

Friendships

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Commodore's Message

If you haven't already done so, please start making plans now to get to Rockland. This year the Rockland Homecoming is going to be special. The executive committee is bringing back what you have been hoping for- a return to the relaxed Homecoming format used at Friendship. There will be more fun, more boats and greater public participation. Further, we have heard that our Society will receive a prestigious award. Come and help celebrate our maritime heritage.

For those interested in cruising- Miff Lauriat is organizing a 4-day cruise to Rockland from the East. It will start on the Sunday following the Southwest Harbor race. This is guaranteed to be a good time. For particulars contact miffauriat@gmail.com

The days for the Rockland Homecoming have been changed to Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 20-22. This is a more convenient time for the local boats and will make it easier for everyone's friends to join in the fun. The race format used at Friendship and revisited so successfully last year will be repeated- start together, inside the harbor, twice around including handicap alley. The race committee has been charged with arranging for all boats to finish simultaneously. We expect some unprecedented photo opportunities. There will be trophies for each day of racing. The race committee continues to work hard.

On shore the BBQ evening meals and catered dinner will be held under the tent. Included will be the afternoon rowboat races and an after dinner music night.

The treasurer's duties have been assumed by newly elected Greg Merrill. He and Jonathan Leavy worked out a very orderly transfer. Our treasury remains secure.

My mate says we will have a new diesel engine. Now after 33 years, **Resolute** is back home in our yard. It will be convenient to install a new engine with her 10 feet from the door. The cabin has been removed and the interior gutted. The sheer looks great without that long cabin. Should we return to a cuddy cabin? Should we put on a plywood and F.G. deck? Can we patch up the old engine? Is it more fun and exciting to cruise camping style or make everything yacht-like? To be continued.

Charles and Maria Burnham.

A Friendly Babe, Rum All Around

The following story, written by Laurie Schreiber, appeared in the August 4th edition of the Rockland Courier Gazette.

ROCKLAND - A top mast broke, a baby was born, **Gladiator** lost the race but wrested most of the honors, and a half-gallon of rum was retrieved from a submerged milk crate and shared by all in paper cups.

As always with the Friendship Sloop Society, racing is less about competition and more about good times and good stories.

The society followed up a day of racing in the Southwest Harbor Rendezvous with the annual three-day Rockland Homecoming last week, when a turnout of 10 boats, lower than usual, nevertheless had their fun.

The fleet as a whole won a bonus prize with the birth of a brand new sailor.

Wayne and Kirsten Cronin of Rockland, devoted competitors in their Friendship sloop **Rights of Man**, showed up on Tuesday for the first day of racing, but were quite busy Wednesday morning having their baby.

"We regard that as the best excuse for not racing," said Miff Lauriat, who noted, "We have a prize for the youngest child in the race. A few hours old would win it."

Racing against three others in the small-boat Division I, Mr. Lauriat, of Southwest Harbor, made a comeback from his forlorn rendezvous showing to carry away the homecoming's State of Maine Trophy for first place overall, with three first-place finishes in his class.

An expected match came to naught when the top mast on **Celebration**, Greg and Annette Merrill's 1980-built Pemaquid out of Bayville, broke on the way to the event in a sudden squall. **Celebration** and Mr. Lauriat's **Salatia**, both Pemaquid 25 designs built by Jarvis Newman in Southwest Harbor, would have been evenly rated. In the distance handicap system adopted by the society this year - accounting for speed differences and intended to bring all the boats into the finish at the same time - the dual turned out to be between **Celebration** and **Banshee**, the third Pemaquid 25 on the scene, sailed by John and Carole Wojcik of Mattapoisett, Mass.

The weather was sunny and warm and the wind generally favorable for the three days. The most it ever blew was 10-12 knots mid-week. At that point, **Salatia** found herself overpowered, even with seven crew members hanging over the rail. Two or three minutes behind the fleet at the start, **Salatia** was stuck in the rear for most of the tight race until the last leg, when she made a fast downwind break and scampered to the finish.

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"For the first seven, seven and a half miles, we were behind," Mr. Lauriat said. "But in the last half-mile, we managed to win by several minutes. People were wondering, How did they do that?"

On Thursday, **Salatia** was the only Division I boat to finish after the wind pooched.

In Division I, **Celebration** took second place, followed by **Echo**, a 1965-built Pemaquid 22 from Vermont, and **Banshee**.

Six boats raced in Division II all three days, with a scattering of appearances from others.

Lady M. was the boat to beat, but **Tannis** was a close contender. **Lady M.**, a 32-foot 1978 Harvey Gamage sloop sailed by Thomas Martin out of Bristol, won the State of Maine trophy at last year's homecoming. **Tannis**, built by W.S. Carter in 1937 and owned by Jack and Mary Cronin of Massachusetts, is at 38 feet long the biggest sloop in the fleet.

Race 1 was a victory for **Lady M.** The two boats were neck and neck throughout race 2 and the outcome was far from clear, even at the end, when no one could tell who crossed the line first. **Lady M.** was later declared the victor by a second. **Tannis** won the third race in light air.

Although **Gladiator**, an original 1902 Alexander McLain build owned by Bill and Caroline Zuber from Friendship and winner of the Southwest Harbor Rendezvous, failed to place in Rockland, the boat did win numerous honors, including, as the seventh boat in a fleet of 14, the Danforth Trophy and a bottle of Jack Daniels for finishing in the middle of the pack; and prizes for finishing third in Division II and for being the oldest sloop in the race.

Also sailing in Division II was Harold Burnham in the century-old **Chrissy** from Essex, Mass; Charlie and Maria Burnham on the 1973-built **Resolute** from Essex, Mass, which had engine problems on day one but raced the following two days; Bill and Kathy Whitney from Cataumet, Mass on their 1982 Newman 31, **Gaivota**; and **Freedom**, Ralph Stanley's 1976 sloop owned by Richard and Helen Dudman of Islesford.

The Dudmans won special recognition after the races for their elder statesman status in the society.

But a coveted prize came to another vintage sloop, **Sazerac**, a 1913 Wilbur Morse build owned by Roger Lee from Islesboro, who won the Rum Line Trophy. The trophy commemorates the sloop's working heritage: the original sloops are set to hauling milk crates, some containing little nips of rum and one holding the chief prize, a half-gallon of Captain Morgan's. Capt. Lee, who had a cooler of ice and paper cups on hand, generously shared his haul.

Rockland Homecoming

2005 Results

State of Maine Trophy

Best Overall Performance	Salatia
<u>Division I</u>	
Herald Jones Trophy	Salatia
Bruno & Stillman Trophy	Celebration
Lash Brothers Trophy	Echo
<u>Division II</u>	
Commodore's Trophy	Lady M
Gordon Winslow Trophy	Tannis
Rockland Trophy	Gladiator
<u>Class A</u>	
Wilbur Morse Trophy	Gladiator
Charles Morse Trophy	Sazerac
Alexander McLain Trophy	Chrissy
Rum Line Trophy	Sazerac
<u>Special Trophies</u>	
Chrissy Trophy	Caroline Cronin Phillips
Spirit of Friendship	Dick Salter
Gladiator Trophy	Banshee / Gaivota
Nickerson Trophy	Kenerson Cronin
Owner/Builder Trophy	Dick Dudman, Freedom
R.W. Stanley Cup	Sara Beck, Flying Jib
Liberty Trophy	Gladiator
Jarvis Newman Trophy	Salatia
Cy Hamlin Trophy	Down East
Tannis Award	Gladiator

2006 Schedule of Events

New London Rendezvous

June 30th (tentative)

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous

July 15th

Homecoming Rendezvous & Races at Rockland

July 20th to July 22nd

(Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Cruise to Friendship

July 23rd

Marblehead Regatta

August 12th & 13th

Gloucester Schooner Festival

September 2nd

Annual Meeting

November 18th

Martin's Manor, South Portland., ME

Sure It's Friendly, But Competition is Fierce

The following article, written by Laurie Schreiber, appeared in the July 28th edition of the Bar Harbor Times.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR - It was a celebration of vintage, hard-working and beautiful boats on this gorgeous, sunny day, when a goodly breeze greets the half-dozen or so Friendship sloops, local and visiting, that are sitting at guest moorings off Greenings Island, folks lazing in cockpits, chatting, and waving at newcomers motoring onto the scene.

Seven Girls, the committee boat, sits at the dock, as Ralph Stanley, who comprises the committee, race coordinator Miff Lauriat, looking boyishly excited, and others consult on the course for the annual Southwest Harbor Rendezvous, the informal component - no points, no handicaps, just get out there and have fun and look pretty - of the Friendship Sloop Society's race series from Connecticut to Maine, culminating in the three-day Homecoming extravaganza this week in Rockland.

Just fun is all very well, but there's a lot of strategizing going on. The committee flags signal a zigzag course that begins at Greenings, cruises down the Narrows, to the gong at Spurling Point, the bell at Bear Island, the bell at Spurling Rock, and the nun at Greenings Ledge.

Swiftly moving clouds, building into cumulus stacks, cast shadows on the mountains as the fleet awaits the 1 p.m. start. There's Mr. Lauriat's red-hulled **Salatia**, the first Jarvis Newman-built fiberglass sloop, handsome with a fresh paint job. Harold Burnham and his two children on **Chrissy**, a century old, are visiting from Essex, Mass, Richard Dudman's **Freedom** comes from Islesford, Betsey Holtzmann's **Endeavor**, with a passel of guests, is out of Southwest Harbor, and Caroline and Bill Zuber's 103-year-old green-hulled **Gladiator** came down from Friendship, her longer lines and huge sail area making her the favorite to win.

Karl Brunner and Kristen Ramos are taking the day off from their busy charter season to race their newly acquired vintage craft, **Alice E.**, at age 106 the oldest sloop in the society's register still able to sail. **Alice E.**'s arrival in Maine is so recent the couple haven't had a chance to freshen her up yet, but the unglorious appearance of her wooden decks and antique furnishings only make her more attractive.

Alice E. sails up to **Seven Girls** to grab a course chart, swinging swiftly around and maneuvering fabulously through tight spots. **Gladiator** raises sail, followed by her colleagues, and the swarming is on as the sloops feel out the best tack for getting over the line. **Seven Girls** fires a cannon for a tight start. **Gladiator** and **Chrissy** catch the wind and zip away as **Alice E.** and Steven Koblinsky in **Surprise**, over from Bar Harbor, drop back, passed by the rest of the fleet.

"Hey, it's supposed to be fun, right?" Ms. Ramos calls out cheerfully.

"No, dammit!" Mr. Koblinsky joshes. "This is serious business!"

The wind falls off. Nope, here it comes. Just hold course for now. Holy cow, things aren't going to be that bad after all. **Alice E.** catches up to third place, followed by Charlie and Maria Burnham on **Resolute** from Essex, Mass., and **Surprise**. It's hopeless to think about catching up with **Gladiator**, eternally majestic out front there and apparently making all the right choices. But there's still plenty of interesting maneuvering for the second string. Mainly, sail like the bejeezuz.

Now **Resolute**, rail under, slips into third, as **Salatia**, tacking over, sails nerve-wrackingly within feet of **Alice E.**'s bow. Whoop! No collisions! **Alice E.** is free to ride ahead; thank goodness for clean air. Round the green can on a port or starboard tack? **Gladiator**, **Chrissy** and **Alice E.** opt for port with a direct shot to the next mark, while **Salatia** has to come around. But the danged ebb tide will make things tricky. It's tight, it's tight, inches to spare on the rounding, pull in the jib hard, so what if the hull gets a little green paint on it? And - missed it! Nice one! The swift current actually helped a bit, kicking out the stern at the right moment. **Alice E.**, last over the line, is now showing her true colors - not green. That's what makes racing fun.

The next mark is Spurling Point, so what's the best course? What's the wind going to do as the sloops sail past the International One Design fleet, well into their own race? The wind is taking a header. Wing-on-wing doesn't seem to work, but keep trying. A friendly Luders shadows the fleet. **Resolute**, bolstered by topsails, makes it past **Alice E.** This calls for a little tactical planning. Powerboats cross the course willy-nilly, their wakes slowing progress. **Gladiator**, the boat to watch, just tacked over. Smart, now he'll have right-of-way going through the IODs. **Alice E.** ponders a jibe to get out from behind the lead sloops and grab a breeze - or she could lose headway. The IODs raise their spinnakers, a rainbow for the ride.

Gladiator is dead downwind. The thing to do is follow her until the wind hardens up, sheet in the main and straight on 'til morn. IODs are going at the red gong en masse, with **Gladiator** mixed in like a visiting statesman. **Chrissy** joins in the melee, the two fleets of handsome boats ringing in together, all part of the plan, of course. But the momentary confluence is where the difference between an IOD and a Friendship becomes apparent, as the former fly upwind like needles, leaving their sisters behind. **Surprise** follows **Alice E.** in friendly fashion on the next leg.

What to do next? Stay with the known. The wind is steady at the moment, although Sutton's Island does weird things sometimes. Everyone is getting headed a bit on the way to Bear Island. **Gladiator** just tacked, but independent thinking is called for back in the fleet. Hold steady. **Endeavor** just tacked, **Salatia** just tacked. Going by Greenings, **Alice E.** should tack now, ready about, hard ale! Careful of the big log in the water. The westerly is nice and warm, heating the competitive blood. Everything is trimmed nicely. Boats are flying, a bone in their teeth, the gong just ahead. Head straight down, a swift kick around, jibe ho! Man, the fleet is hauling! An exhilarating moment of complete confusion and mayhem, then sails fill for the next downwind leg. **Gladiator**,

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Chrissy and **Resolute** are in a tight-knit grapple ahead. **Alice E.** and **Salatia** have another momentary drive-by. The current is trying to suck the fleet out. **Salatia** angles away from Spurling Rock. What's he doing? Hard to tell, probably off looking for some lobster. The thing to do here is head to the Manset shore where the current isn't as strong. Manset usually has a nice breeze. You don't want to play follow-the-leader but, on the other hand - if someone else seems to know what they're doing? And that would be **Gladiator**, obviously, dominating. **Alice E.**, for her part, is skimming right along, too; she loves to sail. **Salatia** appears to be heading off to Bermuda, but it's clear he's just pulling some tricks out of his deep bag, getting his boat speed up as much as possible to wield against the current as he heads for Manset. But then he has to tack back up. Who knows? He's a really good racer, so whatever he does, just assume he's right.

Head as close to Manset shore as possible, but avoid the dead spot there. **Surprise** is trying to get farther upwind; on their present tack, they can sail right up to the mark. **Freedom** is still back at Bear Island; they have a reef in so they're obviously not sailing too hard. The IODs and Friendships are once again on parallel courses. **Surprise** is coming right up on **Alice E.**'s stern. **Alice E.** follows **Gladiator** and **Chrissy** splits off in an independent bid. The current is still strong, speedboats are still creating confusing wakes, and the wind is gusting up fiercely. **Chrissy** is healed over, rail under. A big gust hits. Wicked! A good one to catch just so! Ease the main and hold steady. Holy cow, this wind is strong! Ease the main, hold steady, looking good. Looking great! OK, sheet in, another gust is coming, ease out, oops! Sheet it in tight, give it everything! The sun sparkles on the rough water, clouds like bouffant hairstyles. **Gladiator** is around the gong, **Chrissy** coming up fast, **Alice E.** sailing practically onto the beach before swinging around, struggling against a lot of garbage air. Everything's OK! Oh sure, OK is good, but the leading pack is out to win now. **Resolute** is ahead of **Chrissy**. A huge gust hits. The pack aims for a clamber on the rocks off Clark Point before tacking sharply. The battle is on. **Resolute** parallels **Gladiator**, hopelessly, for **Gladiator** has the inside track. **Chrissy** grazes Greenings. The current continues to set the boats hard. The committee boat waits patiently for the final queue. **Salatia** has faded into the rear mooring fields. A cannon goes off; **Gladiator** lives up to her triumphant name. **Resolute** follows a minute later. It's a close run between **Chrissy** and **Alice E.** Ooh! **Chrissy** in by a hair! Caps are doffed in acknowledgment. Nice sailing! But where's **Salatia**? That nice red Awlgrip must have really weighed him down.

Dues Reminder

If you haven't mailed your annual dues in for 2006, please send them to: Caroline Phillips

Society Secretary
164 Sturbridge Road
Charlton, MA 01507

Treasurer's Report

Jonathan Leavy, Society Treasurer, presented the following financial report at the annual meeting for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005.

Receipts:	Actual	Budget	More (Less)
Membership	4,765	5,510	(745)
Chandlery	2,983	4,000	(1,017)
Regatta Events	550	700	(150)
Annual Meeting	1,349	2,070	(721)
Yrbook/All Advert.	6,980	3,000	3,980
Contribut.(to FSS)	532	600	(68)
All Other	165	120	45
Total Receipts	17,324	16,000	1,324
Expenses			
Chandlery Purch.	2,523	2,850	327
Regatta Expenses	3,709	3,175	(534)
Annual Meeting	1,242	1,600	358
Charitable Donat.	1,300	1,300	0
Secretary's Comp.	1,000	1,000	0
Yearbook	3,912	3,000	(912)
Administration	2,601	3,045	444
Total Expenses	16,287	15,970	(317)
Net Cash In (Out)	1,037	30	1,007
Ending Cash Balance	9,373	8,366	1,007

We were cash flow positive in 2005, but not in the way anticipated in the budget. The major change was the unanticipated need to publish the yearbook ourselves and fund the activity by selling advertising. To the credit of our yearbook committee, we were successful in raising sufficient funds not only to fund yearbook publication, but also to make a significant contribution to general Society funds. Over the year, cash balances increased more than \$1,000 or about 12%

Yearbook Needs Authors

This last year the Sloop Society took over all aspects of publishing the yearbook, including selling all the advertising. It was a huge success in that we more than covered our costs and had more pages for articles than we have had for a number of years. We are looking forward to a repeat performance this year, but that requires your help. We need authors!! Don't be bashful, put pen to paper and let us hear from you. We would like to have your article by March 15th, but don't let that date put you off. We have time if you have the inclination to write. Just let us know.

Electronic submissions are preferred. It makes it easier for your editors as we send our copy to the printer via the Internet. The e-mail address is: editor@fss.org. If you are not on line then send it via snail mail to:

Rich and Beth Langton
868 Cross Point Road
Edgecomb, ME 04556

Look forward to hearing from you!

Friendship Sloop Society 45th Annual Meeting

By Caroline Cronin Phillips, FSS Secretary

Commodore Charlie Burnham called the business meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Charlie welcomed everyone to the 3rd annual meeting to be held at the Best Western Merry Manor in Portland. He then announced with regret the passing of race committee member Jim Besse and Sue Campbell, wife of Leo Campbell.

Secretary's Report: Caroline Phillips

Caroline reported the total membership for 2005 as follows:

Boat Owners:	105
Full/Associates:	55
Cooperatives:	29
Honorary:	<u>4</u>
TOTAL:	193

Due to the good work of Bob Monk Jr. there were 25 new members for 2005.

Treasurer's Report: Jonathan Leavy

Treasurer's report enclosed on page 4. Jonathan stated that the society had a surprise in the spring and had to get ads for the yearbook and publish the book ourselves. Therefore, there was a good increase in the cash balance as a result of the profit from selling yearbook ads. He also stated that the Chandlery is not making as much of a profit as it had in the past and we need to decide if it is to continue, and if so, we need new ideas for products to sell.

REGATTAS:

New London: Greg Roth

Greg stated that Jack Vibber, who started the New London regatta, sends his regards to the society. There are lots of discussions of changing the venue from racing to cruise races to areas of interest and gathering at that place for a social time. Decisions will be made soon and mailings will be going out with the proposed agenda.

Southwest Harbor: Miff Lauriat

Miff states that the Southwest Harbor Rendezvous is lots of fun and no handicaps are given. **Gladiator** was the winner in 2005. The fleet from Southwest Harbor then cruised to Pulpit Harbor on Sunday for a rendezvous with Charlie Burnham on **Resolute** and other sloops gathered there. Miff states that anyone is welcome to race and the more the merrier.

Rockland Regatta and Marblehead: David Graham

David stated that he had to leave Rockland on Tuesday due to a death in the family and left the racing in the good hands of Gerry Ross. Handicap Alley was a complete success and will be used again next year and for years to come. David then presented Gerry Ross and Marcia Morang gifts to show his and the race committee's appreciation for all that they have done for the regatta. **Salatia** was the winner of the State of Maine trophy for 2005. David then stated his concern for the lack of participation in Rockland with 2005 having the lowest turnout of sloops ever. Discussion on this topic was held later in the meeting.

Tannis was the winner of the Ridgeway Trophy in Marblehead. Again, in 2006, the Wooden Boat Regatta will happen in Marblehead with the Friendship Sloops having their own class. It will be August 12-13, 2006.

Gloucester: Jack Cronin

Jack stated that there were 5-6 sloops that participated. Only one boat (**Tannis**) was able to get out to the first mark and continue the race due to no wind.

Membership: Bob Monk Jr.

Bob stated that he issued three new sail numbers: 275 - **Viking**, 276 - **Lucy Belle**, and 277 - **Sara Lee**. He is trying to keep up with boats being sold and has been sending letters asking the new owners to join the society.

Chandlery Report: Bill Whitney

Bill stated that they are trying to get new ideas, styles, and items and are looking for suggestions.

Yearbook Editor: Rich Langton

Rich said that the society has a new job for the Vice Commodore (collect ads for yearbook). He then thanked Roger Lee for all his work in getting the advertisements needed to print the yearbook and make a profit. Rich stated that we need articles, quotes, small paragraphs, photos, etc. He also will take suggestions for new ideas for the yearbook.

Website and Newsletter: John Wojcik

John thanked numerous people for their contributions to the newsletter - Ted Walsh, Bill Whitney, Tad Beck, David Bell, etc. He is always looking for new ideas & articles.

John stated that the website is our window to the world with 7,824 visits to the website in October, for example. He then listed some other facts about the website collected in October - average length of visit was 12 minutes, 53,000 new hits, 4,000 unique visitors, 3,100 visited once, 904 visited more than once, 356 hits on the "Sloops for Sale" page, etc. John stated that the website can be linked to member's personal websites if interested.

Publicity: Miff Lauriat and Marge Russakoff

Miff and Marge stated that they contacted two dozen +/- publications and then mailed a cover letter and information to them. They refurbished the Tri-fold board used under the tent in Rockland and made sandwich boards to attract people down to the dock and tent. There was a terrific article in Soundings magazine. They also stated that there were noticeably more people down on the docks for the parade of sloops. They have been brainstorming for lots of new ideas to get more people participating like getting tent moved closer to dock, etc.

Nominating Committee: Dick Salter

Dick Salter asked that the membership vote in the same slate of officers as in 2005 with the exception of Treasurer. Jonathan Leavy has resigned as of November, 2005 and the committee has nominated Greg Merrill to be the new Friendship Sloop Society Treasurer. Officers were voted in unanimously with the Secretary casting one vote for the slate of officers.

Charlie Burnham then presented Jonathan Leavy with a gift for the society's appreciation of all his hard work and dedication as Treasurer of the society.

Pendleton Scholarship Report: Bill Zuber - Report on Page 8
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45th Annual Meeting

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2005 Donations:

Maine Maritime Museum	\$400
Friendship Museum	\$400
Scholarship Fund	\$500

AWARDS:

Morang Award: Penny Richards and Marcia Morang

This award is given to the person with the best article in the yearbook for the previous year. The award was presented to Stephen Major for his article on **Eidelweiss**.

Hadlock Award: Charlie Burnham

This year the Hadlock Award was awarded to Sara Beck, owner of **Flying Jib**.

Bancroft Award: Jack Cronin

This year the award went to Bill and Caroline Zuber.

Omaha Award: Morang Family

This year the award went to Don & Dottie Huston.

As a humorous gift, Jonathan Leavy gave Charlie Burnham an alternate motor for his boat (due to engine troubles in Rockland) - it was hand crank mixer.

Discussion About Rockland: Charlie Burnham

The Society needs to find ways to increase participation in Rockland. Charlie wanted feedback on the idea of changing the races from Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, to Thursday, Friday, Saturday format. Bill Zuber stated that the date change would interfere with Lobster festival set-up. Jack Cronin stated that our use of the public dock on the weekend might cause a disturbance with townspeople who use the dock and people who have moorings in Rockland Harbor. Jack also stated that if we use Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday format, people use only one week's vacation time. David Graham stated that Penny Richards had written a questionnaire and was hoping people would fill it out at the meeting. Roger Lee disagreed with Jack and said that we are less likely to get people in middle of the week. Bill Whitney stated that we need to get new members to Rockland and that they might come on a Saturday so they did not have to take time off from work. Miff Lauriat stated that we should complete the survey and place it on the website to get responses from people absent from the meeting. Bill Zuber made a motion to move to a Thursday, Friday, Saturday format subject to the Lobster Festival consensus which Roger Lee will get at the next Lobster Festival meeting. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously. Roger Lee will have the information for the January executive board meeting. Bill Zuber also stated that the idea of the local hotel leasing the public docks was now out of the question.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Report of the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund

Back in the Jurassic era of the society, Bill Pendleton had the idea that we should be a little more than a sailing club. Being an educator, he convinced the members that we should start a fund for the education of the kids in Friendship as thanks for putting up with us in the middle of the lobster season. From a first award of \$250 in 1969 to \$4,000 awarded this year, more than \$75,000 has been awarded, and the Scholarship Trust Funds total more than \$82,000. When the sloops were coming home to Friendship, the tradition of selling crafts, peanuts, sailing lessons became a part of the event. The money realized began to build the principal of the Scholarship Fund. We can all be proud of this endeavor.

Much to their surprise, most of the towns' folks really got into it over the years. They now have a small but very interesting museum, and still celebrate Friendship Day. Even though the Sloop Society has moved its Homecoming, first to Boothbay Harbor and then to Rockland, modern day lobster boats race on Friendship Day instead of Friendship Sloops. The members of the society have voted each year to support both the museum and the scholarship fund at the annual meeting. Many individual members also contribute regularly. Thanks to your efforts and those of many others both institutions are doing very well, and many young folks have led lives that otherwise might have been different. Education is very important in the town of Friendship. Our small kindergarten through grade six school has been recognized as one of the best in the State of Maine. Students regularly score in the top percentile of the various national testing programs. Those students from Friendship who have graduated from Medomak Valley High School have gone on to achieve success in the best colleges, universities, maritime schools and trade schools.

The treasurer of the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund of the Friendship Sloop Society, David Bell, has provided the financial status as of October 31, 2005:

Savings Account in Damariscotta Bank & Trust:	\$ 268.01
A.G. Edwards Cash & Money Market Fund:	3,548.74
Putnam Diversified Income Trust:	23,973.13
Putnam Fund for Growth & Income:	32,774.72
Putnam High Yield Advantage Fund:	<u>21,847.27</u>
Total:	\$82,411.87

The Trustees have voted to award two \$1,000 scholarships to **2005 graduates**, to be presented December 1, 2005:

\$1,000 **Kirk Walter Dahlberg**, who plans to become a mechanical engineer, attending California Polytechnic State University

\$1,000 **John J. Genthner**, studying graphic arts at Central Maine Community College. Awarded the John T. Harlor Scholarship

Awards for **Continuing Education**, also to be sent December 1, 2005:

\$600 **Timothy Ehle**, studying physical therapy at Gordon College.

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Membership Committee

by Robert Monk, Jr. - Membership Chairman

The Friendship Sloop Society extends a hearty "Welcome Aboard" to its newest members of 2006:

- Albert and Bridgett Chouard of Medfield, MA
- Edward "Zip" Kellog of Portland, ME
- Barry Stafford of Hopkinton, MA
- Alan Watkins of Weston, MA, new owner of sloop #106 **Hold Tight**
- Stephen Wickenden of Rockport, ME

In an effort to maintain an accurate database regarding the status of our sloops, the membership committee asks that all members review the registry of sloops in this year's yearbook and guide and report any discrepancies to the membership chairman at membership@fss.org. Especially welcome would be any information relative to those sloops on the "Lost" registered sloops list.

2005 Marblehead Regatta

By David W. Graham

In what can only be described as a "light air day", so typical of late July and early August, **Tannis** became the winner of the Ridgway Trophy for Friendship Sloops, during a one-day regatta on August 13th that was hosted by the Corinthian Yacht Club. Originally planned to be conducted with the Wooden Boat Regatta, the fact is that 2005 was a particular Leap Year in which the wooden boat schedule was thrown off-kilter to the extent that the regatta would not fit as originally planned between the Eggemoggin Reach Race and the Opera House Race at Nantucket. Although Leap Years occur every four years, this particular scheduling conflict in August will not happen for several years to come. Consequently, plans are underway for a combined Friendship Sloop / Wooden Boat Regatta at Marblehead during the weekend of August 12-13, 2006. You are urged to note the date on your calendar and plan on attending this traditional gathering.

New London Rendezvous Plans

Greg Roth is working to revamp the format of the New London Rendezvous from racing in the Thames River to a sloop rendezvous in the Connecticut River at the Connecticut River Museum in Essex.

Plans are being made with the yard manager of one of the Essex boatyards for use of their facilities.

Plans currently are for the sloops to rendezvous in New London on Friday, June 30th at the Thames Yacht Club or possibly the city's downtown moorings at the State Pier, then on Saturday sail as a fleet to the mouth of the Connecticut River and up to Essex. Saturday would be an open day with no formal plans. Sunday is planned as a layover day with a possible parade of sail, a presentation regarding the sloops, or entertaining visitors onboard. Reservations are being planned at the Griswold Inn in Essex for dinner later on Sunday. Departure down the river would be on Monday.

Greg is still firming up the plans, more to come in a future newsletter and a mailing to sloop owners.

We Are Recruiting

By David W. Graham, Race Committee Chairman

Just as the Marine Corps is looking for a few good people, so is your Race Committee. It becomes easy to understand why, when you can appreciate the fact that I am the youngest of the **Seven Girls** group. Although I am only "39" in the true Jack Benny vein, in reality, 1935 was an extremely good year for me (you do the math).

While the full Race Committee will be more than willing to train one or two individuals, the basic requirements we seek are:

- Knowledge of basic computer skills for scoring purposes.
- A willingness to serve aboard **Seven Girls** for several hours each race day at Rockland.
- An ability to meet occasionally with the Race Committee during the "off-season".
- Compatibility with the existing Race Committee members.

If you meet these basic requirements and hold an interest in becoming a member of "the team", please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience. My e-mail address remains dwg@shore.net and my day phone number is 617/532-4209 (direct to me with voice-mail) or you can contact me via postal mail at:

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THANKS

Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund

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- \$600 **Amber Lea Reed**, studying secondary education at University of Maine at Orono.
- \$600 **Andrea M. York**, majoring in Sociology at University of Maine at Orono.
- \$200 **Leslie D. York**, second year Master's Degree program at Boston College, after graduation from Wellesley with honors.
- \$4,000 **TOTAL AWARDS for 2005**

The people in the Town of Friendship appreciate the support of the Friendship Sloop Society for the Scholarship Fund and for the Museum. The Trustees of the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund wish to THANK all the members of the Friendship Sloop Society for your generous support over the years. Contributions in any amount are always welcome!

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Zuber, Chairman