



FRIENDSHIPS

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Commodores' Message

The sun was glimmering on the blue tarp that covers our sloop on Groundhog Day. Like the groundhog, **Content** will remain covered for at least another six weeks. That doesn't mean that we have our heads buried, however. We have been going strong planning the Society's events for next summer.

The Society's move from Boothbay Harbor to Rockland, first announced at the Annual Meeting last November, has been our primary focus. We have met with the Rockland Chamber of Commerce, the Rockland Yacht Club and a local volunteer group named Share the Pride.

Everybody wants to help! The Chamber will co-sponsor the event with the Society. The Yacht Club is excited about the prospect of locating a committee boat for the races. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has also offered to patrol the race course for us to make sure we have smooth sailing! Share the Pride, an association that focuses on promoting Rockland, is helping locate sponsors to pay for the tent which will be our headquarters on the waterfront. In fact, Share the Pride is looking into almost every detail of our stay in Rockland from advertising and promoting town support to finding a PA system and a barbecue pit for us! At the last meeting with Share the Pride we were even cornered for a brief interview by the local Rockland radio station, so that they could get a headstart on next summer's publicity.

All these groups are making us feel welcome and keeping us excited about the transition to Rockland. Needless to say this community interest helps us get through the winter shadows. We are very excited about the move and the potential for exploring a new part of the Maine coast. Farewell to Fishermen's Passage!

One aspect that the Society's Rockland Committee wants to instill is the concept of Homecoming, rather than just racing. Since your current commodores are not famous for fast races we couldn't be more supportive of the idea! Seriously though, we want people to enjoy each other's company with plenty of time for sea stories, as well as racing. Skippers' meetings will not only include details of the race, but also a discussion of other options for the day's activities. There are even foggy-day options available; (although our groundhog

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Bruce Morang Passes Away

This article, written by Penny Morang Richards, Bruce's daughter, was the front page article of the January 12th edition of the Daily Times Chronicle. Bruce was the editor of the newspaper for over 27 years.

*Bruce was our Race Committee Chairman for ten years until 1992, yearbook chairman 1978-1981, an honorary member of the Society, and was crew and helmsman aboard Ernie Wiegleb's **Chrissy** for many years. He was a friend to all, he will be missed.*

Bruce N. Morang, editor of this newspaper, died Wednesday, January 11 in Wilmington.

Bruce was diagnosed with cancer in the spring of 1994 and underwent surgery in May to remove a lung. He tolerated chemotherapy through the summer and at Thanksgiving was told by doctors he had a clean bill of health.

Cancer struck painfully again in less than a month, and on Christmas Day Bruce was admitted to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. With lightning speed the cancer overtook his system and ended his life.

Bruce started his lifelong newspaper career with the Wakefield Daily Item, where for 10 years he was their advertising manager. When the Hagerty family, owners of the Woburn Daily Times, purchased the Reading Chronicle, Bruce became the editor on July 1, 1967. Through those 27 years he was the community's witness to growth and change. School principals retired, selectmen lost elections. There were town meetings, snow storms, the arrival of cable television, coming and going of the local clergy. The Mineral Street bridge became impassable, a library found a new home on Middlesex Avenue, and town hall expanded into the old library building. The Reading Diner burned. The town built and scrapped an incinerator project. Bruce watched so many changes and had the details carried to kitchen tables across town.

Bruce was the author of "Bennett Noble," a column that appeared on the pages of The Chronicle. Through hundreds of those columns he told personal stories of family, his experiences, sailing, Maine and of his many friendships. These columns are among his journalism pieces that were given honor through awards by the New England Press Association.

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Bruce Morang (Continued from Page 1)

He was asked by his best friend some 15 years ago if it was time to change direction in his career. Perhaps, it was suggested, it was time to move to a new community, or to a different newspaper. He replied, "No. I love the town of Reading and I love the Reading Chronicle."

His love has always been evident. Bruce was a tireless worker on behalf of the citizens of Reading, regardless of age, political affiliation or household income. His talent with words in print in his newspaper sparked the community to react to local needs in a variety of ways. The Reading Food Pantry and the town's Christmas Light fund were two projects that meant a lot to Bruce. He found time to make countless personal journeys to collect food donations, stacking the bags and boxes at his Chronicle office until there was a "full truck" to take to the pantry. Each Christmas, he was on hand to help Santa throw the switch that transforms the Reading Common into a sparkling showcase enjoyed by the thousands that travel through the square.

Bruce gave to the community in his own personal and private way. He never sought praise or thanks for his contributions. He stepped aside when the camera recorded the moment to film.

He was invited countless times to speak before local groups about the history of the community. Perhaps his favorite speaking engagements were those where his audience was a classroom at a local school, or before a group of youngsters at a civic gathering.

Of the many organizations he has been affiliated with, the two that brought him greatest joy were the Quannapowitt Yacht Club of Wakefield, of which he was a past commodore, and the Friendship Sloop Society of Friendship, Maine, where he raced for 17 years, then served as race committee chairman for another 10 years.

Bruce inherited the Morang Farm in North Nobleboro, Maine, a property that had been in the family for many generations, and there found endless renewal of spirit. Bruce, a book and a lawn chair were the perfect trio at the farm.

Bruce was graduate of Wakefield High School in 1947, and of Boston University School of Journalism in 1951. He served in the United States Air Force.

He was born in Norwood, Massachusetts and was the son of the late Kenneth E. and M. Beatrice (Sweeney) Morang. He lived much of his life in Wakefield before moving to North Reading 15 years ago.

He is survived by his wife Marcia (Vannah) Morang, daughter Penny J. Richards and her husband David and their daughter Penny Jean, daughter Kelly R. Quinn and her husband William, and son Ted N. Morang and his wife Cynthia and their sons Ted Jr. and Thomas.

Bruce's true passion was for books and for reading. He was the author of the book "A town that went to war", which is a chronicle of the men from the towns of Reading, North Reading and Wakefield, and their participation in the American Revolution. His second title, written while he was in college, is "Journal of the Kennebunks".

His family asks that friends, in keeping with his wish, make a contribution to the Reading Public Library or to the North Reading Flint Memorial Library to purchase books. By honoring this desire, the love of reading may be nurtured and grow in others. That would make Bruce happy.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, January 14 at 2 p.m. in the Old South United Methodist Church, Reading.

Notice to Spectators

by Bennett Noble

Reprinted from the 1973 Yearbook.

If you stand here long enough today, you will become convinced, as hundreds before you have, that Friendship Sloop people are eccentric, even a little odd.

Now, my point is to relieve you of concern as you tumble to that conclusion. You define an eccentric as someone so placed that his axis is not located centrally, don't you? Well, nobody ever died of that! There's a fellow over in Nobleboro who limps, but it's not fatal.

What I'd like you to do is not be taken in by all of the foolishness, then it won't bother you so much. Just appreciate those gaff-headed sloops require a certain type of sailor, and a Friendship generates in him a powerful chemistry.

Case in point is the arrival of Al Robert's bait truck, full of aromatic, slightly altered red fish which are used for lobster bait. The truck will back down onto the wharf at mid-morning and if you're in the way

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Bruce Morang aboard the Race Committee boat **Dragon Lady** this past summer in Boothbay.

Bennett Noble

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you'll have to move. Lobster bait is foul looking stuff, and as they unload it you'll get a pretty strong odor. But stand it for a few minutes and you'll be rewarded with the sight and sound of some Friendship Sloop skipper wandering over to the load, pawing through it, and coming up with a particularly ugly looking piece, and bellowing: "Hey, George, let's take this one aboard. There's enough meat on it for lunch!" Just accept the fact he wouldn't act that way if he was home.

And you take a foggy day for instance...

One year the fog was so thick we had to cancel all racing. Fellow from New York, a free-lance writer, wanted to do a piece on a Sloop skipper, though, and someone steered him to Don Huston. Now, Donald is from up in Massachusetts, which explains a lot, and he doesn't shave during the weeks it takes him to get **Eagle** down here and back. So, there he was standing in his foul weather gear and his own gurry when this poor New York fellow approached him.

"Fog's pretty bad, Skipper?"

"Worst I've ever seen." says Donald.

"But you enjoy your visit here to Friendship?"

"This is Camden."

"Surely you know this is ..."

"Camden. Sailed all day yesterday in beautiful weather, but I guess we'll have to stay right here. Can't sail over to Friendship in this fog."

"But ..."

"Probably sail over there tomorrow. Want to go with us?"

I don't know to this day whatever happened to that fellow, or whether he ever free-lanced anything about Friendship or not.

Then there was the year Ted Brown was on television. A crew came all the way down from Portland to take some film and interview the inmates, but it was foggy again and the racing was canceled. Ted had his **Vida Mia** grounded out that day because he had a stoppage in the head and his valves wouldn't close. That meant his boat was taking water instead of discharging it. Clear enough? Course it is. But on television you don't talk of such delicacies as heads (toilets, damnit!) and cranky marine flush valves, but the announcer and the cameraman said they'd interview Ted anyway, and if he mentioned anything they couldn't use, they'd edit it out before it was put on the air.

Well, they started the show by interviewing Betty Roberts, asking her if the fog was going to blow out, and she was saying how the fog always HAD blown out -- eventually, and she saw no real reason to worry. And then they got to Ted.

As I recall it, the announcer said: "Now we'll walk over to this sloop that's been beached here, and see if we can get the Captain to tell us what's wrong. Ah, excuse us, Captain Brown, but we notice your boat's beached. What seems to be the problem?"

Well, old Teddy poked his head and shoulders out through

the companionway, held up a piece of wood, and with God and everybody listening bellowed: "I had this piece of timber caught in my bathroom. But I fixed it!"

And as soon as that story got around we elected Ted president of the Friendship Sloop Society.

What I'm trying to get at, I suppose, is to urge you to stand back and not get any on you, and enjoy your time with us. Check with the State Police officer at the top of the hill to make sure you're in Friendship, stay away from anyone who even looks like Don Huston, and try to understand that Ted Brown comes from good stock and is otherwise normal.

Enjoy.

Bruce Morang Memorial Award

The Executive Board and the Morang Family have established an award in memory of Bruce Morang, to be awarded annually to a member of the Sloop Society. Bruce, as editor of a newspaper, loved the written word. His Bennett Noble columns delighted all who have had the pleasure to read them. In recognition of his love for the pen, this award will be presented annually to the writer of the best article published in the Annual Yearbook. The articles will be judged by a committee to be appointed.

A suitable trophy will be awarded to be held for one year by the recipient, who will then receive an appropriate "keeper" in its place. This award provides an excellent opportunity for sloop and non-sloop owning members to be recognized for their contribution to the Society.

Please send your article to Roger Duncan at: P.O. Box 66, East Boothbay, ME 04544 by April 15th.

1995 Schedule of Events

New London Regatta

July 8 & 9

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous

July 22 & 23

Homecoming Rendezvous at Rockland

July 25, 26 & 27

Cruise to Friendship

July 28

Memorial Service & Friendship Day

July 29

Marblehead Regatta

August 12 & 13

Gloucester Schooner Festival

September 2

Annual Meeting - New England Center

November 18

Sloop Society Financial Statement January 1 to September 30, 1994

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

Receipts:

Dues	Boat Owners	\$ 3,585.00	
	Assoc. Members	1,170.00	
	CO-OP Members	745.00	\$5,500.00

Rendezvous:

Entry Fees	760.00	
Banquet	1,759.00	
BHYC Deposit Return	500.00	3,019.00

Miscellaneous:

Annual Dinner	1,675.00	
Burgees	355.00	
Donations	923.00	
Decals	50.00	
Other	350.77	
Misc. & Interest	99.26	3,453.03

Total Receipts 11,972.03

Disbursements:

Administration:

Officer Administration	9.82	
Membership	68.20	
Newsletter	1,028.37	
Race Committee	214.41	
Postage	718.15	
Supplies (Burgees)	505.00	
Secretary's Comp.	1,000.00	
Other Administration	39.82	3,583.77

Rendezvous:

Trophies	262.03	
Race Insurance	321.30	
Commemorative Plaques	222.00	
USYRA Membership	75.00	
Skip. Gifts & Presents	248.04	
BHYC	655.11	
Rendezvous Dinners	1,696.00	
Other Rendez. Expense	200.56	3,680.04

Donations and Gifts:

Friendship Museum	300.00	
Pendleton Scholarship	300.00	
Maine Maritime Museum	300.00	900.00

Meetings:

Annual Meeting	1,436.36	
Other Meeting Expense	0.00	1,436.36

Total Expenses 9,600.17

Total Receipts 11,972.03

Receipts over Expenses 2,371.86

Balance: Checking Account 1,126.38

Savings Account 1,951.51

Total 3,077.89

Trophy C.D. 2,053.99

Pendleton Memorial Scholarship 1994 Financial Statement & Report

Elbert Pratt has submitted the following report:

Last November the Trustees of the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund placed the Fund in the hands of A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc. of Camden for investment.

In December, as is the practice, the Treasurer mailed checks totalling \$5,900 to the several schools attended by the seven freshmen and four upperclassmen who were the 1994 award recipients.

Individual contributions in 1994 totalled \$2,205. \$300 was received from the Friendship Sloop Society; and \$702 was realized in 1994 from the 1993 and 1994 auctions at the Annual Meetings. \$17 was received from the Executive Board and \$11 from returnables for total donations of \$3,235.

The Trustees conducted a fund raising drive in October, and part of the money received from that activity is in the 1994 receipts. However, the January 1995 contributions of \$1,235 results, primarily, from the drive.

Currently, the Fund Principle is in three trusts totalling \$48,191. There is \$856.73 in the savings account.

The latest action is to prepare a statement for the Friendship Town Report about the availability of the Scholarships for the 1995-96 school year.

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

Pendleton Scholarship Fund 1994 Report

David Bell has submitted the following financial report:

Savings Acct as of January 1 \$14,464.21

Income:

Donations:

Individuals	\$2,205.00	
Sloop Society	300.00	
1993 Auction	180.00	
1994 Auction	522.00	
Executive Board	17.00	
Bottle Returnables	11.00	3,235.00
Savings Bank Interest	176.72	
1993 Scholarship Returned	\$ 1,000.00	
	\$18,875.93	

Expenses:

To Putnam US Gov't Income Trust	\$11,900.00
Scholarships	5,900.00
Stamps	174.00
Labels	45.20
	\$18,019.20
Balance in Savings, December 31	\$ 856.73
Certificate of Deposit due 11/95	4,000.00

34th Annual Meeting Convened at Durham, New Hampshire

Caroline Phillips has submitted the following report of the Annual Meeting held November 19th.

Commodore Jim Wilson called the annual meeting to order at 3:45 PM. Jim stated that the majority of members would like to see this business meeting end before the cocktail hour, unlike the 1993 meeting. Jim reported that it was a good year for the Society. At the beginning of the year the executive board was concerned with the finances. However, the Society has succeeded in coming out of the red and has an extra cushion going into 1995. He stated that there were regattas held in New London, Boothbay Harbor, Marblehead, Gloucester, and Southwest Harbor. Jim then introduced all the sloops that arrived at the annual meeting along with their skippers. He also introduced all of the past commodores of the Society who were present at the meeting, the current officers, and the chairpeople of the various committees.

Secretary's Report: Caroline Phillips

Caroline read the final membership numbers for 1994 which are as follows: Boat Owners - 111, Full Members - 48, Co-operative Members - 38, and Honorary Members - 8 for a total of 205 members. She reported that this number is less than 1993 by 16 members, plus the new members that joined in 1994 was 11. She also stated that some of the people who did not renew in 1994 would renew in 1995.

Caroline then read some letters from the membership that she had received.

Treasurer's Report: David Bell

David stated that the Society came out of the red this year and that we are afloat again. David had copies of the financial reports available for members (a copy of which is printed in the newsletter) and offered to answer any questions from the membership.

Pendleton Scholarship Fund: David Bell

David reported that the scholarship fund awarded \$5,900 to 11 applicants - \$250 to 4 college students and \$700 to 7 high school students. David then read a letter from Elbert Pratt asking for help with donations to the scholarship fund. A copy of the financial report and Elbert's letter is printed in this edition.

Regatta Reports

Jim stated that attendance was down in all the regattas. The Southwest Harbor event was successful with 6 sloops attending. **Phoenix**, sailed by Tad Beck, won 1st place. In 1995, the Southwest Harbor event will be held the weekend before the Rockland Regatta.

New London: Jack Vibber

Jack reported that they had a wonderful beach party. One boat made it the first day and two boats on the second day. He stated that he would keep banging away until he got three boats.

Boothbay: Bob Rex

Bob stated that the Boothbay regatta was fairly successful considering the weather we had. First place overall went to

Jack Cronin on **Tannis**. He then thanked his race committee which consisted of Gerry Ross, Gerry Breton, Dick Salter on **Messing About**, and George Pew on **Dragon Lady**.

Bob also mentioned that Ken Rich of Rockland has promised a committee boat, a stake boat, and possibly another movable mark.

Marblehead: David Graham

David reported that it was a tough year of racing with not enough wind on Saturday and too much wind on Sunday. First place overall went to Bernie MacKenzie on **Voyager**. **Chrissy** was the guest boat on Saturday.

David then awarded Dick Salter a picture of his boat for his help at the Marblehead Regatta. Dick towed **At Last** and lost part of the starboard rear quarter rail in the process.

Gloucester: Dick Salter

Dick stated that he was delighted to have 8 Friendship Sloops participate. It was the largest number of participants ever in Gloucester. He reported that the Society now has 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for the Friendship class at Gloucester.

Yearbook: Roger Duncan

Roger reported that he has the photos he used in last year's yearbook and would like to give them back to their owners. Roger stated that he had talked with Reade Brower and the 1995 yearbook will be done on the same basis as past years: the Society needs to sell 3 pages of advertisements or pay \$900. The Bulletin Board was successful and will be done again for the 1995 yearbook. The cost will be \$20 per slot. Roger stated that he has 3 articles for the 1995 yearbook which came from the overstock of articles for the 1994 yearbook. Roger is interested in articles on historical, fishing or commercial aspects of the sloops or individual accounts of each sloop. He needs all the articles and pictures by April 15th. He also needs a good cover picture.

Newsletter: John Wojcik

John gave a big thank you to all the contributors to the newsletter for the articles and reports. He stated that if anyone sees a local publication regarding Friendship Sloops or about a member, clip it out, send it to him, tell him where it was published and who wrote it.

New Business:

Rockland: Jim Wilson, Jack Cronin, Bill Zuber, and Ken Rich

Jim stated that Bruce Morang had always said that the homecoming is a moveable feast, but we seem to have stayed in Boothbay. However, the executive board and the Rockland committee received a nice presentation from Rockland's Harbormaster Ken Rich and the Rockland Chamber of Commerce.

Jack Cronin started out by giving the background
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information before the decision to move to Rockland. He stated that he was with the Society when it left Friendship and moved to Boothbay. He said the Society seemed to have lost public interest because the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club is a private facility. At Boothbay this past summer, Jack, at a skipper's meeting, stated that the Society had to be careful about moving the regatta. Because of this statement, he felt it necessary to contact all the local boats to find out their personal feelings on the move to Rockland. He found the opinions to be overwhelmingly positive on the move to Rockland. He then stated that at the meeting with the Rockland Chamber of Commerce, he felt the Chamber of Commerce was giving the Society the red carpet treatment in 1995. He feels that there will be approximately 40 sloops at the 1995 Regatta because there were many skippers who raced in Friendship, but refused to race in Boothbay. Jack then reported that the Society would stress cruising/rendezvous first, racing second at the Rockland Homecoming. He stated that we would be able to open the races to the public and raft 3-5 boats at the main float. The stipulation to rafting at the main float is that you can raft for free, but you must allow your boat to be open to the public for viewing. He said the mooring fees would be \$35/week and you could also anchor if you did not want a mooring. He then mentioned that there would be activities ashore like the rowboat races, lobster hauling, etc. These activities would be open to Society members as well as the townspeople and tourists.

Bill Zuber stated that there would be a large tent near the dock for all the meetings and gatherings.

Rockland Harbormaster Ken Rich said that he was pleased to be at the annual meeting and pleased to see us coming to Rockland Harbor. He stated that Rockland has lost its fishery and therefore has turned to welcoming cruising yacht clubs and boats. Ken can guarantee 30 moorings and guarantees rafting at the main float (20 boats on the public landing if you raft boats together). There are public showers at the landing and laundries within walking distance. There are lots of anchorage areas in Rockland and you can moor among the moorings.

1995 Budget: Jim Wilson

Jim stated that the budget shows a slight negative balance of \$227. This will become a \$700 positive if we do not have to pay the \$900 for the yearbook.

Donations:

Maine Maritime Museum: Voted unanimously to give \$300

Friendship Museum: Voted unanimously to give \$300

Scholarship Fund: Voted unanimously to give \$400

Award and Presentations

Winthrop Bancroft Award: Jack Cronin, Chairman

Established in 1989 by Murray McQuaid in honor of his

father-in-law. The committee consisted of Jack Cronin, Jim Wilson, Maria Burnham and Doug Amsbary.

This year the award was presented to Larry, Debbie, Carol and Kevin Plumer. Larry and family built and launched a beautiful sloop and cruised for 4 weeks with his family.

Bill Hadlock Award: Barbara Hadlock

The committee this year consisted of Barbara Hadlock, Al Beck, Ted Brown and Bruce Morang.

This year the award was presented to Carole & John Wojcik.

Restoration of the Irene and the Historical Registry

Bob Wakefield gave the progress report on the rebuilding of the **Irene**. He stated that he would like to enter the Society into the National Historical Register. The restoration of the **Irene** has taught young people about the restoration process.

The **Irene** will be involved in the Seamanship Studies and woodworking classes for young people. They hope to have the **Irene** launched in the summer of 1996.

Bob then briefly explained the National Historical Register. He has begun by nominating the **Irene** as the flagship or primary boat of the Friendship Sloop Society for the Register. In order to qualify, they are rebuilding the **Irene** step by step according to the mandates set by the Department of Interior to make sure they do not lose their documentation.

Election of Officers:

Dick Salter, Nominating Committee Chmn.

Commodore: Richard and Beth Langton

Vice Commodore: Larry and Debbie Plumer

Secretary: Caroline Phillips

Treasurer: David Bell

The members voted unanimously to elect the officers as nominated.

Thank you to Jim and Andrea Wilson

Rich and Beth Langton presented an award to Jim and Andrea for their work as commodores. Jack Vibber also presented Jim and Andrea a half model of a Friendship Sloop in recognition of their efforts.

With no further items to discuss, the business portion of the Annual Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 1995. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

95 Years:

#9 **Amity** James Russell Wiggins, Brooklin, ME

#19 **Blackjack** Wilson Fletcher, Bar Harbor, ME

#24 **Tern** Philadelphia Maritime Museum

80 Years:

#53 **Eagle** Capt. Donald Huston, Nahant, MA

Membership News

Doug Amsbary, Membership Chairman, sent along the following news about some of our members and sloops:

#11 **Shulamite** has been sold to Frank & Jan Muddle of Cushing, ME. **Shulamite** was purchased from Nicholas Kingsbury the new owner of #131 **Noahsark**.

#86 **Allegiance** has been sold to John Entwistle of Portland, ME. An invitation has been extended to him to join the Society.

Al Zink has reported that the restoration of #188 **Maude** was abruptly brought to a halt when the barn that housed her burned down.

#221 **Seal** has a new owner. Bill Davison of both Methuen, MA and Milford, NH has acquired **Seal**. He has crewed aboard her for many years. It's reported that he "likes to race".

We recently learned that John Herron, Jr., the new owner of #106 **Hold Tight**, has changed her name to the **Lincoln D**.

I misspelled the #222 **Lady Jean** in the last newsletter and caught our mistake after it went to press. It is correctly spelled **Lady Jeanne**.

#70 **Grace O'Malley** has recently been sold to R.K. Flora and Jill Schoof of Georgetown, MA and have changed the name of this sloop to **Wings of the Morning**. They both attended the annual meeting and with their enthusiasm will no doubt be active and involved members in the Society.

We have recently learned that a Pemaquid sloop named **Nimble** has been launched in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The owner is Christopher Zimmer. He reports that she is riding on her mooring next to the schooner **Bluenose** in Halifax Harbor. Pretty good company I would say. The sloop was named after the USS minesweeper **Nimble** that his father was Executive Officer and then Captain of in WWII. A new registry number should be assigned soon.

#198 **Bay Lady** has been sold to Bill Campbell of Boothbay Harbor, ME.

Paul Collet of Freeport, ME, the new owner of #88 **Apogee** has joined the Society. He lists Lewis Cove off Linekin Bay as his homeport. We hope that he will join us at the Rockland Homecoming with his beautiful 30' Bruno & Stillman Friendship.

Mr. Tony Dall of Bradford, VT has recently joined our ranks. He is looking to purchase a Friendship. We wish him the best of luck in his search.

There were new members attending the Annual Meeting for the first time:

Harry Oakly of Old Lyme, CT, owner of #182 **Muscongus**.

Capt. Frank Stefanone of West Seneca, NY owner of #209 **Friend Ship** and Gail Eberhardt of Buffalo, NY.

Roger and Maddie Burke of Ipswich, MA owners of #35 **Mary C**.

Ken Rich, Rockland, ME Harbormaster and his son Stuart, owner of #92 **Anna R**.

Classification Re-Defined

(A Riposte to the "Poor Man's Yacht")

The classification system defined in a previous newsletter by a "snobby sloop owner", failed to mention a classification necessary for proper identification of all sloops and their owners.

Class "E" (extravagantly fitted out yachts) should be tempered by class "F", for "Frugal yachts", that being any boat whose composition has put her owner on the "10 most wanted list" by the Society for Forest Preservation.

A further explanation of using "materials on hand" reveals many additional uses for common household materials; imagine liberating a cotton sheet from the first mate's clothesline to be ripped into strips to ply the seams between the planks. A few left over roof shingles could surely be melted down to tar the deck seams. Leftover cranberries, blueberries, etc. could be thrown into those old paint cans to revive those last few drops of antifouling elixir. The list is endless!

The snobby yacht owner is one who steadfastly clings to his Depression maxim: "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without." To the crew of such a Friendship, the trip to the Boothbay Regatta must resemble the voyage of the **HMS Bounty**.

It is not necessary to further define a sloop, as a man's home is his castle, and there are just as many pleasurable sails enjoyed on a Friendship sloop with a tuna tower as on a Friendship sloop with a microwave. (God forbid!)

The purpose of a Friendship is to allow every owner the opportunity and right to pour any or all of his/her resources; be it monetary, physical or emotional, into a vessel that provides years of enjoyment and allows an escape from modern times. Far be it from me to tell a wooden boat owner to throw more money into "that hole in the ocean".

So to the writer of that editorial I say let him not mix his "standards" with the "lower class". He is in a class all by himself.

An Alternative Material Sloop Owner

Measuring of Sloops

The Society Measurer and Handicapper, Dick Salter, is continuing his program to re-measure all sloops. Each year, 20% of the known sloops will be requested to re-measure even if there have been no changes since the last handicap application was filed. A handicap application will be sent to the owners of sloops numbered 51 to 100.

If you are planning to race in a Sloop Society sponsored event, you must have a current handicap sheet on file. The Executive Board has set July 1st as the deadline for submitting the form to Dick.

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: (508)-526-1004

Membership Letters

Caroline has received the following letters from our members:

From Hal Hanson of Edmonds, Washington:

Amie #213 now belongs to the Center for Wooden Boats where she is being given a thorough going over. I work on it one day a week, a few minor things being fixed. So far the new rigging has been made up by the rigging class, the spars and mast refinished. Recaulking comes next on the schedule, then new sails (I hope). There is a considerable amount of interest in the ship.

From Llewellyn Bigelow of Alexandria, Virginia:

The rebuilding of **Departure** #151 continues at a leisurely pace, dictated by time available. Her deck has been replaced with strips of Atlantic cedar and successfully caulked with black goo. Cracked ribs have been replaced with steam bent white oak.

What's left is building seats and the innumerable details of rigging and fittings. I am not trying to retain her cabin and cruising capabilities so beautifully described in the "Pilot Issue" of "Small Boat Journal".

At the current rate I figure launching sometime around the year 2001. As I keep explaining to my tutor, John Griffiths of Earlville, MD, (Where the boat is), the point is to be doing, not to be done - at least that is the case for me.

One day I hope to sail her to a Society regatta but I can't predict exactly when.

From Frank Stefanone and Gail Eberhardt of Buffalo, New York, owners of **Friend Ship** #209:

Just wanted to take a moment to let you know what a great pleasure it was to meet you, as well as the other members of the Friendship Sloop Society, during the annual meeting.

Gail and I were a bit hesitant about making such a long trip, especially because we did not know anyone in the group. That uneasiness faded from the moment that we stepped into the conference room and began to feel the friendliness from all. We enjoyed ourselves immensely, in part because we were able to share our experiences in the restoration of the **Friend Ship** with a group of people who understand our attachment to Friendship sloops. We were also very taken with the sense of family and the camaraderie shown by our new acquaintances. We feel that our world has really expanded because of this visit, and we have new friends all over New England. Thank you for the warm welcome.

From Stan Krome of Santa Barbara, California:

It has been 20 years or so since I first laid eyes on the **Morning Watch** #100 in Vineyard Haven. The love affair with Friendship Sloops began at that time and has only grown. As a Westerner most of my life, we never see them - maybe in magazines.

My wife had never seen a New England Fall - so this year we toured Vermont which even included an afternoon sail on Lake Champlain. New Hampshire and Maine were all on the itinerary.

As the end of our sojourn drew near, the little town of Friendship caught my eye on the map and I knew where I was headed. The hope was to learn more about the rig of my dreams.

Debbie Michaud of the Outsiders Inn B&B directed me to Betty Roberts, Curator of the Friendship Museum and past Secretary of the Friendship Sloop Society.

I sail out of the Santa Barbara Sailing Center and am currently working towards my bare boat certification from the American Sailing Association.

The hope is to someday own a Friendship Sloop. In the meantime, I'd love to keep in touch with the Society and perhaps return to the east coast for a sail now and then on a Friendship.

From Bob Lash, owner of #43 **Gypsy**:

After an exceptionally busy summer and fall, we are more or less back to normal. It seems that we no sooner get unpacked from the trip to England & Normandy, that we started packing for the 95th Bomb Group reunion in Spokane, Washington.

We stopped at Glacier National Park on the way out, then after the reunion we set out for the Canadian Rockies - Banf, Lake Louise and Jasper. Back thru Yoho Valley, Canada National Park, Ruelstake then back to the States and on to Anacontes. From there thru the San Juan Islands to Sidney on Vancouver Island where we spent about 2 weeks. Back to the States from Victoria to Port Angeles, down the California coast thru the "Highway of the Giants". In southern California we headed for Arizona, Colorado and points east.

We drove over 12,000 miles and camped in the van. Most of the time we were really in the boondocks, huge trees all around us! It was awesome!

Gypsy will be going overboard as usual, and hope to see you at the regatta. Rockland?

Commodores' Message (Continued from Front Page)

said that fog won't be a problem in Rockland). The town dock will be a few yards away and we hope to have up to twenty, yes 20, sloops rafted up at the dock. Bring your bumpers and prepare to be sociable! There will also be moorings available and anchorages within the mooring field. Of course, it's impossible to know yet how many sloops will make it to this year's Homecoming, but the Rockland Committee has been spreading the rumor that upwards of 40 sloops will be there!

Don't be left out, plan to join us at the Rockland Homecoming this summer.

Beth & Richard

Auction Thank You's

The auction held at the Annual Meeting was a huge success. Not only did we have a lot of fun, but according to Treasurer David Bell, we raised \$332 for the Society's general fund, and \$522 for the Scholarship Fund.

We'd like to thank the following who donated items:

Ann Beck - Flower Wreath
Marion Stanley - Afghan and F.S.S. Potholder
Consuelo Hanks - Drawings and Sketches
Frank Stefanoe & Gail Eberhardt - 3 **Friend Ship** T-shirts
Doug Amsbary - Ash Boat Hook
David Bell - Model of Muscongus Bay Sloop
Betty Roberts - 2 Sets of Partially Complete Yearbooks
Jack Vibber - Line drawing of sloop **Amanda Morse** and a wood half hull model
Kathy Whitney - Shell Picture and Needlepoint - "I'd Rather be Sailing"
Bob Stein - Pictures & Schooner Collection by Melborn Smith
John Wojcik - Pemaquid Half Hull Model
Elbert Pratt - Numerous Plates, Mugs, Cups & Regatta Plaques
Thanks to auctioneer Dick Salter and his assistant Dave Bell.

An Honor Deserved

This editorial of the Rockland Courier-Gazette recognized past secretary and honorary member Betty Roberts.

This year's Community Service Award winner, Betty Roberts of Friendship, exemplifies the best qualities of dedication to others in a host of areas. She richly deserves the honor, having been chosen by this year's judges from a large field of nominees.

The newspaper's annual Community Service Award is designed to honor a person who has shown exceptional service to the community, with their vision and efforts, to better the lives of people in the Midcoast. Betty Roberts has done this all - and more.

As noted in Thursday's issue, for over 15 years Roberts has donated almost 5,000 hours of her time to Penobscot Bay Medical Center. This time has come in addition to her tireless efforts in seeing to it that the fledgling Friendship Ambulance Service was adequately staffed. That service has now evolved into a reliable and valuable emergency medical service to the people of Friendship. But Roberts is one of those wonderful people whose altruistic volunteer efforts sometimes escape the public eye. Her work with the town historical society and village school have done much for people of all ages in the community. And her many years of work on behalf of the Friendship Sloop Society has helped keep alive a wonderful tradition of Maine boatbuilding, fishing and sailing.

The newspaper heartily congratulates Betty Roberts on her choice as this year's award recipient and we hope her volunteer work will shine as an example to everyone.

Anchor to Windward

by Roger Duncan, Yearbook Editor

The annual booklet needs an anchor to windward on a long, strong rode to stand against the gale driving it toward the lee shore of financial disaster. Reade Brower of Coastal Publications has agreed to publish the booklet of 48 pages with a color cover, giving us 24 pages of copy and keeping 24 pages for advertising. However, he finds hard-pressed businesses reluctant to buy an advertisement principally to support the Friendship Sloop Society. The Society has agreed that if we cannot fill three pages with advertising which we solicit, we will pay Coastal Publications \$300 a page for a total of \$900.

We urge all sloop owners to ask their boat yards, marine supply stores and local marinas to advertise, thus helping the Society to save its \$900 and keeping the booklet off a lee shore. We have enclosed a rate sheet.

We already have 23 spaces taken on the Bulletin Board at \$20 apiece and will be glad to take as many more. Send your message and check to Roger F. Duncan, Editor, Box 66, East Boothbay, ME 04544.

The booklet has been published since 1961. It includes a list of sloops and their owners kept updated annually by Doug Amsbary and Bob Brooks, and articles of historic interest on voyages, adventures, and contretemps of individual sloops. It is a useful contribution to maritime history which many would regret losing.

Members Wanted

If you know of sloop owners who are not members of the Society, or past members and owners, please encourage them to join or re-join the Society as the case may be. We are hoping to have many members (past & present) and sloops at the Homecoming in Rockland. Spread the word around, we're looking to have a grand time in Rockland.

Also, if you haven't sent in your annual dues to Caroline Phillips, Society Secretary, please send them to Caroline at: 164 Sturbridge Road Charlton, MA 01507

Photos Needed

Miff and Marg Lauriat are creating a tri-fold board depicting a chart of the coast to show the homeports of Friendship Sloops. This board will be displayed at the Homecoming at Rockland for viewing by the general public to provide them information about the sloops. Photos of the sloops will be attached to the board with a line pointing to its homeport, along with a brief description of the sloop.

Miff and Marg need a standard-size snapshot of your sloop, preferably with the sail number showing, but that is not a requirement. Please send a photo to the Lauriat's at: 20 East Ridge Road, Southwest Harbor, ME 04679. Note: These photos will not be returned.