

Friendships

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Commodore's Message

The boat is on the hard, the garage and basement are full of boat gear, and the weather is getting colder. Get a grip on it! Sailing season is over in New England. What happened to summer? It ended all too quickly. The rendezvous at Parker's Boatyard, Scituate, and Gloucester and beyond are fond yet faded memories. The Southwest Harbor, Pulpit Harbor and Rockland events are far more memorable however. From the commodore's perspective and we hope from yours too, things went quite well this year. The spring was a bit wet but as we got further into summer and July the weather became considerably more cooperative.

Southwest was certainly a lot of fun thanks to Miff and Marge and of course Ralph Stanley and **Seven Girls**. Those of us who were not local to SW Harbor also owe a big "Thank You" to new member Shane Dowsland for securing the Hinckley Yacht Yard moorings for us. This group knows how to party! Kate and Steve Hughes hosted a great after-party. You can read more in the report from Southwest Harbor later in the newsletter.

Pulpit Harbor was a lively scene on Tuesday as we slowly made our way toward Rockland. Inter-boat visitations were but a few oar strokes away, as were lively conversations, copious food and liquor. And the ice cream store was open! The only thing missing (thank goodness) was Charlie Burnham's promise a few years ago of a breakfast of mackerel and baked beans.

We brought a new formula to Rockland this year by adding some new activities to the regular sloop and rowboat races, dinners, skipper's meetings and award ceremonies. In our attempt to make the Rockland event a little more user-friendly we held informal training sessions that I refer to as "Sloop School". Topics included anchor rode, scope and anchoring; when and how to reef; basic Friendship sloop handling and sail combinations; and marlinspike seamanship. With all the commercial captains we have in the fleet, we have a lot to offer....just ask. Oh yes, that's another thing we initiated this year, the "ASK ME" buttons. And they worked. Folks actually asked us questions. Dick Salter was a little depressed because none of the cute young ladies present asked him the right questions. The final addition was the heaving line contest. I never thought of this basic nautical skill as spectator sport but we certainly drew a crowd. I don't know who had the most fun, the hecklers in the crowd who knew they couldn't hit their own feet with a heaving line, or the actual participants who really

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Friendship Sloop Book Update

As you read this newsletter, the draft of the new Friendship sloop book, *Lasting Friendships*, is complete and is just starting the editing stage. We expect to be editing and adjusting the layout until May, when we hope to be ready to send the digital files to the printer.

As was reported at the Annual Meeting, the first part of the book, which covers the history of Friendship sloops, was intended to be 50 pages long. What we discovered was that there was a great deal of material to cover, and some of it had never been previously published by the Society, so it now looks as though the first part of the book will be about 80 pages long.

The second part of the book, the catalog of sloops, represents the most comprehensive listing of surviving sloops that we could collect and verify. More than one hundred sloop owners have sent us information, confirming the individual specifics of their vessels, sharing with us stories and pictures. The book committee would like to extend our thanks to all of you who have participated in this project.

It has been particularly rewarding to hear from so many members from literally all over the world who are excited about contributing to the book. In some cases original owners or builders of "lost" sloops (vessels that we believe are still out there, but whereabouts unknown) have contacted us to try and fill in details about those missing boats.

This winter the Book Committee will make some final decisions that will determine the actual number of pages, which will in turn determine the cost of the book. We have committed to a hard cover format, but are discussing producing a paperback version as well, designed to have a lower retail price and reach a wider audience.

There is a great deal of technical work to be done before we can go to the printer, but we are optimistic that we can have the book available for summer 2014. We are planning to have books available to members at the various raft-ups and gatherings leading up to the homecoming in Rockland.

You can follow the progress on the book by going to our website www.fss.org and clicking on the link located on the homepage "Progress on the new FSS Book".

A Perfect Day for Slooping With Friends

The following article was written by Liz Graves of the *Mount Desert Islander* and is reprinted with the editor's permission.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR — Favorable winds powered thirteen Friendship Sloops on their race around Greening's Island for the 21st annual Southwest Harbor Rendezvous of the Friendship Sloop Society.

The 33-foot **Hieronymous**, sailed by skipper Joe Nielsen, was first over the line, with Scott Martin on the 25-foot Pemaquid-design **Eden** a close second. **Banshee**, also a 25-foot Pemaquid, took third, sailed by John and Carole Wojcik. **Banshee** is two-time champion of the Friendship Sloop regatta in Rockland.

"It was a perfect day for slooping with a lovely little southerly breeze," said organizer Miff Lauriat. "In the spirit of our easygoing event, the race committee elected to eliminate the weather mark to ensure that folks who needed to be back ashore sooner rather than later would not be thwarted by the light air. The idea is, the race is supposed to be short enough to be fun for all."

The signal cannon on the committee boat went off as planned 10 minutes before the start of the race, and again 5 minutes before, but encountered technical difficulties when it came time to start, and wouldn't fire. "Undaunted, the resourceful race committee finally yelled, "go!" said Mr. Lauriat. A game of "telephone" followed, with skippers yelling "boom!" or "We're starting!" to each other on down the line.

Banshee "shot off to an early and commanding lead," said Mr. Lauriat. The local charter boats **Alice E.**, **Helen Brooks**, and **Surprise** are often at or near the front of the pack, but got a slower start than some of the smaller, lighter craft. "As the fleet bunched together again on the backside of Greening's, local knowledge, lady luck, and topsails made it anybody's race," he said. Coming around Sand Point, **Eden** took the lead and tacked early for the finish.

Hieronymous came from another angle and hit the finish line just before **Eden**. Mr. Martin on **Eden** was thrilled with second place. "Miracles do happen!" he said. "We're not an underdog any more!"

Eden has a new mast this year built by Elk Spar and Boat Shop in Bar Harbor, and new sails.

These graceful, gaff-rigged vessels are a design that was common in the early 20th century on the Maine coast for lobstering. Some were also used to harpoon tuna in the Gulf of Maine. One of the group, the **Alice E.**, dates from that era. She was built in 1899.

Many of the sloops in the race were built on Mount Desert Island. The wooden boats **Peregrine** and **Endeavor** were built in the 1970s by Ralph Stanley. Fiberglass Friendship sloops including **Osprey**, **Banshee**, **Gaviota**, and **Salatia** were built by Jarvis Newman.

The Rendezvous has always been an easygoing race and a family event. This year Mr. Lauriat and his wife Marjory Russakoff were pleased to have their entire family aboard. "It had been years since we'd been together with both adult children on **Salatia**," said Ms. Russakoff. Some crew members continued a tradition of water balloon warfare. After crossing the finish

line, cameras were stowed below decks and crews from **Eden** and **Surprise** did battle with their remaining balloons.

Race results:

1. **Hieronymous**, Albie and Joe Nielson
2. **Eden**, Scott Martin
3. **Banshee**, John and Carole Wojcik
4. **Hegira**, Laurie Raymond
5. **Salatia**, Miff Lauriat and Marjory Russakoff
6. **Helen Brooks**, Lou Gallagher, skipper; Karl Bruner, owner
7. **Surprise**, Steve Koblinsky
8. **Alice E.**, Karl Bruner
9. **Gaivota**, Bill and Kathy Whitney, Commodores
of the Friendship Sloop Society
10. **Osprey**, Steve and Kate Hughes
11. **Endeavor**, Skip Fraley, skipper; Betsey Holtzman, owner
12. **Peregrine**, Carol and Paul Lidstrom

Ownership Changes

The following changes in ownership have occurred since the last newsletter:

#199 **Wild Rose** has been purchased by Mike Dulien of Newport Beach, CA from Alan Greenfield of Deer Isle, ME. Mike will be transporting the sloop to the west coast.

#88 **Apogee** has been sold by Paul Collett of Freeport, ME to John Bourget of North Kingston, RI. The sloop will be moored in Wickford, RI.

Charlie Burnham of Essex, MA has sold #123 **Resolute** to Thomas Jarvis of Gloucester, MA where the sloop will be moored.

Todd Uecker has acquired #274 **Selkie** from Brad Clinefelter of Norland, WA. Todd has renamed the sloop **Remedy** which will be homeported in Port Townsend, WA where he resides.

Dain & Sarah Frank of Penobscot, ME have purchased #13 **Ruth L** from Brian Clough & Mary Offutt of Little Deer Isle, ME. Dain & Sarah have renamed the sloop back to **Easting** and will moor her in the Benjamin River.

Maldwin Drummond of Hobe Sound, FL and Islesboro, ME has purchased #167 **Freedom** from Earl Collier, Jr. The sloop will be moored on Islesboro.

#115 **Zephyros** has been sold by Chronis Kalivas of Dennis, MA to Anthony Cordasco & Julie Gerow of Stockton, NJ. Anthony has renamed the sloop **Celerity** and will be mooring her on Long Cove on the east shore of Pemaquid peninsula in Maine.

Yearbook Bulletin Board Reminder

Bulletin board messages are a great way to connect with fellow sloop owners, express yourself and support the yearbook. \$20 gets you four lines of text! Please email message text to the editor at Editor@fss.org, and mail payment (and message, if preferred) to Rich Langton, 868 Cross Point Rd., Edgcomb, ME 04556. Deadline for messages and payment is April 15th.

Islands

Featured Island: Marshall Island

Appearing for the first time in this issue is a new series about favorite islands. We welcome your input, articles and suggestions about islands you have sailed to and particularly enjoyed for any reason, such as great hiking, a beautiful anchorage, exciting wildlife, best lobster roll, challenging transit; anything.

We sailed to uninhabited Marshall Island after leaving Southwest Harbor, at the recommendation of Scott Martin, Miff Lauriat and several other local sailors. Located between Swans Island and Isle au Haut, it has several potentially good anchorages. We chose the northeast facing cove protected by tiny Ringtown Island, in part because there is a pier and float for easy access. Calm, settled weather is essential for any stopover on this remote and exposed island.

Once ashore, we picked up a brochure with a trail map at the small kiosk, and started walking, because that really is what one does on Marshall. It had once been a summer retreat, and there are some old foundations, even an overgrown gravel airstrip in the middle of the island. It is now owned and maintained by the Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

At 985 acres, Marshall is reportedly the largest undeveloped island off the east coast and it is massive! It could easily take half a day to get all the way around it. The 10 miles of trails are well marked with that typical Maine island mix of roots, rocks, moss, and flat stretches. The landscape is dramatic and varied, with open meadows to the north and hilly, tree covered terrain, ledge and wetlands elsewhere. We were rewarded with great views of nearby islands, cobble beaches loaded with flotsam, and a profusion of tranquility and solitude. There are two recently installed hand cranked water pumps inland, a bit hard to find but producing cool, sweet water. Lovely Sand Cove on the eastern shore has several stunning, steep sand beaches and is also a popular anchorage.

On departure, we did haul up some impressive strands of kelp on the anchors, particularly at the eastern end of our cove. Loons and dolphins were seen in abundance, and a perched bald eagle eyed us warily the next day as we headed into a glassy calm morning, southwest toward Isle au Haut.

FSS Chandlery 2014

The FSS Chandlery continues to have your favorite sloop related items for sale, including a variety of tee shirts and sweatshirts, hats, tote and laundry bags, aprons, glasses, stationary and more. We are working at updating the Chandlery link on the FSS website, and possibly introducing a PayPal option. In the near future, some Chandlery items may also be for sale on eBay, so stay tuned as this cutting edge technology develops!

Chandlery skipper Caroline Phillips is looking for new tee shirt designs for the 2014 season and encourages the artistic among us to help capture the style and beauty of Friendship Sloops with sketches or ideas. She is also excited about producing another FSS calendar for 2015 and is looking for photographs of sloops. Caroline hopes to have this available this summer in Rockland. Please place any orders and send photos or design ideas to Caroline by email at phillips0503@charter.net.

Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund

A Component of the Maine Community Foundation **2013 Annual Report**

The Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund has had a very rewarding year as our goal of reaching \$100,000 in the fund by 2017 was actually attained in mid 2013! We do owe a lot of this to the stock market increases as the value of the fund managed through the Maine Community Foundation (MCF) climbed by over \$8,000 this year to date through September month end. We still continue to have strong financial support from donors like the Friendship Sloop Society. We want to strongly thank the Friendship Sloop Society for creating this opportunity in 1967 for the children of Friendship, giving them the opportunity to get financial support for advanced educational endeavors. The support the Scholarship Fund has received from the Friendship Sloop Society since the fund's inception, through today has been exceptional, and we emphatically thank the Friendship Sloop Society for that continued support!!

As referred to in last year's report, the trustees of the fund are endeavoring to continue to work their way through the records discovered last year by Caroline Zuber, left to Caroline by Betty Roberts concerning the history of Scholarships awarded from 1967 and going forward. After analysis and organization we will have a historical picture of scholarship awards made from 1967 through the current year.

The Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund is the oldest Scholarship Fund in Friendship. It is also the largest financially, offering more opportunities for children in Friendship to advance their educations. To maintain that stature the trustees of the fund are investigating ways to improve awareness of the fund, channel more funds into the "For Distribution" column, and plan and administer on a timely basis (every few years) local fund raisers (such as the very successful fund raiser developed and executed by Bill and Caroline Zuber a couple of years ago). More planning on building "principal" as well as "for distribution" will continue to insure the existence of the maximum dollars available to students in Friendship wishing to further advance their education.

Fund Statistics / Awards

Total fund balance (including checking) as of 6/1/2013:	\$105,140
Total dollars awarded 5/2013 (for distribution 1/2014):	\$4,000
One Graduate award:	\$1,000
Six Continuing Education awards (\$500 each):	\$3,000

Memorial Donations were received in the names of:
Rit Woolley

Donations should be made to: Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund-MCF.

Notate on the donation "For Distribution".

Mail to: Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 129
Friendship, ME 04547-0129

All donations will be acknowledged by the Friendship Memorial Scholarship Fund as well as the Maine Community Foundation.

NOAA to End Printing Paper Nautical Charts

NOAA-certified Print-on-Demand partners will continue to sell paper charts

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, which creates and maintains the nation's suite of a thousand nautical charts of U.S. coastal waters, has announced major changes ahead for mariners and others who use nautical charts. Starting April 13, 2014, the federal government will no longer print traditional lithographic (paper) nautical charts.

Most mariners now use Print-on-Demand nautical charts that are up-to-date to the moment of printing. These charts will continue to be available from NOAA-certified printers.

Since 1862, those lithographic nautical charts—available in marine shops and other stores—have been printed by the U.S. government and sold to the public by commercial vendors. The decision to stop production is based on several factors: the declining demand for lithographic charts, the increasing use of digital and electronic charts, and federal budget realities.

"With the end of traditional paper charts, our primary concern continues to be making sure that boaters, fishing vessels, and commercial mariners have access to the most accurate, up-to-date nautical charts in a format that works well for them," said Capt. Shep Smith, chief of Coast Survey's Marine Chart Division. "Fortunately, advancements in computing and mobile technologies give us many more options than was possible years ago."

NOAA will continue to create and maintain other forms of nautical charts, including the increasingly popular Print-on-Demand (POD) charts, updated paper charts available from NOAA-certified printers. NOAA electronic navigational charts (NOAA ENC®) and raster navigational charts (NOAA RNC®), used in a variety of electronic charting systems, are also updated weekly and are available for free download from the Coast Survey website. NOAA announced a new product as well: full-scale PDF (Portable Digital Format) nautical charts, available for free download on a trial basis.

The world of navigation is benefiting from advances in technology, Smith explained. He said that NOAA will consult with chart users and private businesses about the future of U.S. navigation, especially exploring the use of NOAA charts as the basis for new products.

New Editor for the Newsletter

We are pleased to announce that with much cajoling and a delicate mix of blackmail and bribery, Laurie Raymond has agreed to become the next editor of the newsletter. She will work closely with long time editor John Wojcik who will continue as publisher.

Laurie is enthusiastic about taking on the job: "John has been at the helm for 25 years, and as we all know, has consistently produced an informative, high quality newsletter, which plays a major role in keeping sloop owners and devotees up to date on business, boats, members, activities, etc. We've been talking about some new additions and ideas and will continue to work hard to keep our FSS readership informed, inspired and involved."

Rockland Homecoming 2013 Results

State of Maine Trophy

Best Overall Performance	Tannis
	<u>Division I</u>
Herald Jones Trophy	Celebration
Bruno & Stillman Trophy	Eden
Lash Brothers Trophy	Salatia
	<u>Division II</u>
Commodore's Trophy	Tannis
Gordon Winslow Trophy	Lady M
Rockland Trophy	Rights of Man
	<u>Class A</u>
Wilbur Morse Trophy	Gail O
Charles Morse Trophy	Not Awarded
Alexander McLain Trophy	Not Awarded
Rum Line Trophy	Not Awarded
	<u>Special Trophies</u>
Chrissy Trophy	Laurie Raymond
Spirit of Friendship	Echo
Gladiator Trophy	Hegira
Nickerson Trophy	William Whitney
	Gaivota
Owner/Builder Trophy	Gail O
R.W. Stanley Cup	Dick Salter
Liberty Trophy	Eden
Jarvis Newman Trophy	Celebration
Cy Hamlin Trophy	Lady M
Tannis Award	Echo
Danforth Trophy	Echo

Yearbook Needs YOU!

The yearbook is a reflection of our membership, documenting our achievements and adventures over the course of the years. Many members of the Society have taken the time to contribute articles and we have published an amazing collection of tales describing sloop restorations, a sailing triumph or faux pas and personal tales that bind us all together as a Society. Not all of us are great sailors but we all share a love of Friendship Sloops and we all have some tale to tell. Some of us have been very good about recording our tales and sharing them through the Yearbook, but many of us have not put pen to paper. All you need to do is submit something in writing (hopefully electronically) to the Yearbook Editor (editor@fss.org) and you can become a published author. Do it NOW, when you are dreaming about sailing this coming summer, but we will accept submissions for the 2014 year book until May 1st.

Although we want the written word we are also looking for good pictures; pictures of sloops, people on sloops, people talking about sloops and sloop people just having a good time. If you are one of those people that go sailing with a camera in one hand and the tiller (yes, your editor's boat has a tiller) in the other, share some of your work with us. Contribute today!!!

Annual Meeting Report

Nancy Toppan, Recording Secretary, has submitted the following minutes of the annual meeting held in South Portland, Maine on November 16, 2013

Commodore Bill Whitney called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM. He welcomed everyone, and thanked them for participating. Bill remarked on the idea that the Society needs to continue to revitalize its image, both to members and the general public. He asked members to tell the Executive Committee what they want, what is of value to them. Bill also commented that the Rockland Homecoming was a successful event. The new workshops were well received and would be repeated and expanded next year.

Noel March, Vice Commodore, also welcomed the members to the meeting. Noel recounted the history of his family's involvement with Friendships, including his mother's experience with the original **Dirigo**. Having seen the boat at the New York World's Fair, she was enthralled by the boat and later was offered a sail on **Dirigo** by the Lash brothers from their Friendship boatyard. The family eventually established their summer home in Friendship.

REPORTS

Report of Minutes from 2012 Annual Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting and to accept them as presented in the packet given to each member. The motion carried unanimously.

Membership and Registrar Reports

Membership Secretary – Carole Wojcik & Registrar – John Wojcik

The following table shows the membership trend for dues paid for the last three years. Reminders have been sent throughout the year utilizing email, postcards and letters.

	2011	2012	2013
Sloop Owner	96/113 85%	92/113 81%	90/114 79%
Full Member	53/64 83%	42/60 70%	40/61 66%
Co-Op Member	33/41 80%	31/45 69%	33/49 67%
Honorary	4	3	3
Total	186/222 84%	158/221 76%	166/227 73%

Here is the list of membership updates for the 2013 year:

New Members:

Russ Perrin #210 **Sloop John B**
 Doug Parsons #61 **Windward**
 Mike Crowley #209 **Friend Ship**
 Fred Lincoln Race Committee
 Kathleen Titus
 Raymond Perkins
 Shane Dowsland #217 **Addy Claire**
 Victor & Nancy Goulding (present at meeting)
 Dennis & Lisa Whitney (present at meeting)

Deceased:

Willis Collyer Eben Gay

The Society has recently established a policy presenting a complimentary membership for the current year to new sloop owners. The following are new sloop owners:

Ryan Graham #45 **Flying Jib**
 John Bouget #88 **Apogee**
 Aaron Paolino #93 **Anna R**
 Thomas Jarvis #123 **Resolute**

Mike Dulien #199 **Wild Rose**
 Todd Uecker #274 **Remedy** (formerly **Selkie**)

Treasurer – Greg Merrill (see report on page 11)

- The budget was reviewed in depth and the Society is in stronger financial shape than in recent years. There were three major items for discussion.
- The Chandlery sales were down and inventory purchases were high. New purchases will be limited in the 2013-14 budget and sales will be from inventory.
- The Yearbook advertising profit for 2013 was approximately \$2,000.00.
- The Rockland Homecoming dinner did not break even this year. The goal for 2014 will be to control costs and break even on the dinner. There will be discussion at Executive Committee meetings about raising the cost for the dinner.
- The Society will receive \$200.00 from the Rockland Yacht Club for the use of our tent on Sunday. It was suggested that the Society request \$300.00 from them in 2014.
- A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2013-2014 budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Yearbook – Rich Langton

- Rich reported that he needs more articles for the yearbook. He also suggested that he would like to see articles from some of the younger members of the Society.
- Rich requested that someone consider moving into the job of Editor. He is looking for a member who can work with him to learn the process of putting together the yearbook.
- The distribution was good in 2013, but the Society needs to continue working on wider distribution. The suggestion was made, as it was in previous years, that we have "captains" in several geographic locations to oversee distribution and volunteers to help the captains with distribution.
- It was noted that postage costs were down because many of the boxes were hand-delivered.
- A Bulletin Board sign-up sheet was circulated during the meeting and at dinner. Please sign up.

Advertising – Peter & Nancy Toppan

- Peter reported that outreach is already ongoing for 2014 and we have several returning advertisers.
- He urged all members to contact local mariners, marine stores, boat yards, etc. in their areas. Remind businesses that the yearbook is distributed widely along coastal New England. If anyone is interested, forward the information to Peter & Nancy and they will contact the business with ad costs and other information.

Chandlery – Caroline Phillips

Caroline reported that sales were not as good for 2013, but there is plenty of inventory. No FSS calendar was produced for 2014, but it is likely there will be one for the year 2015.

Newsletter – John Wojcik

- The newsletter publication dates have been changed to December and May. This will allow for an edition right after

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Lady M at the Start with Seven Girls



Starting Madness



#193 Lady M and #7 Tannis



Big & Small



Gail O & Rights of Man Crossing Bows



Rowboat Races

Homecoming - Photos by Joey Toppan



The Crew of **Celebration**



Division I at the Start



Eden



The Skippers

Martin Thomas, Ted Walsh, Jack Cronin, Jeff Cronin
Roger Lee, Miff Lauriat, Wayne Cronin, Laurie Raymond, Bill
Whitney, Scott Martin, John Wojcik and Greg Merrill
(not pictured - Steve Major)



#180 **Banshee** & #90 **Salatia** Neck & Neck



Future
Friendship
Sloopers

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the Annual Meeting and one in the spring as the season is beginning. We send out approximately 220 newsletters for each mailing.

- John is asking for a new editor for the newsletter. He commented that he would be happy to split the job, having a new editor gather material while he continues to be the “publisher”, having the newsletter printed and mailed.

Book Committee – Ted Walsh

- Ted reported that the Book Committee has 14 members and has held several meetings since January 2013. He outlined several of the issues being considered by the committee:

- The biggest issue is what do we leave out because we have volumes of information.

- History will be a major part of the book.

- The sloop catalog continues to be a problem because sloop owners are not sending in their information.

- Ralph Stanley has been most helpful to Ted in contributing information of all types.

- Ted outlined the schedule for the Book.

- Sloop information is due by 12/31/13, an absolute deadline. If there is no new information, the committee will publish information on record.

- There will be four months of editing all copy.

- The committee’s goal is to go to print in June 2014, and have the book available at the 2014 Rockland Homecoming.

- We will be using “Lighting Source” as the printer, a division of Ingram Publishing.

- The Society will be the publisher of record, with the book having an ISBN number and listed where bookstores can find it easily to order stock.

- “Lasting Friendships” is the working title, probably with a subtitle.

- The membership was encouraged to submit reviews to Amazon after the book is published because Amazon links books with reviews to other books in the same category. “If you ordered this book, you might want to consider these books” is the link we want to have on Amazon to sell more copies.

Publicity – Scott Martin, Judy Heininger, Scott Phillips

- Scott Martin reported that he had contacted Bill Green who does “Bill Green’s Maine” and is working with Bill to include Friendships and a visit to Rockland as a story idea. He is also talking with other people about contacting magazines to have stories published.

- Scott Phillips, as a techie, is helping Dennis Whitney with the website and the outreach to social media contacts, involving and appealing to younger members.

- Judy reported that she is contacting museums asking them to include the Society in their membership info.

- Judy also reported that the Penobscot Museum has received a grant to set up a program, Experience Maritime Maine, and she is looking into possible connections for the Society, such as a link to our website.

- In addition, Judy suggested that the Society could produce “rack” cards, small brochures that are placed in hotel lobbies, tourist sites, etc.

- Noel March raised the question of having the Friendship Sloop named the state sloop of Maine. He will follow up on that idea.

- Several people volunteered to write an article to be submitted to national magazines such as “WoodenBoat.” Bill Whitney, Joe Griffin and Rich Langton volunteered for this project.

Pendleton Scholarship Report – Phil Pratt

(see detailed article page 3)

Trophies – Marcia Morang & Ted Morang

Marcia introduced her son, Ted, and commented that the Society needs to continue to refurbish older trophies.

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.

- Dave presented “Thank You” awards from the Race Committee to Richard & Lorraine Stanley (plaque), Marcia Morang & Penny Richards (silver bowls), and Ralph Stanley (Race Committee shirts) for their devotion and important contributions over the years.

Historian – Ralph Stanley

- Ralph reported that he was working on the history of a sloop that was run down by a Coast Guard cutter in 1922. The Gross brothers owned the boat.

- Ralph is working with Ted Walsh in researching material for the new book.

Nominating Committee – Bill Whitney

Bill Whitney announced that Peter Toppa was the new chairman of the Nominating Committee.

There was a break in the meeting at this time and John Fuller, Executive Director of the schooner **Adventure**, presented a history of the vessel’s rebuilding in Gloucester, MA.

New Website Presentation - Dennis Whitney

- It was reported that the “For Sale” page on FSS.ORG continues to have the most hits on the website.

- Dennis presented an overview of changes being made to the website so that it will be more useful and more interesting to members and the general public. Some major points are:

- The website will be compatible with all major platforms

- It will have the latest and greatest technology

- It will run on all modern browsers

- There will be no guarantee of privacy by the Society, as with any other website.

- When needed, the site will have industry strength encryption.

- There is the question of whether the current website host can accommodate the changes or will the Society need to change to a new website host.

- Dennis outlined the first steps to be accomplished in the revision

- Putting the advertisers’ ads on pages on the website

- Perhaps adding Google ads

- Making Facebook and Twitter accessible

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- Providing links to other sites, such as museums
- The second phase could include:
- Providing weather connections to where your boat is right now
 - Allowing charter captains to book passengers through the site
 - Using Ecommerce to buy from the Chandlery
 - Providing race results
 - Providing public relation outlets
 - Dennis showed examples of the registration screen for the new website and a view of the new web page.

Activities, Regattas & Rendezvous

- **Ardelle** Cruise – Harold Burnham – 15 FSS members on the cruise in Gloucester in June.
- New London – did not happen this year and will try again in 2014.
- Parker's Boat Yard – Cruising fleet headed to Rockland Homecoming
- Scituate Harbor – Cruising fleet spent the night in Scituate. Toppans were host boat from the harbor.
- Southwest Harbor – Miff Lauriat and Marge Russakoff report that this was a fantastic event with good racing and great fellowship. Steve and Kate Hughes graciously hosted the post race pot luck cookout.
- Pulpit Harbor – Bill Whitney reported that it was a good gathering.
- Marblehead – Dave Graham reported that there were no Friendships at the regatta. He is trying to interest Friendships in coming again.
- Gloucester Harbor – Bill Cronin reported that there were three Friendship sloops sailing.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting – Bill Whitney

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held at the Merry Manor Inn on Saturday, November 8, 2014. .

Rockland Homecoming Activities – Bill Whitney

- The Rockland Homecoming was very successful, although there were fewer boats participating than in previous years. The new activities and workshops were well received. The workshops will be continued and a scavenger hunt may be added in 2014. Activities such as the row boat races and the heaving line tossing competition will be continued.
- The local Rockland community will be approached again about participating in activities and workshops, especially the Apprentice Shop.
- The Society has received a request from Ray Perkins to be allowed to sell his book under the tent next summer. Ray has joined the Society as a co-op member and the book has a maritime theme. There was a motion made and seconded to allow Ray to sell under the tent. The motion passed unanimously.

Property Acquisition – Ahern Molds

- Noel reported that the molds for the 22-foot Ahern Friendships were available for free. They are now in the Lash Brothers yard and need to be moved. Kathe Newman has made arrangements to store the molds in the yard where Newman Marine stores some of their material.

- There was an active discussion including the possibility of the Society building new boats from the molds, the need there might be for restorations of the molds, the issue for the Society of not incurring liability for any use of the molds, and whether or not another group might want to use the molds to build new boats.
- There was a motion made and seconded to accept the donation of the molds. The motion passed unanimously.

Honorary Members – Bill Whitney

Bill Whitney presented the Executive Committee's recommendation that Jack and Mary Cronin become Honorary Members. The motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- Bruce Morang Award – in memory of Bruce Morang. Awarded by Marcia Morang and Penny Richards, for best article in the yearbook, will be presented in Rockland in 2014.
- Bancroft Award - awarded by Jack Cronin, for contributions to the Society, to Dave Bell.
- **Omaha** Award – awarded by last year's recipients, John & Carole Wojcik, to Greg Merrill.
- **Messing About** Award – awarded by Dick Salter, [previous recipient, Scott Martin, decides], to Miff Lauriat & Marge Russakoff.
- Hadlock Award – was not awarded. Sara Beck, last year's recipient, was not at the meeting

Commodore's Message

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strutted their stuff. The best heave was a thing of beauty. Over 100 feet, right on target and wrapped around a telephone line 30 feet in the air! Jacob Webb, you have a promising career in baseball with an arm like yours!

So.....what did you do this summer? Here's a challenge: write about it. Just as we are trying to share the knowledge of our experience with you, we need you to share your stories with us. What's your favorite anchorage? Why? Where is your favorite cruising ground and what is your latest adventure while there? Your masterpiece does not have to be perfect. Heck, look at what I just wrote! (Dear editor, my sincerest apology!)

Bill & Kathy Whitney

Co-Commodores

Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 2014.

115 Years:

#23 **Alice E** - Karl Brunner, Southwest Harbor, ME

110 Years:

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

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

105 Years:

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

100 Years:

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

2014 Schedule of Events

The FSS activities for 2014 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 2014 Schedule of Events below 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!

Winter Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, Feb 1st

Kittery Town Office

200 Rogers Road, Kittery, Maine

Spring Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, April 5th

Location TBD

Parker's Boat Yard Rendezvous

Sunday, June 29th

Scituate Harbor Rendezvous

Tuesday, July 1st

Cape Ann Rendezvous

Wednesday, July 2nd

Boothbay Harbor/Bayville Rendezvous

Saturday, July 8th

Southwest Harbor Rendezvous

Saturday, July 12th

Pulpit Harbor Rendezvous

Tuesday, July 15th

54th Homecoming Rendezvous & Races at

Rockland

July 17th – 19th

(Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Marblehead Classic Boat Regatta

August 9th & 10th

Gloucester Schooner Festival

August 30th & 31st

Connecticut Rendezvous

September 13th - 14th

Location TBD

Fall Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 4th

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 8th

Best Western Merry Manor Inn

700 Main Street

South Portland, ME

Robert Duncan

Bob Duncan, beloved husband of The Rev. Lucinda Duncan, passed away Monday afternoon, October 21st at his home in West Concord with Lucinda at his side. He was 71. After beginning his career as a teacher in the Lincoln public schools, Bob was hired by the Fenn School in Concord, and served as teacher, coach, head of the Lower School, and Assistant Headmaster for 29 years until his retirement. He was born at Emerson Hospital in Concord, graduated from Lawrence University in Wisconsin, and from Tufts University with a Masters in Education. Along with Lucinda, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer, building one room schools in rural Honduras.

In addition to his passionate dedication to the education and development of Fenn's boys, Bob was a lifelong sailor, and relished his summers spent on sailboats on the coast of Maine, pleasure sailing, racing and fishing with his family and his parents, Roger and Mary Duncan.

Bob wrote the last edition of *The Cruising Guide to the New England Coast*, following several decades of authorship by his father and grandfather. Bob earned his captains license and for many years assisted his father and later his son, Alec, in taking passengers for hire aboard their 32 foot Friendship Sloop, **Eastward**, in Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

He is survived by his wife Lucinda, his twin brother William Duncan and wife Lizbeth of Burke, VA, brother John Duncan and wife Carol of Charlotte, NC, sons Roger Duncan and wife Martina of Bath, ME, Ritch Duncan and wife Rachel of New York, NY and Alec Duncan of Denver, CO. He has two grandchildren, Julianna Duncan of Bath, ME and Annabelle Duncan of New York, NY.

Notes from the Membership

Membership secretary Carole Wojcik has received the following notes:

Russ Perin, owner of #201 **The Sloop John B** (formerly owned by his uncle the late Al Perrin) wrote: "Well, I spent all summer, mostly weekends working on **The Sloop John B**. We stayed on dry land this summer, but are ready to launch next spring! I got the Farymann A-30 diesel running well, and all the cables and stuff hooked up. Re-worked a lot of wood stuff.

Looking forward to setting sail again. Truth is, I enjoy sitting on that boat and wrenching on it, on the water or on dry land." (Ed. Note: Russ sails on Canandiagua Lake in upstate New York)

Arthur Johnson of Toledo, OH sent the following: "I am now 91 years old. I can remember my grandfather's sloop **Venus**. You printed an item I wrote about his cruise from Nahant, MA to Castine, ME, with the tender lashed to the port side. Must have been the early twenties." (Ed. Note: the referenced article appeared in the 2007 edition of the FSS yearbook.)

Richard Mosher of Portage, MI, owner of #205 **Daystar**, reports that: "**Daystar** was not launched last spring due to low water levels, and it was time to recaulk and seal her seams below the waterline (sounds like **Tannis**). I hope to get her ready next spring in time to launch her".

2013 FSS Financial Report

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

	'10-'11	'11-'12	'12-'13	'13-'14
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget
Net Results				
Membership	0	5,195	5,047	5,041
Yearbook	-402	1,209	2,190	1,647
Chandlery	1,404	-159	-1,919	2,078
Contributions	1,095	1,016	1,026	1,026
Auction & Raffle	754	507	320	320
Bank Interest	66	0	5	5
Annual Regatta	-3,689	-2,850	-3,683	-3,146
Donations	-1,622	-1,142	-1,511	-1,511
Communications	-1,272	-1,370	-1,240	-1,276
Secretary Comp.	-1,000	0	0	0
Insurance Premium	-565	-610	-645	-664
Dinners	-807	213	-421	0
Miscellaneous	-494	-56	-97	-102
Book			-102	-600
Net Gain or (Loss)	-1,671	1,953	-1,030	2,817
Ending Balance	3,969	5,922	4,892	7,709

Sloops For Free

There are currently two Friendship Sloops on the For Sale page on the FSS.ORG website that are available for free.

#154 **Muscongus** is owned by Bruce Williams of Bridgeport, Conn, who is the owner of Captain's Cove Seaport and has offered his sloop to anyone who will give it a home. The sloop was built in 1909 by Albion Morse of Cushing, Maine. It is 28' on deck. The sloop does need some work. Bruce can be reached at 203-335-1433. The sloop is at the seaport which is located at 1 Bostwick Ave., Bridgeport, CT.

An unfinished sloop is available in Maine. It is a 25' Pemaquid design which was started in 1990 by Ken Pierce. The hull and deck are completed, it needs to be fitted out. The hull is cedar planked on oak ribs, bronze fastened with a mahogany stern. The sloop is located in Jonesport, ME and has always been kept inside. It's a great start for someone who wants to fit her out. For more information: Call Ken Pierce at 907-209-2126 or email him at kenartpierce@yahoo.com

Dues Reminder

If you haven't mailed your annual dues in for 2014, please send them to our membership secretary:

Carole Wojcik
Membership Secretary
347 Lincoln Street
Norwell, MA 02061

"It is always time to reef when you think it is. The moment you would feel easier and your boat handle better by having less sail spread, is the time to shorten down."

-Thomas Fleming Day

2013 At Rockland

By Dave Graham, Race Committee Chairman

From a racing and cruising point of view, the 2013 Rockland Rendezvous was very nearly picture perfect. The weather cooperated with our on-the-water schedule to-a-tee, providing us with little more than isolated afternoon thunderstorms in the area - - - very isolated, none of which paid us any visits - - - during all three days between Thursday, July 18th and Saturday, the 20th. The predicted SE to SW breezes developed each day in time to allow us to get our cruising schedule, for those who wanted to participate, and our race starting sequences off in an orderly fashion during all three days. Additionally, these conditions prevailed on Saturday morning, allowing us to get our parade of sloops underway, ably lead by our Commodore(s), Bill & Kathy Whitney aboard their very handsome sloop **Gaiivota**. In turn, this allowed us to start Saturday's race "as published"!

With these ideal conditions, there was little loitering out on the race course, the end result was that each days' finish was tightly packed and thrilling.

You might be interested in knowing that waaaay before arriving at Rockland, coordination with our truly wonderful Harbormaster, Ed Glaser, and the United States Coast Guard began in early January, before even the Maine Boat Show in March, when we filed our "Application for Event" with the USCG Northern New England Region Office in South Portland. Of course, we copied Station Rockland and Ed on the application form and began a dialog with Ed on the fine-points of what we'd planned on doing in July. Indeed, early filings have become a ritual for the Race Committee not very long after New Year's Day. Conversations with Marcia Morang regarding the FSS trophies would be saved until a bit later as we grew closer to the Rockland race and cruise program.

Added to all this activity was the Race Committee participation in no less than four meetings of the FSS Executive Committee and an equal number of RC meetings, all scattered throughout what most would consider to be "the off-season".

At the end of the day on Saturday, July 20th, when the final sloop had finished her race course, the last task of the 2013 season needed to be completed; that is, the presentation of the awards. Three-day standings for Divisions I and II were compiled and from that produced the trophy results as reported on page 4 of this newsletter.

Lastly, it was during 2013 that we added a new member to our Race Committee crew in the form of Fred Lincoln, an old friend from nearby Rockport, ME and Arlington, MA. With his masterful handling of the Committee Boat **Seven Girls** radio, Fred instantly became the new "Voice of the Race Committee".

As we "speak", plans are underway for our 2014 Friendship Sloop Society Rockland Homecoming - - - and yes, our USGC "Application for Event" will be filed by mid-January, which will get the show officially underway. Thus, we hope to see you at Rockland for our 54th Homecoming Rendezvous, scheduled for July 17th through the 19th.

"I do not hold, as some do, that to be able to stand up in one's cabin is an essential on a small yacht. If one wishes to assume an erect position one can always go on deck."

-E. F. Knight

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The Yearbook will go to press in May with 4,500 copies distributed throughout New England starting in early June. Copies are made available to the public at hundreds of locations, including Chambers of Commerce, tourist visitor centers, hotels and inns, retail stores, campgrounds, boat yards and marinas. Copies are always available through our membership. If you would like yearbooks for distribution at your location, please let us know and we will provide them. In addition to your printed ad in the yearbook, your ad will be posted on the Friendship Sloop Society website, www.fss.org, and our Facebook page.

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