



FRIENDSHIPS

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Commodore's Message

It's that time of year again. Winter has not quite decided to give up and yet spring is in the air. Speaking of air, it's time to start thinking of sailing the coast of New England once again. In a few more weeks that pleasure is perhaps only a gallon of bottom paint away. Your executive committee is, figuratively speaking, scraping the bottom now and getting everything ready for the 1996 sailing season.

We have been invited to return to Rockland this coming summer for our homecoming during the last week in July. Rockland's Share the Pride group has started meeting with us to get things off to a good start. Come the last week in July, we will have everything planned except the weather. That, however, did not dampen our spirits last year and we're filing an early request for less, or at least more gentle, rain this year! We also have a full schedule of events planned for all the other locations where we traditionally gather. The race season will start in New London, followed by Southwest Harbor, Rockland, Marblehead, and Gloucester. The season will end with the annual meeting that has been scheduled for slightly earlier in November, on the 16th. We hope you'll make as many of the events as possible.

Over the winter your executive committee members have also been discussing several new ventures for the Society. Our success with Sloop Society T-shirts last year has started us thinking about branching out to include other merchandise. Not only do we have a truly magnificent new T-shirt design for 1996 but we are working with Downeast Embroidery to make a variety of sloop items available to our membership. In addition to this commercial effort we have been discussing ways to formally recognize founding members and others that have contributed significant time and energy to the establishment and maintenance of the Society. It was suggested that we might consider dedicating our memorial fund to offsetting the costs of republishing "Friendship Sloops" by Roger Duncan. In this second edition brief biographies of these important members would be included. This serves not only to honor their memory but also to document some of the Society's history.

As this news letter goes to print, we have been in contact with a publisher and have a tentative quote on the cost of publishing two thousand paperback copies of the book. We are excited about both these ventures and will keep you informed as we make progress.

So, get out there and start scraping so you can launch early and participate in all this years events.

Rich and Beth Langton

35th Annual Meeting

This report was provided by our secretary, Caroline Phillips.

The New England Center on the campus of the University of New Hampshire was again the site of the annual meeting. Commodore Rich Langton called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. He began the meeting by introducing the honorary members and past commodores who were present at the meeting, and acknowledging the new members who were attending their first meeting: Paul Haley, Betty Stubbs, Bob and Pat Quadros, Eddie Good, Art and Louise Toncre and Ruy Gutierrez.

Secretary's Report: Caroline Phillips

Caroline read the final membership numbers for 1995 which are as follows:

Boat Owners:	120
Full Members:	50
Co-Operative:	36
Honorary:	8
Total:	214

Caroline stated that the membership numbers were up from last year's 205 members with 25 new members for 1995. Caroline also read letters from Brian & Mary Clay Flynn and Gail Eberhardt.

Treasurer's Report: David Bell

David stated that the balance in the checkbook was \$1,432.37 and the trophy account had a balance of \$1,850.15. David pointed out that the Society did well this year and that all the officers kept within their budgets. David's detailed report appears on Page 5.

Pendleton Scholarship Report: Bill Zuber

Bill reported that the scholarship fund committee awarded

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\$4,000 worth of scholarships in June -- 5 high school students and 3 upper class students. Bill stated that the criteria for the scholarships are that students must be accepted to a college or technical school. Elbert Pratt's detailed report appears on Page 5.

Report on Events Southwest Harbor: Tad Beck

Tad reported that it was the 3rd year for the Southwest Harbor race and that they had perfect weather for the event. Charlie Burnham's **Resolute** won the race.

New London: Jack Vibber

Jack Vibber stated that New London could be described in three words: "Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful". The New London races this year will be July 13th & 14th.

Marblehead: David Graham

David reported that the 1995 participation was better than in 1994. Dave said that they had two good days of racing with the overall winner being **Tannis**. David then presented Race Committee Chairman Bob Rex and Commodores Rich & Beth Langton with an official time clock since Bob has been using his watch for timing races. Bob then presented David with a "Key to the City of Rockland".

Rockland: Bob Rex

Bob started out by saying that he hopes that we do not get as much fog in 1996. Bob thanked Dick Salter for the use of **Messing About** as the committee boat, as well as all the members of the race committee. He also thanked Dave Graham for the use of the portable mark from the Corinthian YC. The overall winner for 1995 was **Tannis**. Bob then mentioned a possible handicap alley for 1996, and that Rockland is very enthusiastic about having us back in 1996.

Friendship: Bill Zuber

Bill said that there were a few boats and many members who came to Friendship, and that a good time was had by all who attended. The Friendship Committee is again planning something similar for 1996.

Gloucester Schooner Days: Dick Salter

Dick reported that there were more sloops in attendance than any other year with the overall winner being **Resolute**.

Yearbook: Roger Duncan

Roger reported that the yearbook was getting better and better, but also stated that we still need to sell as to cover the \$900 security deposit, so please continue to solicit ads and take a spot on the "Bulletin Board" page. He still needs good articles, pictures, etc. The deadline for submitting material is April 15th.

Newsletter: John Wojcik

John thanked everyone who has contributed articles to the newsletter since this has made his job as editor much easier. He would like to continue to add different things to the newsletter and if anyone has any suggestions to contact him. He is also looking for a volunteer to write a series of articles

about the charter members of the Society. Anyone interested should contact John. The next edition of the newsletter should be going in the mail the end of February or beginning of March.

Publicity: Bob Monk

Bob said that information regarding Sloop Society events was sent to about 25 newspapers and that the events were well advertised in NH, MA, ME and CT. Bob received a number of calls requesting information about the regattas, and felt that this had generated a substantial amount of interest.

Authentication: Jim Wilson

Jim made an announcement of efforts underway to attempt to authenticate what is a Friendship Sloop. Jim stated that the authentication committee (Jim Wilson, Doug Amsbary, Jack Cronin & Bob Brooks) needs help in creating guidelines for determining whether a boat is a Friendship Sloop. Harold Burnham stated that the society, as an historical society, has no records available for Class A boats, and that we should authenticate our own records. Al Zink has done a great job on authenticating our records. Jim stated that we need to know what a Friendship is and encouraged members to contribute their thoughts.

New Business

Rich reviewed the budget for 1996. Actual expenditures for 1995 totalled \$13,972, with budgeted expenditures for 1996 estimated to be \$12,346. Money needs to be set aside for a new stock of burgees. Rich commented that the budget would be reviewed at the next executive board meeting.

Donations of \$300 to the Maine Maritime Museum, \$400 to the Pendleton Scholarship Fund, and \$300 to the Friendship Museum were voted unanimously by the membership.

Awards

Bancroft Award: Presented by Jack Cronin. His committee consists of Maria Burnham, Jim Wilson and Doug Amsbary. This year's recipient is John Gould. Jack commented that John needs no introduction. He was the person who made everything run smoothly in Friendship and helped to form the Society in 1960. John was recognized for his literary contributions. He has written a weekly column "A Dispatch from the Farm" for the "Christian Science Monitor" since 1942, and is the author of 29 books.

Bill Hadlock Award: The trophy was presented by Barbara Hadlock. The criteria for this award is seamanship, family participation, sharing knowledge and helping others, supporting the aims of the Society, and appreciation of the beauty and splendor of the Maine coast. This year the award was presented to Bill and Caroline Zuber.

Bruce Morang Award: Presented by Marcia, Kelly and Penny Morang, it is awarded to the person with the best story in the yearbook. The committee consists of Marcia Morang, Bob Phaneuf and Betty Roberts. Kelly thanked everyone in the Society for their help and support, then described the trophy, a model of the race committee boat which displayed the

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last race course posted by Bruce. The first recipient of the award is Harold Burnham for his story "The Sawzall".

Tribute to Teddy Brown: Andrea Wilson

Andrea started by saying that there should be a lasting tribute to Ted Brown since he was a good friend to everyone and will be missed very much. She asked what could be done in his honor, then opened the discussion to the floor. There were lots of good recommendations. It was stated that many of the members are getting older and that the Society should look at a way of honoring our deceased members without having to create individual awards for each. Bill Zuber said that he would like to see something on-going to commemorate Teddy and others, especially those people who have done so much for the Society. He suggested a book that might commemorate Ted and the rest of those who have passed away and we could add to it as needed. Richard Langton commented that this could be a way of documenting the history of the Society, and also a means of encouraging and passing along the history of the Society to our younger members.

Andrea is interested in anyone's ideas and that they should contact a member of the executive committee at anytime if they have a suggestion.

The friends of Teddy Brown have been granted permission to keep the guest mooring in front of Teddy Brown's house in Kittery for use by Teddy Brown's friends. It will be known as "Friends of Teddy Brown Mooring", and all members are encouraged to use it.

World Wide Web: Jim Wilson

Jim began by saying that all of our publications are excellent and we enjoy the newsletter and yearbook. With new computer technology, a new publishing opportunity is now available through the World Wide Web (an electronic web serving computers around the globe). Jim has started a business providing this service and would like to place the society on the World Wide Web. The publications of the Society would be entered on the web. Jim stated that on the Internet, the Society has opportunities to put information about each of the sloops, classification information for Friendship sloops, include photographs, information about sloops for sale, and where sloops can be located.

Election of Officers: Dick Salter

Dick Salter, chairman of the nominating committee which consisted of Tad Beck and John Wojcik, presented the following nominations for officers for 1996:

Commodore: - Richard & Beth Langton

Vice Commodore: - Larry & Debbie Plumer

Secretary: - Caroline Phillips

Treasurer: - David Bell

The proposed slate of officers were elected unanimously.

Essex River Race: Harold Burnham

Harold made a presentation for the Essex River Race. He stated that there is no race committee, and the consensus is that everyone has a great time. The entry fee is one trophy.

50/50 Raffle

A raffle was held at the end of the meeting where the winner of the raffle receives 50% of the money collected. It is expected, however, that the winner spend the winnings at the auction that follows. The \$120 was won by Ralph Stanley.

Voyager: Richard Langton

The ownership of **Voyager** has been given to the Rockland Apprenticeship by Tina Moir for restoration. The apprenticeship will contact Richard about how the Society could help in the restoration, and Rich solicited ideas from the members how we could help in this effort. **Voyager** has been winterized and surveyed, and she needs quite a bit of work done to her. The apprenticeship is having the local high school students take lines off of the sloop, and they will make half-hull models. The long term goal is to make **Voyager** into a traditional Friendship Sloop. The Society is not extremely wealthy and not able to put in a big check towards the restoration. Colin Whitney donated a canvas cover for **Voyager** for the winter since she will be kept outdoors. Nancy Bell suggested that the models created by the students be auctioned off at next year's annual meeting as a fund raiser.

1996 Annual Meeting: Richard Langton

Rich suggested relocating the meeting next year. He stated that the New England Center is convenient, but the cost keeps creeping up each year. He felt that the dinner was rather pricey this year. He asked the members to think about this and that it will be discussed at the executive board meetings. Everyone likes the date of the meeting.

A suggestion was made that all articles in the yearbook be put into one book.

With no further discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

1996 Schedule of Events

New London Regatta

July 13 & 14

New London's 350th Anniversary Southwest Harbor Rendezvous

July 20

Homecoming Rendezvous at Rockland

July 23, 24 & 25

Marblehead Regatta

August 10 & 11

Gloucester Schooner Festival

August 31 & September 1

Annual Meeting

November 16 - Location To Be Announced

Membership News

Membership Chairman, Doug Amsbary has provided the following news about our members:

#9 **Amity** has recently been sold to Ted & Patricia O'Meara of South Portland, ME. Patricia is the granddaughter of the previous owner, James Russell Wiggins.

It appears that we occasionally have trouble spelling the names of sloops correctly. We incorrectly spelled #220 **Amor Brojo** (ex **Aikane II**) in our last newsletter. It should read **Amor Brujo**.

Mary Clay and Brian Flynn, owners of #223 **Corregidor**, were unable to attend the annual meeting because Mary Clay was due to have a baby on or around Thanksgiving. We'll keep you posted about the potential for the youngest crew member award!

#45 **Flying Jib** has been sold to Stuart Richardson of Rye, NH and will still be homeported in Newburyport, MA. I spoke with Mr. Richardson the other day and he is reluctantly putting **Flying Jib** back on the market.

#213 **Amie**, previously owned by the Center for Wooden Boats in Seattle, WA, has been sold to Harvey & C.R. Nove of Newcastle, WA. An invitation has been extended to them to join the Society.

Sloops recently added to our Sloops for Sale Listing are: #247 **Rita**, #236 **Aunty Poole**, and #45 **Flying Jib**.

Several new members attended the annual meeting at the New England Center: Paul Haley & Betty Stubbs, owners of #24 **Tern** and Bob & Pat Quadros who sail on **Tern**. Art & Louise Toncre, owners of #13 **Easting**, travelled from their home in Texas to attend the meeting. Eddie Good, new owner of #112 **Secret** and Ruy Gutierrez of Auburn, ME, owner of #220 **Amor Brujo**, also attended their first annual meeting.

We are working to develop a brochure of merchandise items to offer to Society members and to the public at large. We hope to be offering the following items: a newly designed Tee shirt for the '96 Rendezvous, brushed cotton hats, canvas tote bags, men's wallets, and a sailing shirt, all of which will have one of our embroidered logos. Drinking glasses and/or coffee mugs may also be offered. In addition, we will also be offering the burgees (large & small), decals, and gift memberships.

If you have any ideas that you feel might be appropriate to add to this list, please give the Membership Chairman a call at (603) 823-8459. We are shooting to have the brochure ready to include in the summer newsletter and possibly be used as a center foldout in the yearbook.

Secretary's Notes

Caroline has sent along the following letters:

*From John Gould, 1995 recipient of the Bancroft Award:
Friendship, Maine
December 5, 1995*

To the officers and the members of the Friendship Sloop Society:

Kind friends,

Betty (herself) Roberts and the sailing crew of the Sloop **Gladiator** approached to make the presentation and agreeable to plans the right words were exchanged, the sighs given and the grips exchanged, and the plate ceremoniously delivered. I was touched with emotion, and remained overwhelmed by the gift and the honor.

My pleasant association with the Friendship Sloop Society certainly calls for no reciprocation from the Society. I've had more fun than anybody.

I became aware of the Friendship Sloop about 1926. Tom Nichols was a Lynotype operator at the weekly Brunswick "Record" when I first wrote for that paper. He was a brother of Philip Nichols of Round Pond and would now and then sail a sloop into Bath. So I came to know Phil Nichols. Years later I had a telephone call from Earl Banner of the staff of the "Boston Globe".

Earl said he had a fellow sitting by his desk who wanted to bring surviving Friendship sloops together at Friendship for a home-coming regatta, and what was a Friendship Sloop? The man calling on Earl was our Bernard MacKenzie, and Earl sent him to Maine to see me. In turn, I took him to Friendship, where we talked to Postmaster Carlton Simmons and the Friendship Sloop Society was organized.

The next thing I knew, Betty Roberts and Bill and Caroline Zuber came with the beautiful presentation plate. Herewith my utmost thanks for the honor bestowed whereof the plate is testimony. The plate already has its place of special importance in my souvenirs.

Yours always in Friendship,
John Gould

From Frank Muddle of Cushing, ME, owner of #11 Shulamite:

A "Get Acquainted" year for us with "Shula"! She tested our resolve (and mechanical repair ability), but we're becoming friends. She does have a few admirable qualities!

Hope to make it to Rockland next year. Don't know about racing - 58 years old (Schula) is a little much for such drastic affairs.

We've definitely decided that for a 24' Friendship - a roller furling jib has a high priority!

Sloop Society Financial Statement October 1, 1994 to September 30, 1995

Receipts:

Dues	Boat Owners	\$ 3,780.00	
	Assoc. Members	1,195.00	
	CO-OP Members	790.00	\$5,765.00

Rendezvous:

Entry Fees	1,000.00	
Banquet	1,785.00	2,785.00

Meetings:

Annual Meeting	1,892.00	
Auction	332.00	1,892.00

Miscellaneous:

Burgees	315.00	
Donations	31.00	
Decals	76.00	
Tee Shirts	2,610.00	
Other	504.00	
Bank Interest	133.88	4,002.27

Total Receipts 14,444.27

Disbursements:

Administration:

Printing	83.93	
Membership	350.94	
Newsletter	862.50	
Race Committee	260.37	
Yearbook Print Fee	240.00	
Postage	563.65	
Supplies (Burgees)	1,461.27	
Secretary's Comp.	1,000.00	
Other Administration	110.24	4,932.90

Rendezvous:

Trophies	450.37	
Race Insurance	321.39	
Commemorative Plaques	300.00	
USYRA Membership	75.00	
Skip. Gifts & Present.	282.00	
Rockland	50.00	
Rendezvous Dinners	1,755.00	
Other Rendez. Expense	163.06	3,396.82

Donations and Gifts:

Friendship Museum	300.00	
Pendleton Scholarship	400.00	
Maine Maritime Museum	300.00	
Other Donations/Gifts	105.00	1,105.00

Meetings:

Annual Meeting	2,198.57	2,198.57
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Miscellaneous:

Tee Shirts	2,119.23	
Other	219.79	2,339.02

Total Expenses 13,972.31

Total Receipts 14,444.27

Receipts over Expenses 472.05

Balance: Checking Account 31.78

Savings Account 5,877.69

Total 5,909.47

Trophy C.D. 2,166.59

Pendleton Memorial Scholarship 1995 Financial Statement & Report

There is little to report about the activities of the Trustees of the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund at this time. As is customary, the Treasurer mailed checks totalling \$4,000 to the five high school graduates and three upperclassmen who qualified for scholarships for the 1995-96 school year.

Presently, a letter is being prepared to be included in the Friendship Town Report alerting this year's high school seniors who live in Friendship that the scholarships will be available for the 1996-97 school year. This letter will be followed later by a letter to each graduating high school senior living in Friendship stating that he or she may apply for scholarship aid. It also explains how to go about it.

The young people and their families appreciate your contributions to the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please keep up the good work and help to build the Fund so that we can give more assistance to these students, particularly in their upper class years. Please make your check payable to the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund and mail to: The Rev. David Bell, Treasurer, HC61, Box 321, New Harbor, ME 04554

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert S. Pratt

President, P.M.S.F.

Pendleton Scholarship Fund 1995 Report

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1995 \$ 856.73

Income:

Donations:

Individuals	\$2,390.00
Friendship Sloop Society	400.00
Bottle Returnables	18.00
Rockland Tent Coin Box	12.00
	2,820.00

Memorial Gifts received in the name of:

Bruce Morang	
Capt. Bellhouse	
Ted Brown	
Lester Black	
Alfred Novick	
Savings Bank Interest	16.04

Total Income 2,836.04

Expenses:

Transferred to Putnam US Govt.	\$2,000.00
Trust Mutual Fund	
Zero Coupon (\$1,000) due 11/11/96	933.72
Postage	32.00
Total Expense	2,965.72
Savings Account Balance	727.05
Certificate of Deposit	4,770.52

Investments:

Putnam Fund for Growth & Income	12,209.53
Putnam US Govt. Income Trust	40,390.81
David W. Bell, Treasurer	

Executive Board Minutes

The winter meeting of the Executive Board was held at 11:00 AM on January 10th at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath.

Secretary's Report: Caroline Phillips

The membership status as of January 10th was as follows:

Boat Owners:	78
Full Members:	25
Co-Operative:	25
Honorary:	8
Total:	136

Caroline mentioned that she needs to order more burgees for 1996 as she has only 5 of each size left. She discussed the package she received from Prestige Flag & Banner Co. and gave the prices for the two sizes. The board voted to order 25 of each size from this new company.

Treasurer's Report: David Bell

David mentioned that we are still having a problem getting the correct headcount for dinner at the Annual Meeting. He listed all the items included in the meal ticket price (meeting room charge, coffee, cheese & crackers, etc.). The discussion of the annual meeting was held until later in the meeting under new business.

Pendleton Scholarship Fund: David Bell

Richard read a letter from Elbert stating that the scholarship fund awarded \$4,000 to 5 high school students and 3 college students. Since October the fund has received \$227 from the auction and \$230 from donations. The fund has sent letters out to all seniors eligible for the 1996 year.

Membership Committee: Doug Amsbary

Doug began by listing the sloops that had been sold recently. He then stated that there are on-going corrections being made in the yearbook and if anyone has any changes or corrections to contact him. Doug then discussed a possible merchandise pamphlet (similar to the Catboat Association) that we could put in the newsletter and yearbook. The board discussed possible items to be sold such as coffee mugs, tumblers, T-shirts, tote bags, pins, decals, burgees, sweatshirts, etc. David suggested that someone find out if there is any tax consequence in the state of Maine. The board gave Doug permission to design the pamphlet and bring it to the next executive board meeting.

Yearbook Editor: Roger Duncan

Roger stated that the Society did a wonderful job with the 1995 yearbook and that the Society should work just as hard on the 1996. So far, Roger has one good article for 1996. He reminded the board that the deadline for articles is April 15th.

Newsletter Editor: John Wojcik

John reported that the next newsletter would be mailed around the first week in March. It would include the Annual Meeting minutes, various committee reports, and the list of up-coming events for 1996. The address list has been trimmed to cut postage costs, and that the next edition will be 8 pages.

Publicity Chairman: Bob Monk

Bob stated that he did not have much to report at this time and that he needed the calendar of events in order to mail out the publicity letters which he will be doing shortly.

Race Committee: Bob Rex

Bob asked if Ken Rich was going to be the harbormaster of Rockland next year, and Rich said he would inquire at the next Share the Pride meeting. Bob stated that a variety of race courses are being discussed (racing both inside and outside of the harbor).

World Wide Web: Jim Wilson

Jim reported that the Society is now on the World Wide Web. The web site address is:

[HTTP://WWW.BRIGHTLINE.COM/FSS](http://WWW.BRIGHTLINE.COM/FSS)

New Business

Annual Meeting:

Rich stated that although the New England Center is a convenient location and that they have been extremely good to us, the price of the dinners keeps creeping up each year, and again this year there was a discrepancy on how many ate dinner. Rich asked the board about possibly moving the annual meeting to another location. Rich asked if the meeting should continue to be held in the Portsmouth area. Jim Wilson suggested two locations in Portsmouth: Yokens restaurant and the local Sheraton.

Jack Cronin suggested that the prices for the rooms, cheese & crackers, coffee, etc., be broken out from the cost of the dinner.

Two problems need to be solved with the annual meeting: 1. - the cost of the dinner 2. - accurate dinner count. Rich suggested that a committee be formed to investigate other locations. Jim Wilson, Rich Langton and Irene Amsbary volunteered to be on the committee. Rich will negotiate with the New England Center, Jim will check the Portsmouth area, and Irene would check the York area. Doug Amsbary asked why we didn't stay in Portland and John Wojcik replied that we moved further south to give the Connecticut members an opportunity to attend. It was also suggested that any future location include a motel tied to the conference center due to alcohol consumption. It was also decided that the next board meeting be held at one of the proposed sites for the annual meeting. The date of the next meeting will be March 16th.

Irene asked why the date of the annual meeting had to be the weekend before Thanksgiving. A motion was made and voted unanimously that the next annual meeting be held two weekends before Thanksgiving on November 16 & 17, 1996.

Budget

The budget was reviewed and minor changes made to various committee budgets. David Bell reported that the trophy CD comes due and that it has accumulated monies from various memorials. David will establish 3 CD's (1, 2, 3 years) and use the interest from the CD's and keep rolling them over.

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Jim Wilson recommended buying a Panasonic laser printer for David for \$200. When asked how often Dave uses a printer, he replied that he uses it to print out reports, and the race committee also uses it for reporting race results, etc. Jim stated that the printer is battery powered and can be used on the committee boat. The board voted to buy the printer.

Republishing "Friendship Sloops"

Roger Duncan reported that there is interest in having the book "Friendship Sloops" reprinted. His publisher, WW Norton, had discussed republishing the book, but decided not to do it. If the book were republished, Roger said that he would add to the book to up-date the information.

Paul Haley, owner of **Tern**, had contacted Mystic Seaport to see if they have plans to re-publish the book, but they do not, at this time, have plans to reprint the book. Rich Langton stated that the Society needs to ask Mystic what it would take to have them reprint the book. Dick Salter asked how much would it cost to reprint the the book.

Rich asked the board if they thought that the reprinting of the book would be suitable memorial for past members. A section could possibly be added honoring deceased members who were instrumental in establishing and/or contributed to the Society in a significant way. The board decided it was an excellent idea and asked Roger to contact Mystic Seaport to inquire as to what it would take to have them republish the book. The Society would solicit donations for a memorial fund that would then be used to republish the book.

Other Business

Nancy Bell requested that a Thank You note be sent to the Downeast Embroidery company thanking them for the 12 hats they donated for the memorial fund for Bruce Morang.

1997 Event: Jim Wilson

Jim briefly discussed the 350th anniversary of Portsmouth, NH to be held around July, 1997. The Portsmouth planning committee is hoping to have tall ships, etc. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A Sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 1996. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

95 Years:

75 **Omaha** Adrian Hooydonk, So. Thomaston, ME

90 Years:

1 **Voyager** Apprentice Shop, Rockland, ME

32 **Nomad** Tom Ash, North Weymouth, MA

#164 **Vera Jean** Dennis Mayhew, Niceville, FL

80 Years:

37 **Chance** Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, ME

Mass. Bay Friends of Friendships

Another winter of "pot belly stove meetings" has begun in the Massachusetts, New Hampshire and southern Maine area.

Attendance at the annual Christmas dinner at the Seven Central restaurant in Manchester, MA, which kicked off the season of meetings, was severely affected by a snow storm that made driving difficult, but there were a number of hardy members that did make the dinner.

The February meeting was also held at Seven Central where members heard Kevin and Marge Rose, former owners of the sloop **Safe Home**, tell their plans for their trip around the world which began on March 3rd. Kevin & Marge and another couple are sailing their 40' sloop (not a Friendship) from the Bahamas, through the Panama Canal, to the Gulapagos Islands, on to the Polynesian Islands, then to the east coast of Australia, up to the north coast of Australia, then north through the Strait of Malacca to Thailand. After the monsoon season passes, they'll continue across the Indian Ocean to the Red Sea, pass into the Mediterranean Ocean through the Suez Canal, then across the Atlantic to the Caribbean.

Kevin, with the help of slides, described their vessel, explained the many months of preparation that went into the trip, then answered numerous questions from the attendees.

There are two meetings scheduled to complete the winter season. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th aboard the sloop **Old Baldy** at Jim Wilson's barn in Rye, NH. According to the flyer sent by scribe Dick Salter: "Scuttlebutt heard 'round and about has it that Jim has some very definite plans to get his sloop wet this coming season. That would be something new and different! Imagine seeing this venerable sloop swinging on a mooring again or even showing up for a couple of regattas. Considering the stories we've heard from afar in the past, it is best that we investigate his intentions and the vessel and pass counsel on activities occurring in the barn. As is customary, we'll either share cold bean sandwiches or order out for squid pizzas. If you have the time available, please join us. If for some reason time isn't available, perhaps it's time to reorder priorities!" For more information, call Jim Wilson at (603)-431-7004.

The April meeting, scheduled for April 25th, will be aboard **Chrissy** at the Burnham Shipyard in Essex, MA. "The saga of **Chrissy**'s rebirth and transformation has taken a few years to unfold and develop. This is a true and quite unusual tale, which is told with more knowledge of the subject than is commonly encountered.

Harold has given his show to several boating groups and has received rave reviews. One old timer commented that 'this was the best darn speaker his club had arranged in his 25 years of membership'.

We'll not be dipping into Charlie's can of beans, but rather we'll order out for sea worm pizzas. Tasty devils!" For more information, call Dick Salter at (508)-526-1004.

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Maine Maritime Museum

The museum at Bath is sponsoring the following Boatshop Workshops in 1996:

Lofting with Arno Day: Lofting is a difficult process to understand but is, without a doubt, one of the most important skills for the professional or novice boatbuilder. During this 32 hour class with one of the country's best lofters and builders, participants will learn the step by step process by lofting one or more small vessels. A session is scheduled for April 13, 14, 27, 28 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost for the class will be \$150 per person.

Caulking: This workshop features John Maritado, one of the most knowledgeable caulkers in the country. Participants will have the unique opportunity to learn first-hand, the secrets and skills behind this rapidly disappearing craft. The class takes place on Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and will cover the caulking process from start to finish. It will focus on the materials, process and results. Cost for the class is \$30 per person.

Sail Maintenance and Repair: This class, taught by Win Fowler, owner of Shore Sails in Yarmouth, will take place on April 20, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The class will cover how to identify common sail problems such as dirt, UV degradation and chafe, what to do until the sailmaker comes (stitching tears, hardware, corners), how to assemble a useful sail repair kit and how sails are assembled in terms of design, modern materials and construction techniques. Cost of the class is \$40 per person.

Basic Navigation: This six week program, presented by the Coast Guard Auxiliary of Boothbay (Flotilla 205), will take place Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon, April 10 - May 22. Format will include 2 hours of classroom instruction and 2 hours of hands-on participatory workshop. Students must purchase books and plotting instruments. All participants must have already taken a basic boating class. Cost for each student will be \$50. All students completing the course will receive a certificate.

Advanced Navigation: This eight week program, given by the Coast Guard Auxiliary, will take place Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon, September 18 - November 13, 1996. Format will include 2 hours of classroom instruction and 2 hours of hands-on participatory workshop. Students must purchase books and plotting instruments. All participants must have taken a basic navigation class. Cost is \$50 per person.

The museum is also sponsoring a Spring Lecture Series whose scheduled speakers are:

April 9 - Ray Maloney, a well known Bounty expert, will discuss the mystery behind the "Mutiny on the Bounty" epic that has fascinated the world for over two hundred years. He highlights the Bounty voyage, Captain Bligh's 3,600 mile passage in the ship's launch, the mutineers wanderings and the final settlement on Pitcairn Island. Mr. Maloney's

research into the Bounty's story has taken him all over the world including the Fiji Islands, Moorea, Tahiti, Tubuai and Australia.

April 16 - Local historian Mark Biscoe, will tell the story of shipbuilding in Damariscotta and Newcastle. His presentation will be based on his book "No Pluckier Set of Men Anywhere".

April 23 - Sail north with Alvah and Diana Simon as they seek the edge of adventure, endurance and experience. Frozen into the high Arctic ice field aboard their small yacht for over a year, the Simons learned lessons both nautical and natural. Their's is a story of darkness and light, fear and delight, silence and solitude, wildlife and wonder. Their story has been featured in the last several issues of "Cruising World" magazine. This program is not to be missed.

Contact the Bath Museum at (207) 443- 1316 for admission prices and times.

Yearbook Deadline - April 15th

Roger Duncan is always looking for interesting articles and pictures for the yearbook, as well as advertising and bulletin board messages from our members. Roger has set a deadline of April 15th to get stories and ads to him. Roger's address is: P.O. Box 66, East Boothbay, ME 04544.

Mass Bay Friends of Friendships

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And for those who remember Teddy Brown, they will be pleased to learn that David Graham has organized a get-together in Ted's memory. This has been planned for May, once the weather has (hopefully) warmed enough for an outdoor gathering.

A special THANK YOU to our scribe Dick Salter who plans and coordinates these meetings and who also writes and sends out the notices. The Mass Bay group continues for another season through Dick's efforts.

Dues Reminder

If you haven't mailed your annual dues in for 1996, please send them to: Caroline Phillips, Society Secretary, 164 Sturbridge Road Charlton, MA 01507

A Galley Recipe Pork Chops & Spanish Rice

5 Pork Chops	1 Can Tomatoes
1 Tsp. Salt	1/2 Cup - Chopped Onion
1 Tsp Chili Powder	1/4 Cup Chopped Green Pepper
1 Tsp Accent	3/4 Cup - Long Grain Rice *
Dash Pepper	

Heat fat from chops or use 2 tablespoons of salad oil in skillet. Brown chops, drain. Combine seasonings, sprinkle over meat. Add onion, green pepper & rice. Pour tomatoes over. Cover and cook over low heat 30-35 minutes. Stir occasionally.

* Packaged rice - add last ten minutes of cooking.