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Our New 2003 Bridge

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Commander's Remarks

As I see other Squadrons from my new point of view, I find that SHPS is unique in the fact that we are a solid group that pulls together and gets the job done. This is not to infer that we are all just wonderful. No, we do have a need for more people to get involved so that those who do

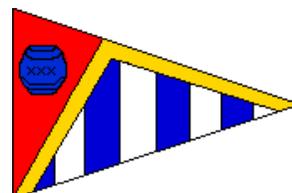
most of the work can have a little relief.

Please, let the Bridge know if there is something you are interested in and would like to get involved with. There are many facets to this organization - try one!

Take a class in some subject even though you may have already taken it. Take it over again and get involved with the mem-

bers of the group. Here is where camaraderie can make the study interesting.

Cdr Tom Merritt, JN



Coming Events

- SHPS Meeting—14 May 2003 at Ramada Inn Pittsburgh South.
- National Safe Boating Week 17—23 May
- Picnic Meeting in South Park 11 June
- Sail Day 28 June Lake Arthur
- Blessing of the Fleet 29 June Pittsburgh
- VSC Week 7—15 June

It's A New Bridge Year for the Squadron

On 16 March 2003 D/7 Commander Twila Hauck, SN gave the oath of office to our new commander of the South Hills Power Squadron, Thomas O. Merritt, JN.

Tom introduced his bridge for the 2003-2004 bridge year: Executive Officer, Dorothy B. Meloy, AP; Educational Officer, James A. Stark, AP; Assistant SEO, Seldon Campen, P; Administrative Officer, Christine T. Orie, S; Secretary, Shelia A. Macko, P; Treasurer, Warren R. Bell, AP; and Assistant Treasurer Patricia J. McKeever, S. Congratulations to the new bridge. We wish them much success.



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Our Next Meeting: 14 May 2002 at the Ramada Inn Pittsburgh South. Our speaker tentatively will be: Andrew (Andy) Talento, President of the Tri-Rivers Marine Trade Association who, among other things, put on the Pittsburgh Boat Show. Andy is also president of the Pennsylvania Boating Association, who for a quarter of a century has been the watchdog of State legislation on behalf of Pennsylvania's boaters.

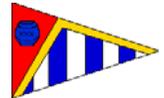
We wish to extend our sympathies to Tom and Dory Merritt on the passing of Dory's mother, Mary C. Kemper, on 16 April 2003. Services were held at 10 AM at St Pius Church on 21 April 2003.

The Southwind returns!

Thanks to Mac McDonald for taking the Southwind for the past several years. He has done a great job making this publication an award winner! Mac is going to continue as circulation manager. He is responsible for printing and mailing this publication.

Marjie and I will serve as editors. We need everyone's help to make this publication a success. Our intent is that this publication will go out every month and will include the minutes of the previous meeting. This may seem like a limited format. With your help, we will expand with future editions. We need to hear from our members. This is your publication. What is your dream cruise? What are your plans for this summer? What new projects have you completed on your boat? Has mother nature taught you a few new lessons out there on the water lately? How has your USPS education served you in a time of need? We will be glad to publish your digital pictures. Please email, write, or call us with your ideas.

Don Stark



Congratulation to Mac McDonald for winning the coveted (?) Bent Prop Award for 2002 for running aground in Erie Bay. It seems that sometimes you can't trust even your best crew to keep a slight nautical miscalculation a secret!

2002 . . . A SHPS Year to remember !

2002 was an eventful year with having a successful Fall Conference. It definitely showed what T-E-A-M effort can do. This energy was evident throughout the year in all of our accomplishments and will continue I am sure. Thank you everyone.

Lt Selden Campen's idea to bring programs back to our monthly meetings was a great one. It has improved the membership attendance.

Please keep in mind these upcoming activities: National Safe Boating week-May 17-23, our family picnic supper meeting on 11 June at Wil-

low Tree Grove in South Park, Sail Day at Lake Arthur at the picnic area across from Davis Hollow Marina on 28 June. Remember also the Blessing of the Fleet on the rivers at Pittsburgh's Point on 29 June 2003. Vessel Safety Checks begin anytime you are ready to devote significant energy to the cause.

Congratulations to Kenneth B. Campbell on his life membership and his Century Award for doing over 100 vessel safety examinations and to Pat McKeever for attaining her Sr. Member (5MM) status and to all students who passed their re-

spective courses. This is a BIG one, Congratulations to Dory and Tom Merritt on their 50th wedding anniversary.

On a more personal note, I want to thank the squadron for my commander's gift. The lighthouse looks great on the mantle next to another squadron gift. Cdr Tom had a very nice, smooth flowing Change of Watch of which I was happy to be a part.

Executive officer
P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP