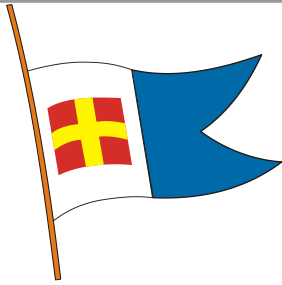


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Up North, Down East

Part 1 - by Jay Stormer AE4MZ



Traditionally the net has concentrated on the winter cruising migrations from the Chesapeake to the Bahamas. However, this summer there have been quite a few of us checking into the net with position reports from locations in Maine. I hope you will enjoy learning more about Maine harbors with a few photos. The photo here is from Pulpit Harbor on North Haven Island in Penobscot Bay. The Schooner MERCANTILE is entering the harbor, under sail, past Pulpit Rock. A number of these schooners anchor here while carrying passengers on "windjammer" cruises. It is also very popular with cruising yachtsmen. Pulpit Rock has an osprey nest on its peak, which reportedly

has been occupied for over 150 years. Islesboro Island and the Camden Hills are in the distance. The sunsets over the Camden Hills from here are perhaps the most spectacular in Maine.

Today, a quiet morning with gentle rain falling, anchored in a snug harbor, is as beautiful in its way as the days of sun and sparkling blue water. It is a necessary counterpoint to more active days, and naturally relaxing. Its reward is time to catch up on writing, or to curl up on a settee with a cup of hot tea and a good book. Recently we have cruised from Yarmouth, ME and Casco Bay to Pulpit Harbor in North Haven Island, Penobscot Bay; only about 50 miles "as the crow flies." We have anchored or moored in a number of beautiful harbors: Quahog Bay, Cundy's Harbor, "The Basin" New Meadows River, Boothbay Harbor, Tenants Harbor, Rockland, and now Pulpit Harbor. The surprise is how many equally inviting places we have passed by - making a promise to visit another time. The coast is naturally rugged with rocky shores, numberless islands, rock ledges awash, and deep tidal rivers extending far inland. All is well charted and with an excellent cruising guidebook. This topography provides an abundance of good harbors and anchorages which are varied in character. Some are surrounded by forests, others are dominated by towns. The Basin on the New Meadows River was probably the closest to wilderness. It is a completely enclosed saltwater "lake" accessible through a narrow passage. Even there



an old farmhouse with a hayfield extending to the shore and a few camps set well back in the trees could be seen. Rockland is at the opposite end of the spectrum, a relatively large town with some industry along the waterfront and tourist potential which is not yet dominant. The plus side is that it has good convenient stores for boat supplies, groceries, etc and good yacht services. Boothbay Harbor is the quintessential Maine tourist destination with "T" shirt shops, galleries, and quaint B&B's; yet it still has a lot of charm.

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The smaller places like Cundys and Tenants Harbor have limited tourist and "summer" business, and still depend on a very active fishing industry. All of these places have a real history, unlike the sprawling suburbs most of us come from. Damariscove Island (near Boothbay) was a thriving fishing community in the late 1500's long before Jamestown and Plymouth. Until the last year-round resident left in 1935 it was the oldest continuously occupied European community in the US. The fishermen at Damariscove provided essential supplies without which the Pilgrims at Plymouth probably would not have survived the first winter. However, being successful commercial fishermen they did not advertise their activities and invite competition, so the history books have largely missed them.

Fall is perhaps the best time for cruising Maine. The cold fronts came through with more authority, but each front brought several days of crisp clear weather. As the weather cooled, the summer vacationers and southbound cruisers gradually departed, leaving the harbors quieter and towns more laid-back. By September, the mornings were getting "frosty", a few leaves were turning red and gold, and we saw great "V" shaped strings of geese flying southward.

In August we left Penobscot Bay eastbound via the Eggemoggin Reach, a beautiful inland passage between Deer Island and the mainland. Brooklin, at the east end of the reach, is the home of the Wooden Boat School on the grounds of a former estate. Cruising sailors can pick up a mooring or anchor and are welcome to visit. A few miles across Jericho Bay, at Buckle Harbor, trails lead through spruce forests to shore-side outlooks, granite boulders, and white sand "pocket" beaches. In bright sunlight, the water over the white sand has the same cerulean hue as water over tropical coral sands.



Northeast Harbor on Mt. Desert Island, a few miles to the north, is a "classic" Maine cruising destination. Here, in a harbor crowded with moorings, one "rubs gunwales" with beautiful antique wooden Alden and Concordia yawls as well as "classic plastic" boats from Hinckley and Morris. While we were there, the Morris yard was holding one of their 5-year "reunions". There were dozens of Morris sailing yachts of all sizes, acres of sparking varnished teak, and gleaming dark blue painted hulls.

Somesville is a short sail up Somes Sound, a deep fjord running between the mountains and cliffs of Mt. Desert Island. It is almost the stereotype of a New England village, with 200 year-old white clapboard houses and spired churches set back on well kept lawns with large maples. The free town landing is a short walk to a great bookstore and the bus stop. One can go virtually anywhere on the island on one or another of the bus routes and all are free, propane powered and sponsored by L.L. Bean to ameliorate congestion and auto exhaust pollution in Acadia National Park.



Northeast Harbor



Tropicbird & Mt. Desert Is.



Sunset at Somes Harbor

For more cruising tales and beautiful photos, see www.jstorm.com/Maine.

Up North, Down East

Part 2 - by Robin Roberts

Jim and Robin Roberts, close friends of your editor though not hams, cruise full time aboard a magnificent DeFever 49. Their recent cruise through Maine and Nova Scotia is documented at www.mvadventures.com/Blog. Robin's nature photography is not to be missed.



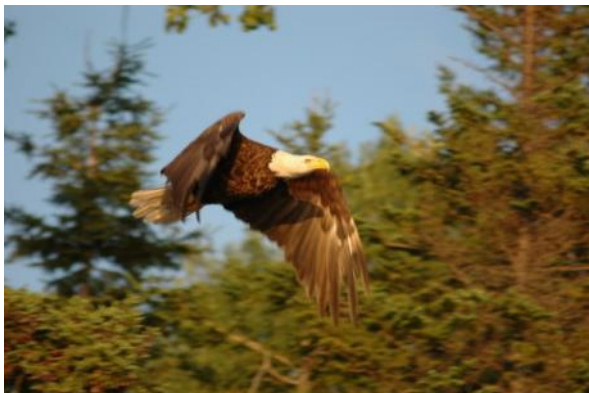
We arrived in the south end of the Bras D'or Lake up in Cape Breton Island. It's breathtakingly beautiful up here - everything is rocky and hilly and covered in tall evergreens with houses and tiny villages tucked in here and there.

The birding was great - this little Plover had two chicks nearby (too shy to be photographed).



All along the rocky coast we see little fishing villages tucked here and there, and where there's a lighthouse it's usually crisp white with a red roof.

We were very lucky to see two bull moose. They are huge animals, but very quiet and hard to spot.



We spent two nights anchored in Denys Basin, a long wiggling trip among wooded islands and narrow passages that opened up into a big area with fresh water creeks and a river diluting the salt water. Because the water is more brackish there are more rainbow trout, which attract the eagles. We watched two spend most of the day hunting between two islands right near the boat, and our evening jaunt in the dink was a great way to see them up close.

Peggy's Cove is a tiny fishing village with a classic Nova Scotia lighthouse, but it's interesting since this particular area is very noticeably shaped by glaciers.



Commodore



**Tom Rader
K4WJC**

What a Summer it has been on the Waterway Net. Even with poor propagation, thanks to Fleet Captain Chuck, ND7K, and our many relays we've taken check-ins from Panama, Honduras & Puerto Rico all the way north to the upper Great Lakes, Maine & Nova Scotia. It's always amazing to me how many people are out there listening in the "ether" and pitch in to help.

It's going to be a busy Fall as well. You won't have to rush to get south for the Melbourne picnic this year. Stop by in Charleston and give me a shout; I'd love to meet as many of you as I can. Take time to vote on Nov. 4th and arrive in Melbourne around Dec. 1 for the SSCA GAM. Our picnic will be about one month later than usual on Sunday, Dec. 7 (see more in this issue); I hope to see a huge turnout. We'll have a flea market again this year at the picnic; so bring that unwanted gear to sell.

It's going to be different this year at the picnic without our Past Commodore and Fleet Captain Emeritus, Tom Taylor, N4LDX. I'm sure hoping Lila Jean can make it so we can share some love with her.

Lake Okeechobee is open again. Hopefully, Ike will be the last big hurricane we have to tolerate this season. I remember liking Ike in the 50's; this time – not so much.

Dave's, N4NVI, new weather format continues to be

well received. I know he would appreciate e-mail comments on what you like or don't like about the new format. We'll be switching soon to the "southern" focus Winter format. Would you like the new format to be continued next year? Do you have any new ideas you would like tried?

Oh, and elections for new officers will be happening soon. We'll be announcing more about that soon on the net as well as the website. Stay tuned.

73 & 88

Tom K4WJC



CW NET

By Chuck Grey ND7K

There are some active sailors/cruisers in the WRCC that are also active in our CW Net - like AE4MZ with a Pearson 36, W2IBK with a 32 ft cat schooner, AF1E with a 34 ft sloop, AJ4XP/HR9 and K4TCV. There are a number of other regulars on the CW Net that are also active boaters and seldom if ever appear on 7268. Many are WRCC members. Let me introduce some of them.

WA4BAM John is captain of one of the Boy Scout boats cruising from Miami to Key West; NP2DJ Deborah is a full time liveaboard, Charlotte Amalie USVI; WD4DMT Mike is a part time liveaboard on his 45 foot sloop at Apalachicola, FL; K5GP Gene has a Hobie 33 in Texas; K3KKA Bob now lives aboard a 36 ft trawler in Marathon and is a 'copter pilot for the sheriff; WA4MQW Bob has made a

number of ocean passages in his Westsail 32; AG4ND Forrest has his 36 ft Willard Trawler in the Tennessee River for the summer; KD4OYX Frank and Pattie are liveaboards on their 36+ ft sloop Pretty Pattie now in the Chesapeake; K1PT Paul has his Catalina 27 behind their house in Palm City with Pidge KD1BG (Bahama Girl); W2TOH George keeps his 30+ ft Chapelle sloop (which he built himself) in the St Lawrence River; AC4UA Bryan who keeps his Morgan 41 in Marathon and goes home to England in the summer;

K2VQ Chuck has a Pearson 33 which he sails in the NY Finger Lakes; AF1Z is the professional Captain on a 90 ft yacht and is also a pilot.

I should mention N5CM Ken, retired Merchant Marine Radio Officer, New Orleans and OK after Gustov.

I'm sorry if I missed anyone. Some of us have (gulp) swallowed the anchor, but that's another story. Others just like to send and receive Morse CW, which has a unique satisfaction for all of us.

All are welcome, come and join us.

73 Chuck ND7K QRU dit dit



BoatU.S. membership with our group discount is only \$12.50 per year. Sign up using our GROUP ID: #GA84618B

Sunshine

The following members or their families have received cards or flowers from the Sunshine Fund recently.

JUNE

Carol Nemeyer
AA3HJ SK

JULY

Larry Savadkin
WB3KDR SK

Shelley Knaggs
N1UPO Surgery

Tom Taylor N4LDX SK

Bob Perritt
KC4QQP Illness

AUGUST

Bob Thompson
KD3BV Illness

SEPTEMBER

Bob Hill
KA1SFH Illness

The Sunshine fund is not funded through your dues, but is supported by donations collected over the year. We want to thank those of you who have donated to this fund. It is very much appreciated.

If you are aware of a club member in need of some Sunshine, please contact me via phone (correct in the roster), new email address kc4bgq@earthlink.net, or sunshine@waterwayradio.net.

Please provide me with as much information as possible and a point of contact. This especially holds true if someone is in the hospital. When you receive flowers, please let me know, so I can confirm they were received.

I want to thank the members of the WRCC for your support.

—Jean Freeman, KC4BGQ
Sunshine Fund Chairman



Secretary / Treasurer's Report

—Jeanie Schreiber N4WFM

Greetings members. This last quarter is a slow one for the Treasurer. Our checking account is still just under \$5000, but that should be fine until the dues start coming in November.

Hopefully everyone is considering coming to the annual WRCC Picnic on December 7 at Wickham Park. It will be back at the smaller pavilions near the lake this year and we are looking forward to a great turnout. If my recollections are correct this will be our 11th year (we started this tradition back in 1998 when I was Commodore). Come see your old friends, and meet new ones.

I also want to welcome aboard the 4 new members this quarter. We are very happy to have you here, and if there is anything I can do to help, please do not hesitate to ask. And, if you feel like volunteering, we always have positions available for weather reporter, north and south relays, net controls, etc. Just contact me or the commodore. You can reach us using the office title (i.e. Commodore, Officers, Secretary) at waterwayradio.net. And please check out our website:

www.waterwayradio.net

73's and 88's
Jeanie, N4WFM
WRCC Secretary/Treasurer



I don't know about sending morse code, Stan but I can copy smoke signals.

Courtesy CQ thanks to Chuck ND7K.

Notes from Sick Bay: Once in Awhile it Works Out OK!

By Dr. Jim Hirschman K4TCV—Fleet Surgeon



I don't usually publish personal stories, but this one was so instructive in how a health care outcome can be influenced by stepwise management, I will share it with you. One of our senior WVN members recently had to use the medical care system; actually his "first mate," Claire, had the medical problem. The story has a happy ending, and I felt it should be shared with the rest of you. Claire gave me permission to share it.

Although well into her 80's Claire had continued to be active, vital, and a 100 % caretaker of her house, her RV, her yard, and her man. Then, in the late spring she began having spells of weakness, even a few collapses to the floor. After some urging she visited her primary physician and was found to be severely anemic. The question, of course, was, "How did she come to be anemic? What was the source of the blood loss?" This was answered by the finding of microscopic blood in the stools, which led to a colonoscopy, and the discovery of, not one, but two large tumor type growths in the colon!

Claire's primary physician helped select an appropriate surgeon. A plan was made to surgically remove these large tumors through an abdominal incision. This major surgery was carried out. Fortunately the tumors could be completely removed, and all the nearby lymph nodes were checked and found to be tumor free. In fact the tumors themselves, though large, were determined to be benign. No colostomy bag was required.

More than a few days were needed for Claire to recover from this major abdominal operation. It took 9 to 10 days before she became strong enough to be moved from the hospital to a skilled nursing facility.

Why do I tell you all this? Because, the care to this point had been well thought out, and the passing of responsibility from doctor to doctor had been properly managed. It doesn't always happen that way! Without step by step monitoring by both patient and treating doctors, good care may be faulty. Also, Claire was fortunate to have been taken to a first rate hospital.

The good fortune continued after early recovery. Claire was transferred to the "Life Care®" facility in Port Saint Lucie. It is one of a privately owned chain of rehabilitative care facilities found in some sections of the USA (Life Care Centers of America ® www.lcca.com. I have no financial interest in them.).

In this skilled rehab' facility, Claire was nurtured, properly fed, provided therapy and strengthened for nearly a month. They even had her cook a meal in the practice kitchen. While her family was naturally impatient to get her out of the "nursing home," she was kept in rehab mode in this rehab' facility until she recovered to full strength and full ability. Medicare covered all this. Now she is back to her normal activities, running her household, and taking care her man, who is, of course, WIMDM.

There are a couple of points to the story. One is that, if you are having weak spells, get up enough gumption to go see your doctor. Don't wait until you have collapsed to the floor! Another is that the medical care system can work smoothly IF it is well selected and monitored along the line. The third is that not all "nursing homes" are below par; some skilled nursing facilities are really well run and very effective.

Major portions of Claire's care were guided by hospital staff, the surgeon, the medical social worker and the case manager. In addition the case manager, therapists, and medical social worker at the "Life Care" facility followed their stated protocols to the "T". In modern medical care there is division of labor, but unless there is personal dedication and good communication from step to step, the system can fall apart. I am truly pleased that Claire had such a smooth medical encounter and was rehabilitated in a remarkably good facility.

Counterpoint: I just heard, last night, of a complete disaster medical care story in Orlando. I think I know why it went bad. There is a happy ending and someday I may tell you about it, and how to avoid such catastrophes. Keep an eye on those "Docs," nurses and administrators! Please feed me medical topics you might like to hear about.

Eleventh Annual Wickham Park Picnic

At Pavilion #4, Wickham Park
Sunday, December 7, 2008

Location: 2500 Parkway Drive, Melbourne, FL 32935

Provisioning: Please bring a covered **dinner** dish to share. The following will be provided: soft drinks, water, beer, ice, paper plates, cups, napkins and utensils. Drinks in cans are permitted, but **no glass bottles**.

Cost: We are trying to keep costs down. We will be asking a small, per person donation of \$3.00 to cover expenses.

Call in frequency to request assistance in finding the picnic site is 146.55 MHz simplex. Cell phone 321-537-3167 will also be monitored to provide information.

Land Cruisers: Please make reservations for a campsite by calling 321-255-4307 during the daytime. If there are at least 8 campsites reserved, you will receive a 25% discount of \$5 per day. Please advise them that you are with the WRCC. Discounted daily fees plus taxes, electricity and water are about \$16. If there are not at least 8 campsites reserved, you will have to pay an additional \$5 per day when you arrive. Ask for a campsite on Loop A. Please have your Visa or MasterCard ready. You will receive a confirmation letter in the mail.

Arriving by Boat: Transportation will be provided for WRCC members on boats at marinas or anchored at the Dragon on the east side of the ICW or at the Eau Gallie Library on the west side of the ICW. Contact Ned Buck, **W4KS**, for pickup at 321-725-1591 or Email: nbuck@palmnet.net.

Arriving by Car: The pavilion is located At Wickham Park. Turn East off Wickham Road onto Parkway Drive, and then left into Wickham Park. Turn right after entering Wickham Park and follow the road around until you reach Pavilion #4 or the Sam Fuller Jr. Pavilion. This is the site of the original Wickham Park Picnics.

Driving Directions to Wickham Park Picnic

From I-95 South Bound

Take Wickham Road, Exit 191. Turn left on Wickham Road East for about 8 miles. Turn left onto Parkway Drive at the next traffic light after passing Brevard Community College. Turn left into the entrance of Wickham Park, then right after the entrance and follow the road until you reach Pavilion #4.

From I-95 North Bound

Take second Melbourne exit, Exit 183 (Rte. 518). At third light turn north (left) onto Wickham Road. Turn right at traffic light on Parkway Drive. Turn left into the entrance of Wickham Park, then right after the entrance and follow the road until you reach Pavilion #4.

Motels:

Near I-95 Exit 180 on US Highway 192

Holiday Inn Express, 321-724-2050	Days Inn, 321-724-2051	Hampton Inn, 321-956-6200
Budget Inn, 321-724-5450	Howard Johnson, 321-768-8439	

Near I-95 Exit 191 on Wickham Road

Holiday Inn, 321-255-0077	La Quinta Inn, 321-242-9400
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Marine Flea Market

Our third Marine Flea Market was held last year and it was successful so we'll try it again. Our Commodore, Tom K4WJC, will be taking care of the flea market details. For those boaters that have recently changed boats or swallowed the anchor, this is a great opportunity to sell those items you no longer need. It is also a great place for boaters to look for items they would like for their boats. *(Our thanks to Lona KN4RB for managing the Picnic.)*



Around The Waterways

E-10

See the Big E? That's 90% gasoline, 10% ethanol, and if your boat or dinghy has a gas engine, that's likely to be its new diet. Ethanol is a form of alcohol. Unfortunately, alcohol attracts water, bonds with it, and falls to the bottom of the fuel tank over time. This results in poor engine performance. Ethanol is also a good solvent; it will loosen sediment and gum, clogging filters, carburetors and injectors. One recommended solution is to add Star Tron, an enzyme-based additive which prevents the problem (or so they claim). Reducing condensation by keeping tank air vents closed when not in use also helps.

From the Bahamas: An import duty of 10% to 45% on boat repair parts, proposed earlier this year, is NOT included in the current budget. Tom KE3JO reports: "Several years ago when the Bahamian government increased the cruising permit fee from \$100 to \$300, their finance minister was interviewed by a Nassau Tribune reporter. We were in Marsh Harbour at the time and read the alarming news story. I still remember the minister's statement. Referring to the foreign yachtsmen who enjoy these pristine waters and mentioning the new fees, he said 'this is just the first shot across the bow.'"

ICW Trouble Spots

Be alert to the following as you head south this fall. These notes are based on cruisers' reports. See Salty Southeast Cruisers Net, Mel Neale's East Coast Alerts and Skipper Bob for all the latest reports.

- ◆ Mile 39.5, shoaling to 4' within 50' of Marker 87.
- ◆ Favor the south side of the channel where the ICW crosses the following inlets: Bogue, New River, New Topsail, Shallotte, and Little River.
- ◆ Alligator River at Albemarle Sound: Marks have been moved. Chartplotters are likely to be wrong here; be sure to get latest charts and keep eyes open! Look for Marker #3 to the west of its former location.
- ◆ Marker 155 at Carolina Beach Inlet—1' reported at low water 8/08.
- ◆ Mile 330.5, less than 1' reported at Marker 80A, and Marker 81 has been moved.
- ◆ ICW shoaling to 6' MLW reported at Lockwoods Folly Inlet.
- ◆ McLellanville to Ben Sawyer Bridge needs dredging again; some depths less than 6' reported at low water. Use the tides through this area.
- ◆ Mile 497, Dawho/North Edisto Rivers: This is a continual problem area (your editor knows from experience!) where marks are moved frequently. Plan on using half-tide or better, and assume

your chartplotter is wrong from marker 110 to 115.

- ◆ Favor the green side near the entrance to Brickyard Creek, around mile 530. The channel's northwest side is shoaling in this general area.
- ◆ Georgia: The ACOE has some money available for dredging, but it's unlikely any will be done in time for the Fall migration. Play the tides, with special attention to Hell Gate, Little Mud River, Florida Passage, Buttermilk Sound and Jekyll Creek.

Harborwalk Marina, Georgetown, SC has 730' of new floating docks with cable, Wi-fi, electric and pump-out. Call the dockmaster at 843-546-4250.

Morehead City, NC has new city docks at Mile 205, on the west end of the basin on the south side of town. Call 252-776-2457.

Dismal Swamp Canal is open, with a controlling depth of 6'. Contact with submerged logs has been reported (nothing new in that). The north and south locks open only at 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM to conserve water; that restricted schedule will continue until the area gets significant rainfall.

Okeechobee Waterway is open, with locks operating normally. Controlling depth as of 9/15 is 9' on Route 1. Route 2, the Rim Route, remains closed due to debris.

Sunshine Lady at ARRL By Jean Freeman KC4BGQ

Thursday, August 28th, 2008, I visited ARRL Headquarters, in Newington, Conn. Phil's cousins had purchased a brick in memory of Phil; the brick has been placed at the entrance to the building. We were given a tour of ARRL Headquarters and WIAW. Here are a few pictures taken that day.



SSCA Gam—Melbourne, FL — December 5-7,

As in past years, the SSCA Gam will be held at the same time as our Picnic. They've made some format changes, and the schedule looks great! Check it out at www.ssc.org.

Wireless Internet On Board

Several WWRC members use special marine-grade Wi-fi antennas. I bought the WaveRV Marine system from www.radiolabs.com. So far the results have been satisfactory, but I haven't had much opportunity to use it. Subsequently, WRCC member Al Francone KG8OP contacted me about a competing system of his own design. Al said, "I've been experimenting with wifi here in Florida and also while cruising each of the past 3 winters in the Bahamas. The bidirectional amplifier I use is made by Senao and based on independent reviews and my own personal experience, it seems to have the best range and reliability when working on Windows based PCs (running anything from 98 thru Vista). Set-up is extremely simple - just run the included driver for the appropriate Windows operating system and plug in the device. Another key factor is that there is no need to supply any external power - the amplifier simply draws on the 5v provided by a USB 2.0 port." Full information is available at www.wifisolutionslynx.com.

Al and I plan to meet in Ft. Lauderdale this fall and install one of his systems on my boat temporarily to perform a side-by-side comparison. We'll let you know the results.

-Peter K3PKC

Where the WRCC

Meet to Eat



Bahamas, Nassau - Lunch

December-May, every Thursday, 12:30
Green Parrot Restaurant
C6AGG—Carolyn

Bahamas, George Town, -

Lunch Weekly Jan-Mar
Details on the Net

FL, Marathon—Lunch

Wednesdays @ 11:30
November to May
Marathon Yacht Club \$14
ND7K—Chuck Grey

FL, Melbourne - Lunch

Dragons Lunch 2nd Wednesday 11:30, Conch Key Grill,
US Rt 1 North of Melbourne.
Contact **W4KS** or **KN4RB**

Melbourne, Wickham Park

December 7, 2008.
General gathering and picnic

FL, Pensacola Beach—Lunch

2nd Tues every month —
Hemmingway's on the Beach
Contact Chuck Cook—**KE4KEA**
(850) 380-4217

FL, St. Petersburg - Lunch

2nd Sat 1300 MIDTOWN Sundrys,
200 1st Av S
WB4GQK (727) 823-3200

NC, Oriental - Breakfast -

Last Sat 0900 @ "Village Restaurant"
-(Repeater 147.210+ tone 151.4)

Listen to the Net for details: 7.268 MHz at approximately 0755 ET. Please contact the Editor with any changes or modifications to this list.

Roster Updates

From Jeanie N4WFM

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New Callsigns and Upgrades

KG4 ARP E Shane O'Neill

Additional Callsigns since last newsletter

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| N6 | ANQ | E | John Sweeney (See N4GHI) |
| N4 | GHI | E | GG Sweeney (See N6ANQ) |
| W4 | JXI | E | Bob Todd |
| WA2 | KQD | A | Tim Rulon |

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| WA2KQD (A) | |
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| 20902-1418 | |

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| N6ANQ (E) | N4GHI (E) | <i>GiGi</i> |
| Sweeney, John & Geri | 31' Tashiba Sloop | |
| PO Box 722 | (804) 725-9004 | |
| (71 Old Cove Rd) | geri@crosslink.net | |
| Cobbs Creek VA | n4ghi@winlink.org | |
| 23035-0722 | | |

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| W4JXI (E) | <i>Jule III</i> |
| Todd, Bob | Laurin 38' ketch |
| 7113 Lipscomb Dr | (703) 403-8777 |
| Wilmington NC | bob.jule3@gmail.com |
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Do you know what this is?

Happy 4th of July?

Jeanie's email transmitting the Summer Scuttlebutt hit Bryan AC4UA's mailbox with a resounding thud, to which he replied:

"Waddy mean 'Happy 4th of July?' I lost 13 useful colonies and now have to stand in-line at Miami immigration to be allowed access to my boat for six months at a time....Still I blame the French myself. So in the interests of impartiality towards non-American members please preface the Fall Issue in October with.....

'Happy Trafalgar Day to everyone.'

Bryan-the-Brit.- AC4UA

Land Cruiser in Alaska

Bob Mast (W4AXR) and family are Land Cruising in Alaska. His email from Seward on the Kenai Peninsula said it was a cool 50 with rain and fog but the glacier covered mountains are absolutely beautiful. However, radio conditions are terrible, like a curtain between them and the East coast.



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LETTERS

SB EDITOR: Good article on boat insurance - especially the advice to read the policy. As a surveyor I work with a lot of buyers and owners looking for insurance. I don't talk about any individual company with them, but I do also tell them to read the policy - they are not all the same (as you noted). The saddest cases are those where I do damage surveys connected with a claim, and the owners have not read their policies. They are often unpleasantly surprised.

As a damage surveyor, I do not discuss policy or coverage issues (I never even see the policy) - that is the role of the adjuster. Unfortunately a lot of company adjusters do not really understand boats, particularly larger cruising boats.

After the hurricanes in 2005 it has become very difficult to find any insurance on the Gulf Coast. The company I was with for 18 years without a claim refused to renew me at any price or conditions. I now personally have BoatUS insurance even though it costs a bit more, based on my experience both as a surveyor (10 years) and a cruising boat owner (22 years). I also moved my boat to Maine where the insurance premium is half the Gulf Coast rate.

73 - Jay AE4MZ

SB EDITOR: A couple of members have said that they have had trouble receiving the Scuttlebutt's password from our secretary, Jeanie N4WFM. Your email program may be screening out email from our Club. Members need to make sure that Jeanie's club email address (secretary@waterwayradio.net) is on their "white list" (or address book or whatever it's called in your email program). This is a list of accepted addresses that will not be diverted to the "junk" or "spam" folder.

Members should also check our web site regularly. I'd even recommend making it your 'home page' on your browser. I've heard members, on the air, asking about something that had already been posted on the web page for several days, even weeks! The recent announcement that a popular member had become a silent key was on the web site almost a full day before it was announced on the Net. Well over a week later, I heard some members say that they were not aware of the news! And these were land-based members with internet access!

73 - Bill N4UMS

SB EDITOR: Just a note to share that I made contact with the catamaran "Dream" today (July 28). Shared the message announced by net control yesterday Sunday the 27th on the water-

way net. Without question they were amazed to learn how the message was delivered but not surprised by the "willingness of Americans" to help. Again a reminder their hailing port is South Africa. I was asked to share many "thank you's" to all that made this communication possible.

73—Terry KI4RXC

SB Editor: We are the coordinators of "Operation Bahamas Project," a Seven Seas Cruising Association Humanitarian project whose purpose is to take school supplies and teaching aides to the Out Islands of the Bahamas. This winter we are in need of 30 boats to take supplies to the Bahamas. The boxes are small (approximately 11" L X 9" W X 7" D) and can easily be transferred to a dinghy. They are pre-addressed to each school principal. We plan to deliver supplies to Staniel Cay, Black Point, Little Farmers, Georgetown and Ragged Island. Boats may pick up boxes at the Vero Beach Municipal Marina, Punta Gorda and the Sunday Waterway Picnic on December in Melbourne, Florida. Boats can let us know what island(s) they would like to deliver to and where they would like to pick up the boxes. Anyone interest in helping out can e-mail Bruce Conklin at goldconk@yahoo.com.

Many thanks for your help.
Best regards,

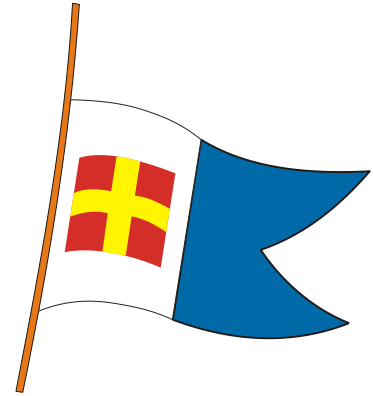
Bruce Conklin, Coordinator

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When *Scuttlebutt* deadline draws near people often ask, “What have you got this time? Do you have enough stuff?” To which my answer is always, “I dunno, have to look and see.” Things come in and get filed in my “*Scuttlebutt-Current*” email folder. My memory being what it is (and it’s older than the rest of me, I’m sure) I have no clue what’s in there until I sit down at the beginning of my quarterly editing marathon and take inventory. Nor do I ever know what theme, if any, will emerge from the material on hand. But this time Jay Stormer and Jean Freeman got me going down the familiar track of “What did you do on your summer vacation?” So off we went, bows pointed north.

I want to take a moment to thank all contributors, even those whose thoughtful endeavors didn’t make it in. And I want to mention Chuck, ND7Kilo, Jay AE4Mike Zulu, and Tom KE3JO; these guys always seem to have their eyes and ears open for something of interest to *Scuttlebutt* and to our members. Not everything they send me gets into the newsletter, but a lot does, and they often (sometimes unknowingly) point me in new directions. Our officers and staff contribute to every issue, too; my thanks to all. And our Secretary Jeanie is *personally* handling printing, mailing, and electronic distribution of this humble rag; our heartfelt thanks!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Picnic. Let’s have a good turnout this year!

73/88—Peter K3PKC