

# Around Town

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Local resident Bill Stanley invited me to checkout his 31-foot lobster vessel designed by Willis Beal and manufactured by R.P.Boats in Steuben, Maine. After much research and visits to several boatyards in Maine, he chose the 31 footer. Bill elected to purchase the hull and motor only, choosing to equip the entire interior, including all electronics and accessories, himself. This labor of love ended up as a magnificent watercraft. The hull design included an extended cabin and a high cabin top to accommodate 6'3" Bill. The interior includes sinks, countertops and a finish that rivals any professionally finished

cabin. This 31-foot vessel has a 12-foot beam, draws only 3' 4" of water, and cruises at 10 mph. The engine is a 160hp 4-cycle turbo diesel built by Yanmer of Japan. Bill was invited to participate on Saturday July 1 in the Parade of the Tall Ships. His boat, the Lancer was one of three vessels chosen to accompany the Tall Ships. Bill's boat was also designated as the Grand Marshall of the Parade. On July 3 The Tall Ships Class 3 race utilized Bill's Lancer to carry the three race judges for the event. Many congratulations to seaman Bill for being involved in these stirring events. Quite an honor!



When Carl-Heinz Pfaff throws a party, he throws an event! A part-time PKS resident, Carl-Heinz celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by inviting to the party Beacon's Reach residents Ken and Edy-Rene Magel, who keep an eye on the Pfaff vacation residence in Beacon's Reach. Carl-Heinz resides in Bad Hersfeld, Germany. The guest list included 150 people who attended the event in a castle in Bad Hersfeld. We were told there was ample and great food, beer, wine and lots of champagne. The Magels stayed for 15 days, enjoying the sights and sounds of Germany. Bad Hersfeld is the home of the largest Roman monastery in Europe, built between 831 and 850. The region is the home of many castles, mountains and

forests. They had an opportunity to visit the towns of Rottenburg and Eisenach, the birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach and where Martin Luther lived in his youth. The couple traveled the autobahn by car at speeds over 140 mph (their host was driving). Even at those speeds we were told that cars roared past their vehicle. Other visits included the Upper Rhine Valley, home of lush vineyards and castles along every mile that they traveled. About 5 miles from the Pfaff's home was one of the remains of the Cold War, Checkpoint Alpha, at the divide between East and West Germany. The Magels arrived back in Beacon's Reach tired but thrilled by the two-week adventure.



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Two amazing athletes from PKS, Paul and Mary Quinn, competed at the Lake Kristi Triathlon and the Eagleman Iron Man in Maryland. The event required a 750-meter swim, a 12.4 mile bike race, and a 3.1 mile run. Amy finished first as the overall female winner with a time of 1 hour, 17 minutes and 47 seconds. Paul placed second overall in the men's triathlon with a time of 1 hour, 34 minutes, 42 seconds. The triathlon is one of the most demanding of all sports. Congratulations to this amazing athletic couple.

Marion and Ted Goetzinger were observed enjoying the music of the Carteret Grays at the Friday night bi-monthly concert series at Fort Macon Park With the couple were their two daughters and their families. Also seen at the Fort enjoying the foot-tapping music were George and Lorraine Herman, Charlie and Olga Welch, Frank and Marge Precht, Bill and Lois Strube, Vic and Pat Filan and Bob and Mary Hudak

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