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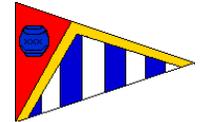
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# The Southwind

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## Coming Events



- **Boating Class - Mt Lebanon High School, Room 394 - Beginning 28 Sept at 7 PM**
- **USPS D/7 Fall Conference Elyria, OH 29 - 31 October**
- **USPS Annual Meeting Orlando, FL 5 - 9 January 2005**

## South Hills Power Squadron

### Dinner Meeting

*The Roxy Café*

**South Hills Village**

**13 October 2004**

**1800 - Dinner**

**1930 - Meeting**

Share your Boating  
Adventures with  
your SHPS friends.



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The Editors of the SouthWind wish to say *Thanks* to everyone for the boating photographs and articles throughout the past several months.

We are working hard to make this publication a showcase for the great efforts and enthusiasm of our squadron. Like everything else in the Squadron, when we all pitch in to help, it turns out so much better.

If you have photographs or articles to contribute, please send them to the editor. We particularly appreciate the photographs of your boating activities.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Deadline for the next SouthWind is 23 October.**

## Another Boat for the Fleet!

If you go to the Annapolis Sail Boat or Power Boat Show this month, you might just see Blake, Linda and Mitchell Parker on their "new" boat - a 1993 Silverton 34C Sedan Convertible. The purchase is being completed on Friday 24 September 2004. The boat, currently named *TERRA-PIN* will be renamed *KNOT HOURS* in a few days.

The vessel will be docked at the Inner Harbor Marina, in



Baltimore, MD this winter, but no plans have been made yet for next boating season. Blake and Linda have not decided as to whether or not they will be moving the boat back to PGH or staying in the Chesapeake Bay.

The Parker's current Pittsburgh boat, a Cruisers Rogue 3060, is currently for sale.

Congratulations to Blake, Linda and Mitchell!



## Executive Officer Report P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP

Vessel Examiners . . . our numbers are down for this year. Has the bad weather been a factor? Maybe you just forgot to turn in your paper work to Safety Officer Ken Campbell. I hope that's it. We can still get a few more inspections done with the nice fall weather that we're having. Please try.

As a member of the Nominating Committee, I'm looking for volunteers for all bridge positions. Let any Nominating Committee member know that you are interested.



This little animated fellow was the hit of the recent Governing Board meeting in Jacksonville, Florida.

His name is *SeaVester*. He is the USPS Youth Activities Committee mascot. *SeaVester* is much like the USCG Auxiliary's *Coastie*. It is owned and operated by D/5. He is a great hit with children and adults alike.

## SUNSHINE CORNER



Our Sincere Get Well Wishes To:

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## *The Commander Says . . .*



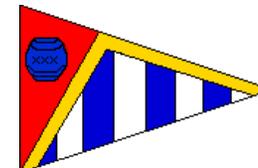
**W**ell it seems like Mother Nature wiped out our last meeting at the Beach Club Marina. It would have been nice to have a meeting on the riverfront, but it was not to be. However, we are having our October & November meetings at Roxy's at the South Hills Mall, right off the parking lot. I hope it works out for us because it seems like such a nice place. Dinner will be ordered from the regular menu, and the meeting will take place in the same room. So, go to the side room to eat and attend the meeting.

Keep tuned for important upcoming events to be discussed at the meeting: Namely the Xmas Party meeting, the Dinner and Show at the Little Lake Theater, the Fall Conference in Elyria, Ohio on 29-31 Oct. and, of course, the nomination of officers for the next Bridge.

The Nominating Committee welcomes any comments and/or ideas for the next Bridge. If you have an urge to be on the Bridge, please, make it known to the committee. We need the help of the whole Squadron at this time.

The SEO is holding a Public Boating Class starting on 28 September, so let's support his effort and help out if you can. Call Jim Stark to see what he may need.

See you at the meeting,  
Cdr. Tom Merritt, JN



## A SPECIAL NIGHT FOR OUR SQUADRON FOR PLEASURE AND CAMARADERIE!

Last year a group of us went to the Christmas play at Little Lake Theatre and enjoyed it very much. It has been suggested that we have a similar outing this year and include dinner before the play. This has been arranged.

The details: Saturday evening, November 13, 2004, we will have dinner at the new and very popular *Bella Piatto* restaurant near the theatre. The management has made it very simple for groups like ours to order from a menu of five choices ranging from \$12.95 for "Rotola Di Pasta" to \$22.95 for "Filet De Becco". This includes soup or salad, pasta or vegetable or rice pilaf.

The descriptions are great and I will have the menus at the 13 October meeting at Roxy's. You can take them home, decide what you want and circle your selection and turn it in when you arrive at the restaurant. While we have cocktails or soup or salad, they will be preparing our food. We will try to finish by 7:30 so we can go the short distance (no more than 5 minutes) to the theatre.

The play we will see is "Grace & Glorie". The description follows: "This paring is a mismatch made in heaven: Grace, an earthy, cantankerous ninety-year-old woman who lives alone in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and Gloria, a former New York management consultant with an MBA from Harvard. Gloria is sent, as a Hospice volunteer, to care for Grace. Who, though, will become the most successful caregiver? This story is uplifting, spirited, poignant and often, very funny. It featured Estelle Parsons and Lucie Arnaz when it was on Broadway. "

If you won't be at the October meeting and would like information or have questions, please **call Vi Doughton at 724-941-1173.**



## CADESA vs Hurricane Ivan Aftermath - 9/18/04

CADESA is Vi and Lew Doughton's 23 ft. SeaRay Weekender which was docked at Washington's Landing for the second year.

The marina lost a couple of docks and boats around 4:30 a.m. on September 18 when flood waters were rising toward the final crest of 31 feet. CADESA's dock held tough until 12:30 p.m. when it broke away with other docks and as many as 80 boats in a flotilla that went down the Allegheny River past the Point, amazing Pitt fans at Heinz Field and others. It continued down the Ohio River and over the dams at Emsworth and Dashields Locks and was finally rescued at Mile 31 just before going over the Montgomery Lock Dam. It was rescued with several other boats by Tom Bryan of the river dredging division of Frank Byran, Inc. I'll have to ask him if they were still tied to docks or separated by that time. Tom refused to accept payment for this extraordinary and undoubtedly dangerous service; he certainly has our sincere gratitude.

The boat still floats but is cosmetically challenged. Windshields are torn away, bimini frames broken away, a one foot square hole in the hull (port/aft area above the water line), canvas destroyed and some general rash but it should survive so we can join it on its next trip down river. We're glad we missed this one.

Vi and Lew Doughton



Boats Stacked in Point State Park

## Boat in a Bag by Stf/C Don Stark, JN



I mentioned in last month's *SouthWind* that Marjie and I recently acquired a folding 17 foot kayak to use at our home in North Carolina. Klepper, a German company with a long history, manufactures it. It is a descendant of ancient boats made of animal skins stretched over frames made from wood and bones. This modern version uses

a collapsible frame made from high grade marine grade plywood and a skin made of hypalon fabric. It has integral air sponsons inside the hull, making the kayak rigid and virtually unsinkable.

Johann Klepper, started the manufacture of his first "faltboot" in 1906. Our Aeriuss II model was introduced in 1951 and is still in production today. In 1956 a Dr. Hannes Lindemann crossed the Atlantic in a Klepper Aeriuss II, proving the folding kayak's integrity and seaworthiness!

Folding kayaks can travel in small packages with you in a compact car. They can be paddled, sailed, rowed, and even powered, if you like. They can be taken out in weather that would send far larger boats back to port. They're used by the military of many nations because of their stealth and portability.

My oldest brother, Carl, has had a Klepper for many years. I have always been impressed with its versatility and its precise and clever engineering. His has a sailing rig with a jib and main. To aid in working upwind it uses leeboards and a rudder. It is a little difficult to get it to tack through the wind, but being that close to the water gives one a sensation of speed. He has used it on a great number of lakes and rivers.

Marjie says that she likes how easy it is to paddle and how much stability it has. It's great exercise, too! It takes us about 25 minutes to assemble, but we will get faster with practice.



Encourage your children and grandchildren to get involved with the 8th annual USPS Youth Poster Contest. It is great fun and gets the entire family working together to adopt safe boating habits. For rules and details go to the web site: [www.usps.org/safety/8thYPCcontest.pdf](http://www.usps.org/safety/8thYPCcontest.pdf)

## Secretary's Report Lt/C Marjorie Stark, S

You would normally expect to read the minutes of the September meeting in this space. Mother Nature had another idea. Hurricane Frances interfered with our plan for a meeting at the Beach Club Marina. The meeting had to be cancelled.

Don and I were in Jacksonville, Florida, for the USPS Fall Governing Board. We arrived there two days after Frances went through. The drive south was quite rainy, but the hotel was ready to receive guests for the conference. It was a most successful meeting, and we learned a lot while enjoying time with USPS friends from all over the USA and Canada. There were many sad stories told by USPS members who live in Florida.

I returned home expecting to compose the minutes—only to find that I had a month off! I'll be back on task for the October minutes.

## Thanks SUPPORTERS OF THE SOUTHWIND – 2004

*Warren and Liz Bell  
Robert Colteryahn  
Lou and Vira Doughton  
Dan Marino  
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*Tom and Dory Merritt  
Chris and Jack Orie  
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Emily and Art Schock  
Don and Marjie Stark  
Dick and Nancy Toler*

## Administrative Officer Report Lt/C Christine Orie, S

Hi to all my fellow SHPS boaters. As the boating season is quickly coming to a close, I want to inform you of what's happening in the fall months to come.

The Vermilion Power Squadron is holding the District 7 conference on 29, 30, & 31 October at the Holiday Inn at Elyria, Ohio. It will have a Halloween theme including the Murder Mystery at Broddy-Mansion-Clue. We are sharing our Hospitality Room with the Pittsburgh Power Squadron. Our room will be a wine cellar. We will offer wine and cheese as refreshments.



If you are planning to attend the Friday night hospitality rooms, you may want to order the T-shirt costume. See Don and Marjie Stark for details on ordering. Reservations forms



were included in last month's *SouthWind*. If you need another form, they will be available at this month's meeting. The deadline for making hotel reservations is **7 October** and meal reservations are due by **22 October 2004**. Hope all of you can make it!!

## 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

On 25 September there was a GPS workshop at the Gander Mountain Store in Washington, PA. Many thanks to instructor Don Stark and to Dorothy Meloy, Mac McDonald, Dick Toler,



Tom Merritt, Marjie Stark, Lew Doughton, Vi Doughton, and Kenneth Campbell for their help and support. We were a little disappointed at the turnout from the public. Perhaps we need to modify the time and improve the publicity.

We plan to offer GPS at the Gander Mountain in Southland Shopping Center. We are also planning to offer a *Smart Start for Paddlers* course at Gander Mountain. Don and Marjie Stark got training in this excellent Canoe and Kayak Safety Program at the Fall Governing Board meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. We will plan these classes for January, prior to our Spring Boating Class.

The Boating Class begins on Tuesday 28 September at Mt. Lebanon High School in room 394. The course will run 8 weeks, and the final exam will be on 23 November. There are lots of opportunities to help, either as an instructor or as a proctor. Contact Jim Stark at home (724-225-7605) or at work (724-746-4300).

By the way, I have a new mailing address. We are now located at 339 East Beau Street, Washington, PA 15301-3639.