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Coming Events

- **April SHPS Membership Meeting 13 April 2005**
The Roxy Café at South Hills Village
- **SHPS Bridge Meeting 6 May 2005 at 1930**
Cdr Selden Campen's House
- **National Safe Boating Week 21- 27 May 2005**
- **USPS Spring Governing Board 1-5 June 2005**
Charlotte, NC
- **Picnic Meeting 8 June 2005 Willow Grove - South Park**
- **Sail-In 25 June 2005 Lake Arthur - Moraine State Park**
- **D/7 Cruise 5 - 7 August 2005 Huron Boat Basin**
- **SHPS Erie Rendezvous 12 - 14 August 2005**

South Hills Power Squadron

April Monthly Meeting - 13 April

Program:

**Jim Lapenta
Rescue Diver**



At The Roxy Café
South Hills Village Mall

1830 Dinner - 1930 Program and Meeting

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Great Job! Just keep those articles and photographs coming!

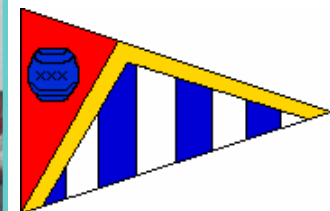


Deadline for the next SouthWind is 22 April.

Reminder: If you would prefer to receive your SouthWind via email attachment please notify Don Stark @ stark84@nb.net Also, Tell your boating friends that they can download a copy of the SouthWind at the South Hills Power Squadron website at www/SH-PS.org. You can also download previous SouthWind issues there.



**Change of Watch
2005**





More Photos of Change of Watch

Tribute to P/C Tom Merritt, JN by Cdr Selden Campen

Change of Watch - 3/20/05

To me, Cdr. Merritt is like Mr. USPS. . .Sort of like Uncle Sam is to the US Government.

My knowledge of Tom starts with his service as Educational Officer.

- He coaxed me to join the squadron.
- He reassured me that a failed test could be re-taken.
- He programmed and coordinated the courses that piqued my interests in USPS.

Not only for me, but also for all of us.

As commander:

- He urged me to give back to the squadron, for all that it had given me, teaching, boat show tending, etc.
- He helped me to find my niche, the monthly meeting programs.
- He communicated enthusiasm which has energized all of us to gain more from and give more to the Squadron.

Tom is passionate about boating education.

He is passionate about boating safety.

And Tom is passionate in his concerns for our members.

Tom Merritt, you did well as commander, you did great as commander.

I hope I can live up to the example you have set.

Will everyone rise in salute to our outgoing, now Past Cdr. Thomas O. Merritt, JN.

Change of Watch Comments by Cdr Selden Campen

The Power Squadron means different things to different people.

- Some pursue our education offerings vigorously,
- Some enjoy the camaraderie and programs at our monthly meetings,
- Some with enthusiasm and plenty of drive pursue fellowship and service on the broader scale, at the district and national levels,
- Some receive their personal rewards through use of their talents for the betterment of our squadron,
- Some are happy to receive the Boat/US discount resulting from their membership and support of this fine organization focused on boating safety.

As a squadron, we have fun doing great things together. . .

Let's try to name these things that we do well: And, mind you – the claims I make are emotional statements, I believe them to be true, but let's not lose sight of what heights of achievement we have reached, by challenging the details.

Education Under Jim Stark's, and previously Tom Merritt's, leadership, I suspect we have the highest ratio of courses completed to membership of any squadron in the district.

Safety Checks Under Ken Campbell's leadership, we have had the highest number of VSCs in our district, and there are squadrons 4 times our size.

Rendezvous and Sail-In Under Chris Orie's, Don Hollis', Bill Macko's and Tom Merritt's leadership, we have had some really top-notch events.

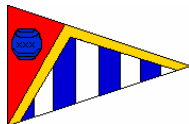
Newsletter Under Don Stark's, Marjorie Stark's, and Mac McDonald's leadership, South Hills has the best newsletter in the District, if not the nation.

Conference and Boat Shows Under the leadership of Don Stark, Audrey Rice, Geraldine Marzzarella, Dorothy Meloy, Dick Toler and so many others we come together to make these events fun and meaningful to our members.

Service to the Squadron

Teaching Gadgets No one can compete at Mac Mc Donald's level.

Website Mike Hollis, to his credit, has provided us with one of the most complete and useful websites in the district.



All had a great time at the SHPS Change of Watch. Top: D/Lt/C Brian Logan, SN, administers the pledge to new commander Selden Campen, AP, while Jacqueline looks on. Middle: Musicians from Mt. Lebanon High School provided excellent entertainment. Below: P/C Dick Toler, AP wins the coveted Bent Prop Award.

Education Department

Lt/C James A. Stark, AP



Here are the results of the recent Safe Boating Course Exam: Four took the test, four passed.

Tom and Teri Joseph, 350 Birch Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15228 have become new members of our squadron. They plan to buy a house boat for major river trips.

Mitch Parker, son of P/C Blake Parker and P/Lt/C Linda Parker. He is already a squadron member.

John Donahoe also passed the course. He has a brother with a 39 ft sailboat on the Chesapeake. We hope to also add him to our SHPS membership rolls.

There is one more student who attended all the classes but has not yet taken the exam.

Many thanks to all who proctored and taught this course.

Also, P/C Bob Timmins' son's scout group from Pleasant Hills is preparing to attend Sea Base in the Florida Keys in the summer of 2006. They are looking for boating education and training in preparation for a week-long trip on a 40 foot sailboat with 12 boys and 4 leaders. Bob has volunteered to teach this class. Any instructors and help from others will be greatly appreciated

I have suggested that they try to do this class in Spring or early summer this year and that the scouts try to join the squadron at the Sail-In at Lake Arthur on 25 June. The scouts would then be able to rent sailboats from the boat livery there. Sounds like great fun.

Let's all make a special effort to support P/C Timmins and the Boy Scouts in this effort.

Promotion For all of our events David Bonta is out there letting the world know what we have to offer.

Printing Hank Marzina has given so much of himself and his treasure to help this squadron.

Instructor Qualification A special thanks to Robert Colteryahn for the insights he has shared with so many, enabling the most reserved among us to be better teachers.

Finances Warren Bell is on top of the details. Look around – I don't see any Kevin Lays, Bernie Ebbers, or Martha Stewarts among us.

To all of us – a job well done.

In mentioning our leaders, I've mentioned nearly everyone here. And, those I haven't mentioned are just beginning on their individual roads to service.

Dan Marino will be on our Executive Committee and contribute at the Bridge Meetings.

Vi Doughton has become our Secretary and starts her path in our leadership ranks.

Lew Doughton as Assistant Treasurer will now have the opportunity to weigh in on our priorities as are expressed through our budget. My challenge to the Bridge, our Executive Committee, and all of us here are two fold:

- First, in whatever we do, let's find one way to make it just a little bit better, or bigger, or more appealing. The better we serve our membership, the easier it will be to grow.
- Second, to create job aides, identifying the tricks of our trade, where the resources and talents lie that get the job done easily – so others can follow in our shoes and keep this talented organization vigorous and alive.

Well, what special events do we have planned in the coming months:

April 1 - 3 Our District Conference here in Greetree Holiday Inn. If nothing else, I'd like to see all of us at the Sunday morning 9 to 12 AM Leadership Development program. It will be presented by P/R/C Glenn Daughtridge, AP. I'm told he is very good – and it's free.

June 8 Picnic at Willow Tree Grove in South Park

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June 25 Moraine State Park Sail In

August 5-7 D7 Cruise at Huron Boat Basin

August 12-14 Erie Rendezvous

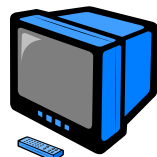
And Tom Merritt will now be organizing the programs at our regular 2nd Wednesday membership meetings, so keep the ideas coming to him.

Squadron, I look forward to leading us through a good year, and Bridge, I really look forward to learning the art of delegation.

Thank you all, and now I believe we have a Mt Lebanon HS vocalist and her accompaniment for entertainment.



Don't forget to order your USPS Cookbook, *By Land or By Sea*. The cost is \$25 plus shipping. See P/Lt/C Marjie Stark for more details.



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Chris and Jack Ori

Dick and Nancy Toler

Blake and Linda Parker

Please show your support by making a contribution in any amount. Thank You!

SOUTH HILLS POWER SQUADRON BRUNCH AND CHANGE OF WATCH Sunday, 20 March 2005 Royal Place, Route 88, Pittsburgh, PA

There were 37 Squadron members and guests who attended the Brunch and Change of Watch.

The Presentation of the Colors was done by P/C Henry Marzina, III, JN and P/C Richard N. Toler, AP. Following the Pledge of Allegiance P/C Bill Macko welcomed everyone. P/Stf/C Bob Colteryahn gave the invocation.

Following the brunch emcee Bill Macko proceeded with the program. Lt. Michael Hollis gave the visual "Fleet in Review".

Commander Tom Merritt conducted the final business of the Squadron which included mentioning our awards for Education, the South-Wind, and our web site. Senior Member Awards were given to Mike Hollis, Mary Ann Hollis, Mary Lou Marzina, Jim Stark and Julie Bonta. Tom regaled us with the "Bent Prop Award" to Dick Toler which was titled, "Sail Day Extravaganza".

The current Bridge was released and Tom gave presentations to his Bridge members.

The installation of the new Commander and 2005 Bridge was conducted by D/Lt/C Brian M. Logan, SN. The new Bridge members are: Exec. Officer, Dorothy Meloy, Ed. Officer, Jim Stark, Admin. Officer, Chris Ori, Treasurer, Warren Bell and Secretary, Vira Doughton.

The new Commander introduced the Executive Committee of Tom Merritt, Malcolm McDonald, Mike Hollis and Dan Marino. The Assistant Officers were presented as Assist. Ed, Art Shock, Assist. Treasurer, Lew Doughton and Assist. Secretary, Marjorie Stark.

Selden gave Honors to Tom Merritt and presented him with a lighted world globe.

The entertainment for the program was Vocal and Instrumentalists from Mt. Lebanon High School Music Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Vi Doughton