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Commodore's Message

It's cold, there's snow on the ground and the sun is hiding behind layers of cloud. It's early February as we write this, and the weather for New England is as dreary as it is supposed to be according to the weather prognosticators, but life would be soooo much better if it were warm and summery! This time of year always causes us some anxiety. What needs to be done to prepare for the up-coming sailing season? Do we have all the supplies that we need to accomplish the work that we have identified? But never fear, hope springs eternal! Hints of summer's activities lurk in every corner of the shop. Work lists and drawings scattered on the desk, recently sanded engine box panels standing in rows awaiting a fresh coat of paint, hatch covers needing repair and re-caulking all speak to me as reminders that once completed they will go back into the boat and we'll be underway.

The FSS activities for 2013 have been expanded. This year we have added more one-day rendezvous to create more opportunities for our membership to get together. Hopefully those of you who may not have the time to join us on longer cruises will be able to meet, perhaps raft up, and swap sea stories or a convivial drink or two. Please see the 2013 Schedule of Events included in this newsletter and on the web site. If you want to host a rendezvous in your area please let us know and we will do our best to publicize it via Facebook and/or a group email. We may even be able to join you!

We are also researching expanding activities for Rockland. We are still working on the plans, but are hoping to include activities with the Friendship Museum, local US Coast Guard, Rockland Yacht Club, Rockland Harbor Master, the Apprentice Shop and others. If any of you have suggestions about activities you would like to have please let us know at commodore@fss.org. Preparation is the key, so the sooner you let us know the more likely we can include it in the program. Some of the mini-seminars already suggested include; "What to Do When the Diesel Stops", "In-the-Water Person Overboard" and "Hands-On Flare Use".

The rowboat race is such an annual hit that the thought of adding additional nautical competition to the Rockland menu has been suggested. Things like a heaving line contest, knot tying competition and sail furling have been suggested, but this area has yet to be explored.

Get out the calendar and start your plans for the sailing season. Come join us at one of the one day rendezvous, or if

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Update on the Friendship Sloop Book

At the annual meeting in November a majority voted to form a book committee to resume the development of a Friendship sloop book to be published by the Friendship Sloop Society. The goals are to create a book that will generate some publicity for our sloops and our society while at the same time create something of interest to our membership.

Publisher, illustrator, and sloop owner Ted Walsh was asked to organize this latest effort and to recruit other members for the book committee. As of this writing, the book committee has grown from four to fourteen people. After circulating draft ideas for the book and factual information about printing and distribution options, ten members of the book committee met in January to discuss the outline for the book and how to organize the large amounts of information we already have. Also discussed was how to best break up the research and the collection of information and photographs that we are aware exist, but that is not currently cataloged in a digital format.

Ted has agreed to set up the Society as the publisher and will organize the paperwork (actually it is all done with electrons these days) so that the material and the copyright for the book is owned by the Friendship Sloop Society.

The committee also approved a general outline for the book, which will be in two parts; the first part of the book will cover well over a century of history of the Friendship sloop and a half-century of the Friendship Sloop Society. The second half of the book will be a catalog of existing sloops.

For the second half of the book we will be contacting sloop owners to verify that the information we have on your boat is correct; we would like to have the most comprehensive catalog of sloops possible. Look for that contact through email or regular mail, and we hope everyone will respond and help us put together the most comprehensive listing of sloops and the very best book possible.

We will be posting progress reports though the FSS website, www.fss.org, and one of our short-term goals is to have a rough draft version of the book to hand around in Rockland this summer. Questions concerning the book can be addressed to Ted at ted@tmcbooks.com, or you can reach him by phone at his office by calling 603-447-5589.

We very much appreciate your support and timely response to our emails and or letters.

Commodore's Message

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possible, at the Southwest Harbor, Rockland, Marblehead or Gloucester races. Put some fun in your Friendship and some new friends in your fun.

Looking forward to a fun, friendship filled season,

Bill & Kathy Whitney

Commodores

Contact us at:

The FSS website: commodore@fss.org
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2012 FSS Financial Report

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

	'09-'10	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
Net Results				
Membership	3,432	4,863	5,195	5,185
Yearbook	-160	-402	1,209	1,055
Chandlery	1,258	1,404	-159	1,400
Contributions	765	1,095	1,016	1,016
Auction & Raffle	408	754	507	507
Bank Interest	114	66	0	0
Book	720			
Annual Regatta	-4,816	-3,689	-2,850	-3,388
Donations	-1,500	-1,622	-1,142	-1,522
Communications	-1,511	-1,272	-1,370	-1,301
Secretary Comp.	-1,000	-1,000	0	0
Insurance Premium	-565	-565	-610	-610
Dinners	-551	-807	213	0
Miscellaneous	-155	-494	-56	-235
Net Gain or (Loss)	-3,561	-1,671	1,953	2,107
Ending Balance	5,642	3,969	5,922	8,029

Class A Birthdays

There are a couple of member Class A sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 2013. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

110 Years:

#97 **Integrity** - Marshall Chapman, Morehead, KY

100 Years:

#44 **Gail O** - Roger Lee, Belfast, ME

We Need Your Photographs!

The Friendship Sloop Book Committee is looking for a few good photographs. As we work on the first half of the new Friendship Sloop book, the book committee is looking for photographs of sloops, people who make or made being a member of the FSS special for you, and photographs of gatherings at Friendship, Boothbay, or Rockland. We would also like to have photographs of other events whether it was a raft-up in New London, Marblehead, Salem, Boston or another location, or a cruise of Friendships together, we are interested!

This is more than just a book project. By asking you, our members, to share your photographs with us, we hope to build a digital catalog of photographs for possible future projects and to better document the history of the Friendship Sloop Society.

We hope we will get lots of photographs to choose from for the book, but whether your photographs end up in the book or not, they will be scanned and cataloged and turned over to our Historian, Ralph Stanley, and to the Friendship Museum.

Whether you own a sloop or not, we would love to see any photographs you are willing to share with us, be they recent or from the past, of sloops, or of Society members or gatherings.

If you are willing to share your photographs, and will allow us to use them, please help us by including the following information with photos: the subject of photo, where and when taken, and wherever possible the name of the photographer so we can properly credit your photos. If you don't have all of this information but are the person who owns the photograph, and are willing to allow us to use them, we are still interested. Ralph Stanley or one of our other long-time members may be able to sort out the subject, date, and photographer.

Digital photographs can be sent directly to Ted Walsh at ted@tmcbooks.com. Print photographs can be mailed to Ted at TMC Books, 731 Tasker Hill Rd. Conway NH 03818. Print photographs will be digitally scanned and returned. If you are uncomfortable mailing photographs but are still willing to share them, please contact Ted to discuss other arrangements. Thank you for helping us do a better job of recording our history.

FSS Sailing Outing

Harold Burnham, owner of sloop #127 **Maria**, has offered to host an outing for sloop society members aboard the **Ardelle**, a pinky schooner he designed and built in 2011. The building and launching of the **Ardelle** was featured in the May/June 2012 edition of WoodenBoat. This event will provide a great opportunity to meet other Sloop Society members.

The scheduled date for the evening cruise is Wednesday, June 12th. The **Ardelle** will sail from the Gloucester Maritime Center at 6:00 PM and return 2 hours later. The vessel is a Coast Guard inspected schooner and is licensed to carry 49 passengers, so reservations for this event are required. There is no cost to our members.

To reserve a "berth" for the evening cruise, please contact Bill Whitney at commodore@fss.org or call at 781-449-2063 (home phone) or 617-281-0113 (cell phone).

Further information regarding the **Ardelle** can be found at Harold's website: www.schoonerardelle.com

Rockland Homecoming 2012 Results

State of Maine Trophy

Best Overall Performance	Banshee
	Division I
Herald Jones Trophy	Banshee
Bruno & Stillman Trophy	Celebration
Lash Brothers Trophy	Salatia
	Division II
Commodore's Trophy	Mary Anne
Gordon Winslow Trophy	Rights of Man
Rockland Trophy	Tannis
	Class A
Wilbur Morse Trophy	Gladiator
Charles Morse Trophy	Gail O
Alexander McLain Trophy	Not Awarded
Rum Line Trophy	Mary Anne
	Special Trophies
Chrissy Trophy	Cindy Cronin
Spirit of Friendship	Andy Zuber
Gladiator Trophy	Gaivota
Nickerson Trophy	Abby March
Owner/Builder Trophy	Tannis - Cronin Family
R.W. Stanley Cup	Marion Stanley
Liberty Trophy	Mary Anne
Jarvis Newman Trophy	Banshee
Cy Hamlin Trophy	Not Awarded
Tannis Award	Echo
Danforth Trophy	Echo

Tax Relief

Yearbook editor Rich Langton sent along the following:

It is that time of year, again, if you are like me you are gathering up your records, waiting for W-2s in the mail and generally getting depressed about paying your taxes. Of course you could be one of those folks that have enough money withheld to get a refund, but I bet you aren't. That being the case you need tax relief.....What could be better than dreaming about sailing; your taxes are paid, the varnishing is done, bottom paint new and bright, you just hoisted your sails. While you are dreaming, think about sailing New England and get out your PC or tablet and start typing. Tell us about those adventures. Become part of the history of the Friendship Sloop Society by submitting an article to the Editor@fss.org

The 'deadline' for articles is, like your taxes April 15th; however, unlike the IRS there is no penalty if you submit something past the deadline. But don't delay; help your editor with the 2013 yearbook. Articles do not need to be long; a couple of double spaced typed pages are enough. But, the most important thing is to write something. If you think your writing isn't worthy of publication, don't worry, that is why we have an editor. I want to work with any and all potential authors to make sure that their story becomes part of our Society's record. It all begins with an idea so start dreaming and that first word will naturally follow.

Sloop Georgie C. Bowden Inquiry

My first memory of boarding my grandfather's 48 ft. Friendship sloop, the **Georgie C. Bowden**, was to be my last. It was 1949, and I was 5, and the **Georgie** was about to sail into Boston Harbor after an 11 month cruise my grandparents and a crew of 3 made from Maine to Cuba and back. The excitement around me was palpable. I remember playing on her deck with a set of Cuban castanets, a gift from my grandmother. One year later, my grandfather sold the **Georgie** to Richard Chadwick of Portland. She had several other owners (Dr. Lowell Hardy; Francis X. Agnew among them) over the next few years until she was burned in drydock at the Yarmouth Boat Yard.

Now, 64 years later, my brother, Steve Zottoli, and friend, Herman Brown, have joined me in a quest for more information about this beautiful boat. We came across an article on the **Georgie** in the Maine Coast Fisherman (May 1949) by Capt. Frederick "Boyd" Guild who called her the "Queen of the Friendships." A painting of the **Georgie** by Earle Barlow in the possession of Capt. Guild graced the cover of the FSS 1984 yearbook. The history of the **Georgie** was chronicled in that yearbook and later by Roger F. Duncan in his 1985 book, Friendship Sloops. Each new mystery uncovered has created more questions, and so we end this article with some of those questions in the hope that there may be someone out there who can complete the history of this magnificent vessel.

- What was her role as a coastal patrol boat during WWII?
- The **Georgie** was one of a few large sloops built by Wilbur Morse. She had a spoon bow in the style of a Gloucester fishing sloop; are any of her sister ships in existence?
- Does an archive exist of plans for boats built by Wilbur Morse?
- Although we have a number of pictures of her, we wonder if others exist?
- Capt. Guild had the painting of the **Georgie** by Earle Barlow in his possession. Where is the painting now?

Please contact Joan Leonard with any information you might have on the **Georgie**.

Email: Joan Leonard: sr_34birch@hotmail.com

Dues Reminder

If you haven't mailed your annual dues in for 2013, please send them to our membership secretary:

Carole Wojcik, Membership Secretary
347 Lincoln Street
Norwell, MA 02061

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.

Friendly Fleet of Friendships Visits Rockland

This article, written by Melissa Waterman, appeared in the July 26th edition of the Free Press of Rockland

Boy, they sure seemed to be having a good time. A strong wind from the northwest, a clear high pressure day, and an entire bay to play in. The Friendship Sloop Society came to town last week for their annual three-day rendezvous and the fickle Maine weather contrived to please them. "It doesn't really matter, the weather," admitted Caroline Phillips, one of the rendezvous organizers and operator of the Friendship Sloop Society online chandlery, as she walked among the boats berthed at the Rockland Public Landing. "But this is nice."

The Friendship Sloop Society has held a series of races each year since 1961. The races first took place in Friendship, then moved to Boothbay Harbor and finally settled in Rockland in 1995. On this day of strong blustery winds, the vessels followed a race course that took them from the base of the Rockland Breakwater out into Penobscot Bay, then back inside the south end of the harbor and so back to the start. Each boat was a pure parabola of white sail. The hulls ripped through the water cleanly, as befits a boat whose design reflects a careful combination of utility and beauty.

Friendship sloops have no single founding designer but instead were developed over time to meet the needs of Muscongus Bay fishermen in the 1880s. The boats came in all sorts of lengths, from 21 to 50 feet. Each followed basic design parameters: they all had an elliptical stern, a clipper bow, a huge sail area and were gaff rigged. In the towns around Muscongus Bay, boatyards turned out Friendship sloops by the dozen. According to the Friendship Sloop Society, 22 sloops were built on Bremen Long Island in 1903 alone. Boatbuilder Wilbur Morse of Friendship built the greatest number of sloops, launching a new vessel every two or three months throughout the year, and so the boats became known for his town.

In those days Friendship sloops took part in all manner of fishing, from tub trawling for cod and seining for herring to swordfishing and lobstering. But when engines started appearing on fishing boats, Friendship sloops faded from the working waterfronts of Maine.

It may have been their sheer beauty that caused Bernard MacKenzie of Scituate to become so fascinated by the old Friendship sloops. Owner of **Voyager**, MacKenzie prompted formation of the Friendship Sloop Society in 1961. At that time 22 sloop owners signed on to be members. Today close to 300 Friendship sloops, in wood and fiberglass, are part of the Society.

Bill and Caroline Zuber brought the oldest vessel to the Rockland rendezvous from its home in, of course, Friendship. **Gladiator** was built in 1902 for Daniel Simmons of Waldoboro by Alexander McClain on Bremen Long Island. According to research done by the Zubers, Simmons used the boat for longlining for swordfish, offshore codfishing and lobstering. The original purchase price back in 1902 was \$450.

Tannis is another sturdy boat that has survived from long ago. Built by W. Scott Carter in 1937, the 38-foot boat has sailed in every Friendship Sloop Society race since 1961, except for 2011. It seems that during the 2010 races in Rockland

Harbor, the venerable lady sprang a plank. The owners, Jack and Mary Cronin of Massachusetts, took the time to thoroughly examine the boat and found plenty of other items needing replacement and repair. They did a fine job. Seen from the water last week, **Tannis** looked more sprightly than any 75-year-old has a right to be.

The boats all have intriguing names: **Hegira**, from Cape Cod; **Echo** from Friendship; **Queequeg** from Boothbay Harbor; **Rights of Man** from Rockland; **Gaivota** from Boston; **Banshee** from Mattapoisett. The latter, a 25-foot Jarvis Newman design, was launched in 1978. Her owners, John and Carole Wojcik, must be pretty happy people because they certainly found favor with the racing gods this year. Their boat won both first in her class and first overall in last week's races, leading to much merriment aboard **Banshee** when she returned to her berth. Said Caroline Phillips as she continued along the docks to the boat, alive with noisy crew members, "We like to race, sure, but you know, this is really a social thing!"

2013 Schedule of Events

Spring Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, April 6th

Best Western Merry Manor Inn
South Portland, ME

Parker's Boat Yard Rendezvous

Saturday, June 29th

Scituate Harbor Rendezvous

Sunday, June 30th

Gloucester Harbor Rendezvous

Monday, July 1st

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous

Saturday, July 13th

Pulpit Harbor Rendezvous

Tuesday, July 16th

53rd Annual Homecoming Rendezvous & Races at Rockland

Thursday, Friday, Saturday - July 18th to July 20th

Marblehead Classic Boat Regatta

August 10th & 11th

Gloucester Schooner Festival

September 1st & 2nd

Fall Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 5th

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 16th

Best Western Merry Manor Inn
South Portland, ME

Topsail Wafts Helen Brooks To Friendship Sloop Win

The following article was written by Emerson Whitney and appeared in the July 20th edition of the Mount Desert Islander

.SOUTHWEST HARBOR — Battling fickle breezes, 14 Friendship sloops raced through Great Harbor as part of the 20th annual Southwest Harbor Friendship Sloop Rendezvous held last weekend.

The fleet boasted a slew of island-built boats, including two built by Ralph Stanley, **Peregrine** and **Endeavor**, and four fiberglass Friendships built by Jarvis Newman, including **Osprey**, **Banshee**, **Gaivota** and **Salatia**.

“It was a beautiful day to sail and be part of such a talented group of sailors,” said Miff Lauriat, the race’s organizer.

At the finish line, a veteran charter boat, the 42-foot **Helen Brooks**, emerged as the race’s winner, with the 33-foot **Surprise** in second and the 42-foot, defending champion, **Alice E.**, rounding out the top three.

“It’s interesting to note that the first three boats are all the local charter captains,” Lauriat said. “It shows that local knowledge and practice makes for a very good sail.”

Lauriat’s vessel, **Salatia**, was the first Pemaquid (a 25-foot fiberglass Friendship sloop) across the line, battling **Gladiator** for fourth place.

According to Lauriat, the time difference between **Salatia**, **Gladiator**, and **Alice E.** was just 11 seconds.

“That’s less than a boat-length. It’s really a bowsprit,” Lauriat said.

The **Helen Brooks** finished the race in 2 hours 6 minutes and 30 seconds and **Surprise** finished the course a minute and a half after that.

“At the starting bell, **Salatia** watched the entire fleet sail off toward the Greening’s Island Ledge, from the wrong side of the committee boat,” Lauriat said. “It looked like we were going to the Claremont to have an early drink.”

But on starboard tack, **Salatia** caught a breeze coming off Clark Point to close in on **Eden**, a rival Pemaquid that had taken an early lead.

“We’re light, a really light boat,” said Scott Martin, owner of **Eden**. “And in light air we were riding like a Porsche.”

There was so little air that, on the last of the ebbing tide, several boats were in danger of going aground. In one particular exciting moment, **Alice E.**’s bowsprit nearly lanced **Osprey**’s cockpit while rounding a mark.

“Five people on **Osprey** were pushing **Alice**. But nobody was injured and there was no damage,” Lauriat said. “That’s the kind of bumper boats we used to experience more often when these were still working lobster boats.”

According to Lauriat, **Eden** was the first boat around the windward mark off Seawall Point, with **Salatia** virtually in tow, and **Helen Brooks** not far behind.

“We sailed down to the Spurling Point buoy off of Cranberry Island,” Lauriat said. “A bunch of the fleet went directly for the buoy after rounding. But I had remembered years past in similar conditions, and headed past the buoy toward a little breeze.”

The boats that went straight for the mark stopped moving.

“It’s kind of like a putting green, when you have a certain lie, you put the ball in motion with a great big arch. That’s what we did,” he said.

But by that time, the larger boats with taller sail plans and more momentum were gaining on the Pemaquids. With its main topsail catching the breeze, **Helen Brooks** caught up to **Salatia**.

“One of the most interesting things about this race was that we went for over an hour and 10 minutes without doing a maneuver,” Lauriat said. “It was very unusual. We were on the same tack for an hour plus.”

Besides enjoying the race itself, Lauriat said he was happy to see the number of spectator boats that trailed the fleet.

“It makes me so happy when other people enjoy this as much as we do,” he said. “We’re a lucky group. We get to gather each year, enjoy friends, family, these beautiful waterways, and our Friendship sloops.”

Help Wanted

The Society is looking for volunteers to fill the following key positions within the organization:

Publicity

The society needs to recruit members to form a Publicity Committee. The function of this committee is to interface with local and national media outlets, keeping them informed about Friendship Sloop Society activities, rendezvous, and gatherings. Eventually we envision distributing stories and articles about society history and other human interest material. Committee members are not necessarily responsible for generating news articles or stories. They will be provided from our archives or other members.

Race Committee

The society also is in need of volunteers to serve on the Race Committee. Many of the current members of the committee have served honorably for several decades and we need to train their eventual replacements. No experience is necessary for these positions, however some familiarity with boats and sail boat racing would be desirable.

Newsletter Editor

After 25 years of editing the FSS newsletter, the editor has decided to pass his pen on to a member who will take over the position and continue the production as well as enhance the newsletter. The newsletter is mailed twice a year to members.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact Bill Whitney:

The FSS website: commodore@fss.org

Home email: wmcwhitney@verizon.net

Home Phone: 781-449-2063 Cell phone: 617-281-0113

Annual Meeting Report

Nancy Toppan, Recording Secretary, has submitted the following minutes of the annual meeting held in South Portland, Maine on November 10th.

Commodore Peter Toppan called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 PM. He welcomed everyone, including new members, and thanked them for participating.

Reports

A motion was made and seconded to move discussion of the Nominating Committee report to the end of the Business Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Report of Minutes from 2011 Annual Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes from the 2011 Annual Meeting and to accept them as presented in the packet given to each member. The motion carried unanimously.

Membership Report - Carole Wojcik

As of the end of the membership year, we had 170 members who have paid their 2012 dues out of a possible 221 members (77%). Reminders have been sent throughout the year in order to encourage people to continue membership with the FSS. In May, 85 postcards were sent with 21 people responding throughout the summer either by mail or at the rendezvous in Rockland. Early in September, 19 letters and 45 e-mails for a total of 64 reminders were sent. There have been responses that include 3 resignations from the society and 4 renewals. With the deletion of 6 members who have not paid dues since 2008, we therefore at this time have 53 members in arrears, 35 of these having paid their dues for 2011 (15 boat owners, 10 full, and 10 co-op). In 2011, our membership was 186 out of a possible 222 (84%). The statistics for the past four years:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Sloop owners	104	99	96/113 (85%)	94/113 (81%)
Full members	51	46	53/64 (83%)	42/60 (70%)
Co-op members	26	25	33/41 (80%)	31/45 (69%)
Honorary	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	185	174	186/222 (84%)	170/221 (77%)

New members for this year are:

- Dave & Julie Merrill of Brunswick, ME - crew of **Celebration**
- Raul Gonzalez of Alicante, Spain who is interested in building a sloop in the future
- Steve and Lana Boyd - gift of Laurie Raymond
- Rusty Strange - gift of Laurie Raymond
- Ryan Snow - gift of Richard & Lorraine Stanley
- Robert Tupper - owner of #222 **Elsbeth MacEwan**
- Dan & Kathy Pease - owners of #174 **Paul Revere** - unfinished Dictator hull
- Pete & Meg Reilly - owners of #9 **Amity** of Belfast
- Steve Chandler - crew on **Banshee**, gift of John & Carole Wojcik
- Tim & Kathy Crowell - owners of #254 **Quintessence**
- Marshall Chapman - owner of #97 **Integrity**
- Steve Merrill - builder of #259 **Duchess**
- Calef & Gloria Heininger - parents of Judy Heininger

- Rick & Debbie Smith of Norwell, MA - owners of #267 **Tristan**

- Anne-Marie Chouinard - owner of #282 **Ghoti**

We had two honorary members who passed away this past year:

- Mary Duncan passed away this past spring.
- John Reed, former governor of the State of Maine in the early 1960's who attended the first Homecoming in Friendship to present the trophies to the winners, passed away in October.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Whitney presented the report for Greg Merrill (Greg & Annette are visiting New Zealand).

The budget was reviewed in depth. There were three major items for discussion.

- The Chandlery profits were at an historic high. Caroline reported that there is an estimated \$1,953 value for inventory on hand.
- The Yearbook advertising improved profit for 2012.
- The Society is in stronger financial shape than in recent years.

Further financial discussions:

- The membership was asked to consider whether or not to refund the money for a 50th anniversary book, or keep the funds in the treasury for seed money for a new book project.
- The membership voted to accept the budget as presented and hold a vote on the prepaid book funds. The motion carried unanimously.
- More discussion was held on the prepaid book funds. The membership agreed to roll the money into seed money for the new book project. The motion carried unanimously.

Yearbook – Rich Langton

Rich reported that there had been enough ad revenue to support putting color back in the yearbook. He also discussed:

- The change in wording on the cover, broadening the appeal to New England sailing instead of just the Rockland event, has worked.
- The distribution was better in 2012, but the Society needs to continue working on wider distribution for next year.
- It was suggested that we include a credit to the publisher, Lincoln County Press, in the 2013 edition.
- Rich reminded everyone that he needs articles for the 2013 yearbook. He has used almost all of the reserve. The deadline for articles is April 15, 2013.
- A Bulletin Board sign-up sheet was circulated during the meeting and at dinner.

Yearbook Advertising – Peter & Nancy Toppan

- Peter reported that there were more ads in 2012 and that outreach is ongoing to secure more advertisers for 2013.
- He urged all members to contact local mariners, marine stores, boat yards, etc. in their areas. Remind business that the yearbook is distributed widely along coastal New England. If anyone is interested, forward the information to Peter & Nancy

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and they will contact the business with ad costs and other information.

Chandlery – Caroline Phillips

Caroline reported that sales have been very good for 2012. She also asked that people send her boat photos to use for the calendar because she is using up Cronin family pictures very quickly.

Newsletter – John Wojcik

Again this year, we published 2 editions of the newsletter - one in the beginning of March where we mailed out 227 copies, and the second edition of 230 copies went into the mail the third week of June.

Again I am always in need of material for publication - a story of new interest about a sloop or owner, or pictures pertaining to a sloop. The Spring / Summer edition was only 5 pages since we were lacking material.

As usual, your ideas are welcome since we're always looking to publish something we haven't done before if we feel it's of interest to our membership.

My thanks this year to Nancy & Peter Toppan, Dave Graham, Bill Whitney, and Don Huston.

We'll continue to do two editions in 2013 on about the same schedule as last year.

Website – John Wojcik

The website continues to attract visitors daily, with the average for the month of October, the last full month of statistics, to be 73 visits a day. July, understandably, is our busiest month with 97 visits per day which is a little bit higher than last year. The most viewed page on the site continues to be the Sloops For Sale page.

These last few weeks, we've updated the pages that needed to be brought up-to-date. The largest project has been to put all 52 editions of the yearbook on line and accessible to the public. This required the scanning of each yearbook, two pages at a time, approximately 3,000 pages. The quality is not bad, certainly not professional quality, but very readable with the pictures being viewable as well.

John created a few CD's that contain all the yearbooks and they are for sale to support the Society. When you insert the CD into your PC, it will bring up a page which has all 53 yearbook covers. Click on a cover and the contents of the yearbook will be displayed for you to read or search.

Any ideas that you may have to improve the website are always welcome.

Registrar – John Wojcik

This year we finally issued a new sail number after going for a few years without a new sloop being registered. Sail number 282 was issued in September to Al Chouinard and daughter Anne Marie of Medfield, Mass. The sloop is named **Ghoti** and is a 22 footer built by Passamaquoddy Yachts in 1970 and finished by Kevin Murray. The sloop was previously named the **Gertrude E.** Al stated that the homeport will be Boston. We had no way to verify that it has been registered previously with the Society since there was no HIN (Hull Identification Number). The previous owner did not register it with the Society

since he believed that only wooden sloops were registered.

Unfortunately, we lost a Class A sloop this year. #53 **Eagle**, owned by Richard Rapalyea of Thomaston and Don Huston prior to Richard, was broken up in Rockland. The engine and other parts are now being used in the completion of #120 **Persistence** by Jim Sharp and the Sail, Power and Steam Museum in Rockland. Launching could be this summer.

The statistics for sloop ownership are:

Member Owned Sloops:	114
Existence Verified but not members:	48
Unverified	68
Lost	17
Destroyed	35

Three years ago we started a project to find sloops that we thought existed. We had addresses of owners, so we did a mass mailing to verify if the sloop existed, if they still owned it, and if not, what happened to the sloop. We started with 84 sloops whose status was in question; we have now found 16 of those 84 so the number is now 68, and that's reflected in the display in the back of the room. Please take a minute to look at the list to see if you may be able to shed some light on those we are still looking for.

Of the 16 we found, two were destroyed, and the owners of 7 that we found joined the society.

We will again attempt to contact the 68 owners of the sloops that are still in question, except we hope to do it by telephone and talk with the owners. Some we may never find since we have no idea where the owners of record live, but with some help from the internet, we hope to find a few more.

There have been some sloops sold lately:

- #6 **Eastward** was sold by Robert Duncan to Scott Fenwick. The sloop is currently in Jarvis Newman's shed undergoing deck repair. We believe that the sloop will remain in Maine.
- Kent Mack has sold #97 **Integrity** to Marshall Chapman of Kentucky. The homeport will be Isle au Haut. Marshall has recently joined the Society.
- #18 **Chrissy** was sold by Ed Zimmerman to Downeast Windjammer Cruises in Bar Harbor.
- #9 **Amity** was bought by Peter & Meg Reilly of Belfast where she is chartering.

Sloops recently added to the Sloops For Sale listing are:

- #19 **Blackjack** by Kelly McGee in Rhode Island
- #157 **Liberty** out in Michigan with Jarvis Newman
- #145 **Sabrina** here in Maine

Publicity – Peter Toppan and Bill Whitney

After discussion of the ongoing efforts to find a Publicity Chair volunteer, the motion was made and seconded to create a Publicity Committee instead of a single chair. The motion carried unanimously. The members agreed that several venues for publicity need to be investigated, including print, broadcast, social networking.

Friendship Memorial Scholarship Report – Phil Pratt

The Trustees of the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund, formerly named the Beatrice Pendleton Memorial

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Scholarship Fund, awarded one scholarship of \$800.00 to Jennifer May Delano of Medomak Valley High School. Jennifer is attending UMaine, Augusta.

Continuing education awards of \$300.00 each were made to Laura Beal, Douglas Blasius, Dustin Delano and Suzanne Rourke.

As of September 30, 2012, the principal amount invested at the Maine Community Foundation was \$92,431.75. Because there were fewer applicants this year, the Trustees voted to send \$1,000.00 to be added to the principal of the Trust.

At a special meeting on October 24, 2012, Bill Zuber resigned as Chairman of the Trustees, effective 10/31/12. Philip Pratt was elected Chairman effective 11/1/12. At the same meeting, Caroline Zuber resigned as Secretary and Rit Roberts will assume the duties of Secretary. Bill and Caroline will remain active as Trustees.

The Scholarship Fund was created in 1967 by the Friendship Sloop Society for the benefit of the young people of the Town of Friendship. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. The Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund is a component fund of the Maine Community Foundation.

Trophies – Marcia Morang & Penny Richards

The need for trophies to be rebuilt or replaced is an ongoing concern. Some trophies are being returned without being engraved. If you have a trophy that needs engraving, get it done, please.

Race Committee – Dave Graham

Dave reported that the Race Committee continues to meet during the year. He urged members to let the Race Committee know what we as members want to see in the Homecoming Regatta.

One change that was discussed is the need to have all sloops sail into the alley, even if for a short distance. It was recommended that the gates of the alley be widened to 100 yards.

An ongoing concern is to have new members for the Race Committee and encourage members to see how race management works.

Dave expressed “Thank you” to Marcia Morang & Penny Richards; Phil Pratt; the Race Committee boat skippers: Jack Cronin, Dick Salter, Bill Zuber & Ralph Stanley.

Historian – Ralph Stanley

Ralph reported that he had talked with the Maine Maritime Museum and was told that they had 8 or 10 boxes of Friendship articles. There is a question of who owns this material, the Society or the Museum. Ralph will continue to check on that issue.

Penobscot Marine Museum also has Friendship photos that may be available to the Society to use in publicity efforts.

Ralph raised the question about where the Society would put all the archives. The new Friendship Museum building was suggested as an option, but it is unclear when that building will be ready for storage of documents.

Peter & Bill Whitney agreed to contact the Maine Maritime Museum and the Penobscot Marine Museum.

Regattas

New London - Greg Roth

There was no regatta in New London this year. There was discussion of hosting a future regatta in New London and in doing an event with more than Friendships.

Southwest Harbor – Caroline Phillips

Caroline reported that Southwest Harbor was a “fun time” with no structure. It works.

Gloucester – Jack Cronin

Gloucester is organizing for large boats only now. They have eliminated small boats from their fleet.

Rockland – Dave Graham

Dave reported that the Rum Line Trophy was awarded in error to **Gladiator** in Rockland and was correctly awarded to **Mary Anne** at the Annual Meeting.

Marblehead – Dave Graham

There was no Friendship event again this year. The CYC Classic Regatta did take place and Corinthian has offered to have a separate start line for Friendship Sloops if enough boats want to race in Marblehead. It was agreed to send the idea to the Executive Committee for further discussion.

New Business

Annual Meeting – Peter Toppan & Bill Whitney

If the membership agreed to keep the Annual Meeting at Merry Manor in 2013, the room cost would be \$70/night. There will also be a small increase in meal costs. The date would have to be Saturday, November 16, 2013. The hotel is already booked for the first two weekends in November. The membership voted to stay at Merry Manor with the date change.

Rockland Homecoming Activities – Bill Whitney

There has been much discussion of broadening the activities during the Rockland Homecoming, including games, shore side activities, competitions in nautical activities, instructions and presentation of marine information, a scavenger hunt, etc. If you have ideas you would like considered, send the ideas to Bill Whitney.

New Friendship Sloop Society Book

Bill Whitney & Ted Walsh

Ted reported that a committee needed to be formed to put the new book together. He also suggested that it would realistically take over a year to complete.

Ted is willing to head up the efforts. Ted Walsh & Bill Whitney have volunteered to date. John & Carole Wojcik will help with boat owner contacts. Ralph Stanley expressed interest in helping with the project.

Everyone’s suggestions are needed.

Presentation of Awards

- **Bruce Morang Award** – awarded by Marcia Morang and Penny Richards, for best article in the yearbook in memory of Bruce Morang, to Caroline & Bill Zuber

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- **Bancroft Award** - awarded by Jack Cronin, for contributions to the Society, to Jarvis Newman
- **Omaha Award** – awarded by last year’s recipients, Peter & Nancy Toppan to John & Carole Wojcik.
- **Messing About Award** – awarded by Dick Salter, [previous recipient decides], to Scott Martin of **Eden**.
- **Hadlock Award** – (which had not been awarded last year) awarded by Harold Burham, previous recipient, to Sara Beck. The award was a half model of Sara’s Friendship, **Flying Jib**.

Nominating Committee – Peter Toppan for Andy Zuber

There was discussion of the fact that the duties listed under Secretary in the FSS Constitution have been divided between two people. The meeting was asked to consider a vote to accept this change in number of people covering a position, but not to change the duties listed under Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to accept that change and voted unanimously.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers:

Commodores	Bill and Kathy Whitney
Vice Commodores	Noel and Laurie March
Recording Secretary	Nancy Toppan
Membership Secretary	Carole Wojcik
Treasurer	Greg Merrill

The recording secretary cast the vote to accept the proposed slate of officers for the next two years.

After the meeting, the Cronin family presented a program highlighting the rebuilding of **Tannis**. The proceeds of the 50/50 raffle were awarded and the silent auction results were announced. A live auction was conducted during dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Toppan, Recording Secretary

Membership News

Since the report presented at the Annual Meeting in November (See Page 6), Membership Secretary Carole Wojcik has provided this additional news regarding membership and sloops:

- Russ Perrin of Canandaigua, NY, owner of #210 **The Sloop John B.** has become a member. Russ’ uncle Al, a longtime member, was the prior owner.
- Doug Parsons of Gloucester, MA is in the process of rebuilding #61 **Windward** and has joined the organization.
- #6 **Eastward** has been purchased by Steve Koblinsky and his son Andrew. Steve currently owns and charts #49 **Surprise** out of Southwest Harbor, ME. **Eastward** will be chartering from Bass Harbor.
- #209 **Friend Ship**, which charts from Burlington, VT, has been purchased by Mike Crowley.
- Sara Beck has sold #45 **Flying Jib** to Ryan Graham of Jefferson, ME. Sara said in her note: “Ryan is a fellow schooner guy and has all the skills and enthusiasm needed to get **Flying Jib** back in the water and sailing again. I am really happy that things have worked out so well.” Ryan is in the process of rebuilding the sloop.

Change in Command at the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund

Philip Pratt has replaced Bill Zuber as Chairman of the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees. Bill Zuber had held the post at the request of Phil’s father, Elbert Pratt, for 16 years. Caroline Zuber, who had succeeded Betty Roberts more than 25 years ago, also resigned, effective December 31, 2012. Rit Roberts, Betty’s nephew, accepted the post of Secretary. Caroline and Bill will remain on the Board of Trustees. Phil and Rit have been meeting with Caroline and Bill in making the transition go smoothly. The new address for the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was formerly known as the “Beatrice Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund”, or the “Pendleton Scholarship Fund”, is now P.O. Box 129, Friendship, Maine 04547. Joanne Burns remains as Treasurer. In making the transition, Caroline discovered many files which she had received from Betty which had been presumed lost. These included all the earliest history of the founding and first races of the Society – a real treasure trove! As time permits, these mementos will be catalogued and filed.

On the financial front, the Trust Fund and an associated checking account contained \$93,898.66 as of December 31, 2012. Scholarships awarded in December, 2012 were \$800.00 for one graduating senior, and 4 continuing education students received \$300.00 each. Memorial Donations were received for Roger Bramhall and Warren Morse.

A meeting was held in early February with a representative of the Maine Community Foundation. We learned more about the treatment of donations so that more of the Trust Fund could be allocated for Scholarships. We need to continue to support the Scholarship Fund. To do so, your check should be made out to: Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund-MCF and a notation made “For Distribution”. Please mail it to:

Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 129
Friendship, ME 04547.

The trustees will acknowledge your donation, as well as the MCF. This donation will then be placed in a separate account, and added to the % allowed for distribution in 2013 (or subsequent years). The Maine Community Foundation administers several hundred scholarship funds, and is very conservatively managed. For example, our allocated amount for scholarships in 2013 (in December) is slightly over \$2,000. If we have several qualified individuals, we will necessarily be very limited in making substantial scholarship awards. We appreciate the generosity of the Society and its members, and hope to grow the Trust Fund to over \$100,000 by 2017, our 50th year since voted into existence in 1967. As we sort through the files and make the transition, we will be preparing a complete list of all scholarships awarded.

Please continue your support in any amount, following the information given in this report. This will preserve the tax deductibility of your donation without the necessity of forming yet another government document with its associated costs. Thank you!

Over the Bar

Mary C. Duncan

Mary, 97, died peacefully last July in Boothbay. She was the wife of the late Roger F. Duncan.

Mary was vibrant every day of her life and attended to the interests of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had a lifelong interest in poetry and both read and wrote widely. She was published in a variety of books magazines and periodicals. Classically trained, her sense of language, rhythm and rhyme led her down poetic and intellectual paths that made her poetry appealing to children, her family, and a wider audience.

She held a B.A. degree in mathematics from Wellesley College and a master's degree in tutoring reading and special needs from Boston University. For many years she was a tutor in Carlisle, Massachusetts and a volunteer in the Boothbay Harbor elementary schools. Her sensitivity and loyalty to her students was legendary. Her creative ways always put the struggling student at ease letting them develop their own reading and social skills in equally creative directions. Her faith in a child's ability to overcome was boundless.

For many years she was the Religious Education Director at the first Parish Church of Concord, Massachusetts. She was a devoted and founding member of the Midcoast Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship. Her strong social conscience led her to support local, national, and international organizations with both time and energy.

Mary sailed the New England coast with her husband Roger in their sloop **Eastward**.

She was an accomplished mate, could hand, reef and steer, and was admired and counted on by her husband to get the job done in foul weather or fair.

Mary is survived by her children, Robert and Lucinda Duncan of Concord Massachusetts, William and Lizbeth Duncan of Burke, Virginia, and John and Carol Duncan of Charlotte, North Carolina, as well as eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Oddvar Solstad

Oddvar was a member of the Rockland race committee for a number of years.

Oddvar Solstad, 88 years old, of Marblehead, passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, last July at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers.

Oddvar, oldest son of Sverre and Kristina (Melberg) Moe, was born in Søndeled, (Risør) Norway. During World War II he was commander of his own resistance cell, specializing in sabotage and espionage.

In 1946 Oddvar came to the United States to attend Tufts University, with a scholarship from the Norway America Foundation. Oddvar paid his living expenses throughout college by working as a scallop fisherman out of New Bedford. Oddvar received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering (Tufts), and an M.S. in Food Technology at UMass Amherst. He taught at UMass while pursuing a Ph.D. He consulted at Arthur D. Little before finding his professional passion at NECCO, the New England Confectionary Company. Oddvar became an expert in the chemistry and

technology of chocolate, becoming Vice President of Research and Development and Quality. He subsequently served for 17 years as Vice President and Technical Director of Whitman's Chocolates in Philadelphia. As a leader in the chocolate industry, he was awarded the Stroud Jordan Award, and was a mentor to many in the field through his teaching.

In retirement he continued to consult and he especially liked helping small chocolate manufacturers solve complex technical and quality issues. He kept up to date on technology as a voracious reader of scientific journals in such diverse fields as fisheries and aquaculture, food science, and green technologies.

The grandson of a clipper captain, Oddvar was always happiest when he could smell the salt air of the ocean. Marblehead reminded him of the villages of Sørlandet in Norway, where he spent his summers before WWII, and Wyman's Cove on Salem Harbor felt like his own little fjord. He enjoyed sailing, and later tending a handful of lobster traps in his Boston Whaler, and many years as an active member of the Corinthian Yacht Club Race Committee. Marblehead Lighthouse, Crocker Park, and Fort Sewall were favorite places, both in good weather and roaring nor'easters.

Oddvar leaves his beloved wife of 61 years, Mary Ann (Lodge) Solstad of Marblehead; children Christina Solstad of San Diego, Karen Solstad and husband Lars Johannessen of Amesbury, Rolf Solstad of Marblehead, Berit Solstad and fiancé Rick Stevens of Stowe, Vermont.

Ebenezer Gay

Eben was a longtime member of the Society and skippered his sloop #94 Diana at many homecomings in Friendship

Rockland — Ebenezer Gay, 87, died quietly, Thursday, Feb. 28, 2013 at the Knox Center for Long Term Care Skilled Care Unit.

He was born in Hingham, Mass. Dec. 17, 1925. Eben was the son of Martha Gay Terry and step-son of George S. Terry. Hingham was his permanent home until he retired to Rockland in December 1994. For 55 years he and his family summered on the island of Vinalhaven.

Eben was educated at Derby Academy in Hingham, and graduated from Harvard University in 1954. Enlisting in the U.S Army, he saw combat in Europe with the 99th Division, during World War II.

In 1955 Eben married Diana Roberts. Together they returned to his historic family home in Hingham where their son, Ebenezer Roberts Gay was born. Eben was active in the community as trustee of the Old Ship Church, chairman of the trustees of the Hingham Public Library and always interested in the preservation of the beautiful old buildings of that town. He worked as executive officer at the Boston Athenaeum and then became assistant curator at The Harvard Collection of Historic Scientific Instruments.

Eben was a historian and a self-taught cabinet maker who delighted in creating and restoring objects of utility and beauty. He loved sailing his handsome replica Friendship Sloop among the islands of Penobscot Bay with his son and wife as his crew. He designed a superbly fitted out boathouse for storing and maintaining his boats.

Eben is survived by his wife Diana, his son Ebenezer and his wife Winifred, two grandchildren Robert Gay and Patricia Gay.

A celebration of Eben's life will be held in the spring. The family suggests that memorial donations be made to the Rockland Public Library or Vinalhaven Public Library.

Magazines Available

Member Joanne Childs Alderman sent along the following note regarding her father's collection of magazines. Ed Childs was a longtime FSS member and a model sloop builder & skipper:

It is my current wish to find a boat lover, woodworker, or library to take Dad's extensive collection of magazines. All are in pristine condition and are beautiful publications. What I have is the following:

- Fine Woodworking - 77 issues
- Scale Woodcraft - 7 issues
- Woodworker's Journal - 134 issues
- Woodsmith - 130 issues
- Wood (Better Homes & Gardens) - 78 issues
- WoodenBoat - 101 issues
- American Woodworker - 86 issues
- Today's Woodworker - 12 issues
- Popular Woodworking - 1 issue

This library is in "boxes" at the moment in no order except sorted by publication. Dad likely subscribed during the years 1970-2008 or so. He basically "built a house" in a condominium development around a "shop". As I am sure you know, Fine Woodworking and WoodenBoat are divinely beautiful publications and quite pricey at the newsstand. The quality of the paper and photography, to say nothing of the content surely make these "books" worth the asking price. I only wish to pass these publications on to an appreciative reader or library with such a readership.

Joanne can be reached at 212-678-1177.

Yearbook Advertising Information

The Sloop Society has been able to publish a yearbook thanks to many businesses, members and friends who advertise in the book. This year we are happy to announce that we have been able to maintain the advertising rates at last year's levels. If you, or the marina where you keep your boat would like to place an ad in the yearbook, or to put a message in the bulletin board, please contact:

FSS Advertising Toppan@verizon.net
 Peter & Nancy Toppan or
 26 Thomas Clapp Road YBAdvertising@FSS.ORG
 Scituate, MA. 02066

Here are this year's advertising rates:

Size	Price	Size (Inches)
Full Page	\$420	5 ¼ X 8 1/8
1/2 Page	\$235	5 ¼ X 4
1/3 Page	\$170	5 3/8 X 2 ½
		or 2 5/8 X 5 1/4
1/4 Page	\$130	2 ½ X 4
		or 5 ¼ X 2
1/6 Page	\$105	2 ¼ X 2 ¼
Bulletin Board	\$20	

Harold Burnham Honored

Harold, owner of #127 *Maria*, has been named a 2012 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellow. He sailed his schooner *Ardelle* to Washington to receive the award along with other nominees at the Library of Congress.

Master shipwright, designer, and mariner Harold Burnham is part of a shipbuilding tradition that dates back to the 1630s in the small town of Essex, Massachusetts, where the Burnhams have lived for 11 generations.

Over the last 400 years the town of Essex has produced more than 4,000 ships, largely for the Gloucester fishing fleet. After World War II with the falling fish stocks and steel and fiberglass dominating the shipbuilding industry, heavily constructed wooden vessels (employing sawn frames and trunnel or tree-nail fastenings) became a thing of the past. This changed, however, in 1996 when Burnham, a Mass Maritime Academy graduate/merchant marine, skillfully revived the long-dormant Essex techniques and traditions to build the authentic 65-foot Gloucester schooner **Thomas E Lannon**.

"Harold is part artist, part carpenter, part project manager, and part interpreter of historic photographs," said Molly Bolster, executive director of the Gundalow Company in her nomination letter. "The common wisdom is that he is the most intuitive of all living shipwrights today."

Launched in 1997, the **Lannon** quickly became an iconic vessel -- built for cultural tourism -- and led to several other commissions for historic watercraft. Burnham Boat Building is currently the only shipyard in the country that regularly designs and builds sawn frame and trunnel fasten vessels.

Burnham mills most of the wood he uses on-site from trees recycled from local arborists. With deep roots in his community, Burnham is passionate about sharing his extensive knowledge, including working with the United States Coast Guard to increase wooden passenger vessel safety. In 2001, he received a Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) grant in the traditional arts, and in 2003 received a MCC Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grant. Harriet Webster, executive director of the Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center, praised Burnham's community involvement, "When Harold undertakes a project, it inevitably becomes a community project. He involves both skilled craftsmen and enthusiastic community members in the work, demonstrating and teaching as he goes. In the process, not only does he build fine boats, but he nourishes a community of individuals that develops an appreciation for and understanding of this traditional art form -- and determination to help keep that tradition alive."

In a 2011 interview with the Cape Ann Beacon, Burnham said, "Up into the last few years I considered building boats something that I wanted to do, and now I feel like it is something I want to preserve. Like an endangered species, once it's gone it can't be recreated. And so, I am happy to share what I have learned with anyone who takes an interest in the hopes that these skills will be carried on long after I am gone."

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