



# FRIENDSHIPS

## Newsletter of the Friendship Sloop Society

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### Commodore's Message

I just want to take a few minutes to comment on this past year and then review the plans that we're working on for 1990. This past year was another strong year for the Sloop Society. As you read the membership report, you'll see that the number of members has held steady, and this year's renewals are coming in at a rate that we think will exceed the membership numbers of 1989. An important statistic that stands out in my mind is the 50% participation by active sloops in the New England and New York areas. It indicates to me that interest is still high in the Sloop Society. Ernie, our treasurer, reports that we're still solvent and that we can still pay the bills.

1989 was also a year we tried some new things. In an attempt to keep you up to date of what's happening in the Society, we decided to publish this newsletter three times a year. Our Race Committee Chairman, Bruce Morang, tried a couple of new race formats at Boothbay, and the Executive Committee decided to move the Annual Meeting to the Maine Maritime Museum. The atmosphere and the facilities of the museum were great and added to the occasion.

1990 will mark another milestone for the Society, our 30th annual regatta. The 1990 calendar has been set and will include a race and cookout in Friendship to celebrate the occasion.

Boothbay will be slightly different from the past few years. We've decided to scrap the sealed orders race and return to three days of trophy racing. The race formats will be determined by our Race Committee Chairman, Bruce Morang. The Executive Board has decided not to have the dinner after the awards ceremony, but to use the barbecue pit behind the club for a cookout which have become popular in the last few years.

We are also organizing cruises from the East and West as we did in 1987. The plans for the cruise from the West are included in this edition. If you're interested in coordinating the cruise from the East, please let me know. We're hoping these cruises will help those who have not made the trip to Boothbay before, and provide for a good turnout this year to celebrate the 30th.

Lastly, my thanks to those who have contributed their time this past year to make our events a success. Without volunteers, we would not exist.

### Annual Meeting Held at Maine Maritime Museum

*The following minutes of the annual meeting were submitted by the Mary Cronin, Society Secretary.*

Commodore John Wojcik opened the Annual Meeting at 5:15 PM, thanking the Maine Maritime Museum for allowing us to meet in their new building. John introduced Janet Grinelle of the Museum staff, who welcomed the Society members to the museum.

John introduced four new members of the Society, and reminded those present that the Society will be hosting the 30th regatta this coming year. The secretary's report was read and accepted; the treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Bill Rand of the Maine Maritime Museum Committee, reported on the close relationship developing between the museum and the Sloop Society, explaining that new areas in membership are being explored and new ideas on how the Society can work closer with the museum to the better advantage of both groups.

Elbert Pratt gave his report on the Pendleton Scholarship Fund, the results of their drive for additional funds, and the results of Friendship Day.

Bob Brooks presented the Membership Committee report and updated the members on the "new" numbers assigned to "new" sloops in 1989, and new boats which he knew of which are under construction.

Owner of **Nomad**, Craig Rowley, forwarded a letter to the Society stating that his unfinished restoration of **Nomad** is not complete, and that the Class A sloop is available to anyone interested in completing the project.

Jack Vibber reported on the New London race, and will be forwarding information to skipper soon.

David Graham presented his report on the Marblehead Regatta of 1989, and that the dates for the 1990 Marblehead Regatta will be August 18th and 19th.

Bruce Morang reported on the 1989 Boothbay Regatta - 28 sloops participated. Handicap Alley seemed to work, the sealed orders race is "out", and the Race Committee awaits your suggestions. The Committee will have something "ready" in case we have bad weather. Marcia Morang introduced Paul and Sue Niergaard from Downeast

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# The 1990 Agenda

- July 7-8** Thames River Regatta  
New London, Connecticut - Contact:  
  
Holt (Jack) Vibber  
5 Soljer Drive  
Waterford, CT. 06385  
(203)-442-7376
- July 21** Sail to Friendship - Rendezvous &  
Clambake: Afternoon & Evening
- July 22** Morning Memorial Service  
30th Anniversary Race - noon/afternoon
- July 23** Sail/Race to Boothbay
- July 25-27** Annual Regatta, Boothbay Harbor Yacht  
Club, an event which will include three  
days of trophy racing - Contact:  
  
Bruce Morang  
60 Park Street, East  
North Reading, MA 01864  
(508)-664-4967
- August 18-19** Annual Regatta  
Corinthian Yacht Club  
Marblehead, Mass.  
Your host is:  
  
David Graham  
7 Batchelder Road  
Marblehead, MA 01945  
(617)-631-6680
- November 17** Annual Meeting - Details to be  
announced at a later date.

## Itinerary - Cruise from the West

- July 12 - Banshee sails from Mattapoissett to Red  
Brook Harbor/Cataumet
- July 13 - Depart Red Brook Harbor bound for  
Scituate
- July 14 - Leave Scituate for Manchester/Gloucester
- July 15 - Leave Manchester/Gloucester for  
Kittery/Portsmouth
- July 16 - Depart Kittery/Portsmouth for Biddeford  
Pool/Richmond Island
- July 17 - Sail to Cundy's Harbor/The Basin
- July 18 - Leave Cundy's Harbor for Boothbay
- July 19-20 - Sail in Muscongus Bay/Boothbay Area
- July 21 - Sail to Friendship Harbor

The above schedule provides for two possible lay  
days for foul weather and fog.

## Annual Meeting

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Embroidery who created the aprons  
which were passed out to the  
skippers in Boothbay.

Jack Vibber outlined his project  
with a Friendship commemorative  
postage stamp. His idea is to also  
incorporate the Catboat Association,  
the Schooner Association, i.e.  
American sailing workboats. This  
will be covered in the Newsletter.

Constitutional changes were  
discussed. The amendment was  
withdrawn regarding officer  
membership as it is covered in  
another section of the Constitution.  
The amendment regarding donations  
was passed.

Roger Duncan's motion to donate  
\$300 to the Friendship Museum was  
seconded and voted unanimously.

Elbert Pratt's motion to donate  
\$300 to the Pendleton Scholarship  
Fund was seconded and voted  
unanimously. Roger Duncan  
encouraged members to donate what  
they could to the Scholarship Fund as  
the fund really needed more money.

Bill Rand's motion to donate \$300  
to the Maine Maritime Museum was  
seconded and voted unanimously.

Jack Cronin, on behalf of the  
Winthrop Bancroft Memorial Award  
Committee, presented the new award  
to Roger Duncan.

Barbara Hadlock presented the Bill  
Hadlock award to Ted Brown.

Nominations committee presented  
the slate of officers for the coming  
year with the Secretary casting one  
vote for the following:

Commodore:	John Wojcik
Vice Commodore:	Bill Rand
Treasurer:	Ernie Wiegleb
Secretary:	Mary Cronin
Race Committee:	Bruce Morang
Friendship Day Committee:	Bill Zuber
Membership Committee:	Al Zink

There being no further business,  
the meeting was adjourned.

Following the adjournment the  
members retired to the museum  
lobby for cocktails and dinner. After  
dinner, they returned to the meeting  
room to listen to the guest speaker,  
David Getchell of the Maine Island  
Trail Association.

## Secretary's Notes

Mary has sent along the following notes received from our members over the last few months.

From Ted Hanks of the **Sara Mead**: Sorry I missed the Annual Meeting, but I was in Portugal - saw many great fishing boats which have not changed in several hundred years.

Richard Leigh, owner of **Achates** summered in Charleston SC this past year. He trailered her over the road at the end of May and returned two weeks before "Hugo" struck Wild Dunes Marina where she was docked. You probably saw pictures of that marina piled up on the island just behind Isle of Palms. "I felt so lucky!"

R. Stevens Kleinschmidt, former owner of **Venture**, has bought hull #3 of the Stanley 19 series - says she is a beauty and "sails like a dream".

Tina and Alex Moir owner of **Voyager** write: We spent (unplanned) the entire summer replacing ribs under the engine, replaced a plank, changed the fuel lines & exhaust system. To do all this we ripped out all of the cockpit and are rebuilding that too. It was a long hard summer, everything taking longer than expected.

To back track... we bought **Voyager** Dec. 87. Did a lot of minor repairs - 2 new planks, new boom jaws, replaced hardware & blocks - in Gloucester. Made a lot of wonderful and helpful friends at Gloucester Yankee Marine. We sailed from there July 1, 1988 thru the Cape Cod Canal - discovered a broken engine bed and went into Concordia in Padanaram where we had two new engine beds installed, a valve job on the engine and upgrading of the electrical system. Then took our time sailing down Long Island Sound to home - Great Kills Harbor on Staten Island. **Voyager** stayed in the water last winter and is doing the same this winter.

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## Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund Report

Elbert Pratt, Chairman of the Pendleton Scholarship Fund Board of Trustees, submitted the following report at the Society's Executive Board:

Trust Fund Bonds - January 1, 1989	37,901.05
Savings Account - January 1, 1989	2,690.93
	<u>40,591.98</u>

### Receipts:

Donations	3,820.00	
Interest - Trust Bonds	3,397.04	
Interest - Savings Acct	305.71	
Commission on Sweaters	36.05	
Gift Shop Income - Regatta	192.35	
Peanut Sales - Friendship Day	44.85	7,796.00
Total - Savings + Receipts		<u>10,486.93</u>

### Disbursements:

Bad Check	18.00	
Scholarships	3,300.00	
Checks	10.00	3,328.00

### Account Balances:

Trust Fund Bonds - December 31, 1989	37,901.05
Savings Account - December 31, 1989	7,150.93
Total	<u>45,059.98</u>

## Membership Committee Report

The membership committee report was submitted by Al Zink, Chairman, and Bob Brooks.

### Participation:

Homeport	Active Sloops	Entered Event
Maine	41	22
New Hampshire	1	1
Massachusetts	28	14
Rhode Island	5	2
Connecticut	10	6
NYC/Long Is.	6	1
Canada to Sandy Hook	91	50% 46

### Membership:

Honorary Members	11	12
Full Members	183	184
Cooperative Members	43	42

Sloop Owners	141	143
Former Owners	34	29
Family & Crews	10	13
"Friends"	52	53
Total Members	<u>237</u>	<u>238</u>

**Summary:** A gain of 30 new members joining or rejoining in 1989 was offset by the loss of 29 '88 members as only 88% of '88 members renewed in '89. Highlights for 1989 included excellent 50% turnout at regattas and rendezvous, 7 new sail numbers issued, launch of member sloops **Rita II** (247) in July & **Daystar** (205) in August, relocation of the lost sloop **Woodchips** (150) on Cape Cod, and no reports of sloops being destroyed. We still seek reports on 20 "lost" sloops.

## 1989 Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report has been submitted by Ernie Wiegleb, Society Treasurer.

### Receipts:

Dues:	1989	1990	
Boat Owners	3,685.00	2,275.00	
Full Members	700.00	600.00	
CoOperative	430.00	210.00	
	<u>4,815.00</u>	<u>3,085.00</u>	7,900.00
Burgees			495.00
Decals 1989 - 58.00 1990 - 29.00			87.00
Trophy Certificate Interest			123.95
Banquets: Regatta		310.00	
'88 Annual Mtg		51.00	
'89 Annual Mtg		<u>1,332.00</u>	1,693.00
Regatta Entry Fees			620.00
Donations			155.00
<b>Total Receipts - 1989</b>			<b><u>11,073.95</u></b>

### Disbursements:

<b>Administrative:</b>			
Printing		270.71	
Postage		1,063.06	
Supplies		2,008.86	
Burgees		<u>474.50</u>	3,817.13
<b>Regatta Expense:</b>			
USYRU Membership		75.00	
Race Insurance		300.00	
Trophies		394.29	
Plaques & Engraving		220.00	
General Insurance		310.00	
Aprons - Downeast Embrod.		179.55	
Bruce Morang Expense		111.14	
Roger Duncan Prog. Book Exp		72.75	
John Wojcik Expenses		377.50	
Mary Cronin Expenses		<u>17.97</u>	2,058.20
<b>Banquets:</b>			
Refund - 1988 Dinner		51.00	
1988 Dinner Expense		108.40	
1989 Annual Meeting		<u>1,530.00</u>	1,689.40
Executive Board Meeting Expense			39.00
1989 Hadlock Trophy			89.77
Donations			950.00
Secretary's Salary			1,000.00
Bad Check			<u>65.00</u>
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>			<b>9,708.50</b>
<b>Receipts over Expenses</b>			<b>1,365.45</b>
<b>Checkbook Balance - Dec. 31, 1989</b>			<b>4,423.73</b>

**For Sale** - Two South Coast, model "A", top action sheet winches.

Worked fine on a Bristol 32 with 300 sq. ft. genoa, Very good condition. Complete with 12" lock-in handle, "Winchers" (rubber self-tailing device), and mounting screws. \$100 the pair. (207) 865-3675

## Secretary's Notes

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Word has reached us of the death on February 3rd of Jean Hamlin, wife of Society handicapper and honorary member, Cy Hamlin. Cards can be sent to Cy at:

18 Dane Street  
Kennebunk, Maine 04043

Craig Rowley of Amston Ct. wrote:

I am the owner of the sloop **Nomad**. She is listed as No. 32 in the Society registry, and is reputed to be built by Wilbur Morse in 1906.

I am offering **Nomad** to anyone who will remove her from my yard. All deck hardware, bronze portholes, two suits of sails, rigging and a ton of other stuff come with her. I have had to give up my restoration effort and hope someone in the FSS will find a place for **Nomad**.

John G. Collins of the **Ellie T.** hopes to attend the New London races in 1990. He's captain of a 120' oyster boat in Long Island Sound and Peconic Bay. He's building a replica of an 18th century jolly boat for a local historical society.

The museum in Florida where Joe Richard's **Princess** been displayed is closing and **Princess** needs a home. Joe's hoping she'll find her way to Maine waters. Call Jim Wilson (603)-431-7004.

Jim Drake, **Amnesty**, is hoping to start a Friendship Sloop regatta in the Chesapeake Bay area.

## Yearbook Material Needed

Roger Duncan sent along the following note: "I anticipate no great problems with the annual booklet if people will send in contributions of stories, incidents, experiences and so on as well as photographs, especially of 1989 events." Roger has established April 15th as the deadline for material, which can be sent to him at:

P.O. Box 66  
East Boothbay, Maine 04544

## "Teddy" Brown Presented Bill Hadlock Memorial Award

The Bill Hadlock Award was presented to past commodore Teddy Brown at the Annual Meeting in November. The award, a mounted brass ship's clock, was presented by Barbara Hadlock.



Ted, who lives in Kittery, Maine, is the former owner of the sloop **Vida Mia**, which he owned from its building in 1942, until he sold her in 1976. Ted made the trip to Friendship each year that he owned the **Vida Mia**, and participated in the first homecoming regatta. Ted, in recent years, has continued to be an active member of the Society, always providing help and support to its members, and continues to crew aboard Al Beck's **Phoenix** at the Boothbay Regatta, and last summer in Marblehead, crewed onboard Jim and Andrea Wilson's **Old Baldy**.

The Bill Hadlock Award, established in 1987, is named after our past commodore and owner of the sloop **Heritage**. The Hadlock family established the award and set the following selection criteria:

- Has promoted safe sailing by evidence of sound seamanship in conjunction with an abiding love of and respect for the sea.
- Has nurtured and promoted family participation in the Society's activities.
- Has shown a strong willingness to share knowledge and help others.
- Has enthusiastically promoted the goals and aims of the Society.
- Has been a strong advocate of the beauty, charm, and splendor of the Maine coast.

Past recipients of the award have been:  
1987 - Mary and Roger Duncan  
1988 - Dick Salter

## Roger Duncan First Annual Bancroft Award Recipient

Roger Duncan, skipper of the sloop **Eastward**, was presented the first annual Winthrop Bancroft Award by Jack Cronin, who was chairman of the selection committee. This year's award was a framed pen and ink sketch of a Friendship Sloop drawn by Consuelo Hanks of the **Sarah Mead**.

Established in the memory of Winthrop Bancroft by his family, the award is presented to a person who has made a significant contribution toward the perpetuation of the Friendship tradition.

The award might recognize an outstanding voyage, the launching of a home-built sloop or the restoration of an old one, the work of a poet, painter, or a model maker.

Roger is best known as the co-author of the Cruising Guide to the New England Coast. He has also written the books *Friendship Sloops* and *Eastward - A Maine Cruise in a Friendship Sloop*. Roger is currently the editor of the Annual Yearbook of the Sloop Society.

## Computer Fund Started

The following letter from Dick Salter was received by the Commodore:

13 December 1989

Dear John:

As you know, I purchased fifty Friendship Sloop Society jacket patches from Downeast Embroidery this fall. The purchase was done out of my own pocket and did not concern any Society or Mass. Bay Group finances. The patches were sold to the membership at our annual meeting in Bath this past November. I am pleased to report a net profit over expenses of \$50.00.

At the annual meeting I was disturbed to learn that our secretary is still using a borrowed computer to conduct the Society's business and maintain its records. I feel that this overlooked situation should receive the immediate attention of the Executive Board.

Last evening our Mass. Bay Group had its annual dining out party in Manchester. At the dinner I announced to the assembled members that the \$50.00 profit I have received from the jacket patches is being forwarded to you as seed money to fund a computer system for Secretary Mary Cronin. Please find this check enclosed.

*Ed. Note: Additional patches may still be available from Dick who can be reached at:*

151 Bridge Street  
Manchester, Mass 01944

## Executive Board Meeting - January 20, 1990

The Executive Committee meeting was held at the Seamen's Club Restaurant in Portland. Commodore John Wojcik called the meeting to order at 11:10. The Secretary's report was passed out to the members and the Treasurer's report was accepted as read. A discussion of the "budget" followed, and 1990 anticipated receipts and expenses were outlined on a sheet calculated by John Wojcik.

Elbert Pratt gave the report of the Scholarship Fund and stated that probably nine seniors this year would be looking for college funding. Total of the fund: \$45,059.98. On motion made by Bruce Morang, seconded and voted unanimously: That the report be accepted along with an expression of thanks for a job well done.

Al Zink gave the membership report and mentioned that a story for Roger and the yearbook would be forthcoming on tracing a "lost sloop". Al commented that memberships seemed to be coming in well. Reminder notices to unpaid members will be sent out first of February. John Wojcik mentioned the Mass Bay Friends of Friendships tour of the USS Constitution and our newest member is now Commander David Cashman, Commander of the Constitution. Her measurements were enjoyed: (year completed - 1797 and LOD - 204') when compared to most of our fleet.

The Maine Maritime Museum report was presented by Bill Rand. He stated that the museum was pleased with our meeting and would enjoy having us again. Bill discussed the meal and the comments that were received from those attending regarding the dinner. The new director of the MMM will be at the museum in February. Policies will be set and plans made for the coming year. Nathan Lipfert who is the librarian, is completely snowed under by the tremendous number of articles, books and documents which must be stored away. Possibly volunteering our assistance to help out on the FSS materials would be appreciated, which Bill and Al Zink have already done. At this date the MMM does not expect "anything" from us, but would appreciate our members volunteering for various activities/functions. Until the new director sets priorities/policies, our role will be to "wait and see".

Al Zink mentioned the problem that he and Bob Brooks have securing numbers, registrations, etc. of each and every sloop. Three-quarters of our sloop records are incomplete. Al mentioned that they would like pictures of sloops for file use. A great deal of work remains to be done before the files can be transferred to the Maine Maritime Museum.

Yearbook editor Roger Duncan gave his report on the yearbook -- stating his need for stories and photos -- particularly of the 1989 races -- all must be in his possession by April 15th.

Race Committee Chairman Bruce Morang reminded the board that this is the 30th Anniversary of the Society, in particular July 22 is the actual anniversary of the first race per Betty Roberts, which is one week prior to our racing in Maine. The Zubers have suggested a rendezvous and clambake which they will put together, a memorial service followed by a race and then our return to Boothbay. Discussion followed. Bernie McKenzie mentioned that in the early years Sunday racing was not allowed. Betty, Elbert and Connie felt that this was not a problem. The calendar of events was then discussed and decided upon.

Bruce Morang requested a commemorative plaque for only those skippers attending in Friendship. All agreed. Bill Rand mentioned that the Museum would be disappointed if the sloops did not visit the museum this summer. Bruce suggested that changes are being made in the race format. There will be no more sealed orders race, and the race committee is working on using government buoys for a handicap system race.

The regatta banquet was discussed and it was decided that because of the popularity of the grill in the back of the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, that it will be fired up on three nights. We will request that a cash bar be provided by the club on those nights, including after the awards ceremony.

John Wojcik opened discussion on the Annual Meeting. Comments were reviewed on the meal, lateness of the hour the meeting started, lack of time to socialize, and moving from meeting room to lobby and back again. Suggestions: Work with the Museum where a speaker (theirs or ours) could present earlier in the afternoon in conjunction with the MMM and the FSS; our annual meeting would start at 5:15; shorten the business meeting by providing copies of the reports thus allowing more time for discussion on decisions to be voted by the membership; possibly look into a different set-up for serving meals. Bill Rand felt that the facilities presented some difficulties for the caterer.

A discussion was started relative to assets owned by the FSS. Roger Duncan mentioned he has a large box of photos

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## 30th Annual Regatta Scrapbook Articles

*In 1987, Carlton Simmons presented two scrapbooks to the Society which contain a wealth of newspaper clippings and pictures from the early days of the Society. We thought we'd print a few about our first regatta.*

### Friendship Sloop Society Set, Annual Race Plotted on July 22

FRIENDSHIP - An annual race of the famous "Friendship Sloop" type sailing craft July 22 came a step nearer Sunday with the formation of an organization.

The Friendship Sloop Society became a legal body through the election of officers and signing of incorporation papers.

Bernard W. MacKenzie of Scituate, Mass., was named president. He had contacted the town, birthplace of the famous sloops used for fishing and sport under Wilbur Morse.

Ralph Wichenpaw, representative to the legislature, was named vice-president; Herald A. Jones, Friendship, secretary, and Carlton Simmons, Friendship postmaster, treasurer.

At the meeting also were Janet Messenger, Scituate; John Gould, Lisbon Falls Enterprise editor; Robert Elliott, of recreation, DED.

Purposes were listed as "incorporating all past and present owners of Friendship Sloops and other interested persons, and promote an annual race and regatta out of Muscocongus Bay."

It was listed as nonprofit and as a recreational society.

Specifications for boats to qualify as "Friendship Sloops" were listed. Because some of the boats applying to race were taken from original Morse models, but altered in construction or rigging to such an extent they don't meet Friendship specifications on all points, a special classification was established, with trophies, so boats could be included in the race.

Two alternate courses were also plotted, of about 17 miles each, and plans made to select a race committee and experienced judges.

The new officers said that about a dozen sloops may be in the race.

### Sloop Racing Revival Focuses Eyes and Lights on Friendship "Welcome Lights" to Glow Friday Night; Races Saturday

The coastal area will focus its eyes and lights on Friendship and its harbor to the "East'ard" tomorrow and Saturday on which latter day "Sloop Day," featuring a 16 mile race will be held.

Deadline for the race entries occurred Tuesday with the following registered:

Probable boats racing:

**Amity**, built by Wilbur Morse; length 28', owned by J.R. Wiggins, Washington, D.C.

**Banshee**; length, 30', owned by Ben Waterworth, New Bedford, Mass.

**Dictator**; built by Robert McLain, Bremen; owned by Dr. Alan Chesney, Baltimore, Md.

**Eastward**; built by James Chadwick, Pemaquid; length, 32'; owned by Roger Duncan, Concord, Mass.

**Ellie T**; owned by Roger Thorpe, Bath

**Finette**; built by Wilbur Morse; owned by Frank P. Smith, Wethersfield, Conn.

**Friendship**; built by Wilbur Morse; length 29'; owned by Robert Cavanaugh, Scituate, Mass.

**Golden Eagle**; owned by William Haskell, Marblehead, Mass.

**Jolly Buccaneer**; length 45'; owned by Richard Swanson, Rockport, Mass.

**L'Aigle D'Or**; built by S. Gannett; length 24'; owned by John Adams, Marblehead, Mass.

**Mary Anne**; built by Lash Bros. Boat Yard, Friendship; owned by Capt. John Dallett, New York

**Sadie M.**; built by Morse; length 30'; owned by Cmdr. Jarrison Prindle, Castine Yacht Club, Me.

**Tannis II**; built by Scott Carter, Friendship; length 38'; owned by Douglas Randall, Quincy, Mass.

**Vida Mia**; length 30'; owned by Ted Brown, Kittery

**Voyager**; length 30'; owned by Bernard MacKenzie, Scituate, Mass.

**Wilbur Morse**; built by Carlton Simmons, Friendship; length 28'; owned by C. Wilfred Brann, Augusta

**Tern**; built by W. Morse; length 26'; owned by Charles W. Snow, Middletown, Conn.

#### The Course

The race will start on a line between Red Nun buoy no. 6 off Martin's Point and George Morrill's boat anchored off Long Island. A brass cannon of the War of 1812 will fire the starting blast.

The course leads over toward Killick Stone and Thief Islands, past Black Island to Thompson Island; back between Crane and Franklin Islands where handicap buoys will be picked up in open waters and sloops will head for the finish line in Friendship harbor, details of which will be announced over the loud speaker system.

In addition to the sloops there will be races for sail boats and outboards in three classes: Up to 15 years of age and 10 horsepower motors; over 15 years and up to 25 horsepower motors and open class; above 25 horsepower motors. Al Roberts handled the entries with trophies for each class.

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## First Friendship Sloop Races

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Bernard MacKenzie, president of the Friendship Sloop Society, is on his way to Friendship in a Friendship Sloop, flying a 15-foot "homeward bound" flag in recognition of the race.

President MacKenzie has informed Harold Jones, race secretary, that he is being followed by a power boat from Bath.

Aboard the power boat is Newark, NJ Evening News reporter, Phil Stowell, who has recently completed a series of articles on Sloop Day for some New York papers. Mr. Stowell is on a photography assignment for Life Magazine. He will take pictures of the race and of the events featured in Friendship.

The race is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday and will last for six hours. During this time spectators will have many activities in which they may participate. Scheduled for the day are the following events:

11:30 a.m. Open House at the boat shops.

12 noon Lunch

1 p.m. League baseball game. Friendship vs. Thomaston.

1:30 p.m. Sailing race by members of the Friendship Yacht Club.

2 p.m. Outboard motor races.

3:30 p.m. Sloops should be approaching finish line opposite the wharfs in Friendship harbor.

5 p.m. Lobster-clambake supper. Tickets for 300 on sale at information centers.

8 p.m. After-race buffet supper served in town hall. Governor Reed will present trophies to the winners.

Friday evening at sundown - Friendship becomes a reality. Visiting sloops and craft will be at anchor. Homes will be lighted, especially homes facing the harbor. Boats with lights mounted will wind their way among the craft. Those on shore will carry a light of some kind as folks mingle with neighbors and visitors.

### The Friendship Sloop

The Friendship sloop was originally built as a work boat, a fisherman's boat designed for speed, weather and ease of handling. They were inexpensive to build. A 28-footer cost \$780 in 1899. Today's cost would run 10 or 20 times the 1900 cost.

The Morse family of Friendship, particularly Wilbur Morse, became so identified with the sloop that the words "Morse" and "Friendship Sloop" are particularly synonymous. Wilbur Morse has an almost uncontested claim to have built the first Friendship Sloop. In 1929, 500 sloops had been built.

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## January Executive Board Meeting

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from John Gould; Betty Roberts said that the old Governor's Trophy is in the Friendship Museum and the Burnham and Morrill canon is on loan from the Museum to the Society; Betty also said the Society owns a portable amplifying system which is at her house. John Wojcik will order a new large burgee for the Society since the one owned by the Society cannot be found, and was not available for the regatta and annual meeting. John also mentioned that the flagpole in Friendship has not had an American flag flying at recent memorial services. Elbert and Connie Pratt volunteered to make one of their flags available for the memorial service planned for July. Because the Society has no gavel, Dick Salter volunteered to supply one.

Jack Cronin mentioned his concern about the condition of the flagpole in Friendship and asked who owned the land the flagpole was on -- Betty Roberts will find out and report to the committee at the next meeting.

John Wojcik mentioned that Dick Salter had sold FSS patches and forwarded a check for \$50 to be put toward the purchase of a computer for the Society. The Computer Committee (Wojcik, Besse and Wilson) will come up with recommendations and the consensus of the Executive Committee was to spend in the area of \$1000 and seriously consider the acquisition for 1990, something compatible with other computers now being used within the Society.

John Wojcik reported on the winter edition of the "Newsletter" which will be coming out in February.

Commemorative Stamp Proposal: Jack Vibber has done a lot of work on this and we will hear more about it soon.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: March 24, 1990 (Place to be determined)

Dick Salter (with tongue in cheek) presented the Secretary with a L.E.A.D. 2.5 WORD PROCESSOR which he requested be kept with Society assets just in case a computer was not secured shortly. This asset was a framed collection of various size pencils, sharpened and unsharpened, with erasers and without, along with printed explanations of their uses!

It was also suggested that the Secretary write a letter to the Governor of Maine requesting his attendance at our 30th Regatta when plans are finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.

Sincerely Submitted,  
Mary Cronin, Secretary