

Friendships

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Commodore's Message

Outside the first MAJOR snow storm of the winter 2008 is upon us. With many inches on the ground and many yet to come, thinking of summer and Friendships (both the boats and the people) is a welcome break!

It was wonderful to see so many faces at the Merry Manor Inn in South Portland for the Annual Meeting. There were many familiar faces and new faces. Unfortunately, Gail and Roger were not able to attend the meeting. As many of you are aware, Gail underwent surgery to remove a tumor in her brain in the beginning of November. While the process of recovery is a long and challenging one, Gail and Roger are optimistic and hopeful that all will be well. As of this writing they are spending their weeks in Boston for daily radiation treatments and are returning to Belfast on the weekend. Your thoughts and well wishes are very much appreciated.

It was with sadness that we heard the news of Jack Vibber's passing on December 9th. Jack has been an integral part of the Friendship Sloop Society for many years. It was his hard work and dedication that began the New London Annual rendezvous and cruise 20 years ago. Thank you to Greg for continuing that wonderful tradition! Jack's obituary is on page 2 of this newsletter.

Last winter many of you will recall viewing Red Boutilier's photos of Friendship Sloops. Soon after, Roger and Gail contacted Ned Lightner from Insight Productions, in Belfast regarding a Friendship Sloop video. Last summer Ned spent some time at the Annual Homecoming in Rockland interviewing and video taping many of us as well as, of course, our boats. At the Annual Meeting we had the pleasure of watching this wonderful video. There were many excellent shots and great conversations. Ned is in the process of having the video placed on local access stations in Maine for the public to view. They are also, of course, for sale in our chandlery.

We have started to make plans for next year's 49th Annual Homecoming in Rockland on July 16, 17 and 18th. Just thinking of it is making us wish that summer was around the corner. Of course, that would mean we are very far behind in getting the boat ready for 2009! We are hoping that in these uncertain times everyone will think about the enjoyment and peace they find while on the water. Remember the quiet and solitude of sailing and watching the sunset. Think about the friendships and good times, the laughter and excitement of Rockland. Whether you come to race, show off your boat, or just spend the day at the museums and galleries of Rockland

(and of course visit with friends), we hope that you are starting to make your plans now for what promises to be an exciting 3-days!

Wayne and Kirsten Cronin

2009 Schedule of Events

Spring Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, April 4th

Peabody Essex Museum

Salem, MA

New London Rendezvous & Cruise

Saturday, June 20th to Wednesday, June 24th

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous

Saturday, July 11th

Pulpit Harbor Rendezvous

Tuesday, July 14th

Homecoming Rendezvous & Races at Rockland

Thursday, Friday, Saturday - July 16th to July 18th

Marblehead Regatta

August 9th

Gloucester Schooner Festival

Saturday, September 5th

Fall Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 3rd

Location - To Be Announced

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 14th

Best Western Merry Manor Inn

South Portland., ME

Jack Vibber, New London Organizer, Passes Away at 94

WATERFORD - Holt C. "Jack" Vibber, of 5 Soljer Drive, Waterford died Tuesday, December 9th at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London.

Born March 23, 1914, the son of Wheeler and Almeida (Cowles) Vibber, he was a lifelong resident of New London and Waterford. He graduated from Chapman Tech High School in 1932. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II while stationed in New York as a carpenters mate 1st class. It was during this time that he married Virginia Barbera in June, 1943, at the Staten Island Naval Base. After he left military service in 1946, he was employed for thirty-seven years by Northeast Utilities, working as a foreman in the overhead and underground distribution department.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his three sons; Van Vibber and his wife Julie Shular of Malibu, California; Jaxon Vibber of Gales Ferry; and Kurt Vibber of Waterford. He was predeceased by his brothers Howland and Royce and his sisters Leona, Genesta and Winita.

Jack was a remarkably dynamic individual who had a major influence on many lives. More significant is that he was such a quietly effective person due to his gentle good nature and endearing simplicity. Jack was known by many and his good reputation preceded him all along the eastern coast from Connecticut to Maine.

He had been involved with boats practically all his life, working on sailing barges in his early years, restoring or repairing vessels such as Friendship Sloops (Ancient Mariner, aka Tern), Muscongus Sloops, Beetle Cats and other catboats, smacks, and Herreshoff Bullseyes. He was a charter member in 1929 of the Ship Model Makers Club International. Jack was an active and contributing member to many boating associations, notably Mystic Seaport Museum, U.S. Power Squadrons and the local New London Power Squadron, The Catboat Society, and the Noank Wooden Boat Association. He was also a member of the Thames Yacht Club, a plank owner in the American Schooner Society, and, most especially, a well-recognized advocate for the Friendship Sloop Society.

In the 1980s, Jack gathered a number of Friendship Sloop owners and enthusiasts to plan for a racing event during the New London Sailfest weekend. What started over twenty years ago continues as an annual rendezvous and cruise originating in New London. He had volunteered and worked on organizing committees for OPSail 2000, waterfront activities in New London such as Boats, Books and Brushes, and the Sailfest planning board.

Jack involved himself in local affairs and civic organizations as well. Long enjoying baseball, he was a founding member in 1953 of Waterford Little League North. He even started up a band of L.L. players and was manager of the "Lumberjacks." He was a founding member of Oswegatchie Fire Department, having served as foreman and drillmaster of firefighters. Additionally, he earned a life membership in the Cohanzie Fire Department. He was a member of the New London Elks, Lodge 360, where he and his wife were often noted for their elegance, energy and enthusiasm on the dance floor. As for music, Jack was quite knowledgeable of jazz and

was very capable of calling a good square dance as well.

A funeral tribute was held at the Byles Memorial Home, New London, CT. Burial was followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New London. Donations in Mr. Vibber's name may be made to the Friendship Society's Pendelton Memorial Scholarship Fund, The Friendship Sloop Society, P.O. Box 279, Friendship, ME 04547 or a charity of choice.

Friendship Sloop Society 50th Annual Regatta July 2010

It's hard to believe but the 50th Anniversary of the Friendship Sloop Annual Regatta and Homecoming is fast approaching. In July 2010 we will be having a wonderful celebration in Rockland! There have been many thoughts and ideas passed around regarding ways to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Some of these ideas are focused on the event itself (like having 50 Friendships in Rockland) and others around things we can do to showcase who we, The Friendship Sloop Society are. I am in the process of putting together a "50th Anniversary Committee" and need people who are willing to help. Now, before you say "I don't have time" or "So much work" remember that the more people are available to help the less work there will actually be. Please let me know if you have an interest and we'll figure out what works best for you!

One of the things we are working on is creating a book about Friendships. We all know there are a few books out there dedicated to Friendship Sloops that do a wonderful job of educating people on Friendship Sloops. Unfortunately, they are getting outdated. I am putting together a book about Friendship Sloops AND their owners. Inserted in this newsletter is a questionnaire to be filled out and returned to me if you have not already done so. Please also include a picture of your sloop so that we can include it! If you prefer not to complete the entire questionnaire, that's ok, please just send the basics back to me (name, owner, builder, etc...) The more questionnaires I receive the more complete this book will be. The deadline for submission of the questionnaire is May 1st.

My mailing address is:

Kirsten Cronin
525 Main St.
Thomaston ME 04861

Email if it's easier is: Kirsten@kirstentranscribes.com

Don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions, concerns, thoughts etc.... you can also reach me (and Wayne) at 207-354-0467.

Sailors Enjoy Two Days of Racing

by Ken Waltz, "VillageSoup" Community Editor

ROCKLAND (July 22): After Mother Nature refused to cooperate Thursday, racing went off without a hitch the next two days to make the 48th annual Friendship Sloop Days races in Penobscot Bay a rousing success.

"We had two days of spirited races in excellent wind on Friday and Saturday," said Roger Lee, commodore of the Friendship Sloop Society. "Thursday's race was canceled for lack of wind."

Lee said the parade of sloops was well attended by spectators, "who had a beautiful view of the boats passing the Rockland Breakwater Lighthouse under full sail."

He said about 130 owners and supporters gathered for Saturday night's awards dinner at the public landing.

The races were held in and around the Rockland Breakwater.

Lee said 17 boats made it to the homecoming, including four boats from Massachusetts - **Resolute, Tannis, Gaivota** and **Banshee**. Three boats sailed from Mount Desert Island - **Salatia, Peregrine** and **Lucy Bell** - while 10 arrived from Midcoast ports, including **William Rand, Sarah Mead, Celebration, Sazerac, Rights of Man, Echo, Heritage, Gladiator, Lady M.** and **Black Star**.

Lady M., owned and skippered by Martin Thomas of South Bristol, won the State of Maine Trophy for overall fastest boat. The **William Rand**, owned, built and skippered by John Rand of Cundy's Harbor, won the Harold Jones Trophy for first place in Division I (boats 25 feet and shorter). **Lady M.** also won the Commodore's Trophy for first place in Division II (boats longer than 25 feet).

Known as Friendship Sloop Days, and held annually since 1961, the gathering serves to preserve the heritage of the Friendship sloop, which was the lobsterboat of its day, from about 1880 through 1920. The vessels are gaff-rigged sloops.

The sloops were open for public viewing at the Rockland Public Landing each afternoon after the races.

Friendship Sloop Days are run by the Friendship Sloop Society, an organization that represents the roughly 250 existing Friendship sloop original and replicas, their owners and supporters.

Chandlery News

The Sloop Society chandlery has a professionally produced video "Society of Friendships" available for \$15 through the chandlery. The video was filmed at the July, 2008 Homecoming in Rockland and includes interviews with sloop owners and members, video segments of the sloops sailing, and onshore activities. The video is 30 minutes in duration. The chandlery has added an updated photo catalog of all available items to the FSS website. Chandlery items can be purchased by contacting:

Bill & Kathy Whitney
75 Kingsbury Street
Needham, MA 02192
781-449-2063

Rockland Homecoming

2008 Results

State of Maine Trophy

Best Overall Performance **Lady M**

Division I

Herald Jones Trophy **William M. Rand**

Bruno & Stillman Trophy **Banshee**

Lash Brothers Trophy **Salatia**

Division II

Commodore's Trophy **Lady M**

Gordon Winslow Trophy **Tannis**

Rockland Trophy **Rights of Man**

Class A

Wilbur Morse Trophy **Gladiator**

Charles Morse Trophy **Sazerac**

Alexander McLain Trophy Not Awarded

Rum Line Trophy Not Awarded

Special Trophies

Chrissy Trophy Gail O'Connell

Spirit of Friendship Cindy Pendleton

Gladiator Trophy **Gaivota**

Nickerson Trophy Ashleigh Cronin

Owner/Builder Trophy **Gaivota** (Bill Whitney)

R.W. Stanley Cup **Peregrine**

Liberty Trophy **Gladiator**

Jarvis Newman Trophy **Banshee**

Cy Hamlin Trophy John Rand

Tannis Award **Celebration**

Danforth Trophy **Resolute**

Support Your Yearbook

Remember: Two things are due on **April 15th!!!** Your Taxes and your article (and/or photos) for the yearbook. Rich Langton is always looking for an interesting article for the yearbook. Rich is also looking for photos, especially a photo for the cover of this year's book.

Please support your yearbook either through soliciting advertising or through the Bulletin Board. Bulletin Board Notices cost \$20 and people should send their notice and check to:

Rich Langton
868 Cross Point Road
Edgcomb, ME 04556.

Four lines maximum....some people have written a book and we don't have space to publish long messages. We did pretty well in getting people signed up at the annual meeting but are still far short of last years listings....so lets hear it from the Bulletin Board supporters. If you want to send you message electronically then send it to: editor@fss.org.

The advertising rate sheet is included in this newsletter and is also available at the website: FSS.ORG/2009ADSHEET.PDF. Print it out and take it to your local boatyard and see if they are interested in taking an ad. Please remember, advertisements have to be sent by **April 1st** to:

Kirsten & Wayne Cronin
525 Main Street
Thomaston, ME 04861

Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund

Annual Report to the Members of of the Friendship Sloop Society

The Trustees of the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund, formerly known as the Beatrice Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund, are pleased to report that nine scholarships were awarded in 2008 to the young people of Friendship. The total award amount was **\$4,800**.

Three awards of **\$1,000** each were given to the following graduates of Medomak Valley High School for their second semester expenses:

Dustin Wayne Delano	University of Maine at Orono
Abbi Joanna Sandblom	Capilos Institute
Steven Thomas Ehle	University of Maine at Orono

and recipient of the John T. Harlor Memorial Scholarship

Six awards of **\$300** each for continuing education were given to the following:

Lucas R. Benner	Unity College
Alison Ann Bramhall	University of Maine at Augusta
Elizabeth M. Chamberlain	Husson College, Bangor (School of Nursing)
Joshua A. Chamberlain	Lancaster (PA) Bible College
Bruce Allen Cunningham	New England Culinary Institute
Wesley J. Ehle	Husson College, Bangor (School of Nursing)

For the first time, all awards will be administered through the Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04005. **All donations to the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund are fully tax-deductible to the extent of the law.**

As we are all aware, the value of all investments has dropped considerably. However, the loss in value of the pooled investment funds at the Maine Community Foundation was under 12%. We will have the exact numbers at the end of the year, as well as a grant budget for 2009 awards.

The Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund has lost one of its original founding members with the death of Connie Pratt, the beloved wife of our Friendship Cannoneer, the late Elbert Pratt. Connie and Elbert were both strong supporters of the Scholarship Fund, and Elbert was chairman for many years until his death. Many memorial gifts have been received in Connie's memory, and a \$1,000 bequest was made in her will. We are accepting donations, and if you so choose, they may be mailed to P.O. Box 279, Friendship, ME 04547. All donations will be acknowledged both by the Trustees and the Maine Community Foundation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Zuber, Chairman

Dues Reminder

If you haven't mailed your annual dues in for 2009, please send them to:

Caroline Phillips
Sloop Society Secretary
164 Sturbridge Road
Charlton, MA 01507

2008 Registrar's Report

There were two new sloops added to the fleet this year.

- #280 - **Retta** - This sloop was built by David Westphal in Key Largo, Florida and was launched spring, 2008. The sloop is 24' long and will be homeported in Key Largo.
- #281 - **Susie B** - This sloop was built and is owned by Robert Parker of Easton, Pennsylvania. The sloop was launched Spring, 2008 and her homeport is East Hampton NY. The sloop is 22' in length. Mr. Barker has joined the Society.

There have also been a number of sloops changing ownership this past year:

- #166 - **Schoodic** has been sold by Bob Barth & John Mayer this past September to Phineas & Joanna Sprague, Jr. of Portland, ME. The homeport will be Portland. She was previously homeported in Kittery Point. The Sprague's have joined the Society.
- #130 - **Narwhal** was sold by Jim Rosenbaum of Milwaukee to Kevin Murphy of Chicago. The sloop had been in the Rosenbaum family since her launching in 1972. The Murphy's have also joined the Society. Her homeport will be Chicago.
- #97 - **Integrity** has been sold by Brian Wedge to Kent & Paulette Mack of Chesapeake, VA where she will be berthed. This sloop was named **Gannet** when owned by Tom & Peg Miller. The new owners have also joined the Society.
- #159 - **Pacific Child**, a Bruno & Stillman sloop, has been sold to unknown parties by Catherine Randak. The sloop was donated to an organization in San Diego called Angel Care who in turn sold it to a couple in Seattle. If you have any information on this sloop, please contact the registrar.
- #145 - **Yankee Lady** has been purchased by Don Zappone of South Portland who came by way of road to the Rockland Homecoming. The sloop has been renamed **Sabrina** and will be homeported in South Portland.
- #92 - **Priscilla** which was owned by Norm Sullock of upstate New York has been sold to Charles "Rusty" Geis of Perryville, MD. Rusty hasn't joined the Society yet, and we don't know the homeport.
- #152 - **Ollie M** has been purchased by Aaron Snider of Gloucester from Kevin Stinweis. After some rebuilding, the sloop was relaunched this past summer. The sloop was renamed by Aaron back to her original name of **Ollie M** from **Murphy's Law**.

Ted Walsh, owner of **Black Star** has sent a note with the following information:

- #161 - **Summerwind** - - was at the Atlantic Challenge in Rockland and was in need of repair, but she's now left the yard. Ted's trying to find out from the Atlantic Challenge who now owns the sloop. The **Summerwind** was homeported in Quisset, MA for a number of years and owned by Norm McNeil, who according to his daughter, passed away a few years ago.
- #93 - **Anna R** - has been purchased from Dale Young by Sarah McLean of Ontario, Canada who is currently an apprentice at the Atlantic Challenge. Sarah was interested in the society and about attending next year's Homecoming. Ted believes she will join the Society. The **Anna R** was built by Ken Rich.

The Sloop from Bucks County, PA

by Harry Gratwick

The following article appeared in the August, 2008 edition of "Working Waterfront"

Forty-five years ago Peter Sellers was a young mathematics professor with a dream. Specifically, he wanted to build a boat with the lines of a Friendship sloop. The project would combine two of Peter's favorite activities. As a youth, he loved the small boat sailing he had done during summers spent on the New Jersey shore. As a child he had also developed a love of woodworking, a skill nurtured by his father.

By 1970 Sellers was sufficiently established professionally to get started on his dream. With a wife and four young children, however, he realized that he was in for a long-term project. Sellers was nothing if not sanguine realizing that he would only be able to work on weekends and even then only during the winter, since he and his family spent their summers on Mt. Desert. He was, however, a patient man. "It would take as long as it had to take," he observed recently.

He loved sailing and enjoyed woodworking, but Sellers admits he knew little about boatbuilding, especially constructing a craft as large as the one he had in mind. He was familiar with Howard Chapelle's book, "American Small Sailing Craft," which gave him the general principles to follow. "It became my Bible," he said.

Sellers' first step was to get in touch with Chapelle's publisher, W.W. Norton & Co. He requested a set of plans Chapelle had made for a cruising boat based on the old gaff-rigged, Muscongus Bay workboats that plied the waters of Maine in the early 20th century. Sellers proceeded to scale the plans up approximately 40 percent (remember, he is a mathematics professor) for a sloop that would be 38 feet long by eleven and a half feet wide. This would just fit into the barn on his Bucks County farm, where he intended to build the hull. It took him the better part of a year to assemble the plans and building materials, and it was 1971 before actual construction could begin.

The initial challenge was to find a piece of white oak 25 feet long to serve as the keel. He found one at a nearby sawmill in Doylestown, but it wasn't properly seasoned. His solution, literally, was to pickle it. "I packed it in rock salt and built a box around it. I left it in there for a year and you could see the water dripping out of the box." This became the backbone of the boat and construction began. Following the guidelines in Chapelle's book, Sellers then fashioned the ribs. "I made lots of small ones (called canoe framing) which were easier to steam and bend". When the ribs were in place Sellers put African mahogany planks over the oak framework.

"Building a boat from scratch was a painstakingly slow process," Sellers recalls. "There were lots of steps and I made lots of mistakes. Every day I had a new problem, but then I had lots of time." For example, in 1975 he built a new transom after deciding that the original wasn't a good fit. And then there was the day in February 1980 when he opened the barn door and found to his horror that most of his tools had been stolen.

At one point I asked Sellers what he used for fasteners and he told me he used bronze screws, which he countersunk and covered with wooden plugs. "My father-in-law told me he was

'too old to help' but he'd pay for the screws. There were literally thousands so this was a considerable expense." The result, however, was a boat that is so tightly put together that it has never taken on water.

In the winter of 1982 the sloop was finally finished and appropriately named **Lucy Bell** in honor of Sellers' wife, who had been his invaluable assistant throughout the project. Sellers had the hull hauled to the Brooklin Boat Yard, run by Joel White on Eggmoggin Reach, where the mast was stepped and the sails and rigging fitted. The sloop **Lucy Bell** was launched on June 21, 1983 to coincide with the Sellers' 25th wedding anniversary. If you do the math (1983-2008) this is the Sellers' 25th summer of cruising, and their 50th wedding anniversary.

Recently Peter showed me his notebooks. There are 13, one for each year that it took him to build the boat. Each notebook contains a log of what he did in a particular year from 1970-1983. Included are Sellers' musings on his work, the challenges he faced, newspaper clippings, poems, letters and references to visits by friends, as well as thank-you letters from visiting schoolchildren. There are also numerous photos of the boat under construction, as well as pictures and postcards from family and friends. The result is a fascinating diary/scrapbook of the project from start to finish.

Peter and Lucy Bell Sellers have sailed the waters of Maine from Pemaquid to Pulpit Harbor and from Castine to Cutler, since 1983. In keeping with early Friendship sloops, Lucy Bell does not have an engine, thus the Sellers' route depends on the wind and the tide. They may stop to see friends, although they follow no set schedule, as they seek to voyage free of commitments. Every afternoon around 3 p.m. they look around for a cove or harbor to spend the night before the wind dies down. The Sellers stopped to see us on Vinalhaven a few years ago. Who knows, perhaps we'll see them again this summer?

Oh how I love to float on a gaff-rigged boat,
propelled by the wind and the tide.

If the breezes fail and I cannot sail,
I can scull or paddle or glide.

But I bar a motor whose unique odor
Is uncongenial to me,

And it's not true sailing when one is trailing
An oily wake on the sea.

- Peter Sellers, 6/19/83

Trophy Engraving Reminder

Please remember, before you return the trophy you won at the Rockland Homecoming to the Race Committee, it is your responsibility to have the trophy engraved with your name or the name of your sloop and the year.

48th Annual FSS Meeting

Sloop Society secretary, Caroline Phillips, has submitted the following report of the annual meeting held in South Portland, Maine on November 15th.

Due to the absence of Commodore Roger Lee, Vice Commodore Wayne Cronin called the business meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. Wayne discussed Gail O'Donnell's health issues and told the membership that he had her email address if anyone wanted to get in contact with her. Wayne then asked all past commodores to stand and introduce themselves. Wayne then introduced new member Jim Salmon, owner of #206 **Kumatage**.

Secretary's Report: Caroline Phillips

Caroline reported the total membership for 2008 as follows:

Boat Owners:	103
Full / Associates:	48
Cooperatives:	32
Honorary:	4
TOTAL:	186

Due to the good work of Penny Richards, there were 12 new members for 2008.

Caroline then read some of the letters from the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Merrill

(See summary report on page 7)

Greg stated that the yearbook advertising and the chandlery have all done well and have raised a good amount of money for the society. The biggest expense for the society is the annual regatta in Rockland. All in all, the society is doing well financially. Greg stated that the 2009 budget has not changed much. Marcia questioned the cost of the lunches of the race committee in Rockland, but after a vote, that amount remained in the budget for 2009.

Regattas:

New London: Greg Roth

Greg stated that the New London event did not happen in 2008 due to a variety of circumstances, but he is working on the plans for 2009.

Southwest Harbor: Miff Lauriat

Miff reported that the Southwest Harbor event is lots of fun and no handicaps are given for racing. This was the best year yet with 13 sloops attending with 4 Class "A" boats. **Surprise** was the winner for 2008.

Rockland Regatta: Dave Graham

David stated that 2008 was another nice year for racing with the exception of the 1st day because of no wind. Day 2 and 3 had good breezes and fun races. **Lady M** was the winner of the State of Maine Trophy. Dave again thanked Ralph Stanley, Dick Salter, Bill Zuber and Jack Cronin for the use of their boats for the race committee. David then presented Marcia Morang with a gold medal in appreciation for all her hard work as trophy chairperson.

Marblehead: Dave Graham

David reported that the Marblehead gathering is now the Woodenboat Regatta. There were 30 entrants in all, with a separate class for Friendships. The **Margaret F** was the winner of the Lincoln Ridgeway Trophy for 2008.

Gloucester: Sara Beck

Sara stated that Gloucester was a fantastic time with wonderful weather. There were five Friendship Sloops that participated in the race. 1st place was **Tannis**, 2nd place was **Resolute** and 3rd place was **Flying Jib**. Harold Burnham accepted an award at the meeting for Aaron Snider, owner of **Ollie M**, who participated in the Gloucester race.

Membership: Penny Richards

Penny reported the following activity for 2008:

New member, sloop owner

- Thomas Kelly of Suttons Bay MI, owner of **Liberty**
- Robert Barker of Easton PA, owner of **Susie B**
- Aaron Snider of Gloucester MA, owner of **Ollie M**.
- Kent and Paulette Mack of Chesapeake VA., owners of **Integrity**
- Kevin and Melissa Murphy of Chicago IL, owners of **Narwahl**
- Don Zappone of South Portland ME, owner of **Sabrina**
- Phineas and Joanna Sprague Jr., of Portland ME, owners of **Schoodic**

New members, Friends of Friendships

- Chris and Mark Schwarzmann of Orono MN, caretakers of **Independence** (new homeport is Rockport, ME, their summer residence); still owned by Mark's father Fred, of Florida)
- Barry Banks of Austin TX, listed himself as a "hopeful" owner, I have no update

Chandlery Report: Bill Whitney

Bill stated that the chandlery had a very good year and thanked all the wonderful customers. The chandlery had \$3,263 in gross sales with a profit of approximately \$1,200. Bill also stated that the chandlery needs feedback on ideas for new products.

Yearbook Editor: Rich Langton

Rich reported that we need articles, quotes, small paragraphs, photos, etc. He also needs suggestions for photos for the yearbook cover, as well as a dedication. To defray the expense of publishing, the bulletin board pages need to be filled and each ad is \$20. He thanked Wayne and Kirsten Cronin and Roger and Gail for their work on getting advertisements for the yearbook which have made it profitable. Rich stated that 5,000 copies are printed each year and wants to make sure that they are all distributed.

Website, Registrar, and Newsletter: John Wojcik

John stated that two new numbers were issued in 2008:

- #280 to Dave and Loretta Westphal for their sloop **Retta**
- #281 to Robert Parker for his sloop **Susie B**.

John reported on a number of ownership changes which are detailed in his report on Page 4. John also reported that the website continues on, but that continually "spamming" of the

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48th Annual FSS Meeting

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Scuttlebut Forum has forced him to use a Yahoo forum which requires that to add an entry to the forum, one has to join the FSS group and sign in to enter an item. He also stated that there is now a Facebook group page. The newsletter will be published possibly before the holidays, or as soon after the holidays as possible.

Pendleton Scholarship Fund: Bill & Caroline Zuber -

Detailed Report on Page 4

Bill stated that nine scholarships were awarded in June. With sadness, Bill reported that one of the founding members of the Scholarship Fund, Connie Pratt, has passed away. Caroline talked about the Friendship Museum and how the society is responsible for the founding of the Friendship Museum and Scholarship Fund and that the members should be proud of all that has been accomplished. The museum has donated a book to the auction with the proceeds going to the general fund.

Nominating Committee: Bill Whitney

Bill presented the slate of officers for 2009 as follows: Commodore: Wayne and Kirsten Cronin, Vice Commodore: Peter and Nancy Toppan, Secretary: Caroline Phillips, Treasurer: Greg Merrill. The officers were voted in unanimously with the Secretary casting one vote for the slate of officers.

2009 Donations:

Jack Cronin made a motion which was seconded and voted unanimously for the following donations:

- Maine Maritime Museum \$300
- Friendship Museum \$400
- Scholarship Fund \$500
- Penobscot Bay Museum \$200
- Rockland Lighthouse Museum \$100

Awards

- The **Morang Award** was presented by Penny Richards and Marcia Morang and is awarded to the person who wrote the best article in the most recent yearbook. Although it was a tough decision about which Cronin article, the award went to Mary Cronin for her article "Tannis & Family".
- The **Hadlock Award** was presented by Miff Lauriat to Harold Burnham. When Harold received his award, he mentioned the passing of Shane "Shaggy" Ferrante this past summer in Boothbay Harbor. Shane has sailed for many years aboard Lady M, and he will be sorely missed.
- The **Bancroft Award** was presented by Jack Cronin to Rich & Beth Langton.
- The **Omaha Award** was given by David Graham to Gail O'Donnell.
- The **Messing About Award** was presented by Dick Salter to John & Carole Wojcik.

Discussion of Rockland

Kirsten Cronin discussed the idea of her doing a 50th anniversary memory book. She has a questionnaire for people to fill out, or tapes for people to record their answers to the questions and to record their thoughts. There was a mention of having more land-based activities in Rockland. The Chandlery is looking for 50th anniversary artwork for the logo on the t-shirts.

2008 FSS Financial Report

Greg Merrill, treasurer, presented the following summary financial report at the annual meeting:

	'05-'06	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
Net Results				
Membership	3,849	4,064	4,550	4,300
Yearbook	2,135	1,945	1,710	1,750
Chandlery	989	1,150	1,210	1,100
Contributions	1,169	880	656	800
Auction & Raffle	409	552	518	510
Bank Interest	147	201	222	220
Annual Regatta	-3,415	-3,923	-3,412	-3,800
Donations	-1,300	-1,300	-1,500	-1,500
Communications	-969	-1,213	-1,402	-1,300
Secretary Comp.	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000
Insurance Premium	-495	-495	-495	-500
Dinners	-137	-33	60	0
Miscellaneous	-492	-247	-134	-230
Documentary				-350
Net Gain or (Loss)	889	581	982	0
Ending Balance	10,263	10,844	11,828	11,828

Race winner is "Surprise"

Written by Jeff Walls, this article appeared in the July 18th edition of the "Mount Desert Islander".

SOUTHWEST HARBOR — **Surprise** got out to an early lead and only looked back at the very end as she won bragging rights as being the fastest Friendship Sloop in Down East Maine when she crossed the line first at the Friendship Rendezvous regatta Saturday.

Endeavor, **Salatia** and **Sazerac** were vying for third place behind **Gladiator** going around the second mark by the Bear Island lighthouse, when tight quarters forced **Salatia** and **Sazerac** inside the mark, causing the boats to collide. Both boats took a penalty turn which allowed the **Alice E** to slip by.

She caught **Endeavor** by Gilpatrick Cove in Northeast Harbor to take third place. **Gladiator** finished third.

"It was exciting; we were tightly packed," said Miff Lauriat, publicity chairman for the Friendship Sloop Society. "We couldn't have asked for a better day. It was perfect. It was a nice course with a minimal amount of windward work. Friendships are not exactly known for their windward ability."

Skipper of the winning Friendship, **Surprise**, Andrew Koblinsky, was overheard saying, "... I have finally figured it out."

"We had a record turnout," Mr. Lauriat said. "There were four original Friendships, built before 1920. That's always a thrill having the real boats that aren't replicas out there."

Mr. Lauriat also noted that local boatbuilders were well represented. Ralph Stanley built **Endeavor** and **Peregrine**. Jarvis Newman built **Salatia** and **Gaivota**. All were built in Southwest Harbor, he said.

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Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 2009. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

110 Years:

#23 **Depression** - Karl Brunner, Southwest Harbor, ME

105 Years:

#2 **Dictator** - Peter Chesney, Burbank, CA

#200 **Estella A.** - Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, CT

100 Years:

#154 **Muscongus** - Capt's. Cove Seaport, Bridgeport, CT

95 Years:

#31 **White Eagle** - William Cronin, Charlton, MA

Friendship Museum Thank You

Edward Kahora, the secretary of the Friendship Museum, sent the following letter to Caroline Phillips:

The Executive Board of the Friendship Museum offers its thanks on behalf of the Friendship Museum membership. The grant of \$400 to the museum has special meaning to us because of our very long relationship with the Friendship Sloop Society. We will put the grant to good use over the coming year as we seek to make the Museum's activities better known in the Friendship community. We will be sending you a copy of our Newsletter that will keep you informed of our activities and programs.

Caroline Zuber, who we are delighted to have as a Museum Board member, gave us a report of the activities at the Annual Meeting of the Friendship Sloop Society. Thank you for the opportunity to offer some Museum items to your members at the Annual Meeting.

Lastly, we were most impressed with the list of scholarships you make available to our children. We thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Edward Kahora
Secretary