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Coming Events

- **SHPS Meeting - 12 September at the Roxy Café**
- **USPS Fall National Meeting - 4-9 September 2007 Marriott, Norfolk, VA.**
- **Pittsburgh Dragon Boat Festival - 22 September at the South Side Riverfront Park.**
- **Final Fireworks Night at the Point - 28 September**

South Hills Power Squadron Dinner Meeting 12 Sept. 2007



The Roxy Café
South Hills Village
Dinner 1800 Meeting 1930

**Program: Slide Presentation of
the Erie Rendezvous**

*Come and share your summer's events with
the SHPS!*

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****Please have info for next SouthWind by 20 Sept.****

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Your support in any amount is greatly appreciated.

Destination: The Virgin Islands



Don Stark has passed along some letters from Sandy and Ray McCoy. Aboard their boat, the Summer Wind, they sailed the Virgin Islands this summer. A few excerpts from their letters are compiled into the article below.

It sounds as if they had a very unforgettable trip. Hopefully, we'll have some info on the remaining part of their trip in an upcoming article of the SouthWind.

Hi, hope all is well, glad to hear the weather is improving. We arrived on Antigua yesterday and think we are going to really love it here – lots of civilization but still a quiet island. Passage making between all of these islands is different than going from one Virgin island to another. The distances are longer, waves bigger, winds higher. When we arrive at our destination my legs and arms have dried salt on them from water spray, we are slightly dehydrated because I drink less so that I don't have to go the "loo" down below, which makes me seasick. Not quite the image portrayed in the magazines, huh?

Then we sailed to Monserrat, which is the island that was partially destroyed by the volcano in 1997 and is still active, though quiet presently. However, the volcano still erupts from time to time. We went to the observatory which is right at the exclusion zone line – no one allowed past that point. They did point out the famous recording studio there where stars like Elton John, the Beatles, Eric Clapton, Jimmy Buffet, and many more recorded albums – now it is unusable.

We are presently on the French island of Isle des Saintes, a few miles south of Guadeloupe. Our anchorage is right off of the only town on Terre 'en Haute (sounds like it's in Indiana) and we are lovin' it. This morning we dinghied in - takes about 2 minutes - sat outside a patisserie with fresh croissants and watched the town wake up and go about it's business. The town is clean and picturesque, with small, old houses that have balconies and gingerbread trim, some hanging right over the shoreline and backed up by hills and mountains 1000 feet high.

We spent a total of 3 weeks on Antigua, but the best week was when Megan and Judd came to visit. Antigua is very British and we found the people there just wonderful. Megan, Judd and Ray snorkeled over the wreck of the Andes, a ship that sank in 1905, the water wasn't clear that day so didn't see many fish. We did catch one kingfish and ate it.

Our next destination is the island of Dominica, which will complete what is known as the Leeward islands, the Windwards are next. We have three cruising guides - Virgins, Leewards, and Windwards. Two down and one to go!

Happy summertime to you all, Ray and Sandy

More Summer Pictures from the SHPS



VSC numbers 101, 102 & 103 for Ken Campbell as of early August



Selden Campen sold *the Mac-Attack* on 8-16 and bought the *Friendship* on 8-13. Selden also informs us that he had an article published in the USPS e-magazine "the Compass." The link is below to see the article.
<http://www.usps.org/national/ensign/uspscompass/chesapeake.htm>

The boat that Don built...

Don Stark constructing Blondie (an 8'3" dinghy named after the designer's daughter) that he built in NC. Don says he plans to experiment with the sailing rig, but intends to initially fit the dinghy out for rowing.



A Few Words About This Summer's Erie Rendezvous from Dorothy Meloy

ERIE RENDEZVOUS

August 4, 2007

Many, many thanks to P/C Bill and P/Lt/C Shelia Macko and their 3 Pugs, for sharing their boat with all 11 of us for the day. After having breakfast at Perry's Landing Marina Restaurant, we cruised the Erie Harbor, various marinas, and clubs, we poked our bow out into the lake, but not too far because of 6' waves. Capt. Bill is a smooth operator, he returned us to his slip only to go down into the air-conditioned salon to enjoy some snacks and cold drinks. Dinner was at the marina restaurant in the evening. Overall, the event went well, and all who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. Surprising us, and driving over from Chautauqua, NY, P/C Selden and Jackie Campen joined us as well.

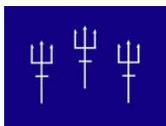
Thanks to Lt/C Dan Marino for his efforts in getting this all arranged and to these folks for attending:

Dan & Janice, Tom & Dory, Bob Colteryahn, Mac, Dick & Nancy, Selden & Jackie, Shelia & Bill, his mother Margaret, and me.

P/C Dorothy Meloy



...maybe a little tough to pick out, but this picture is of the reflection of the Panacea, Bill and Shelia's boat, as we went by the glass windows of the Erie Convention Center while cruising Presque Isle Bay at the Erie Rendezvous.



The Commander's Report

Gee, I know this is a cliché but where has the summer gone? I hope all of you have had a safe and fun boating season. It always flies by too quickly. I am so sorry I will not see you for the September meeting. Lucky me, I am going to be in Italy for 3 weeks. I have never been to Europe and have been excited about this trip for a long time. I'll miss all of you but will be happily touring.

After returning, I look forward to a fun and productive Power Squadron season. I hope all of you are gearing up to get into the swing of things. Our biggest challenge is increasing our membership so that we can remain a vital educational and safety conduit for the boating community. We are an excellent resource but we all need to continue to get the word out.

For those of you looking for something different on the rivers, there is a Pittsburgh Dragon Boat Festival on September 22, 2007 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the South Side Riverfront Park. It is hosted by the Greater Pittsburgh Sister Cities Association. Anyone who goes can give dragon boating a try. Each boat is ornately carved with a brightly painted dragon head and tail and seats 20 paddlers. For more information check out www.pittsburghdragonboatfestival.org. Hope to see you all in October!

Cdr Chris Orie, P



Executive Officer Report

I hope everyone has had a nice summer. I'd like to pass along some information I've received from the chairman of our Safety Committee, Ken Campbell. We again had the Blessing of the Fleet at the Point last June. Although there was initially some confusion as to where it would be held due to construction, it went off reasonably well. We could always use some more participation from the Squadron for vessel safety checks though. He also believes we should try to get



A few of the breakfast bunch in the restaurant of the marina at the Erie Rendezvous



Sight seeing Presque Isle Bay Aboard the Panacea



Selden, Nancy and Dorothy enjoy the cruise



A few birds perched at the dock at Perry's Landing



An appearance by Jack and Chris's dogs also graced Sail Day at Lake

Jim Stark got an up close and personal look at Bentley, the much larger of the two dogs. Fortunately for Jim, Bentley took a liking to him.



Nearly Nirvana is ready to be launched.

Commander Chris assesses to food situation at Sail Day.



D7 more involved in this event. Ken was also in attendance of the July meeting of the Pittsburgh Safe Boating Council, and offered a synopsis of the minutes.

PITTSBURGH SAFE BOATING COUNCIL
July 10, 2007 – Minutes

In Attendance: Ken Campbell, Dennis Tubbs, Rick Brown, Bob Wheeler, George Boyle, J.D. Fogarty and Bob McDonnell.

Secretary: The minutes from June 2007 were reviewed.

Treasurer: George reports that our funds are low. The balance is \$388.52

Legislative: Fish and Boat might be joined with Game Commission. User fees from F & B would go to the Game Commission.

Education: There are no classes being held at the current time.

Old Business” Dr. Austen was in our area fishing at Harmarville and on the Youghiogheny.

New Business: Blessing of the Fleet went well. George reported that all bills have been paid. Dennis said the Bass tournament came off well and that River Rescue filled the live fish truck. Also, he reported law enforcement handled three B.U.I.s. The Fish and Boat Commission is going thru reorganization. Port of Pittsburgh: J.D. reports the American Queen is in Town and will visit here 6 times this year. The New Orleans will be here on July 30, 2007, at which time 450 people will depart and 450 more will board.

Submitted: Bob McDonnell

Again, I hope everyone had a great summer and I'd also like to say that I had a very nice time at the Erie Rendezvous this year. If you missed it, you missed a very enjoyable time.

P/Stf/C Robert M. Colteryahn, AP



*Education
Department Report*

We are tentatively planning on having an AP class this fall. Please contact me if you're interested and we'll see about putting the class together. We also hope to have a Basic Boating class at the Cabela's store, east of Wheeling. If you haven't been there, it's quite a facility. Hopefully, there will also be some information at the upcoming meeting regarding the software ordered through the USPS program.



Administrative Officer Report

It seems like only a couple weeks ago that I was wishing everyone a good summer in the last SouthWind. It's hard to believe it's September already. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer, at it was everything you hoped for. The Squadron had a few nice activities this summer. For those who braved the elements, the June Picnic Meeting at South Park was enjoyable. It looked pretty ominous for a while, but the weather eventually cooperated and we all had a nice time.

We had a very beautiful day for Sail Day at Lake Arthur. The food was good, the weather was perfect and we got to meet Jack and Chris's dogs (they thought the food was good too). Some of us actually got out and did some sailing on Jim Starks boat—no paddling required this year!

Lastly, but not least, we had a very nice time at the Erie Rendezvous. We truly appreciate Bill and Shelia for accommodating so many of us aboard the Panacea. Many thanks also to Tom Merritt for being one of the tour guides and for having the Dory J available for us. Tom and Dory cruised over to Perry's Landing and pulled the Dory J into a slip next to the Panacea. We all socialized there for a while and then we cruised around the bay. We motored out to the mouth of Presque Isle Bay, but the lake looked a little too rough for an enjoyable ride. No matter—there were plenty of sights to see in the bay and we had a wonderful day and nice weather for it.

As most of you know by now, our September meeting will be back at the Roxy and not at the Beach Club Marina. It will still be on 12 September. Bill Macko will have some slides from the Erie Rendezvous that I'm sure everyone will enjoy. I'm also sure everyone will have a good time recounting the events of the summer. Bring your pictures and stories to share with fellow squadron members. As the boating season winds down, again, I hope everyone has had a great summer and I look forward to kicking off the rest of the year with you at the Roxy.

Lt/C Dan Marino, P



How I Spend My Summer Vacation? **Some Pictures of a Few of the Summer Events**



Dorothy arrived at Sail Day with portable canopy in tow.



Nancy Toler and her son enjoy a hotdog and the nice weather.



A few of Dick and Nancy's grandchildren also paid us a visit.