

FRIENDSHIPS

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Commodore's Message

The new watch is now on deck. As the new helmsman and sheet trimmers go about their appointed tasks they are grateful for the inspiration of retiring Commodore John Wojcik and his crew.

It will be hard to match the last two year's accomplishments. A resounding cheer greeted the launching of "Friendships", our Newsletter. So did the pre-meeting gathering before the Annual Meeting which provided a relaxed time to meet old and new friends, swap tales, share exhibits, see slides of our sloops in action at the Regattas and a movie of building a Friendship. At Boothbay the model Friendship race transformed grown men and women into cheering boys and girls; and several dedicated skippers became "stinkpotters" in a fogbound predicted log race. In the off-season, sloop and membership data, as well as handicap ratings, rolled off the members' computers; and at the Maine Maritime Museum the long awaited Friendship Sloop archives were established. Some forty sloop drawings and historical material are now on file.

Your new Commodore, now ever more aware of his challenge, feels confident, however, that you can breathe easily with this change of the watch. Our new Vice Commodore Jim Wilson and new Treasurer David Bell have joined the Executive Committee which remains fortified by the prior watch. The Society's success, however, depends on your personal enjoyment of the year's events, and in particular, your participation. So please let me or any of the officers know your thoughts; and please join the fun.

Now mark your calendar so you won't miss this year's major events:

- New London Regatta, July 13 and 14,
- cruise to the Maine Maritime Museum, Saturday, July 20,
- rendezvous and races at Boothbay, July 23, 24 and 25,
- Friendship Day celebration, July 27, following a cruise from Boothbay,
- Marblehead race days, August 17 and 18
- Gloucester Schooner Festival, August 31 - September 2,
- and the Annual Meeting, November 23.

Hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting Held at Durham, New Hampshire

The following are the minutes of the annual meeting written by the Society Secretary, Mary Cronin.

Commodore John Wojcik opened the meeting and welcomed the members present. Jean Weber, Director of the Maine Maritime Museum, gave an update on the recent accomplishments at the Museum, invited the sloops to visit the Museum on their way to or from the Boothbay Regatta, and invited the FSS members to join and participate in the Museum activities.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted; the Treasurer's report was read by John Wojcik in Ernie Wiegleb's absence, showing a balance of \$3,235.25. Barbara Hadlock read the Pendleton Scholarship Fund report and statement in Elbert Pratt's absence, showing a balance of \$49,797.27.

Bill Rand gave a report on the Maine Maritime Museum and requested that FSS members consider donating time to help sort out the enormous amount of records which they have acquired. The Museum is still interested in acquiring sloop drawings and lines for study by new builders and rebuilders. Bill further stated that FSS ideals run so closely with those of the Museum that we both can benefit from a mutual association.

The Mass Bay Friends of Friendship Sloops, thru Dick Salter, presented a "weather rock" and barometer to Ted Brown in appreciation of his gracious accommodation of any and all sloop skippers who need a safe mooring in the Kittery, Maine area.

Al Zinc gave the Membership Committee report. Al mentioned the amazing contribution Carlton Simmons has made to the Society with his knowledge, data and photos. Bill Rand has secured a complete set of plans of the newly constructed **Rita** from Roger Long. Al further requested that any member knowing a builder or rebuilder who has a set of lines or plans on a Friendship to contact Al so that possibly these lines can be secured and stored at the Maine Maritime Museum.

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Annual Meeting

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Before the meeting, displays were set up by the members around the perimeter of the room. These displays included pictures of sloops and society functions; videos of races from this past season; an 8mm movie, narrated by Bill Rand, of the building of the **William Rand** was shown; the Wilsons showed slides of the races and society functions; coffee cups with the Friendship burgee and sloop outline had been secured by the Wojciks and were sold to benefit the FSS computer fund; and Jim Wilson displayed two glass sloops which he would like to sell (the computer fund would receive \$25 on the sale of each sloop). The displays were left in place until after dinner.

Jack Vibber discussed the New London race. There were ten entries, but only seven raced. Jack also stated that the progress on the US postage stamp with the Friendship on it has been painfully slow.

David Graham reported on the Marblehead Regatta. Sunday's race was cancelled because of a weather front that blew in on Sunday morning giving a stormy day.

Bruce Morang discussed the Friendship and Boothbay Regattas. 1992 will see the Tall Ships return to Boston and the Friendship Sloops have been invited to attend and participate. Bruce further suggested that the Maine regatta has proven to be a "moveable feast" and suggested that 1992 might see the Maine Regatta switched to Massachusetts to coincide with the Tall Ships. The predicted log race (suggested by Bill Rand), was a phenomenal success. Racing in Maine was somewhat decimated by fog this year, but those attending had a marvelous time. The Central Park Model Yacht Club raced their tiny Friendships at the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, encouraged FSS members to try their models, and livened up the fog-bound skippers and crews. Extremely enjoyable year!

Donald Huston outlined the fantastic weekend which the Gloucester Schooner Festival gave the participating sloops in September. Along with the racing, they provided the fish fry, classes for the various size vessels, marvelous weather, gracious accommodations for all sloops, and a great awards dinner and presentation. Don even suggested that possibly the Friendship Sloop was originally built in Gloucester! Many thanks to Dick Salter who worked with the Schooner Festival to make this an outstanding weekend.

Roger Duncan discussed the 1991 Yearbook. Coastal Publications is still interested in publishing the book, but will need assistance in getting advertising this year. Half of the book is for advertising and half for the FSS. The book this past year was cut in size from 64 to 48 pages. There will be a message page divided into 20 equal sections @ \$15 a section suggested for sloop use, or members could buy more space if they desired. A rate sheet will be printed shortly and available to the members. This information will be included in the next newsletter. The distribution of the booklets has also been a problem, but there will be no charge to the society or members again this year for the booklet.

Donations were voted as follows: \$300 each to the Maine Maritime Museum, Friendship Town Museum and the Pendleton Scholarship Fund.

The Bancroft award was presented to Ralph Stanley who has contributed immeasurably to the Society over the years. The Hadlock award was presented by Barbara Hadlock to Mary and Jack Cronin.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to have Ernie Wiegles hold the title of Treasurer Emeritus. Ernie has been our treasurer for nineteen years. The presentation of a half hull of Ernie's beloved **Chrissy** (Ernie could not attend because of illness) was made to Ernie's helmsman for 16 years, Bruce Morang. Bruce accepted the gift for Ernie with several tales of the "German Navy" and their berets.

On motion made and seconded, the following officers were elected:

Commodore:	Bill Rand
Vice-Commodore:	Jim Wilson
Secretary:	Mary Cronin
Treasurer:	David Bell
Race Committee:	Bruce Morang

John Wojcik thanked the members and his wife, Carole, for their participation and cooperation during his tenure and turned the gavel over to Bill Rand. Bill briefly outlined his plans for next year. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Model Sloops to Race

The Society is again planning on sponsoring model sloop racing at the Boothbay Rendezvous, and it's not too late to build one of these radio controlled models. The models that we are racing are Muscongus Bay Lobster Smacks and are available in kit form from:

The Laughing Whale
174 Front Street
Bath, ME 04530-2609
Tel. 207-443-5732

If you can't sail your "big" sloop to the races, here's an opportunity to come down to Boothbay and have some fun.

Secretary's Report

I have enjoyed being your Secretary this year and look forward to receiving your many notes and letters. The rest of the Executive Board, particularly John Wojcik who is incredibly organized, made my job substantially easier by forwarding all information they received to me for your files.

Some of the interesting letters received were:

Hearing from Hal Hanson in Edmonds, Washington State, that the weather there is mild enough to leave the boats in the water year round -- they sail all winter. Somehow, I felt their climate might be the same as ours!

From John and Noreen Nosworthy in San Diego, CA that they often see the sloop they previously owned, **Pacific Child**, out on the bay and it is still the most attractive boat in San Diego. They are contemplating buying another Friendship in the near future and might even consider wood this time! Hooray!

Hearing from Dan and Lori Traylor on **Tecumseh** that their new business is doing pretty well, but difficulties endured trying to live aboard in their area are making it almost impossible to live on the boat -- with fees, fines, inspections, etc., they are contemplating selling their beautiful sloop.

Another letter from Dick Swanson, who at one time owned **Jolly Buccaneer**, saying that he now lives in the Carolinas and sails ten months of the year.

Just recently I received a letter from Howard and Jeanne Haskins in Connecticut who sold their old catboat to buy a Friendship. They are enthusiastic, but a prior commitment (their own business) keeps them from attending the Annual Meeting.

And speaking of enthusiasm. I spoke with Tom Ash, new owner of the derelict **Nomad** -- he cannot wait to get started on the rebuilding. Good luck, Tom!

Bob and Pat Phaneuf say "Hello" to their friends.

The Toppans cannot make the meeting but wish everyone a great time.

The Moshers from Michigan got their sloop together late this fall and sailed on Lake Michigan. The first time in the water!

John Fitzgerald writes from Walpole, MA that **Cairdeas** was completed and he spent a wonderful summer sailing.

From Ben Rice, a note that his parents, John and Clarice, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on the 28th of November. Our best wishes!

I could go on and on -- keep the letters coming -- they are the life blood of our Society.

You will hear more of our activities from the assorted chairmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Cronin, Secretary

Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund Report

Last June, five scholarships were awarded to Friendship students who are attending college this fall. \$4,000.00 was divided among them with \$1,000.00 going to the entering freshman and the remainder distributed equally among the four upperclassmen.

In July, Bill and Caroline Zuber organized and put on a lobster feed for the skippers and crews of the Sloops which came to Friendship to race. The proceeds, \$877.00, went to the Scholarship Fund. Families of the Scholarship recipients who helped to put it on were: Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Davis, Mrs. Alice Benner, son Derek, and friend, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thissell and son Sean. Also helping were Barbara Hadlock, Betty Roberts, Dick Lozier and five members of the Pratt family. As a result of this activity, among with individual contributions, the Fund continues to grow. The Treasurer's report shows that the total now stands at \$49,798.27, an increase of \$3,343.42 over last year.

An order was put in for another set of the Friendship Sloop Bread and Butter Plates, first available in the 1960s. Six were used as trophies for the Friendship race this year. The remainder will be sold, with the proceeds going to the Scholarship Fund.

In the past, we have talked about the college-bound students in Friendship. Today we will talk about the school which prepared them; an appropriate subject since there is so much talk about falling S.A.T. scores and schools not meeting the educational needs of their students. While the report does not suggest that Medomak Valley High School is a paragon of educational excellence, we can say that it is better than most. It is a regional school serving the towns of Waldoboro, Friendship, Union, Hope and Washington. The student body numbers about 700. The size of this year's graduating class was 156, which suggests an attrition rate of about 15%.

Standard Aptitude Test scores are commendable. This year, senior scores (Math 481; Verbal 487) averaged higher than those of the State, the Nation, and the 5 regional schools near Waldoboro except one, Vinalhaven.

Medomak Valley High School has a good faculty, a conscientious school board, a core of students who recognize the value of education, strong community support and a substantial scholarship program for the graduating seniors who are planning to continue their studies in post secondary school programs. This last June, about forty-five local

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organizations (fraternal groups, church groups, clubs, businesses) presented a total of \$58,000.00 in scholarships to graduating seniors who are going on.

The following article, taken from the Rockland Courier Gazette, November 1, 1990, brings us to date on one of the scholarship recipients:

FRIENDSHIP - Rebecca Benner, a senior at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, was honored in ceremonies held at the college, October 12.

Named a James Bowdoin scholar, she was also recognized as being selected for Phi Beta Kappa, national honor society for the recognition and promotion of scholarship.

In addition, she was awarded the Almon Goodwin Phi Beta Kappa Prize. The recipient for this prize is chosen by a vote of the Board of Trustees at the College. A Dean's List student, she is a senior with a major in mathematics and a minor in psychology. While at Bowdoin, her activities have included concert band, yearbook staff, and treasurer of Alpha Beta Phi Sorority.

She is the daughter of Arnold and Alice Benner of Friendship.

The trustees of the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund are pleased to be able to announce that, while Rebecca will be graduating next spring, her brother, Derek, is a freshman at Bowdoin this year and plans to carry on this excellent example.

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert S. Pratt
President, P.M.S.F.

Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund Financial Statement

January 1, 1990 to September 30, 1990

Balance January 1st, 1990		45,059.99
Trust Fund	37,901.05	
Savings Account	<u>7,158.94</u>	
Total Fund		45,059.99

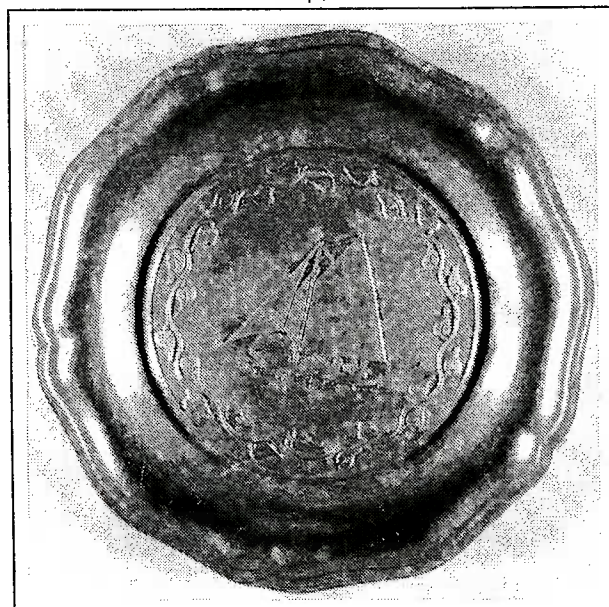
January 23, 1990 - Purchased one C.D. Certificate with \$5,000 from the Savings Account, changing the balance in the Savings Account to \$2,158.94 and Trust Fund to \$42,901.05.

Balance in Savings Account January 23, 1990		2,158.94
Receipts:		
Interest - Trust Certificates	2,342.94	
Interest - Savings Account	135.34	
Donations & Matching Gifts	1,105.00	
Friendship Day	257.00	
Sale of Friendship Plate	20.00	
Income from Lobster Dinners	<u>877.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>4,737.28</u>
Balance - Savings Account, September 30, 1990		6,896.22
Balance - Scholarship Fund - September 30, 1990		
Trust Fund	\$42,901.05	
Savings Account	6,896.22	
Total	<u>49,797.27</u>	
Respectfully submitted, Ernst Wiegleb Treasurer		

Friendship Plate Available

A pewter-like Friendship plate, pictured below, measuring 7" in diameter is now being offered for \$20 by the Friendship Sloop Society's Pendleton Scholarship Fund as a fund-raiser. Place your order with:

Albert Pratt
P.O. Box 129
Friendship, Maine 04547



Report of the Membership Committee

	1988	1989	1990
Honorary Members	11	12	12
Full Members	183	184	184
Cooperative Members	43	42	54
Sloop Owners	141	143	140
Former Sloop Owners	34	29	34
Family & Crew	10	13	17
"Friends of Friendship Sloops"	52	53	59
Total Members	237	238	250

The year 1990 saw the transition of membership billing from a winter and spring billing cycle to a fall and winter billing cycle. The change did not appear to impact membership.

For example, between '88 and '89, we lost 29 members and gained 30 new members for a net gain of one member.

Between '89 and '90, only 7 members (all sloop owners, did not renew. , but we enrolled 19 new or former members for a net gain of 12 members.

Within the 1990 renewals, we had 6 members downgrade from a Full to a Cooperative membership which was partially offset by one membership being upgraded from Cooperative to Full status.

In 1990, three new Sail Numbers were issued:

#252 was issued to an unnamed 30' sloop being completed in Corea, ME by Bob Sherman. The hull is of FerroLite (tm) and was built by Harry Quick (See Roger Duncan's book).

#253 was issued to **Iolar**, a 25' Pemaquid built in Bucks County, PA by Bill McCarthy and George Richards. Launched in May 1989, she is part of the Chesapeake fleet.

#254 was issued to **Chaos**, a 22' Passamaquoddy Yachts built sloop of the early 1970s which joins the Connecticut fleet. (Bosun's Book says she is Quoddy hull #2 finished by George Corea in Mattapoisett, MA.)

Respectfully Submitted

Al Zink, Chairman Bob Brooks, Bosun

Chartering Information Wanted

If you charter your Friendship Sloop either as a bareboat charter or skippered, please send along to the editor information about what you have to offer. In the Spring edition of the newsletter we will be publishing the list of members who charter their sloops.

Sloop Society Financial Statement

January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990

Receipts:

Dues	Boat Owners	\$ 3,350.00	
	Assoc. Members	775.00	
	CO-OP Members	<u>570.00</u>	\$ 4,695.00
Burgee Reimbursement			255.00
Decals			49.00
Hadlock Trophy C.D. Interest			123.94
Regatta Entry Fees			705.00
Annual Banquet			1,400.00
Computer Acquisition Fund			400.12
Bad Check Refund			<u>65.00</u>
			7,693.06

Disbursements:

Printing		\$ 535.81
Postage		758.69
Supplies		457.37
Regatta Expense		
	Insurance	\$ 321.00
	USYRU Dues	75.00
	Trophies	918.00
	General Insurance	310.00
	B.H.Y.C.	70.00
	Engraving	260.00
	Tote Bags	<u>234.15</u>
		2,188.55
Funeral FLOWERS		32.03
Annual Meeting Banquet		1,450.14
Meeting Expenses		26.00
Secretary Compensation		1,000.00
Bad Check & \$2 Bank Fee		<u>114.00</u>
		\$ 6,562.59

Checking Acct Balance 12/28/90 \$ 5,630.15

Ernst Wiegler
Treasurer

Computer Donated to Sloop Society

Dick Salter, at the January Executive Board Meeting, announced to the board that he was donating an IBM personal computer to the Sloop Society for use by the Secretary. Dick started the computer fund at the 1989 Annual Meeting by selling embroidered Sloop Society patches. The computer fund will be used to purchase a printer to be attached to the computer as well as a calculator for the Race Committee.

A big thank you to Dick for his generous donation!

A Fair Wind for the Yearbook

Our yearbook started under the editorship of Al Roberts as a race circular with some advertising to help pay for it. Since then, under the editorship of John Gould, Bruce Morang, the present incumbent, and several others, it has grown into a mini-magazine of maritime history. Accounts of building Friendship Sloops and fishing from them in "the old days" are here preserved. Just as significant are accounts of contemporary building and rebuilding, of exploits, adventures, and notable voyages. Photographs record individual sloops, their crews and owners, and our regattas and rendezvous. Current lists of registered sloops, their builders, homeports and owners provide valuable and available records.

Up to last year, Mr. Reade Brower of Coastal Publications in Rockland has published the book without cost to the Society on the understanding that he would sell the advertising and take care of the production and distribution of the book while the editor would be responsible for the copy. The book was to be 64 pages -- half copy and half advertising.

This happy arrangement suffered a hard blow in 1990 when Maine's slowing vacation economy cut deeply into the sale of advertising. The book was cut from 64 pages to 48 pages, but due to the ingenuity of Mr. Brower and Alice McFadden at Coastal Publications in consultation with the editor, most of the content was preserved, if somewhat dehydrated. Even so, Coastal Publications suffered a substantial loss.

Mr. Brower has agreed to publish the book again in 1991. It is to be a 48-page book with a color cover and will still be half advertising and half copy. However, Coastal Publications obviously cannot be expected to keep publishing the book at a substantial loss. If we are to continue to have the book published without cost to us, we must do all we can to help sell advertising. The following suggestions have been made:

1) Each member of the Society who has a boat should ask the yard owner and the suppliers with whom he deals to take an advertisement.

2) Members of the Society who have businesses of their own are urged to take modest advertisements.

3) A page will be included, headed perhaps "Bulletin Board", on which anyone may take a space of about 6 lines half a page wide to print anything he chooses: encouragement to his crew, congratulations to the Race Committee, salty advice to competitors in the races, celebration of a success, or even "Compliments of a Friend". These announcements will bring \$15 each. One may take as many as he wishes.

4) Some members have agreed to help in distribution in June.

These efforts should bring in more advertising revenue and spread the booklet's distribution widely. Mr. Brower much appreciates our intended effort and has suggested a small premium for the most successful salesman.

In order to keep track of what is sold by Society members, please send advertising copy to the yearbook editor at the address below. A table of advertising rates is included in this edition of the newsletter. Formal applications for advertisements are easily available.

Finally, if the effort to sell advertising is to be worth while, the book must be worth reading. Please send articles, stories, poems, drawings and photographs to the editor before April 15 and keep alive this running account of Friendship Sloop history.

Roger F. Duncan, Editor
P.O. Box 66
East Boothbay, Maine 04544

Advertising Rates

*Cover Space	5 3/8" X	8 1/4"	\$335
Full Page	5 3/8" X	8 1/4"	\$295
Half Page	5 3/8" X	4 1/8"	\$152
One-Third (Hor Only)	5 3/8" X	2 3/4"	\$105
Quarter Page (Hor.)	5 3/8" X	2"	\$78
Quarter Page (Ver.)	2 3/4" X	4 1/8"	\$78
One Sixth Page	2 3/4" X	2 3/4"	\$56
Bulletin Board			\$15

*Cover space rate applies to: inside front cover, inside back cover and last page.

Sail '92

The planning for Sail '92 in Boston has begun. We have included as an insert to this edition of "Friendships", a questionnaire to skippers who own sloops in New England. If you think you may be participating in the festivities in Boston in July of 1992, please complete the questionnaire using the example provided, and send it to:

Sail Boston 1992, Inc.
250 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210

Sail '92 will add you to their mailing list of vessels attending. If you did not receive a questionnaire and may be sailing your sloop to Boston for the 1992 event, drop a note to:

Dick Salter
151 Bridge Street
Manchester, MA 01944

Dues Reminder

If you haven't sent in your annual dues to Mary Cronin, Society Secretary, please send them to Mary at:

RFD 1, Box 539
Southbridge, MA 01550

Also, try to recruit some of the crew as cooperative members, or better yet, it makes a great gift at \$10.

Secretary's Notes

Mary has received the following notes during the last few months:

Comesin, #40, has been sold to John and Linda Livingston of Jacksonville, Florida.

Anna McQuaid, helmsperson aboard **Anna B**, was married on December 29, 1990, according to a note received from her mother.

Coast O' Maine, John Rutledge's boat, has been purchased by John Bundza and Peter Keefe of Barrington, New Hampshire. They are now Society members.

Columbia has been purchased by John and Kimberly Bundza of Barrington, New Hampshire, who are also members.

Dictator is in the possession of "Full Sea", Greenport, New York. They would like to see the boat returned to Maine.

Bruce and Trudy Andrews traded in #243, **Erin**, and purchased **Josie**, #144.

Ladyship has been shipped to Florida (Bahia Mar), Fort Lauderdale area. Bruce Witt further states "over initial chartering hump and greatly encouraged by results." **Ladyship** received a fresh Awlgrip paint job and is in "truly Bristol fashion". **Bay Lady** will be chartering out of Boothbay next year.

Frank Snyder, owner of **Rita**, is "now making final plans to sail **Chausseur** to New Zealand. Will not be in Boothbay in 1991, but will be there in 1992, God willing."

Mary Lanning forwarded some very interesting articles given to her by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sims of Danville, California and published in 1963 and 1965 in "Sea and Pacific Motor Boat", and 1967 in "Independent Journal" about the 28' Friendship Sloop, **Tia Maria**. Bob and Nancy Sims were at the races this past summer looking to buy a Friendship Sloop. We hope to publish these articles in a future Sloop Society publication.

January Executive Board Meeting

The following are Mary's edited notes of the executive board meeting held January 19th at the New England Center.

Commodore Bill Rand opened the meeting and requested a moment of silence for the troops in the Gulf. Mary Cronin read items that have been received lately which she thought would be of interest. The Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer David Bell showing a balance of \$5,630.15 and a Scholarship Fund balance of \$3,942.81 in Savings and \$42,901.05 in C.D.s. A discussion followed on the pewter plates which are being sold for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund. Also discussed in regards to the treasurer were schedule of payment of donations voted at the Annual Meeting, review of the location of where our funds reside, and a discussion of filing of required federal and state tax and corporate forms. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Bill Rand lead a discussion regarding the 1991 budget. Bill expressed his desire for a computer and estimated the cost at \$1200. John Wojcik requested that the Newsletter expenses and postage be kept separately and increased to \$450 for the newsletter and \$250 for newsletter postage. The secretary suggested that her postage account be dropped from \$900 to \$700. Bruce Morang estimated that the Regatta expense for trophies be in the \$450 range, and not include the expense of purchasing the pewter plates which the Scholarship Fund is selling. Regatta insurance should be about \$390 and that Skipper's gifts for the Regatta would stay at \$200 (this item might be discontinued if a deficit appears in the budget). A "sloop photographer" category is to be carried this year but no amount was budgeted. (Andrea Wilson has been the "official photographer" for the last two seasons and has provided the film and developing to the Society at no charge). Roger Duncan suggested a "contingency" fund which was agreed to be set at 5%, or \$350 for 1991. Roger Duncan felt he "could live" with \$50 yearbook expense. Budget to be "cleaned up" by Bill Rand for final presentation at the Executive Meeting in March.

Jim Wilson discussed purchasing a computer and printer for \$1200 to \$1500. Bruce Morang suggested that the Race Committee desperately needed a hand-held calculator. Dick Salter mentioned that he had an IBM computer, with no printer, that he would like to donate to the Society. The board voted to accept Dick's gracious offer of his computer, to buy a suitable printer, and to purchase a hand-held calculator for the Race Committee. Dick was given a round of applause for his contribution.

Jim Wilson presented a check for \$100 to the Computer Fund which were the proceeds from the sale of glass sloops at the Annual Meeting.

Al Zink gave the Membership Committee report stating that ground work for collection of records has been completed and the committee needs now only to work on "exceptional items". The sloop **Pal-O-Mine** has been moved to Rocky Neck for restoration by her owner. The status of drawings is still "up in the air". Al requested that the use of the name "Medomak" be applied to small boat drawings as yet unnamed. His request was granted.

Roger Duncan gave the report on the Yearbook. It is important that we get busy

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Fast Friendship Sloop Gets New Lease on Life

At the annual meeting in November, the Sloop Society honored Ernie Wiegleb by electing him Treasurer Emeritus. The following article, written by Red Boutilier, appeared in the August, 1971 edition of the "National Fisherman", and describes Ernie's efforts at restoring Chrissy.

FRIENDSHIP, ME - Shedding her shell like a lobster, **Chrissy** assumed a new skin and owner Ernest Wiegleb was putting final touches on the speedy but old Friendship sloop when I visited him on the beach at East Friendship.

Chrissy was built in 1912 by the widely known craftsman, Charles Morse. She was always a sturdy and serviceable sloop but it took the annual Friendship Sloop Regattas to place her in an ever-expanding circle of admiration and recognition. In 18 races, the 59-year old sloop has captured 10 firsts, three seconds and one third. Nothing captures the imagination of the loyal Friendship sloop fans more than a race victory by one of the originals.

Will the "new" **Chrissy** fare as well in the regatta competitions in the years to come? After a rebuilding program of one year and four months, owner Ernie Wiegleb feels **Chrissy** will continue to play a prominent role.

A septuagenarian, Wiegleb is as salty as his ancient sloop. It was in the 1968 races that the then-68-year-old Wiegleb shinnied the mast to free the choked throat of the gaff and save the victory for **Chrissy**.

Wiegleb fondly remembers that he bought the sloop in 1945 for \$1000 from a Port Clyde school teacher who was leaving Maine to accept a position as port captain at St. John's in Puerto Rico.

Wiegleb's first surprise was finding the original rock ballast still in the bilges. He did the usual maintenance jobs and settled down to enjoy and study his Friendship. A year later, he replaced her mast with the black spruce spar she now has. In 1949, Wiegleb sought the aid of W.J. Morse, who replaced the wooden rudder well and the stern post and replanked **Chrissy** below the waterline. In 1966, Ernie put in a lead keel.

But 1969 was the year of decision. Wiegleb felt that his boat was getting a sort of marine arthritis. Despite the fact that she would miss the 1970 regatta (Wiegleb sailed as crew on another Friendship), **Chrissy** was beached out at East Friendship for extensive renovation and repairs.

As is always the case with the rebuilding of old things, Wiegleb found that preparations for one job usually lead to the uncovering of another. To begin with, Wiegleb fashioned a steamer out of a galvanized hot water tank. He removed the sheathing and the first rib frame. He found that some of the old ribs were of oak but also many were of hackmatack.

So as to retain the original shape, Wiegleb removed only one rib at a time. After a rib was fashioned of oak and put in, he removed another. It was a long, tedious, but dependable process. One of the toughest tasks was pulling the old fasteners.

Today, Wiegleb says, all but a few ribs in the stern have been replaced. Some of the newer ribs at the stern which had been added by Morse in 1949 resisted all efforts to remove fasteners. They remain. Wiegleb also replaced many cedar planks until now all the original planking has been replaced.

So **Chrissy** has a new skeleton and pretty much of a new skin. A new paint job was the last touch. By the time this reaches print, the revitalized sloop should have sliced through many a Muscongus Bay wave.

Wiegleb says the materials cost him a total of \$700. His labor was of love and he could not value it in dollars. New Friendships have been known to be priced up to \$15,000 and one is reported to represent an investment of \$42,000.

So Ernie Wiegleb's labor of love is obviously very valuable on today's market.

Stamp Proposal

Jack Vibber sent along a note to us advising us on the regatta in New London and on the stamp proposal that he's been working on.

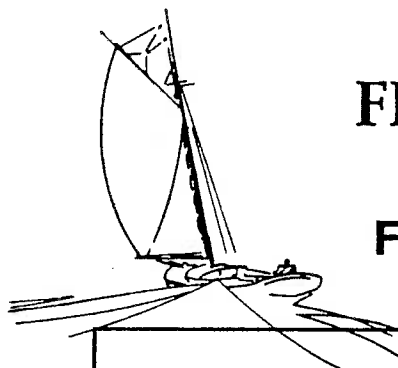
Jack has proposed to the Postal Service that they issue a commemorative booklet pane of stamps to honor the Friendship Sloop, Catboat, Clipper Ship, Fishing Schooner, and Four-Masted Schooner. These vessels, all originating in New England, played major roles in building both the commercial and fishing industries in the late 1800's and into this century. Recognition of their role in the development of our nation is being sought through the issuance of the commemorative pane of stamps.

We need your help in this effort.

Please send a letter voicing your support to:

Ms Jo Elaine Anderson
Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee
Room 5800
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.
Washington DC 20260-6753

Jack has also advised us that the plans are set for the New London regatta. Dick Willis has volunteered to be Fleet Captain for the sloops sailing from the east and will be contacting skippers who might possibly be making the trip to New London. Jack is in the process of finding someone to act as Fleet Captain from the West.



FRIENDSHIP SLOOP SOCIETY

Friendship, Maine 04547

FRIENDSHIP SLOOPS FOR SALE

15 November 1990

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THE FRIENDSHIP SLOOP SOCIETY DOES NOT SELL SLOOPS, HAS NO FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE SALE OF THE BELOW-LISTED SLOOPS AND MAKES NO STATEMENT AS TO THE CONDITION OR SEAWORTHINESS OF ANY SLOOP. THIS LISTING IS PROVIDED AS A SERVICE TO CURRENT AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY AND WAS COMPILED FROM ADVERTISEMENTS IN BOATING PUBLICATIONS AND FROM VERBAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS WITH OWNERS AND BROKERS.

NO.	NAME OF SLOOP	AT	LOD	BUILDER	BUILT	CONTACT	PHONE
CLASS "A" ORIGINALS BUILT 1920 OR EARLIER							
162.	IRENE	ME	38'	Charles A. Morse	1917	Dion Yacht Sales	207/439-9582
242.	TECUMSEH	FL	36'	Charles A. Morse	1902	Marine Woodcraft Services	305/767-4533
13.	EASTING	CT	29'	Charles A. Morse	1920	Milford Boat Works	203/877-1475
97.	GANNET (finish rebuild)	MA	27'	Unknown	1903	Owner	508/758-2573

WOODEN REPLICAS & NEAR-REPLICAS

80.	HEADWAY	MA	35'	Buck & Adams	1941	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
49.	SURPRISE	ME	33'	Philip J. Nichols	1964	Cannell, Payne & Pag	207/236-2383
152.	OLLIE M.	MA	32'	Kent F. Murphy	1977	Owner	617/581-3239
128.	SCHOODIC	ME	31'	E. Collemner / B. Lanning	1973	Owner	207/963-2370
14.	POSH	ME	30'	Wilbur Morse II	1946	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
46.	DIRIGO	ME	30'	Lash Brothers	1964	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
47.	GALATEA	CA	30'	McKie W. Roth Jr.	1964	Jeff Stone	415/235-4411
63.	KOCHAB	MA	28'	Speers	1953	Owner	508/693-4999
225.	PHILIP J. NICHOLS	ME	28'	Philip J. Nichols	1981	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
68.	ROBIN L.	ME	25'	James Hall	1967	Owner	207/633-3110
93.	ANNA R.	ME	25'	Kenneth Rich	1970	Portland Yacht Services	207/774-1067
125.	BILLY BUDD	MA	25'	Al Pacquette	1970	Lawrence L. Warner	508/758-9771
219.	YANKEE BELLE	NY	23'	Paul Edwards	1983	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
84.	PHILIA	MA	22'	McKie Roth Jr.	1969	Owner	802/496-3526
161.	SUMMERWIND	ME	22'	Guild & Cannell	1976	Newman Marine	207/244-5400
233.	PRINCESS PAT	FL	22'	Harry Armstrong	1987	Owner	305/678-4193

FIBREGLASS (etc.) REPLICAS

102.	TODDY	ME	35'	Lubbe Vosz, Germany (Steel)	1972	Newman Marine	207/244-5400
157.	LIBERTY	MA	31'	Newman (D04) / Salter	1980	Owner	508/526-1004
170.	LADY OF THE WIND	NY	31'	Newman (D05) / Morris	1976	Newman Marine	207/244-5400
174.	- None - (unfinished hull)	ME	31'	Newman (D07) / unfinished		Owner	207/729-4735
197.	NATANYA	CT	31'	Newman (D11) / Davis	1978	Owner	203/531-9774
198.	BAY LADY	ME	31'	Newman (D12) / Lanning	1979	Owner	207/633-5778
208.	LADY SHIP	ME	31'	Newman (D16) / Lanning	1981	Owner	207/633-5778
220.	AIKANE II	ME	31'	Newman (D20) / Pettegrow	1984	Newman Marine	207/244-5400
229.	CAP'N GEORGE	CT	30'	Bruno & Stillman (09)	1970	New England Yacht Sales	203/572-0750
244.	MAUI	FL	30'	Bruno & Stillman (18)	1971	Owner	305/941-7440
106.	HOLD TIGHT	ME	25'	Newman (P05) / Newman	1970	Newman Marine	207/244-5400
135.	HATSY	ME	25'	Newman (P07) / Morris	1973	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
143.	FAIR AMERICAN	CA	25'	Newman (P10) / Morris	1974	Owner	805/937-6998
223.	HOSTESS	MA	25'	Newman (P17) / Caterpillar	1981	Cannell, Payne & Page	207/236-2383
236.	AUNTY POOLE	MA	25'	Harry Bryant (Ferrocement)	1970	Owner	603/323-8597
221.	SEAL	MA	22'	Ahern (01) / Zink	1984	Owner	508/475-3897
238.	VIKING	MA	22'	Ahern / Ulwick	1980	Owner	617/246-0223
243.	ERIN	ME	22'	Ahern (05) / Hersey	1979	Mt. Desert Is. Yacht Yard	207/276-5114
237.	R. V. WINKLE	NH	19'	Ahern (B1) / Patten	1975	Owner	603/436-0787

FOR SLOOPS LISTED WITH MORE THAN ONE BROKER, THE CONTACT IS LISTED ABOVE AS "OWNER"

THIS LISTING DOES NOT INCLUDE SLOOPS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE SOCIETY.
CONTACT THE SOCIETY FOR LISTINGS OF UNREGISTERED SLOOPS OR "PROJECT SLOOPS."

Mary Cronin, Secretary -- R. F. D. 1, Box 539 -- Southbridge MA 01550

Class A Sloop Available

Will Collyer of Mattapoisett has informed the Society the Class A sloop **Gannett** which he has partly rebuilt, is available to anyone who wishes to take it away and complete the job. To date Will has rebuilt the stem and keel, and the next item on the to-do list is to install new frames.

The **Gannett**, Sloop registry #97, is one of the oldest Class A sloops still in existence having been built in 1903. She measures 27' long.

If interested in rebuilding and preserving this Class A sloop, call or write Will at:

RFD #2, 10 Holly Lane
Mattapoisett, MA 02739
(508)-758-2573

Spars For Sale

Barbara Hadlock, who along with her late husband Bill owned **Heritage**, has the following spars available for sale:

Mast - 45' 6"	(has 5 coats of spar varnish)	\$2500
Club - 12'		600

All the spars are of Sitka Spruce and were made by Pidgeon Hollow Spar Company.

Call or write Barbara at:

PO Box 65
So. Freeport, ME 04078.
(207)-865-6775

Mainsail For Sail

Mrs. Vera Studley of Gloucester sent along a letter to the Society informing us that she has a mainsail for a Friendship for sale. Dick Salter travelled to Gloucester to measure the sail and provided the following information:

Head - 16' 6"	2 Sets of Reef Points
Hoist - 17' 9"	4 Batten Pockets
Foot - 25' 7"	500.4 Square Feet
Leach - 30' 3"	Good Serviceable Condition

If you are interested in the sail, please call Mrs. Studley at (508)-283-0410.

Items For Sale

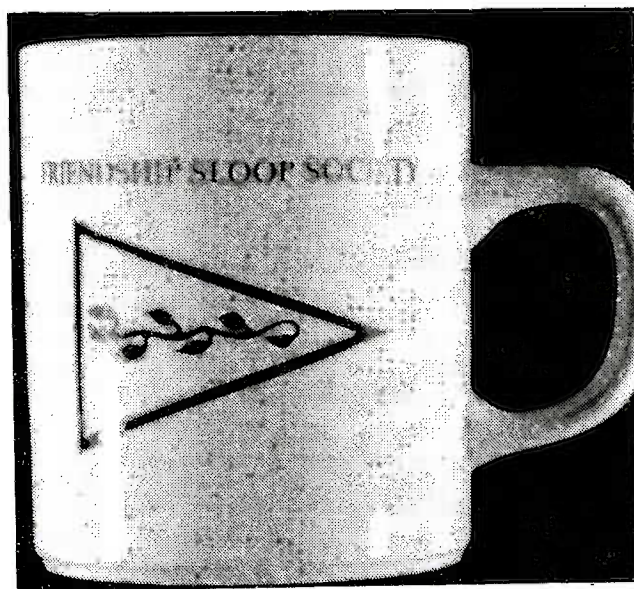
Doug Amsbary, (603-823-8459) owner of **Departure**, has the following items for sale:

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
Black inflatable anchoring ball	\$ 8.00
14' 1" Dia. 3 strand nylon	\$14.00

Sloop Society Coffee Mugs Available

The Sloop Society has a number of ceramic coffee mugs which are being offered for sale, the proceeds of which are to benefit the computer fund. They are 10oz. white mugs with the Society burgee on one side in color, and the Society logo on the reverse side. The mugs are sold in quantities of two or four, and are available for \$9 each which includes shipping. If interested, send a check to :

John Wojcik
347 Lincoln Street
Norwell, Mass 02061



1991 Schedule of Events

New London Regatta, July 13 and 14

Cruise to the Maine Maritime Museum, Saturday, July 20

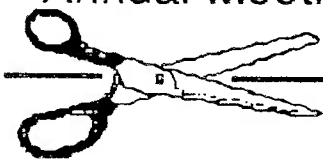
Rendezvous and Races at Boothbay, July 23, 24 and 25

Friendship Day Celebration, July 27, following a cruise from
Boothbay

Marblehead Regatta, August 17 and 18

Gloucester Schooner Festival, August 31 - September 2

Annual Meeting, November 23 - New England Center (Tentative)



Cut out and Save

January Executive Board Meeting

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and do something about advertising for the book. The newsletter will carry information on the purchase of ads and the rate sheet. All material to be printed in the Yearbook must be received by April 15th and the Yearbook ready for the publisher by May 1st. The Society should receive the completed books by the beginning of June.

Priscilla Rand suggested a boat-family-host program for Friendship. David Bell stated that last year's parade in Friendship was a well-guarded secret that not even Friendship residents knew about it. Decision: No race in Friendship; possibly a "sail-through" and some kind of a cookout on the island. It was also agreed to change the name of our annual gathering from "Regatta" to "Rendezvous".

John Wojcik read a letter from Ed Childs of Longmeadow, MA who raced his model of **Rita** in Boothbay. Ed has suggestions on how to improve racing of the models. John further stated that several FSS members will be bringing model Friendships to Boothbay with them this year. Enthusiasm was expressed for model racing again in Boothbay and John Wojcik said he would handle the program.

Bill Rand mentioned that he had met with the Maine Maritime Museum and was told that the **locaste** is only 10% completed. The Museum has run out of money for the project and has expressed the desire that possibly the Society could locate someone interested in buying it and having it finished by the Apprentice Shop, or have a sponsor to finish it and leave it at the Museum. The problem is monetary, not labor. The Museum estimates that it will cost \$34,000 to \$35,000 to restore the 31' Friendship.

The next meeting of the Executive Board will be March 23 in Bath.

Dick Salter passed out information on the 1992 Tall Ships. On August 9-11, 1991, they will have a parade of boats in Boston Harbor as a "show of support for 1992".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10.

Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A Sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 1991. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

90 Years:

# 75	Omaha	Adrian & Susan Hooydonk, Waldoboro, ME
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85 Years:

# 1	Voyager	Alexander & Christina Moir, Staten Island, NY
# 32	Nomad	Tom Ash, North Weymouth, MA
#164	Jessie May	Dennis Mayhew, St. Clair, MI

80 Years:

# 37	Chance	Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, ME
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