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Message from the Commodores

As **Compromise** sits looking out over the huge snow bank at the end of our driveway, we are longing for spring and summer. At least, for now, the snow is melting! With a little bit of luck, this summer will have a lot more sailing than last summer.

We regret missing the special 50th Regatta. We have heard rave reviews from everyone we talk with about the Regatta. It was wonderful to have so many boats and crews participate, knowing that some of you were new to the Regatta. Many thanks to Kirsten and Wayne Cronin and all of you who volunteered to help during the week. We hope to see all of you again in July and to greet more new folks this summer.

We are now looking forward to the next 50 years of the Society. Who knows where the future will take all of us. With everyone's help, the FSS will be strong and active for many years to come. We ask for your suggestions about everything the Society does. If you have an idea, let us know, whatever the topic. This is your Society and we want you to be involved. Let us hear from you. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next summer in Rockland.

For future events, we have a speaker lined up for the Annual Meeting in November. Captains Barry King and Jennifer Martin, who sail the schooner **Mary Day** out of Camden, have agreed to join us at the Annual Meeting and share sailing stories.

We also want to thank all of you for your support and concern last July when Peter had bypass surgery. Your caring helped keep us going. We have once again proved that Friendships and friendships go hand in hand. Peter is doing just fine.

Looking forward to the next 50 years,
Peter & Nancy Toppan
Commodores

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Sloop Society Celebrates 50 Years of Friendship

*Written by Shlomit Auciello of the "Herald Gazette",
July 28, 2010*

Rockland — Kirsten Cronin said July 23 that the Friendship Sloop Society is more than a group of sailors and boat enthusiasts. Cronin is co-commodore of the society, sharing that role with her husband, Wayne.

Gov. John Baldacci proclaimed July 24 Friendship Sloop Day in Maine, honoring both the boat that was designed for Muscongus Bay and the builders, sailors and owners who have kept the design and its enjoyment alive.

More than 30 Friendship sloops were docked, moored or anchored in Rockland Harbor over the weekend, the 15th such annual gathering that has taken place in the city.

Races were held on the afternoons of July 22, 23 and 24, with the **Celebration**, homeported in Bayville, taking first place in Division I. The **Celebration** is a 25-foot sloop built by Newman and Hodgdon in 1980 and owned by Greg and Annette Merrill of Butler, Md.

The Division II title went to the **Lady M**, a 32-foot sloop built by Harvey Gamage in 1978 and owned by Martin Thomas of South Bristol.

The event was not without mishap, with a man overboard on July 22. A rescue took place when Kirsten and Wayne Cronin's **Rights of Man** dropped out of the race to pick up the unanticipated swimmer.

Engine trouble took the **Sarah Mead**, a 30-foot Newbert and Wallace sloop owned by Nate and Randy Jones of East Berwick and homeported in Muscongus Harbor, out of the July 23 racing.

One of the favorites, the **Tannis**, sprang a leak that same afternoon. A 38-foot W. Scott Carter sloop, the **Tannis** was pulled out of racing for the season by owners Jack and Mary Cronin of Sturbridge, Mass., after a second leak appeared on July 23.

Kirsten Cronin said July 27 that members of the society helped beach the **Tannis** and attach a plank to cover the leak, and the boat was on its way home.

As in past years, the 50th annual Friendship Sloop Society Homecoming and Rendezvous was highlighted by cookouts among the members and a public display and parade of the traditional craft.

Cronin said the boat that traveled the longest distance to

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join the celebration was the **Tecumseh**, a 36-foot sloop built by Charles A. Morse in 1902 and owned by David Frid of Oakville, Ontario. The **Tecumseh** came to Rockland from Ontario by way of Florida.

"They sailed the entire way," she said. "It's been almost a full year that they've been on the boat to come to the 50th anniversary."

She said the next greatest distance was sailed by the **Wenonah**, a 30-foot boat built in 1971 by Bruno and Stillman, and owned by Thomas L. Berry of Pasadena, Md.

Cronin said there were Friendship sloops in Rockland from New York State, Cape Cod and Boston, as well as a large local contingent from Southwest Harbor, joining those from nearer ports.

A plaque was dedicated and presented to the town of Friendship, honoring its part in what has become a much-loved tradition, she said.

"It really is a tight knit community of support," Cronin said.

The society's 2010 schedule will continue with the Marblehead Classic Boat Regatta in Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 7 & 8, the Gloucester Schooner Festival, Sept. 3 - 5 in Gloucester, Mass., and the 13th annual meeting, Nov. 13 in Portland.

Rockland Homecoming

2010 Results

State of Maine Trophy

Best Overall Performance **Lady M**

Division I

Herald Jones Trophy **Celebration**

Bruno & Stillman Trophy **Salatia**

Lash Brothers Trophy **Eden**

Division II

Commodore's Trophy **Lady M**

Gordon Winslow Trophy **Hieronymus**

Rockland Trophy **Mary Anne**

Class A

Wilbur Morse Trophy **Morning Star**

Charles Morse Trophy **Gail O**

Alexander McLain Trophy **Gladiator**

Rum Line Trophy **Gladiator**

Special Trophies

Chrissy Trophy **Caroline Zuber**

Spirit of Friendship **Miff Lauriat**

Gladiator Trophy **Tecumseh** (Toronto)

Honorable Mention **Wenonah** (Pasadena, MD)

Nickerson Trophy **Donovan Yoder** (13 Days Old)

Owner/Builder Trophy **Content** - Noel March

R.W. Stanley Cup **Heritage**

Liberty Trophy **Mary Anne**

Jarvis Newman Trophy **Celebration**

Cy Hamlin Trophy **Content** - Noel March

Tannis Award **Banshee**

Danforth Trophy **Morning Star**

Tenacity Award **Tannis**

Post-Race, Fleet Extends Friendships to the Obamas

The following article written by Laurie Schreiber, appeared in the July 21st edition of "The Bar Harbor Times".

SOUTHWEST HARBOR - Always ones to throw together a show when the opportunity presents itself, the sailors in the Friendship Sloop Society's Southwest Harbor Rendezvous put on a display of sail Saturday afternoon for President Barack Obama and his family, who were lunching at the Boathouse at the Claremont Harbor.

The sailors learned of the first family's proximity to their race course through a friend of the event, Kathe Falt, who lives in Southwest Harbor and whose father, Jarvis Newman, is a well-known builder of Downeast boats, including the fiberglass version of the traditional wooden Friendship sloop.

Newman had taken his wife Susan, their granddaughter, Claire and Falt out in a Boston Whaler to see the start of the Friendship sloop race off Greenings Island. The Newman family had departed from the Claremont dock because he keeps his boat on a Claremont mooring.

After the first two marks, Falt had to get back to land to go to work. The family got off at the dock, where they were approached by a man for unknown reasons. It quickly turned out that the man was a Secret Service agent, and they realized that the Obama family was on the premises. The agent patted them down and ultimately allowed them to pass. After getting a quick glimpse of the Obamas on their way off the property, Falt called the organizer of the race, Miff Lauriat, who was in the midst of the race sailing his boat **Salatia**.

Lauriat said he received the call from Falt close to the end of the race.

"She said, 'Barack Obama is having lunch at the Claremont' and would we please sail by the Claremont when we finish racing," Lauriat said. "Sure enough, there we were, finishing the race at about 2 in the afternoon, and the Obamas were just finishing up their lunch. I would imagine the Secret Service got a surprise when they heard the loud kaboom of our cannon when the **Helen Brooks** finished. I'm glad we didn't cause any incidents. So the **Helen Brooks** got a big finish. I hope the Obamas saw it. There was nothing but Friendship sloops in their view, and I was very proud to be making pretty pictures for the president."

Fortuitously, Lauriat that morning had bought a large United States ensign for **Salatia**, in honor of the first family's visit to Mount Desert Island. At the beginning of the race, he assigned his nephew, Nick Vaughn, to keep the flag clear of obstructions and have it waving in the wind at all times through the race.

"He took right to that," said Lauriat. "So we had a gigantic U.S. ensign flying for the president and his family."

With considerable foresight, Lauriat's wife, Marjorie Russakoff, had considered that the Obamas might be in the area the day of the race. She said she hadn't wanted the Secret Service agents to get jumpy, so she had urged Lauriat to contact the Southwest Harbor Police Department before the race to let them know that the event involves cannon blasts.

"We're so glad we did that," she said. "Because as the **Helen Brooks** was crossing the finish line, the Obamas were

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sitting on the deck under umbrellas, eating their lunch.”

Overall, the event, now in its 18th year, had a great turnout of a dozen boats, including a strong contingent that had sailed up from Massachusetts in order to participate in the Southwest Harbor Rendezvous; as well as the Pulpit Harbor Rendezvous on Tuesday, July 20, and the 50th Homecoming Rendezvous and Races in Rockland July 22-24.

In Southwest Harbor, Ralph Stanley, as always, ran his boat, **Seven Girls**, as the committee boat. Stanley has built many wooden Friendship sloops over the years. He was assisted with race committee duties by Rodney Flora and Jill Schoof.

Lauriat designed a course that would take account of the uncertain breeze and yet finish in two hours or less.

“The course featured next to no beating, which is the point of least enjoyment in a Friendship sloop,” he said.

The first leg saw an easy run to Greening’s Ledge, with just one tack for those boats that were on the right side of the line. The fleet then bore off to Spurling Point, where they intersected for a short time with the Hospice Regatta of Maine. The wind started then to fill in southeasterly. The shifting wind, in combination with the incoming tide, caught **Salatia** by surprise and Lauriat lost time when he had to tack around the Spurling Point mark.

“Meanwhile, the **Helen Brooks** was gone,” Lauriat said of the boat’s significant lead. “The **Helen Brooks** started the race with all five sails up. The other crews were sitting with their legs out over the rails.”

The fleet went past Sutton Island. **Gladiator** and **Alice E.** chased the pack, but the **Helen Brooks** kept the lead by a long shot.

The 110-year old **Alice E.**, owned by Karl Brunner of Bass Harbor and still working as a summer tour boat out of Southwest Harbor, is the oldest boat in the Friendship Sloop Society registry, and was also the winner of the 2009 Southwest Harbor Rendezvous.

Helen Brooks is a 1971 Bruno and Stillman build, also owned by Brunner and serving as a tour boat in Northeast Harbor. Like the **Alice E.**, **Gladiator** is one of the original working sloops, built in 1902. **Salatia** is a Jarvis Newman Pemaquid 25, built in 1969, which won last year’s State of Maine Trophy in Rockland for first place overall.

Approaching the mark at the Bear Island buoy, **Salatia** caught up with **Hegira**, then with **Eden** and **Peregrine**.

“We were all coming up to the buoy at Bear Island at the same time,” said Lauriat.

With the four boats sailing side by side at that point, each boom was extended way out into the next boat’s cockpit.

“The tide was setting us in, so we’re all getting crammed toward the buoy,” Lauriat said. “And we were all asking ‘Could you give me more room please?’ The tide was just coming on like crazy. So we had a very cooperative mark rounding and that was the most fun of the race.”

The fleet headed past the next mark at the Narrows buoy, then sailed past Gilpatrick Cove.

In the end, Brunner’s **Helen Brooks** took top honors. The boat was skippered by Lou Gallagher, who easily sailed in

after just 1 hour 14 minutes. Gallagher is one of Brunner’s employees in the charter business.

“It was a great day for topsails,” said Brunner of the **Helen Brooks’** win. “The wind wasn’t too strong. It’s a great boat and it had a great captain.”

Coming in second behind **Helen Brooks** was **Gladiator**, owned by Bill and Caroline Zuber of Friendship, 1:17; in third was **Alice E.**, Karl Brunner, Southwest Harbor, 1:20; fourth was **Endeavor**, owned by Betsey Holtzmann and her son Abe, of Southwest Harbor and skippered by Skip Fraley, 1:22; fifth was **Banshee**, John and Carole Wojcik, Massachusetts, 1:23; sixth was **Gaivota**, Bill and Kathy Whitney, 1:24; seventh was **Surprise**, Steve Keblinsky, Bar Harbor, 1:27; eighth was **Salatia**, Miff Lauriat and Marjorie Russakoff, 1:29; ninth was **Content** out of Rockland, owned by Noel March, who couldn’t be present due to other obligations and was skippered by Andy Zuber from the **Gladiator** clan, 1:30; tenth was **Eden**, Scott Martin, Southwest Harbor, 1:32; eleventh was **Peregrine**, Carol and Paul Lidstrom, Whitefield, N.H., 1:33; and rounding out the fleet in twelfth place was **Hegira**, Laurie Raymond, Woods Hole, Mass., 1:34

This was the first time that **Content**, a 1961 build by Stuart Ford, has appeared at the Southwest Harbor race. The Lidstroms have been commuting from their New Hampshire home to Southwest Harbor this summer to sail **Peregrine** on weekends.

Lauriat said the fleet anticipates a good turnout for the Rockland Homecoming.

Attending the Rockland event from Mount Desert Island, he said, will be **Salatia**, **Hieronymous**, **Eden**, **Peregrine**, **Endeavor** and maybe **Surprise**. The **Alice E.** and **Helen Brooks** have to get back to the work in the charter business, said Bruner.

The Massachusetts contingent is already on their way to Rockland, Lauriat said; these include **Banshee**, **Hegira** and **Gaivota**. The fleet will convene first in Pulpit Harbor on Tuesday evening, where the commodore is throwing a party.

Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A Sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 2011. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

110 Years:

75 **Omaha** Adrian Hooydonk, Spruce Head, ME

105 Years:

#164 **Vera Jean** Dennis Mayhew, Niceville, FL

95 Years:

37 **Chance** Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, ME

Dues Reminder

If you haven't mailed your annual dues in for 2011, please send them to our membership secretary:

Carole Wojcik
Membership Secretary
347 Lincoln Street
Norwell, MA 02061

2010 FSS Annual Meeting Minutes

Kirsten Cronin, FSS Secretary, has submitted the following minutes of the annual meeting that was held at the Merry Manor Inn in South Portland, ME on November 13th:

Secretary's Report: Caroline Phillips:

Caroline reported the following membership totals for 2010:

Boat Owners:	99
Full Members:	46
Cooperative Members:	25
Honorary Members:	<u>3</u>
Total:	173

Caroline advised those attending the meeting that she was retiring as secretary of the Society after 20-22 years in that position. On behalf of the Society, Rich Langton presented Caroline with a plaque honoring her for the many years of dedication to the Society.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Merrill

Greg reported that the treasury is down from last year's amount due to additional expenses incurred at the 50th Annual Homecoming. The Society ended the year with \$5,422 in our account. The Society will need to break even on sponsored dinners and to do well on the yearbook advertising this year. A motion was made to join the Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce and it was passed. Greg then discussed this year's budget which was also passed. See Page 6 for a summary of last year's financial report and the 2011 budget.

Southwest Harbor Regatta - Miff Lauriat

Miff spoke on the 18th annual SW Harbor Regatta which was held on July 17th, the Saturday before the Rockland Homecoming. There were 12 sloops in attendance this year. **Surprise, Alice E** and the **Helen Brooks** have taken first place the last three years. This year the **Helen Brooks**, skippered by Lou Gallagher, crossed the finish line first.

Rockland Homecoming, Marblehead & Race Committee - Dave Graham

Dave reported on the events at the Rockland Homecoming including the list of trophy winners which can be found on Page 7. There were 30 sloops at the annual homecoming this year, the best turnout in quite a few years. The 50th was held without a problem, although in 2011 there will be a change made to the race course by adding a Mark F in order to alleviate the congestion at the entrance to Handicap Alley.

Dave reported that for the first time since 1976, there were no sloops on the starting line in Marblehead. Dave questioned if we should continue with the Marblehead event. It was suggested that the discussion continue after people have more time to consider the matter, and it was tabled for the Executive Committee to discuss. See Dave's article on Page 7 regarding the Ridgway Trophy.

Chandlery - Bill Whitney

Bill advised the members that he and Kathy are turning the operation of the Chandlery to Caroline Phillips.

Yearbook - Rich Langton

Rich discussed the need for articles for the yearbook as well as pictures. The deadline for the submission of articles is April 15th. The Bulletin Board messages by members was down this past year and needs to be increased.

Advertising - Kirsten Cronin

Kirsten reported that the advertising revenues were down this year from prior years, and needs help from the membership to

turn the trend around. The advertising form will be available on the FSS website and will be included in the winter newsletter mailing.

Membership & Sloop Registry - Penny Richards & John Wojcik

Penny reported that there were four new members in 2010. John said that there were no new sail numbers added to the registry this year, and that there are 281 registered sloops, of which there are 81 sloops that we are trying to locate the owners to verify the continued existence of the sloop. John then reported on the change of ownership of various sloops that have occurred during the year. The complete membership and registry report can be found on Page 8.

Newsletter & Website - John Wojcik

The Society will continue to publish two newsletters each year - a winter and late spring edition. As usual, John is always looking for ideas and articles for the newsletter. The website is seeing about 93 visits a day, and is updated as needed. Sloop photos are wanted for the online registry.

Scholarship Fund - Caroline Zuber

This year the scholarship fund awarded four \$700 scholarships to first year students, as well as six scholarships for \$250 apiece for upperclassmen continuing their education. The detailed scholarship report is on Page 5.

Friendship Book - Kirsten Cronin

Kirsten continues to work on getting the book ready to be published, but she is behind on this effort. Eighteen people have prepaid for the book.

Awards

Morang Award - Penny Richards and Marcia Morang presented the award to Ted Walsh for his yearbook article titled "Good Crew".

Bancroft Award - Jack Cronin presented the award to Dick Salter.

Messing About Award - Dick Salter presented this year's award to Laurie Raymond and Rusty Strange of the sloop **Hegira**

Mast Inspector Award - Jack Cronin presented a special award to Bill Whitney in recognition of his effort to inspect and report on the condition of sloop mast wedges at the Homecoming in Rockland.

Election of Officers - Bill Zuber

On behalf of the nominating committee, Bill presented the candidates for election. The members present voted in the following slate of officers:

Commodore - Peter & Nancy Toppan

Vice-Commodore - Bill & Kathy Whitney

Treasurer - Greg Merrill

Recording Secretary - Kirsten Cronin

Carole Wojcik has agreed to take on the responsibilities of the Membership Secretary.

With no additional business, it was voted that the meeting be adjourned.

Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund

P.O. Box 279
Friendship, ME 04547

Annual Report to the Friendship Sloop Society - November 13, 2010

The trustees of the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund, formerly named the Beatrice Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund, are pleased to report that four scholarships were awarded in 2010 to the young graduates of Friendship, and six students were granted \$250 awards for their continuing education:

Medomak Valley High School:

John Milton Bartlett	\$700	John T. Harlor Scholar
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Douglas M. Blasins	\$700	
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Dillon Craig Reed	\$700	
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Suzanne Kathleen Rourke	\$700	
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Continuing Education:

Alison Anne Bramhall	\$250	
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Joshua Chamberlin	\$250	
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Elizabeth M. Chamberlin	\$250	
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Stephen T. Ehle	\$250	
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Wesley J. Ehle	\$250	
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Molly Anne MacLeod	\$250	
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Total Awarded: \$4,300

These awards will be sent by the Maine Community Foundation, 245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04005 to the student and their school in December, 2010 for their second semester expenses. All donations to the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

As of November 11, 2010 the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund had \$87,616.03 before disbursement of the Scholarship Awards listed above. Memorial Donations have been received for Roger Duncan, Gail O'Donnell, Sally Foster, and Beverly Roberts. 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 more years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Zuber, Secretary

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. Thanks

Thank You

Dick Salter was presented with the Bancroft Award at the Annual Meeting. He sent the selection committee the following note:

I wish to extend my deep appreciation for your selecting me as the 2010 Bancroft Award recipient. This came as a complete surprise. The award itself is a beautiful creation and will be long treasured.

Most sincerely,
Dick Salter

You're Among Friendships

Written by Bill Nemitz - Portland Press Herald - July 25th
An ardent band of sailing enthusiasts has grown around the aptly named Friendship sloop, whose long tradition in Maine is worth keeping afloat

ROCKLAND - Falling overboard in the middle of a windy sailboat race is never a good idea. But as Holly Lash clung to her flotation cushion in Rockland Harbor on Thursday afternoon, she had one thing working in her favor. All two dozen or so vessels were Friendship sloops. And the name tends to rub off on the people aboard.

"I wasn't worried," said Lash moments after the 30-foot **Rights of Man**, piloted by owner Wayne Cronin of Thomaston, veered off the race course and the crew plucked her from the water. "I knew I'd be OK with all these friends around."

The detour, of course, all but eliminated **Rights of Man** from contention in the Friendship Sloop Homecoming and Rendezvous race around Rockland Harbor. But this annual gathering of sailboats is about much more than a few days of friendly competition.

"It's about keeping the legacy alive," said Kirsten Cronin, Wayne's wife. "And it's about family."

A century ago, they were everywhere up and down the Maine coast -- 30-40-foot wooden boats with the graceful lines of a schooner, the sturdiness of a barge and the versatility of a pickup truck.

Lobstermen used them to haul traps. Islanders used them to ferry livestock and supplies out from the mainland. Long-line fishermen used them to catch cod by the thousands.

But then along came the internal combustion engine. And with it, the diesel-powered Maine lobster boat quickly overtook the Friendship sloop as the workhorse of Maine's coastal economy.

Enter the Friendship Sloop Society.

Formed 50 years ago this summer, the organization has one simple purpose: to preserve the tradition of the Friendship sloop, named after the Maine coastal village where the design originated in the late 19th century.

It is, more often than not, a family affair.

Long before he bought the 45-year-old **Rights of Man** a few years back, Wayne Cronin, 39, was one of eight siblings crammed aboard the 38-foot **Tannis** along with his parents, Jack and Mary Cronin.

Jack was a contractor who could never seem to keep his weekends free from work, so he and Mary went shopping for a boat to use as a weekend getaway. It took them two years, but they finally settled on the **Tannis**, a Friendship sloop built in 1937 that the Cronins still keep in Salem, Mass.

"From the beginning of May through the end of September, we never missed a weekend," Jack said. "I remember when we bought it, the broker told us the boat was old and not to push it. Well, we've been pushing it for 44 years."

And it's worked.

"All eight of my kids are here today." Jack said.

A few boats down the dock, Bill Zuber of Friendship took a visitor down below on the 32-foot **Gladiator**. His three sons, all grown, refer to the sloop to this day as "our older sister."

"See that?" Zuber said, pointing to the white-oak frame
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peeking out from behind an old plank. "That's all original."

Original as in 1902 -- making the **Gladiator** one of the oldest boats in the Friendship Sloop Society fleet.

It is, Zuber said, a labor of love -- with heavy emphasis on the labor.

While owners of newer, fiberglass boats might apply a new coat of paint and call it a day, Zuber has spent countless hours replacing planks, sealing the outside of the vessel's hull with epoxy and cotton muslin and pouring salt down among the inner timbers to keep them from rotting.

He's also recovered the boat's earliest documentation papers from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. -- a copy of the original license, issued to a fisherman named Daniel Simmons of Friendship on April 3, 1902, now hangs on a wall inside the **Gladiator's** head.

How long this celebration of Maine's maritime history will last is anyone's guess. In addition to the 281 Friendship sloops now on its active registration roster, the society lists 30 sloops that are "gone but not forgotten" along with 16 others whose current locations are unknown.

Still, there's no doubting this group's determination to keep the tradition -- and their boats, for that matter -- afloat.

Thursday afternoon, right around the time Wayne Cronin was sailing to the rescue of Holly Lash (who had fallen from the sloop **Peregrine** while trying to retrieve a loose main sheet), word came over the radio that the **Tannis** had sprung a leak and was headed back to the dock.

It turned out that a piece of caulking in the bow had popped free -- the incoming seawater flooded the cabin up over the floorboards before someone stuffed a few socks in the crack and turned on the pumps.

None of which seemed to faze Jack Cronin, who later reported calmly that the leak had been properly sealed and the **Tannis** would live to sail another day.

Meaning he was one relieved Friendship sloop owner?

Jack shook his head and smiled.

"Nobody really owns these boats," he said. "We're just the caretakers."

Support Your Yearbook

Rich Langton, editor of the yearbook, is always looking for an interesting article for the yearbook, as well as pictures. The deadline for submission to Rich is April 15th.

Also, 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 lets hear it from the Bulletin Board supporters. If you want to send you message electronically, please send it to: editor@fss.org.

2011 Schedule of Events

Spring Executive Committee Meeting

April 16th

Best Western Merry Manor Inn

South Portland, ME

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous

Saturday, July 16th

Pulpit Harbor Rendezvous

Tuesday, July 19th

51st Annual Homecoming Rendezvous & Races at Rockland

Thursday, Friday, Saturday - July 21st to July 23rd

Marblehead Classic Boat Regatta

August 13th & 14th

Gloucester Schooner Festival

Saturday, September 3rd

Fall Executive Committee Meeting

To Be Scheduled

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 12th

Best Western Merry Manor Inn

South Portland, ME

2010 FSS Financial Report

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

	'07-'08	'08-'09	'09-'10	'10-'11
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
Net Results				
Membership	4,550	3,560	3,432	3,460
Yearbook	1,710	526	-160	1,990
Chandlery	1,210	1,406	1,258	1,230
Contributions	656	583	765	700
Auction & Raffle	518	426	408	430
Bank Interest	222	206	114	100
Annual Regatta	-3,412	-3,563	-4,816	-3,450
Donations	-1,500	-1,500	-1,500	-1,620
Communications	-1,402	-1,254	-1,511	-1,310
Secretary Comp.	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000	-1,000
Insurance Premium	-495	-565	-565	-570
Dinners	60	-112	-551	0
Miscellaneous	-134	-336	-155	-180
Documentary		-1,000	0	0
Net Gain or (Loss)	982	-2,623	-3,561	-220
Ending Balance	11,826	9,203	5,642	5,422

A Request for Suggestions – The Ridgway Trophy

By Dave Graham, FSS Race Committee Chairman

During our November 2010 Annual Meeting in South Portland, a portion of my report centered around the Ridgway Trophy (for Friendship Sloops) that has hung in the Trophy Room at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead for many, many years. This trophy has been awarded each and every year since 1972 - - - until 2010. When originally conceived, the trophy was awarded to the overall winner of the Friendship Regatta at Marblehead. More recently when there was little participation by the Society at Marblehead, the regatta was merged into The Classic Boat Regatta at Marblehead and the trophy continued to be awarded to the overall winner in the Friendship Sloop Division.

During 2010, there was no FSS participation and consequently, the trophy was not awarded for the first time in 38 years! While the Ridgway Trophy remains the property of the CYC, it begs the question of what should become of it?

Thus, I can think of no better group to ask this question than the members of the Friendship Sloop Society - - - and so, I am asking this of you, my fellow members. Ideas and suggestions will be welcomed. Please send them to either your superb newsletter editor or directly to me at dwg@shore.net – All replies will be carefully reviewed and acknowledged.

Boothbay Windjammer Days Festival Invitation

The following invitation was received by the Sloop Society:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Pete Ripley. I am (and have been since the early 80's) the Liaison between the Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce and the Windjammer Fleet. The fleet consists of all vessels along the coast of Maine and the East coast that participate in Boothbay Harbor's Windjammer Days Festival.

The Windjammer Festival as you may or may not know is held yearly on a Tuesday and Wednesday in late June. This year's annual celebration will be held on June 23rd and 24th, 2011. One of the attractions the Windjammer Committee would like to add is more sails. It would be a wonderful sight to add some more traditional sailing vessels to the Windjammer Days Festival.

The participation by a Friendship Sloop could include sailing into Linekin Bay on Tuesday afternoon for a clambake with the Windjammers on Cabbage Island. Also they could join us for the sailing in the outer harbor and the parade of sail into Boothbay Harbor on Wednesday. They are of course more than welcome to visit early or stay later as there are fireworks Wednesday night.

I know your membership is spread out all over New England but some of the local boats might be interested. Please let me know what you think or if there is anyone else in the FSS I should contact. Any question please fire away.....there will be some details to work on but that is what we had in mind. Look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your time.

Captain Pete Ripley
207-633-4414

Tech Tips #14 - Jack Stands

by Bill Whitney

Have you ever been doing something, something that you have been doing for years, something that's so common that you never thought much about it? Putting the boat up for the winter is sort of like that for me. After 30 or 40 years of boat ownership, everything is almost automatic. There will be exceptions now and then, depending on the changes that were made over the season, but nothing that alters the basic process. Empty the boat, fog the engine, top up the fuel, haul her, set up the blocks and stands, and toss on the cover. What could be simpler?

But I'm cursed! Nothing is ever simple! I always get myself in trouble by wanting to know too much. Don't ask me why I started thinking about blocking and boat stands. The boat has not fallen over, ever! Since the yard always hauls the boat and sets her up on the blocks and places the stands along her sides I never get directly involved. Nevertheless, for some strange compulsive reason I wanted to know what the specifications on boat stands were. So armed with this almost obsessive engineer's curiosity I hit the internet for some answers.

The internet is a great resource and manufacturers are more than willing to share information on their products. Distributors, such as West Marine, Jamestown Distributors and others have great links to their suppliers that are loaded with data and general information. Brownell is no exception. They have a great "Boat Stand Selection Guide" that gives you all the information you need for setting up your Friendship Sloop, lobster boat or trawler safely and securely.

One thing that did jump out at me was the recommendation to place the stands approximately 8' apart. The yard usually places them at twice that spacing. I don't think it has anything to do with the bulkhead spacing, since that's where they are usually placed but I need to speak to the foreman just to be sure! Below are several paragraphs that are directly from the selection guide.

"The correct type of boat stand (sailboat vs. motorboat) is determined by the angle between the hull and the stands center pipe. The threaded rod from the top that enters the stand's center pipe should do so at approximately a 90 degree angle to the boat's hull. For example, a motor boat with a deep vee bow would use a pair of sailboat stands at the bow, with motor boat stands at the stern.

To determine the proper Brownell Boat Stands to use, you must realize the boat stands are to stabilize your boat and the keel blocking supports the boat's weight. A simple method would be to take the draft in inches, add the height of the blocking, and subtract about six inches. Base your decision on keeping a minimum amount of thread exposed on the top.

A minimum of four boat stands should be used with powerboats and a minimum of five boat stands should be used with sailboats. One exception: a full keel sailboat may not require a bow stand. Use a pair of boat stands, one placed port and one placed starboard, for approximately each 8 feet of the boat's length. If you are going to be stored in an extremely windy area or leaving a sailboat mast stepped, extra boat stands should be used in addition to our minimum requirements."

If you, or the yard where you store the boat, are not conforming to these recommendations perhaps you need to think about what your insurance company may say if (God forbid) there is an accident. In retrospect, I'm glad my curiosity led me to the Brownell site. This old dog learned a new trick.

Alice Salter

Alice Salter, who along with her husband Dick, owned **Messing About**, and in past years the sloop **Liberty** and **Old Baldy**, passed away January 2nd.

Alice I. (McCausland) Salter, age 71 years, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011 at Beverly Hospital. She was the wife of Richard H. Salter, with whom she shared 50 years of marriage, the "Supermom" of seven children, a role model, nurturer, free-thinker, and a vital and loving presence in countless lives.

Born in Salem, she was the devoted daughter of the late Mary (Ober) McCausland and James F. McCausland of Beverly, and sister of the late James McCausland.

Alice Salter graduated from Beverly High School and attended Boston University where she obtained her B.S. in Nursing and graduated Summa Cum Laude. After marriage, she settled in West Manchester where she raised her family and was a respected and well known resident. She started off her career as a registered nurse in the maternity room at Beverly Hospital, and obtained her Master's Degree in Nursing and a Doctorate in Psychotherapy from Boston University while working full time and raising seven children. For over 30 years she served as a professor at Salem State College, and in later years established her own practice as a psychotherapist.

Alice had a lifelong passion for gardening and was active in local community groups, a member of the Manchester Seaside Garden Club, North Shore Horticultural Society, and the Manchester Historical Society. Her grace, spirit and intelligence will be deeply missed.

Surviving her are her sons, Daren of Los Angeles, Brendan and his wife Stefanie of North Reading, and Thomas of Marlboro; her daughters, Amy of Grand Cayman Islands, Tamiko Haas and her husband Brian of Lunenburg, Holly of Worcester, and Mary Layne of Seattle; her brother, Howard McCausland of Bristol, Vt.; her grandchildren, Jarrod, Zachary, Isabelle, Ava, Regina, and Kyle; and many nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made in her memory to Children's Friends and Family Services, 110 Boston St., Salem, MA 01970.

Plaque Dedicated at Friendship

A bronze plaque, made possible by the family of Nona Culver March, was dedicated at the Friendship Town Hall. The plaque reads as follows:

With Gratitude

On the occasion of its 50th reunion regatta, the Friendship Sloop Society dedicates this tribute to the families, fishermen and tradesman that built and sailed this exceptionally capable, practical and elegant watercraft.

We hereby formally extend our lasting appreciation to the Morse, McLain, Carter, Lash, Simmons, Nichols, Stanley and other Muscongus Bay area families for creating a craft that has not only brought its masters home safely for over 100 years, it has done so with grace, style, admiration and pleasure unique in American marine history.

Presented to the town of Friendship, Maine by the Friendship Sloop Society from a donation by the family of Nona Culver March.

July 24, 2010

Membership & Sloop News

The following new members and change in ownerships have been recorded during the last year:

- Daniel Mahoney of Sagamore Beach, MA has joined the Society as a "Friends of Friendship Sloops".
- #267 **Tristan** has been sold to Rick Smith of North Easton, MA
- Robert Tupper of Standish, ME has purchased #222 **Lady Jeanne** from Joe Dupere.
- #39 **Goblin** has been sold to James Eckelt and will continue to be homeported in Center Harbor, ME
- John Shelby of Boylston, MA has joined the Society. John is a member of the Race Committee
- Alan & Phylis Greenfield of Deer Isle, ME have purchased #199 **Wild Rose**, a 31' Newman Dictator, from James Peck of Pennsylvania. The sloop will be launched this summer and be sailing out of Deer Isle.
- Andrea Wilson has sold #57 **Old Baldy** to Jarvis Newman of Southwest Harbor. Jarvis is in the process of restoring the sloop at his shop.
- Peter & Rita McColl have sold #244 **Windemere**, a Bruno & Stillman built sloop, to Steve & Ginny Kell of Lucedale, MS.
- Bruce Brown has purchased the 30' **Loon**, #168, and is in the process of rebuilding the sloop. When purchased, the sloop was in need of a cabin, interior, and transom.
- Tim Clark has purchased #161 **Summerwind** and has renamed her **Jenny**. The sloop is homeported in Rockport, ME.
- Chronis & Maureen Kalivas of East Dennis, MA have purchased the Bruno & Stillman built sloop #115 **Goodfriend** from Harvey Goodfriend of CT. Chronis has renamed the sloop **Zephyros** and will be sailing out of Sesuit Harbor on Cape Cod. Chronis & Maureen have joined the Society.
- Alan Leibovitz of Billerica, MA, owner of #171 **Resolute**, a Dictator hull, has joined the Society. **Resolute** is one of the vessels of the Atlantic Charters Fleet of Marblehead.
- Doug Parsons has purchased Tim Sullivan's 25' sloop #61 **Windward** and is currently restoring the sloop.
- Shawn & Donna Teague of Kennebunk, ME have recently joined the Society. They own #138 **Gypsy Song**, a 31' wooden sloop, which is homeported in Portland.



A Slow Start at the 50th

Advertising in the 2011 Yearbook

We again need your help in supporting the yearbook by the selling of ads. 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. Last year's revenue from advertising was significantly lower than the 2009 year. The Executive Committee, in an effort to keep our current advertisers, and to attract new ones, has decided to keep the advertising rates at the 2010 level:

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. The form has also been 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 us at croninkw@roadrunner.com.

Thank you,

Kirsten and Wayne Cronin

Member Letter

*Charly Holmes of Annapolis, MD, owner of #261 **Bluenose**, sent the following note to FSS Secretary Caroline Phillips*
Caroline,

Thank you for keeping up with us even when we didn't respond or participate. Much has happened since we last pulled into Rockland in our big steel schooner **Adventure** (in 2001 or 2002?). Never in **Bluenose** our Friendship sloop #261 in all the years we came to Rockland Homecoming.

First the bad news. (Ed. Note - see Dave Holmes' obituary in the next column). But there is good news. I simply couldn't sell our sloop that David built in 1972, rebuilt in the '80's and rebuilt in the '90's. After two years of thinking how much I loved that little boat and how much fun we had in her, I determined that she should sail again with a new hand on the tiller. So I have begun the restoration. A friend of David has come out of semi-retirement to restore her hull this summer (or rather to direct the work). Her 5 Nat Wilson sails are being cleaned. A consortium of gaff-riggers will tell me the "how to's" of raising and rigging and whatever else it takes to make her whole and beautiful will be done. Cheer for us in this endeavor for David's spirit and love are always aboard.



David Holmes; Shipbuilder, Craftsman and Inventor

David Johnson Holmes III, 58, a sailor and builder of sloops and schooners, a folk singer and maker of guitars and hammered dulcimers, a letterpress printer and an inventor and designer of binary clocks, died of lung cancer March 13, 2008 at the Hospice of the Chesapeake in Harwood.

Mr. Holmes was also a former Air Force motion picture cameraman, a deck officer on a government research ship and an electronics engineer with Maryland-based companies that produced counting devices. He was the holder of two patents on equipment to assist in the latter work.

Born and raised in Beaumont, Tex., he dreamed as a boy of going to sea, years before he ever saw an ocean. "Other careers and interests came and went, but schoonerin' was always the recurring dream," he declared on his Web site.

In 1969, he joined the Air Force to avoid being drafted and sent to Vietnam. Serving as a cinematographer at Andrews Air Force Base, Sgt. Holmes began working on a 20-foot sloop, **Bluenose**, built with reinforced cement on a steel frame and wire mesh. Upon his discharge, he sailed the craft down the Potomac River to the Chesapeake Bay, intending to explore the Northeast coast as far as Maine. But he made a stop at Annapolis and fell in love with the area. Mr. Holmes took a job with a company that built racing sailboats, and the Annapolis area became his home base.

Later, he talked his way into a position as mate and navigator aboard one of the tall ships that participated in the Bicentennial Celebrations in New York Harbor in 1976. In the late 1970s, he was a deck officer and then first mate aboard government research ships.

Most recently he lived aboard **Adventure**, a 40-foot schooner that docked in Galesville. The ship's motto was "No Sniveling" -- one of Mr. Holmes's behavioral creeds.

In 1979, Mr. Holmes began his 12-year career as a maker of musical instruments. He made by hand not only acoustic guitars and hammered dulcimers but also harpsichords, clavichords and pipe organs.

In the 1990s, Mr. Holmes was an electrical engineer, designer and programmer for counting and packing systems and consumer electronics products. He worked for two companies, Batching Systems and DesignTech International.

Shortly after 2000, he left this work to return to the sea. "We sold everything we had and went cruising," his wife said.

For the next several years, they sailed in the coastal waters from Maine to the Caribbean and the Bahamas aboard **Adventure**. Ashore, Mr. Holmes rented a small workshop on a farm near the Galesville marina and worked on his musical instruments and clocks.

In addition to his wife, of Galesville, survivors include two stepchildren, Stewart Andrews of Arlington County and Susan Mower of Pensacola, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Picture at Left: **Echo** #54 and **Hieronymous** #67

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