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Coming Events

- **SHPS Monthly Meeting** 12 January 2005 Roxy Cafe
- **USPS Annual Meeting** - Orlando, FL 5 - 9 January 2005
- **Smart Start for Padders** Gander Mountain West Mifflin
10 AM 22 January 2005
- **Pittsburgh Boat Show** 21 - 23 and 28 - 30
January 2005
- **Spring Boating Course** - 1 February 2005,
Mt Lebanon High School
- **Seamanship Class—** 15 February 2005
Mt Lebanon High School
- **D/7 Spring Conference** 1—3 April 2005,
Greentree Holiday Inn
- **National Safe Boating Week** 21– 27 May 2005

Start off the New Year with SHPS!

Come to the Roxy Café at South Hills Village
SHPS Monthly Dinner Meeting
12 January 2005
Dinner 1800
Meeting and Program 1930
Program: Josh Peters from USCG
America's Waterway Watch

**Gander Mountain
West Mifflin**

**22 January 2005
at 1000**

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2005: PITTSBURGH BOAT SHOW

45th Anniversary

Plan to attend

January 21-23 & January 28-30, 2005

at the

David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Contact P/C Dick Toler, AP
if you want to help with the set
up or with staffing the USPS
booth at the Boat Show.



Deadline for the next SouthWind is 22 January.



SHPS CHRISTMAS PARTY



SCENES FROM THE

The Commander Says



I hope you all had a Blessed Christmas and I wish you the best for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year in 2005.

Speaking of 2005, the General Meetings will be held at The ROXY Café on the 2nd Wednesday for each of the months January thru May. June should be a Picnic Meeting.

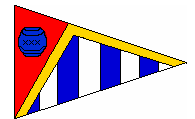
At the January 12th meeting Josh Peters of the USCG will give a presentation on Homeland Safety, which will show how important a part we play in it. This presentation was given at the Fall Conference, and I think it will be well worth the Squadron's time to view it. Hope to see you all there.

Thanks to the Macko's, we had a super Christmas party again this year. We had a special presentation to Irene Leslie (A plaque for Lynn's 50th Year with the USPS). Irene in turn presented the Squadron with Lynn's sextant and other memorabilia from his active days. Thanks again Irene. It was great!

2005 is upon us, and we have a lot on our plate. The Boat Show is almost here, the Change of Watch is coming up, the Kayaking and GPS presentations are at Gander Mountain in January and February, the Boating Class starts in February and the Spring Conference at the Holiday Inn, Greentree will be sponsored by Ten Mile Squadron on 1-3 April. Let's all jump in and help make these endeavors a success!

See You at Roxy's

Cdm. Tom Merritt, JN



SOUTH HILLS POWER SQUADRON MEETING MINUTES 4 DECEMBER 2004

The meeting was called to order at 1405 after the Christmas luncheon. The secretary reported that a quorum was present. Twenty-six people were in attendance. The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr Merritt wished everyone Happy Holidays. He announced that all merit marks have been accepted by the District Monitor of USPS. We are pleased to have three new members of SHPS: Gregg Whittenberger, Bill Dreyer, and Phyllis Kuntz. Bill and Phyllis are transferring from Tri-State Sail and Power Squadron. The Bridge meeting will be held at the Merritt home on 5 January. The membership meeting will be at the Roxy Cafe on 12 January 2005.

Our guest of honor at the party was Irene Leslie. She was warmly welcomed by all members of SHPS. Irene accepted the 50-Year Plaque and pin, which had been awarded posthumously to P/D/C L. Lynn Leslie, AP at the Fall Conference. She donated Lynn's sextant and his USPS pin collection to SHPS. In honor of Irene and Lynn's long relationship and service to SHPS, the membership voted to award Honorary Membership in SHPS to Irene.

Cdr Merritt has contacted Josh Peters of the US Coast Guard in Cleveland about presenting a program at either the January or February meeting. The specific topic of his presentation would be Homeland Safety.

P/R/C Malcolm McDonald will represent the Commander at the Annual Meeting in Orlando in January.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE SOUTH HILLS POWER SQUADRON 2005-2006 OFFICERS

First, we'd like to acknowledge the current officers who have done a magnificent job. We thank them. We are fortunate to have another group of excellent members who have graciously agreed to serve if elected. The term of office except as noted is one year.

Commander	Selden W. Campen, P
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Executive Committee

Thomas O. Merritt, JN

Member of the Nominating Committee:

One year	Chairman	
Two year		Thomas O. Merritt, JN
Three year		Geraldine Marzzarella

Members of the Rules Committee:

One year	Chairman	Robert M. Colteryahn, AP
Two year		
Three year		Robert A. Cheswick, AP

Member of the Auditing Committee:

One Year	Chairman	Donald R. Stark, JN
Two year		
Three year		

Respectfully submitted,

P/C Richard N. Toler, AP, Chairman
P/C Dorothy B. Meloy, AP
Cdr Thomas O. Merritt, JN

THE PITTSBURGH BOAT SHOW

P/C Richard Toler, AP

The 2005 Pittsburgh Boat Show will be held on 21-23 January and 28-30 January at the David L Lawrence Convention Center.

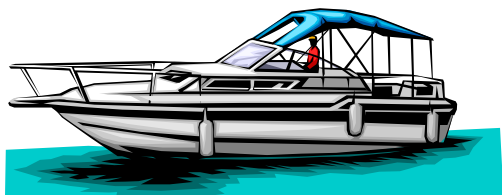
Following the traditional plan, the Pittsburgh area squadrons will staff the booth. South Hills Power Squadron will be on duty on Friday 21 January and Saturday 29 January 2005.

We are trying to set up shifts of two or three hours each day. Those on duty can pick up their ID badges on the **second floor** of the Convention Center at a table at the top of the escalator. When your shift is over, return the badges to the same place.

I am looking for volunteers to staff the booth on our assigned days. Hopefully, we will have two or three people for each shift. Jacqueline and Seldon Campen have already volunteered to stand a watch, but I am still looking for about 18 more people to make it easier for everyone.

There will be pamphlets about the United States Power Squadrons and schedules of Public Boating classes at various locations available for those visiting our booth.

If you can help us at the booth, please call Dick Toler at 412-279-1229. The sign-up sheet will also be available at the 12 January meeting.



The Nominating Committee is continuing work on the slate of officers for 2005-2006.

Lt/C Jim Stark invited all squadron members to a Christmas Open House at the Stark home at 339 E. Beau Street in Washington, PA, on 19 December in the afternoon.

Audrey Rice related that Andy Marzzarella will be deployed to Iran as a part of his Navy responsibilities. This is the third time he has been sent to Iran.

Lt/C Marjie Stark announced that there are forms available for supporters of the SouthWind. A new fund will begin for 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 1432.

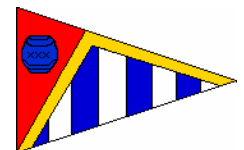
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marjorie G. Stark".

Lt/C Marjorie G. Stark, S

SUPPORTERS OF THE SOUTHWIND 2005

***Malcolm McDonald
Chris and Jack Orié
Emily and Art Schock***



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

Winter Isn't So Bad by P/C Blake Parker, AP

As another year begins, we hope the holidays have been kind to all. The Cleveland Boat Show and Pittsburgh Boat Show are scheduled for late January weekends. Even if you are not in the market for a new boat, which Linda reminds me we are not, this is a great time to get out and start thinking about this coming boating season. We've found that we always meet up with friends at both shows.

Here is a suggestion for those days after the holidays. Take a trip to your favorite marine discount store. They are having post-holiday and pre-season sales. It's time to think about those dock lines, new or replacement electronics, and other necessary supplies for the boat.

Speaking of supplies, have you checked your fire extinguishers? They should be shaken to loosen the dry chemical at least once per year. Did you know that the fire extinguishers have an expiration date? Look at your label, there is a date indicated on the label. The maximum limit on fire extinguishers is six (6) years from the date indicated. After that date, the extinguisher must be replaced or emptied and hydrostatically tested (at twice the cost of a new extinguisher). If you have a Halon 1301 engine compartment system, they need to be inspected, tested and tagged by a qualified fire extinguisher inspector. The yellow pages lists approved professional fire extinguisher services. It is well worth the minimal expense. If you have a lot of boats in the marina, maybe you can combine the needs and schedule the service for a convenient time, and you may save a few dollars too.

Do you have a boat with living quarters? How about a Carbon Dioxide monitor? Think about a mounted detector which meets the recommendations of ABYC A-24 as an addition to your vessel.

Have you checked the condition of your life saving equipment? Life jackets: sized to your crew and guests, without tears, rips, discoloration. Throwable devices: intact, in working order, and maintained. Flares: check the expiration date. Are they dry? Remember, don't throw out those expired flares. Bring them to a SHPS meeting or class. It would be great to show students and members how to properly use a flare. Likewise, donate your outdated fire extinguishers to SHPS for a demonstration.

Again I wish everyone a great 2005, and I hope your year goes well, that we all remain healthy, and have a prosperous year.

Education Department Lt/C James A. Stark, AP

Thank you to Irene Leslie for the most generous gift of Lynn's sextant to SHPS. We will make good use of it in our current JN class. It will serve as a continuing memorial to all the years of service that Lynn gave to our squadron.

The "Smart Start for Paddlers" course will be taught at the West Mifflin Gander Mountain Store on Saturday 22 January at 1000. Come to help and to show your support.



The eight week USPS Boating Course will begin 1 February at 1900 at Mt Lebanon High School.

There will be a Seamanship class beginning on Tuesday, 15 February also at Mt Lebanon High School. If you are interested, please contact me. Instructors are needed. Let's make this the year of education in South Hills Power Squadron.



Irene Leslie, wife of the late P/D/C L. Lynn Leslie, AP presents Lynn's sextant to South Hills Power Squadron to be used in its education classes. Irene was awarded honorary membership in SHPS at the December meeting.