



FRIENDSHIPS

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Commodore's Message

It's snowing here as I write this. The fields of Maine are clean and white against the dark green and brown of the woods. Outside it has warmed up to almost 8 degrees. Nearby in the dark of the sloopshed the old girl is snoring away peacefully...and dreaming. In the dream she sees a long line of Friendship Sloops, their billowing gaff rigged mains'ls brilliant in the morning sun, reaching at full bore up Boston Harbor. On the shore millions are cheering. Now come the Coasties, screaming at the sloops to slow down so the hundreds of ships, Tall and Short and also under full sail, can catch up.

Coming back to earth, actually 25 Friendship Sloops are now signed up for the Tall Ships Parade in Boston July 11, the highlight of our 1992 season. We plan a July 10-11 gathering there (an unfortunate conflict with Jack Vibber's New London Regatta); then on to Bath, July 18; to the Boothbay Rendezvous July 20-24 and to Friendship Day, July 25. Dave Graham's Marblehead Regatta will be August 15-16. Mark your calendars. Another great summer is in the making.

The Annual Meeting at the New England Center saw a record crowd of 80 enjoying many new displays, slides and videos at the Pre-Meeting, interesting enough to prompt a post-meeting replay. Much swapping of sea yarns, some true, ended what must have been a good party as the hospitality suite didn't close its doors till after two in the morning.

Against this happiness, however, there was sadness. A few days after he received the Hadlock Trophy for his great service to the Society since its founding, Ernie Wiegleb passed away. A beautiful story and tribute here in the Newsletter brings back memories of this beloved member of our Friendship family.

The Society moves on in strength as capable younger members assume some of the tasks of keeping the sails full. The impossible task of finding a replacement for retiring secretary Mary Cronin, our true Mother Friendship, was resolved most happily by election of daughter Caroline to fill the post. And Doug Amsbary was elected to take over from retiring Al Zink as chairman of the Membership Committee. Al

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'Chrissy's' Consort

by Bennett Noble

Those of you who have rummaged in these columns over the years will remember **Chrissy**, unarguably the prettiest Friendship Sloop in that fleet of beauties.

You will also remember Christine, the patient, marvelous lady for whom **Chrissy** was named.

And if you do, you will remember Ernie, Christine's husband and **Chrissy's** consort.

Well, we lost Ernst "Ernie" Wiegleb on Thanksgiving Day. He was 90. He was much loved by many, many people, of course, but by none quite so enthusiastically as those he had quietly labeled as friends.

It was an earned privilege to be Ernie Wiegleb's friend. The accolade brought with it the responsibility of being a good listener, a fast learner, a definitive Republican, a modest intellect, and to carry with you at all times an interest in all things. If you could manage all of that, and never steal his wind or force him over early at the starting line, Ernie would tap you as a friend. And once consecrated, you could take its gold to the bank.

Ernie was a railroad man, a hoisting engineer, a grimy, cold and careful business. Maybe that's why he liked to get out on the sea with **Chrissy** and the quiet. He ran a steam-powered derrick. He lifted much of the steel on the Verazzano Narrows Bridge in New York, and there is hardly a span of any size between Point Jervis and Chemung that he didn't fashion or make better. He made a lot of things better in his 90 years, including me.

He made himself better, too. He emerged to me as a man who never let a day pass without learning something. He taught himself how to choose good oak, work it, steam it, bend it to **Chrissy's** will. He taught himself how to take someone else's discarded mast, hollow it out, glue it up, and step it in **Chrissy**. He taught himself celestial navigation. He could jack up a barn, graft fruit trees, raise the damnest crop of asparagus you ever saw, and bring new peas to the table by Flag Day.

The business of the bilge stringer is offered in evidence. A

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'Chrissy's' Consort (Continued from Page 1)

bilge stringer is a longitudinal boat timber running along the turn of the bilge from stem to stern on the port and starboard sides of a Friendship Sloop and most other strong- built wooden boats. When **Chrissy** was hauled up in 1972 for an overhaul, Ernie replaced both bilge stringers. I and Ernie's son Paul, worked along with him on the port side stringer. We worked all one Saturday, bending, shaping, notching, bracing, and finally fastening that damned thing in place as the sun went down. It was a full, tiring day for three men. Paul and I went back to our jobs over the next week, and when we came back to **Chrissy** the next Saturday, we found that Ernie had put the starboard side stringer in all by himself.

He never let on how he did it, other than to say something about how it wasn't too hard since "all the mistakes were made last Saturday." He never once mentioned that perhaps he'd been slowed down by a pair of mouth-breathing lumpers the previous weekend. I never got a chance to test the theory, but I supposed from that day forward that if I ever ran **Chrissy** up on a ledge, I'd sooner she took it on her starboard side rather than apart. She had to be stronger on that side.

Looking back on it all, 17 years at **Chrissy's** helm, God knows how many Friendship Sloop races and pleasant jogs out of Pleasant Point, fashioning butt blocks, divining the mysteries of a gaffheaded rig, learning to gulp Scotch and sip Schnapps, and always to get home in the fog... I conclude his greatest lesson to me was never to let a day go by without learning something.

And so the days are upon us when the mentor, the confidant, the immense intellect is no longer with us. Only his lessons remain. And that is enough.

The saddest part is that **Chrissy** has been left behind. She stands in Ernie's dooryard, fretting another winter minus her garboards, her engine, her rigging, her sails...her heart gone, her soul distracted.

I have no doubt today that Ernie and Chris are together again. And that's why I can't get **Chrissy** out of my mind.

Bennett Noble is the pen name of our Race Committee Chairman, Bruce Morang, who writes for, and is the editor of the "Reading Daily Times Chronicle".

Dues Reminder

If you haven't sent in your annual dues to Caroline Cronin, Society Secretary, please send them to Caroline at:

164 Sturbridge Road
Charlton, MA 01507

Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund Drive

The Trustees of the Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund are asking that you, once again, contribute to this endowment. Your past support is deeply appreciated by us and by the Friendship students who have benefited from it. However, college costs continue to rise and the proportional support which the Fund can provide decreases.

This last June, six graduating high school seniors and two college upperclassmen, all Friendship residents, put in applications. Since the total interest was about \$5000.00, individual grants were only a few hundred dollars each. This does not go very far toward annual tuition costs ranging from \$12,000 to \$15,000 and more. We can do more, but only if the Fund Principle continues to grow.

The Fund was established in 1967 at the urging of Bill Pendleton and other Society members. It was the Society's way of saying "Thank You" to the people of Friendship for their help with the annual regattas. Among the young people who have taken advantage of this program we count teachers, secretaries, a lawyer, clergyman, engineers, merchant marine officers, and business executives.

Sloop Society members have contributed the major part of this endowment with substantial additions from friends and the people of Friendship. We ask that you continue to support this program with a generous contribution to the Fund that will help to improve the educational opportunities for Friendship high school graduates needing education beyond the secondary school level.

Please make checks payable to:

The Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund
and mail to:

The Rev. David Bell, Treasurer, P.M.S.F.
Friendship Street
Waldoboro, Maine 04572

For the Trustees and scholarship recipients: Thank You.
Elbert S. Pratt, President, P.M.S.F.

Measuring of Sloops

The Society Measurer and Handicapper, Dick Salter, has started a program to re-measure all sloops. Starting in 1992, 20% of the known sloops will be requested to measure their sloops, even if there have been no changes since the last handicap application was filed. A handicap application has been included in the newsletters that were sent to the owners of sloops numbered 1 to 50. If you were mailed an application, and have any questions or would like a set of instructions on how to measure your sloop, call or write Dick at:

151 Bridge Street
Manchester, MA 01944
Tel. (508)-526-1004

Annual Meeting Held at New England Center

Commodore Bill Rand opened the meeting with a welcome to all members and an apology for starting 10 minutes late. Bill introduced all old (sorry, prior) commodores, followed by introduction of new members present (Charlene Churchill, Allison & Tom Miller, Betty & Al Whitenour, Mary Clay & Brian Flynn, Joanne & Devin Parker, Bruce Alderson, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Keefe, Kimberly & John Bundza) and members attending for the first time (Jill & Bill Butcher).

The Secretary updated members with a report on the membership and read letters received from members. Treasurer David Bell's report was read and accepted. David also read the Pendleton Scholarship Fund report indicating a balance of \$39,450. David mentioned that Betty Roberts was undergoing eye surgery and Ernie Wiegler was deteriorating rapidly. Membership Chairman, Al Zink, updated the members on the Sloop Registry project, concentrating on boats instead of people which are the Secretary's job. Al also summarized the fleet changes during 1991.

Connecticut Race Committee Chairman, Jack Vibber, invited the fleet to New London on July 11th and 12th at the Thames River Yacht Club. Marblehead Race Committee Chairman, David Graham submitted the dates of August 15th and 16th for the 1992 regatta at the Corinthian Yacht Club. Bruce Alderson mentioned that he was at Marblehead for the regatta in 1991 and will be making a poster for the Society on his own. Race Committee Chairman Bruce Morang mentioned Boston Sail '92 as a major function of the Society and that final plans for Boothbay will be voted at the January Executive Board meeting, with the week of July 19th suggested as the date for the Rendezvous at the Boothbay Harbor Yacht. The BHYC has requested a substantial deposit for the use of the Yacht Club this year. Please express your opinions or concerns on the Boothbay Regatta to the Executive Committee or to Bruce. Vice Commodore Jim Wilson briefly outlined the great time in the Bath-Boothbay-Friendship rendezvous.

Roger Duncan, Yearbook Editor, mentioned problems he experienced with the printer of the Yearbook. The Yearbook costs the Society nothing to produce. The advertising information was sent late to the Society and the printer found ads difficult to sell. The printer will probably do it again in 1992, and will get the rate sheets out earlier, and hope we can do better in 1992. Articles should be in Roger's hands by April 15th, since it goes to the printer on May 1st.

John Wojcik, Newsletter Editor, reported that 325 copies are printed, with 250 sent to current members, another 50 to new members and complimentary copies to businesses, museums, yacht clubs, publications and individuals who help us along the way. We are considering going from 8 to 12 pages and including more pictures. Regarding the FSS mugs - they've all been sold, and the pins are selling well.

Doug Amsbary, Publicity Chairman, gave his report (please see page 4).

Motions for the following donations were made and voted by the members as follows:

\$300 to Maine Maritime Museum, Bath ME

\$300 to Friendship Museum, Friendship, ME

\$300 to Pendleton Scholarship Fund, Friendship, ME

Special Presentations were made by:

Bill Butcher, a beautiful painting of the FSS fleet under sail in New London, on behalf of the Connecticut members, to Jack Vibber for his work organizing the yearly races at New London.

David Graham, the "real" Stanley Cup, an exquisite trophy to be presented annually to a sloop owner (details to be worked out), named after Ralph Stanley, from the Corinthian Yacht Club, (after showing a television video of Ralph).

Jack Cronin, Chairman of the Winthrop Bancroft Award, an engraved silver plate, to Joe Richards for his book "Princess, NY".

Barbara Hadlock, the Hadlock Award, to Ernst Wiegler, for his contributions to the Society.

Dick Salter, the Liberty Award, which does not yet exist, but plans are for a trophy to be presented to the first bald-headed rig across the finish line in Division II.

Dick Salter led a discussion on the plans "Sail '92", and made a point telling those present that they should submit their application as soon as possible if they are planning on participating in the parade. Details will be forwarded to members as they become available.

Donald Huston read a letter from Adrian Hooydonk suggesting a race of wooden Friendships be held after "Sail '92" from a point in Massachusetts to Monhegan Island. If you are interested, call Adrian in Waldoboro, Maine.

Dick Salter, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers as follows:

Commodore: William Rand, Jr.

Vice Commodore: James Wilson

Secretary: Caroline Cronin

Treasurer: David Bell

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Annual Meeting (Continued from Page 3)

Race Committee Chairman: Bruce Morang
Membership Chairman: Doug Amsbary
Friendship Day Chairperson: Betty Roberts,
William Zuber

The Secretary was asked to cast a ballot electing the above slate, which was done.

Dick Salter displayed a "Stanley for Mayor" sticker (from a local political campaign) with a suggestion that Ralph Stanley be elected Mayor of New England!

Commodore Bill Rand presented a beautiful Revere Bowl to retiring Secretary, Mary Cronin. Al Zink was thanked for his efforts in completing the "Sloop Register".

Dick Salter acted as auctioneer for items presented to the Society with proceeds going to the Pendleton Scholarship Fund.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Cronin

Op Sail'92

The plans for OP Sail'92 in Boston are now being finalized by the committee in Boston. Dick Salter, who has been in contact with the committee and who is coordinating the plans for the Sloop Society, has been informed that to date, there are 124 tall ships planning to attend, of which 24 of those are Class A ships. The plans now call for a parade that will be almost 18 miles long!

Dick is currently looking into the possibility of accommodations for the sloops in Hull, with Hingham as another possibility. One of these locations will hopefully be the rendezvous spot for the fleet for the nights of Friday, July 10th and Saturday after the parade. Plans are also being made for a cruise to Maine after the Boston event, details of which are in the minutes of the January executive board meeting.

We will publish the final plans for Op Sail'92 and cruises to and from Boston in the Spring edition of the newsletter. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call or write Dick or any of the officers of the Society.

Friendship Sloop Video Available

The New Film Company has reduced the price of their video, "Friendship Sloops, A Heritage Retained" to \$29.95. For each video ordered through the Society, they will make a \$5 donation to our treasury. To order, send a check made payable to: THE NEW FILM COMPANY to: Caroline Cronin 164 Sturbridge Road Charlton, MA 01507

Report of the Publicity Chairman

This position was loosely created to generate interest in Friendship Sloops and their related activities by means of sending a seasonal news release to numerous publications. Now in its second year, it has expanded its role in pursuing and attracting new members through these press releases with an offering of available associate memberships. One of the problems we have been trying to address is the fact that other than owning and actually participating in our regattas, it is really a closed Society event and at most times difficult for the public to view our activities out on the race course. To that end we are looking into contacting one of the Boothbay sightseeing boats to see if they might like to offer a special tour of a pre-selected race. We are actively pursuing the idea of getting some television coverage of the Boothbay Regatta either for a short human interest feature or an educational or updated documentary program.

Other ongoing work includes expanding our number of publication contacts and periodically updating these contacts.

A simple poster is planned to help stimulate visual interest in our traditional sloops for seaside distribution this Spring.

We are seeking any exceptional "fleet photos" or any other special pictures for inclusion with our press releases with due credit given each contributor. So here's your chance to have your notable pictures published!

We are also planning to include promotional information in our press releases this spring to generate interest on Boston's "Sail '92" where many Friendships have already signed up to participate.

This coming year we will be sending race results to winning sloop's hometown newspapers to promote due recognition in this area.

We are most receptive to any ideas that any of you may have in regards to expanding our promotional efforts.

Thank you,
Doug Amsbary, Chairman

Sloop Society Pins Available

Society lapel pins are available for purchase to benefit the general treasury. These pins are 7/8" long and are a cloisonne finish. They can be purchased for \$6.00 each. If interested, send a check made payable to the Friendship Sloop Society to: John Wojcik, 347 Lincoln St. Norwell, MA 02061

Letter from "Woodenboat" Magazine, #250 **Belford Gray**

Our Friendship Sloop, **Belford Gray**, will be launched the third or fourth week of July. We are all excited and will keep you posted. As soon as we have a definite launch date we will let you know. She will be launched at Center Harbor.

Sloop Society Financial Statement January 1, 1991 to December 31, 1991

Treasurer David Bell has submitted the following unaudited treasurer's report:

Receipts:

Dues: Boat Owners \$ 3,300.00
Assoc. Members 1,155.00
CO-OP Members 570.00 \$ 5,025.00

Rendezvous:

Entry Fees 560.00
Banquet 1,634.00 2,194.00

Meetings:

Annual Dinner 1,600.00
Other 434.00 2,034.00

Miscellaneous:

Computer Fund 1,837.72
Burgees 315.00
Donations 20.00
Decals 33.00
Other 588.00
Interest 188.63 2,982.35

Total Receipts

12,235.35

Disbursements:

Administration:

Printing \$ 163.13
Newsletter 986.71
Postage 642.22
Supplies 446.62
General Insurance 310.00
Secretary Comp. 1,000.00
Other Administration 32.63 3,581.31

Rendezvous:

Trophies 492.85
Race Insurance 321.30
Commemorative Plaques 275.00
USYRU Membership 75.00
Skipper Gifts 283.70
BHYC Stewards 50.00
Race Committee Expense 56.32
Rendezvous Dinners 1,601.79 3,155.96

Donations and Gifts:

Friendship Museum 300.00
Pendleton Scholarship 300.00
Maine Maritime Museum 300.00
Other Donations/Gifts 159.55 1,059.55

Meetings:

Annual Meeting 1,529.34
Other Meeting Expense 430.77 1,960.11

Miscellaneous:

Computer, Coffee Mugs,
Pins 2,197.14
Photographer 50.00 2,247.14

Total Expenses

12,004.07

Total Receipts

12,235.35

Receipts Over Expenses 231.28

Balance:Checking Account 2,021.41

Savings Account 2,100.02

On a Lee Shore

The yearbook is trying to beat off a lee shore. The recession is pushing us hard to leeward because tourism in Maine is off, hence Maine merchants are less enthusiastic about advertising in a publication which they believe will bring them few big spenders. Reade Brower, our publisher, feels the squeeze as his advertising revenue goes down and his costs creep up. For the last two years, despite a reduction from 64 pages to 48 pages, he has not been able to sell enough advertising to break even. However, he has agreed for one more year to give us the booklet at no cost to us; but we are sliding fast to leeward.

This year we will distribute to you contract sheets for advertising early in the spring. The rates will be the same as last year: \$295 for a full page down to \$56 for one-sixth of a page. Those of us with summer businesses are urged to take an ad. All of us who deal with boat yards and marine suppliers are urged to give them an opportunity to advertise. Finally, the Bulletin Board page will be available to anyone who would like to flag a message at \$15 a column inch. You can take as many inches as you need to get your message in print, and you can even include a black and white drawing or photograph.

The yearbook helps to fulfill one of the purposes of the Society, to preserve and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Friendship Sloop. Over the last thirty years the yearbook has published articles dealing with the history of Friendship Sloops, of the towns where they were built, and of the people who built and sailed them. Equally important have been articles on current exploits and adventures, events which become history as they recede into the past. And there have been innumerable pictures of sloops and their owners. The collection of yearbooks is a contribution to Maine's maritime history.

Articles, stories, and pictures, whether historical or current, should be sent to the editor by **April 15**. Bulletin Board items should be sent to the editor with appropriate checks. Display advertisements should be sent to Coastal Publications, 10 Leland Street, Rockland, ME 04841 by **May 6**.

Give us a fair wind off this lee shore.

Roger F. Duncan, Editor

P.O. Box 66

East Boothbay, ME 04544

Yearbook Advertising Rates

Cover Space	5 3/8" X	8 1/4"	\$335
Full Page	5 3/8" X	8 1/4"	\$295
Half Page	5 3/8" X	4 1/8"	\$152
One-Third (Hor Only)	5 3/8" X	2 3/4"	\$105
Quarter Page (Hor.)	5 3/8" X	2"	\$78
Quarter Page (Ver.)	2 3/4" X	4 1/8"	\$78
One Sixth Page	2 3/4" X	2 3/4"	\$56
Bulletin Board			\$15

January Executive Board Meeting Notes

The first executive board meeting of 1992 was held January 18th at the Maine Maritime Museum. Commodore Bill Rand opened the meeting at 11:00 AM and welcomed everyone attending. The secretary's minutes of the previous meetings were accepted.

Secretary Caroline Cronin mentioned that George Loos, owner of **Vida Mia** from New Jersey, has expressed interest in getting a group together to attend the New York Tall Ships. He stated that he wanted information on who to contact, a list of those in his area, and any other helpful information. A list of local members will be sent to George.

Treasurer David Bell passed out the budget for 1991 and the proposed budget for 1992. There was discussion on the computer acquisition fund which will not have a balance for 1992. A decision was made to add \$100 to an account for computer supplies and \$500 to cover computer expenses. The balance as of December 31st (checking and savings) was \$4,121.43. The budget was unanimously approved. David Bell also stated that a CD of \$1600 is coming due soon. David wanted the CD to be increased to \$2000 and to become a trophy CD only. After some discussion, the trophy CD was approved. David suggested that someone from the membership should audit the Society books. Bill Rand and David will discuss this further and choose someone from the membership to perform the audit.

Race Committee Chairman, Bruce Morang, was not present. Bill Rand submitted Bruce's report which indicted Bruce's concern over cost and the necessity of skippers' gifts. Dick Salter suggested presenting the skippers' gifts at the awards ceremony rather than at the skippers' meeting. After prolonged discussion, it was agreed that the gifts should stay and the participation plaques remain the same.

The rendezvous in Boothbay will be the week of July 20 when the BHYC will be on their cruise. The BHYC stated a new policy requiring a deposit of \$500. The deposit would be returned as follows: \$150 for moorings and \$350 for the bar and restaurant. The mooring fee has also been increased to \$18 per night. Bill Rand will look into this matter further.

The race program will include one staggered start, the day to be chosen by the Race Committee depending upon wind conditions. Bruce also asked about the status of the hand-crafted trophies. Dick Salter stated that his boat would be available to the Race Committee for any purposes that they needed. Dick, as the Society handicapper and measurer, stated that it was time to update the handicaps of all sloops, and suggested that 20% of the sloops be measured each year. A decision was made to include a handicap application form in the newsletter for sloops numbered 1 to 50.

Rendezvous Chairman, Jim Wilson, stated that he had a tentative schedule for the sail back to Boothbay from Sail'92 in Boston. He stated that this schedule was not concrete and recommended changes would be considered. The schedule is as follows:

SUNDAY: Leave Boston for Marblehead or Gloucester.
MONDAY: Portsmouth - Maritime Heritage Commission would like to plan an event with the Friendship Sloops.
TUESDAY: Biddeford Pool - A short sail from Portsmouth
WEDNESDAY: Haraseeket River - a big question mark because of tides.
THURSDAY: Casco Bay - no noted destination. Bill Rand suggested the New Meadows River where he has a couple of moorings at Cundy's Harbor.
FRIDAY: Sebasco Estates - has great accommodations.
SATURDAY: Bath

Jim stated that at the Annual Meeting there was some discussion of an off-shore race from Boston to Monhegan Island. After further discussion about safety, insurance, capacity of the sloops, it was decided that there would not be an official race committee to start the race. If there is interest in the race, the participants will have to start the race themselves.

Jim stated that the Bath and Boothbay schedules will be similar to 1991. Bill mentioned that the Maine Maritime Museum will be hosting the commissioning party for the cruiser **Shiloh**, and that the Sloop Society was invited. This event is the same day that we arrive at Bath. If we do not wish to attend, the society can host their own cookout.

According to the Friendship Day Committee, Friendship Day will be Saturday, July 25th. Bill and Caroline Zuber are planning a 90th anniversary party for **Gladiator**.

Sail'92 Chairman, Dick Salter, stated that 16 Friendships had signed up for the event. The sloops will rendezvous

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January Executive Board Meeting

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on Friday, July 10th at a location that had not been determined at this time. Some ports that were suggested included Hull, Hingham and Great Brewster Islands. A decision was made that Dick should look into staying at Hull or Hingham. One of the criteria is the time that fleet will need to be at the assembly area. Bill Rand recommended putting all of the options for Boston and Boothbay into the Winter newsletter so members could begin to plan.

Pendleton Scholarship Fund Chairman, Elbert Pratt, stated that the fund drive was under way. The solicitation of the Sloop Society will be done through the Winter newsletter. David Bell stated that \$5000 in scholarships was given out in 1991.

Discussion of the 1992 Annual Meeting included Jim Wilson's suggestion of holding a future meeting at the Mystic Seaport in Connecticut. He will look into the location for accommodations and programs at the seaport. Bill Rand stated that although the meal at the New England Center was not up to expectations, everyone had a good time. Proposals for future meeting sites will be given at the March meeting. The decision was unanimous that the 1992 meeting be held at the New England Center.

The FSS Memorial Flagpole in Friendship has been taken down because of rot. Because of the cost of replacing the flagpole, it will be replaced with a memorial stone. David Bell and Bill Rand will look into this matter further.

Yearbook Editor, Roger Duncan, stated that the publisher is printing the 1992 yearbook as he did in 1991. Roger hopes to get better advertisement feedback to pay for the book. This year will be a 48 page book with 24 pages for advertising. Roger questioned whether the yearbook should be continued or replaced by the newsletter. After further discussion, it was decided to keep the yearbook. Roger stated that the publisher's deadline is May 1st and that April 15th is the deadline for photos and articles which can be sent to Roger.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline M. Cronin, Secretary

Commodore's Message

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has completed his years of devoted search and has identified, and in most cases located just about every Friendship Sloop that was ever built, obtained drawings of many, then cataloged and stored the data for easy updating at the Maine Maritime Museum. He has created a Friendship Sloop Society treasure.

Hope to see you in Boston or Boothbay, or both

Pendleton Memorial Scholarship Fund 1991 Financial Statement

Balance - January 1, 1991 \$ 3,942.81

Receipts:

Interest	303.51
Donations	4,059.68
Friendship Day	158.00
Friendship Plates	<u>60.00</u>

Total Receipts: 4,581.19

Expenses:

Friendship Plates	33.00
Letterheads	45.77
Appeal Letter -	
Paper & Copy	15.00
Stamps	29.00
Printed Thank You's	68.27
Envelopes	43.89
Supplies	.98
SCHOLARSHIPS	<u>5,000.00</u>

Total Expenses: 5,235.91

Balance - Savings Account, 3,290.05

Balance - Cert. of Deposits \$43,557.56

Respectfully submitted,

David Bell, Treasurer

Trophies

Our Race Committee Chairman, Bruce Morang, is still looking for imaginative members who will put their craftsmanship and ingenuity to work creating trophies. To date, a number of members have committed to Bruce that they will be providing a handcrafted trophy to replace some of our tired trophies. If you're interested in helping, contact Bruce at: 60 Park Street East, North Reading, MA 01864, or call Bruce at home (508)-664-4967 or at the office, (617)-922-2200.

Sloops for Sale

The Society has received a number of letters from owners and others informing us that a sloop is for sale. Due to lack of space, we cannot print the letters, but if you're interested in any of the following sloops, contact Caroline, our secretary, for the particulars.

# 16 Retriever	1942	22'	\$4,000
#162 Irene	1917	38'	Sealed Bids by 3/31
#197 Natanya	1978	(recently rebuilt)	31'
#222 Lady Jane	1982	16'	\$3,500
#241 Blue Sands	To Be Completed	34'	\$25,000

Letters

Caroline receives a number of letters from our members, especially at membership renewal time. Here's a sampling of some of the correspondence that we received over the last few months:

From Gloria Swanson:

I am so sorry to report that one of your charter members, Richard W. Swanson, passed away on August 11, 1991. He was stricken by a sudden heart attack and peacefully passed away while sailing, not a Friendship Sloop, but his 45 foot Columbia motor sailor off Martha's Vineyard. He was fond of recalling his former Friendship days.

Ed. Note: Dick Swanson owned the Jolly Buccaneer and was the Society's second president in 1964.

From Jim Craig, #113 **Yankee Pride**:

We had some significant "Hurricane Bob" damage. One of the items destroyed was our carved wood American eagle that was affixed to the boat's fore foot, right under the bowsprit. Do you know of anyone who carves and sells such an item?

Almost all Friendships have them and we would greatly appreciate any input you could give us for locating one for our bow. Thank you in advance,

121 First St. P.O. Box 236
Keyport, New Jersey 07735
(908) 739-9359

From Rich & Sally Mosher - #205 **Daystar**:

Daystar is being "finally" fitted with the rest of her rigging. Jenny has been helping me with the building of a tender for **Daystar** (the tender's name is **Twinkle**). Due to the economy here in Michigan, **Daystar** was in drydock last summer. We are planning to do some extended cruising on Lake Michigan this summer, also we are planning to be at the races this year.

I spent a glorious week with Roger &

Mary Duncan aboard **Eastward** last June. It was the highlight of the summer. They are a special kind of old salts.

I will send you an article that I'm writing about the week aboard **Eastward**.

It's nice to have yours & Jack's friendship, and being a member of the Society. See you next summer.

From John Nichols, #216 **Amity**:

We moved to England in February, 1989 and had **Amity** shipped over in November, 1989. She's moored at a beautiful marina in Suffolk, England, on

the River Orwell near Ipswich. We spent the year of 1989-1990 working on her hull and had her launched 1 August 1990 (mastless). We spent most of the winter working on her interior - stripping many coats of varnish and paint and leaving the cabinetry as oiled mahogany now. This past spring we fixed up her mast (60' hollow spruce that we had worked on the entire summer of 1988 before moving here) and had it re-stepped. Now we're in the process of stripping the decks, cabin, etc. People always stop to admire her, even as patchy as she is right now. (I wonder if we'll ever get her finished.)

1992 Schedule of Events

Boston Sail'92 Rendezvous, July 10

Tall Ships Parade - Sail'92, July 11

New London Regatta, July 11 and 12

Cruise to Maine, July 12 to July 16

Maine Maritime Museum Rendezvous, July 17 and 18
Rendezvous and Races at Boothbay, July 20, 21 and 22

Friendship Day Celebration, July 24

Marblehead Regatta, August 15 and 16

Annual Meeting, November 21 - New England Center

Class A Birthdays

There are a number of member Class A sloops that are celebrating significant "birthdays" in 1992. Our congratulations to the owners and crews of the following "Senior" members of the fleet:

90 Years:

#9 Amity	James Wiggins, Brooklin, ME
#71 Gladiator	Bill & Caroline Zuber, Friendship, ME
#95 Westwind	John & Diane Fassak, Mansfield, MA
#242 Tecumseh	Dan Traylor, Fort Lauderdale, FL

85 Years:

#56 Iocaste	Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, ME
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80 Years:

#18 Chrissy	Wiegley Family
#82 Morning Star	Judy Oneal-Brooks, Nashua, NH