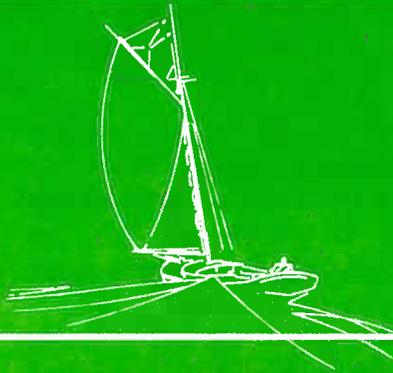


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Commodore's Message

Welcome to the new year and the new sailing season! If I'm being a bit premature about the sailing season, it's only because we in the Northeast are currently experiencing one of the coldest, snowiest winters in recent years. At this time of year, with this much snow on the ground, I am easily convinced that winter will never end and so a minor exercise in self-delusion is always useful. However, there are always those concrete signs of spring that pop up often enough to keep my spirits buoyant as well.

Here's a short list of the springtime spirit lifters for me: **Old Baldy** (#57) has new bronze screws to hold her together for maybe another 20 years or so; the skipper has new stainless steel screws to hold his knee together for maybe as long a period; the new Sloop Society Commodores have survived the first Sloop Society Executive Board Meeting of the year in January; the schedule of Society events that you'll find elsewhere in this newsletter is going to be a lot of fun...I'm scheduling my vacation around them; and the Sloop Society is now putting an "s" at the end of Commodore.

This last "Commodores" part is really great...this year the Society is putting a name to the situation that has prevailed for some number of years now. Both the Commodores' and the Vice-Commodores' posts have been manned (forgive the anachronism) by both husband AND wife. Both spouses put in the time and effort for the Society; both organize and participate in the Society's events, both make whatever hard decisions are required, and to the extent that there are any sacrifices to make, both make them. The Society has been run behind-the-scenes this way a while now, so it just makes great sense to make the cooperative nature of the Commodores' and Vice-Commodores' offices both official and public. One wag has suggested that from this time forward I was to be referred to as the Commode and Andrea was to be addressed as the Commadorable. Fine by me...it fits actually, in Andrea's case anyway. No one has yet suggested what Beth and Rich Langton, our new Vice-Commodores, will be addressed as but I'm sure something will surface.

I'll turn the gavel over to the Commadorable before I get too carried away and forget that it's still February. Fair Winds and Smooth Sailing - Jim

Keep the Yearbook Afloat

Roger Duncan, Yearbook Editor, has provided this update on the yearbook.

This year we will have a 48-page yearbook with a color cover. Twenty-four pages will be devoted to preserving the history and traditions of the Friendship Sloop, the purpose for which our Society was founded. The account of our sail up Boston Harbor with **USS Constitution** and pictures of that event are as valuable historically as the account of a voyage 100 years ago or the biography of an old sloop still sailing, and are all worth preserving.

To produce this book takes money. Ten years ago our publisher, Reade Brower, agreed to publish the booklet in return for the 24 pages of advertising. He made a little out of it and we got the booklet for nothing. For the last three years, however, due perhaps to reduced tourist trade in Maine, advertisers have been reluctant to advertise in a booklet which they believe has limited appeal. Mr. Brower has lost money on the project. Nevertheless, he has agreed to do the 1993 yearbook because it reflects credit on his business and he thinks it is intrinsically worth doing if he can break even on it.

We have agreed to help him financially and to show our appreciation by guaranteeing three pages of advertising at \$300 per page. You will have to help sell this advertising. Ask the boat yard which hauls your boat to take an ad. Ask the store that sells you paint, the sailmaker who is building your new mainsail or patching your ancient jib. Tell him that 5,000 copies of the booklet are printed and distributed to a discriminating public through members of the Society, Chambers of Commerce and merchants in many coastal towns. And be sure to tell him that the ad comes through the Friendship Sloop Society.

If we can make this scheme succeed, we should be able to ensure the financial stability of the yearbook for years to come.

If you would like to help this effort at a modest price, take a space on the Bulletin Board page for \$20. Send your check and copy to me by April 15. Remember that we need articles and photographs to make our 24 pages worth preserving. These, too, should reach me by April 15.

Annual Meeting Held at the New England Center

Caroline Cronin, Society Secretary, has submitted the following report:

Commodore Bill Rand called the 32nd Annual Meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Bill welcomed approximately 120 members to the meeting and then recognized past commodores, honorary members, new members, and members who were attending their first annual meeting.

Bill stated that a constant source of fresh ideas and regular turnover of officers helps the Society and that the officers are willing to work hard to keep the Society active and one which people enjoy being a part of. He proved this by stating the number of boats that participated in Society's activities throughout 1992:

22 boats -- Sail Boston

8 boats -- New London Festival

8 boats -- Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, ME

30 boats -- Boothbay Regatta

15 boats -- Marblehead Regatta

8 boats -- Gloucester Schooner Festival

He also stated that we now have a Sloop Register which is handled by Bob Brooks and that the Society now has a race committee with a team and that Dick Salter has again donated his vessel, **Messing About**, for use by the Race Committee. Bill then recognized the members who built trophies for the Boothbay Regatta and thanked them for their time and effort in creating such beautiful trophies.

Secretary's Report: Caroline Cronin

Membership for 1992 was as follows:

Full-Boat Owners -- 125

Co-Op Boat Owners -- 1

Associate -- 45

Co-Operative -- 48

Honorary -- 10

Caroline mentioned that the number of members who did not rejoin in 1992 alarmed her. She had sent reminders to those members to see if they would rejoin for the 1993 season. She has already received many renewed applications for 1993 along with apologies for not joining in 1992.

Treasurer's Report: David Bell

David's final report for 1992 will be published in the Winter newsletter. He noted that he paid \$375 for the engraving of the memorial stone in Friendship and thanked everyone involved for their help in setting up the stone at the site of the Friendship flag pole.

Pendleton Scholarship Fund: Elbert Pratt

Elbert stated that the scholarship fund was doing well, but that the CDs are due and the interest rates are low. David Bell will be working with Elbert to find the best

rate for the CDs. The fund gave \$5,600 this past June to graduating seniors and college students. Elbert said the fund received \$2,205 in donations and that the total in the scholarship fund is \$50,000 in CDs and approximately \$1,000 in the savings account.

Sail Boston 92: Dick Salter

Dick reviewed the events that led up to Sail Boston 92. He began by stating that the organizers said to get as many sloops as possible to sign up. When Dick presented his list of 26 vessels, they stated that the vessel turnout for the parade far exceeded the committee's expectations and that the Coast Guard was limiting them to the 126 boats that was originally requested by the committee. Therefore, the number of Friendship Sloops was to be limited to 6 boats instead of the 26 that had signed up. David Cashman and David Graham worked with Dick to get all 26 vessels into the parade. After discussions which included three alternatives for how the sloops would participate in the parade, it was decided that the Friendships would be allowed to participate and that the sloops would precede the **Constitution** and anchor in Boston Harbor to watch the parade.

New London: Jack Vibber

Jack stated that it had rained the first day, but they had two days of racing and everyone who participated had a wonderful time. Jack presented half-hulls to John Wojcik and Bill Rand for their help while Commodore, and Joe Hliva for participating in his first New London regatta.

Marblehead: David Graham

David stated that the Society's 1992 sailing season was a busy and interesting year which might have caused the small turnout of 12 boats in Marblehead. He stated that the Division I boats had a start delay and that Division II had a lot of close finishes. Sunday, all boats had a weather delay so the start of the race began at 11:50. David said that the dates for 1993 (30th year anniversary) are August 14-15.

Boothbay: Bruce Morang

Bruce first discussed that he had looked for alternative sites for the 1993 regatta. He stated that the 1992 regatta was interesting and yet fun for everyone. He then said that he had a wonderful time as race committee chairman, but as announced in Boothbay, he would be stepping down. Bruce was given a standing ovation in recognition of his efforts as race committee chairman.

Rendezvous 92-93: Jim Wilson

Jim thanked Dick Salter for his planning of Sail Boston. Jim then quickly discussed the cruise back for the Boothbay Regatta, and that the cruise included stops at Portland, Biddeford Pool and Bath for the weekend.

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Sloop Society Financial Statement January 1, 1992 to December 31, 1992

Receipts:			
Dues Boat Owners	\$ 3,325.00		
Assoc. Members	1,005.00		
CG-OP Members	545.00	\$ 4,875.00	
Rendezvous:			
Entry Fees	690.00		
Banquet	1,631.50		
BHYC Deposit Return	500.00	2,821.50	
Meetings:			
Annual Dinner	1,900.00		
Other	.00	1,900.00	
Miscellaneous:			
Bugees	447.00		
Donations	40.00		
Decals	57.00		
Other	393.00		
Misc. & Interest	156.79	1,093.79	
Total Receipts		10,690.29	
Disbursements:			
Administration:			
Printing	\$ 77.25		
Newsletter	888.46		
Postage	615.01		
Supplies	444.00		
General Insurance	490.00		
Secretary Comp.	1,000.00		
Other Administration	379.27	3,893.99	
Rendezvous:			
Trophies	382.76		
Race Insurance	321.30		
Commemorative Plaques	276.00		
USYRA Membership	75.00		
Skipper Gifts	153.69		
BHYC	700.00		
Race Committee Expense	133.92		
Rendezvous Dinners	1,679.44		
Other Rendez. Expense	150.00	3,872.11	
Donations and Gifts:			
Friendship Museum	300.00		
Pendleton Scholarship	300.00		
Maine Maritime Museum	300.00		
Other Donations & Gifts	65.16	965.16	
Meetings:			
Annual Meeting	1,957.90	1,957.90	
Miscellaneous:			
P.R. & Membership Exp	594.44		
Photographer	49.30		
Other, Sail Boston	113.95		
Friendship Mem. Stone	425.00	1,182.69	
Total Expenses		11,871.85	
Expenses over Receipts		1,181.56	
Balance: Checking Account		1,150.96	
Savings Account		1,954.32	
Total		3,105.28	
Trophy C.D.		2,000.00	

Annual Meeting

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He stated that we had 3 great days of racing in Boothbay then an excellent time in Friendship celebrating **Gladiator's** 90th birthday.

Jim then went on to say that Ralph Stanley and Miff Lauriat are hoping to have a regatta in Southwest Harbor on July 17. They are in the planning stages and hope that the members will make every effort to make Southwest Harbor next summer.

Yearbook Editor: Roger Duncan

Roger stated that the yearbook was in trouble. The publisher has lost money the past 3 years, but would like to continue to publish the yearbook with a little more support from the Society. Roger stated that the yearbook promotes the Society very well and is a good source of information for people to get an understanding of what the Society stands for. Roger said that the publisher needs \$1,000 from the Society to publish the book. Roger brought a poster for members to sign up for ads or the Bulletin Board Page. After a discussion on how to raise \$1,000, it was decided to collect as many ads as possible and the Society would pay the rest.

Publicity & Membership: Doug Amsbary

Doug stated that the scope of his job far exceeded his expectations, and that Bob Monk would be handling the publicity responsibility. Doug then stated that 5 new numbers had been issued in 1992 to bring the number of sloops to 259. Doug mentioned that the boat locaste has been salvaged for timber and hardware. Doug announced that posters are still for sale at \$4 each or 2 for \$7.50.

Society Donations: Bill Rand

Three donations of \$300 each were voted unanimously to the Maine Maritime Museum, Friendship Sloop Museum and Pendleton Scholarship Fund

Presentation of Awards:

Winthrop Bancroft Award: Presented by Jack Cronin This year it is awarded to John & Carole Wojcik for their work on the newsletter

Bill Hadlock Award: Presented by Barbara Hadlock Awarded this year to Al Beck

Special Awards: Presented by Bill Rand

- An award was presented to Al Zinc who was not present. Al was our first membership chairman and who interpreted the position as finding out everything there was to know about every boat. He obtained as many drawings of sloops as he could and put them on file in the museum in Bath. The entire Sloop Society thanks Al for his tremendous effort at this position.

- A half-hull carved by Ralph Stanley was presented to Bruce & Marcia Morang for their outstanding work as Race Committee Chairman.

Special Awards: Presented by Dick Salter

David Graham (clock) and David Cashman (mounted

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Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund

Written by Elbert Pratt, President, Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund

It is a bright, sunny day and I am sitting, comfortably, on my front porch. Just outside the storm windows the temperature is two degrees above zero. Eight inches of snow cover the ground. Every morning for the last week the harbor has been frozen all the way across to Long Island. Each day **Sea Smoke**, the steel-hulled tug boat owned by Coastal Fisheries, spends several hours breaking channels in the ice so that the lobster boats can get out and in.

This is a far cry from the warm summer days when 50 Friendship Sloops rode at anchor in the harbor, flags and pennants snapping, the spectator fleet moving back and forth among them, visiting friends or seeking mooring sites for themselves. There was a continuous stream of cars driving by on the shore road to see how many Sloops were in and what was going on. The party boats, both local and from Boothbay, would take spectators out to watch the Sloops on the race course. The wharves were lined with people. There was the Gift Shop with its many items made by Society members (the proceeds went to the Scholarship Fund), the Parade of Sloops with Everett Walker at the microphone describing them and the numerous water front activities. This was Sloop Days in Friendship.

The people in those Sloops were the ones who decided that an appropriate way to thank the residents of this town for all their work to make this a pleasant experience would be to establish a Scholarship Fund for the high school graduates who wished to extend their educational experiences beyond the secondary school level. Since that Fund was established, eighty-seven students have participated in the program with over ninety percent completing their course of study.

Annual incomes in Friendship are low, as one would expect in a small fishing village. This Endowment makes it possible for a lot of young people to consider further education who would not have done so otherwise. With rising education costs and falling interest rates on securities, the Fund needs continuing support from members, friends, and the people of Friendship in order to assist those who feel that they are not cut out to be fishermen.

While most of the young people who apply for Scholarships go to College, we do honor applications for special programs, if the student can show that this program has educational merit. Your contributions help us to keep these options open. I hope that you will support this fund. Please make your check payable to the PENDLETON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND and mail it to the

Rev. David Bell, Treasurer
P.O. Box 354
Waldoboro, ME 04572

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Herreshoff cannon) both donated by the Mass Bay group and the Society in grateful appreciation for their efforts in planning the Society's participation in Sail Boston 92.

Other Business:

- New trophies are needed to replace the old ones ready to be retired to the Maine Maritime Museum.
- Dick Salter reviewed a program to get all boats up-to-date on their handicaps. Dick suggested that handicapping be done every five years.
- There was mention of a dues increase which Jim Wilson said would be put on hold until we had an accurate financial statement at the January board meeting.
- The constitution needs to be updated during 1993.
- Maine Maritime Museum cataloging: Al Zink is turning over this process to Bob Brooks. It needs sorting and cataloging in order to be helpful to the Museum. Bob and Al are requesting volunteers to help in this process.
- Membership growth: Doug Amsbary has an up-to-date "Boats for Sale List" if anyone is interested.

Election of Officers: Dick Salter, Nominating Committee

After reading the list of nominations, the membership voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the nominating committee.

With that, Bill Rand turned the gavel over to the new Commodore, Jim and Andrea Wilson.

Auction: Dick Salter, Auctioneer

A lamp donated by Mary Clay Flynn was auctioned off for \$115 to Priscilla Rand, the proceeds donated to the Scholarship Fund.

With no further issues to be discussed, Jim Wilson adjourned the meeting for cocktails and dinner.

1993 Schedule of Events

New London Regatta

July 3 & 4

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous (Tentative)

July 17 & 18

Maine Maritime Museum Rendezvous

July 24 & 25

Rendezvous and Races at Boothbay

July 27, 28 & 29

Friendship Day Celebration

July 31

Marblehead Regatta

August 14 & 15

Annual Meeting

November 20 - New England Center

New Friendship Sloop Named for Boat-Builder Belford Gray WoodenBoat School Honors Late Teacher

The following story, written by Bette Britt, appeared in the July 30th edition of "The Weekly Packet" of Blue Hill, Maine

A local man was honored and a boat-building class received due praise on Tuesday when the Friendship-type sloop **Belford Gray**, named for the late Brooklin boatbuilder and teacher, was launched at Brooklin Boat Yard about 11:30 a.m.

Based on a Wilbur Morse design circa 1900, this is the second big boat constructed by WoodenBoat School students. Its intended use is to teach seamanship, and without such amenities as auxiliary power and a self-bailing cockpit, users should find it "challenging - but great," according to *WoodenBoat's* Jon Wilson.

The first of the seven speakers before Gray's widow, Polly, christened the sloop, Wilson said Joel White's ability as a naval architect was "absolutely crucial" in adapting the century-old plans. He added that he was proud of the WoodenBoat School for undertaking such a project and of students who stuck with it, some of them returned summer after summer to participate in the two-week boat building course taught by Gordon Swift. It took six summers - or as White pointed out later, "a total of 13 weeks' worth of concentrated labor" - to complete the project. When it was his turn to speak, Swift acknowledged White's "patience" and concluded his brief remarks with the hope that his students and their work "had done Belford proud."

As the trim sloop named for him stood poised above a crowd estimated at 300-400 people, Belford Gray was lauded as teacher and praised as a friend. While he spent most of his working years at Brooklin Boat Yard, Gray devoted the summers prior to his death in March 1989 to teaching his craft to others at the WoodenBoat School. Speakers on Tuesday included former directors Peter Anderheggin and Ben Ellison and present director Rich Hilsinger.

But it was boat yard owner and long-time employer White who brought Gray back to life. "Belford always enjoyed launchings," White said. "If he could be here with us today, he'd be having a grand time, working with the crowd, joking with old friends and making new ones. Belford had the uncanny ability to turn a stranger into a lifelong friend within a minute and a half - two minutes tops." Boat yard coworker Henry Lawson added another warm, heartfelt tribute.

Four WoodenBoat School veteran student builders were aboard **Belford Gray** during the christening and the maiden tow around to a dock: Charlie Gorday, Clinton, MD; John Totes, Greenwich, CT; Karen Lebes, Gold Bar, WA; and Fred Anderson, Vienna, VA.

The late Bob Bonsack was another member of the core group of diligent builders, and traces of his craftsmanship can be seen on the ship's bow and tiller. A memorial service for the Rochester Hills, MI man was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon on Eggermoggin Reach.

Having been trucked from the WoodenBoat School shop over the weekend, **Belford Gray** was towed back home later on Tuesday. Sea trials will be held when sails are delivered by Center Harbor Sails, probably on Thursday.

Hailed by Anderheggin as a "gracious presence" at WoodenBoat School, Belford Gray became better known to many who crowded around to see his namesake launched at high tide. Anderheggin describes the Friendship sloop as a work boat matching Gray in "enthusiasm," adding the hope that Friendship sloops in the future would help those present at Brooklin Boat Yard "remember Belford."

An area fisherman summed it up another way: "God, he would've loved it."

Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund 1992 Financial Statement

Balance: Savings	January 1st	\$ 3,290.05
Receipts:		
Interest - Savings		50.12
Donations		2,260.00
Auction at Annual Mtg		115.00
From Maturing C.D.s		7,293.88
Total Receipts		9,719.00
Expenses:		
Invest in C.D.		4,000.00
Service Charges		2.00
SCHOLARSHIPS		3,800.00
Total Expenses		7,802.00
Balance - Savings Account		5,207.05
Balance - Cert. of Deposits		\$40,899.00
(Plus estimated Interest at \$6,500)		

Respectfully submitted,
David Bell, Treasurer

Measuring of Sloops

The Society Measurer and Handicapper, Dick Salter, is continuing his program to re-measure all sloops. Each year, starting in 1992, 20% of the known sloops will be requested to re-measure sloops even if there have been no changes since the last handicap application was filed. A handicap application has been included in the newsletters that were sent to the owners of sloops numbered 51 to 100. If you have received a measurement form, and have any questions 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: (508)-526-1004

January Executive Board Meeting

Commodore Jim Wilson called the meeting, held at the Maine Maritime Museum, to order at 11:20 a.m.

Secretary's Report: Caroline Cronin

Membership status as of January 23, 1993:

Boat Owners	69
Associates	25
Co-Operative	27

Treasure's Report: David Bell

David mentioned the amount of insurance that the Society pays each year. Jim explained that the insurance covers the Executive Board at meetings and on the water. The executive board decided to look into insurance and whether or not we need insurance at all. Bernard MacKenzie suggested to let him give the policy to an insurance agent he knows and have them quote against the existing policy. Voted unanimously by the board to have Bernard get a quote on the policy and report back to the board at the next meeting.

At this time, the board reviewed the budget to see if the trial budget for 1993 was appropriate -- final decisions will be made at the next board meeting.

Jim then decided that some issues needed to be postponed until the next meeting. These items included:

- Trophies and skippers gifts and presentations
- Whether or not we can afford the coffee and donuts each morning in Boothbay. Need to discuss the need and ways to re-coop some of the money spent on coffee & donuts.
- Dinners in Boothbay & Bath - Jim stated that we need to pay for dinners in advance, should we ask members to pay when they make reservations?
- What to do with all the photographs that are on hand.

Jim mentioned that the burgees are on order and should be delivered soon. Because of the increased cost of having the burgees made, the board voted unanimously to increase the price of the burgees. The new prices are \$25 for the large burgee and \$20 for the small burgees.

Jim then suggested that the fiscal year calendar for the Society be changed from January-December to October-September so that the executive board can prepare the annual budget for the annual meeting. September is the end of the sailing season and the dues will have been collected by then so that we can see how the Society fared for that particular year. It was decided to discuss this item at the next executive meeting after Jim had looked at the Constitution to see if the change is possible without a great deal of difficulty. David Bell then made a motion -- Unless there are legal complications, the fiscal year will be changed to October 1 to September 30. It was voted unanimously by the

board.

Pendleton Scholarship Fund: Elbert Pratt

Elbert stated that the scholarship committee is waiting for applications from seniors to come for awarding of scholarships for this year. The balance in the savings account as of December 31 is \$5,207.05.

Race Committee Chairman: Bob Rex

Bob stated that he had received a letter for renewal of the U.S. Yacht Racing Association fees. He stated that the USYRA would like the Society to charge non-members of the USYRA a fee for being covered under their insurance. The board decided to pay the insurance and forget about charging the non-members the fee.

Bob then mentioned that Bruce Morang recommended that the two new trophies that need to be made are the State of Maine and the President's trophies, and that the existing trophies are to be placed on display at the Maine Maritime Museum. Bob then requested a new race committee flag for the 1993 sailing season. The flag will be ordered.

The race committee is working on a new computer program for scoring the races -- it is still in the testing stages. Bob stated that he would need a PC-compatible to run the program at the races. Jim Wilson will take care of this issue.

Yearbook Editor: Roger Duncan

Roger stated that the yearbook would be 48 pages -- 24 editorial and 24 ad pages. Roger also reminded the board of the Society's agreement with Reade Brower that the Society will take three pages of ads (\$900). Roger is hoping that the membership will fill these three pages so that the Society does not have to pay the \$900. Roger feels that the Society needs to show Reade that we stand behind the book.

Roger then stated that all editorials and pictures need to be in to Roger by April 15th.

Membership Chairman: Doug Amsbary (in absentia)

Jim stated that Doug received a letter from *WoodenBoat* asking the Society for a mailing list of boat-owning members so that they could get the member's wooden boats in their register. It costs nothing for the Society or membership to be in the register. The board decided to send the mailing list labels to *WoodenBoat* and state that the addresses are not to be sold or given to anyone else. Bob Monk volunteered to write the letter to *WoodenBoat*.

Society Historian: Betty Roberts

Betty stated that she is still getting inquiries about certain boats -- sometimes she can answer their questions. She also stated that the Friendship Museum is being rejuvenated.

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Membership News

Caroline has received the following letters / information regarding our members:

From Tom Ash of Weymouth, Mass:

Sorry for any confusion about my member status for last year. I move back and forth from Alaska periodically, this year as a deck hand on a fishing boat. I also was able this year to complete the course at Northwest School for Wooden Boatbuilding. So it's been a busy year for me.

Thank you for your continued correspondence and I would like to join again for this year along with my father, Richard Ash (who is an avid sloop fan).

As one who aspires to build and repair wooden boats, it is my privilege to be restoring the **Nomad** and I am happy to say, things are progressing nicely. With 20 new frames and approximately 50 to go, a new stern post & 8 feet of new keel. She crawls slowly from the bonfire toward a new life. We are presently busy preparing new framing stock and may have them in by Xmas. I haven't had much chance to socialize with local members but would like to encourage anyone interested to stop by for a peek. I feel that these boats, like history belong to all. I thank the Friendship Sloop Society for keeping tradition alive!

From Marcia Morang:

A short note from me to personally thank all the super members of the FSS for the absolutely gorgeous half-model given to Bruce on Saturday night.

I asked Bruce if I could write the thank you note. He said "sure." He said his thank you on Saturday but I wanted to tell you all how genuinely thrilled he was.

You are all great - the half-model hangs on our dining room wall and is admired daily by us...in fact we short stop of inviting anyone who walks past the house to come in and admire it. Ralph did such a beautiful job.

Thanks and hugs to all...

From Dave Colinan of Lincoln, RI:

Thank you for the note and concern over my membership (or lack thereof)! Actually I had every good intention to renew last year, put aside the renewal application and promptly forgot about it. I suppose I expected Jack Vibber's annual call about the New London Regatta to jog my memory, but no call came. He must have become disgusted with me for having left the **Ellen Anne** in the back yard going on five years now. And, quite frankly, I don't blame him... He's really going to be disgusted when he finds out I shaved off my beard of 14 years! I'm not sure I want to "face" him unless Virginia is there to protect me!

I must confess that it's not been a lack of interest but a lack of time that has kept the **Ellen Anne** in dry dock; also the need of a good second hand (and reasonably priced) diesel

engine to replace the 8 horse Palmer with which I learned more about marine mechanics than I ever expected ...when I first got the **Ellen Anne** I looked for an "expert" who could handle the Palmer's peculiarities. After much looking and many tribulations I finally realized that while struggling to keep the Palmer running, I had, in fact, earned my Palmer Phd via OJT (that's like night school only it's night AND day).

At any rate if you hear of anyone with a suitable replacement, please let me know.

Oh yes, the other thing I need is the name of a foundry willing to recast the keel shoe, adding whatever pig is in the bilge to lower the center of gravity while making the bilge easier to clean.

Let's hope that, with lots of luck and a good economy in 1&2Q93 we'll be able to get going again; meanwhile, I am sending my check for the '93 dues.

Again, thank you for your kind reminder, it's nice to know someone noticed the **Ellen Anne** hasn't been at the starting line.

We note with great sorrow the passing of one of our newest and most enthusiastic members, Harold W. Lindley of Orford, NH. Hal was the former owner of **Harlin** (now **Eagle**) and joined the Society last year and thoroughly enjoyed the Boothbay Regatta aboard **Gaivota**.

Mike Hinsley, who is working with Tom Miller, owner of Gannet, in restoring the sloop, has sent the following letter:

Earlier this year Tom started rebuilding **Gannet** having saved her weeks earlier from becoming firewood.

The task was enormous, with rotten planks & frames that turned to dust when touched - but she was a true Friendship! With Tom doing 90% of the work & helpers like myself doing the remainder, reconstruction began. Lots of advice was at hand both from books & from "friends", but we soon found that this was of little value as (1) Nobody had ever rebuilt a boat of this size (2) None of the books gave advice on terminal cases!

By going back to first principles & with Tom's knowledge of working wood, the impossible has happened: In 11 weeks **Gannet** has been totally reframed & planked & is now ready for the ceiling to be fitted. Pictures of progress are one thing but the only way to really appreciate the work that has been done is to pay a visit to his "boatyard". Will she be afloat next year? Only time will tell, but who would have guessed the progress to date.

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From Jean Weber, Director of the Maine Maritime Museum:

On behalf of the Trustees of Maine Maritime Museum, I thank the Friendship Sloop Society for their gift of \$300 to the Museum's annual fund.

It has been an exciting year for maritime history enthusiasts, and we are happy to have shared some of the excitement here at the Museum with your members. We are grateful to have your support, individual and collective, and look forward to continued cooperation in furthering our mutual goals.

Doug Ainsbary, owner of Departure sent along the following:

Departure underwent some major surgery last winter with the installation of a head holding tank system and general overhaul of the head and a fresh coat of paint to make it a little more inviting. The decks leaked as always this past summer but plan on reefing out all of the starboard side deck joints this winter and recaulking that side. It just seems too big a job to do the whole deck. It looks like we have to put a new cutlass bearing in and that involves moving the engine forward about 2 feet so that we can get the shaft out! The sails gave us some trouble this summer with both the staysail and main ripping out several seams (rotted by sunlight). Had the staysail resewn this summer and have just sent the main out to be totally resewn. The cloth still seems to be in good shape. Bought a spool of 9/16" diam. 3 strand spun dacron to replace the main sheet (139') and both the peak and the throat halyards. The ones on there are worn out and are probably the original ones. Last winter, removed the bowsprit and scarfed in a piece on top that had seasoning cracks in it allowing water to enter and had already started to make some of the wood punky in a couple of spots. Looks like new now! The first mate is ribbing me about making the single quarter berth into a double (if you could call it that). As Jarvis said in his **Dictator** literature "You've got to be in love" in regards to this quarter berth. I guess we'll just have to take turns using it! I had hoped to replace the alcohol stove with a propane unit but the money just isn't there to do it. Maybe next year. I'm in the process of putting in a stern deck anchor hauser pipe so that a stern anchor will be quite easy to deploy. Many other minor improvements / replacements and repairs are planned for this upcoming winter / spring (god it seems a long way off!). All for now.

From James Wainwright of Gig Harbor, WA:

Once again I will miss the festivities. It is a long way from here, but I still have an interest, and I like to get the news.

True Love didn't get wet again this year. Last year we were in the process of moving out of the house we had been in for 27 years, and moving into a rental which wouldn't hold all of my junk. This year we built a new house starting in April and moving in the end of September. She now sits on her trailer inside of my garage. Now I won't have any excuses for not working on it for next year.

Yearbook Deadline

Please send bulletin board items and articles for the yearbook to Roger by April 15th. His address is:

P.O. Box 66
East Boothbay, Maine 04544

Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 1993. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

90 Years:

#97 **Gannett** Tom Miller, New Boston, NH 85 Years:
#195 **Princess** McMillon Family, Anna Maria, FL

80 Years:

#44 **Sazerac** Roland Barth, Alna, ME &
Alan Lewis, Boston, MA

January Executive Board Meeting

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Publicity: Bob Monk

Bob stated that he needs the dates for the 1993 season so that he can get press releases out by the end of February.

Legal Paperwork: Jim Wilson

Jim said that the state of Maine biennial report is to be filed once every two years. The last time it was filed was August, 1990. Betty Roberts has filed the report for 1992.

Constitution Updating: Bill Rand

Bill feels that the constitution needs to be changed to reflect committees and officers. Bill feels it is a housekeeping job, however and changes need to be approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting. He said that the changes should be made and mailed to the membership before the Annual Meeting so that they have an opportunity to read them.

Jim Wilson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Dues Reminder

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

164 Sturbridge Road
Charlton, MA 01507