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Coming Events

- **May SHPS Membership Meeting** 11 May 2005
The Roxy Café at South Hills Village
- **SHPS Bridge Meeting** 6 May 2005 at 1930
Cdr Selden Campen's House
- **National Safe Boating Week** 21- 27 May 2005
- **USPS Spring Governing Board** 1-5 June 2005
Charlotte, NC
- **Picnic Meeting** 8 June 2005 Willow Grove -South Park
- **Sail-In** 25 June 2005 Lake Arthur -
Moraine State Park
- **D/7 Cruise** 5 - 7 August 2005 Huron Boat Basin
- **SHPS Erie Rendezvous** 12 - 14 August 2005

SHPS May Meeting
Program: Cooperative Charting
by D/Lt Joanne Hancock, JN and
Tom Hancock



11 May 2005
At The Roxy Café
South Hills Village Mall
1800 Dinner - 1930 Program and Meeting

SHPS Bridge

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D/7 Conference 1 - 3 April

Why is Lu
Colteryahn
Smiling?



The Schocks, the
Colteryahns, the
Tolers and the
Cooks enjoy hos-
pitality at the eve-
ning banquet.

Also socializing at
dinner were Dorothy
Meloy, Mac McDon-
ald, the Marzinas,
the Starks, and the
Merritts.



Deadline for the next SouthWind is 18 May.

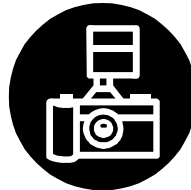
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Remember to check out the website (www.SH-PS.org) You will find previous SouthWind issues there.



Thanks to P/C Hank Marzina, JN and P/C Dick Toler, AP for contributing photographs for this issue of The SouthWind.

We appreciate all of the contributions. Please keep those articles and photographs coming!



Congratulations to SHPS for winning the Dobler Trophy for membership. Stf/C Donald Stark was awarded the District Commander's Trophy for his service to D/7. The SouthWind won second place for publications.

Photos From The April Meeting



Diver Jim LaPenta with some of his many items of dive equipment.



Clothing with the South Hills Power Squadron Burgee can be ordered. Details are coming soon.

2005 North American Safe Boating Campaign

National Safe Boating Week: May 21-27, 2005

Why I Joined the Squadron

My story is similar (to that of many others) -- differing in details but not in basic theme. I wandered up to a USPS booth at a boat show 15 years ago. You taught me a few things I needed to know on the water. By itself, the education offered wouldn't have been enough to get me to join and wouldn't have convinced me to renew 14 times.

I joined and renewed because the USPS members in that class shared and supported many of my values:

- providing a safe and entertaining day to my family and passengers
- respect for the environment
- doing the best job you can
- service to community
- continued individual growth
- admission into a circle of people I respect
- recognition for accomplishment

I think my experience can be generalized. We attract members who share our values. We retain members by building and sustaining the shared values. USPS can't be "all things to all boaters".

If we don't have shared values, things we care about, we'll fall apart over all of our differences:

- open-door admission vs. proctored exam
- uniforms vs. shorts and polo shirts
- power vs. sail
- inland vs. deep water
- compass/plotter/chart vs. full electronic suite vs. "I can't get lost on a 10 acre pond"
- party-goers vs. "let's get our business done and go home"
- Full Certificate vs. "all I need is Seamanship and Piloting"

Consider this an invitation to re-affirm our shared values.

- How did we disclose our values? (Why did you join?)
- How have we sustained your values? (Why have you renewed?)

Al Lakin

Valley Ho Power Squadron. D/13

Contributed by: P/R/C Dave Rickard, AP

Co-Editor: *The Mooring Post*, Berea Power Squadron.

Commander's Corner by Cdr Selden Campen, AP

When Jackie and I were visiting Margie and Morry Miller's slip at the east end of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge on Kent Island, we noted an Island Packet 42. Having desires for an Island Packet of our own and wishing to learn everything we could about the boat, we walked out on the finger pier and initiated a dialog with the skipper and first mate. The conversation eventually turned to how the boat was named. They described talking with their son about the new boat and telling him they were so excited about its future sailing adventures. When their son visited the boat the following weekend, he suggested the name "*So Excited*".

With the advent of spring, mild temperatures, and the expectations of summer boating, I feel *So Excited*. With the large turnout at our last meeting, the involvement of two of our new members, Lt. Dan Marino, S, and Greg Whittenberger, and all the good friends I have developed within our squadron, I am *So Excited* about the year ahead. And, in being challenged to move ahead with my own boating education, I feel *So Excited* about passing the JN exams (keeping my fingers crossed) and starting on the Navigation Course with the many senior members of our squadron interested in achieving this last hurdle.

A couple of new ideas have surfaced since the Change of Watch which I'd like to share with you. Hopefully, today's new ideas will be tomorrow's traditions.



Cdr Selden Campen, AP accepting The Web Master Award for the SHPS website.

First, included in the material handed to me by P/C Thomas Merritt, JN, I came across a 1992 issue of the SouthWind. It's expected that in 13 years we all change a little; in fact some change more than others. Intense interest was noted as this old newsletter made its way around the tables at Roxy's during our April membership meeting. In the pictures we saw younger versions of ourselves

Currently it appears that we will be conducting a boating course for them in the Fall. We are also encouraging them to get some sailing experience this summer. Some of you with sail boats may want to contact P/C Timmins to offer a ride for some of the scouts aboard your boat. Remember that these scouts will be the boaters of tomorrow and hopefully part of their boating education will include membership in USPS.

Administrative Department Lt/C Christine Orié, S

Just a heads up so that you can pull out your grill and cooler.

On Saturday, 25 June, we are having Sail Day at Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. The time is 1000 to 1900 hours. If you don't have a boat, please come anyway. Everyone will have a chance to sail.

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

Call at 724-935-5087 or e-mail me at Mozart4192@aol.com before 8 June to let me know that you are planning to come. There is a \$5.00 per person charge, and the kids are free. Please pay at the June meeting.

We hope you can all make it!



Don't forget to order your USPS Cookbook, *By Land or By Sea*. The cost is \$25 plus shipping. See P/Lt/C Marjie Stark for more details.

Education Department

Lt/C James A. Stark, AP

We plan to conduct a telephone survey of our members to determine what classes and programs we should offer over the next several months. We would appreciate it if you would give some consideration to the following questions:

- 🕒 What advanced grades and elective classes should be offered?
- 🕒 What day of the week works best for you?
- 🕒 Where should the classes be held?
- 🕒 What supplemental programs should be considered?
- 🕒 Are you interested in a one day program on first aid or CPR?
- 🕒 Are you interested in a class for kayaks or canoes like the Smart Start Course for Paddlers?

Your opinion is very important to us. We will begin the telephone survey soon.

You may not be aware of the vast variety of supplemental programs and learning guides that are offered by USPS. The USPS web site lists the following twenty items: Amateur Radio, Boat Insurance, Calculators for Navigation, Compass Adjusting, Global Positioning System (GPS), How to Fly Flags, Introduction to Sailing, Knots, Bends and Hitches (Marlinespike), Basic Knots CD, Advanced Knotting CD, Splicing Three-Strand CD, Navigational Astronomy, Oceanography, Plotting and Labeling Standards, Predicted Log Contest, Radar, Sight Reduction Methods, Skipper Saver, USPS Nautical Glossary, and Water Sports. All are available from USPS headquarters. If we have enough interest in a particular topic, we could offer a mini course on that topic.

At the recent D/7 Conference the Squadron Education Officers from all of the squadrons had a chance to exchange information. We plan to share books and listings of the classes that we offer. Maybe a nearby squadron is planning a class that you would be interested in taking.

We are continuing to work with P/C Bob Timmins, AP and the local boy scout troop to help them get the boating education that would help make their upcoming sailing adventure a success.

and how similar the issues and activities in 1992 were to those of today. I have asked our historian, Lt. Don Hollis, AP, to select monthly an article from our archives to share with the membership.

Second, each month an item or two from the Ship's Store will be highlighted in the SouthWind. Display of our logo will help get the word out about USPS. As a variation on this theme, our first offering will be items with our South Hills logo. One may have the logo applied to a shirt, hat, or whatever, or may buy the item with logo already embroidered as offered in the newsletter. Enthusiasm is contagious! Wearing our logo enables us to share our excitement in USPS. From this base, we will be better able to promote safe boating.

At the April meeting 30 members were present, a fantastic turnout for a squadron of 75 plus.

For those of you who have not attended a meeting for some time, please be aware that at every meeting we have speakers. At April's meeting, our speaker, Jim Lapenta – a diver, was fascinating. He captivated our membership. He impressed upon us how snorkel and other diving gear could be used in emergency situations. Also, he instructed us about the effects of hypothermia and its treatment, of which every boater should be aware. At our 11 May meeting, Joanne Hancock, D7 Co-Op Charting Chairman, will present the particulars of this activity. To my knowledge South Hills has not participated in Co-Op Charting. If you are looking for ways to improve safety on the water and enhance the pleasures of boating, these programs are a must.

See you at the 11 May meeting.

At the right Sean Jack takes the pledge as a new member of SHPS. He is a recent graduate of the Boating Class. Welcome to USPS, Sean!



**SOUTH HILLS POWER SQUADRON
MEETING MINUTES
13 APRIL 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 1945. Cdr Selden Campen led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Secretary reported that a quorum was present. Thirty-one people were in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

New member Sean Jack was sworn in by Cdr Campen.

The program for the evening was presented by Jim Lapenta, a rescue diver. He displayed his equipment and explained how it is used. Jim's recommendation for boaters is to have the following safety equipment on our boats; a mask, dry snorkel (with flap and drain) and a set of fins. He suggests open heel fins that can even fit over shoes.

COMMANDER'S REPORT - Cdr Selden Campen, AP
We have received recognition for our Member Retention and for Our Web Master. There is a new booth display available for boat shows and other events. The District 7 Spring Conference which was held 1 to 3 April was successful. District 7 Cruise will be 5 to 7 August 2005. District 7 Fall Conference will be 28 to 30 October 2005. Vi Doughton will assist Dave Bonta with publicity.

SUPPORTERS OF THE SOUTHWIND 2005

<i>Warren and Liz Bell</i>	<i>Blake and Linda Parker</i>
<i>Jackie and Selden Campen</i>	<i>Audrey Rice</i>
<i>Bob and Lu Colteryahn</i>	<i>Emily and Art Schock</i>
<i>Vira and Lew Doughton</i>	<i>Don and Marjie Stark</i>
<i>Hank and Mary Lou Marzina</i>	<i>Jim Stark</i>
<i>Malcolm McDonald</i>	<i>Dick and Nancy Toler</i>
<i>Chris and Jack Orie</i>	

Please show your support by making a contribution in any amount. Thank You!

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT - P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP
The continuing Seamanship class has not been scheduled but will be announced in the near future. Dorothy is chairing the class.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT - Lt/C Jim Stark, AP
There were four who successfully completed the Safe Boating course and passed the exam. There is a possibility of a summer course with the Boy Scouts. A course in navigation is being considered for the fall. A new InFocus projector has been purchased by the squadron for our classes and for other programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT - Lt/C Chris Orie, S
The program for May will be "Cooperative Charting". The June Picnic Meeting will be 8 June 2005 at Willow Grove in South Park. Please let Chris know if you can provide a grill. The Sail-In will be at Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park on 25 June 2005. The SHPS Erie Rendezvous will be 12 – 14 August 2005.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT - Lt/C Vira Doughton
A very nice note of thanks for our contribution to the USPS Education Fund from the Hasselhoff family was read. There was a reminder from the Starks that the deadline for the SouthWind is 22 April 2005.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT- Lt/C Warren Bell, AP
The Financial Summary through 13 April 2005 was distributed to those in attendance. The checking account balance is \$1,419.89.

Gregg Whittenberger donated a nice ball hitch, which was included in the 50/50 raffle. Mitch Parker won this prize, and P/R/C Mac McDonald won the 50/50.

The meeting adjourned at 2140.

Respectfully submitted,

Vira Doughton

Lt/C Vira Doughton
Secretary

