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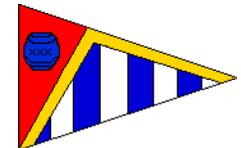
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Coming Events

- SHPS Meeting - 12 May
- Pittsburgh Governing Board
 Pittsburgh Hilton 19–23 May 2004
- National Safe Boating Week 22–28 May 2004
- Picnic Meeting in South Park 9 June
- Sail Day - 19 June - Lake Arthur, Moraine State Park
- SHPS Lake Erie Rendezvous - 31 July Presque Isle State Park Marina
- D/7 Cruise - 13, 14, & 15 August - Sandusky Bay



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It is boat launch time!

We want to feature

YOU AND YOUR BOAT

in *The SouthWind*.

Send a photograph for publication in a future issue. Can we have your pictures for next month?

We also welcome your boating articles.



Heaven's Daughter



South Hills Power Squadron Meeting

12 May 2004

1800 Dinner 1930 Meeting

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

United States Power Squadrons

90th Anniversary
1914-2004

Come one and all
to the

USPS® Governing Board Meeting

Hosted by District 7

Pittsburgh, PA

19– 23 May 2004
Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel

See what makes USPS work.
Help USPS work for you.

Meet fellow members from all 33 districts.

Administrative Department

By Lt/C Christine Orie, S

Get your picnic baskets and coolers ready! Saturday, 19 June 2004 is SAIL DAY at Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. The time is 1000 to 1900 hours. You don't have to have a boat on the lake to do some sailing.

Please bring your grill and charcoal. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and soda will be supplied by SHPS. Each family participating must bring a dish to share. The following suggests what you should bring: A to H- vegetables, I to P- salads, Q to Z-desserts.

Call or e-mail me at 724-935-5087 or Mozart4192@aol.com before 9 June to let me know if you plan to attend. It is \$5.00 per person and the kids are free. Please pay at the June meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

Education Department

By Lt/C James A Stark, AP

The AP tests have been tracked and are now being graded. These tests have to go to several graders so it may take a little time. Please be patient. We should have the results soon.

P/C Blake Parker, AP indicates that there are marinas along the Mon who would like to be a part of a Skipper Saver class. *Man overboard* is not the only emergency that can occur on a boat, but it may be the most dreaded. Skipper Saver teaches your family members and friends what to do and how to operate the boat if you become disabled for any reason from a fall overboard to something as simple as a sprained ankle or seasickness. This course is designed for anyone who may have to take over operation of a vessel in an emergency.

If you and your family (crew) are interested, please contact me at 724-225-7605 or at stark@nb.net

The Commander Says . . .



If you read my last article, then you know I am hoping to increase the membership in this bridge year. It seems that the membership fairy has answered our prayer and added a new member. We welcome Larry Doty to our group and wish him the best and hope he will enjoy our fellowship. We hope to add 5 more new members to get a 10% increase this year.

On the lighter side. I must tell you that my wife Doris, as some of you may recall, won a FREE trip to Las Vegas at the Fall Conference. The nice part of this was that she invited me along as her guest! This FREE trip ended up costing her and her guest over \$1000 bucks. But it was worth it. We had a wonderful time especially since it was the first time we visited Vegas. What a wild place that is. Money, people, noise, and excitement are everywhere. It seems to us that \$\$\$ doesn't mean a thing out there. (Raffling that trip at the conference was a great way to boost the hype for the event.)

Don't forget the June 9th Picnic Meeting at South Park coming up. I'm thinking that it might be interesting to blow off some fire extinguishers since most of us have never had that experience. If you have any old ones that we could use, let me know. I will check this out with the Park Police.

Until the next time,
Cdr. Tom Merritt, JN

Check out the fun for the kids in your boating family at <http://usps4kids.org>. You will find games, puzzles, coloring activities, and some important boating safety messages.



**SOUTH HILLS POWER SQUADRON
MEETING MINUTES
14 APRIL 2004 – Windsor Court Hotel**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. There were 25 people present, which represented a quorum. The order of business was altered to allow our speakers to present their program first. Mr. Don Griffin and his wife, Barbara, represented the Deep Creek Lake Sailing School. Their personal experience is with the Flying Scott sailboat. The Griffins gave a very interesting Power Point program about Deep Creek Lake and the sailing program. There were a number of questions following the presentation, and we all learned a lot about vacation opportunities and boating on Deep Creek Lake.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

Cdr Tom Merritt, JN, welcomed Larry Doty and Dan Marino, who are graduates of the spring boating class. Larry is a new member. We hope that Dan will also join us in membership. Cdr Merritt distributed Float Plan forms. He announced that Bob and Virginia Patton are no longer members. They have requested that their names be removed from the roster. Cdr Merritt commented on the beautiful issue of The SouthWind and thanked P/R/C McDonald and Stf/C Stark for their efforts in producing such a quality publication.

There was a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Most meetings this year will be held at the Windsor Court Hotel, except for the June Picnic Meeting, which is traditionally held at South Park. Our September meeting has been scheduled for the Beach Club Marina. The December meeting will be our Christmas Party Meeting.

P/C Hank Marzina, JN, agreed to investigate a possible meeting site on the Ohio River near the West End Bridge. Liz Bell suggested a meeting at Panera's in the Galleria might be a change-of-pace location.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Dorothy Meloy, AP, announced that the packets for Vessel Examiners have been distributed. P/C Ken Campbell, JN, will have a class if anyone needs to become certified as a VSC. P/C Marzina volunteered to teach a class in Amateur Radio – Technician Class License – if any members are interested. National Safe Boating

Secretary's Department

By Lt/C Marjorie G Stark, S

You'll have to admit that The SouthWind has added an important dimension in communications for our squadron during the past year. We are indebted to our Circulation Manager/Printer Mac McDonald for his diligent efforts in laser printing a very professional newsletter each month. We have reached a point, however, where we need to ask for your sponsorship to help cover the costs of printing. In the past, when we have requested your help, the response has been generous. I will have forms at future meetings for your use in contributing to our ongoing efforts to produce a quality newsletter for you. Those of us who work on the publication—Don Stark, Marjie Stark, and Mac McDonald thank you for thinking about becoming a sponsor of The SouthWind. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in each newsletter.

Our plan is to include the monthly meeting minutes in the newsletter. We feel this will enhance our communications. If you have any other suggestions for ways to improve our SouthWind, please let us know. We welcome your ideas.

The newsletter is always available on the squadron's website. If you would like to receive your own copy as a pdf file, sent to you via email rather than regular mail, please notify Don Stark: stark84@nb.net. Your newsletter will be sent to you electronically each month.



SUNSHINE CORNER

P/C Kenneth Campbell, JN
Dorothy Cook
P/D/C Lynn Leslie, AP
Audrey Rice
Nancy Toler

Congratulations to Nicole Hollis as she graduates from Penn State University and begins a summer job with Merck & Co., Inc. She plans to pursue a career in medicine.

Executive Department

By Lt/C Dorothy Meloy, AP

I would like to suggest to our Vessel Safety Examiners (VEs) that you wear a **lifejacket** while doing your exams. This will help to reinforce the 2004 safety slogan, **"Boat Smart • Boat Safe • Wear It!"** This is especially important during National Safe Boating Week, 22 - 28 May.



During our recent Caribbean - Panama cruise aboard the Rotterdam, Mac McDonald, Adair Murphy, Deb Meloy and I returned from a land tour to find this poster on our door.



This is the beauty that we built from items gathered on board ship and a short shopping spree in Port Limon. According to the rules of the ship building contest, each entry had to have cargo holding capacity and be able to weather a "storm" when the Jacuzzi was turned on.



Mac McDonald, Debra Meloy, Dorothy Meloy, and Adair Murphy show off their ship and their new mugs.

Ours was a solidly built ship with safety features. Out of five entries, ours tied for second place. Each member of the shipbuilding crew received a mug with a big "R" for Rotterdam on it.

What fun!!

Week is coming in May. P/C McDonald will place a poster in the Castle Shannon Library. Lt/C Chris Orié, S, discussed having Vessel Checks on Sail Day on 19 June at Lake Arthur.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Boating Class concluded with an exam for six people. All six passed the test with excellent scores. Two class members are present at our meeting tonight. JN class is currently meeting every Thursday. Class members will begin taking sights this Spring. One sextant is still unaccounted for. If any member has the sextant, it would be greatly appreciated if it were returned to Lt/C James Stark, AP. Gander Mountain has requested another GPS class. Is there any interest in scheduling a summer class there? The AP class examinations are still being graded at the National level. Lt/C Stark is attempting to get the test results as soon as possible.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Chris Orié, S, announced that the Erie Rendezvous will be held on 31 July at Presque Isle Marina. P/C Robert McKeever, JN, will rejoin the squadron in the coming dues year. All members were encouraged to attend the USPS Governing Board meeting at the Pittsburgh Hilton from 19-23 May. Vira and Lew Doughton distributed Little Lake Theater schedules for this coming season. We hope to have another "SHPS Night at the Theater" in the coming year.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Marjorie Stark, S, expressed her thanks for the excellent roster for the coming year. Lt Don Hollis, AP, was asked to complete the annual Historian's report. Lt Mike Hollis, P, requested money be allotted (about \$12) yearly to register the domain name for our squadron. The motion was made, seconded, and approved. Hollis will add links to other sites as needed. The bylaws are ready to be formatted and printed. P/R/C McDonald will complete the formatting, and P/C Marzina will print copies. The SouthWind editors are requesting pictures of members' boats and articles for publication. Items are due by the end of each month.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Warren Bell, AP, reminded everyone that dues remittance notices would be coming soon. Our current balance is \$2,016.34. Approximately \$900 of this amount will be spent on bills that are due now. P/D/Lt/C Neil Cook, SN, has completed the audit of the

squadron financial records. He reported that all records are in good order.

OLD BUSINESS

The District 7 Summer Rendezvous will be 13-14-15 August at Battery Park in Sandusky, Ohio. The Fall Conference will be in Elyria, Ohio, 29-30-31 October. Vermilion Power Squadron will host "Halloween Murder Mystery at Brody Mansion." We will again join with Pittsburgh Power Squadron to plan our room – The Wine Cellar.

NEW BUSINESS

Lt Lew Doughton won the 50/50 drawing. The next meeting will be held at the Windsor Court Hotel on 12 May 2004. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lt/C Marjorie G. Stark, S



Dan Marino, new member Larry Doty, Cdr Tom Merritt, and speakers, Barbara and Don Griffin from the Deep Creek Lake Sailing School.



David Timmins, son of Lana and P/C Bob Timmins, AP, proudly displays his catch, a 4 foot Mahi Mahi, during a recent trip to Hawaii.

Boat For Sale

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Express Cruiser
Newly painted bottom
Located at Lake
Chautauqua

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Sister Ship Photo