

# Friendships

## Newsletter of the Friendship Sloop Society

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### Commodore's Message

This year has gone by so quickly; it's hard to believe it is early June already. We have finally set a launch date for **Rights of Man**, next week – yeah! Hopefully you are already in the water and enjoying the wind in your hair....

July 22, 23 and 24th marks the 50th annual homecoming and regatta and we hope you have marked your calendars and saved the date. To celebrate this momentous event we have been hoping to get 50 Friendships to Rockland this year. We are not sure if we will hit that number yet, but we do know that we will have more boats than we have seen in at least 30 years! It will be a sight not to be missed.

Many of the more "seasoned" sloops that come from Massachusetts, Connecticut and beyond are meeting up along the way and hoping to join up and cruise with anyone heading north. We are hoping this eases the nerves of traveling in uncharted waters for those coming to Rockland for the first time (or for those that just enjoy cruising with others.)

Things officially start off with the cruise to Pulpit Harbor on the night of Tuesday, July 20th. Here Sloops that were able to attend Southwest Harbor's Races and those traveling from other areas will gather if they wish. On Wednesday morning sloops start arriving in Rockland Harbor to tie up at the town dock, with pretty much everyone in by sundown on Wednesday night. There will be grills going ashore for anybody who would like to join us under the tent for a BYOC (bring your own cookout.)

Thursday July 22nd will be the first of 3 days of racing with a Skippers meeting at 9:00 under the tent. The race itself starts at 12:00 (winds permitting) along the Rockland Breakwater, followed by the rowboat races off the dock. If you have never been to Rockland, or have missed the rowboat races in the past, please bring a blindfold and be prepared to laugh. Friday starts the same with a Skippers meeting at 9 and races to begin at noon along the Breakwater. This year we hope to do a cruise on Friday for those not interested in racing. If weather permits, Steve Major of **Echo** has offered to do a cruise, possibly to Dix Island in Muscle Ridge Channel. Friday night we encourage people to go and explore the many places to eat in Rockland, the selection is endless with some being featured on the Food Network recently.

Saturday will be our final race, with a brief Skippers meeting at 9:00. Starting at 11:30 with a Parade of Sail off the Breakwater followed by the race at noon. We hope to end early enough so that we have plenty of time to set up for our wonderful dinner and awards under the tent.

### Race Committee Notes

#### Our 50th Year of Racing

*By Dave Graham, Race Committee Chairman*

With the filing of our required Coast Guard permit during February of this year and with several organizational meetings under our belt, your Race Committee is now fully prepared for our oncoming 50th regatta celebration during the week of July 22-24 - - - only this year, there will be a slight difference. Here's what it's all about.

Up until this year, we have proceeded with something in the order of a 12-page set of sailing instructions. While including such instructions with our Coast Guard application is required, the good news is that we have managed to whittle the 2010 version down to a 7-page document.

The still better news is that your committee, with the strong support of Bill Whitney, has created an additional simplified 2-page set of waterproof "instructions" that include a self-explanatory racing diagram on one side, with a pictorial explanation of the typically used visuals (flags and shapes) that are displayed during the course of a race.

Neither will replace the audio instructions that will be given the racers each race day but combined, we are of the firm belief that all will make life much simpler for the skippers and crew.

Now for a word about numbers. As this is our 50th race, your Executive Committee has been working nobly throughout the past fall and winter to promote this year's Homecoming Regatta. For that reason - - - and because this year and next year will be special in our Society's history - - - we all hope you will decide to participate and be a part of the events that will take place in Rockland. We strongly believe that at the end-of-the-day on June 24th, you will be delighted not to have missed the action.

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We hope you can get to Rockland this year and help us celebrate this milestone event by boat or by car. In addition to three days of camaraderie and sailing, Rockland is an amazing city with so much going for it. If you haven't been to Rockland in the past few years, there have been many wonderful and exciting changes. It has become a destination of choice for many. For more on what the city of Rockland has to offer, please see the Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce Website, [www.therealmaine.com](http://www.therealmaine.com). Wayne & Kirsten

## **Roger F. Duncan, 93**

### **Educator, Author, Seaman**

EAST BOOTHBAY -- Roger Fenn Duncan died peacefully on May 15, 2010. He was the son of Robert F. and Dorothy Fenn Duncan, and raised in Scarsdale, N.Y. He was 93.

Roger was a graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard College. He was a teacher, coach and administrator at the Fenn School in Concord, Mass., and the Belmont Hill School in Belmont, Mass. He was the author of numerous books including: 'A Cruising Guide to the New England Coast,' 'Coastal Maine,' 'Eastward' and 'Ashore and Afloat.'

Roger with his wife Mary sailed their Friendship Sloop **Eastward** extensively along the coast from New York to St. John's, New Brunswick. They sailed parties for many years in the Boothbay Harbor Region. He was a member of the Cruising Club of America, and the Friendship Sloop Society where he raced **Eastward** very successfully. Roger and Mary were recognized throughout the coastal communities of New England. Roger was known for his seamanship, knowledge, and history of the coast. One could not spend a day afloat with them without having some friend sail by with a cheerful, 'Hi Ya Roger' floating across the water from another cockpit.

Roger was a master educator, Headmaster of the Belmont Hill School, and chairman of the School Committee in Concord, Mass. Roger set high standards, not by demanding them but by demonstrating them. His moral compass was as steady as the North Star. As a founding member of the Mid-Coast Maine Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist, he lived his principles out every day and shared them with countless students, colleagues, and friends.

Roger was a beloved soccer, hockey and crew coach. He coached with a vibrant competitive spirit but demanded respect for the opposition and fair play at all times. Into his early eighties as a single skull oarsman he competed in the Head of the Charles regatta in Cambridge and showed the competition his wake on most occasions.

He is survived by his wife Mary Duncan of Boothbay; his brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Joyce Duncan of Southport; his three sons, Robert and his wife Lucinda of Concord, Mass., William and his wife Lizbeth of Burke, Va., and John and his wife Carol of Charlotte, N.C.; also by eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Roger Duncan was a steadfast man, sensitive and careful with words; always willing and eager to lend a hand to others. The people he touched, taught, entertained, inspired are richer for his presence.

Letters to Mary can be directed to St. Andrews Retirement Village, 145 Emery Way, Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04538

In lieu of flowers contributions may be sent to:

The Fenn School	The Belmont School
516 Monument St.	350 Prospect St.
Concord, MA 01742	Belmont, MA 02478

Doctors Without Borders, USA  
P.O. Box 5030  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21741

## **2010 Schedule of Events**

### **Southwest Harbor Rendezvous**

Saturday, July 17th

### **Pulpit Harbor Rendezvous**

Tuesday, July 20th

### **50th Annual Homecoming Rendezvous & Races at Rockland**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday - July 22nd to July 24th

### **Marblehead Classic Boat Regatta**

August 7th & 8th

### **Gloucester Schooner Festival**

Saturday, September 4th

### **Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous**

October 1st to October 3rd

### **Fall Executive Committee Meeting**

Saturday, October 9th (Tentative)

### **Annual Meeting**

Saturday, November 13th

Best Western Merry Manor Inn

South Portland, ME

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## **Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous**

Hello, My name is George Loos, the proud owner of **Vida Mia** #15 of the Friendship Sloop Society. I would like to invite all members and sloop owners to participate in the 28th Mid Atlantic Small Craft Festival at St. Michaels, Maryland in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Friendship Sloop Society. The Friendship Sloop participation in this event is intended to extend the celebration longer and farther south for those of us unable to sail to Rockland, Maine for the 50th in July.

The Small Craft Festival will be held on October 1 – 3 and is always well attended with lots of fun events for all. I approached the steering committee last year with the idea of a Friendship Sloop Rendezvous and they embraced the idea with open arms. The Small Craft Festival is sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and held on the Museum grounds, with displays open to all who attend. There is plenty of room to anchor in the harbor, with showers and rest rooms on the museum property. The steering committee will arrange a separate start for the Friendship Sloops and a public viewing under sail. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this event. Email: [georgeowlman@aol.com](mailto:georgeowlman@aol.com)

For more information on the Small Craft Festival email [www.cbmm.org](http://www.cbmm.org)

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## **Racing Numbers**

The Race Committee is asking skippers to use sloop numbers for racing. Numbers do not have to be permanently attached to sails, they can be attached to shrouds. Numbers should be large enough to be read from a reasonable distance

## Gail O'Donnell, 62

*Gail O'Donnell, the wife of past commodore Roger Lee, and owner of Sazerac, died May 10, 2010, of brain cancer.*

Gail was born Sept. 21, 1947, and grew up in Deerfield, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. She graduated from Deerfield High School in 1965 and received a bachelor's degree in home economics and nutrition from the University of Illinois in 1969, where she met her first husband, Emmett O'Donnell.

Gail and Emmett married in Deerfield Feb. 5, 1972, and had two children, Colin Burke O'Donnell and Anne Kathleen O'Donnell.

Gail's career as a food stylist began in the early 1970s at Quaker Oats and Kraft Foods in Chicago, where she developed the deep knowledge of the advertising industry, the art of food photography and the properties of food that would make her so successful in her freelance career. Over the course of her 30 years in the profession, Gail became one of the most prominent stylists in Chicago, respected for the beauty of her work and her kind, graceful presence under pressure.

Both before and after the death of her first husband (in 1992), Gail enveloped her children in love and provided them with a warm, stable home to grow up in, filled with beauty, laughter and family. Gail raised her children with a spirit of exploration, an ethic of hard work, and a dedication to fun that they will cherish forever.

Shortly after Anne left for college, Gail became reacquainted with Roger Lee, a friend from her childhood church youth group, with whom she shared many interests and values, including a love of the outdoors and a passion for architectural detail. Roger proposed to Gail on a backpacking trip along the Vermont Long Trail in October 1999, and they were married July 2, 2000, over a perfect Maine weekend.

After their marriage, Gail and Roger decided to find a Maine community in which to settle. Belfast was the right choice. They built a life that they both loved, particularly their roles as active members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast. Gail served on numerous committees, sang in the choir, and led the congregation as Church Council chair for two years.

Gail and Roger enjoyed various outdoor pursuits all across Maine, including backpacking the 250-mile Maine Appalachian Trail in 2003. Gail directed the restoration of the 1879 Second Empire house that she and Roger purchased — doing much of the detail work herself. Gail delighted in the beauty of her garden and treasured the many friends she made whose support sustained her through her life and in her illness.

Gail is survived by her parents, Grace and Charles Whisler, of Lincolnshire, Ill.; her beloved husband, Roger Lee; her loving children, Colin and his wife, Rachel, and Anne and her fiancé, Ben; her granddaughter, Francesca; her stepdaughter, Carrie Lee, and her husband, Rob; her stepson, George Lee; her younger brothers, Bill Whisler and Chuck Whisler and his wife, Karen; and her sister-in-law, Sandy Blandford.

A memorial service for Gail was held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Belfast on Saturday, May 22. A second service was held in Deerfield, Ill.

Donations may be offered in Gail's memory to the Endowment Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Belfast, P.O. Box 452, Belfast, ME 04915.

## Gerry Breton

*Gerry was a member of the race committee for a number of years.*

Gerard E. Breton, 92, formerly of Wakefield, Reading and Revere died Wednesday, February 10 at the Hellenic Nursing and Rehabilitation Centre in Canton.

Born in Berlin, New Hampshire on October 13, 1917 he was the son of the late Eugene and Alexina (Beaudoin) Breton.

Mr. Breton was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1936 and Wentworth Institute. He was a Master Electrician and was the owner of Breton Electric in Wakefield for 43 years. Mr. Breton was a life member of both the Wakefield Elks and the Quannapowitt Yacht Club in Wakefield. In 1964 he was the Commodore of the Quannapowitt Yacht Club. Mr. Breton was also a member of the Friendship Sloop Society and formerly of the Wakefield Lions Club. He was a World War II Army Veteran.

He was the husband of the late Edith (Leone) Breton. Mr. Breton is survived by his six children; Donna Forde of Havertown, PA, Michael Breton of Charlestown, RI, Linda Franklin of Charlotte, NC, Rita Stasia Mowry of Warwick, RI, Stephen Breton of Wakefield and Laura Kittery of Stoughton. Mr. Breton was predeceased by his brother Lawrence Nott and his two sisters; Pauline Rennie and Irene Sullivan all of Revere. He is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

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### Friendship Sloop Available

The Malcolm Brewer built Friendship Sloop **Patience** is looking for a good home. After spending several years ashore on Cape Cod, she was moved across the canal to Sandwich, MA with the intent to rebuild. The garboards and ballast have been removed and the hull cleaned out and dried. A survey shows that the keel and several floors need to be replaced and a few frames either sistered or replaced. The hull is still intact and structurally strong enough to move. Unfortunately the scope of the needed work is beyond the capability and facilities of the current owner and he would like to give her to someone who can continue to restore her. Anyone interested should contact Dan Mahoney at 508-633-8203 or Bill Whitney at 617-281-0113

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The start of a race in the "early years" in Friendship.

## Robert Phaneuf

*Bob Phaneuf, former owner of the sloop Surprise, and longtime member of the Sloop Society, passed away March 9th. Bob was a participant at the homecomings in Friendship and Boothbay.*

Mr. Robert Paul Phaneuf, of Salem, MA, formerly of Chelmsford, died at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, MA. He was married to the late Mrs. Patricia (O'Loughlin) Phaneuf with whom he enjoyed more than 50 years of marriage. Mrs. Phaneuf died December 23, 2006.

Born in Lowell, MA on December 2, 1925, the son of the late Elphege and Amella (Giroux) Phaneuf. He was raised in Lowell and attended St. Jean d'Arc School.

As a young man, he enjoyed his participation in the 4-H organization. Later he attended Dracut High School. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Bachelors Degree in Chemistry. He served with the U.S. Navy aboard the destroyer **USS MacDonough** during WWII in the Pacific Theater and was honorably discharged in May of 1946.

He was employed in his earlier years as a Chemist with the Coca Cola Corporation in the Quality Control Division, and more recently as the owner and operator of Phaneuf Press of Lowell, Billerica and Boston.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church of Chelmsford, MA. Mr. Phaneuf was a member of Friendship Sloop Society. He enjoyed golf and woodworking, summertime at Goose Rocks Beach, Maine, and spending quality time with family especially his six grandchildren. His greatest passion was sailing the coast of Maine in his Friendship Sloop **Surprise**.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert P. Phaneuf, Jr. and his wife, Kathleen (Pender) Phaneuf of Lowell, MA; two daughters and their husbands, Julie Phaneuf and Jay Kiely of Swampscott, MA, Anne Marie Phaneuf and David MacKay of Nantucket, MA; a brother, Norman Phaneuf of Dracut, MA; six cherished grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in his name to the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 17 Court Street, Boston, MA, and The Salvation Army.

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## Trophy Reminder

Did you win a trophy at the 2009 Rockland Homecoming? Did you have it engraved with your boat's name as the proud 2009 winner? Will you please dust it off, polish it up and bring it back to Rockland?

If previous winners weren't proud enough to engrave their names, would you be willing to do the engraving on their behalf? The Trophy Committee will gladly reimburse you for this additional expense. Contact Penny Richards for names of previous winners. E-mail her at pennyjrichards@gmail.com or buzz her cell at 978-815-4339. Many thanks from the Trophy Committee

## Racing at Marblehead

### The Classic Yacht Regatta

This year, the Classic Yacht Regatta has been expanded by the addition of a sponsor in the form of the Italian watchmaker Panerai and will be part of the three-way series to include venues that will follow at Nantucket and Newport.

The format has once again returned to a two-day regatta that will be held on August 7th and 8th that will attract vintage and classic sailing boats. The Friendship Sloop Society has been invited to race with boats that include everything from the 12-Meter to the "Spirit of Tradition" of all ages.

While the Friendships will start with other classics, they will be awarded their separate trophies on Sunday, August 8th for competing in the regatta.

As this will be a "fun" event for all to enjoy, we hope you will decide to take part in the event.

Interested parties may obtain detailed information by contacting our FSS Race Committee chairman, Dave Graham at [dwg@shore.net](mailto:dwg@shore.net).

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## Pulpit Harbor Rendezvous

Commodores Wayne and Kirsten Cronin and the **Rights of Man** will be in Pulpit Harbor the night of Tuesday, July 20th. Wayne has suggested that the fleet rendezvous at Pulpit Harbor that day before continuing on to Rockland on Wednesday. For those not familiar with Pulpit Harbor, it is a snug and comfortable harbor for the fleet to gather, and a short sail to Rockland Harbor on Wednesday.

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## Support Our Supporters

This year as usual, our yearbook is made possible not only through the efforts of our members, but also through the businesses that place ads in our book. With the state of the economy this year, we are grateful to the many advertisers who chose to take an ad in the yearbook. When you read the articles in this year's yearbook, take some time to notice the advertising. Then, when you stop in the store or restaurant, make a point of telling the waitress, manager, or anyone that will listen, that you saw their ad in the Friendship Sloop Society publication. Please help us keep the yearbook afloat by supporting our supporters

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## Please Check the Registry

Each year the registry of sloops is published in the back of the yearbook. We attempt to keep it up to date when new members are added and boats change hands. This is, however, an imperfect process and incorrect or incomplete entries occasionally make their way into our records. Since this is our official register we are requesting that each of you check the entry for your boat and get back to either [secretary@fss.org](mailto:secretary@fss.org) or [registry@fss.org](mailto:registry@fss.org) with any changes or corrections. Thanks for your help.

## A Small Village Tackles A Large Job

*The first homecoming in Friendship in 1961 was the idea of Bernie MacKenzie, but it took a number of people, organizations and businesses from the town of Friendship and the state of Maine to make it happen. This article appeared in the book "It's A Friendship" and acknowledges the efforts of those who made it all happen in 1961.*

One mid-winter afternoon I answered the jingle of my phone and found myself talking to Carlton Simmons, our local postmaster.

"I'm sending two men down to see you. I hope you have time to talk to them."

If I had said "No," it all might not have happened, but a retired professor is not very busy in mid-winter, so I said "yes," and went to stand up by my garage so they could find the right place.

They were soon introducing themselves as Bernard MacKenzie and John Gould.

"Not the John Gould who writes those delightful essays we've been enjoying in The Christian Science Monitor!" This was a delightful surprise, and I hustled them down to the house where my wife met us at the door.

Once seated, I was in for another surprise, for they had Friendship Sloops on their minds. Bernard MacKenzie had entered his sloop **Voyager** in the Boston Yacht Club's race for Auxiliary Sloops at Marblehead. The appointed day had brought a smoky breeze that stood the tall-masted racing sloops on their beam ends, while the weatherwise Friendship had breezed along in merry fashion to cross the finish line first.

With the exhilaration of victory came an idea: why not promote a Homecoming Race for Friendship Sloops in the town where they were made! He took his idea to his good friend Earl Banner of the Boston Globe. "It's a natural" was his reaction, and he sent Bernard to John Gould. "He knows all the important people in Maine, and has promoted most of the worth-while ventures of recent years."

So here were Bernard MacKenzie and John Gould outlining their ideas. It didn't take much imagination on my part to see the possibilities of such a "Homecoming Race" for Friendship: unfortunately, I could also see the difficulties involved. Friendship has only 800 inhabitants; no motels or hotels; no restaurants or lunch counters; no public toilets. Such a race coming at the height of the lobstermen's harvest season might meet a good deal of resistance. But on the other hand, boat building here needed a shot in the arm, and the publicity attendant upon such a sporting event might be just what it needed.

Before the men went their separate ways, I had agreed to stir up as much interest as I could among the townspeople. In further discussions with Carlton Simmons, we decided we could need some well-organized group to get behind such a big operation, and I lay it before a meeting of the Village Improvement Society. They turned it down flat --- too big to tackle --- too costly a venture. In view of this set-back, we dropped the whole thing, for we certainly couldn't handle it alone.

About two months later we were amazed to see Bernard MacKenzie's sloop **Voyage** sailing across the front page of the "National / Maine Coast Fisherman", under the caption, "Friendship Sloop Race being considered for Friendship." Similar clippings came in from the "Boston Globe" and from Fred Hunt's "Quincy Patriot".

Now this was different! With national publicity of this sort to reach the sloop owners and the yachting people, we surely could find enough help in Friendship to handle the local arrangements, so we called a group together in April and incorporated the Friendship Sloop Society. John Gould didn't get there in time for the picture-taking, but his suggestions and leadership were invaluable. Saturday, July 22nd was selected for the "Homecoming Race" out of Friendship in Muscongus Bay.

Bernard MacKenzie became the first President of the Society; Ralph Wichenpaw was made Vice-President; Herald Jones, Secretary; and Carlton Simmons, Treasurer.

Publicity was never a problem. As Earl Banner of the "Boston Globe" and Nate Fuller of "Down East" had said, "This is a natural!". Bob Elliot contacted Don Guy of Associated Press, and sent news releases to a wide mailing list, and soon Friendship Sloops winged their way across the pages of most of the important papers of the country.

All the yacht clubs from Connecticut to Canada received application blanks and before long 30 sloop owners had been heard from and over 80 person from near and far had joined the Society.

A group of Friendship people were called together to consider the local arrangements. After one meeting, half of them dropped out: it was too big a job; it couldn't be done. But a handful were left, and they went to work.

Bob and Sarah Wallace said we could use their wharf for "Headquarters," and could put up loud speakers on the roof of one of their buildings: we could establish an information center, and could make three toilets available to the public. Sumner Whitney and John Armstrong gave permission to use adjacent lots for parking cars, and Al Roberts said we could hold a lobster feed and a chicken barbecue on his property. We found the Davis property could be used for additional parking of cars.

A college professor and his brother who taught Manual Training built and erected a "seven-holer" public toilet on a corner of this lot where the Davises said we might dig a hole.

Jim Napier agreed to place needed signs to direct the crowds, and the "Courier-Gazette" of Rockland printed them free of charge. Al Roberts arranged with camp Oceanward, Harold C. Ralph and Waldoboro Garage to furnish cars to use as a free shuttle service between the harbor and the village.

Dr. Harold Frost made himself available in case of accident, and set up a first aid station in the local schoolhouse. Lerm Rowe found townspeople to man the three information centers and the first aid stations so that they were attended all day. The Women's Auxiliary of the Fire Department had their ambulance on call.

One of the biggest problems was food, but the Pythian Sisters, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their Auxiliary, the School community Club, the women of the Methodist Church, a girls' class from the Advent Church, the two stores in the village, and Bob Wallace's Snack Bar, plus a paid caterer for the Skippers' Banquet combined forces to keep everyone well fed.

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## A Small Village Tackles A Large Job

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For the Race Committee, we drew heavily on our friends with experience. John Gould was able to interest his friend George Morrill to the extent that he sailed his **Down Wind** into the harbor to act as committee boat. Bill Danforth of Boothbay Harbor brought his White Falcon and took Albert H. Chatfield, commodore of the Camden Yacht Club to help police the stake boats and judge the finish. Leon E. Nickerson, former commodore of the Edgewood Yacht Club of Rhode Island served as chairman.

Through his friendship with Carlton Simmons, we were most fortunate to secure the services of Cyrus Hamlin, naval architect of no mean ability from Southwest Harbor, for our handicapper.

Through the good offices of Bill Danforth, the Wawenock Power Squadron patrolled the race course: Ronald Greene of the Sea and Shore Fisheries sent Captain Farmer and the **Guardian** to set the handicap buoys and patrol the race in addition to carrying the host of photographers and reporters that came to record this unusual event.

To help handle the traffic ashore, and to handle the crowd, we secured the services of two Knox County Sheriff's patrol officers, and Lieutenant McKinney of the Thomaston State Police Barracks had seven men on the job.

Trophies had to be provided: Bob Elliot of the Department of Economic Development agreed to donate a trophy for the first Original Sloop across the finish line, Lash Brothers Boat Yard donated a trophy, and Eda Lawry, granddaughter of Wilbur Morse donated a trophy. Governor Reed himself came to present these to the winning skippers.

Clinton Lawry, a retired advertising executive planned and executed our souvenir program and secured enough advertising to more than cover the costs.

Our Vice President, Ralph Wichenpaw planned and built the handicap buoys with the assistance of Fred McGlaughlin, retired Sea and Shore Fisheries warden.

On the appointed day, fourteen sloops answered the starting gun, and the first Friendship Sloop Regatta became a part of the Maine Summer Scene.

Two important after-results: the secretary spent the rest of the year writing thank-you notes; the treasurer was able to pay all bills and still have \$21.00 left to start the second year!



Governor Reed, third from left, with 1961 winners. Left to right, John Thorpe, James Wiggins, Bernard MacKenzie, Roger Duncan, Wm. Haskell. Not present was Jonathan Lamber who skippered John Dallet's "Mary Ann."

## 18th Annual Southwest Harbor Race

This year marks the 18th year that sloops will gather at Southwest Harbor for the first race of the season. This race, to be held on July 17th, has become more popular in recent years and participation has grown to about a dozen or more sloops on the starting line. There are no entry fees, no handicaps, and no trophies. Just plain old FUN! Everyone is invited to attend. So come on down to the Eastern most regatta of the Friendship Sloop Society, enjoy the fantastic scenery that is MDI and Acadia National Park, and meet some new and old friends

While they don't have any pre-registration, Marge and Miff would love to hear from you if you are expecting to make it. First-timers would do well to call ahead and get the lowdown to prevent confusion on just how they do it around there. Valuable local knowledge will be freely shared!

Between SW Harbor and Rockland are 50 miles of some of the best cruising anywhere in the world. We plan to have a rendezvous at Pulpit Harbor on Tuesday night, so should any boats want to sail in company Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday to get there, that would be grand!

Contact Miff (miffauriat@gmail.com) or 207-244-4313 (between 5pm and 9pm EDST)

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## Cruise Down East to the 50th

Cruising in company with other sloops is a safe way to make the voyage to the 50th Homecoming in Rockland, especially if this may be your first extended cruise. Not only is it safer, it also can be a lot of fun.

A cruise is planned to leave Buzzards Bay on July 1st. Current plans are to rendezvous on the night of Wednesday, June 30th at the mooring area on the north side of Bassett's Island by Wings Neck at Cataumet. Currently there are three sloops planning to meet that afternoon: Bill Whitney with **Gaiivota**, John Wojcik with **Banshee** and Laurie Raymond onboard her sloop **Hegira**.

The planned itinerary is to depart Bassett's Island at 6:30 AM on Thursday and pass through the Cape Cod Canal with the 7:00 AM turn of the tide. The destination for that day is Scituate. The following day the "fleet" will head to Cape Ann and anchor in Folly Cove on the north side of Cape Ann. Saturday's objective will probably be Cape Porpoise Harbor since it's generally uncrowded on a Saturday, and is a good anchorage. The cruise will then continue to the Portland area on Sunday, and will attempt to spend the night at Jewell Island in Casco Bay, but since it's a holiday weekend, and it may be crowded there at Jewell, we may spend the night in the Harpswell Harbor area. Monday we will head for Sebasco Estates at Cape Small and possibly take a lay day at the resort. The schedule after that day will be flexible depending on the wishes of the crews and of course the weather.

If you are interested in joining the cruise anywhere along the line, please contact John Wojcik at home at 781-659-2820 or 617-513-4468 (CP). Since the schedule is very dependent on the weather, we may not be able to keep to the above schedule, so do not assume that we will be in any of the above locations without contacting John to verify the status.

# First Friendship Sloop Day Successful As Good Weather Brings Many People

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A cheer rang out from the large crowd along the shore and bells and whistles filled the air from the scores of boats in the harbor. Trying to estimate how many people witnessed the finish or visited the town during the day is an impossible task, the committee said. However it appears to be safe to say that at least five times the town's population of 700 turned out.

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

Awards were presented at a banquet at which author and publisher John Gould of Lisbon Falls was master of ceremonies. Commodore Leon E. Nickerson of the Edgewood Yacht

Club of Cranston, R.I. assisted Gov. Reed. Commodore Nickerson was the chief race official, set the courses and handled handicaps.

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

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

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

Will there be another Friendship Sloop Day next year?

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

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

<b>Eastward</b>	Roger Duncan, Concord, Mass. & Newagen 4:31:10
<b>Mary Anne</b>	Capt. John Dollett, New York & Cushing - 4:38:50
<b>Ellie T.</b>	Roger Thorpe, Bath 4:47:10
<b>Voyager</b>	Bernard MacKenzie, Scituate, Mass. 4:58:20
<b>Amity</b>	J.R. Wiggins, Washington, D.C. & Brooklin 5:02:06
<b>Jolly Buccaneer</b>	Richard Swanson, Rockport, Mass. 5:02:06
<b>Blackjack</b>	5:02:40
<b>Vida Mia</b>	Ted Brown, Kittery 5:05:55
<b>Golden Eagle</b>	William Haskell, Marblehead, Mass. 5:07:12
<b>Tannis II</b>	Douglas Randall, Quincy, Mass. 5:09:55
<b>LAigle D'Or</b>	John Adams, Marblehead, Mass. 5:20:45
<b>Sadie M.</b>	Jarrison Prindle, Castine 5:22:08
<b>Wilbur Morse.</b>	C. Wilfred Brann, August and Friendship 5:24:40
<b>Wanderer</b>	5:33

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