYAGER	NY	30'	Charles A. Morse	1906	Owner	718/816/8752
82	MORNING STAR	ME	28'	Albion F. Morse	1912	Owner	207-567-3840
WOODEN REPLICAS & NEAR-REPLICAS							
241	BLUE SANDS	MA	34'	Boston Boat Co.	TBL	Dan Gould	617/242-2936
152	OLLIE M.	MA	32'	Kent F. Murphy	1977	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
128	SCHOODIC	ME	31'	Collemer / Lanning	1973	Owner	207/963-2370
39	DOWNEASTER	ME	30'	Lash Brothers	1963	Owner	207/845-2784
47	GALATEA	CA	30'	McKie W. Roth Jr.	1964	Jeff Stone	510/235-4411
63	KOCHAB	MA	28'	Speers	1952	Owner	508/693-4999
257	TODDY B	ME	28'	Dave Westphal	1992	Owner	305-451-3332
27	SARAH E.	MD	25'	Bob McKean & Sid Carter	1939	Harve de Grace Maritime Museum	410/939-4800
5	CONTENT	ME	25'	Stuart M. Ford	1961	Owner	207/882-6194
61	WINDWARD	ME	25'	Bald Mt. Boatyard	1965	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
68	ROBIN L.	ME	25'	James Hall	1967	Ronald Terenzi	207/563-1490
125	BILLY BUD	MA	25'	Al Pacquette	1970	Concordia Yacht Sales	508/993-9100
122	EDEN	ME	25'	Francis Nash & Ed Coffin	1971	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
141	KATIE E.	ME	25'	James Hall	1974	Owner	207/497-2381
219	YANKEE BELLE	NY	23'	Paul G Edwards	1983	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
192	KERVIN RIGGS	ME	22'	Williams & Bouchard	1977	Owner	207/832-4209
256	FRIENDSHIP	NJ	22'	Edgar Knowles	1985	John Griffen	201/933-0778
23	PRINCESS PAT	FL	22'	Harry Armstrong	1987	Owner	305/678-4193
FIBERGLASS (ETC.) & REPLICAS							
147	ANNA B.	ME	31'	Newman / Jones (D01)	1974	Newman Marine	207/244-5560
174	NONE (unfinished hull)	ME	31'	Newman / unfinished (D07)	TBL	Owner	207/729-9614
197	NATANYA	CT	31'	Newman / Davis (D11)	1978	Owner	203/531-9774
206	MARY ELIZA	MD	31'	Newman / Clark (D15)	1979	Cannell, Payne & Page	202/333-4433
208	LADY SHIP	FL	31'	Newman / Lanning (D16)	1981	Owner	207/633-5778
229	CAP'N GEORGE	CT	30'	Bruno & Stillman (09)	1970	Owner	203/536-7698
135	HATSY	ME	25'	Newman / Morris (P07)	1973	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
139	LYNX	ME	25'	Newman / Morris (P08)	1973	Newman Marine	207/244-5560
155	QUEEQUEG	FL	25'	Newman / Morris (P11)	1975	Owner	407/844-3483
243	JOHN PATRICK	ME	22'	Ahern / Hersey (05)	1979	Owner	207/422-6411
None	PATRICIA G.	RI	22'	Ahern/Almeida	1881	Owner	401/683-1417
234	ELIZABETH JANE	CT	22'	M. Roth/D.W. Ownens III	1985	Owner	203/481-2468
238	VIKING	MA	22'	Ahern / Ulwick	1980	Owner	617/246-0223
142	ALBATROS	NY	21'	Peter Archbold	1976	Annette Locke	716/637-0880

For Sloops listed with more than one Broker, The contact is listed above as "Owner". This listing possibly includes sloops not registered with the Society. Contact the Society for listings of "Project sloops".

Executive Board Meeting

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Friendship Day: Betty Roberts

Betty stated that the fog hampered the Friendship Homecoming, but those that attended had a wonderful time. Rich Langton stated that the breakfast was great, but spent the next hour in the fog looking for his boat.

New Business

The rebuilding of the sloop **Voyager** was discussed. The sloop is in Rockland after having been donated to the former Apprenticeshop.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting was discussed and will be the same as last year.

The Authentication Committee will be asked to present a report.

The committees for the awards to be presented (Hadlock, Bancroft and Morang Awards) are all in place and will be presenting their awards at the November meeting.

Dick Salter was appointed as nominating committee chairman and will present the slate of officers to be voted upon.

Jim Wilson presented a plan to put the FSS on the Internet. The confidentiality of the membership was discussed. Nothing will be put on the Internet without the member's approval (individual approval). The Internet opens opportunities for those wishing to sell their boats, and there will be articles

about boats, location and times of regattas, etc. There is no cost to the Society for the Internet. Jim will present the plan at the Annual Meeting.

Andrea Wilson mentioned that Ted Brown had passed away on July 31st. No service has been set for Ted yet. A memorial in his honor was discussed. Dick Salter mentioned that the Mass Bay group also wants to do something in his honor. Whatever is decided by the Mass Bay group will be presented to the Society so no conflict exists. Barbara Hadlock expressed sentiment that something other than an award be given. Rich Langton mentioned that since a lot of other members are getting older who have done a lot for the Society, possibly something should be established to honor those deceased. Discussion included a scholarship plan (by Irene Amsbary) for Sloop member children. A Founders award was discussed as well as an Executive Committee award, etc. Ted Brown was one of the founders of the Society. Elbert Pratt thought the suggestion that someone in the Society receive a scholarship award was a good idea. Ted will be honored by having the yearbook dedicated in his memory. Roger will be asked to write a testimonial to Ted in the 1996 yearbook. This discussion will be brought up at the Annual Meeting.

With no further items to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be January 20, 1996 in Bath.

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