

Friendships

Newsletter of the Friendship Sloop Society

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Commodore's Message

As I sit here writing this message there is 16" of snow on the ground and it is snowing again. By the end of this there will be around 21" of that white stuff, but I understand that some of you have a lot more than that. March is presumed to be the door to spring, I hope that it opens soon. Tern is sitting in our driveway with drifted snow all around it. I hope that I can find my way to it by July.

This is my first message as I enter my term as Commodore. I am not sure how I got here, but I am honored to have been asked. I came to the society in 1995 as an outsider and found Betty and I being welcomed warmly. I found a group that was family oriented and down to earth. In this day and age it is a pleasure to find that. We only see each other at various gatherings and it is always like a family reunion. It is a pleasure to be a part of this family.

The web site has become a very active tool of the Society. People from outside are finding it and posting questions and answers. We may be finding some lost sloops through the medium and it is good to have them home. John Wojcik has done a great job creating this site. Now that the Chandlery is on the web it is reported by Tom and Peggy that the majority of the orders that they are getting are from the site with a lot of the sales going to people who are not members. When I checked the site this morning the log on register was at 8022. That is how many people have visited the site since John put it on line. That is a lot of activity.

You will note on the calendar that there are some new dates. A group on the Chesapeake have started a regatta. It will be May 18 - 20, 2001 at the Chesapeake Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD. This is exciting and at this date they have 4 boats signed up. We have many members throughout the country and it is great to see some of those getting together to enjoy some of what we enjoy in New England. You can read more about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

The past year has seen a lot of boats moving around from family to family. In Charlton there is a new project underway. Bill Cronin has taken the lines off White Eagle and she is taking shape as I write this. At Harold's urging Bill has taken this approach which will leave the hull of the original White Eagle unchanged as this is one of the last original friendships that has not had the method of construction changed. Harold hopes to find a home for the hull where it will be available for research for those wanting to know how they were built.

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Notes from the Race Committee

By David W. Graham, Chairman

This winter, I have learned all over again what I've known for the past 30+ years; that is, the actual running of races is probably the easiest thing a race committee has to do. It's everything that leads up to that point that is so time-consuming. The firing of the first starting cannon at Rockland this coming July 24th will be the culmination of a lot of work that will have taken place up until that time. Preparing to run sail races, any sail races, is first and foremost an exercise in paperwork. I won't bore you with all the details in this column but if you are ever interested, just ask any former race committee chairman - - - but you'd better have a good hour for listening to the explanation.

I remember years ago when, off Marblehead, we would spend an incredible amount of time in setting a large number seasonal racing marks. The whole effort took no less than five weekends to accomplish the task before we could begin the race program and by that time when the marks were all on-station, most of the racing community simply assumed that the marks had been there all along!

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Chesapeake Bay Friendship Sloop Regatta

May 18, 19, 20 marks the 1st Annual Chesapeake Bay Friendship Sloop Regatta. The venue will be the Chesapeake Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD. The Friendships will share the museum facilities with the 5th Annual Atlantic Maritime Festival, guaranteeing a good turnout of folks to view the sloops, learn about them and, hopefully, fall in love with them. There are probably only 8-9 Friendship Sloop Society Friendships on the Bay, but we'd be delighted if 4-5 were able to make up the regatta.

Activities are not fully planned as of yet, however there will surely be a race or two. (We'd be glad to take on crew.) A Saturday night barbeque may be in order. And Dave Niebuhr (**Perseverance**, FSS #83) will be entertaining the masses with his sea chanteys.

Anyone with an interest in or fascination with the Friendship Sloop is encouraged to help us make this a successful regatta with your attendance. For any questions call Tom Berry at 202-293-4964 (Days) or email to tom@berrybest.com; or email Dave Niebuhr at niebuhr@vims.edu.

Friendship Sloop Society Annual Meeting

The 40th annual meeting of the Sloop Society was held on November 11th at the New England Center on the campus of the University of New Hampshire in Durham. Commodore Tad Beck called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Tad started the meeting by introducing the officers of the Society who were present, and then introducing the following new members and first time attendees at the meeting:

Dave Tabbutt - Leasing **Gypsy**

Tim Sullivan and Ruth Kenyadall

Jeff Richards - Owner of **Raven**

Jarvis Newman and his daughter Kathy

Jeff Cohen, owner of **Lisa K** and his son Ben

Joe and Fran Rockburn owner of **Eastwing**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Caroline Phillips

The year 2000 membership was as follows:

Boat Owners	106
Full / Associates	51
Cooperative	24
Honorary	6
Total Membership -	187

This number is down from 1999, but already 10 members who forgot to join in 2000 have joined in 2001 (some paid for year 2000 as well). Caroline then read letters from the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: David Bell

David asked if there were any questions on the financial statements. He then stated that this was his 10th and final year as treasurer. He thanked everyone for their support during his illness earlier in the year.

PENDLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND: David Bell

David stated that there have been a few changes on the Board - Betty Roberts has resigned as Pendleton Scholarship Fund Secretary, but will remain on the board. Caroline Zuber is the new trustee Secretary. The other officers and members are: David Bell - Treasurer, Noel March - named as a trustee, Connie Pratt - named as a trustee, and Bill Zuber - Trustee Chairperson

The Scholarship Fund awarded \$ 1,000 to four (4) students graduating from high school this past year, and awarded \$2,000 to students for continuing education. David stated that a lot of money had been raised in the past year due to the Elbert Pratt Memorial Fund.

NEW LONDON: Joe Hliva and Colin Whitney

The 14th annual meeting was held in New London, with nice weather, where the city hosted the greatest collection of Tall Ships, beating Boston's Tall Ships event of 1976. The Friendship sloopers were greeted warmly. Greg Roth and Jack Vibber did a great job in organizing moorings and a breakfast among other things. There were 8 boats that participated:

Large Boats - **Natanya, Gaivota, Capt' George**

Small Boats - **Finest Kind, Muscongus, Solomon Gundy, Banshee and Captain Tom**

Jack Vibber was in the hospital during the New London event, but is feeling fine now.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR: Miff Lauriat

Miff stated that this event is an informal regatta (no applications, no handicaps, no trophies) just go out and race and have a good time. Tad Beck on **Phoenix** won again.

ROCKLAND: Bob Rex

Bob stated that there were 22 boats registered to race. He asked those present at the meeting how to get more sloops to race in Rockland? Bob then stated that we had no fog for the races. He thanked the Society for allowing him to be race committee chairman for all these years. He also thanked his other committee members: Dick Salter with **Messing About**, Bruce Lanning with **Chickadee**, Jerry Ross, Gene Costanza, and David Graham. He also gave a big THANK YOU to the Morang family for purchasing new trophies and keepers and for keeping track of all the trophies. With that, Bob announced his resignation as Race Committee Chairperson. He received a standing ovation from the membership.

GLOUCESTER: Jack Cronin

Jack stated that it was very windy - too windy. Jeff Cronin, who skippered the **Tannis** made the decision not to go out. Jack then stated that he and Paul Schmittner then jumped aboard **Rights of Man** with Wayne (which was a big mistake). There were huge waves and high winds. Jack stated that he had the jib on one side and was half way in the water. Paul Schmittner had the jib on the other side and he almost fell over board when a wave hit the boat. After about 15 minutes into the racing, Wayne decided to turn around and go home. No Friendship Sloops finished the race.

MARBLEHEAD: David Graham

David stated that it was the 37h year for the Friendship Sloop races in Marblehead. Lots of wind and very rough seas. The finishes were as follows:

Div 1: **Tern, Old Baldy**

Div 2: **Legacy, Voyager, Resolute** (Allen Naltrain)

The winner for the 2000 Marblehead regatta was Tad Beck on **Phoenix**. Marblehead races for 2001 will be August 11 - 12"

YEARBOOK EDITOR: Roger Duncan

The deadline for stories and pictures is April 15th. Roger stated that he needs stories, pictures, articles, etc. He also stated that the Society again has to do its part by obtaining ads for the book. The bulletin board page is available again for \$20 / box. Roger also stated that he needs a good picture for the cover.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: John Wojcik

John stated that the last edition went out about 2 weeks before the meeting (1st week in November). This is John's 12th year doing the newsletter. As always, John needs articles, letters, picture, etc. to fill the newsletter. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the newsletter, contact John.

WEBSITE: John Wojcik

John took over the website in June that Jim Wilson was maintaining. There have been a lot of inquires into the website. John wants to set up the website in a way where members can talk to other members. John also stated that he will revamp the

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website after the holidays.

CURATOR OF ORIGINAL SLOOPS: Harold Burnham

Harold thanked Tad Beck for being a good leader and for giving him the Title "Curator of Original Sloops" (he thinks!). Harold stated that he has an interest in the historical aspects of what a Friendship was before the Society came about, and before they became yachts. Harold has talked to Bob Brooks and Ralph Stanley about their designs and history. He used Bill Cronin's boat, **White Eagle**, to help in his rebuilding of the **Chrissy**. He stated that the **White Eagle** has a lot of detail about how sloops were first built. Harold stated that Bill wants to cut up the **White Eagle** after he takes all the lines, etc. Harold would like to preserve it because it is an original and has a lot of history. Harold has called around to museums about taking the boat.

MEMORIAL BOOK: Tad Beck

Tad has 135 out of the needed 200 pledges in order to publish the book. The book will cost \$40.00. Tad made the push to get the last 65 pledges so that he can start working on the book.

NEW BUSINESS:

DONATIONS:

Maine Maritime Museum	\$400.00
Friendship Museum	\$400.00
Scholarship Fund	\$500.00

AWARDS:

BANCROFT AWARD: -- Jack Cronin - Chairperson

Jerry Ross of the Race Committee was this year's recipient for all his work on the race committee.

SPECIAL AWARDS: Tad Beck

Tad presented Bob Rex with a gift of a clock for all his work as race committee chairman.

Dick Salter then gave Bob a gift from the race committee.

Tad then presented David Bell with a gift in recognition of all his work as Society treasurer for the past 10 years.

Tad gave Dick Salter a half model of **Messing About** which was carved by Harold Burnham. This gift was a thank you from the Society for allowing the Society to use **Messing About** for many years as the Race Committee boat.

MORANG AWARD: Morang Family

Alex Forbes was this year's recipient for his yearbook article titled "Mountain Sailing".

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Dick Salter - Chairperson

The officers for 2001 were nominated and elected as follows:

Commodore	Paul Haley
Vice-Commodore	John Rand
Secretary	Caroline Phillips
Treasurer	Jonathan Leavy

The winner of the 50/50 raffle for the amount of \$125.00 was Sidney Leonard. The auction followed the annual meeting with money raised to support the general fund and the scholarship fund.

Membership News

Membership Chairman Doug Amsbary sent along the following news about our members:

#225 **Philip J. Nichols** was renamed and bought by Bob Sr., Bob Jr., & Dave Monk. They are in process of rebuilding the sloop, and hope to have her back in the water this summer. Their homeport will be Salem MA

#249 **Baby Blue** has been purchased by Scott Johnson of Vermont. He is currently looking for a homeport somewhere around the Burlington area.

Jonathan Levy has sold #169 **Defiance** to Fran Daley of West Newton, MA. Jonathan reports that the boat is sitting in Fran's driveway wrapped up for the winter.

Member Keith Roberts has acquired #23 **Depression**.

#183 **Silver Heels** has been bought by Michael Florio & Tara Doyle of Greenwich, CT.

#267 **Tristan** has been added to the sloops for sale listing

Tom Bergeron from Dallas, Texas has joined our ranks. He is looking for a suitable fiberglass Friendship to keep and use near Dallas.

#157 **Liberty** has been sold by Peter and Lorna Carter to a party from Chicago. This spring the boat will be shipped to the great lakes and will become a "freshwater" boat. **Liberty** and the Carters will be missed as regular participants at the annual Rockland Homecoming.

Our past Treasurer, Dave Bell, star of stage and screen, was seen in "Downeast" magazine advertising a retirement community along with his wife Nancy. You may remember that Dave was a stand in for the Kevin Costner film "Message in a Bottle". Do you have an agent Dave?

Spoke with Jarvis Newman the other day and he mentioned that Jarvis Newman Inc. which had been owned by Lewis Moore was sold in its entirety to Chris Hood and will be operating under the name of C.W. Hood from Marblehead, MA. Chris is hoping to construct either a Pemaquid or Dictator model should their be an inquiry. Jarvis went on to mention that #103 **Solaster** is for sale and is located in Baltimore, MD.

#139 **Santa Maria** (the sloop used in the filming of "The Truman Show") has been sold to Steve Hughes from Kansas City, Missouri.

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We are now in 2001 and the season's schedule is set. It may be hard, at this time, to think that summer will actually get here but tradition says that it will. So start thinking warm thoughts and make plans to get the boats ready. I hope to see you in Rockland. This year Tern will get the cannon no matter where she finishes. The Race Committee will have to wait.

Dues Reminder

If you haven't mailed your annual dues in for 2001, please send them to: Caroline Phillips, Society Secretary

164 Sturbridge Road
Charlton, MA 01507

Notes from the Race Committee

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Happily, our Rockland race program for 2001 is well underway from an organizational viewpoint. Permits have been filed with the Coast Guard and our seasonal insurance program has been renewed for this year. The big effort at this moment is in the continuing search for a suitable Race Committee boat. At this writing, we may have resolved the issue and our collective fingers are certainly crossed. By the time of the next Newsletter, we will be able to provide you with much greater detail.

I am delighted to report to you that the same basic team will be on-hand for the Rockland regatta this coming July. For instance, Marcia Morang has agreed to continue as our trophy manager and we all know what a terrific job she has been doing these many years. Our "old hands" remain Bob Rex, who is our former chairman and line-watcher; our able bodied Cannoneer, Dick Salter; Gene Costanza, who is always on target with the shapes and Jerry Ross, who does such masterful things with a laptop computer by having the scores ready for posting almost as soon as we are ashore; and I, your obedient servant and timer. However, I am also delighted in being able to report that we have "a new kid on the block", who has agreed to keep a watchful eye on all of us - - our very own Roger Duncan! At Roger's lofty young age, he has carte blanche to do almost whatever he wants on the committee but I do know that we are always pressing him to serve in an advisory capacity, as his inner wealth of knowledge on the subject is hard to beat.

This, is your team. Our sole purpose is to provide you with the best possible racing that conditions will allow. I can tell you, however, that when the weather conditions are perfect, I will be forthright by taking all the credit and when they are otherwise - - well, that's when someone else has to take the credit.

Seriously though, I have served on a lot of race committees over the years and in my humble opinion, you have one excellent team of which you can all be proud.

Flash!

A Race Committee Boat has been Located!

Through the good graces of Don Ellis of Southwest Harbor, we will have a committee boat for this year's races at Rockland. Don has kindly made available his Ellis 36 for the three days of racing during July 24-26. Manufactured in his boat yard in Manset, the Ellis 36 is handsomely crafted and generously powered. Miff Lauriat was recently instrumental in introducing Race Committee Chairman Dave Graham and Past Chairman Bob Rex to Don at his yard and they all hit it off in fine fashion.

Don Ellis and his Ellis 36 will be a welcome addition to the Rockland scene this July.

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.

Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund

During the year 2000, four graduating seniors from Friendship were awarded \$1,000 scholarships at their graduation from Medomak Valley High School. These scholarships are actually mailed to the students December 1 for their second semester. One recipient did not attend. Those receiving \$1,000 Scholarships were:

Kyle Stephen Benner - University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Jesse Dylan Hooydonk - Southern Maine Technical College
Leslie Denise York - Wellesley College

Two additional awards of \$1,000 each for continuing studies were granted to:

Megan May Barrett - Framingham (MA) State College
Megan Jill Benner - University of Southern Maine

Changes have been made in the number of Trustees and in their duties. Betty Roberts has been appointed Secretary Emeriti, and Caroline Zuber agreed to become a Trustee and will serve as Secretary. Connie Pratt and Noel March have also agreed to join the Board of Trustees. The complete list of Trustees is as follows: Bill Zuber, President; Caroline Zuber, Secretary; David Bell, Treasurer; Betty Roberts, Secretary Emeriti.

Other Trustees are Fay Bragan, Mary Carlson, Sue Compagna, Viola Davis, Noel March, Constance Pratt, Betty Wotton and the Commodore of the Friendship Sloop Society, Paul Haley.

Scholarship applications have been revised, and will be available by March 1st from the guidance office at Modomak Valley High School or from Caroline Zuber, P.O. Box 279, Friendship 04547. The deadline for application is now **MAY 1st** to allow for timely consideration.

Scholarships are available to any Friendship resident for continuing studies after high school for any field of endeavor. Preference is given to graduating seniors; awards for continuing education are made when funds are available.

During 2000, the Memorial Scholarship Fund had the following income:

Memorial Donations for Elbert Pratt, Douglas Walker, Robert Stein, Mary Mineau

Total Memorial Donations	\$ 1,270.00
Other Donations	260.00
Proceeds Lobster Picnic	100.00
Bottle Returns at Regatta	33.30
Auction held at Annual Meeting	708.50
Friendship Sloop Society	500.00
	\$ 2,611.80
Trust Fund Investment Income:	\$ 4,227.46
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 6,839.26
TRUST FUND BALANCES 12/31/00:	\$ 67,042.05

The Trustees welcome contributions in any amount. Your contribution is fully deductible, as the Scholarship Fund is a charitable organization incorporated in the State of Maine and recognized by the IRS as a 501-C3 organization. All administrative costs are donated, and 100% of your donation goes to the Trust Fund. More than 100 young people of Friendship have benefited from this financial assistance, including many for

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several years of higher education. All donations are gratefully acknowledged, and may be sent to:

Rev. David Bell, Treasurer
F.S.S. Memorial Scholarship Fund
35 Pumpkin Cove Road
New Harbor, ME 04554-4912

This Scholarship Fund, created by and supported by the members of the Friendship Sloop Society, is administered locally by residents of the town, for the benefit of our young people. Your financial support to help make the Trust Fund grow is needed and appreciated. **Please help!**

Bill Zuber, President
Memorial Scholarship Fund of the
Friendship Sloop Society

Thank You

Dick Salter sent the following letter to the Executive Board:

Dear Friends,

Alice and I wish to express our sincere gratitude to you and the entire Society membership for the lovely half model of Messing About you presented us with at the annual meeting.

This had to have been one of the best kept secrets since World War II. I had absolutely no inkling of what you were about to do when I arrived at Durham. Needless to say, I was absolutely surprised and very pleased to accept your very kind gift!

The half model has been hung in a prominent place over our fireplace, where everyone can see it when they visit us. To have had it made by Harold Burnham and presented by the Society means very much to us.

Again, thank you all very, very much!

Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A Sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 2001. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

100 Years:

75 **Omaha** Adrian Hooydonk, South Thomaston, ME

95 Years:

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

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

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

85 Years:

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

Sloop Society Financial Statement

October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000

Past Treasurer David Bell has submitted the following unaudited treasurer's report:

Receipts:

Dues: Boat Owners	\$3,125.00	
Assoc. Members	1,560.00	
CO-OP Members	480.00	\$5,165.00

Rendezvous:

Entry Fees	590.00	590.00
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Annual Meeting:

Meeting Dinner	1,566.30	
Auction	931.20	
50/50 Raffle	135.00	
Soda Offerings	18.77	2,651.27

Miscellaneous:

Trophy CD Interest	183.98	
Dues - Past Years	350.00	
Chandlery Sales	7,692.99	
Bulletin Board	820.00	
Donation	277.00	
Bank Interest	178.23	9,502.20

Total Receipts

17,908.47

Disbursements:

Administration:

Copies	214.55	
Membership	193.70	
Newsltr Mastheads	40.53	
Newsltr - Other	1,035.68	
Yearbook B. Board	800.00	
Postage	534.50	
Phone	3.00	
Secretary's Comp.	1,000.00	
Internet Website	203.34	
Envelopes	32.50	
New Launch Awards	262.85	
Other Expenses	20.00	4,340.65

Race Committee Expenses:

Trophies	500.55	
Skippers' Gifts	117.50	
Race Insurance	321.30	
Plaques	480.00	
US Sailing Memb.	75.00	
Other Expenses	113.00	1,607.35

Rendezvous Expenses:

Tip - Stewards	100.00	
Posters	275.00	
Other Regatta	23.95	398.95

Donations & Gifts

1,300.00

Annual Banquet

2,271.52

Miscellaneous:

Chandlery Stock	6,282.39	
Scholarship Fund	514.20	6,796.59

Total Expenses

16,715.06

Receipts over Expenses

1,457.05

2001 Schedule of Events

Chesapeake Bay Regatta

May 18th - 20th

Chesapeake Maritime Museum - St. Michaels, MD

New London Regatta

July 14th & 15th

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous

July 21st

Homecoming Rendezvous & Races at Rockland

July 23rd - 26th

Friendship Days

July 27th & 28th

Marblehead Regatta

August 11th - 12th

Gloucester Schooner Festival

September 1st & 2nd

Annual Meeting

November 10th

New England Center, Durham, NH

Shulamite Goes Ashore in November Gale

From the Rockland Courier Gazette of Nov 2, 2000

The 28 foot Friendship Sloop **Shulamite** ran aground on the rocky shore in Rockland Harbor after its mooring came loose sometime Monday night or Tuesday morning, according to Barry Cronin of Atlantic Challenge, which owns the boat.

Cronin, Ken Rich, and James Gregg of Atlantic Challenge braved rough seas in a small motor boat in an attempt to get **Shulamite** off the rocks.

About eight people from the school spent most of Tuesday morning trying to recover the boat, using plastic foam floatation devices, Cronin said. Efforts to recover the boat were unsuccessful and by Wednesday morning a 6 foot hole had formed in its hull, according to Rich.

"She pounded herself to pieces," Rich said.

He said the boat, which was worth between \$6,000 and \$8,000 is probably beyond repair and will be dismantled. He said working to recover the boat in such high seas was very difficult. He said it was too dangerous Tuesday night to work on it. It was not worth risking lives to recover the vessel, he said.

He said the apprentices loved the boat, which was used to teach sailing. He noted that northeasterly storms often yank out moorings in the shallow South End.

The sloop was 62 years old.

Note: As of 21 November the plan now is for her to be restored by a new benefactor.

James Wiggins, 96; Editor and Former UN Ambassador

James Wiggins, the oldest member of the Sloop Society, passed away in November. The following article, excerpted from his obituary written by Tom Long, appeared in the "Boston Globe" on November 20th.

James Russell Wiggins of Brooklin, Maine, an influential newspaper editor and former United States ambassador to the United Nations, died yesterday at his home of congestive heart failure. He was 96.

A former editor and executive vice president of the "Washington Post", where he worked for 22 years, Mr. Wiggins served as UN ambassador during 1968-69. After stepping down, he moved to Maine and became editor and publisher of the "Ellsworth American", which he made into one of the best small weekly newspapers in the country.

During Mr. Wiggins's tenure, the paper's circulation mushroomed from 3,600 to more than 12,000, including 1,500 out-of-state subscribers in every state except North Dakota. More often than not, it won the annual title of best weekly in Maine. During his 25 years as both editor and publisher, he never drew a salary.

In a story in the *Globe* in November, 1993, Richard Dudman, retired chief Washington correspondent for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and a resident of Ellsworth, reported that "one of his first editorial campaigns at the *American* targeted the US Postal Service, which had just ruled that all local mail had to be sorted in Bangor, 30 miles to the north. Wiggins sent letters by ox cart, canoe and by bicycle (with the "New Yorker" magazine's E. B. White as the cyclist) to race the US mail between local towns. He chortled editorially when his volunteers won."

Mr. Wiggins was the author of "Freedom or Secrecy" published in 1956. E. B. White once said of Mr. Wiggins, his friend and Brooklin neighbor: "He is steeped in the goodness of the American past, hopeful of its future."

In the summer, he sailed his Friendship sloop, **Amity**, along Maine's coastal islands with his grandchildren and friends as crew. He also maintained a farm, where he raised chickens, sheep, and grew apples.

He leaves a daughter, Patricia Schroth of Sedgwick, Maine; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Handicap Reminder

The Society Measurer and Handicapper, Dick Salter, would like to remind all sloop owners that if you are planning to race in a Sloop Society sponsored event, you must have a current handicap sheet on file. Please submit your handicap form to Dick as soon as possible so that he can provide a handicap rating to the race committee in advance of the event.

If you have any questions, need a form, or would like a set of instructions on how to measure your sloop, call or write Dick at:

151 Bridge Street
Manchester, MA 01944
Tel: (978)-526-1004

Yearbook Reminder

Roger Duncan has started to assemble the stories for the 2001 yearbook, but he needs your support to complete this task. First, Roger is in need of stories and pictures relating to Friendship Sloops to include in the book. This is part of the Society's mission: to preserve and foster the tradition of the Friendship Sloop. Experiences, lessons learned, historical facts, construction details, anything that preserves and makes better known the tradition and the mystique of the Friendship Sloop. If you have a story, please send it to Roger by the **April 15th** deadline.

We also need your support to keep the yearbook going. For the last few years, we have guaranteed the publisher a certain amount of advertising from our members and bulletin board notices in order to defray the expense of producing the yearbook. This has resulted in the yearbook being published at no cost to the Society.

We have included in this edition of the newsletter, the rate sheet for advertising. Please consider asking your local boatyard, marine supplier, or other businesses to advertise in the booklet. Each page of advertising provides another page to the Society for our use for our members' stories. The more ads, the more pages of stories and pictures. It's that simple!

The other side of the advertising rate sheet is a form to complete if you wish to take a spot on the bulletin board page. Please fill out your message on that sheet and send it with a check for \$20 to Roger.

Your continued support of the yearbook is much appreciated.

TV Mystery

Recently an advertisement appeared on national TV for Zocor, a heart medication. The ad depicted two Friendship sloops, a wooden sloop under repair, and another sloop (#156 Departure), under sail supposedly after the repair / rebuild. For the observant sloop watcher, it was obvious that the ad was trying to show the two sloops as the same. A mystery did arise, however: What was the wooden sloop? Here are a couple of postings from the Scuttlebut forum on the FSS home page:

Commodore Paul Haley posted the following:

Does anybody know which boat the wood boat is that is featured in the Zocor TV add? The one that is sailing is able to be identified as you can see the sail number.

Member Phil Ham posted the following a few weeks ago:

Paul Haley, in response to your query about this ad, I've come to the conclusion that two shots in it, the one showing the cockpit, bridge deck and companionway; and the portside profile showing 3 round portlights, cabintop grabrail, with hull and topsides stripped of paint, are of the sloop I built. She was originally named **Calypso** (185), later **Saro**, and most recently **Sine Die**. She was in a Kleenex commercial a few years ago when owned by Bruce Witt, sailing in the Boothbay/Southport area. I've followed her as best I could for the last 16 years, but what I don't know is when and where this obvious restoration took place. If anyone could shed some light on this, I'd appreciate it.

Can anyone help with this mystery? If so, please contact Paul at Commodore@FSS.ORG, or drop him a letter