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Coming Events



- **SHPS Dinner Meeting** 11 January 2006
Roxy Cafe
- **USPS Boating Courses** 14 February 2006 (For the Boy Scouts)
and 16 February 2006 (for the Public)
Mt Lebanon High School
- **USPS Annual Meeting** 4—8 January 2006 The Rosen Centre,
Orlando, Florida
- **Pittsburgh Boat Show** 27—29 January & 3—5 February 2006
D. L. Lawrence Convention Center
- **Cleveland Mid-America Boat Show** 12—22 January IX Center
- **Tri District Conference (D/7, D/11 & D/29)**
31 March—2 April 2006 Independence, Ohio



Come, Join us on
11 January 2006 at the Roxy
Café at the
South Hills Village Mall for our
monthly
dinner meeting.
Dinner 1800 Meeting 1930
Program will be by P/R/C Mac
McDonald on the USPS
National Cruise in Washington

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The SouthWind thanks everyone for their contributions. We are proud of what we can accomplish together.

Happy New Year
from the SouthWind Editors!

The deadline for the next SouthWind is 18 January.

Come to celebrate "The Maiden Voyage of the USPS Trilogy"
31 March—2 April at the USPS Tri-District Spring Conference
at the Holiday Inn, Independence, Ohio

The entire USPS National Bridge plus many national officers will be there. This is your chance to meet USPS members from throughout our region and across the nation. Plan to join the fun. A number of special programs are being planned.

For more information and registration forms see the D/7 Web site at <http://www.usps.org/localusps/d7>



Sailboat for Sale

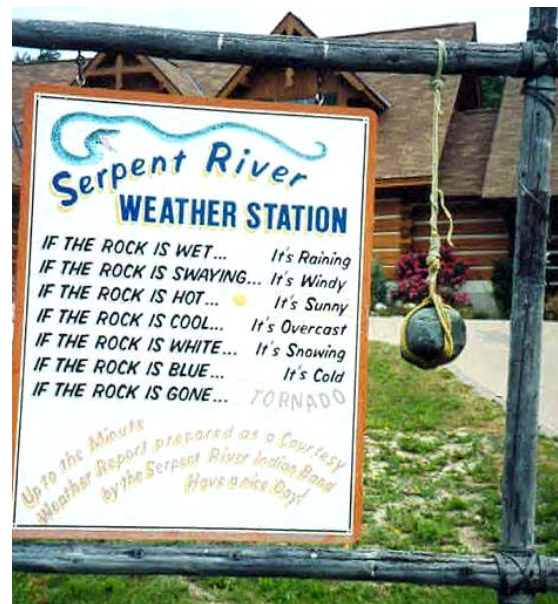
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Thank You!

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

January 2006

Boating Courses for National Safe Boating Week

All Members,

We are asking all squadrons to participate in a synchronized boating safety education program during National Safe Boating Week this May 20th to 26th. The full impact and national scope of USPS supporting boating safety reinforces our mission and will provide untold beneficial visibility for our organization.

Boating courses are the lifeblood of USPS. We have been providing them longer than any other organization, and we feel we have the best. National Safe Boating Week has long been recognized as an important event, and it marks the beginning of boating season for much of the country. We have the opportunity to take it to a new level.

Your squadrons will be benefactors of the national visibility the event affords. News releases, magazine articles, and other media events will provide the exposure you deserve. Locally, you will be able to tie in with messages which you can adapt from material provided by our national staff. Getting large numbers of the public to our courses during this week will give us the opportunity to impart important safety information, and to recruit new members to USPS.

Coordinate with your Squadron and District, start a boating course or seminar during National Safe Boating Week, and promote your courses locally and you will help make this campaign a rousing success.

Happy boating,

C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN
Chief Commander, 2004-2005

V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN
Incoming Chief Commander, 2006

V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN
National Educational Officer, 2003-2005

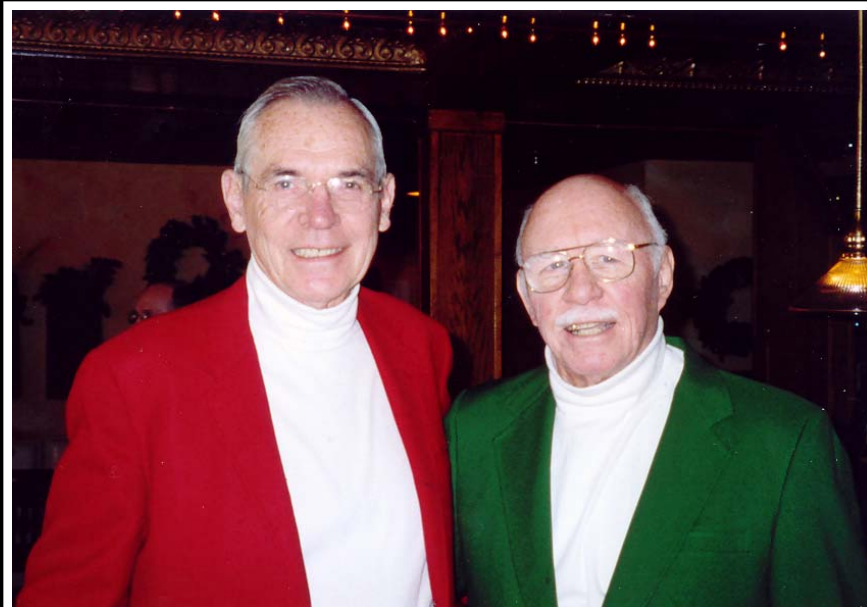
R/C Richard E. Kyle, SN
Incoming National Educational
Officer, 2006

Irene Leslie, wife of the late P/D/C Lynn Leslie, AP, 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.



As You Return to Sea....



Here are two Christmas Buoys, Lt Lew Doughton and P/C Dick Toler, at the South Hills Power Squadron Christmas Party demonstrating the colors of both the season and the buoys as you return to sea.



Here is what the VSC sticker will look like for 2006. South Hills Power Squadron had a very successful year performing Vessel Safety Checks. For those of you who would like to become examiners, please contact P/C Kenneth Campbell, JN. Ken will be happy to assist you. It isn't too early to begin to plan for next year.

We want to express our sympathy to the family of P/C Bill Spargo. P/C Spargo passed away 13 November 2005. He was a charter member of our Squadron and served as its second commander in 1973. He lived in Bethel Park quite close to the Pioneer Inn, the first meeting place for South Hills Power Squadron. Although Bill had left USPS, he still checked in with us from time to time. SHPS continued to be important to him.

Commander's Corner

by Cdr Selden Campen, JN

I believe 22 members attended the Christmas Party at Bella Bistro. The restaurant provided its entire space to our party and prepared an excellent meal and good service. The camaraderie was good, but I wish more of you had attended. Please consider sharing this day next Christmas season. Many thanks to Bill Macko for organizing the Christmas banquet.

The Bridge will meet 4 January at my house and the first membership meeting will be at the Roxy Café on 11 January. We expect to have a report on the annual USPS meeting in Orlando from Mac McDonald, Neil Cook, Don Stark or Marjie Stark, all of whom plan to attend. Also on the agenda will be the boat show, planned class schedule for the spring and a report from the nominating committee for next year's officers.

Enough for business. I've been planning for some time to share with you the events of September 2001. No, not the terrorist attack on NY, DC, and Shanksville, but the story of Jackie's and my first Chesapeake Bay Cruise. Unfortunately because of space constraints in this issue you will have to wait until next month's SouthWind to read of our adventure.

See you at the Roxy on the 11th.

Happy New Year

(Editor's note: Sorry to force you all to wait, but you will really enjoy the story of his cruise. It is worth the wait!)

Sea Fever

by John Masefield

*I must down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by,
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.*

*I must down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.*

*I must down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover;
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.*

British Poet John Masefield (1878-1967) knew and loved the sea. He was 22 years of age when he wrote this poem. This was recently voted the most popular poem in Britain.



Everyone was ready for a great time at the show. Our hearty thanks to the Doughton family. You are terrific!

Sailing Away!

Here is some terrific news from a former member and long time friend of South Hills Power Squadron. Ray McCoy called the other day to say that he and his wife, Sandy, were closing the sale of their house in Upper St. Clair and had just purchased a Beneteau 461 in Florida. Are and ready to move aboard for extended cruising. They will hire a Captain to help them sail the boat to the British Virgin Islands. They plan to work their way through the islands there. They promise to keep us informed of their travels through articles in the SouthWind. Ray says that it is something that he has always dreamed of doing. USPS education has helped make it possible to take this step. Ray is a terrific sailor and has raced with Marjie and Don Stark aboard "Heaven's Daughter" many times. You may remember that Ray was a Biology teacher at Mt Lebanon High School and until his retirement he



he managed the Evening Adult Education Program. He helped South Hills Power Squadron make the arrangements for teaching the Boating Course at the high school. Congratulations to Ray and Sandy. Bon Voyage!

**Scenes from the Christmas Dinner prior to the play,
A Christmas Story, 2 December**



It was a great evening. It began with dinner at the home of Lew and Vi Doughton. They were assisted by their daughter, Vira and her friend, Lynn. The meal was fabulous!



The Pittsburgh Boat Show is upon us. The dates for this upcoming event are: 27, 28, & 29 JANUARY 2006 AND 3, 4 & 5 FEBRUARY 2006
THE DISTRICT 7 SQUADRONS ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS FOR BOOTH COVERAGE:

FRI 27 JAN 2006
SOUTH HILLS
5 PM - 10 PM

SAT 28 JAN 2006
PITTSBURGH
10 AM - 10 PM

SUN 29 JAN 2006
MOUNTAINEER &
TEN MILE
10 AM - 6 PM

FRI 3 FEB 2006
PITTSBURGH
5 PM - 10 PM

SAT 4 FEB 2006
SOUTH HILLS
10 AM - 10 PM

SUN 5 FEB 2006
NEW CASTLE
10AM - 6 PM

Your public boating class information is needed as soon as possible so that joint flyers may be passed out at the show.

Time slots for boating seminars will be available to USPS again this year. I realize they require more volunteers but if anyone could do this, please let me know. Plan to bring materials to personalize the booth during your coverage time.

Thank you in advance.

D/Lt Robert F McDonnell, AP (412) 931-1564

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Check Us Out!

January 27th thru 29th and
February 3rd thru 5th

David L. Lawrence Convention Center

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assist with the USPS display
booth and to help us promote
our boating classes at the show.**



Photos from the SHPS Christmas Party **17 December 2005 by P/C Dick Toler, AP**



P/C Tom Merritt, Dory Merritt, P/C Bill Macko, Shelia Macko and Shelia's parents. Bill and Shelia, once again planned a great affair. Thank you Bill and Shelia.



The food was great and the mood was festive at the annual Christmas Party. Here P/C Hank Marzina, JN joins Lt/ Warren Bell, AP and Nancy Toler in pleasant conversation.

