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Coming Events

- SHPS Meeting 10 March
- JN Class Begins 18 March
- D/7 Spring Conference 12 - 14 March 2004
- SHPS Change of Watch 28 March at Salvatore's
- Pittsburgh Governing Board Pittsburgh Hilton 19-23 May 2004
- National Safe Boating Week 22-28 May 2004
- Sail Day 19 June



The Commander Says . . .



Well, we mentioned membership in the last Southwind and lo and behold the membership fairy came to South Hills and produced new and reinstated people. Namely: Blake and Linda Parker, Bob McKeever and Vira Doughton. Welcome to South Hills Squadron, we're glad to have you aboard!!

Again I urge members to attend the Spring Conference on 12-14 March at Cleveland Airport Marriott. The Hospitality Room will be shared with the Pittsburgh Squadron this time. Not only will we save some of the cost of the room, but also it should be a lot of fun joining up with different people with some new ideas. Pittsburgh Squadron's own Bob Brandenstein is to be sworn in as the D-7 Commander, which will add to the excitement of the event. And above all, the conference is a great learning experience for all of us. (I think we are leaving the Popcorn Machine back here in Pittsburgh this time.)

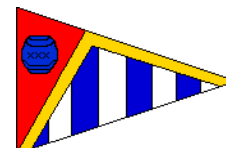
Please, do not forget to send in your reservations for the Change of Watch. The Officers need to know that the whole Squadron is behind them and their work is not in vain. You should have received your invitations by now. It will be held at Salvatore's on 28 March 1130-1500. A good time should be had by all!

Merit Marks have been sent out to all deserving individuals. If anyone has any problems with this, call me ASAP.

And last, but not least, try to make some part of the Spring Governing Board at the Pittsburgh Hilton to be held on 19-23 May. The D-7 Newsletter and The Ensign are full of information concerning this event. This is a BIGGIE for Pittsburgh.

Keep up the good work and thanks for all the help.

Cdr. Tom Merritt, JN



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South Hills Power Squadron Meeting



10 March 2004

1800 Dinner

1930 Meeting

Windsor Court Hotel of
South Hills (Formerly the Ramada Inn)

We want to feature **your boat** here.

Send a photograph of you and your boat for publication in a future issue of *The Southwind*.



South Hills Power Squadron is on the Web at www.usps.org/localusps/southhills



Education Department By Lt/C James A Stark, AP

Thirty-eight people attended the GPS Seminar at Gander Mountain in Washington, PA.

There are currently 7 people enrolled in the Public Boating Class at Mt Lebanon High School.

The JN Course is starting on 18 March. It will be held at Consol Energy. There are ten students who have signed up for this class.

The Class Chairman is Art Schock. He will be

assisted by Instructors Mac McDonald, Hank Marzina, and Tom Merritt.

Junior Navigation is the first course in off-shore navigation. It includes basic concepts of celestial navigation, how to take and reduce sights to establish lines of position (LOPs); and the use of special charts, plotting sheets and other navigational data for offshore positioning and passage planning.

Executive Department By P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP

What weather will the rest of the winter bring? While waiting for warmer temperatures, we can plan for our summer activities.

The boat show helped us dream of bigger, better and newer boats and equipment. Thanks to P/C Dick Toler for handling the details of our squad-

ron's participation at the Pittsburgh Boat Show. Attendance was down somewhat. It surely must have been because of the many snowfalls we have had.

It's nice to have P/C Blake Parker on board again.

For Sale: Sailboat--1980 Jeanneau, *Gin Fizz*, a 37.5 foot Ketch with 3' diving platform. Beam 12'4". Sleeps 7 comfortably. Separate rear cabin. Perkins M4-108 engine. Latest survey, March 2000 estimated fair market value of \$57,000.

Docked in Annapolis, Md, South River. Asking \$50,000.

Contact George D'Angelo 724 222-7980 or gadangelo2@aol.com



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**D/7 Spring Conference,
12-13-14 March 2004**

**Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel
West 150th Street Exit of I71.**



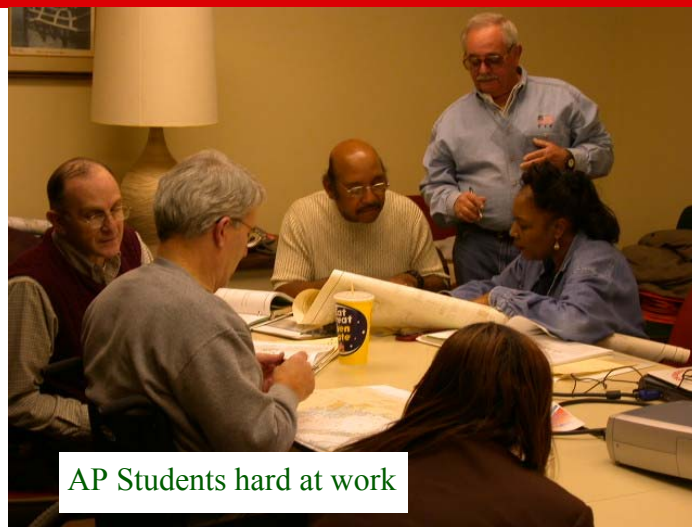
If you have any questions, contact D/Lt/C Liz Glassell at 440-333-0768 or glassell@sbcglobal.net.

We promise a weekend you won't soon forget!!!

SEE YOU ON BOURBON SREET - DON'T FORGET YOUR BEADS!!!



The GPS Class at Gander Mountain



AP Students hard at work

**28 March 2004
South Hills Power Squadron
Change of Watch and Brunch**

1130—1530

Salvatore's

5001 Curry Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236



Report From the Pittsburgh Boat Show P/C Richard Toler, AP



Lt/C Dorothy Meloy, AP

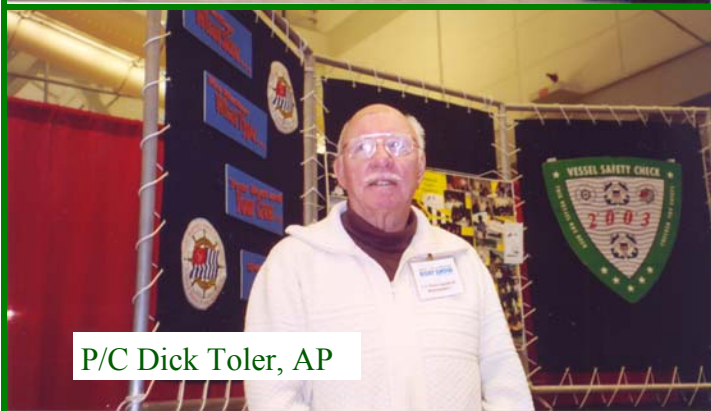
The boat show was held in the newly completed David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh on 23 – 25 January and 30 January - 1 February.

The boat that should have been there was an iceboat on two of the most frigid weekends Pittsburgh has experienced in years. As a result, attendance was not overwhelming, but there was a good number and variety of power boats and two sail boats, a four-man racing skull with a coxswain, a dragon boat with twenty paddlers, a steersman and a tom-tom drummer to keep stroke count (a la *Ben Hur*), and a bunch of kayaks and canoes.

A visitor could also inspect motor scooters, see a Coast Guard boat used in the Persian Gulf, or even climb a wall.

Members of the South Hills Squadron manned the booth on 23 and 31 January. Those members standing two and a half hour watches were:

Selden Campen, Lew Doughton, Vira Doughton, Shelia Macko, Bill Macko, Mac McDonald, Dorothy Meloy, Tom Merritt, Jim Stark, and Dick Toler.



P/C Dick Toler, AP



Lt/C Jim Stark, AP with Coastie