



FRIENDSHIPS

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Commodore's Message

This summer our son Kevin returned home from the final session of hockey camp and in his typical style dumped the huge bag full of hockey gear in the hallway. As I came across the bag I noticed a blue certificate sticking out of the zippered opening. Upon pulling the certificate out I was amazed to see that Kevin had been awarded the Unsung Hero Award for that session of hockey camp. In his usual quiet manner he said, "Oh yeah, I got that today at the awards ceremony." I went on to exclaim about the virtues of being an unsung hero in any capacity. You are always there, determined to do your job in a quiet, efficient way that makes a major contribution to a larger cause.

Throughout the summer the Friendship Sloop Society calls upon a great corps of "unsung heroes" to efficiently manage the summer regatta schedule. Sloop owners all the way from New London, Connecticut to Southwest Harbor, Maine were allowed to enjoy and partake in great summer sailing due to the efforts of the chairpersons of various regattas. Special thanks are extended to Jack Vibber, Miff Lauriat, Bob Rex and his entire Race Committee ably assisted by Dick Salter on **Messing About**, and Dave Graham for all their efforts to manage local FSS regattas this past summer. Each chairperson also has their own corps of unsung heroes assisting them in many capacities from race committees to trophy distribution to the social events that often accompany our regattas. The FSS Executive Board would like to extend its gratitude to all you heroes who gave of your own time and energy to assure some wonderful sailing memories for all who participated in your events!!

Now that the work of the summer regatta schedule is over it is time to kick back and enjoy each other's company (without the worry of fog, rain or wind conditions!) at our Annual Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 15 at UNH in Durham, N.H. We really want to focus on enjoying each other's company and allowing ample time to share sea stories. In this issue of the newsletter you will find an explanation of the Annual Meeting agenda. We encourage all of you to join us for a brief business meeting which will highlight the wonderful programs the FSS offers, the presentation of some memorable annual awards and the opportunity to bid on many items during the Auction which raises money for the Pendleton Scholarship Fund.

Mark your calendars for November 15th. It is a great way to take a break from our regular routines and maybe you will even have a chance to meet the "Unsung Heroes" who really make this organization so special.

See you on November 15th. -- Debbie and Larry Plumer

Rockland Homecoming A Great Success

by Bob Rex - FSS Race Committee Chairman

At the Executive Board meeting last Spring, Mr. Cowan of the Rockland Chamber of Commerce promised us beautiful weather, no fog; he delivered brilliantly! We were able to see this splendid area in all its glory.

Before the skippers' meeting on Day One, Mayor Robert Peabody welcomed the Society and then introduced some of the people who contributed much to the success of the Homecoming: Mr. Cowan, the Share the Pride group and the new harbor master Jon Trumble, among others. Jon continued the friendly attention and assistance that had been provided by the previous Harbor Master, Ken Rich.

Following the opening ceremonies, the first race was started outside the breakwater in a light southeasterly. Both divisions rounded mark "I", a gong two miles east of Owls Head. Division I then ran down to the FSS racing mark off Brewster Point, from there a short beat to finish at "A" - a total distance 7.6 miles. Division II also finished at "A" after fetching the #8 whistle off of Robinson Rock for a total of 11 miles. The finishes for the first day: Division I: 1st - **Salatia** - Skipper Miff Lauriat; 2nd - Betsey Holtzman's **Endeavor**; 3rd - **William M. Rand** sailed by John Rand. Division II: 1st - Jack & Mary Cronin's **Tannis**; 2nd - **Phoenix** with Tad Beck at the helm; 3rd - Bill & Caroline Zuber's **Gladiator**.

Race Two is best forgotten, dandy day but no wind. This was to be a Handicap Alley race but the southeasterly breeze that looked so promising went flat just before the start. After a postponement, a southeast zephyr appeared. With the hope of it filling in or shifting southwest as so often happens afternoons in these waters, the fleet was given a start. The slight breeze died immediately. Four or five sloops managed to cross the line and headed for the first mark. The rest of the fleet sat for most of an hour with little movement except that provided by a current which threatened to drive some of the boats onto the breakwater. From the start at "A" to the finish line just east of Monroe Island the course was only 2.8 miles, which took the first sloop 2 1/2 hours to complete. The Race Committee had ample time to enjoy some spectacular scenery while most of the fleet drifted across the line propelled by current alone. A few ingenious skippers used various and decidedly unorthodox methods of propulsion to cross the finish line! The 2nd day

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Rockland Homecoming

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results: Division I: 1st - **Salatia**; 2nd - Greg Merrill's **Celebration**; 3rd - **Endeavor**. Division II: a tight race (only 32 seconds separating the two boats) Dave & Loretta Westphal's **Toddy B** won by 2 minutes corrected time over **Tannis** with third going to **Rights of Man** skippered by owner-rebuilder Wayne Cronin just a minute behind Dad.

Race Three - Another bright clear day, this time with a steady wind out of the SE which increased nicely as the day wore on. The start was at mark "B" inside the breakwater. Division I beat to can #1 off Spears Rock. Division II beat out to the FSS racing mark north of Owl's Head. Both divisions broad reached down the shore to FSS racing mark "D" off of Seal Ledge, then back to mark "B" and repeated the courses. Distances were for Division I: 5.2 miles and Division II: 8.4 miles. In the best race of the series the results were: Division I: 1st - **Salatia**, 2nd - **Celebration**, 3rd - **William M. Rand**. Division II: 1st - **Tannis**, 2nd - **Rights of Man**, 3rd - **Phoenix**.

Race Committee thanks go to Dick & Alice Salter for use of **Messing About** for the committee boat, Harbor Master Jon Trumble and his crew, the weatherman (mostly) and especially to Commodore Francis Tax, Francis Merrow, John Miles and Dick Sheppe of the Rockland Harbor Yacht Club. With their boats **Sweet Pea**, **Miles Aweigh**, **Merrowly**, and **Pandora**, they gave a lot of time and energy, setting marks and providing an extra margin of safety for this event.

Many thanks also to our Trophy Committee Chairwoman, Marcia Morang for choosing and obtaining the trophies (she's particularly good at selecting lamps!). Marcia, with the able assistance of committee members Nancy Bell, Penny Richards and Kelley Quin, organized the trophy presentation. This much needed contribution allowed the chairman and official hugger and distributor Dick Salter to get through the presentation without the usual glitches.

Lastly, our hats off to all who attended this homecoming. Without your participation we're nowhere. Let's do it again next year!

Help Needed

Race Committee Seeking Volunteers

Race Committee Chairman Bob Rex is looking for volunteers who would be interested in joining the Race Committee. Volunteers would be provided an opportunity to assist the committee in their duties at the annual homecoming regatta, learn how to prepare and manage a sailing event, and also get a great view of the races. If interested, write to Bob at 151 Grove Street, Reading, MA 01867.

Coast Guard Inquiry

The Coast Guard has inquired if Harold Burnham has ever run an organized race.

Rockland Homecoming 1997 Results

State of Maine Trophy

Best Overall Performance **Tannis**

Division I

Herald Jones Trophy	Salatia
Bruno & Stillman Trophy	Celebration
Lash Brothers Trophy	Endeavor
Fourth Place Trophy	William M. Rand

Division II

Commodore's Trophy	Tannis
Winslow Trophy	Phoenix
Homecoming Trophy	Rights of Man

Class A

Wilbur Morse Trophy	Chrissy
Charles Morse Trophy	Gladiator
Alexander McLain Trophy	Gannet

Special Trophies

Spirit of Friendship	John & Carole Wojcik
Gladiator Trophy	Gannett
Nickerson Trophy	Scott Phillips
Owner/Builder Trophy	Wayne Cronin
	Rights of Man
	Celebration
	Gladiator
	Wings of the Morning
	Perseverance
	Salatia
Post Office Trophy	Marion Stanley
Danforth Trophy	Eben & Diana Gay
R.W. Stanley Cup	
Liberty Trophy	
Jarvis Newman Trophy	
Chrissy Trophy	
Cy Hamlin Trophy	

Dues Notice

Secretary Caroline Phillips has mailed the dues notices for the 1998 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.

Sloop Society Chandlery

Our store keeper, Doug Amsbary, has a number of items still available in the chandlery. These items will make great Christmas presents for your crew and friends. You can start your Christmas shopping at the Annual Meeting as Doug will have many of the articles at the meeting. Embroidered items should be ordered as early as possible in order to receive them for the holidays. Send your orders to Doug at: RFD Box 1297, Cooley Hill Road, Franconia, NH 03580.

Perfect Day for Friendships

This article, written by Laurie Schreiber, was published in the July 24th edition of "The Bar Harbor Times".

SOUTHWEST HARBOR - Polished boat handling on the **Phoenix**, skippered by Tad Beck of Vinalhaven, was responsible for her win in an hour and 36 minutes at last Saturday's Friendship Sloop Race.

Seven of the lovely boats were entered here, the second of the summer's series held along the coast from Connecticut to Maine. Friendship sloop enthusiasts headed for Rockland earlier this week for the Friendship Sloop Days Annual Homecoming, and will continue on to the port of Friendship for July 26's Friendship Day.

Saturday was a perfect day for the sloops, with a northwest by west blow gusting up to 25 knots and forcing some competitors to reef their sails and others to take down their topsails.

Mr. Beck and Charles Burnham of Essex, Mass., made their reappearance in Southwest Harbor after sitting out last year's match. The two are friendly rivals who can usually be counted on to boost the level of competition, with **Phoenix** and Mr. Burnham's **Resolute** trading top honors in past years.

It was the ability of Mr. Beck and his crew instantly to adapt to changes in the wind that gave him the win.

Luck was on the outs, however, with Mr. Burnham, normally a powerful contender who came in an unusual dead last due to rigging difficulties.

The overall field showed quite a lot of shifting around the marks, as those who were equally matched battled it out from Greenings Island and circled out toward Bear and Sutton Islands.

There was some discussion as to who may claim second place. Some claim Albert Neilson of Manset, in **Hieronymus**, crossed the starting line before the gun and then failed to execute a 360-degree penalty turn on his way to filing a final time of one hour, 46 minutes.

Following Mr. Nielson was **Wings of the Morning**, skippered by Ralph Stanley of Southwest Harbor. Completing the lineup were **Salatia**, skippered by Miff Lauriat of Southwest Harbor; **Endeavor**, owned by Betsy Holtzmann and run by Richard Stanley, both of Southwest Harbor; the nearly century-old **Blackjack** out of Northeast Harbor with Wilson Fletcher at the helm; and **Resolute** from Essex, Mass, skippered by Charles Burnham.

Homecoming Regatta Poster - 1998

I am more than happy to make another poster with my **Phoenix**, but lets get real. If you have a photograph of the races that would attract spectators, please send it to me with a return envelope. I will choose one and it will grace the beautiful streets of downtown Rockland next summer. Last year's poster was being hawked for \$30 on the black market. Hopefully this coming year's will be just as popular. Tad Beck, 380 Broadway, NY, NY 10013.

Friendships Gather at Marblehead

Dave Graham, Corinthian Yacht Club Race Committee Chairman and organizer of the annual Massachusetts Bay Regatta, has submitted the following report on the August event.

In what must seem like "Daja vu all over again", the fleet of Maine built Friendship Sloops arrived in the harbor under the sponsorship of the Corinthian Yacht Club, only this year saw the beginning of the third generation of the 37 year old Friendship Sloop Society begin to take a serious hold on the competition. Errica Beck, granddaughter of the one-time frequent winner Al Beck, and a graduate student beginning work on her masters degree, was the foredeck person on the sloop **Phoenix** now owned and skippered by her uncle Tad Beck.

But it didn't end there, for there were several families with second generations who were to compete and in one instance, in direct competition with a long-time winning skipper / father. Harold Burnham of Essex raced his 1912 built **Chrissy** against his father's **Resolute** also out of Essex, MA. The real success story, however, involves **Tannis**, owned by Jack Cronin and family, and **Rights of Man** owned by his son Wayne. Both sloops are out of Salem Willows. In a cliff-hanger, **Rights of Man** edged out **Tannis** by a mere 9 seconds on the overall total of the two-day regatta to take First Runner-up on the scoring for Division II in which they both raced.

In the smaller Division I competition, local favorite Paul Haley took First Runner-up position in that division that is separated from the larger sloop division at 27 feet. This allows the Division I sloops to sail a course that is approximately 25% shorter than its bigger division. We have fine-tuned the figure so that both divisions start at the same time and, if the homework is done correctly, both divisions will finish among each other, much as happened on both Saturday and Sunday of that weekend.

Both divisions competed for the coveted Ridgway Trophy, named in honor of the late Lincoln Ridgway, who did so much to get the regatta organized in the early days, until his passing some fifteen years ago. Under corrected times and sloop handicaps, sloops go after the trophy positions as if they were in a One-Design regatta, even though they are all on a first-name basis with each other.

This year's results will produce some interesting fireside conversation as the winter draws closer during the fall months. In a nutshell, here they are:

Overall Winner - The Ridgway Trophy

Phoenix - Tad Beck, Vinalhaven, ME

Division I

1st Runner-up - **Tern** - Paul Haley, Marblehead, MA

2nd Runner-up - **Windwood** - Tim Sullivan, Gloucester, MA

3rd Runner-up - **Defiant** - Jonathan Leavy, Winthrop, MA

Division II

1st Runner-up - **Rights of Man** - Wayne Cronin, Salem Willows, MA

2nd Runner-up - **Tannis** - Jack Cronin, Salem Willows, MA

3rd Runner-up - **Voyager** - Bernard MacKenzie, Scituate, MA

Membership News

Doug Amsbary has been keeping track of our members and has submitted the following report:

George and Chris Griffin of Cincinnati, OH and Sprucehead, ME have acquired what was once #49 **Windhorse**. Her name has been changed back to **Surprise** and is being captained by Steve Bailey, past owner of **Surprise**.

We saw #225 **Islandia**, owned by Noel March, at Knights Marine in Rockland after the regatta. She had just been put in the water the night before and was still "taking up" when we saw her at the dock. New spars were also sighted ready to be stepped. Forrester Valle, owner of #39 **Downeaster** has been giving Noel a hand on the restoration of his sloop.

Betsy McKinivian, MD of Milford, OH joined our ranks during the Rockland Homecoming.

#109 **Petrel** has been acquired by Colin D. Pears of Kennebunkport, ME from the previous owner, Jamie Smith. We understand that it is still in the rebuilding phase.

The name of sloop #92 **Puffin** has been changed to **Priscilla**.

New members attending the Rockland Homecoming in July were:

- Noel and Susan March, owners of #225 **Islandia** (ex **Philip J. Nichols**). They reside down in Friendship and will be keeping their sloop there also.
- Norm and Lucy Southergill from Winsted, CT.
- Wesley and Carol John from Wayne, NJ, owners of #249 **Baby Blue** which is homeported in West Addison, Vermont.
- Allen and Madonna Brown from Cape Elizabeth, ME, owners of #128 **Schoodic**, homeported in South Portland.
- Robert Duncan from Concord, MA new owner of #6 **Eastward** which is now homeported in Boothbay Harbor.
- Martin Thomas of Wallingford, PA, new owner of #193 **Lady M** (ex **Lady**). She broke her topmast off during the 3rd race at the Rockland Homecoming. She looked pretty sharp even after having been out of the water for many years.

We would like to welcome the following new members who have joined since the Rockland Homecoming:

- David Frid of Oakville Ontario, Canada, new owner of #242 **Tecumseh**.
- Dianne & Clyde Peeling of Allenwood, PA
- Gregory Roth hailing from New London, CT. Greg assists Jack Vibber with the New London Regatta. Greg also attended the cookout on Friendship Long Island after the Rockland Homecoming.
- Dennis Griffin of San Diego, CA.
- Ronald Shaw of Peaks Island, ME. Ron is a friend of Paul & Libby Collet, owners of #88 **Apogee** and crews aboard the sloop.
- Art Fox, part owner of #159 **Pacific Child**, informed us that there is a new part owner: Richard & Katie Scott

Annual Meeting Notice

Saturday, November 15, 1997

New England Center

University of New Hampshire

Noon - 3:30 PM - Pre-Meeting Events

3:30 - 4:30 PM - Business Meeting

4:30 - 5:00 PM - Silent Auction

5:00 - 6:00 PM - Regular Auction and award of silent auction bids

5:00 - 7:00 PM - Social Hour with cash bar

7:00 PM - Dinner - \$18.00 / Person

9:00 PM - ? Commodore's Hospitality Suite

Room Reservations - 603-862-2801

\$82.00 Single / \$92.00 Double

Special Features of the Annual Meeting:

- *Extended social opportunities!!* More chance to elaborate on those sea stories
- *Picture Swap Area* - bring a picture / take a picture. We all have so many pictures of other people's boats - why not share the wealth with everyone!
- *Silent Auction* - if we receive enough donations for the Auction we will divide some items into a Silent Auction section which will be displayed throughout the afternoon. This will give everyone a chance to view the items, bid, and participate. Don't worry - our traditional Auction Show will also be held for those who enjoy that entertainment.
- *50/50 Raffle* - held during the pre-meeting social. This is a way for us to defray the cost of renting the conference room - and a lucky winner has taken home over \$100 each time we have held this raffle.
- *Business Meeting* - will focus on the key areas of concern and interest to the membership.
- *Race results posted* - to allow everyone to view the results of all the regattas held throughout the summer months.

Please plan on joining us for our annual meeting.

Auction Items Needed

For the last few years, the business meeting of the Society has been concluded with an auction. This year we will also have a silent 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.

Sloop Society Financial Statement

October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997

Treasurer David Bell has submitted the following unaudited treasurer's report:

Receipts:

Dues:			
Boat Owners	\$ 3,390.00		
Assoc. Members	1,550.00		
CO-OP Members	620.00	\$5,560.00	

Rendezvous:

Entry Fees	720.00		
Rendezvous Banquet	545.00	2,265.00	

Meetings:

Annual Meeting	1,334.27		
Auction	472.00	1,806.27	

Miscellaneous:

Trophy CD Interest	52.85		
Donations	114.00		
Chandlery	3,928.25		
Other	510.00		
Bank Interest	174.63	4,779.73	

Total Receipts 14,411.00

Disbursements:

Administration:

Printing	125.37		
Membership	294.97		
Newsletter	1,122.62		
Race Committee Expenses	733.07		
Yearbook Print Fee / Bull. Brd	680.00		
Postage	673.23		
Secretary's Comp.	1,000.00		
Other Administration	68.64	4,697.90	

Rendezvous:

Trophies	480.13		
Race Insurance	321.30		
Commemorative Plaques	296.00		
USYRA Membership	75.00		
Skippers Gifts & Presentations	280.00		
Rockland	60.00		
Rendezvous Dinners	1,500.00		
Other Rendezvous Expense	232.67	3,245.10	

Donations and Gifts:

Friendship Museum	300.00		
Pendleton Scholarship	400.00		
Maine Maritime Museum	300.00	1,000.00	

Meetings:

Annual Meeting	1,734.86	1,734.86	
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Miscellaneous:

Chandlery	4,008.23	4,008.23	
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Total Expenses 14,686.09

Total Receipts 14,411.00

Expenses over Receipts 275.09

Balance: Checking Account 84.00
Savings Account 3,669.46
Trophy C.D. 3,226.75

News on the Internet

Here is a sampling of some of the recent items posted to the Scuttlebutt section of the FSS home page on the Internet:

Sea Explorer Ship 54, BSA

Greetings to all. Let us introduce ourselves. We are Sea Explorer Ship 54 (Viking), Boy Scouts of America, Budd Lake, New Jersey. We are part of the BSA Explorer program formerly known as "Sea Scouts". Youth members (young men and women 14 to 20 years old) learn seamanship, character and leadership in this maritime based program. We have been extremely fortunate to have donated to us a 28' (LOA) partially completed Friendship Sloop. This lovely vessel began as a storm felled oak tree in the original builder's yard (God bless his soul.) The keel and major ribs etc. are constructed from that tree. The remainder of the vessel is either oak or cedar. His widow discovered our newly organized Sea Explorer Ship (the first in our area since WWII!) and donated the vessel, misc. hardware and a 10 HP Volvo diesel engine.

The keel and hull is completed and surface structures (deck, cabin and shell of cockpit). The deck and cabin roof are fiberglassed. Teak decking has been provided but needs to be installed. The outer shell of the cockpit has been completed. Though the drive shaft and propeller have been installed, only rough motor mounts are in place. A rudder has been constructed but no steering gear or mountings have been installed. The bowsprit, mast and boom have been fabricated along with a few pieces of block and tackle. The cabin interior has not been started.

Heelllllp! We need to see some examples of operable Friendship Sloops, take lots of pictures and get lots and lots of advice. The hull has never been in the water. Daylight can be seen through some of the seams. We need help with rigging and having sails made. Did I mention the open seams in the hull? Does anyone have plans or know of a source of plans for a historically correct cabin interior. How the hey do you install a teak deck over a fiberglassed (rough) deck? HOW DO I GET THIS THING OUT OF MY BACKYARD AND INTO THE WATER?!!!!!!

Our Sea Explorer Ship is very interested in joining the Friendship Sloop Society. How do we do it? The beautiful lady that has been entrusted to us deserves the best and we intend it to be the centerpiece of our youth program.

P.S. How do you sail one of these things?

Gordon Hamilton, Committee Chairman,

Sea Explorer Ship 54, BSA Firefly54@aol.com

Pacific Child, Sail #159, Bruno & Stillman (03) 1969

EYC Yacht Club - San Diego, CA

Current Owners: Art & Ruby Fox / Mike & Phyllis Irwin

Richard & Katie Scott

We are trying to compile a history on the **Pacific Child** and welcome any available information. We think that she was built for Mr. McDonnald of McDonnald Douglas and transported to Marina Del Rea in 1969. She was also owned by a

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News on the Internet

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doctor in Coronado. Perhaps another doctor named John Nosworthy and finally, Linda & Preston Schiwitz of El Cajon, CA. The current owners, listed above, acquired the Pacific Child in 1993. She is a great boat, well kept and fun to sail. As far as we know there is only one other Friendship Sloop on the west coast, we think in San Francisco.

We understand that Dr. Nosworthy may have been active in the Society. We also know that she took "First" in the first ever Ancient Mariners Newport to Ensanada race "we think" in 1979?

Anyway, we are interested in gathering whatever information is available so if you know of some interesting bits please pass them on. You can leave a message in the General Scuttlebutt or on my e-mail. Thanks!

Richard Scott - Richards@toppanwest.com
sifu-richard@msn.com

News From Scituate II

An update to my January News From Scituate:

Compromise (#232) was successfully relaunched 12 July after extensive repairs to damage suffered in an October 1996 Nor'easter. Repairs to the hull included stripping everything down to bare fiberglass, patching the various gouges, dents, scrapes and cracks, and coating the whole thing, even the undamaged sections, with a layer of resin to seal the 'glass up tight. She has a new rudder, new bowsprit, and lots of new fittings. Her new staysail is roller furling, eliminating the need to go forward to hoist or lower headsails. This is a vast improvement both in convenience and in safety.

Thank God for old, heavily built fiberglass boats! Any modern 'glass hull surely would have been dashed to pieces on the rocks. Author: Andrew Toppan (Elmer@Wpi.Edu)

The New Book

The Friendship Sloop Society has decided to publish a new book. The basic idea is that it be in memory of our members who have passed on. So, logically it will be made up of stories from our history, stories from our old yearbooks. The new book is progressing. The articles have been chosen and we are progressing with the entry of the articles into computer readable files. I hope to be able to start designing soon. Any new articles should be sent to Roger Duncan for the upcoming yearbook.

What I need is photographs. Ideally I would like to have a picture of every sloop that has been wet recently. If you want it published, send it to me with a return envelope and I promise to return it to you. Dick Salter says that **Phoenix's** handicap will be penalized if I do not return pictures to anyone. So I promise.

I also need help typing up the old articles. John and Carol Wojcik are helping already and my rope burned appendages are doing their best. Give me a buzz and I will give you some homework.

Please contact me with any pictures, typing, or comments (helpful or supportive only):

Tad Beck 380 Broadway, 2nd Floor, NY, NY 10013 email: TadBe@aol.com

Pendleton Scholarship Fund

The Trustees of the Scholarship Fund voted at their spring meeting to send a letter to the listed property owners in the town of Friendship, requesting tax-deductible donations to increase the invested portion of the Trust Fund. Bill Zuber, who was elected Chairman when Elbert Pratt stepped down due to health reasons, and Secretary Betty Roberts sent over 500 letters in early August. The following is the text of the letter. At the time of this writing, more than \$3,300 has been donated to the fund from those who received the letter. Of particular interest, donations have been received for the first time from many donors who had been unaware of the structure and function of the Scholarship Fund. Donations have been received from local lobstermen, former scholarship recipients, summer residents, parents and grandparents, and local businesses. This has been a most rewarding response from the people of Friendship.

Dear Friend,

It's been thirty years since Bill Pendleton, owner of the Friendship Sloop **Blackjack**, first proposed the idea of a scholarship fund for the younger people of our town, as a way of thanking the people of Friendship for hosting the regattas. Sixteen years later, in 1983, the members of the Society turned the fund into a Trust Fund, and gave complete control of the fund to the residents of the town. In these past 30 years, \$68,800 in scholarships have been awarded to 92 students and the current invested value of the fund is approximately \$70,000.

In June, 1997, five graduating seniors from Friendship were awarded \$700 each, to be expended at the start of their second semester. Three earlier graduates were awarded \$250 each to continue their education. The total awarded this year was \$4,250 to these eight young people. Although the majority of past recipients have attended colleges and universities, equally important to the young people of Friendship is the opportunity to apply for scholarships for technical or vocational institutions.

We ask your help in increasing the amount available to be awarded next year. This scholarship fund is directed by residents of the town of Friendship, and can only be awarded to the young people who live in the town and have attended school here. The current commodores of the Society serve as ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and the current Society Treasurer also serves as treasurer of the Scholarship Fund. The other Trustees are Faye Bragan, Mary Carlson, Sue Compagna, Viola Davis, Elbert Pratt, and Betty Wotton. I have recently been asked to serve as Chairman, and Betty Roberts serves as Secretary. All donations to the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund are fully tax-deductible, as all funds are used solely to provide scholarships.

Please donate generously. Send your check today, made out to the Pendleton Scholarship Fund, to the Treasurer:

Rev. David Bell

35 Pumpkin Cove Road

New Harbor, ME 04554-4912

Your donation will be deeply appreciated by the young people of the Town of Friendship.

Signed - Bill Zuber

Fall Executive Board Meeting

The Fall meeting of the executive board was held September 27th at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath with sixteen members present. Commodore Larry Plumer opened the meeting, and welcomed Roger Duncan back after his serious illness. The Secretary's report of the 1997 membership was read by Mary Cronin:

Boat owners	104
Full Members	59
Co-op Members	30
Honorary Members	8
Total	201

We have eight new members for 1998; 39 members from 1996 did not renew their memberships (17 boat owners; 9 full members; and 13 co-op members). Prior to 1996, 38 members did not renew (20 boat owners; 7 full members; and 11 co-op members). Most changes are due to boats being bought and sold.

Yearbook Report: Before Roger Duncan gave his report, Debbie Plumer congratulated Roger and his assistants for putting together an excellent yearbook under very trying conditions last spring. Roger said he is willing and able to continue as the editor but suggested that someone be considered to learn the process and be able to assist him, especially with stories received (which need editing), advertising, etc.

Roger discussed an Internet magazine proposed by a Don Eckert which is devoted to Maine. Mr. Eckert wishes to use our yearbooks. After considerable discussion, it was decided that Roger should tell Mr. Eckert that we do not wish at this time to allow the use of our yearbooks because of several other things that we are contemplating, i.e. Tad Beck's book, things in the works with Mystic Seaport Museum, Jim and Andrea Wilson's project, etc. Roger will contact the Author's Guild to find out what rights we have since we are not copyrighted.

Race Committee: Bob Rex reported that the weather this year was the best we have ever had! The second race at Rockland had best be forgotten however. Next summer Leo Campbell and Jerry Breton will not be available. The race committee needs several new persons to break in and get them familiar with the procedure.

Publicity: Bob Monk stated that he is constantly amazed at the interest in the Society based on the number of inquiries he receives. A gentleman from New Zealand whom Bob had sent literature, letters, etc., is now going to build a Friendship, and others have requested information for modeling purposes. "Soundings" is doing a story and needs pictures which Bob is working to get.

Rockland: Debbie lead a discussion on the events at Rockland and what could possibly be improved upon:

1) - After a considerable effort by Debbie & Larry Plumer, Bill Zuber and others, sloops tied up to the floats without any charge. We hope to retain this policy for 1998.

2) - It was the opinion of many that breakfast should be under the tent, rather than aboard the **Monhegan** at the end of the dock.

3) - Parade of Sloops: We need to have the skippers fill out the information cards ahead of time and to write legibly, and we need some form of ID on sloops without numbers. Horatio Cowan of Rockland's Share the Pride group suggested that some kind of nautical music should be played to get the attention of the people before the parade. Protocol will be established so that sloops proceed orderly and with engines running, preferably, so that some sort of order prevails.

4) - Do away with the band. It was decided that the band is not needed, and to give more time to socializing. It was suggested that we could possibly have someone singing sea chanteys with no loud speakers involved.

5) - We need to handle the tickets to the meal differently.

6) - Keys to the public facilities was discussed for after closing hours. Bill Zuber suggested a key-pad lock.

Annual Meeting: We will again have a container on the refreshment table to help defray the cost of the room rental for the meeting. The cost of renting a VCR, as we have done in past years, was discussed, and because of the rental rate, it was decided not to rent the video player this year. The banquet dinner will be \$18 each with three choices, the change being no beef this year. Debbie Plumer had spoken with V.C. Tad Beck who expressed the opinion that the meeting should concentrate more on socializing, and that we should try to shorten the business meeting. The idea of a speaker was discussed, but those at the meeting expressed the opinion that we should not have a guest speaker.

The business meeting will concentrate on shortened reports. Copies of the lengthy reports will be available at the head table for those interested in reading the entire reports. This format will apply to all Chairpersons and their reports as the newsletter includes most of these reports. The awards will be given the usual time span.

The annual meeting will start at 12:00, the business meeting will be at 3:30, followed by the auction. The silent auction table will be open during the social hour and payment for the items will be made later. The cost of the beverages during the meeting is \$2.25 per person. These charges are vastly reduced by the 50/50 raffle which Carol Plumer handles.

Roger Duncan cautioned against shortening the business meeting too much. He further said that if we are donating and spending money, we should know how much is in the bank. The amounts of money donated should take some time. Bob Rex mentioned that he would like to announce the winners of the race at the meeting.

Jack Cronin suggested thanking Bill and Caroline Zuber for organizing a great time in Friendship after the Rockland races. Visiting Friendship Long Island with the Loomis family was really super.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10.

Friendship Sloops and Friends in Friendship, July, 1997

Written by Caroline Zuber

A grand celebration was held on Friendship Long Island on Friday evening, July, 25th, and from all reports everyone had a memorable evening. More than 80 sloopers gathered at the invitation of Tom & Alice Loomis at their island home for a cocktail party, followed by a lobster cookout on their wharf overlooking Friendship harbor. Caroline & Bill Zuber, with their sloop **Gladiator**, hosted the cookout and ferried partygoers from the mainland to the island, and three sloops - **Tannis**, **Rights of Man**, and **Content** - sailed from the regatta in Rockland. Former Commodore Dick Salter finally convinced his first mate to make the hazardous voyage back to Friendship. Alice Loomis and Alice Salter have been friends of long standing in Massachusetts, and both Alices had a wonderful reunion. Dick participated in the "Parade of Sloops" on Saturday morning aboard **Messing About**, decorated for the occasion with a palm tree on the bridge deck.

Among friends and members of the society in attendance were Bob & Jane Lash, daughter Holly and her husband Tom of **Gypsy**; Betty Roberts, Dick Lozier, Paul & Jacqueline Wiegleb, Marsha Morang with daughters Kelly & Penny, Charlie & David Holmes of **Bluenose**; John & Carole Wojcik of **Banshee**; Bill & Kathy Whitney of **Gaivota**; John Rand of **William B. Rand**; Dave & Loretta Westphal of **Toddy B**; Art & Louise Toncre of **Easting**; Larry & Debbie Plumer and family of **Desiree**; Doug & Irene Amsbary of **Departure**; Betsy MacKinnavan; Bill Finch of **Venture**; Greg Roth (looking to buy a sloop, and race committee member for Jack Vibber in New London), and many members of the Cronin family. Friendship residents Noel & Susan March had planned to bring their sloop **Islandia** home to Friendship, but last minute launching delays (sound familiar?) prevented them from joining us this year. Adrian & Pam Hooydonk of **Omaha** had planned to come, but were helping the March's in trying to get their sloop operational.

A surprise to the family and crew of **Tannis** was the presentation of a birthday cake in honor of **Tannis'** 60th birthday. A second birthday cake was also enjoyed in honor of **Gladiator's** 95th birthday. The Cronin family and the Zuber family each brought their Friendship Sloop home to Friendship for the first time under their ownership 30 years ago in July, 1967.

On Saturday morning, a 9 a.m. service was held at the memorial stone led by the Rev. David Bell with bagpipes played by Donald Duncan. Memories of other regattas, other years, other skippers and sloop families were in the minds of those in attendance. By 10 a.m. the four sloops were ready to fire their cannons and parade past the wharves, where spectators had gathered in small numbers to watch. As is the custom, it was dead low tide with no wind. **Tannis** had a brief encounter with a navigational obstruction (Remember "Trust Me, Dad"?), but no damage was incurred. **Gladiator** led **Tannis** and **Rights of**

New London Windezvous A Success

The weather this year at the New London Windezvous was much different from last year when Hurricane Bertha passed just offshore forcing the cancellation of Saturday's race and keeping many sloops in their home ports for Sunday's race. This year the sun was shining, temperatures were warm and there was enough of a breeze to keep the skippers happy (at least on Saturday). Eight sloops made it to the starting line each day, four in each division.

Saturday started out with a skippers meeting in the clubhouse of the Thames Yacht Club. Greg Roth, serving as race committee chairman, discussed a number of options for the day's race course. It was decided that the course for the day would start in front of the clubhouse, head south to the can at Sarah Ledge, SW to the can at Rapid Rock, then north back to the harbor and by the committee boat to can 7, then back to the finish line, a distance of approximately 7 miles.

There was little wind for the 10:45 downwind start, but the breeze shifted to the SW shortly after the start and picked up to provide a perfect wind for racing. Joe Hliwa skippering **Natanya** took the lead early and finished first overall.

On Saturday evening skippers, crews and guests gathered at the clubhouse for a cookout on the beach. The fireworks display at the Navy submarine base provided the evening entertainment after dark.

Sunday was another perfect weather day. The breeze was again light from the west at the start, then increased a bit and shifted to the SW as the fleet broad reached to the SE and the first mark at the nun at Vixens Ledge. The beat to the weather mark at Sarah Ledge was a bit frustrating as the breeze died, the tide turned and increased, and many sloops made multiple attempts at rounding the mark. The run back to the finish line was the best leg as the breeze picked up again as the afternoon went on. The distance of Sunday's course was about 8 miles.

At the afternoon awards ceremony at the Thames Yacht Club, Jack Vibber presented awards to the following winners:

Class A

- 1st - **Natanya** - Joe Hliwa
- 2nd - **Goodfriend** - Harvey Goodfriend
- 3rd - **Gaivota** - Bill Whitney
- 4th - **Capt. George** - Walter Durant

Class B

- 1st - **Banshee** - John Wojcik
- 2nd - **Finest Kind** - Mike Looram
- 3rd - **Solomon Gundy** - Bill Butcher
- 4th - **Fiddlehead** - Harry Jackson

Award for flying the largest flag while racing: **Goodfriend**

Man out of the harbor past some of the 71 islands in Muscongus Bay, and then across Morse's Bay in a freshening breeze. After leading the way through the narrow passage between Allen and Benner Islands, she headed back to her mooring in Friendship Harbor. A glorious sail to end a perfect week!