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**Happy Thanksgiving**

**November 2005**

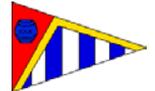
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## **Coming Events**

- **SHPS Dinner Meeting 9 November 2005**
- **Evening at Little Lake Theater 2 December**  
Donaldson's Crossroads
- **SHPS Christmas Party 17 December 2005 Bello Bistro Enoteca**  
1200 - 1500 (Reservations due by 8 December)
- **USPS Annual Meeting 4– 8 January 2006**  
The Rosen Centre, Orlando, Florida
- **Tri District Conference (D/7, D/11 & D/29)**  
31 March–2 April 2006



## **South Hills Power Squadron**



**Dinner Meeting**  
*The Roxy Cafe*  
South Hills Village  
9 November 2005

1800 - Dinner 1930 - Meeting

Program: The Super Fantastic Award-Winning  
SHPS Web Page by Lt Mike Hollis



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Irene Leslie has made the very generous offer to donate Lynn's uniform to any interested South Hills Power Squadron member. She has the dress uniform, hat, one short sleeve shirt, one long sleeve shirt, and white trousers. Lynn was about 5 foot 7 inches tall and weighed about 158 pounds.

If you are interested, please call Irene at (412) 276-5032.



The *SouthWind* thanks all contributors for their articles, photographs, and ideas! Keep up the great work!

Happy Thanksgiving  
from the SouthWind Editors.

The deadline for the next SouthWind is 16 November.



South Hills Power Squadron  
Christmas Party  
17 December 2005 1200 - 1500  
Bella Bistra Enoteca



Contact P/C Bill Macko, AP (412) 279-4571

Reservations Due by **8 December 2005** with payment to South Hills Power Squadron (See Enclosed Menu) should include tax and 20% gratuity.

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**Administrative Department**  
**Lt/C Christine Orie, S**

It's hard to believe we are talking about the Squadron Christmas party when I am sure some of you have just put your boats away. Well, it's that time! Get out your calendars and mark 17 December, 1200—1500 as the day and time of our holiday celebration. Bill and Shelia Macko have kindly begun the arrangements and have told me the Bello Bistro Enoteca is the choice of restaurants. Everyone who was there last year will attest to the good food and great atmosphere. We can choose any item from the full menu. (See enclosed menu).

The Macko's need to have all reservations made by 8 December with checks made out to the South Hills Power Squadron. Your payment should include 7% tax and 20% gratuity. Don't forget your mistletoe!

For more fun in December, catch Vi Doughton's article about a dinner and the Little Lake Theater's play "The Christmas Story" planned for 2 December.

**Education Department**  
**Lt/C James A. Stark, AP**

Sixteen students have enrolled in the *Weather* class, meeting at Consol Coal on Tuesdays. R/C Bob Brandenstein, SN, national chairman for the Marine Environment Committee, is assisting in this class. Thanks to Bob for sharing his expertise. This is going to be a great class!

There will not be a fall boating class this year but there will be a lot of activity in the spring. We will be conducting two boating classes, one for the public and one for the Boy Scouts and their families. We will need lots of instructors and support for this, but the results will be worth it.

Additionally, there is a national campaign to teach the *Boat Smart* Class during National Safe Boating Week. There will be a nationwide advertising campaign to go with this effort.

Finally, the National Education Department is working on a new *Boating* Course which is scheduled for release in 2007 to replace, *Boating*, *Chart Smart* and *Boat Smart*. The first part will be available in 2006 to replace *Boat Smart*.

**NOW HEAR THIS!**  
**By Lt/C Vi Doughton**

We seem to be a group with common interests—boats and water—and learning about the many aspects of both while having a good time together. In view of the latter, a night of camaraderie and pleasure is planned for you on **FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2005**.

**I have reserved a block of 24 seats for the play "A Christmas Story" at Little Lake Theatre for that evening.** Instead of going to a restaurant before the play, Lew and I are having cocktails and dinner at our home at 242 Roscommon Place, McMurray, PA. We think we can enjoy our time together more that way. For those who want dessert, the theatre offers some scrumptious temptations at intermission. We are only about 5 minutes away and will hope to carpool to the theatre. This play is very popular, and parking will be crowded. Surely we can condense by carpooling.

**The Plan:** Working backwards, **we should try to leave for the theatre about 1930. If you arrive at our home by 1745**, we can work everything in. For those who have difficulty arriving that early, we will accommodate you as best we can. The cost will be **\$14.00 per person for the play and \$10.00 each for cocktails and dinner**. If there is a profit on the dinner, SHPS will get it. If not, that's Lew's problem!

There is a definite deadline for reservations as they expect a sell-out. **We need to make a commitment by 15 November.**

**Please respond as soon as you can to Vi or Lew Doughton at 724-941-1173. Directions are available for those who need them.**



## Commander's Corner

by Cdr Selden Campen, JN



For those of you who were at the October membership meeting, you will agree that Don Stark's presentation was the best that we have had in the 2-½ years since we resumed regular entertainment/presentations at our monthly meetings. Don showed slides and film of the Coast Guard's rescue training at the mouth of the Columbia River where it meets the Pacific Ocean during the most tumultuous of conditions. It was literally breathtaking to see the pounding of the Coast Guard ships incurred and the skills mastered by the seamen in the 20-foot or more rolling and breaking waves that are not too infrequent at the Coast Guard station. Many thanks to Don.

Also at the October meeting, it was decided that the squadron should purchase a laptop for use in our Education Program, monthly meetings, and annual boat show. Your Computer Committee Chairman, Mike Hollis, is researching what to purchase from among used, but warranted, sources. Funds for the laptop are in part coming from the unexpected windfall benefiting the squadron when the Education Officer rented the computer projector out, netting \$300 for the week.

The Weather Course will commence on 25 October at 1930 in the Consolidation Coal headquarters building near South Hills Village. We have 16 squadron members signed up to take the course. The National Weather Course Chairman, R/C Bob Brandenstein, said he would attend. I understand the course materials have been updated since many of you took the class. As you know, the weather is in a constant state of change, so there will be plenty to learn even if you have already studied weather before. It's not too late to join. After class, I expect some of us will gather at the Ground Round to pray to the hurricane goddesses (Wilma, Rita, Katrina, et. al.) for fair sailing weather ahead. But that's just an excuse, since as P/R/C Mac McDonald says, "It's okay to bring out the rum once the sun passes below the yardarm."

Our next monthly meeting will include a presentation of our squad-

Now, to the show, the first boat we saw was a 60 foot pilothouse yacht with a price tag of \$1,020,000 plus change. We started off looking at as many \$1,000,000 boats as we could find. That way when we saw a \$300,000 boat, it wasn't such a shock. In fact you found yourself saying, "Gee, for \$300,000, it has a lot to offer for the money". It's sort of like going to a casino, after the first twenty minutes are spent on a slot machine, the quarters just become some kind of a nondescript token. We looked at our favorites, those mega dollar yachts, the ones we wish we all had the money and time for.

Then as we sat and had a meal, we all decided there wasn't anything really wrong with our current boats. Oh sure, we all wished we had more living space or storage space, but our boats are functional. We all took a look back and tried to recall the first day we had our current boat, how at that time it was the perfect boat for our needs. Funny how, for whatever reason, our needs change over a very short period of time.

One thing I had a chuckle out of was how many people, when first getting onto a million dollar yacht, asked "boy at \$3.50 a gallon, how much does it cost to fill it up?" On a 70' Viking Sportfisher, I told the guy standing next to me, "Buddy, if you buy this yacht, I'll fill it up for you if you'll let me hang out on it next summer."

I must caution that either show is a serious two-day event if you want to see all the displays. It makes for some nice comparison work if you have two or more boats you are looking to move into.

We are hoping that the weather holds up for next year's show, and we'll try again. But until then don't forget the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Boat Shows are in January 2006.

This summer and fall we've been exposed to a rather nice refreshing drink. It is called a Mojito and is unofficially referred to as the "national drink of Cuba" It's a lemonade with a kick.

½ Fresh Lime  
½ Fresh Lemon  
8-10 fresh mint leaves,  
2 teaspoons raw sugar (Sugar in the Raw)  
1 ounce light Rum,  
Club soda/seltzer

Render the lemon, lime and mint leaves with the sugar. pour into a Tom Collins glass and fill the glass with ice, add rum and stir, fill the glass with club soda, enjoy.

## Annapolis Boat Shows set in Foul weather

by P/C T Blake Parker, AP

This year's United States Sail Boat Show in Annapolis, MD was held in a monsoon. Actually Tropical Depression or Hurricane "Tammy" had adversely affected the weather during the show. Linda, Mitchell and I had driven down to Annapolis from Baltimore that Saturday, but the weather was a washout for us. We, being power boaters, just don't appreciate nature like our sailing brethren. Yep, unlike sailors, when ducks are being washed off the decks we power boaters wimp out. As wet as the weather was, the parking was impossible and there were more yellow slickers than a convention of kindergarteners.

For weeks we had planned to cruise down to Annapolis to attend the United States Powerboat Show on the weekend of 15-17 October. But the weather again was our enemy. The record-setting rain in Eastern PA and New Jersey had left the upper Chesapeake Bay a mess. There were trees, telephone poles, building materials and other hazards to navigation in the entire area. A small craft warning was in effect for the entire weekend. Therefore, seven of us decided that the possibility of underwater machinery damage was too great, too expensive, not to mention the 2005 SHPS Bent Prop Award nomination. We decided to drive down to Annapolis. Therein lies a problem. Most of us had been to Annapolis by water. It's easy to find, in layman's terms, go to the Bay Bridge and hang a right, well sort of. But in a car, it's a little different, you know. We got to the turnoff before the bridge and headed toward Annapolis. None of us were paying attention and therefore we ... (ladies) got lost or (men) went on an excursion, take your pick. Boy! Oh boy! There are some nice places along the shoreline. We finally got to a designated parking area and took a shuttle bus down to the show.

For those of you that have never been to the United States Powerboat Show, it is a little overwhelming at first. First of all, most of it is in water, which is just awesome. There must be miles of docks between the display boats. When they set up the show, some of the boats were brought in and secured to the seawall. Then docks were floated in and secured to the seawall and to the boats. Then more boats were brought in, and so on.

ron's website by Lt. Mike Hollis. You may not know that our site gets 1500 hits a week. Mike has done a great job in assembling information for display. He will show us some of the special features of the site. This could be a significant marketing tool for the squadron. If you have any boating news or images fit to print, get them to Mike for inclusion on the site.

This is the month that merit mark recommendations are due to USPS. In collating the merit mark data, I was very impressed with how much effort and how many hours have been contributed by all of you to make this squadron the well-oiled machine that it is. The squadron's classes, monthly meetings, special events, and newsletter all are possible due to the many individuals who volunteer their time. Thanks, everyone!

The boating season is about to end, but our squadron's 2004/2005 season is just getting underway. I hope to see you soon at one of our events.

Cdr. Selden Campen, JN

P.S: One of these months, as I have intended since mid-summer, I will write the whole story, the unvarnished, unembellished truth, of the events leading to the Bent Prop Award of 2002. As Paul Harvey would say, "The Rest of the Story" needs telling. So keep your eyes on this column.



**25 Yrs**

Cdr Campen presents P/C Dick Toler, AP with his 25 year pin.  
Congratulations, Dick, on your many years of service to our squadron.

## Minutes of the October SHPS Meeting 12 October 2005

The meeting was held at The Roxy Café in South Hills Village. Twenty-seven were in attendance. Cdr Campen called the meeting to order at 1920. He presented P/C Richard Toler an award pin for his 25 years of membership in the Squadron. A number of our members indicated they will attend the D/7 Fall Conference 28-30 October in Ohio.

**Executive Department** – P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP  
Our Squadron has performed 166 Vessel Safety Checks this year. P/C Ken Campbell has done 133 himself!

**Education Department** – Lt/C Jim Stark, AP  
There will be a Boating Course in the spring, probably in February on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Fifteen people are interested in the Weather Course. It will be held at Consol Coal in Upper St. Clair beginning on Tuesday, 25 October at 1930. The cost is \$50.

**Administrative Department** – Lt/C Chris Orie, S  
There are now 68 members of SHPS. We had 7 non-renewals. P/C Tom Merritt announced that the November program will be a presentation of our award-winning website by Lt Mike Hollis.

**Secretary's Department** – Lt/C Vi Doughton  
Lt Mike Hollis, Computer Chairman, stated that there are user-friendly additions to our website. Mike recommends buying a laptop for squadron use. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted for Mike to spend up to \$600 for a laptop. Don Stark and Neil Cook will assist Mike in selecting an appropriate laptop and software. P/Lt/C Marjorie Stark has forms for those wishing to make a donation to The SouthWind. The deadline for the November issue is 19 October.

**Treasurer** – Lt/C Warren Bell, AP  
The squadron's checking account balance is \$2,139.87. Natalie Cross has made a donation to the Squadron's Education Fund in memory of Tom Cross, her late husband.

## Old Business

The Membership Survey was distributed by Stf/C Don Stark. The results of this survey will help in future planning of activities and classes. P/C Dorothy Meloy requested that members volunteer to serve on the bridge and committees next year. A motion was made, seconded, and accepted to make a donation to the USPS Education Fund in memory of Neil Cook's mother.

## New Business

The Audit Committee report was submitted by Lt Julie Bonta, P/C Blake Parker, and Stf/C Don Stark. All accounts are complete and correct for the past year. Members are encouraged to continue to use the Squadron Visa Card Program as a way to donate to our Squadron. Lt/C Warren Bell was recognized and thanked for his consistently high standards and his sound management of the financial accounts of SHPS.

Stf/C Don Stark presented a video of the US Coast Guard Training at Station Cape Disappointment.

The meeting adjourned at 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vi Doughton*

Lt/C Vi Doughton  
Secretary



The *Marjie G.* lies peacefully at her dock in Belhaven, NC. She is the 19 foot gaffed rig Menger Cat owned by Don and Marjie Stark.