

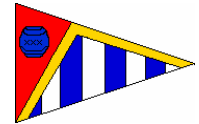


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Coming Events



- **SHPS Monthly Meeting** 10 November
- **Dinner and Little Lake Theatre** 13 November
- **SHPS Christmas Party** 4 December Bistro Bello Enoteca
- **USPS Annual Meeting** 5 - 9 January 2005 Orlando, FL
- **Pittsburgh Boat Show** 21-23 and 28 -30 January 2005
- **Spring Boating Course** 1 February 2005, Mt Lebanon High School
- **D/7 Spring Conference** 1-3 April 2005, Greentree Holiday Inn
- **National Safe Boating Week** 21- 27 May 2005



Please Meet at
THE ROXY CAFÉ
South Hills Village
For the
South Hills
Power Squadron
Dinner Meeting

10 November 2004
1800 - Dinner 1930 - Meeting

The program will be
“Boating Programs for Juveniles”
presented by the Mon Valley Progress Association

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Another New Boat!



Buyers and Seller are all smiling!
P/C Blake Parker (center) gives
some tips to Vi and Lew Doughton
on their new boat.

Congratulations to Vi and Lew
Doughton.

As you know, their 23 foot Sea
Ray Weekend, *Caseda*, was
severely damaged in the floods
resulting from the remnants of
Hurricane Ivan (otherwise
known as *Ivan the Terrible*).
The Doughtons are purchasing
Blake and Linda Parker's
Cruisers Rouge 3060. It is a
real beauty! We know that they
are really going to love it!

Deadline for the next SouthWind is 24 November.

New Boat!



Here is the *Marjie G*, new
boat for Don and Marjie Stark.
She is a 1995 19 foot gaff
rigged Menger Cat. She is big
for a trailerable 19 foot boat.
It weighs 1.5 Tons and has an
8 foot beam. It carries 270
square feet of sail. It has a 2
cylinder Yanmar diesel and
has a tabernacle mast that
can be lowered with the sail
still attached. From launch to
sailing should take only about
6 minutes.

Don and Marjie's plan is that
this will be their boat for the coastal waters of North Carolina. Being trailerable will also make other boating venues easily possible.



It was great to see P/C Hank Marzina, JN looking so good after
his recent surgery. With him at the Squadron meeting are
Gloria Campbell and P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP.

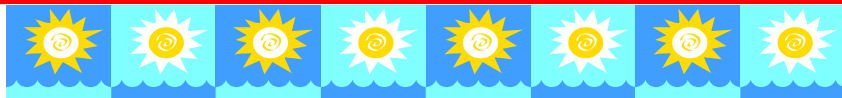
New Member !



Mitchell Parker shakes hands with D/C Bob Brandenstein, SN after being sworn in as a new SHPS member.



Gerry Marzarrella talks with P/C Jane Brandenstein, JN and D/C Bob Brandenstein, SN during the October membership meeting. Thanks to the Brandensteins for joining us for a great evening.



SUNSHINE CORNER

P/C Hank Marzina, JN
Nancy Toler

The Commander Says . . .

It was very gratifying to see such a great turnout for the October meeting at Roxy's. The program put on by D/7 Administrative Officer Brian Logan and his wife Coralee was great. We were honored to have D/C Bob Brandenstein and wife D/Lt Jane as surprise attendees. WOW! What a Bash!



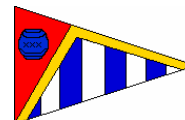
I hope the November meeting will be as well attended. I intend to go with the same open menu so that people can go with whatever fare they choose. Some like to eat lighter than others.

Don't forget the General Meeting (at Roxy's) on 10 November, also the Dinner and Little Lake Theater show on 13 November and the Xmas Party/Meeting on 4 December. It is always inspiring to see the members gather and enjoy themselves at these events.

Before you know it, the Pittsburgh Boat Show will be upon us. (21-23 Jan. and 28-30 Jan. 2004). Contact P/C Dick Toler, AP to volunteer your time and/or help. D/Lt Bob McDonnell, AP of the PPS is the District Chairman for the event.

Hopefully, there will be a report from the nominating committee for the meeting!!

See you there,
Cdr. Tom Merritt, JN



D/Lt/C Brian Logan, SN

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

The meeting was called to order at 1939. There was a quorum reported present. Thirty-one people were in attendance.

New member Mitchell Parker was sworn in by D/C Robert Brandenstein, SN. We were pleased to have our District Commander and his wife, Jane, present for our meeting.

COMMANDER'S REPORT

The 8 September meeting at Beach Club Marina in New Eagle was cancelled because of bad weather. Members are encouraged to check the "Last Horizons" listing in the November issue of *The Ensign* to see the names of P/D/C L. Lynn Leslie and P/Lt/C Tom Cross. It was moved, seconded, and approved that our squadron make donations to the USPS Education Fund in memory of both men. A donation has been made to SHPS by P/Stf/C Robert Colteryahn and Lu in memory of Lynn Leslie. The Executive Committee recommended that the donation be placed in the SouthWind Fund so that all members will benefit from the donation. Cdr Merritt designated P/R/C Mac McDonald and Lt/C Marjorie Stark to be our delegates to the D/7 Fall Conference.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Dorothy Meloy reminded Vessel Examiners to examine boats as the weather permits and to send their reports to P/C Ken Campbell.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Lt/C James Stark reported that there are six members in our Fall Boating Class. The JN class is also running now. There will be two classes held at the West Mifflin Gander Mountain store in January 2005—GPS and Canoeing.

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Chris Orie asked Vi Doughton to give details of our Dinner Theater Evening. A dinner will be held at Bella Piatto in McMurray on Saturday 13 November. Then we will attend the Little Lake Theatre production of "Grace & Glorie" after dinner. Dinners range in price from \$12.95 to \$22.95. Dinner selection sheets were distributed and should be brought to the restaurant on 13 November. We will have a private room for our dinner. **Vi would like to have reservations by 6 November at 724-941-1173.** It promises to be a wonderful evening for all.



**What can be better than
Dinner and the Theater
with your South Hills Power Squadron Friends?**

**Saturday Evening,
13 November 2004**



**Meet at 5:30 PM for Dinner at the
popular *Bella Piatto* Restaurant
at Donaldson's Crossroads.**

**Then, it is on to the Little Lake
Theater for the 8 PM show,
"Grace & Glorie".**

**Please call Vi Doughton at
724-941-1173
by 6 November.**

***It is going to be a wonderful
and memorable evening!***



Thanks SUPPORTERS OF THE SOUTHWIND – 2004

***Warren and Liz Bell
Robert Colteryahn
Lou and Vira Doughton
Dan Marino
Malcolm McDonald
Dorothy Meloy***

***Tom and Dory Merritt
Chris and Jack Orie
SEO
Emily and Art Schock
Don and Marjie Stark
Dick and Nancy Toler***

SHPS Wins Big at the Fall Conference



V/C John Alter, SN presents the Erickson Trophy for Elective Courses to Cdr Tom Merritt, JN.



South Hills Power Squadron won second place for the John A Evans Trophy for Membership Retention.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

Because of the format of our meeting, there was no Secretary's report given.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Lt/C Warren Bell reported that he is feeling much better now after a heart attack and his new stint. We have a balance of \$1,816.83 in our treasury. D/C Brandenstein asked whether SHPS wants to be a part of the USPS Headquarters Billing program. After some discussion, it was decided that we would like to try the program. Members would still have the choice of paying by check. The new option would be using a credit card to pay annual dues.

OLD BUSINESS

P/C Hank Marzina thanked everyone who had visited, called, and sent cards during his recent surgery and recovery. Audrey Rice reported that it had been a very active summer for the Sunshine Club. She had fallen and broken a few ribs, but is feeling much better now. Nancy Toler is hospitalized at St. Clair Hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

Lt Selden Campen announced that the program for November would be the Mon Valley Progress Association presentation on "Boating Programs for Juveniles."

D/Lt/C Brian Logan and his wife, Coralee, presented a program of a cruise they had taken in 2001 in the Abacos Islands (Bahamas). They chartered a Maine Cat 30. Logan discussed how he planned the cruise and showed a Power Point program of the route they followed on their cruise. He then presented a video of the trip. It was quite interesting. We appreciated that the Logans had driven from their home in Akron, Ohio, to be at our meeting. Brian congratulated SHPS on the fact that we have a 97 percent retention rate of members—the third best squadron in District 7.

Our next meeting will be on 10 November at the Roxy Cafe.

The meeting adjourned at 2050.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt/C Marjorie G. Stark, S
Secretary

Administrative Officer Report Lt/C Christine Orié, S

I hope all of you will mark 13 November 2004 on your calendar. Vi Doughton has planned dinner and a play for the Squadron on that evening. If you missed this announcement in the prior *SouthWind*, we will have dinner at the *Bella Piatto* restaurant followed by the play, "Grace & Glorie" at the Little Lake Theatre which is close by the restaurant. Tickets are \$14.00 each. The play is at 8:00 P.M. so everyone should arrive for dinner at 5:30 P.M. If you are interested, please call Vi Doughton by **6 November** at 724-941-1173 or me at 724-935-5087 to let us know you are coming. You need to choose an entree from five choices on the menu. If you don't have a selection sheet, Vi will be glad to put one in the mail for you. You will need to bring your choices to dinner that evening. Come and have a delightful evening!!

Reminder....If you prefer to receive your *SouthWind* on-line you can download a PDF version from web at www.SH-PS.org. If you want a direct copy emailed to you contact Don Stark at stark84@nb.net. Electronic versions save time and money for printing and mailing.

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



Education Department Report By Lt/C James Stark, AP

The JN class is continuing to make progress. Currently enrolled in the course are Warren Bell, Selden Campen, Bob Cheswick, and Jim Stark. They are working on sight reduction in preparation for the Cruise.

There are six people in the boating class. It is a small but very interesting group.

Two people have signed up for the Spring Boating class. It will begin on 1 February, 2005, the first Tuesday after the Pittsburgh Boat Show. We will be conducting the American Canoe Association's Paddle Smart Course and the USPS GPS class at Gander Mountain in January prior to the Spring Boating Class. We need your assistance in promoting and conducting these classes.

We have been contacted by some members of the Boy Scouts from the Washington, PA Council to conduct a Sail Merit Badge. As you may know, USPS has an agreement (a Memorandum of Understanding) with the Boy Scouts of America. Several squadrons in our district have been active with either the Boy Scouts or the Sea Scouts. This gives us the opportunity to increase the visibility of our organization while conducting a unique public service. I am considering integrating the public boating course with the requirements of the sail merit badge. This way the scouts would receive both a merit badge and a safe boating certificate. I am working with Mike Hollis to determine the key points for the merit badge. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please let me know.

I was very pleased with the trophy that we won and recognition that we received at the Fall D/7 Conference. Did you know that South Hills Power Squadron is ranked 7th Nationally in Cruise Planning, 4th in Instructor Development and 9th in Educational Proficiency Awards? Keep up the good work. It is a credit to all of SHPS, students and instructors alike.