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Coming Events

- **SHPS Annual Meeting and Election of Officers:** 14 February 2007- The Roxy Café, South Hills Village Shopping Center
- **Pittsburgh Boat Show** 2-4 February 2007
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
- **Squadron Boating Course** 20 February 2007 Beach Club Marina, 137 Main St. New Eagle, PA
- **USPS Annual Meeting** 20 - 25 February 2007 Jacksonville, FL
- **SHPS Change of Watch** 10 March 2007 Peter's Place, Bridgeville
- **D7 Spring Conference** 23—25 March 2007 Double Tree Inn
Rockside Road, Cleveland, Ohio *Tales of the 7 Seas*
A 70th Anniversary of D/7 Celebration
- **National Safe Boating Week** 19—25 May 2007



South Hills Power Squadron Annual Meeting

Wednesday, 14 February 2007

The Roxy Café

1800 Dinner 1930 Meeting
Annual Review
Election of Officers

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Thanks to Dorothy Meloy for her submissions for this issue of the SouthWind.

The deadline for the next SouthWind is
21 February.



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Dan Marino
Malcolm McDonald
Dorothy B. Meloy
Tom & Dory Merritt
Jim Stark
Don & Marjie Stark
Richard & Nancy Toler

We appreciate your support in any amount. Thank You.



Here is another treat from the Pittsburgh Boat Show. It is a 2006 reproduction of the 1899 Herreshoff Coquina, a cat ketch that Nathanael Herreshoff built for his personal use. It was built by hand of mahogany plywood in a glued lap-stake construction by John E Hutchison, Jr of Saxonburg. This spirited sailer was begun in January of last year and was launched on 16 July at Lake Arthur. It is a real beauty.



Coquina sports a clever rudder system. It is designed to push up in case of hitting a shoal. Note that there is no tiller. The rudder is easily controlled by a continuous line that goes all the way to the bow. You can steer the boat while you are at the foremast putting up the sail.



John hand made the bronze bow piece. This boat won Best of Show at the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival in October.

Get Well Wishes

We wish a speedy recovery to Art Schock who had a hip replacement before the holiday.

Education News

If you wish to assist with the upcoming Boating Course, please contact Jim Stark at 724-225-7605 or jstark84@verizon.net. Teachers, proctors, and greeters are all welcome.

The Engine Maintenance Class is completing the final sessions. The next class will be Piloting. P/C Tom Merritt has agreed to be course chairman. More details will follow, but Tom will welcome your assistance in conducting this course.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mike Hollis on his recent marriage to Kelly Cole. We wish you both every happiness.



Sleigh Bells Ring . . .

The Squadron is considering taking a day trip to Seven Springs during the WinterFest. The tentative date is Saturday, 10 February. Plans call for taking a sleigh ride, enjoying the WinterFest, and then returning to Dorothy Meloy's home for something to eat. Dorothy reports that some members of SHPS did this a few years ago and had a good time.

You can contact Dorothy for more information or to make reservations. Check out the Seven Springs website for a listing of activities at www.7springs.com.



Executive Department

Lt/C Christine T. Orie, S

Ahoy Mates! I just paid my mooring fee for this year's berth at Lake Arthur. You wonder why I am sharing this mundane information with you? Well, I'll tell you. It put such a big smile on my face knowing the boating season isn't just a glimmer anymore. Even though there is snow on the ground and the temperature is dipping into the teens, I have been fortified to face these dreary winter months knowing there is wind and water in the near future!!

Ken Campbell wants all vessel safety check examiners to know he has received the de-cals for the 2007 boating season. The rest of the paperwork needed to complete vessel checks has not been sent as yet. As soon as this occurs, Ken will be giving out packets so the Vessel Safety Check Program can officially kick off.

By the time you get this, one weekend of the Boat Show will have passed and the second should be on its way. If you're looking for another way to brighten your winter, come to the show and tour one of the new vessels on display. Don't forget to stop at the Squadron's booth to say hi. You'll be proud of the good work Dick Toler has done putting this project together. On behalf of the Squadron, I'd like to say thanks to you, Dick, and to all the members who are making our appearance at the show a successful one.

At the January meeting, David Timmins presented a wonderful slide show of his adventures at Boy Scouts of America Sea Base sailing adventure and land exploration last summer.



Commander Selden Campen congratulated David Timmins on his fine presentation. Shown are P/C Bob Timmins, David Timmins, Lana Timmins, and Cdr Selden Campen.

Commander's Corner

by Cdr Selden Campen, JN



This issue concludes the series of Commander Corner articles penned by this Commander. At the February Meeting we will vote on the incoming Commander. Chris Orié has been nominated, and I expect that she will be sworn in at the March meeting. It is an honor to have served the South Hills Squadron. I sincerely hope that Chris will get the same satisfaction I have in coordinating the activities of the South Hills Squadron and putting her personal touch into the planning of events.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who have worked so long and so consistently in serving the squadron over the last two years while I have been Commander. Past Commanders Merritt, McDonald and Meloy have provided that invaluable link to time tested traditions which have been continued wherever feasible. I want to thank Tom for his work in coordinating the monthly meeting programs, making arrangements with Roxy's and with South Park for our meeting locations, and for serving on the Nominating Committee. Mac has assisted the squadron behind the scenes in so many ways not the least of which is printing and distributing the newsletter, bringing the audio visual equipment to our monthly meetings and sharing his on-the-water experiences with us from the San Juans to the Brig Niagara. And Dorothy has been a mover and shaker on the Bridge offering many suggestions on organizing activities and sponsoring a few of her own such as the summer sail-in at her poolside and the winter outing to be held early in February at Seven Springs (see additional info in this newsletter).

The Education Department has certainly been blessed to have the leadership of Jim Stark and teaching abilities of so many of our members. No one has ever led a more interesting Weather class than did Jim last year. Also deserving much credit are Art Shock for his devotion to the Junior Navigation class and subject matter, Warren Bell for his teaching and coordination of the Piloting Class, Bill Macko for enthusiastic efforts on behalf of the Seamanship and Operations Training classes, and Bob Colteryahn for the sense of mission and insights shared with students at his Instructor Qualification class. Each of these leaders had many assistants too numerous to mention. But I must also give credit to John Steck as one of the very best teachers we have. His Seamanship class on Boating Under Unfavorable Conditions is among the most effective classroom presentations I have witnessed. He last had the opportunity to give this class as a result of Robert Timmins organizing a class of more than 60 Boy Scouts who were introduced to boating through his efforts and enabling the boys to experience the High Adventure at Sea program offered by the Scouts.



Again at this year's Pittsburgh Boat Show members of The Antique and Classic Boat Society put on a fantastic display of their restoration ability and craftsmanship.



These are from the age when mahogany and chrome were used to create boats that were truly works of art.



Bill Macko, Shelia Macko, Marjie Stark and Dick Toler help to promote USPS and the activities of the Pittsburgh area squadrons at the 2007 Pittsburgh Boat Show opening night.



Boats of many sizes and types could be found at the Pittsburgh Boat Show at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

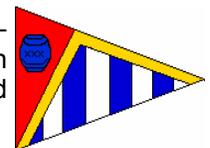


In communications, the squadron certainly is in debt to the hard work of Don and Marjie Stark in publishing our newsletter. I know that sometimes they felt it was like pulling teeth to get info to print from the bridge and others. I know I relied on his prodding monthly before I started writing my column. Blake Parker on the other hand, required no prodding. His articles of navigating on the Chesapeake were a delight to read. I know he received much pleasure in sharing these experiences with us. McDonald's contribution in circulation was mentioned above, but he also was selfless in providing the resources necessary to get a color publication in your mailbox monthly. Of late, those of you that have email addresses have received the "On the Horizon" calendar updates from Dan Marino. This was Dan's idea and his own implementation. It is good to have a self starter in among our leadership. Mike Hollis has done a fantastic job in designing and maintaining our squadron's website and also deserves recognition for putting together the Fleet in Review and Bent Prop Award slide presentations at the last two changes of watch. Hank and Mary Lou Marzina are to be credited for the many professional quality publications they prepared for our squadron – letterhead, change of watch invites, maps, programs, etc.

As I write this column, Dick Toler and his boat show crew are busy at work at the Convention Center promoting safe boating while also seeking potential new members for the squadron. These events just don't happen without leadership. Dick spends many hours setting up and taking down of the show and in coordinating staffing the show with the other regional squadrons and our membership. We certainly are in his debt.

Vi Doughton, Chris Orie, Ken Campbell and Warren Bell also deserve much credit for their contributions. Vi has organized our theater night out for the last three years, one of which she also provided the dinner at her house. Those of us who come enjoy the play, but more so we have another opportunity to enjoy each other. Chris has sponsored the Lake Arthur Sail-In for several years running. On the water events such as these help build our character as a boating organization. Ken is to be credited with organizing our Vessel Safety Check program as well as being one of the District 7 leaders in providing this service to our local boating community. Lastly, I would like to thank Warren Bell for his continuing and never ending service as our treasurer. This is a job which is continuous - it can't be done just when you feel like it. Warren has been there when we need him month in and month out.

South Hills truly is a great squadron. All those mentioned and many more have earned merit marks in 2006. Let's have a round of applause for these and others whose work we so much appreciate.





Sandy and Ray McCoy, are former members of SHPS who are now living the good life aboard their 46 foot Beneteau. They recently returned to their boat after waiting out hurricane season.

Hi, Uneventful flights from Pgh. to Charlotte to San Juan to St. Thomas - saw lots of iguanas on the land next to landing strip in San Juan. I usually dread the flight on the puddle jumper to St. Thomas but it was great. Our cell phones won't work now until I get my BVI phone turned on. On to Tortola via ferry tomorrow! We can't believe we're back here, it is slightly surreal. We are staying in a small hotel on

a hillside overlooking Charlotte Amalie harbor, very pretty view from the bar (!) By accident we picked up someone else's bag at the airport and added it to ours, luckily he had his cellphone number on his tag, so it ended well. We are going to do that.

. . . We love being back in the islands, actually feels like we have never left, and not having the transition to culture times we had last yr. We have had some boat problems, starting with a deader than dead battery when she went into the water, other small problems which all amount to some \$\$\$! Yesterday our diesel engine wouldn't start so we sailed into a harbor, Ray and Jim (my brother who is here with us for 2 weeks and is a huge help) have it fixed right now but we will still have it checked by a mechanic on Monday. Meanwhile we are swimming and snorkeling every day, love the weather, winds are strong with a few pesky brief rain squalls daily - . . . especially when you are sound asleep and have to get up to close the hatches. Two days ago our dinghy motor went on the fritz and one of our heads is awaiting a part. Oh well, troubles in paradise.

Love to you all, Sandy and Ray



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For more information contact **Lt/C Jim Stark, AP** at **724-225-7605** or via email at **jstark84@verizon.net**. Cost \$40 is for the Boating Course materials with Maptech Navigation Software.

Materials include a USPS divider and a 4 x 15 inch plotter.