



FRIENDSHIPS

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Commodore's Message

The **Banshee** is finally in the water and ready for what's shaping up to be one of the best seasons yet of Sloop Society activities. The plans are pretty much final with just the finishing touches to be applied.

Jack Vibber will be kicking off the season with the annual southern New England sloop event at New London. This has become a popular event and provides an opportunity for those who can't make the trip to Maine or Massachusetts to participate in a Society sponsored event. Jack guarantees that everyone will have a good time.

Bill and Caroline Zuber and others from Friendship are working to host the "fleet" at Friendship to commemorate the event where it all started 30 years ago. It should be a great time with a lobster bake planned after the race on Sunday.

Boothbay will again be the site of the annual regatta. Bruce Morang has been collaborating with Bob Brooks during this past Spring to offer some different courses and formats that should be interesting. We are also hoping to add another division to the regatta this year: model Friendship sloop racing. Actually they're models of Muscongus Bay lobster smacks, and they are actively being sailed by the Central Park Model Yacht Club of New York City. They've been invited to the regatta and we're hoping to have at least an afternoon of racing after our fleet returns from the course. I'm hoping to have my model completed for the regatta. If you have one of the models, bring it along. Should be some fun.

Dave Graham and the Corinthian Yacht Club of Marblehead will again host the Friendships for the annual Massachusetts Bay regatta. The hospitality of the Corinthian and the two days of racing can't be beat. Carole and I are planning to sail the **Banshee** up from Buzzard's Bay to attend our first Corinthian since 1982.

On the Labor Day weekend the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce will again be hosting their Schooner Festival and will be sending out invitations to our members.

That's how the summer shapes up - lots of goings on and plenty of opportunity to participate.

I look forward to seeing you at an event.

Plans Set for 30th Annual Regatta

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

Some of us are more long of tooth than others, but to all of us there is great anticipation for this 30th anniversary summer of 1990.

On Saturday - Sunday, July 21-22, we're going home to Friendship to spend a Saturday evening gamming, a Sunday morning of rededication and remembrance at our Flagpole, a 12-noon race out among the islands on Sunday Afternoon, and a lobster bake on Friendship Long Island on Sunday evening. Six handsome trophies await the winners in two divisions in the out-island race.

Then it's on to Boothbay on Monday, and the start of our 30th annual three-day race regatta on Tuesday. We're shifting starting lines and finish lines this year, and we think you'll see parts of your chart you haven't seen before. We'll try staggered, handicapped (modified Handicap Alley), and free-for-all starts this year. And George ("Thank you, George!") Pew has guaranteed fair skies and modest southerlies to get you out and in ontime. We'll have fresh charts and all the other commiserations when you arrive at dockside on July 23 at the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club.

Plan on lots of cookouts at the club grill. Your option, of course, but remember that this year we have voted NOT to have a formal sit down meal on Thursday evening. And please remember the town-imposed BHYC rule: Don't bring liquor ashore to the club grounds.

Now, I've been doing most of the above since 1964. Some of you pre-date that easily... others not so long. But as Capt. Don Huston used to say about the waitresses at Moody's Diner: "Some's better than others. But it's all good."

You could (and should) say the same thing about three decades worth of Friendshipping. Indeed, some have been better than others, but it's all been good... and it looks like it just might last another 30 years.

Remember, bring your Friendship and your friendship to our 30th annual. Looking forward to seeing you hurrying down the sunpath on Saturday, July 21. Cannoneer Elbert Pratt will let you know when you're home!

Friendship Sloops Return to Marblehead for 27th Annual Regatta

Submitted by David Graham

August 18th & 19th are the scheduled dates for the 27th annual Marblehead gathering of Friendship Sloops under the sponsorship of the Corinthian Yacht Club.

It is anticipated that the sloops will be split into two divisions, both starting at the same time, but with the smaller sloops in Division I on a smaller parallel course inside that of the larger sloops in Division II. When the two-division concept was initiated a few years ago, some very interesting racing was instantly realized.

The numerous government buoys that abound at Marblehead and the neighboring Salem Bay, make the two-division concept a fairly easy one to manage. Moreover, it is frequently possible to select a course, given favorable wind and sea conditions, that allow both divisions to finish together. Recently, in fact, Division I and II finishing cannon were fired within a few seconds of each other. While admittedly this may seem rather innocuous to the casual observer, there have been many occasions when "competing" skippers of side-by-side Division I & II sloops were seen straining at the bit while approaching the finish line. Ah, the thrill of victory.

While it is hoped that the favorable conditions that turned up last year will prevail in 1990, we hope to avoid the dreadful weather forecast that made it look as though we would never be able to run the races in 1989.

1990 will be a milestone for a grand lady. Following the Saturday race, **Eagle** (#53) will be honored in recognition of her seventy-five years with a celebration at the Corinthian side float. As in the past (**Tannis** in 1987), it is becoming a tradition to honor sloops that reach lofty ages. The high-point of this activity may come when a centennial has arrived.

Wherein possible all the Marblehead sloop races are started and finished in the vicinity of the lighthouse in an effort to promote the Maine sloop races of the following year by affording interested spectators and camera buffs a grand stand view of a portion of the racing activity.

1990 Schedule of Events

- July 7-8** Thames River Regatta
New London, Connecticut - Contact:

Holt (Jack) Vibber
5 Soljer Drive
Waterford, CT. 06385
(203)-442-7376
- July 21** Sail to Friendship - Rendezvous &
Clambake: Afternoon & Evening
- July 22** Morning Memorial Service
30th Anniversary Race - noon/afternoon
- July 23** Sail/Race to Boothbay
- July 24-26** Annual Regatta, Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, an event which will include three days of trophy racing - Contact:

Bruce Morang
60 Park Street, East
North Reading, MA 01864
(508)-664-4967
- August 18-19** Annual Regatta
Corinthian Yacht Club
Marblehead, Mass.
Your host is:

David Graham
7 Batchelder Road
Marblehead, MA 01945
(617)-631-6680
- September 1** Gloucester Schooner Festival
Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce
33 Commercial Street
Gloucester, MA 01930
(508)-283-1601
- November 17** Annual Meeting -
The New England Center
University of New Hampshire
Durham, NH -
More details to follow in the next edition of the newsletter.

Executive Board Meeting - March 24th

The following are notes from the minutes of the Executive Board meeting submitted by Mary Cronin the Society Secretary.

The Executive Committee of the Friendship Sloop Society met at the Portsmouth Sheraton, Portsmouth, NH. The meeting was called to order by Commodore John Wojcik. Twenty people were in attendance.

John W. thanked Bill Rand for making the arrangements for the meeting and read a thank you note from Cy Hamlin for flowers sent by the Society on the death of his wife, Jean.

Changes were requested on the Secretary's notes of the prior meeting: From Bruce Morang: only one participation plaque would be given out at the Friendship-Boothbay Regatta, not a separate one for going to Friendship. From Elbert Pratt: Ten Friendship seniors would be graduating this year and he expected three would apply for scholarships, not nine as indicated in the prior minutes. The Secretary's notes were accepted with changes.

The Treasurer's report and Scholarship Financial report were accepted as read.

Al Zink reported on the Membership Committee: Everything is in good shape but he will be getting out a new updated list of "Sloops for Sale". He discussed his interest in obtaining Peterson designs (as well as any other Friendship Sloop plans/designs) and storing them at the Bath Marine Museum. Nathan Lipfert of the Museum will assist in this endeavor and if successful, will make them available to the Sloop Society, but not to the general public. Bill Rand and Al Zink discussed what the Museum already has / what it might like to obtain / and the type of storage that will be available.

Roger Duncan discussed the status of the Yearbook. April 15th is the deadline for materials and pictures. Distribution of the yearbooks was discussed: Roger will have 400 copies sent to Mary Cronin, 200 to the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club and the "usual amount" to the Damariscotta information booth, to Jack Vibber for the Connecticut race, to Dave Graham for the Marblehead Regatta, and the tourist boxes on the highway. Bruce Morang will drop off copies for the Chamber of Commerce. June 15th will be the tentative arrival date for Yearbooks.

John Wojcik discussed the cost of the Newsletter and the fact that the postage will be going up. We have enough mastheads for two more mailings; then we will look into the possibility of printing new ones on a lighter stock. This would allow us to combine mailings with the Secretary without exceeding the present 25 cent postage and save on our postage. It presently cost approximately \$250/edition of the newsletter for printing and postage. Bruce Morang reported on the Boothbay Regatta: 3 days of racing. Discussed the insurance policy which will cover the entire season of Friendship Sloop sanctioned events. Regarding the Gloucester Schooner Race's invitation for Friendships to race, Dick Salter wrote a letter to the Chamber of Commerce regarding changes he would like to see and covered most of the problems which the sloops have experienced at their race. The Chamber of Commerce has sent a questionnaire to many of the skippers to solicit their opinion on the event. John Wojcik discussed when to hold the Parade of Sloops at Boothbay. Since many skippers wish to get an early start for their return trip, it was decided to hold the Parade of Sloops at 9:30 on Wednesday. Elimination of the Thursday dinner at Boothbay was discussed, along with the use of the barbecue pit behind the Yacht Club. Awards will be moved to the picnic table area.

The plans for the Friendship rendezvous were discussed. It was not decided whether to have a Parade of Sloops. The anchoring of sloops will be on the west side of Long Island off of Armstrong's wharf. Caroline Zuber will be chairperson of arrangements and suggested that proceeds of the lobster feed should go to the Scholarship Fund.

Bill Rand discussed his meeting with Jean Webber, Director of the Maine Maritime Museum. The museum will no longer be serving meals in the lobby area of the new building, therefore, our next annual meeting will not be at the Museum. Jean is happy with the association that exists between the Sloop Society and the Museum. The museum is looking to remodel/renovate the mold loft where they could have restaurant facilities. This might be an option for the future. Bill discussed what might be expected of the Society, and what the Society might expect from the Museum: storage and use of Nick Roth's 22' wooden sloop plans; framed picture of **Heritage** in recognition of Bill Hadlock; the Museum's desire to have the sloops visit the Museum; the Apprentice shop possibly holding a seminar on the building of Friendships; the temporary halt to the restoration of **locaste**. Bruce Morang

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Itinerary - Cruise from the West

- July 12 - Banshee sails from Mattapoissett to Red Brook Harbor/Cataumet
- July 13 - Depart Red Brook Harbor bound for Scituate
- July 14 - Leave Scituate for Manchester/Gloucester
- July 15 - Leave Manchester/Gloucester for Kittery/Portsmouth
- July 16 - Depart Kittery/Portsmouth for Biddeford Pool/Richmond Island
- July 17 - Sail to Cundy's Harbor/The Basin
- July 18 - Leave Cundy's Harbor for Boothbay
- July 19-20 - Sail in Muscongus Bay/Boothbay Area
- July 21 - Sail to Friendship Harbor

The above schedule provides for two possible lay days for foul weather and fog.

If interested, Call John Wojcik: 617-659-2820

Help Needed

Mary Cronin received the following letter from one of our members. If anyone can help Ted, please give him a call.

I just received the winter edition of "Friendships" - it certainly makes for warm reading on a cold March day! I couldn't find the editor's name/address listed, and figured if you weren't the editor, you'd direct my note appropriately. I'd like to place the following classified ad:

"HELP! With varying degrees of proximity to the water, I've spent 40 of my 52 years admiring, and I think, wanting, a Friendship sloop. Growing up, one was moored in the Barrington River, and her lines mesmerized me as I sailed my Beetle Cat out into Narragansett Bay. Two of my three post-college years in the U.S. Coast Guard found me aboard a 32' weather cutter - but you don't sail them. Having spent vacations in our cottage on a Maine lake, I didn't mind living in New Jersey and being so far from the water. Two years ago we bought property on Mt. Desert and have been busy taking care of our shelter requirements while wistfully gazing at Friendship sloops about the island and in Somes Sound.

Next year we hope to buy a sailboat and need help in making the decision on what to buy. I'm in the process of restoring several wooden 20+' 1920's lake guide boats. With that in mind, we're looking for something in fiberglass in the 25/31' range. It's exquisite to sit in the cockpit of a Friendship, but we've never sailed one. Is there enough room for comfortable weekend cruising? Is that beautiful rig worth the effort? What are some of the subtle advantages of a Friendship? What are the drawbacks?

To help me answer these questions -- Is there someone out there who might consider or need a crew for several hours or days sometime this spring, summer or fall? I travel extensively from Maine to South Carolina, and have a fair amount of latitude in my scheduling. I've sailed aboard a 38' Ericson from South Carolina to New York City and back to the Chesapeake, am a fair mechanic and come complete with foul weather gear and a VHF hand-held radio. If anyone is willing to share the joys of Friendship ownership, please contact me at 201-966-1080 (207-244-3227 June - August). Ted Bromage"

Mary, Thank you for your help.

Windezvous

at

New London, CT

Submitted by Jack Vibber

The fourth annual Friendship Sloop Society regatta will be held July 7-8, 1990 in conjunction with the New London Sail Festival on the Thames River and Fisher's Island Sound. The festival offers much free entertainment with a gigantic display of fireworks.

There will be free dockage at the New London city pier if space is available. If none is available, there is a protected area near the pier or yacht club for the sloops to anchor (your hook). The Thames Yacht Club will let us use their facilities for the skipper's meeting and after the race activities. The yacht club will also supply launch and lunch services to the "Friendshippers".

For more information and entry blanks contact :

Jack Holt Vibber

5 Soljer Drive

Waterford, CT 06385

(203) 442-7376

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

The Editor

If you have any comments, suggestions, or material for the newsletter, please send it to:

John Wojcik

347 Lincoln Street

Norwell, Ma 02061

Items for Sale

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

Compass, Aquameter Gemini model; bulkhead mount, top reading in good condition	Asking \$35.00
Anchor, Luke collapsable (new) Danforth style, easily stowed, great 2nd anchor	Asking \$35.00
Boom cockpit tent made from green plastic with woven mesh reinforcement. Would fit Pemaquid or smaller Friendship	\$10.00
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
1 Ea. 9" Long sounding lead w/long 3/8" dacron line w/interval markings	\$15.00
Black inflatable anchoring ball	\$ 8.00
14' 1" Dia. 3 strand nylon	\$14.00

Dave and Loretta Westphal, owners of **Toddy**, have the following sails for sale:

Gaffed Main - Excellent Condition	
Boom - 28'6"	Head - 18'9"
Hoist - 18'6"	Leach - 36'4"
Main Top Sail - Never Used	
Hoist - 22'9"	Leach 11'1"
Gaff Side - 19'6"	
Jib - New	
Foot - 9'3"	Luff - 21'0"
Leach 19'0"	

No reasonable offer refused.

We will be able to deliver these sails this summer. Call: (305)-451-3684

Roger Duncan received the following letter dated April 11, 1990:

Central Park Model Yacht Club New York City

Hi Roger,

The yearbook of the Friendship Sloop Society certainly could not be complete without mention of the existence and activities of a formidable fleet of Muscongus Bay Lobster Smacks sailing out of Central Park, New York City. Enclosed you'll find a regatta report of the the Central Park MYC Friendship Regatta of 1989 which will give some idea of the day's doings. This event will be held again as follows:

Place - Conservatory Pond, Central Park, NYC
Right off 5th Avenue, Entrances at 72nd and 76th Streets

Time and Date - 10:00 AM, Saturday October 13, 1990

You and your mates are hereby invited to participate. We will have some yachts (replicas) available for use by your members, or your group may wish to crew with our skippers. Whatever your people would enjoy doing would be fine with us. Just let us know in advance so that we can plan for your visit.

Thanks for the invitation to participate in your Annual Regatta at Boothbay with our model yachts and your invitation for our skippers to crew on your Friendship Sloops. We couldn't attend in 1989 because of short notice, but we'll be there this year -- expect us if you invite us again.

Fraternally,
Frank Soto
Trustee

Ed. Note: The invitation has been extended and we are awaiting a reply. If you're interested in participating in New York or having an MYC member crew aboard your sloop, please contact Mary Cronin or John Wojcik.

Maine Maritime Museum O'Brien Exhibition Opens

Edward O'Brien was a shipbuilder and shipowner of Thomaston during the late nineteenth century. A new exhibition, which opened May 25th and will be on display until May, 1991 in the Maritime History Building, will depict his career and highlight the history of the important wooden shipbuilding community of Thomaston. The exhibition has been made possible through the generosity of Edward O'Brien's descendents and the Edson Corporation.

The exhibition will feature several fine marine oils by masters such as William H. Yorke. Two oils of the O'Brien bark "J.B. Walker", painted in Hong Kong during its 1899 passage, will illustrate the profession of the "port painters" who provided sailors with images of their vessels.

Personal memorabilia, including photographs, Edward O'Brien's top hat, a wooden trade sign, half-hull models, and other artifacts from private collections, some never before on view to the public, complete the exhibit.

30th Annual Regatta Scrapbook Articles

In the last edition we featured two articles from Carlton Simmons' scrapbooks about the preparation for the first regatta in 1961. Here's a couple of articles about the events of that day:

First Friendship Sloop Day Successful As Good Weather Brings Many People

From the Rockland, Maine "Courier Gazette" of July 25, 1961:

Friendship - By almost any manner of measurement the first Friendship Sloop Day Saturday, was a success. That was the consensus of opinion of townspeople who carried out the affair and those who participated in it.

Sunday was a quiet day as those who labored hard and long Saturday rested and thought about next year. There was the usual good church attendance and many of those who stayed over for the big event headed for home.

The race itself was the largest single event and it seemed fitting that the man who promoted the idea of a day to honor the Friendship sloop won the division of the race consisting of Wilbur Morse-built sloops. Bernard MacKenzie of Scituate, Mass., in the **Voyager** won the Governor's Cup.

First boat across the line was the **Eastward** owned by Roger Duncan of Concord, Mass., and Newagen. This boat won the post-Morse, or Replica Class, and the Lash Brothers Trophy. She covered the 17-mile course in four hours, 31 minutes and ten seconds.

The other two award winners in the Morse Class were J.R. Wiggins of Washington, D.C. and Brooklin in the **Amity**, second; and William Haskell of Marblehead, Mass., in the **Golden Eagle**, third.

A Friendship-built sloop, but not a Morse, the **Mary Anne**, owned by John Dallett of New York City and Cushing finished second in the Replica Class and the newest boat in the race, a sloop built only last fall, the **Ellie T**, owned by Roger Thorpe of Bath finished third.

Gov. John H. Reed made the presentations at a banquet capping the day Saturday. The Governor was made the first honorary member of the Friendship Sloop Society by Rep. Ralph Winchenpaw of Friendship.

The race itself got off to a slow start because of very light winds. It took almost two hours for all 14 boats to clear the harbor. With the tide change the wind changed and brought a little more breeze. As the afternoon wore on the breeze picked up and the Friendship sloops came boiling into the home stretch with sails wing and wing.

A cheer rang out from the large crowd along the shore and bells and whistles filled the air from the scores of boats in the harbor. Trying to estimate how many people witnessed the finish or visited the town during the day is an impossible task, the committee said. However it appears to be safe to say that

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Friendship Sloop Races

From the Waldoboro Newspaper of July 27, 1961:

More than 5000 persons, including many summer visitors, crowded the wharves and shores of Friendship Harbor Saturday to witness revival of sloop racing. Countless others were on hand taking in the various activities on the program and observing the beauty of the town.

A light northwest wind blew up as the race started shortly after 10 a.m., but soon gave way to calm. As the tide changed a southwest breeze accompanied the fleet to the finish line where Roger Duncan of Concord, Mass. and Newagen, went over first with **Eastward**, a 32-footer. This occurred about four and one-half hours after the start of the race. **Eastward** was built by James Chadwick at Pemaquid in 1956.

Jonathan Lambert skippered the second boat to finish, **Mary Anne**, owned by John Dallett, New York and Cushing. It arrived nine minutes after **Eastward**. Next in line was **Ellie T.**, owned and operated by Roger Thorpe, Bath.

There were 14 entrants.

Many outboards, inboard, cruisers and sailing craft took advantage of the water to follow the race.

When corrected time was announced in the Old Timers' Division, **Voyager**, owned by Bernard MacKenzie, Scituate, Mass., finished first in that division which included boats built before 1915. The other division was termed replicas, boats built after 1915.

Awarded Governors Trophy

MacKenzie was presented by Gov. John H. Reed a special governor's trophy. The boat owner thought up the homecoming day.

Second place in the Old Timers' Division went to **Amity**, owned by J.R. Wiggins, Washington, D.C.; third, **Golden Eagle**, owned by William Haskell, Marblehead, Mass.

A reversed course was needed when five buoys, which the larger sloops were scheduled to pick up at varying distances offshore, disappeared in deep water.

Due to heavy traffic offshore many lobster buoys disappeared, as well, when cut by propeller blades of various craft, operators of which were bent on keeping up with the progress of the race.

Order of Finish

The order of finish and elapsed times for the 17-mile course follow:

Eastward, Roger Duncan, Concord, Mass and Newagen - 4:31.10

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First Friendship Sloop Day Successful

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that at least five times the town's population of 700 turned out.

While the sloops were racing, spectators on land toured the several boat shops in the village, picnicked on the shore, visited the wharves and lobster plants and investigated the beautiful area. A large number of boats followed all or part of the race. An informal rowing race was held for youngsters with Richard Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Simmons of Friendship the victor. Betsey Stowell of Friendship won the catboat race and Philip Pratt of Friendship took the outboard race.

Awards were presented at a banquet at which author and publisher John Gould of Lisbon Falls was master of ceremonies. Commodore Leon E. Nickerson of the Edgewood Yacht Club of Cranston R.I., assisted Gov. Reed. Commodore Nickerson was the chief race official, set the courses and handled handicaps.

Recognized were the many people who had a part in creating and operating the first Friendship Sloop Day. A standing ovation was given Herald Jones who did a great deal of the work.

One of the highlights of the evening was Wilbert Snow of Spruce Head, poet laureate of the Friendship sloop, who read a poem he composed about a Fourth of July celebration and sloop race near the turn of the century.

The affair actually started Friday night with a parade of lighted boats. People started arriving early Saturday. So early, in fact, the police found many cars already in town when they arrived to handle traffic. Nine State Troopers, the Knox County Sheriff's Patrol and local people handled a difficult traffic situation. Because the town is located on a peninsula, it was difficult to establish patterns which didn't cause jams. Martin's Point, the scene of the actual start of the race, became clogged about race time and police shut off the flow of cars until it cleared.

Will there be another Friendship Sloop Day next year?

Jones said Monday that he hopes so. As a matter of fact, his modest response to the ovation given him at the Saturday night banquet was to ask for suggestions on how to improve the event.

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Mary Anne, Capt John Dollett, New York and Cushing - 4:38.50

Ellie T., Roger Thorpe, Bath - 4:47.10

Voyager, Bernard MacKenzie, Scituate, Mass. - 4:58.20

Amity, J.R. Wiggins, Washington, D.C. and Brooklin - 5:02

Jolly Buccaneer, Richard Swanson, Rockport, Mass. - 5:02.06

Blackjack - 5:02.40

Vida Mia, Ted Brown, Kittery - 5:05.55

Golden Eagle, William Haskell, Marblehead, Mass. - 5:07.12

Tannis II, Douglas Randall, Quincy, Mass. - 5:09.55

LAigle D'Or, John Adams, Marblehead, Mass. - 5:20.45

Sadie M, Jarrison Prindle, Castine - 5:22.08

Wilbur Morse, C. Wilfred Brann, Augusta and Friendship - 5:24.40

Wanderer - 5:33.

Friday's "Welcome Lights" ceremony was another splendid feature on the program.

"One more in a chain of events peculiar to our state," said Governor Reed at Saturday's presentation of awards continuing: "that will continue from year to year.

"It is a wonderful recognition of the skill of Maine craftsmen to rise to an occasion in Friendship to production of the Friendship sloop as an economical working boat for fishermen by Wilbur Morse showing them how to beat a depression" he added.

Turning Back

Joseph Richards of Key Biscayne, Fla, termed "The love of the Friendship sloop a curious manifestation of turning back - in this day of slide rule and electronic brain - to a simple machine that can contend with the imponderable, nature can provide."

Wilbur Snow, former Connecticut governor, who is a Spruce Head summer visitor, read during the presentation of awards one of his poems, telling of a July 4 Friendship sloop race. He read by picking up one of the head table candles in the hall which was dimly lighted.

Rep. Ralph Winchenpaw presented Gov. Reed a certificate making him an honorary member of the Friendship Sloop Society. It was drawn up by Mrs. Ella Armstrong Wales.

Lisbon Falls editor John Gould was master of ceremonies and Commodore Charles Nickerson of the Edgewood Yacht Club at Cranston, R.I. described the handicapping and announced the trophy winners.

Miss Eda Lawry, granddaughter of famed builder Morse, was at the head table as were Herald A. Jones, Carlton Simmons and Frank Foster of the town's sloop day committee.

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

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suggested that the June newsletter of the Museum include the schedule of events of the Sloop Society. It was also suggested that possibly some of the Society's members could volunteer their services to the Museum. Bill Rand's conclusion from his meeting with Jean Webber was that everything is very well between the Museum and the Society and both will benefit in the future from this affiliation.

A discussion of the annual meeting was next on the agenda. The use of a guest speaker was not deemed necessary (give us your comments), but having everything under one roof was deemed absolutely necessary. A discussion of workshops such as the Catboat Association runs (well attended and interesting) and the possibility of holding these prior to the meeting (give us your ideas on what the possible workshops could be). The location of the meeting was discussed with the Portsmouth Sheraton and the New England Center in Durham, NH as preferences. The use of tables for members' pictures, scrapbooks and plans was discussed; the ability to show their videos, slides and movies also was contemplated. More discussion/social time to be allowed, more time allotted to comraderie between members. 3:30 was suggested as a good starting time for the annual meeting. The New England Center would offer lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning. The date of the meeting will be November 17th, the weekend before Thanksgiving. The New England Center was chosen as the site of the meeting. They will hold 25 rooms for the Society, and the consensus was that \$60 would be the maximum amount payable on rooms. Jack Cronin suggested raffling/auctioning off prior editions of the Yearbook as has been done at previous meetings to benefit the Scholarship Fund. The New England Center has reservation forms that they will supply us to send out, and they have limo service from the airport.

Doug Amsbary has volunteered to be the "Publicity Chairman" along with Irene Stein. They will mail to a number of publications, information to the public regarding our schedule events as well as general information about the Society.

Dick Salter presented the Commodore a new gavel for the Society.

Secretary's Notes

Mary provided the following bits of information from the mail she has received over the last few months:

Dr. Kenneth Haviland who resided in Baltimore, MD and summered in Friendship for many years, and a member of the Sloop Society for over 10 years, passed away recently.

Doug Amsbary, former owner of **Josie**, has recently purchased a 31' Dictator - **Departure**, which has been in storage for 3 years. He plans to keep the name the same and change the hail to Franconia, NH.

Roy Jenkins, builder and former owner of **Fiddler's Green**, sent along a note that there are discounts offered to Sloop Society members at his bed & breakfast at Main & Pleasant Streets in Wiscasset - the Sheepscot.

The Rockport Apprenticeshop will be crewing/racing Frank Snyder's sloop **Rita** which was launched at the Apprenticeshop last year. The sloop is expected to be in Boothbay and possibly Friendship.

Remember?

1961 - One race - a great success - the birth of a new Society - **Wanderer** came in as tag boat with "For Sale" on the shrouds.

1962 - **Jolly Buc** sprang a leak and the Coast Guard escorted her in to the dock - **Depression** was last this year

1963 - **Jolly Buc**'s cat Spooky jumped ship and went home with **Eastward** - Massachusetts Bay races were started - This was the year of the race through the islands. The lead boats were becalmed in Morses Bay so the trailing sloops caught them - then the wind came - carried all 17 sloops into the harbor at once - among moored boats - **WOW** - near misses - headaches - held breaths. NO Mishaps.

1964 - Class C started - 4 sloops cruised to the World's Fair - **Dirigo** rechristened at the World's Fair - **Depression** trailed 18 sloops this year

1965 - 26 Sloops had three good races - **Rights of Man**, **Echo**, **Old Baldy**, **Sarah Mead**, **Amicitia**, **Voyager II** & **Patience** all launched this year.

1966 - Thursday race cancelled - Bracy's took honeymoon on **Windward** - Jane sailed in the regatta as skipper (hubby off to sea) - **Depression** raced against 24 sloops coming in last.

1967 - Thursday - good race; Friday - fog, fog, fog; Saturday - fog, fog, fog - Race Committee looked for sloops until late at night - Every crew - mildewed - No race Saturday so **Depression** didn't get a chance to come in last.

1968 - Thursday race cancelled- no wind - Beatrice Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund started - Race held up while assisting committee boat control a dragging anchor - Reports of a few sloops that ticked ledges - **Depression** was last this year.

1969 - Thursday race cancelled - fog - **Depression** came in next to last - had competition.

1970 - ???????? who will be last

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