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SEASON'S GREETINGS

I hope this finds you and yours able to enjoy life in spite of the typical maladies of increasing age. My health continues to be stable for which I am thankful. One of the biggest events in my life occurred on May 2, 1998, when I sold my sailboat. Eole now resides on the New York shoreline of Lake Ontario. After owning her for 25 years I feared bad "withdrawal pains" would follow but there were none -- only a feeling of relief in no longer being responsible for its maintenance.

I still do volunteer work for the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council (NRC) on the modernization of the National Weather Service but this will end in March, 1999. In February I traveled to Irvine, CA for the NRC project and visited friends in Southern California afterward. I also went to Boulder, CO in June, Cape Cod in September, and Irvine, CA again in December for the project. I attended the annual meeting of the American Meteorological Society, this year in Phoenix, AZ.

I had two purely personal trips in 1998. In August-September I joined George and Charlotte Benton for a trip to Heidelberg, Germany, the Alsace region of France, and Wengen, Switzerland. Wengen is near Interlaken and at the foot of the Eiger, Jungfrau and other BIG mountains. As always, we enjoyed some good food and wine (especially in France which included indulging ourselves at one each Michelin rated ☆☆☆ and ☆ restaurants). I was surprised at how well I did in "walking" in the Swiss mountains, but I also was thankful for chair lifts and similar hardware. On the second trip, November 1-14, I visited Gordon and Kathleen Cartwright, formerly of Geneva Switzerland, in their new home at Incline Village, NV on the shore of Lake Tahoe. I rode with them to the San Francisco Bay area where I also visited friends and relatives and went on a tasting trip to the wine country north of San Francisco. The Cartwrights and I even went to the opera, joining Stan and Pat Ruttenberg who had driven from Boulder, CO to San Francisco for the purpose. Some of us are planning to do it again next June to see and hear the four operas of Wagner's ring cycle.

Last but certainly not least, all is well with Peggy, Molly, Martha and their families. I'll be with Peggy's family here in Annapolis on Christmas Eve and the whole clan will get together at Peggy's on January 3, 1999.

HERE'S WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR IN 1999!!