



# FRIENDSHIPS

## Newsletter of the Friendship Sloop Society

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### Commodore's Message

While the Sloop Society hasn't lined up any events of international note such as the Sail Boston '92 Tall Ships affair for this year, I think our schedule of events have their own charm. Like the Sloops themselves, they remain essentially the same year to year (no point messing with something that works pretty well), while minor modifications and improvements are made over time to add something a little different, a little better, or, possibly, to make things run a bit smoother.

Jack Vibber has called to say that the events in New London on July 10th and 11th on the Thames River are going to be delightful and he's hoping that a few sloops that haven't taken the opportunity to come to Connecticut will find their way there this year.

The Maine Maritime Museum is going all out to make the Friendship Sloop weekend in Bath (July 24-25) something of note. This year, the theme is "Sundae" at the Museum. The Museum and its staff are going to be all decked out in Victorian finest to give a flavor of the people and their times surrounding the Friendship Sloop. The Sloops are to be the centerpiece of their activities. Lawn games, ice cream sundaes, long gown, straw hats, and a dramatic (if the wind blows) parade of sail are all planned.

In Boothbay (July 26-29), we're going to welcome our new race committee and its new chairman, Bob Rex. They have a great program lined up for us. **Tannis** is wearing a new mainsail this year and I understand that she is much faster. While I was sworn to secrecy on this, a secret is no good if it can't be shared amongst friends... I, for one, am happy not to be racing directly against the Cronins this year.

We're holding our Wednesday night get-together at the Newagen Inn this year. Beth and Rich Langton have done a great job at coming up with a vacation package at the Newagen for those of us that want to join in the activities of the Society but by reason of commission or omission, find ourselves without vessels this year. You'll find all the details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Our visit to Friendship, Maine for Friendship Day on July 31st is always special and really shouldn't be missed.

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### 1993 Boothbay Regatta

*By Bob Rex, Race Committee Chairman*

Once again, your Officers, Race Committee, and the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club invite all Friendship Sloop owners, skippers, crew and assorted groupies to join us at Boothbay for the 33rd Annual Regatta on July 27th - 29th.

The Race Committee will do its very best to provide fair, competitive and enjoyable racing. Given the right conditions of wind and current, we will try one staggered start race. Race Committee Chairman emeritus Bruce Morang will be aboard to keep a weather eye on the relatively new kids on the committee boat.

In keeping with the policy established by Bruce of providing replacements for battered trophies, there will be a grand new State of Maine and Commodore's trophies. Why not be the first to win one or both of them? A reminder to last year's winners of Permanent trophies: please return them.

We have purchased fifty new Protest Forms which arrived in a neatly wrapped packet. We hope it stays neatly wrapped! There have been some new rule changes to the latest edition of the International Yacht Racing Rules for 1993 - 1996. We can discuss them at Boothbay.

**SKIPPER'S MEETING AT 8:00 A.M. BE THERE!**

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### Something New for the Boothbay Regatta

*Written by Vice Commodores Rich & Beth Langton*

Several changes are in store for the Boothbay Regatta this year. The Friendship Dinner that we have held at the Lions Club for the last two years, on the Wednesday evening, is moving to the Newagen Inn. The Inn is located on Cape Newagen at the end of Southport Island. It is a little longer walk than the Lions Club, but we plan to have the shuttle bus available to get us there in time for dinner! The dinner is being catered by the Inn and the menu includes a creamy seafood chowder, two main entrees (fish and chicken), a medley of vegetables in season, oven roast potato, strawberry

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### Saturday - July 24th - Sail up the Kennebec to the Maine Maritime Museum

**11 AM** - Meet at Fort Popham. Flood tide begins at 11:45. The Museum has promised a moderate SW breeze, gentle temperatures, no precipitation and no green heads

**5-5:30 PM** - The Bath Iron Works is launching the Aegis Destroyer **Paul Hamilton**. I'm told the place to watch this event is from the river if you don't mind missing all the speechifying on shore.

**6:15 PM** - We're all invited to the BIW reception at the MMM honoring the launching of the **Paul Hamilton**. The Navy folks will be wearing their dress blues (or whites). Bring yours if you have them, otherwise a recent shower and shave would be appreciated. - Speaking of showers, one will be available to us. This is certainly welcome news. The Commodore will be piloting the garvey again this year to get you to and from the shore. He says that he'll have **both** green and white touch-up paint on board.

### Sunday - July 25th - "Sundae" at the Museum

- The Museum is putting on a Victorian weekend with straw hats and bowlers, lawn-games, ice cream sundaes and "sauntering". I'm told that "sauntering" is walking around showing off your Sunday finest. The main attraction of this event is that centerpiece of the gay '90's; the Friendship Sloop.

**12:30 PM** or so - Parade of Sail / Low slack. We'll "saunter" up-river to the bridge, turn around, and sail past the BIW back to the Museum. This will provide the folks on shore the perfect opportunity to witness a Victorian sailboat in action...or maybe witness a Victorian sailboat just sitting out in the middle of the river with no wind as was the case last year.

**2-5 PM** - Ice cream sundaes as well as lemonade and other such stuff will be available for sale on the lawn of the Museum. We need volunteers to bring their lovely sloops to the floating dock where the Hardy II is tied up and show off your Victorian boat to the folks on shore for a while.

**5:30 PM** - A tub-beer reception (cash bar) will be held in the Museum for the Friendship Sloopers. A guided tour of the Museum's current exhibit of maritime paintings by Charles Paterson will be conducted.

**7 PM** - Dinner - The barbeque chicken folks have priced themselves out of the market this year. Instead, the Commodores are going to feed you themselves. The menu is Cajun Seafood Gumbo, cornbread, salad and cookies. At \$10 a head with the proceeds (minus costs) going to the Pendleton Scholarship Fund; you'll be getting both a better meal and a better feeling about where your money is going. If you haven't had Gumbo yet, you definitely don't want to die wondering.

### Monday - July 26th - Sail to Boothbay

**8 AM** - Ebb starts in Bath. Sail back down the Kennebec.

**1 PM** - Arrive in Boothbay. Get your mooring (\$18/day this

year). Let Jim Wilson know in advance if you would like to raft up with someone else since the harbor won't accommodate all of us on single moorings. If you're going to stay aboard overnight as well, let Jim know that too so he can get you as close to the dock as possible. Once the mooring pennant is well lashed to the sampson post, mix your mid-afternoon Martini's and start working on those lies you told last year.

**4 PM** - Model Sloop Races. John Wojcik (past-commodore) will demonstrate that the folks from New York have very fast model sloops.

**5 PM** - The Infamous Club Grill will be open for business. The Yacht Club Bar is closed on Monday.

**7 PM** - The Duffers Guide to Racing is back by popular demand. Bob Rex, Race Committee Chairman, will explain how not to kill both ourselves and our friends on the race course.

### Tuesday - July 27th - Race Day 1

**8 AM** - Skippers Meeting - The good news is coffee and donuts...the bad news is that the Commodore will drone on again this year. Different Commodore with the same announcements. In this Clinton era of austerity, we're going to ask for a dollar per person donation to both pay for the coffee and donuts and reduce the national debt.

**11 AM** or so - The Race Committee will put on the first of three races. Bob Rex and the committee have come up with a great program for us this year. After bitterly complaining about always racing around Mark G, I'm told that Division I won't even see Squirrel Island this year...with my luck, probably on account of fog.

**6 PM** - Cash Bar - Your chance to explain in detail what you were really trying to do out there on the race course.

- Open Night on the Town - No planned activities at the Yacht Club.

### Wednesday - July 28th - Race Day 2 & Newagen Inn

**8 AM** - More announcements from the Commodore. Same Commodore, different announcements. Coffee and donuts.

**9 AM** - Parade of Sail - The Sloops pay homage to those who have gone before us...and with our cannon fire completely startle those still with us.

**11 AM** - Race Day 2 - We may get to do a staggered start. All depends on how depraved the partying was the night before.

**7 PM** - 3rd Annual Friendship / Fellowship Supper - New surroundings, same great time.

**9-9:30 PM** - The trolley returns us to the BHYC.

### Thursday - July 29th - Race Day 3 & Awards

**8 AM** - Final announcements from the Commodore - Fresh donuts, stale announcements.

**5 PM** - The Trolley will pick us up for the trip to the Newagen Inn for drinks and dinner.

**5:30 PM** - Cash Bar at the Newagen - A chance to trade your new racing secrets.

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# 1963 - 1993 Thirty Years of Friendship Sloop Racing at Marblehead

by David Graham, Chairman, Marblehead Race Committee

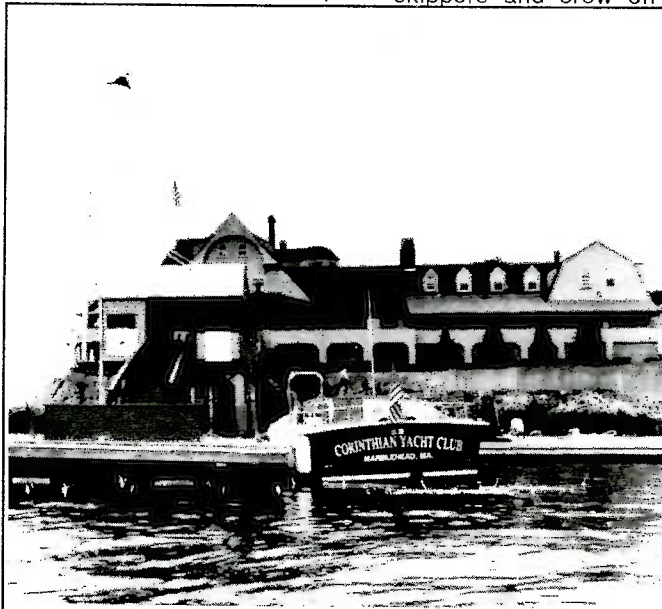
How time flies! To some of our original members, it must seem as though the first Marblehead race for Friendship

Sloops was only a matter of days ago. My involvement, beginning at approximately the seven year mark, seems no longer than a few short days back. But what great fun it has been and to think of all those wonderful memories of sloops, some now gone, and their terrific skippers and crews, some now also gone. Thankfully, many of each remain and now we find that there is a second generation of skippers and crew who are coming into their own, to say nothing of the new sloops that are coming along. Just the other day, for example, the announcement of the

launching of **Desirée** arrived in the mail. This doesn't occur all the time, but it only takes a few such announcements to realize that the Society's future remains bright. Onto the next thirty years.

The best that can be offered for the thirtieth running of Friendship Sloops at Marblehead during August 14 & 15, would be ideal racing conditions. Unfortunately, there is never a guarantee in the weather department, as we all know. However, it is a sure bet that there will be an abundance of hospitality and warmth for all attendees, beginning with the first sloop arrival and lasting right through the time when the last one slips her guest mooring to head for home. The past years have always been special when the sloops come to the Corinthian, so in a sense nothing will change for 1993, with the exception that a thirty year milestone will not go un-noticed. Stay tuned or better yet, why not plan on taking

part in the weekend's activities? There will be a meeting for skippers and crew on Saturday morning and shortly after



**Corinthian Yacht Club** - Host of the 30th Annual  
Massachusetts Bay Friendship Sloop Regatta

10:00 AM the cannon will fire from the committee boat **Pegassus** for the first race of the two-day event. There will be a single start for two divisions, each day. Division I will race on a course somewhat shorter than the course for Division II. The courses could very well be triangles of one form or another, but hardly will they be the same for each day. We'll mix it up. If the race committee has done its job, it is entirely likely that both Division I & II could finish together, always a thrilling sight.

There will be trophies to be collected before heading home. Third runner-up, second and first will be awarded for each division. Top dog will be on the receiving end of the 1993 Ridgway Trophy, so

named in the memory of the late Linc Ridgway who did so much to promote the Friendship races at Marblehead. This trophy consists of two parts. Part one will be a beautifully mounted half-hull that the recipient will take home, while part two will be the addition of a plate bearing the name of the sloop and her skipper on the permanent trophy attached to the wall in the Corinthian Trophy Room, for all to see.

The weekend of August 14th and 15th holds promise of being an enjoyable time. We hope you will be able to be a part of it all.

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**9 AM** - Order your Lobster Dinner at the BHYC if you'd rather not grill again. Priced at the market.

**11 AM** - Race Day 3 - Your final chance to show the stuff you're really made of.

**5 PM** - Cash Bar on the Deck. Consolations as to your bad luck widely available.

**5:15 PM** - Awards Ceremony - where the trophies are awarded to the occasionally deserving.

**6 PM** - Lobster/Grill - Lobsters for those who ordered in the morning. Grill for the procrastinators.

**Friday - July 30th - 10 AM** - Sail to Friendship

**Saturday - July 31st** - Friendship Day

## Sloop Society Pins Available

Lapel pins, in the form of the Society burgee, are available for purchase to benefit the general treasury. These pins are 7/8" long and are a cloisonne finish, and feature a military type clasp. They can be purchased for \$6.00 each. If interested, send a check made payable to the Friendship Sloop Society to:

John Wojcik  
347 Lincoln Street  
Norwell, MA 02061

Schedule written by Jim Wilson



## New London Sail Festival

*Jack Vibber, who chairs the Friendship Sloop Regatta at the New London Sail Festival, has sent along the following:*

The Seventh Annual Friendship Sloop Regatta in Connecticut will be held in connection with the New London Sail Festival on the Thames River and Fishers Island Sound on July 10th and 11th. The Festival is a great affair with sidewalk sales, lots of food, exhibits, and free entertainment. The 177 foot barkentine, **Gazela** of Philadelphia, built in 1883, the oldest wooden tall ship still actively sailing, will be docked at City Pier. Visitors may board the ship free of charge and view preservation exhibits on board the ship. Saturday night, July 10th, is the date of the spectacular Thames River Fireworks Extravaganza.

The schedule of events is as follows:

**Friday** - Moor in the harbor (your hook) near the Thames Yacht Club and the launch will bring you ashore.  
Happy hour at Chuck's Steak House at **6:00 PM** or when you arrive.

**Saturday** - (Race Day 1)

**8:00 AM** Breakfast at the Thames Yacht Club.

**9:00 AM** Skippers meeting at the club.

**10:45 AM** Race starts off the New London city pier.

**6:30 PM** Picnic at the yacht club beach. Grill, hotdogs, hamburgers, soda, chips & salad provided. Bring additional food if you wish.

**Sunday** - (Race Day 2)

**8:00 AM** Breakfast at the yacht club

**9:00 AM** Skippers meeting at the club

**10:45 AM** Race starts off the Thames Yacht Club.

Both races finish off of the yacht club.

Awards will be presented at Thames Yacht Club after the race.

Free mooring as well at City Pier (rafting) near the square rigger **Gazela**, and plenty of different food available and free entertainment.

Please make every effort to attend. You don't have to race to be a part of the activities. Come for the festivities and comradeship for Friendships.

**Come to help us fill up the harbor with "Friendship".**

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### Model Sloop Racing

Model Sloop racing is again scheduled for the rendezvous at Boothbay. The racing will be held on Monday night while everyone is ashore for some libation and cooking at the grill behind the BHYC. Since some of our model racers drive from afar, we want to make sure that we will have enough models participating before they start their journey to Maine. If you will be bringing a model, to race, please contact: John Wojcik 347 Lincoln Street, Norwell, MA 02061 617-659-2820

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### Thanks

A big thanks to all the members who either took an ad, solicited for ads, or paid for a message on the bulletin board page. Your efforts have enabled the Society to publish another high-quality yearbook.

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### Something New at Boothbay

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shortcake for desert and tea and coffee. The price is \$17.00 per adult. A child's menu is a new addition this year and the charge is \$5.00 each. There will be macaroni and cheese and hotdogs available on the buffet for the kids. We haven't set an age limit for determining who's a kid, but the Executive Committee suggested that we charge double the adult price for 13 year olds! A cash bar is available starting at 5:30 PM and dinner will be at 6:30 PM. Please make your reservations early and bring the entire family.

In addition to the dinner being at the Newagen Inn we have also negotiated a favorable room rate for people who want hot showers, cooked meals, a queen size bed, and this within sound of the Cuckolds Lighthouse. Rooms are \$65.00 per couple, per night (two night minimum), and this includes a private bath, one queen size and one twin bed. This represents a 30% discount and includes all taxes as well as a bountiful breakfast buffet of pancakes, danish, cereal fruit, etc. Children, staying in the same room, will be \$5.00 per night up to age 5 and \$10.00 for older children. If you are interested in taking advantage of this arrangement please call the Inn directly to make reservations. The phone number is 1-(800)-654-5242. Be sure to tell them you are with the Friendship Sloop Society. They are holding a block of rooms until July 1st. After that date the discount price will be honored but rooms will be on an availability basis only. So, make your reservations NOW!!!

Newagen Inn sits on an 85 acre estate and has been a landmark on Southport Island for nearly a century. It is 6 miles, ten minutes, from the center of Boothbay Harbor or about 5 miles from the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club. Facilities include 25 private ocean view rooms, a cocktail lounge, gameroom, and a fireplaced living room. It also boasts the largest saltwater swimming pool on the east coast as well as a heated freshwater pool. Also available are two all-weather tennis courts, horesshoes, badminton, croquet, shuffleboard, volleyball, not to mention a mile of rocky shore to explore and rowboats or even charter sailing! It's truly a family resort and we would like to encourage not only the people who are planning to arrive by boat, but also other Sloop Society members to join us in Boothbay for a vacation in July.

## Membership News

*Doug Amsbary, Membership Chairman, provided some membership happenings since the Annual Meeting in November:*

I hope you all noticed the brief write-up about the Society in Peter Spectre's column, "On The Waterfront" in the March/April Issue of "WoodenBoat" magazine. For those who didn't, here it is:

"The Friendship Sloop Society is one of the longest- running associations commemorating a traditional boat type. It's also one of the most active, sponsoring races, an annual meet in Boothbay, Maine (next year's will be the 33rd in a row), a first-class yearbook, and a newsletter. One of the Society's projects is to keep track of Friendship sloops, whether their owners are members of the Society or not. The following Friendships have gone missing from the Society's files, and they seek information about their whereabouts (the number following the name is the vessel's sail number): **Friendship**, 12; **Sea Duck**, 25; **Kidnapped**, 30; **Smuggler**, 33; **Eleazar**, 38; (None), 51; **Gallant Lady**, 65; **West Indian**, 73; **Beagle**, 98; **Amistad**, 110; **Clara**, 121; **Vogel Frei**, 132; **Brandywine**, 140; **Reward**, 163; **Trumpeter**, 176; **Celene**, 179. Have information / seek information about the Society? Please contact Doug Amsbary, RFD BOX 1297, Cooley Hill Road, Franconia, NH 03580; 603-823-8459."

We have recently heard from an interested party named David Mauger from Auckland, New Zealand. He believes he may own a 25' Friendship Sloop built in 1904. We have requested that he send photos and any other pertinent information so that we may confirm his belief!

Talked with Tom Miller the other day and got an update on #97 **Gannet**. He mentioned that he had over 2000 hours to date on her restoration and is about two thirds through a total rebuild and hopes to get her relaunched next Spring.

Number 21 **Wilbur A. Morse** has recently changed hands again. It was previously owned by Jack Jannis of Canoga Park, CA and was sold to Richard Brown of Brown Boat Building and Repair. It appears that he plans to restore her and again offer her for sale. Let's hope that he gets attached to her and become a member!

**West Indian** #73 has been found thanks to our write up in "WoodenBoat". Earlier this winter I heard from Christoff Skoczylas of Kenora, Ontario, Canada. He informs me that she is alive and quite well with bright finished topsides and is back to Bristol condition. He promised to send pictures of her in the near future.

Number 162 **Irene** has been relaunched by her new owner Thomas Morse, Jr. of Wrentham, Mass.

Number 213 **Amie** was sold earlier this Spring to the Center for Wooden Boats in Seattle, Washington. This is the second wooden boat organization to acquire and/or build a Friendship. Let's hope that the trend continues.

Last month we spoke to the new owners of #236 **Aunty Poole**, Ken & Judy Hayes of York, Maine. They mentioned that they will be keeping her in Kittery, ME. Keep a sharp eye out for her when you're in the neighborhood.

Have lately been informed that #92 **Puffin** owned by Suzanne Fleming and #234 **Elizabeth Jane** owned by Bill Owens have been added to our Sloops for Sale Listing. Bill said he is looking for a bigger sloop with more creature comforts aboard. Good luck in his search.

It is rumored that we will see the **Toddy B.** owned by Dave and Loretta Westphal at this year's annual Boothbay Rendezvous/Regatta. She was launched last year and if she has the same spunk as her bigger sister **Toddy**, we would have some exciting racing on our hands.

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*From Hal Hanson, 925 Walnut St., Edmonds, WA 98020:*

The **Ami** ownership has been transferred to the Center for Wooden Boats. Presently the Center is doing some maintenance work.

The shrouds are to be replaced and there is some question about their placement fore & aft, several options are available:

1. as they are
2. the forward shroud in line with the mast
3. one forward and one aft of the mast.

Any suggestions would be welcome. I have a photo of the **Liberty** which shows the stays on each side of the mast. Any thoughts?

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## Measurement Reminder

Dick Salter, the Society measurer, started a program last year to re-measure all sloops over a five year period. If you own a sloop whose sail number is 1-100, you are asked to submit a measurement form to Dick. If you have any questions or don't have a form, call or write Dick at:

151 Bridge Street  
Manchester, MA 01944  
Tel: (508)-526-1004

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## Commodore's Message (Continued from Page 1)

Dave Graham, Race Committee Chairman at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead has the warm welcome, tight racing, and wild weather that have made this event so highly regarded amongst Sloopers scheduled for the weekend of August 14-15.

All of us in the Friendship Sloop Society are anxious to enjoy your company this year. Safe sailing!

## Secretary's Notes

*Caroline's mail bag hasn't been too full lately, but she has sent along the following letters:*

*From Sue Genthner, who with husband Jim own #201 Endeavor:*

My husband Jim & I have enjoyed receiving the Friendship Sloop Society newsletter for several years. Unfortunately we are unable to participate in the rendezvous & races because our business keeps us in Nantucket from May 1 - November 1. Jim was lucky enough to join in some races in 1980-1981.

I've enclosed several items which I've been meaning to send for quite some time. They may be of interest to you & other Society members.

The 2 newspaper articles appeared in Nantucket papers. The "pirate adventures" were the brainchild of a friend who owned a toy store. They have been successful and lots of fun!

I've enclosed a Harborfest brochure. I am chairperson of the event which is sponsored by the Nantucket Chamber of Commerce. We would love to have even a few Friendship Sloops attend & have a race. I'd be happy to arrange the details on this end. Can you help me spread the word? The Harborfest will be held the weekend of June 25th.

I can be reached at the Nantucket Boat Basin at 508-228-5585.

*Mike Hinsley has sent along this letter, dated in February, to update us on the progress of the rebuilding of #97 Gannett.*

About this time last year Tom Miller started the rebuilding of the sloop **Gannett** (27') - built in 1903. Great progress has been made and she now has new ribs, planking, ceiling and come to think of it just about new everything. The iron sail has been overhauled, all 450 pounds of it, and using a temporary gantry, lowered back into the hull. Needless to say this evolution had its moments and Tom has aged 10 years.

The deck is being worked on and it is now starting to look like a boat again. We had hoped to get her afloat this year but this would have meant rushing to get her finished, so reluctantly we have changed the plans to a 1994 launching. This year's sailing will be in my plastic bathtub, a Hunter 23! Visitors are welcome, particularly if they are prepared to help cast 1800 pounds of lead ballast.

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## Burgees Available

Caroline has received a new shipment of burgees from the Hood Sail Loft in Portland. These are made from sail cloth and should last longer than others in the past. They are available in two sizes: 18" sells for \$20, 24" for \$25.

## Mass Bay Friends of Friendships

Another season of pot belly stove meetings started on November 4th when the Mass Bay group met aboard the Gloucester schooner **Adventure**. The meeting notice read: "Our first meeting of the season starts off aboard a large Friendship sloop. She's bigger than **Tannis** or **Westwind**. In fact she's a peculiar type of vessel - has two masts and no bowsprit! The locals refer to her as the fishing schooner **Adventure**. We'll need a good turnout to get her properly re-rigged in true Friendship sloop tradition. ...the ship's stove in the galley will be working and I've heard that the 'Joe' pot may be on..."

We've lost track of the number of years that we've been meeting at various locations in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, but we can't forget the friendships that we've made over those years. We have no president or commodore, but we do have Dick Salter, who serves as scribe, organizer, sends out the notices and passes the hat to keep the postage and "slush" fund in the black.

Last year's meetings were tours of "boatyards" to see, review, comment on, and criticize the progress, or lack of progress as the case could be, of various re-building and building of sloops.

This year, the annual Christmas dinner at Manchester had its usual good turnout of 40+ members and wives.

January's meeting was held on a cold January night at the Gloucester Coast Guard station where members were provided with a guided tour of the station including their patrol craft, communications center, and maintenance building.

The New England boatshow in February has become a tradition of sorts where our members look to see what's new in those modern rigs and equipment.

April's meeting was hosted by Ralph Anderson, owner of Lowell's Boat Shop on the shore of the Parker River in Newbury. The shop known for its building of the Town Class Sloop, is also one of the few shops in the world that makes mast hoops. Ralph, assisted by member Larry Plumer, made a number of hoops that night to demonstrate the process.

May's meeting was a very special celebration for it was held in honor of Ted Brown's 80th birthday. Members met at Teddy's favorite place, Rosa's in Portsmouth, where we were entertained by Ted's favorite band, the Memorial Bridge Jazz Band. We also enjoyed watching Ted open "presents".

This year's series of meetings will end on a grand note: the launching of the Plumer Family sloop **Desirée** which Larry has been working to complete for a number of years. The launching is scheduled for noon on June 19th in Newburyport.

If you're interested in attending the meetings, give Dick Salter a call at 508-526-1004. More importantly, if you have an idea for a future meeting, or wish to have the group critique your building/rebuilding project contact Dick. We're always looking for a new meeting site.



## Executive Board Meeting

The Spring meeting of the Executive Board was held on March 27th at the Maine Maritime Museum. There were 17 members present at the meeting which Jim Wilson called to order at 11:20 AM.

FSS Secretary Caroline Cronin presented the membership status as follows: Boatowners - 95, Associates - 35, Co-Operative - 29, Honorary - 9. Although the membership number is low, Caroline stated that she is in the process of sending out reminders to those members who have not paid their 1993 dues.

Treasurer David Bell presented the financial report which showed a balance of: Checking - \$385.25, Savings - \$1954.32, and Trophy CD - \$2000.

David discussed whether to keep the general insurance. Bernard MacKenzie thought that to keep it was redundant. A motion was put forth and voted unanimously not to renew the current insurance policy through Ladd's. Roger Duncan suggested that someone discuss the liability aspect with member Bob Stein who is a lawyer. If the insurance is needed, then the committee can vote to reinstate the policy. The board also voted to add \$50 to Other Administrative Expenses to cover insurance riders taken out for each of the Society's events.

David reminded the committee that the \$400 in the Trophy Account is for the purchase of keeper-trophies given out each year. During this discussion, Bob Rex mentioned that the Society needs a new State of Maine Trophy and a new Commodore's Trophy. Bob Monk said that he would approach the Maritime Museum Apprenticeshop about making a new Commodore's Trophy. The committee also decided to ask Ralph Stanley to build the State of Maine Trophy and therefore voted unanimously to budget \$500 to cover the cost of the trophy.

Bob Rex mentioned the U.S. Sailing Association insurance coverage and the board agreed to change the regatta entry form to indicate coverage for U.S. Sailing members and non-members.

Jim Wilson mentioned eliminating the skipper gifts and presentations from the budget in order to save money. John Wojcik and Roger suggested selling caps or other items to the skippers and their crew. Roger made a motion, and it was voted unanimously to drop the gift account from \$550 to \$350 and eliminate the skippers gifts.

Rich Langton mentioned that he would check with Downeast Embroidery for prices of hats and canvas bags to sell at the regatta.

Bob Rex announced that George Pew has again offered the **Dragon Lady** as the race committee boat for the 1993 regatta.

### **Other budget discussions:**

Roger stated that the Society would not have to pay the

\$900 to Reade Brower, publisher of the yearbook, because of the number of ads and the amount of money the Society has raised for the 1993 yearbook.

Doug Amsbary, membership chairman, stated that he needs \$200 - \$300 to cover all his expenses for the year. The board voted to place \$250 into the Membership Committee account for 1993.

**Pendleton Scholarship Fund:** Dave Bell reported that there was \$150 in donations to date. He also mentioned that he transferred the CDs that came due to the Putnam Government Trust (a mutual fund). David indicated that there could possibly be \$4000 given out in scholarships this June depending on the number of applications the scholarship fund receives.

**Newsletter:** John stated that the last newsletter was poorly mailed with some newsletters getting lost in the mail and others with no insides. The next edition will be taped instead of stapled to see if that will work better. John is looking for ideas for the newsletter. The next newsletter will go out around June 15th.

**Yearbook:** Roger reported that Crystal, who sells the ads for the publisher, has been receiving a lot of ads from all over the country. The yearbook has received more than enough ads to cover the expense of publishing the 1993 edition. Roger stated that he is looking for an article about Sail 92 in Boston, and that the yearbook should be published and distributed around the 15th of June.

**Publicity Committee:** Bob Monk stated that he sent a letter to WoodenBoat with the mailing list for the WoodenBoat Register, and that WoodenBoat had sent him a letter of thanks and reassured him that they would not sell the mailing list.

Bob said that he had sent a calendar of events and a cover letter to 25 organizations that Doug Amsbary had put together in 1992. Bob also sent a letter to the "Boston Globe" with a yearbook with the hope of getting an article printed about the Society and Friendship Sloops.

**Old Business:** Andrea Wilson mentioned that the new burgees have been received and the board voted to increase the price from \$10 to \$20 for a small, and from \$15 to \$25 for a large. The board also voted that the proper way to fly the burgee was with the first leaf up.

**Constitution Update:** Bill Rand discussed that he had updated the constitution for the board's approval. Bill reminded the board that this was just a draft of the final constitution and that he was open to changes and suggestions from the board. Jim stated that any changes in the constitution will be voted on by the board at the October meeting and voted by the members at the Annual Meeting. The board then discussed the suggested changes. At this time, Bill said that he would make changes suggested by the board and have a second copy for the October meeting. Jim stated that the board would have an informal meeting in Boothbay to finalize the constitution.

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## "Coastal Maine: A Maritime History"

*This literary review, written by Earl Brechlin, appeared in the December 17th edition of the "Bar Harbor Times".*

If you could have a single volume of Maine coastal lore in your library, this is the one to have. Granted, that is a pretty glowing statement, but then this is a book that has been long overdue.

For years, students of history and lovers of Down East Maine have been forced to consult a wide variety of scholarly, and often times dry, books in order to learn about the past. But in "Coastal Maine: A Maritime History", Duncan does all that for you. He has meticulously combed the existing literature, combined it with individual interviews and a few passages (clearly marked as such) of artistic fiction to make one good read.

Chapters range from the first inhabitants and early explorers to the days of colonial settlement, the Revolutionary and Civil wars, World Wars I and II, the fishing industry, and the boat-building industry.

Here you can read about the lives of the earliest settlers on windswept Damariscove Island in the 1600's and the burning of Falmouth (Portland) by the British in 1775. Meanwhile, down the coast, the first naval battle of the war was being fought off Machias.

The role of Maine ships and crews in privateering; the importance of coastal commerce to the timber and ice industries; the design, record-setting passages, and construction of Maine's famous clipper ships and other vessels are also included.

Dudley Saltonstall's botched mission to take Castine and Benedict Arnold's ill-fated overland expedition to attack Quebec are also touched upon.

Several chapters are devoted to the many coastal steamers that once provided the most vital transportation links of their day.

Mount Desert Island readers in particular will find plenty to love about his book. From the first settlement by Jesuits near Southwest Harbor, to Revolutionary War action by Cranberry Islanders, visits by Samuel de Champlain, Captain John Smith and others, the area's rich history unfolds in these pages. Contemporary history is illuminated, as well, including the landing of German spies at Hancock during WW II, the downing of a navy dirigible off Mount Desert Rock, and more.

Fabbri's marvelous Radio NBD on Otter Cliffs, the grounding of the steamship **Norumbega** on Clark Point in Southwest Harbor, and other events make interesting reading.

The later chapters of the book are devoted to fisheries and boatbuilding, both subjects of intense local interest. Duncan interviews E. Farnham Butler of Mount Desert on several topics and notes in the book that he wishes he could have used more of the wealth of material Butler supplied.

Much credit goes to Duncan's instinctive ability to include just the right amount of information without becoming bogged down in too many details. His anecdotal style flows easily. The way in which the information is separated, both chronologically and by subject, makes this a great book to keep handy for whenever a few extra minutes to spend by the woodstove crop up.

Each chapter includes a generous supply of footnotes which give proper credit to those whose scholarly works Duncan draws upon. The bibliography is a valuable resource.

The many excellent drawings, reproductions of maps, tables of information, and smattering of photographs keep this work graphically interesting as well.

With John Ware, Duncan continually edits and revises his father's definitive "A Cruising Guide to the New England Coast". A resident of East Boothbay, he is also the author of "Sailing in the Fog". With "Coastal Maine: A Maritime History", he aptly shows he is at home in Down East Maine's past as he is in the present.

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## Executive Board Meeting

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**Boothbay Rendezvous/Regatta:** Rich Langton suggested a new place to eat on Wednesday night. He mentioned that it would cost \$17 / person at the Newagen Inn instead of eating at the Lion's Club. The trolley would run people back and forth to the Inn. There will be a cash bar and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. After a short discussion, the board voted unanimously to go to the Newagen Inn on Wednesday for dinner.

The board also decided to ask for donations to cover the cost of the coffee and donuts served at the skipper's meetings each morning at Boothbay.

John Wojcik will include the Boothbay Regatta entry forms, dinner reservation forms, race information, etc. in the newsletter to eliminate the cost of the Secretary doing a separate mailing.

Jim Wilson stated that the next meeting will be October 16th, location to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.

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## Oops!

The last couple of editions we've tried something new with the mailing - stapling. We did this because we had heard from a few members that they had not received the contents of the mailer. It appears that the Post Office equipment doesn't take too kindly to staples as we had a number of members tell us that they received only the cover with no contents, and we received a number back as undeliverable. We're sorry if you missed the edition. We promise not to use staples again!



FRIENDSHIP SLOOP SOCIETY

1993 REGATTA ENTRY FORM

Boothbay Harbor, ME

Races: July 27, 28, 29, 1993

Entry Fee: \$20.00

Due by July 1, 1993

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** By submission of this entry and the participation in this event, the entrant acknowledges that he or she, as skipper, is sole responsible for the safety of his/her crew and his/her yacht; that he represents that the yacht and its equipment is in sound condition and all required safety equipment is aboard, accessible for use and in operable condition; that the decision to race, not to race, or to withdraw after starting is solely that of the entrants and that the entrant hereby releases the Friendship Sloop Society, its officers, directors, members and all members of the Race Committee, whether members of the Friendship Sloop Society or not, from any and all liability or claims for personal injury or property damage resulting from participation in this event, based upon sponsorship and/or management of the event.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE OF OWNER/SKIPPER: \_\_\_\_\_

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SLOOP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICIAL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER/SKIPPER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PORT AND DATE OF DEPARTURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues must be paid before participation in any race sponsored by the Friendship Sloop Society.

Complete and return WITH CHECK for Regatta to:

Caroline M. Cronin, Sec.  
Friendship Sloop Society  
164 Sturbridge Road  
Charlton, MA 01507

# FRIENDSHIP RENDEZVOUS EVENT REGISTRATION

## BATH AND BOOTHBAY

Please register and remit your dinner funds early. We need to give the caterers firm numbers 2 weeks prior to the event. This gives them (and us) sufficient time to get their plans and grocery lists together. If we have cancellations less than 2 weeks before the event we may not be able to make refunds. If you haven't registered 2 weeks before the event we may not be able to accommodate you (not enough potatoes in the pot) so please take the time to register now. If you have any questions regarding the arrangements, please contact Jim Wilson (207) 439-4719 evenings, or (617) 693-5807 days.

Thanks!  
Your Devoted Events Committee

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 BOAT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 SAIL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

### *Sunday, July 25th – Maine Maritime Museum, Bath*

		Number	Total \$ Amount
Seafood Gumbo Dinner    Adults \$10.00 each	X	_____	_____
Children Under 12 \$5.00	X	_____	_____

### *Wednesday, July 28th – Friendship Fellowship Dinner, Newagen Inn, Southport Island*

Buffet Dinner	Adults \$17.00 each	X	_____	_____
	Children Under 12 \$5.00	X	_____	_____

Dinner Reservations	Total \$ Enclosed	<div style="border-top: 1px solid black; border-bottom: 3px double black; height: 1px; width: 100%;"></div>
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### *Mooring Information – Boothbay*

Monday, July 26th – Friday, July 30th



		Number Nights	Day of Arrival
Raft \$15 per night	X	_____	_____
Single \$18. per night	X	_____	_____
Sleeping Aboard		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Special Needs?	_____		

**Send your reservations to:**  
**Caroline Cronin - Secretary**  
**164 Sturbridge Road**  
**Charlton, MA 01507**