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Coming Events



- **SHPS Meeting** No membership meeting this month. Next membership meeting - 12 April 2006 The Roxy Cafe
- **South Hills Power Squadron Change of Watch, 12 March**
1100—1500 Holiday Inn Select Pittsburgh South
- **Tri District Conference (D/7, D/11 & D/29)**
31 March—2 April 2006 Independence, Ohio
- **USPS Governing Board Meeting** 15—20 August 2006
The Grand Hyatt Hotel, New York, New York
- **National Safe Boating Week** 20—26 May 2006
Check the website for information and graphics
<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>



South Hills Power Squadron Change of Watch

Holiday Inn Select, Pittsburgh South

*Ft. Couch Road, Bethel Park
Sunday, 12 March 2006*

1100 - 1500

\$25 per person

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The deadline for the next SouthWind is 15 March.

**Come to celebrate
"The Maiden Voyage of the USPS Trilogy"
31 March—2 April
at the USPS Tri-District Spring Conference
For D/7, D/11 & D/29
Holiday Inn, Independence, Ohio.**

For more information and registration forms, see the D/7 Web site at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d7>.

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Administrative Report Lt/C Christine T. Orie, S

Many positive replies have come in for the Change of Watch planned for 12 March 2006. I am looking forward to seeing all of you there. If you haven't sent your R.S.V.P. as of yet, please do so as soon as possible!
The more, the merrier!!!

Executive Officer's Report P/C Dorothy B. Meloy, AP

Vessel examiners packets with the new VSC stickers have been distributed. Let me know if you would like to become a VE (Vessel Examiner).

See you at the Change of Watch.



Here is the *Sabino*, the oldest wooden coal fired passenger ferry in operation in the United States. It was built in 1908. It is all secure under its winter canvas. The *Sabino* is part of the working fleet of the fine maritime museum at Mystic Seaport.

Name This Gypsy!



Servants of Many Masters presented by The Heritage Players of Bethel Park was a broad comedy in the style of Commedia dell'Arte. Whatever its origin, Commedia dell'Arte emerged as a popular form of theatre in the mid 16th century. Some claim that its traditions were born in the roving mime troupes of Ancient Rome making this action suitable for middle class audiences. This version of *Servants of Many Masters* uses the Gypsy Chorus to help restore some of the vibrancy and the "wildness" of the Commedia form. The talented gypsy I'm referring to in this play is none other than the man we know as Dave Bonta. Before curtain call Dave walked through the audience reading their palms. He hit right on

with Mac McDonald, but missed mine, and the man seated next to me. Along with acting, Dave also sang in the chorus, and played the tambourine. Some of David's more memorable roles have been Poseidon in *B*I*R*D*S*, Constable Warren in *Our Town*, Dr. Emmet in *The Curious Savage*, and he played a few parts in the H.P. production of *Annie*.

This was a pleasant evening, knowing someone in the cast. If you have never seen Dave perform, YOU MUST !

It is evident that Dave is really enjoying his theatrical experiences.

Dorothy Meloy and Mac McDonald

Squadron Photos by P/C Dick Toler, AP



At the SHPS Annual Meeting P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP announced the slate of candidates for office for the 2006-2007 Squadron year.



R/C Bob Brandenstein, SN, Lt/C Jim Stark, AP, Lt Lew Doughton, and P/C Jane Brandenstein, JN at the Pittsburgh Boat Show.



How different things were in the time of the Chris-Craft shown above and the 1936-37 Evinrude Outboard at the right. Both were part of the antique boat display at the Pittsburgh Boat Show.

Commander's Corner

by Cdr Selden Campen, JN



This column presents my opportunity to have your undivided attention for a few minutes each month. It is a chance to thank those who have given of themselves for the benefit of the squadron and to update you on future events.

First, I'd like to highlight the significant effort extended by **P/C Bob Timmins, AP** as the organizer of the largest education department activity since I joined the squadron. Bob began discussions with the Boy Scouts in April 2005, nearly a year ago and

reported that it required 75 hours to sell the Boy Scouts on the South Hills USPS being the boating education source of choice, coordinate the Boy Scout/USPS class, and secure facilities capable of accommodating the anticipated large group. The results of Bob's efforts are that on the first evening of our Spring Boating Class 61 Boy Scouts and their leaders were in attendance. Since these scouts are preparing for the BSA High Adventure Sailing and Scuba Camp in the Florida Keys in June 2006, it is expected that they will remain attentive throughout the course. And talking of expectations, I would expect that several scouts and their parents will see fit to join our squadron for their continuing education. I publicly suggest to our programs and meetings chairman to invite representatives of the Boy Scouts to share their High Adventure experience with us in the fall via a presentation at one of our general membership meetings. Many thank to Bob Timmins.

Working with Bob on the Spring Boating Course is our SEO, **Lt/C Jim Stark, AP**. He has prepared diligently, so that our squadron performs at its best. I believe that Jim recognizes, as I do, that our squadron's marketing efforts are, without exaggeration, somewhat less than is necessary to sustain our organization. Given the potential of this event to generate new members, Jim has gone the extra mile to do it right. He selected our best teachers for each class (I noticed he left me out). He conducted a mini Instructor Qualification class for these instructors so that they were up to date with the teaching technology our squadron has acquired this past year. I'm confident that we will be more effective as a result of Jim's efforts. Many thanks to Jim Stark.

Coming up soon is our annual Change of Watch. At the January Bridge meeting **Lt/C Chris Orié, S** volunteered to chair the Change of Watch event. I provided notes and computer files from the 2005 Change of

The Future of Boating Technology – Several industry experts will discuss the current and future state of the art of electronics in the marine industry. There will be open discussions with plenty of time to ask questions.

Visibility and Outreach – This will be a discussion on ways to market and promote USPS within our communities.

At 10:00 AM two more sessions will be held:

Homeland Security – A presentation will be held by the USCGA on what is being done to protect the "HOMELAND" and what we can do as individuals to help the cause. Who doesn't have an interest in this topic?

The Future of Boating – Several experts will present their views and share information on the current state of the boating industry and where it is headed. There will be opportunity to ask questions and share ideas on how USPS can help the industry and how the industry can help USPS.

As you can see the morning meetings cover a wide range of topics and have "Something in it for you."

At 11:00 AM you can participate in a town hall meeting with the Chief Commander and the most recent Past Chief. This may be the only opportunity you'll get to share ideas with them in this type of forum.

I also want to mention that while all of these meetings are taking place, there will be "Vessel Safety Check Examiner", Re Certification and Training taking place. Anyone with interest in becoming a VSC Examiner will want to attend. In addition for any of your friends that wish to take the Boat Smart Course, we will be teaching it all in one day on Saturday. Better yet if they join USPS afterwards they will be sworn in by the Chief Commander at dinner in the evening.

Now that you see that you want to attend some of the meetings, you will want to make reservations and stay for lunch. There will be a special "Keynote Speaker" sure to inform and entertain all attendees.

Individual District Conference meetings will be held in the afternoon.

While these are taking place, children are invited to a "Kid Crew Event". They'll have a "Special Lunch" with afternoon entertainment, games and surprises. This will lead up to a Pizza Party held at 7:00PM.

For the ladies, at 2:00 PM a "Weekender Fashion Show" featuring mix and match boating and travel outfits will be held.

Saturday evening will be the formal gala with the Change of Watch for all three Districts and a special finale to the day.

I hope I've convinced you that there is "SOMETHING Is in It for YOU" at this TRI-DISTRICT Conference.

See you there,
P/C Rich Kusnir, AP
Tri-District Co-Chair

The Tri-District Conference “What’s In It For Me?”

On Friday, people will be arriving throughout the day and registering for the Conference. There will be 14 or more tables with vendors displaying their products and services. Also at these tables will be government and service organizations such as the Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, ODNR, Sea Scouts, and Great Lakes Cruising Club that will have the most current literature and information available for their area of expertise.

Friday evening is party time! **The Bon Voyage Party** will be 2 ½ hours of entertainment, dancing and socializing with USPS members and friends from our National Bridge and Committees, 3 Districts and 28 Squadrons. Each District has a theme (Port of Call) and you are encouraged to dress to support the theme. Ours is **RIO “Carnival”**. After this party attend the three hospitality rooms, one from each District. You are encouraged to bring friends. They do not have to be USPS members.

Saturday morning is packed with educational and informative meetings. I believe there is a meeting of interest for everyone. Squadron Bridge members will want to attend the breakfast corresponding with their office. This will be a great opportunity for sharing ideas with people holding your same position at the National, District and Squadron level.

Starting at 8:00 AM four concurrent meetings take place:

Planning for the Future – A discussion on the structure and operation of USPS as an organization for the future.

Simply Legal – A must for Law Officers of the Squadrons and also any USPS members that wish to know what is legally covered under the USPS umbrella.

Community Outreach – Anyone interested in learning about the changing environment affecting our lakes and what it means to the future of boating would want to attend.

External Relationships – A discussion with members of USCG, USCGA, NAS-BLA, ODNR and Army Corps on how USPS and these organizations work together to make boating safer now and into the future.

Another round of meetings begin at 9:00 AM:

Leadership Development – A presentation will be made by V/C Frank Dvorak on leadership development within our organization and to get and keep members involved.

Managing Squadron Information – This is a must attend for all involved or interested in USPS websites and manipulating the data base (DB2000) for obtaining Squadron information.

The Future of USPS Education – This will be an exciting presentation showing how classes can be held remotely using video conferencing technology. All instructors and members will want to see this technology displayed at this event.

Watch, but as anyone would know who has prepared for a large catered formal event, much organizing needed to be done. Chris, with assistance from Dorothy Meloy and Tom Merritt, has selected the site and menu, arranged for the entertainment, sent out the invitations (printed as always as a favor to our squadron by the Marzinas), ordered the awards, and the list goes on. We are deeply grateful that Chris has undertaken these duties to provide us all an occasion we will enjoy. Many thanks to Chris Orie. I look forward to seeing all of you at the 2006 Change of Watch on 12 March.

Regarding another future event, D/7 is joining with D/11 and D/29 to host the first Tri-District Conference. This conference will be held in place of the usual Spring Conference. All members of the National Bridge and Operating Committee will attend and will participate in our meetings and social events. The Ship’s Store will be stocked significantly more than is normal for a District Conference. I think this is one conference you will not want to miss. It will be held on 31 March through 2 April at the Holiday Inn in Independence, Ohio just south of Cleveland.

By the time we see each other next, I will have returned from a one-week cruise around Antigua on a 51’ Precision catamaran. I cannot tell you how excited I am to have this opportunity to put into practice the Seamanship, Piloting, Navigation, Cruise Planning, Weather, and Sailing instruction I have received from so many of you as I have progressed through the squadron courses. Thanks so much. I will give a full report at the Change of Watch (excluding of course any event that might qualify for a Bent Prop Award).



The *Joseph Conrad* in Mystic Seaport has been put to bed for the Winter. Sails and some equipment have been removed. The yards are tilted and secured to prevent damage from the winter storms. Many smaller boats have fitted canvas covers. Don and Marjie Stark visited there at the beginning of February.

**SOUTH HILLS POWER SQUADRON
MEETING MINUTES
8 February 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 1900. There were 18 members in attendance. Cdr. Campen distributed his USPS Boating Quiz and 28 tips for recruiting new members.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr Selden Campen, SN, gave a positive report on Bill Macko after his surgery. Irene Leslie has donated her late husband's uniform to the Squadron. Interest was expressed in an IQ class. The next bridge meeting is on 1 March 2006

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP, requested that P/C Dick Toler report on the Boat Show. Those who stopped by our booth were interested and asked questions. All who worked at the show were thanked. Don and Jim Stark's parents and brother are in improving health. Safety packets are available for Safe Boating Week. P/C Ken Campbell will hold a class for anyone interested in learning to conduct Vessel Safety Checks. The packets for Vessel Examiners have been distributed.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Jim Stark, AP, reported that 60 people have registered for the Boating Safety Course. The class will begin on 14 February at Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church. The Boy Scouts are quite interested in taking this class. The Weather course has been completed; test results are due soon.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Chris Orie, S announced that the Change of Watch will be on Sunday, 12 March, 2006 from 1100-1500 at the Holiday Inn Select Pittsburgh South. Officers are requested to bring their flags of office. The April and May meetings will be held at the Roxy Café. Registration forms are available for the Tri-District Conference at the end of March in Cleveland.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Vira Doughton asked that a card be signed for Bill Macko. P/Lt/C Marjje Stark requested donations for the 2006 SouthWind. Art and Emily Schock sent a detailed location of their ship on their cruise to New Hebrides with their donation for the SouthWind.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Warren Bell, AP, stated that USPS dues have increased from \$31.00 to \$31.80, but there is no reinstatement fee. There is an assessment of \$1 per member for the District Hospitality Room at the Tri District Conference.

OLD BUSINESS

P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP, read the slate of officers for SHPS for the 2006-

2007 year. The slate was elected by a unanimous ballot cast by the Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Ideas for summer activities included Sail Day on Lake Erie, a cruise on The Niagara, a Safe Boating Class at the New Eagle Marina, and a District 7 Rendezvous at Marietta, Ohio.

The program was on "Pyrotechnics for Boating" concerning visual distress signals. Points to remember: Bigger--Brighter--Different.

P/D/C Don Stark, JN, reminded the members of the USPS nation wide campaign for National Safe Boating Week entitled "Put Muscle into Your Boating. Take a Power Squadron Course." He has some excellent public relations information that members can utilize.

The next Meeting will be the Change of Watch on 12 March at the Holiday Inn Select Pittsburgh South. There will be no meeting at the Roxy Café in March.

P/C Hank Marzina, JN won the 50/50 drawing. P/Lt/C Linda Parker, P called to give us a report on Blake. The meeting adjourned at 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Vira Doughton

Lt/C Vira M. Doughton

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