

Friendships

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Commodore's Message

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that February is upon us already! Where oh where has the time gone.... Which means it's time for Wayne and I to write down our "wish list" of things we would like to get done, as opposed to things we must get done to get **Rights of Man** ready for another wonderful sailing season! This summer should prove interesting as Alec will not be at camp this year, as a result, sleeping arrangements *should* take priority (whether they will or not is another matter)!

About a year and a half ago we started planning for the 50th Annual Regatta and Homecoming. And now, it's getting closer and will be here before we know it! There are many wonderful things going on behind the scenes in preparation for this year's celebration. Please mark your calendars now for July 22, 23 and 24th. We are looking forward to sharing the excitement of 50 amazing regattas.

The 50th Annual Regatta and Homecoming is the perfect opportunity to meet other Friendship Sloop owners and enthusiasts to exchange ideas, look at other boats, to show off your own hard work or simply spend your days in all that Rockland and it's surrounding area has to offer! We are hoping to have 50 sloops here this summer, and we need your help to make it happen. We already have commitments from sloops coming as far as Florida and as close by as, well, Rockland. If you haven't been to a Regatta and Homecoming before, this is the time to do it! If you haven't been in awhile, this is the time to reacquaint yourself with all that it has to offer. Rockland, Maine and the midcoast area in general, is a beautiful and family friendly spot which has been showcased recently with Bobby Flay, Rachel Ray, Anthony Bourdain, The Chronicle and Budget Traveller Magazine. The Rockland Public Landing is a great place to spend a few days with friends, both old and new.

Hoping that everyone is well and the holidays were peaceful. Please let us know if there is anything you need from the Executive Committee!

Wayne and Kirsten Cronin

50th Annual Regatta Update

By: Kirsten and Wayne Cronin

Mark your calendars now for the Friendship Sloop Society's 50th Regatta on July 22, 23 and 24th, 2010! There is a small 50th Anniversary Committee that has been busy working on ideas and thoughts for next year.

Here's the breakdown of some of the things we are looking at for the 50th. As you read through this list, if you think you can help, please, let me know!

The hardest part – 50 Friendship Sloops in Rockland for 2010. Here is where we REALLY need your help. We need your feedback and input to make this event a special one for all of us. We know from talking to many of you that it can be challenging to get to Rockland, or you don't necessarily want to race. **What can we do to help get you and some more boats here next year?**

If you haven't been to Rockland and think you want to sail up (or down) this year, but are unsure of the long trek, there are some who have asked about linking up with other Sloops to sail up together. Let us know if you are interested and we will try to get you in touch with someone in your area who wants to "sail-pool" (okay, I know that was a little silly, but it works!) If you need to come by car, or would like to sleep on land once you get here, we get some great deals at the local motels like the Tradewinds and Navigator, both with rooms that look out over the water and in easy walking distance. There are also lots of great B&B's in walking distance to the harbor and downtown. There are lots of great things to do, terrific shops, museums, galleries, lighthouses, restaurants and of course plenty of sloops available for you to sail on if you are so inclined.

The Book. As you probably are aware by now, I have been working on the book that Tad started a few years ago. I am still collecting the surveys that were sent out last year (they are also on the website www.fss.org). Please send those to me by Friday, March 5th. There have been lots of great stories so far, but I could still use more stories and pictures (historical or recent) to make the book a huge success, so please keep them coming! In addition we have (I believe) every yearbook that has been published and the group has been spending some time reading through them for special articles or glimpses into the past 50 years.

A Special Cruise. We had played with the idea of adding a day of cruising into the schedule. We have decided that for the 50th we will still do three days of racing, but if you are interested in putting a group together to cruise one day, let me

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know and I'll help you get it organized. There are a number of great islands that are an easy sail with great picnic possibilities!

Honoring Friendship. Let's face it, our homecoming is in Rockland not Friendship, but shouldn't we be doing something to honor our heritage and the town and people of Friendship? We are working on getting an invitation out to some of the families in Friendship who have been an influential part of Friendship Sloops and of the Society. In addition we are working on finding someone to bless the fleet on the first day of the races.

Land based activities. Ok, so the list here is rather endless. We are trying to organize something to do for those of you not interested in racing or to do at the end of the day. There are many museums in the area that are happy to set up tours and deals for us, but I need some help from you to make it happen. If you are interested, please send me a note or give me a call so I know what to set up. For example, a special tour to the Friendship Museum, or the Farnsworth, or maybe the Children's Museum. We were thinking also of having some of them set up a display under the tent.

50th Anniversary Awards Ceremony. We are working on setting up something special for the awards ceremony and dinner. There will be more information coming out in the future about the Saturday night event. In the meantime, I have gotten some feedback that a lot of you want to be able to help out more with this event, and we definitely need it! As it gets closer I will be putting out a list of things we need to have people sign up/volunteer in advance. Unfortunately it's so busy the day of the event that it's hard to give people last minute tasks. I'm usually lucky to be keeping my sanity in check as it is (and those that know me well know what I mean!)

Those are the updates for the 50th so far, keep your eyes and ears posted for more info. We really do need and want your feedback to make this year extra exciting. So, thanks in advance and I look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts and ideas! If you have interest in joining the committee please let me know, there is a lot to do and not many to do it right now....

If you have pictures, stories, surveys or questions you can email me (or Wayne) at fss.cronin@roadrunner.com (note this is a changed email address - I needed to keep things straight!) or call me at 207-354-0467. If you prefer to send me a note in the mail my address is: Kirsten Cronin, 525 Main St., Thomaston ME 04861.

Also, keep up-to-date on our facebook page:
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=44143959792&ref=ts>.

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.

Annual Regatta Handicaps or A Level Playing-Field

Prepared by the FSS Race Committee

The system of handicapping is widely used in competition to improve the chance of winning by all contestants, experienced and otherwise; golfing being a prominent example. In sailing we use handicapping to produce a level playing-field for all competitors. Our system is generally expressed in terms of "Seconds per Nautical Mile" (S/NM).

For sloops sailing the same course (the same distance), their individual handicaps are applied so that each respective boat is given a credit in term of time, to be applied at the end of the race to its actual time. Finishes are then established at the end of the regatta on the basis of the net time for each sloop that raced the course. Handicap Alley avoids all this.

For our FSS race program, we have been using the system as developed many years ago by our old friend, Cy Hamlin. This system mathematically produces the S/NM but is based on several physical factors for each sloop. Over the years, Dick Salter has been the caretaker of the system. The other half of "the team" that makes the system work is the individual owner/skipper whose responsibility it is to provide Dick with the necessary information. This combination of input to Dick and his subsequent calculations produce the assigned handicap rating for each racing sloop. Of late, the input to Dick has been done initially or whenever the physical factors (such as a full rig or is otherwise bald-headed) change.

Handicap Alley provides a level playing-field by establishing different distances reflected upon each S/NM assigned to a sloop. At least in theory, the system would allow all starting sloops to cross the finish line at the same time, thus allowing for finishers to be known almost immediately. This is accomplished by comparing each sloop's handicap to the largest known handicap in the fleet, so that the difference in ratings is expended over the additional distances sailed within the Alley.

Since the basic course encompasses all the racing marks for a distance of 4 nautical miles per circuit, the faster sloops are sent through Handicap Alley to a further assigned rounding mark that has been calculated to provide the difference between the sloop's handicap and that of the slower sloop.

For example, if Sloop "A" has the largest (slower) assigned handicap rating of S/NM, then Sloop "B" with a faster handicap rating of 675 S/NM must sail an extra distance based upon:

- The time Sloop "A" would sail 4 NM; which would be 4 x 700 or 2,800 seconds.
- Sloop "B" should sail during the 2,800 seconds, a distance of 4.15 NM; which is 2,800 seconds divided by her assigned 675 S/NM.
- Therefore, Sloop "B" will have to sail around her assigned alley mark set 0.075 NM further up the alley. This is 4.15 NM minus 4.00 NM, divided by 2 (half into the alley, half out).

This explains how Handicap Alley marks are assigned. Since the number of marks is limited, sloops are grouped in assigning alley marks.

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Next, the actual times for all the races during the prior 3 years are not always available for all sloops within each year's fleet. For example, in 2009 some sloops accomplished only 7 races during the three years back to 2009 (out of a possible total of 9), while others had none. Here, missing race times can be estimated based upon similar Hamlin rated sloops by the use of a "Trend Line". Thus, when all sloops' actual S/NM have been plotted against their Hamlin S/NM, a scatter chart can be created. When a straight line is drawn through these plots representing the same differences of points above and below it, it is known as a "Trend Line"

When the Trend Line is expressed by formula, missing times can be estimated for a sloop based upon the similar Hamlin rating. For example, if the Society happened to run but 7 races during the past 3 years:

- A sloop with 7 actual race times would have a total average race time divided by 7.
- For a sloop that had raced 3 times during that same 3-year period, she would have her total raced time, plus 4 times her "Trend Line", divided by 7.
- A sloop with no times (having not raced during the 3 years), would be subject to the "Trend Line" calculation.

As for any adjustments, the above calculation(s) will provide a very reasonable estimate of handicap S/NM. Limiting the "Trend Line" calculations above the average within 1 standard deviation will reduce further excessive allowances. Adjusted handicaps, combined with the Hamlin rating on a 4:1 ratio, will provide the desired level playing field. This ratio will be reviewed for future regattas.

Past race data includes variables, such as wind, tides, sailing skills such that no additional allowances will be taken into consideration.

For greater detail, another article has been posted on the website.

Thank You to Our Members

Dear FSS Friends,

Our lives were changed forever on the day our beautiful daughter PJ died. Thank you for your kind messages and generous gifts of flowers and donations to her memorial scholarship fund and the Massachusetts General Hospital/North Shore Cancer Center (where she worked). We are encouraged to know that we will be able to watch her dream of furthering her education in radiation/oncology therapy live on through others as they benefit from her scholarship fund. It was established to assist those studying in the medical field. Please visit her special Web site at: <http://www.pennyrichards.com>

Penny and Dave Richards

2010 Schedule of Events

Spring Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, April 17th

Best Western Merry Manor Inn

South Portland, ME

3rd Annual Friendship Open House

Wayne & Kirsten Cronin's - Thomaston, ME

April 24th

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous

Saturday, July 17th

Pulpit Harbor Rendezvous

Tuesday, July 20th

50th Annual Homecoming Rendezvous & Races at Rockland

Thursday, Friday, Saturday - July 22nd to July 24th

Marblehead Classic Boat Regatta

August 7th & 8th

Gloucester Schooner Festival

Saturday, September 4th

Fall Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 9th (Tentative)

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 13th

Best Western Merry Manor Inn

South Portland, ME

Southwest Harbor - 2009

Miff Lauriat report on the Southwest Harbor Race:

The Southwest Harbor Sloop Race drew a dozen Friendships in 2009. We were delighted to see **Banshee**, **Gaivota** and **Resolute** (the Massachusetts contingent) as well as **Gladiator** and **Phoenix** (the other "away" boats). Local boats **Alice E.**, **Endeavor**, **Eden**, **Chrissy**, **Helen Brooks**, **Surprise**, and **Salatia** rounded out the field.

All crews enjoyed a sparkling (this year this was RARE) July day with a good solid 8 to 12 knot breeze. As usual, by mutual agreement of the skippers in attendance, the course was a loose circumnavigation of Greenings Island with maximum reaching and running.

Alice E., at age 110 (making her the oldest sloop in the entire fleet) won the honor of "Fastest Sloop in the East". She took the cannon at 1:51:35, over a minute ahead of **Phoenix**. With the last boat finishing merely a half hour later, all sloops completed the 8.5 mile course in under 2.5 hours, leaving plenty of time to join in a post-race get together at Marge and Miff's home.

A hearty thanks to Ralph Stanley, owner and captain of **Seven Girls**, our committee boat. Cannoneer Rodney Flora and Statistician Jill Schoof took a day off from their own sloop, **Wings of the Morning**, to assist with the flawless race committee work.

2010 will be the Southwest Harbor Race's 18th year. We will be hoping that 18 sloops show up!

Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund

Caroline Zuber, secretary of the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund, submitted the following report at the Annual Meeting:

The Trustees of the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund, formerly named the Beatrice Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund, are pleased to report that six scholarships were awarded in 2009 to the young graduates of Friendship. They were as follows:

Medomak Valley High School:

Kyle Sven Dahlberg	\$ 800	John T. Harlor Scholar
Rachel Lydia Lee	\$ 800	
Emma M. Lichtman	\$ 800	
Molly Anne MacLeod	\$ 800	

Central Christian High School:

Christine E. MacLaughlin	\$ 800	
Jonathan L. Murphy	\$ 800	
Deferred from 2008:	\$1,000	Justin Delano
Continuing Education:	\$ 250	Lucas R. Benner

TOTAL AWARDED: \$6,050

These awards will be sent by the Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04005 to the student and their school in December, 2009 for their second semester expenses. **All donations to the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.**

The trustees sent letters to all homeowners in the town to solicit donations to be invested so that scholarship to Friendship students can be continued in the future. 700 letters were mailed in the end of August. As of November 9, 2009, 85 responses had brought in \$5,715. In addition, memorial gifts totaling \$755 and other donations resulted in addition \$8,733 to the Trust Fund. Memorial gifts were received for Constance Pratt, Holt "Jack" Vibber, Delores Smith, Richard "Dick" Lozier, and Marguerite Sylvester, a former teacher in the Friendship Village School and historian of the town.

As of November 11, 2009, the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund had \$81,990.38 before disbursement of the scholarship awards listed above. The trustees continue to solicit funds. We thank you, members of the Friendship Sloop Society, for your continued support of this fund, which was voted into existence at your annual meeting in 1967. You can all be proud of what you began, and can rest assured that these scholarships will continue for many years to come.

Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 2010. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

110 Years:

#19 Blackjack	Wilson Fletcher, Bar Harbor, ME
#24 Tern	Leo & Kelly Greene, Marblehead, MA

95 Years:

#53 Eagle	Richard Rapalyea, Spruce Head, ME
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2009 FSS Financial Report

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

	'06-'07	'07-'08	'08-'09	'09-'10
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
Net Results				
Membership	4,064	4,550	3,560	4,150
Yearbook	1,945	1,710	526	1,210
Chandlery	1,150	1,210	1,406	1,500
Contributions	880	656	583	700
Auction & Raffle	552	518	426	520
Bank Interest	201	222	206	220
Annual Regatta	-3,923	-3,412	-3,563	-4,910
Donations	-1,300	-1,500	-1,500	-1,500
Communications	-1,213	-1,402	-1,254	-1,440
Secretary Comp.	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000
Insurance Premium	-495	-495	-565	-570
Dinners	-33	60	-112	0
Miscellaneous	-247	-134	-336	-300
Documentary			-1,000	
Net Gain or (Loss)	581	982	-2,623	-1,420
Ending Balance	10,844	11,826	9,203	7,783

Thank You

*John Flood, secretary of the Friendship Museum (and former helmsman of the **Wilbur Morse**), sent Caroline the following note:*

The president and members of the Friendship Museum want to thank you for the \$400 donation from the Friendship Sloop Society. We are pleased to inform you that we will be using this contribution to enrich our meager "Building Fund". This greatly enhances our plans for the future.

Dues Reminder

If you haven't mailed your annual dues in for 2010, please send them to:

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

Membership News

Penny Richards, membership chairman sent us the following:

New member, sloop owner:

- James Light of Redondo Beach, California has purchased #143 **Fair American**. Her homeport is listed as Oxnard, CA
- Donald Benoit of Foxboro, MA has purchased #208 **Lisa K** from Jeff Cohen. Donald has named the sloop **Tupelo Honey** and will be chartering out of Charlestown, MA

New members, Friends of Friendships:

- Harrison Jewett of New London, CT is crew on Greg Roth's #146 **Fiddlehead**
- Richard and Silas Sleeper - do not list an affiliation with any sloop
- Simone and Jennie Steiger of Troy, NY - do not list an affiliation with any sloop.
- Ed Acunto and Christine Smith of the Mount Battie Motel in Lincolnville, ME

Advertising in the 2010 Yearbook

We have spent a lot of time this fall and early part of the winter discussing ad rates. After much discussion it was determined that we would continue to publish the yearbook in color. We all felt that adding color to the yearbook greatly improved the look and feel. The advertising revenue not only pays for the yearbook printing and distribution, but also helps to keep fees low for the Annual Homecoming and Regatta each summer. So, the question of how to cover the added expense of color and still bring in enough money to pay for the yearbook itself took priority. We have been able to maintain the number of ads each year, but getting more ads is challenging. We seem to lose some but gain others with a net result staying approximately even. So, how to cover the expense? As we sat thinking about our options we continued to come back to an increase in ad costs. While none of us wanted to increase the cost of ads as we understand that the economy has and is continuing to affect us all, we also realized that we have not had an increase in advertising rates in many years. It was with this thought that the Executive Committee made the decision to increase advertising rates.

In order to cover the expenses of the yearbook we determined that rates would increase by approximately 7%. The breakdown is as follows:

Full page – back cover: \$530
Full page: \$420
½ page: \$235
1/3 page: \$170
¼ page: \$130
1/6 page: \$105

Enclosed is a copy of the ad form if you are interested in advertising. Please feel free to make copies of it if you know of others who may want to advertise. We could use the help in generating new ads and new advertisers. The form will also be posted on the fss.org website.

If you should have any questions, concerns, thoughts please don't hesitate to give me a call at 207-354-0467 or email me at fss.cronin@roadrunner.com.

Thank you,

Kirsten and Wayne Cronin

Letters From Our Members

Caroline has received the following letters from our members:

*John Crumpton, owner of #117 **Leading Light** wrote:*

Leading Light's two year hiatus ashore was terminated with a short (too short) season afloat this year. Eve was physically unable to enjoy it but I was thrilled, rejuvenated and hope to do better next season.

I met Brian Collet, son of Paul and Libby (**Apogee** #88) this summer at Brewer's South Freeport Marina where he is working. I did not get a chance to ask who is **Apogee's** new owner.

*Tom Berry of Maryland, owner of #118 **Wenonah** sent along the following note dated November 12th:*

Thanks for your personal notes when you correspond. It's a nice touch that always reminds me of the wonderful 4 days we had in Rockland 12 years ago. 12 years ago?! My kids are now out of college and (supposedly) on their own, how time has flown.

Over all those intervening years I've tried to scheme a way to return to Rockland, always to be thwarted one way or another. Other summer obligations may interfere in 2010, but I've been trying to find a way to bring **Wenonah** up to the big 50th. A friend would like to make the trip too, so that's a relief, although I'd prefer 3 people on the boat. We'll see how it pans out.

I look forward to the Yearbook and the quarterly newsletters... so full of news about boats and folks I met in Rockland.

Tecumseh, FSS #242, owned by Dave and Kim Frid of Oakville, Ontario, is currently working her way south and yesterday (and surely today, too, due to adverse weather) was in Norfolk, VA. Kim emailed me when they got into the Chesapeake and I thought they'd stop here for a night and we could swap adventure tales while sipping rum, eating a warm meal ashore and creating a Friendship. Alas, they had a good weather window and scooted past us on to Norfolk before the bad stuff hit. Weather dictates!

Best wishes to all.

*Kent Mack, owner of #97 **Integrity** wrote the following:*

Integrity has made it through her first year on the Chesapeake Bay. She likes her slip at the Norfolk Naval Sailing Association marina, where she is one of only 2 wooden boats in a marina with 135 others. She gets constant comments of being the most beautiful boat in the marina and probably the whole southern Chesapeake Bay. She sailed in a large parade of sail for Norfolk Harborfest 2009 and 2 other regattas. We're having a blast getting to know her more each week and count it a privilege to be the steward of such a wonderful piece of American sailing history.

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Friendship Sloop Society Annual Meeting

Caroline Phillips has submitted these minutes of the annual meeting held November 14th at John Merry Manor, Portland, Maine.

Commodore Wayne Cronin opened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. He first welcomed everyone and then asked past commodores to stand and be recognized. He then introduced new members who were attending for the first time: Jim Salmon, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Pratt and Victor Trodella.

Secretary's Report:

Boat Owners:	104
Full Members:	51
Cooperative Members:	26
Honorar Members:	3
TOTAL:	184

Regattas:

New London: Greg Roth reported that there was no event for 2009. Planning is underway for the 2010 event.

Southwest Harbor: John Wojcik for Miff Lauriat:

John reported that there were a dozen sloops including MA boats of **Banshee, Gaivota & Resolute. Alice E.** at 110 years old was the fastest sloop in the race -- even faster than **Phoenix** and won 1st prize. Miff thanked Ralph Stanley and his use of **Seven Girls** as the race committee boat. 2010 will be the 18th year of the Southwest Regatta and Miff would like to see 18 sloops there.

Rockland Regatta: Dave Graham

Dave stated that we had 3 days of racing in Rockland with 23 sloops registered and 18 on the starting line. Overall winner of the State of Maine trophy was **Salatia**. He then thanked Ralph Stanley with **Seven Girls**, Dick Salter with **Messing About**, Bill Zuber with **Friendship Patrol**, and Jack Cronin with **Effie M.** David also thanked the Cronins for setting up handicap alley.

Marblehead: Dave Graham

Marblehead is now considered the Classic Boat Regatta. There were 21 boats to start in the classic boat division and **Margaret F.** won the Ridgeway Trophy for the Friendship class.

Dave then stated that on the last day of racing at Rockland, he made an inappropriate comment on the radio. He gave his sincere apologies to the members, racers, Executive Board, etc. and promised that nothing like that would happen again.

Gloucester: Jack Cronin

Again Gloucester was fun and **Tannis** was 1st with **Resolute** 2nd.

Membership Report: Penny Richards (see page 5)

Chandlery: Bill Whitney

The Chandlery has a number of new products for sale. The chandlery did well again this year with a profit of \$1,406 for the Society. Bill & Kathy are still looking for ideas for items to sell.

Yearbook: Rich Langton

This was the 1st year the yearbook was produced in color thanks to Wayne and Kirsten. Everyone agreed that the yearbook looked awesome in color so we will continue with that format in future years. Rich stated that he needs articles, photos, etc. as well as a cover photo. He is also looking for a dedication

for the yearbook. Rich then stated that as editor we are human and make mistakes. Please let him know of any errors immediately so he can make the appropriate changes. He also needs more work (slots sold) on the bulletin board page at \$20.00 each. A sign-up sheet was sent around the room for people to commit to the bulletin board page.

Yearbook Advertising / 50th book: Kirsten Cronin

As far as getting ads for the 2009 yearbook, we did a pretty good job and got the same number of ads as 2008. To cover the cost of the yearbook being printed in color, Kirsten stated that they were going to increase the cost of the ads 5-10% for 2010. Kirsten asked the membership if they knew of any businesses in their area that wanted to take an ad out in the yearbook to contact Kirsten.

50th Annual Regatta in Rockland: Kirsten Cronin

The goal of the FSS is to get 50 boats to Rockland in 2010. This is a very challenging endeavor but could be possible. She has asked the members at the meeting to commit to bringing their boats as well as convincing their friends to bring theirs. Penny Richards has designed postcards to mail out to the membership about the 50th regatta. With the possibility of 50 boats, we may need to use the entire dock which would cost the society \$3,000 rather than \$1,000 we currently pay. Wayne and Kirsten are working with the local people to gain access to other docks to keep the cost down. If we can keep the end of the float open, the cost would continue to be \$1,000. More news of the 50th regatta will follow as we get closer to the date.

50th Book: Kirsten Cronin

Kirsten passed around a rough copy of the book to show everyone what she plans to do. She has asked the membership to sign up for the book now and pay \$40 (pre-sell) to cover the cost of printing the book. It will be a hard cover, coffee table size book. She stated that if you do not have a picture of your boat in it yet, to get it to her as well as an article about your boat. She hopes to have the book done by the Rockland regatta.

If you go to fss.org there is a link to a questionnaire about your boat and its history for the 50th anniversary book. Please fill it out and mail it back to Kirsten ASAP.

50th Regatta:

We will need a bigger tent, probably 40 X 60 or 40 x 80 for 2010 which will cost \$400 more than last year. We will need more tables and chairs which is approximately \$100 more. The Saturday dinner will be done the same in 2010 except not using Amateos and we will go else where for the salads and pasta. Peter and Nancy Toppan did a great job setting up in 2009 and we will be looking for volunteers in 2010 to help again. We will need more help because of the need for more tables, chairs, food to cook. We will have a volunteer sheet before and during Rockland for people to sign up to help.

Newsletter/Website/Registrar: John Wojcik

The newsletters will be printed 2 times again this year. John thanked all who have given materials and if anyone has any ideas for the newsletter to contact John. The website continues to be active with about 2200 different people looking at it each month. The biggest hit on the website is the "sloops for sale" list.

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As far as the registrar goes, John took the effort to contact everyone who was thought to own sloops who were not members. There are 84 sloops who are not members so the question is: do they still own them, and do the sloops still exist. Many telephone numbers did not work and mailing addresses were invalid. John stated that there are 130 sloops in Maine and New Hampshire so why can't we get 50 boats in Rockland?

Pendleton Scholarship Fund: Caroline Zuber (See the report on page 4)

Publicity Report: Nate Jones

Nate stated that they had reporters on **Sarah Mead** during the Rockland regatta and they had some good articles. He is now in the process of contacting national magazines and publications to get the press release out for the 50th regatta. He has asked for ideas to where to get the press releases published besides known ones like **Downeast, Woodenboat**, etc. It was stated that **Offshore** has changed its name to **New England Boating**. Anyone with ideas should email Nate at captains@sailmusconjugus.com. Kirsten stated that she knows the owners of **Maine Boats & Harbors** and will talk to them about doing something for the 50th.

Trophies/Awards: Penny Richards

Penny proposed that we replace our trophies with a wood-laser engraved plaque stating what the plaque is for with an engraving of a sloop on the front. On the back would be 20 or so plaques to list the winners for year to year. She proposed to leave the State of Maine trophy as is and not replace the non-racing trophies. Just replace the Division 1 and Division 2 racing trophies. The cost of the plaques is \$60 each and the cost is reflected in the 2010 budget report. She suggested collecting the trophies in Rockland and then auctioning them off at the Annual Meeting. John asked if we should have different artwork on each plaque to make each unique. Caroline Zuber suggested that we price out half models instead. Bill Zuber stated that there are many members who can and are willing to make trophies at no cost to the society. Bill Whitney stated that you have to keep the size of the trophy in mind for those who are sailing home after the races. After lengthy discussion, it was suggested that we table this discussion until the next executive board meeting and have a decision by the 3rd executive meeting.

2009 Donations:

Maine Maritime Museum:	\$150
Friendship Museum:	\$400
Penobscot Museum:	\$200
Rockland Lighthouse:	\$100
Pendleton Scholarship Fund:	\$500
Peabody Essex Museum:	\$100

Jack Cronin made a motion to pay the schedule of donations as listed; Dave Richards seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Merrill (See summary on page 4)

Greg had a summary list of revenue and expenses, a 3 year summary of what the society did and the 2010 budget. He stated that we lost \$2,800 in 2009 due to the economy and increased costs of everything. For the 2010 budget there will be

extra expenses for the 50th regatta such as the tent, tables, chairs, dockage (possibly), skippers gifts and plaques, etc. He stated that the yearbook did not make as much of a profit as 2009, but that was due to the fact that it was printed in color. He stated that the Chandlery had an increased revenue for 2009. He stated that we are looking to break even on the 50th book this year and then make money the following years. He put in an extra \$500 for dockage fees to help with the cost. He increased the trophy account from \$500 to \$1000 to cover the cost of new trophies and brass plaques. He also stated that we cut into our savings by about \$1,400 for 2010. The 50th book should be at no risk to the society and we are pre-selling them. There will be 100 copies made. Kirsten stated that she wanted all information for the book by February 1st so she can put it together. Nancy Toppan suggested printing the yearbook registry at the end of the book. Kirsten stated that Marcia went through all the yearbooks for articles so Kirsten did not have to do that. Motion was made and seconded to accept 2010 budget as printed -- passed unanimously.

Nominating committee: Bill Whitney

Bill stated that on his committee is Bill Finch, Carol Rose, Charlie Burnham with Maria as his extension. He has asked for suggestions for the next Vice Commodore.

Awards:

Morang Award: Bob Zuber for his story about Uncle Stu

Bancroft Award: Awarded to Richard and Lorraine Stanley for the restoration of **Westwind**

Omaha Award: Gail O'Donnell was not present so the award was skipped until next year

Hadlock Award: Harold Burnham suggested to skip until next year

Messing About Award: Maria and Charlie Burnham

New Business:

Bill Whitney stated that anyone who wants to bring a boat to Rockland and needs crew, a tow, or a group to go with to please call him or Dick Salter so they can organize the trip to and from Rockland.

Caroline Zuber stated that Friendship Maine is no longer a dry town and are now able to sell wine and alcohol. August 7th is the Friendship chowder race which is a fun time and she invited any Friendships that wanted to come to show up. She said that the Friendship Memorial Stone is being taken care of by Philip Pratt and it now looks wonderful.

Kirsten suggested that we invite the original families of Friendship to our 50th regatta.

Noel March is in contact with the governor of Maine and will see what he can do to get him to the regatta.

There will be a blessing of the fleet by members of the town of Friendship.

With no further business, motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

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

The following article appeared in the local Friendship area newspaper before the first homecoming in 1961. We'll have the results article in the next edition of the newsletter

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

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

Probable boats racing:

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

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

Dictator - built by Robert McLain, Bremen; owned by Dr. Alan Chesney, Baltimore, MD

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

Ellie T. - owned by Roger Thorpe, Bath

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

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

Golden Eagle - owned by William Haskell, Marblehead, Mass.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Course

The race will start on a line between Red Nun buoy #8 off Martin's Point and George Morrill's boat anchored off Long Island. A brass cannon of the War of 1812 will fire the starting blast.

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

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

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

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

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

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

11:30 AM	Open House at the Boat Shops
12 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	League Baseball Game: Friendship vs. Thomaston
1:30 PM	Sailing Race by Members of the Friendship Yacht Club
2:00 PM	Outboard Motor Races
3:30 PM	Sloops should be approaching finish line opposite the wharfs in Friendship harbor.
5:00 PM	Lobster - Clambake Supper. Tickets for 300 on sale at the information center.
8:00 PM	After Race buffet supper served in the town hall. Governor Reed will present trophies to the winner.

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

The Friendship Sloop

The Friendship Sloop was originally built as a work boat, a fisherman's boat designed for speed, weather and ease of handling. They were inexpensive to build. A 28-footer cost \$799 in 1899. Today's cost would run 10 to 20 times the 1900 cost.

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

Support Your Yearbook

Remember: 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. Deadline for submission is **April 15th**.

Please support your yearbook either through a Bulletin Board notice or by soliciting advertising from those we do business with. Bulletin Board Notices cost \$20 and people should send their notice, with a check made payable to the FSS to:

Rich Langton
43 Asbury Avenue
Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07713

Bulletin Board notices are 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 let's 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. 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 **March 15th** to:

Kirsten & Wayne Cronin
525 Main Street
Thomaston, ME 04861

Letters From Our Members

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Russ Perrin, nephew of Al Perrin, sent along the following:
My uncle Al passed away Dec. 16. Al died from prostate cancer, he was 78. Sailing was his passion: He was a national shark catamaran champion, as well as pioneer ice boat racer in a DN class ice boat. But his sloop was his true love! Al was also a great photographer. His photo of his sloop **John B.** (sloop #210) was the 1986 cover for the year book. Al gave his sloop to me, a great honor and responsibility! His boat will stay at its mooring at the city pier on beautiful Canandaigua Lake. Thank you. Russ Perrin.

Rockland Homecoming 2009 Results

State of Maine Trophy

Best Overall Performance **Salatia**

Division I

Herald Jones Trophy **Salatia**

Bruno & Stillman Trophy **Echo**

Lash Brothers Trophy **Celebration**

Division II

Commodore's Trophy **Phoenix**

Gordon Winslow Trophy **Lady M**

Rockland Trophy **Tannis**

Class A

Wilbur Morse Trophy **Gladiator**

Charles Morse Trophy **Not Awarded**

Alexander McLain Trophy **Not Awarded**

Rum Line Trophy **Not Awarded**

Special Trophies

Chrissy Trophy **Kirsten Cronin**

Spirit of Friendship **Scott Martin**

Gladiator Trophy **Banshee**

Nickerson Trophy **Ashleigh Cronin (3 Yrs Old)**

Owner/Builder Trophy **Ralph Stanley**

R.W. Stanley Cup **Hieronymous**

Liberty Trophy **Gladiator**

Jarvis Newman Trophy **Salatia**

Cy Hamlin Trophy **Independence**

Tannis Award **Eden**

Danforth Trophy **Peregrine**



Be a Part of History

The goal is 50 sloops for the 50th Homecoming. Join the Friendship fleet in Rockland for the 50th Annual Homecoming. Sloops arrive on Wednesday, July 21st with activities starting that evening with a cookout under the tent. Be a part of history: 50 sloops for the 50th Homecoming.

**Friendship Sloop Society
164 Sturbridge road
Charlton, MA 01507**

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