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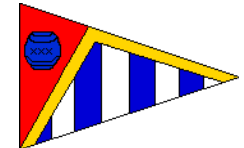
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The Southwind

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Coming Events

- SHPS Picnic Meeting - 9 June
Willow Tree Grove South Park
- Sail Day - 19 June - Lake Arthur,
Moraine State Park
- Blessing of the Fleet -27 June - Pittsburgh Point
- D/7 Cruise - 13, 14, & 15 August - Sandusky Bay



South Hills Power Squadron

Picnic Meeting Willow Tree Grove South Park

9 June 2004

Arrive any time after 1600 (4 PM)



Bring something to share:

A-H Desserts, I-P Veggies and Q-Z Salads.

Condiments, Meats, including World Famous Macko Sausage are provided.

Directions:

Main entrance on Corrigan Drive past the circle to the new traffic light. Turn Left onto Maple Springs Drive. First road to the right. Down road to soccer field. Turn right to Willow Tree Grove.

SHPS Bridge

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The Boats are Floating Again!

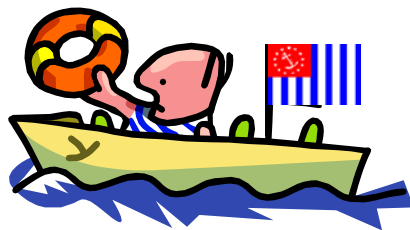
We want to feature

YOU AND YOUR BOAT

in *The SouthWind*.

Send photographs for publication in a future issue. Be sure to take a camera with you during your boating adventures this summer.

We also welcome your boating and safety articles.



THANKS TO THE SUPPORTERS OF THE SOUTHWIND - 2004

Warren and Liz Bell

Robert Colteryahn

Dan Marino

Tom and Dory Merritt

Chris and Jack Orie

SEO

Emily and Art Schock

Don and Marjie Stark

Dick and Nancy Toler

If you would like to support the publication of the Southwind forms will be available at each meeting or contact Marjie Stark.



U.S. Coast Guard Safety Initiative Puts "You" in Command

"You're in Command" is the U.S. Coast Guard's new public safe boating outreach initiative, which encourages all recreational boaters to take responsibility for their actions on the water. As a boat owner or operator, you are responsible for your safety and the safety of your passengers. That's why we say: "You're in Command. Boat Safely!"

The Facts

*The Coast Guard's most recent boating-related accident statistics show:

- 750 fatalities — 4,062 injuries — \$39 million in property damage.
- Eighty-five percent of drowning victims were not wearing life jackets.
- Alcohol was involved in nearly 40 percent of all boating fatalities.
- About 80 percent of all boating fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not completed a boating safety education course.
- The most reported types of accidents are collisions with other vessels. However, capsizing and falls overboard are the most reported types of fatal accidents and account for over half of all boating fatalities.
- Overall, operator inattention, carelessness/reckless operation, operator inexperience, and excessive speed are the leading contributing factors of all reported accidents.

It's clear that a great majority of these could easily have been prevented!

You're in Command Key Messages or What You Can Do To Boat Safer

1. Get a Vessel Safety Check
2. Take a Boating Safety Course
3. Wear Your Life Jacket
4. Don't boat under the influence

Also, visit the You're in Command Resource Center if you're a boating-safety advocate who'd like to help spread the word about boating safety.

*U.S. Coast Guard 2001 Accident Report

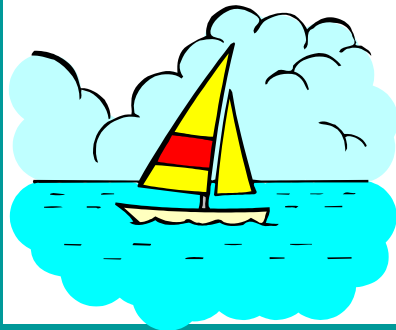
Administrative Department

By Lt/C Christine Orie, S

I just want to remind everyone that Sail Day is on 19 June 2004 from 1000 to 1900. We will be sailing at Davis Hollow Marina on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. The following are dish suggestions: A-H Veggies, I-P Salads, Q-Z Desserts. It is \$5.00 per person and children are free. Please let me know if you are going to attend at the 9 June meeting or call me at 724-935-5087 or e-mail at Mozart4192@aol.com.

I know you **all** want to know what food to bring to the June 9th picnic at South Park. The schedule is as follows: A-H desserts, I-P veggies and Q-Z salads. Get out your best recipes!! Bill Macko is bringing his world famous sausage!!!

On a more serious note, if anyone is interested in taking Operations Training, please contact me at the above mentioned phone or e-mail address. If enough members are interested, I would be more than happy to make arrangements for the course.



*Sail Day 2004
19 June
Lake Arthur
Moraine State Park
See article above for details.*

SUNSHINE CORNER

Get Well Wishes go to:

P/C Kenneth Campbell, JN
Dorothy Cook
P/D/C Lynn Leslie, AP

P/R/C Mac McDonald, JN
Audrey Rice
Nancy Toler

The Commander Says . . .



It seems the membership fairy has again visited us at SHPS. We welcome Dan Marino to the roster, as a new member, and Bob McKeever as a re-instated member. Welcome to both of you!

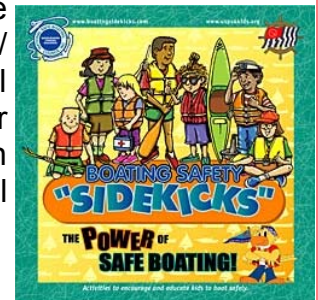
Speaking of membership, please don't forget to send in your dues in a timely fashion so our Treasurer can keep up with the HQ payments. We surely don't want the Membership to falter. This, I hope, is Numero Uno on your priority list of things to do!

Well, we have weathered through the first part of 2004 and seem to be doing OK. Now that summer is coming and we look for fun times, don't forget about the June meeting at Willow Tree Grove, South Park and the Sail Day at Moraine State Park on 19 June. I regret to say that the Erie Rendezvous is, again, being postponed this year due to some unexpected events that have come up concerning the committee people. The timing for this event has not worked out. Sorry!

And, as a last note, I send kudos to D/7 for a very well planned and successful Governing Board meeting in Pittsburgh. Thanks to our own Don & Marjorie Stark, who played a major part in the overall event. SHPS is proud of you!

Cdr Tom Merritt, JN

Safe family boating begins with the the Boating SideKicks web site at <http://www.boatingsidekicks.com> You will find in-the-water and out-of-the-water activities for your boating family with important safety messages for all kinds of boating. It is great fun for all.



**SOUTH HILLS POWER SQUADRON
MEETING MINUTES
12 MAY 2004 Windsor Court Hotel**

The meeting was called to order at 1930. The secretary reported that a quorum was present. Twenty-one people were in attendance. The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

All rosters have been distributed to members. P/C Richard Toler, AP, agreed to represent Cdr. Thomas Merritt, JN, at the USPS Governing Board meeting on 22 May at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. Cdr. Merritt announced that the program tonight, as arranged by Lt. Selden Campen, AP, would be a video about Marine Fire Safety.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP, reported that Audrey Rice continues to make good progress following her hip surgery and will soon be driving again. Meloy complimented the editors of The SouthWind on the quality of the publication. She thought it was wonderful. A discussion followed on sending the newsletter electronically. It is also available on our website. P/C Robert Timmins, AP, is the Cooperative Charting Chairman. He requests that we take note of anything that should be reported in the waters where we boat this year. Timmins will then report items to NOAA. P/C Kenneth Campbell, JN, has been working at the 18th Street Launch Ramp, but has had few boats to inspect yet for VSC inspections. Our squadron will be performing VSC's during Sail Day at Lake Arthur on 19 June. Lt. David Bonta, AP, will distribute materials for Safe Boating Week.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lt/C James Stark, AP, reported that there are two new AP's in the Squadron; Helen Davis and Selden Campen have passed their exams. Congratulations are in order to both of them. The JN course is ongoing. The last Thursday of each month will be an opportunity to take sights at Lake Arthur. Engine Maintenance is scheduled for the Fall. A Skipper Saver class was discussed. Gander Mountain would like to schedule another GPS seminar. We will probably do this in the Fall.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Chris Orie, S, stated that our 9 June meeting will be at Willow Tree Grove in South Park. Covered dishes are requested: A-H Des-

Mark your Calendars, Make your Reservation....

Bring Your Dinghy.....



**What: District 7 Rendezvous
When: 13, 14, 15 August 2004
Where: Battery Park Marina**



*Theme: It's a Party . . . What Kind of Party ? . . . Birthday Party
Come One Come All . . .
By Sea, or Land, the Party WILL BE Grand!*

**United States Power Squadrons® 90th Birthday
And guess who else has a Birthday on 13 August...
How Many? Who? Age? Forms available Friday night in packet.
Prize awarded.....**

Friday

Come early and join us for a fun evening. Enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. Look for the lost item.....A prize will be awarded.....

Saturday

Coffee will be available on the docks for those that need that early morning fix and a chance to chat. (0730)

Enter the sailboat race.....located in the pavilion.....Wet your whistle and pucker up. Win a prize....Open to all ages.....(Starts 0800) (Ends 1600)

At 1100 we will gather at the pavilion for brunch. Beverage provided. (Bring a dish to pass for 10) Your choice. (Always the BEST food)

After Brunch (1230) A Dinghy adventure.....chaired by AO Brian Logan, SN ending at where else, but Friday's.

D/C's cocktail party in the Pavilion. (1800) Appetizers....

Dinner, 1900, Bar-B-Que Dinner. Awards, (Birthday Cake) dessert.

Sunday

Hot breakfast (0900) at the picnic grounds.

Come and join us Rain, or SHINE We always have a GREAT Time.

There is limited dockage (\$1.50 foot)
so please make your reservations early.

Call: D/Lt/C Brian Logan, SN 330-864-2820 –
email Bats_wings@msn.com

D/Lt/C Liz Glassell, AP – 440-333-0768
email glassell@sbcglobal.net

The Registration form is on the D/7 website at
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d7/>

USPS® Pittsburgh Governing Board



With past SHPS member Ted Taylor and his friend Maureen Cannon



Lt Dianne Marshburn, AP, V/C Ernie Marshburn, D/Lt Jane Brandenstein, JN, and Stf/C Don Stark, JN



D/Lt Dick Toler, AP and Nancy



D/Lt Hank Marzina, AP and Mary Lou



D/Lt Dick Toler, AP, D/Lt Tom Glassel, AP, and D/Lt Hank Marzina, JN, served as the color guard.

serts, I-P Vegetables, Q-Z Salads. Arrival time is 1600 to assist with set-up. Lt/C Orié also announced that Sail Day would be on 19 June at Lake Arthur. It will be from 1000 until dark. The cost will be \$5 per person. D/Lt/C Brian Logan, SN, has been invited to our October meeting. The Erie Rendez-vous that had been scheduled for 30-31 July has been cancelled due to a family conflict for the Merritts and Hollises. An alternate plan will be discussed.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Marjorie Stark, S, requested donations in support of The SouthWind. The response was immediate and generous. Contributors will be acknowledged in each issue of The SouthWind. Lt Mike Hollis, P, is continuing to enhance our website.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Warren Bell, AP, stated that the checking account balance is currently \$2979.98 with about \$900 due to USPS. Dues are coming in now.

OLD BUSINESS

P/R/C Malcolm McDonald, JN, will format the new bylaws and P/C Hank Marzina, JN, will print copies for the squadron. The District 7 Summer Rendez-Vous will be at Battery Park in Sandusky, OH, on 13-14-15 August.

NEW BUSINESS

The USPS Governing Board will be in Pittsburgh on 19-23 May at the Pittsburgh Hilton. All members are encouraged to attend. P/C Dorothy Meloy asked if anyone would be willing to work on building a boat as a squadron project. P/Stf/C Robert Colteryahn, AP, stated that he had a wooden sailboat kit he would be willing to let the squadron build. New member Dan Marino won the 50/50 raffle.

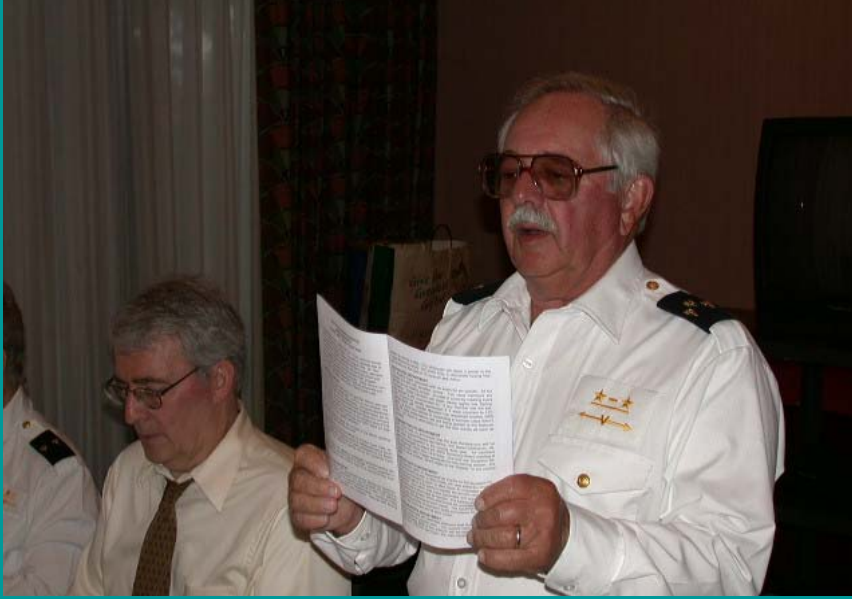
The next meeting will be at Willow Tree Grove in South Park on 9 June. The meeting adjourned at 2040.

Respectfully submitted,



Lt/C Marjorie G. Stark, S, Secretary

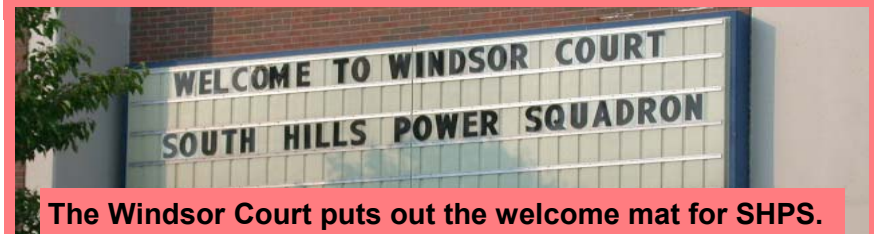
Photos from the May SHPS meeting



New Member, Dan Marino is welcomed by Cdr Tom Merritt, JN.



P/Lt/C Art Schock, JN and Lt/C Jim Stark, AP practice their sight taking skills at the May meeting of SHPS, They are preparing for the JN Star Party at Lake Arthur on Thursday, 22 May.



The Windsor Court puts out the welcome mat for SHPS.

Boat For Sale

28 foot Marinette
Express Cruiser
Newly painted bottom
Located at Lake
Chautauqua

Phone Irene Leslie at 412-276-5032 for more details.



Sister Ship Photo