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Gregg Whittenberger and his Cal
27, Dark and Stormy.

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Coming Events

- **SHPS Picnic Meeting** 13 September 2006
Beach Club Marina, New Eagle.
- **Cedar Point In-The-Water Boat Show**
4—9 September - Sandusky, OH
- **Fall Conference** 3—5 November, 2006
Akron, OH Crowne Point Plaza



South Hills Power Squadron

Picnic Meeting

13 September 2006

Beach Club Marina

New Eagle

Beginning at 1800

*Come to relive your summer adventures with your
SHPS Friends.*

Happy 35th
Anniversary
12 September
South Hills
Power Squadron!!



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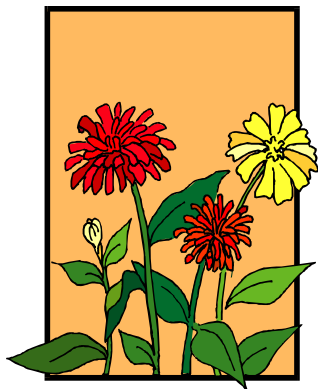
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Many thanks to P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP
for her many contributions to this issue
of the SouthWind.

The deadline for the next SouthWind is 20
September.



*Best Wishes
for Good Health to:
P/C T. Blake Parker, AP*

More Photos!



C/C Ernie Marshburn presents the 6 Bowsprit Awards at New York



Above: Lew and
Vi Doughton at the
June Picnic.



David Timmins and other scouts sailing the Keys.

At the Right: Vi
Doughton, Mac
McDonald, and
Helen Davis sail-
ing aboard the Tar-
tan 34, *Esprit*.



Hot Potato and Sauerkraut Salad

Here is a recipe from Dorothy Meloy that was a real hit at the June Picnic.

4 slices bacon
 1/4 cup sugar
 2 tablespoons flour
 1 teaspoon celery seed
 1 (14 or 16-oz.) can sauerkraut, drained, reserving liquid
 1/2 cup cider vinegar
 6 red potatoes, peeled if desired, cooked, cubed (about 6 cups)
 1 cup sliced celery
 1/2 cup sliced green onions
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, if desired

Heat oven to 350° F. Cook bacon in large skillet over medium heat until crisp. Crumble; set aside.

Reserve 2 tablespoons bacon drippings in skillet. Add sugar, flour, and celery seed. Cook and stir over medium heat until bubbly. Add enough water to sauerkraut liquid to make 1 cup. Stir sauerkraut liquid and vinegar into mixture in skillet; mix well.

Cook over medium heat until thick and bubbly, stirring frequently. Add potatoes, sauerkraut, celery and green onions, stir gently. Spoon into ungreased 12 x 8 inch (2-quart) baking dish; sprinkle with crumbled bacon.

Bake at 350° F. for 30 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Sprinkle with parsley. 16 (1/2—cup) servings.



Executive Department Lt/C Christine T. Orie, S

It just seems like yesterday that I wishing all of you a wonderful and safe summer. It's hard to believe that this most treasured season is shortly coming to a close. We can all hope we have a long Indian summer!

For all of you who could not make the trip on the Niagara, it was a wonderful and memorable sail.

For all of you who are Vessel Examiners, it is not too late to do a couple more VSC's and get recertified for the year. Don't forget to turn the 204 forms in to Ken Campbell so that he can update the information on the web site.

Scenes from the June Squadron Picnic



Photographers Dick Toler and Jim Stark getting some close-ups.



Even if it was a bit smokey, food, fun and SHPS make for a successful gathering.

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*Join the effort by contributing in any amount that you can.
Thank You!*

Commander's Corner

by Cdr Selden Campen, JN



Great News – On 2 August we learned that District 7 has won the Bowsprit award. Liz Glassel and Brian Logan will receive the award on behalf of the district at the Governing Board Meeting in NYC on 15 –20 August. The award considers public boating courses, upper level courses, elective courses, membership retention, Vessel Safety Check, and co-op charting reports. So if you were active in the squadron, you helped in winning this honor for D/7.

You will be receiving this issue of the Southwind as your squadron begins its fall activities. Although we do not have regular monthly meetings during the summer, we did meet nearly monthly.

On 14 June, we had another great picnic meeting in South Park. Tom Merritt and Dan Marino assisted with the arrangements. The burgers, salads and desserts were excellent. About 30 people attended. There was no rain this time.

On 25 June, the squadron met in Erie for an afternoon sail on the Brig *Niagara*. Mac McDonald arranged the outing. Dorothy Meloy coordinated other activities. Greg Whittenberger offered many a ride on his boat. Again about 30 attended.

On 26 July, we had a sail-in at that large body of water, more commonly called a swimming pool, at Dorothy Meloy's house. About 10 entries participated in the sailboat races (made from paper plates, wooden spars, plastic ziploc bags, and masking tape). Dorothy supplied both the boat parts and barbecued chicken dinner.

Many thanks to Tom Merritt, Dorothy Meloy, Mac McDonald, Dan Marino and anyone else whose efforts helped make these summer events become a reality.

The hoped for Engine Maintenance summer class did not materialize, so it's not too late to let Jim Stark know of your interest.

Our September meeting will be at the Beach Club Marina in New Eagle, PA. Look for specifics as to directions and time elsewhere in the newsletter. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there. I hope you have had a great summer.



Cdr Campen with his winning sailboat.

Scenes from the July Picnic at Dorothy Meloy's Home



Tom Merritt, Warren Bell, Dory Merritt, Mac McDonald, Selden Campen, and Dan Marino enjoying Dorothy's hospitality.



The Race Begins...with no electric fans to help.



Tom Merritt's fancy entry



Administrative Department
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SHPS Picnic Meeting

Come join us at our first meeting after the summer--the Picnic Meeting at the Beach Club Marina at New Eagle, PA. It will be on Wednesday, 13 Sept., 2006, at 1800 (6:00 pm). The Squadron will provide hot dogs hot off the grill of Tom Merritt. Hopefully Tom won't go up in smoke at the grill like someone did at the June picnic. The Squadron will also provide condiments, snacks, and beverages. The members will provide good company and conversation about their summer on the water. The Beach Club Marina's shelter near the river is a very nice place for a meeting. Hope to see you all there.

Directions to the Beach Club Marina

From Pgh: Take Rt. 51 South to PA Turnpike 43 South (\$1.00 toll). Exit Rt. 136 (Monongahela). Follow signs to Monongahela. At Rt. 88, turn left--Rt. 88 North. You are now on Main Street in New Eagle. Turn on the 6th street on right--Robinson Street. Rupp and Fiore Insurance Co. will be at this intersection. Follow road over the railroad tracks. The road will then turn right and run parallel with the railroad tracks. The marina is on the left, just past the water treatment plant.

From Washington: Follow Rt 136 to Monongahela, PA. Follow above directions at Rt. 88.

From Bethel Park and South Park: Take Rt. 88 South. Go past "The Twist" ice cream shop 0.1 mile and turn left onto Robinson Street. "The Twist" is on Rt. 88 (Main St. in New Eagle). It is 1/2 mile south of the stop sign at the Rt. 88/Rt. 831 South intersection. From Robinson Street, follow above directions.

I have just recently moved. My computer (and myself) are temporarily sitting on boxes as I type this. My new address is 551 South 22nd Street, Weirton, WV 26062.



P/D/C Liz Glassell, AP and D/C Brian Logan, SN receive the Bow Sprit award on behalf of all the squadrons in D/7. This award was given to only six of the best districts of USPS at the recent NY Governing Board meeting. It means that the squadrons of D/7 are each doing their part, in education, in Vessel Safety Checks, etc. Congratulations to South Hills Power Squadron and to all the squadrons of D/7 on a job very well done. D/C Logan encourages us to keep up the good work. Let's win the award again next year.

Scouts Adventure at Sea Base

by P/C Robert T. Timmins, AP

Eighty-five Boy Scouts and adult leaders from the Greater Pittsburgh Council, Boy Scouts of America, participated in a 10 day, high adventure trip to Florida Sea Base in June. The majority participated in the Spring Boating Class that was presented by South Hills Power Squadron. The group flew to Florida on 21 June and moved aboard a fleet of 40 foot sailboats that are chartered by BSA. A professional charter captain/owner was aboard each boat. The actual goings-on are top secret. This is evident from the fact that when I asked my son, David "How was that \$1,500 ten-day sailing trip that I sent you on?" he replied "OK". End of discussion!

We do know the following:

- One of the scouts from Pleasant Hills caught a 96 pound wahoo. Another boy caught a 38 pound mahi mahi. These two fish were the largest in their class ever caught by a scout at Sea Base.
- A storm forced my son's boat to seek shelter at a ritzy marina in Marathon Key for a night. The other boats anchored out. David said that the pool and hot tub were really nice.
- A bum was selling dirty jokes for a dollar on the dock at Key West. Each of the 8 scouts in David's crew bought 2 jokes. They were impressed that he never repeated a joke. My wife, Lana, is shocked and horrified.
- Nothing was mentioned about the . . .a-hem . . .scenery at Key West. One can only assume that it was pretty good.
- For the final two nights, they all hung out at a beach front resort near West Palm. If you needed mud, mosquitoes or poison ivy, you had to call room service. Scout Camp isn't what it used to be.



You can see lots of pictures from the trip at: web.mac.com/bobtimmins

Here is the bottom line: they had a great time sailing in the Keys. They learned a few jokes and caught some nice fish. They learned enough to be safe on the water by taking the USPS Boating Course. Thank you to all of the members of South Hills Power Squadron who helped with the class! Nice job, folks!



David Timmins moving aboard.



WOW, What a weekend! !

It all started with the Lord giving us two weather perfect days for sailing on Lake Erie. Thank you, thank you, Lord.

Eleven enthusiastic sailors met at the Presque Isle Marina ready to climb aboard "Dark and Stormy", a 27' Cal owned by Gregg Whittenberger and Mac's "Esprit", a 34' Tartan for a day of relaxation. After hours of tacking, heeling and working out the snags from winter lay up, we called it a day.

Once the boats were safely back in their slips, we did a quick wash up and off to dinner we went to the Erie Yacht Club. On board to help Mac celebrate his 85th birthday were Dave, Julie, Dorothy, Neil, Helen, Emily, Art, Vi, Lew and Dorothy by singing "Happy Birthday" and sharing a bite of chocolate cake. Mac was really surprised, to say the least. We had a truly wonderful day.



At 0930 Sunday morning the same group plus Jim, Chris, Jack, Tish, Dan, Terry and Gregg met at the Erie Maritime Museum plaza for an introductory briefing before boarding the U.S. Brig *Niagara*. The ship is owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and operated by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. It is inspected by the United States Coast Guard as a Sailing School Vessel and does not meet the same safety standards as a passenger vessel. Sailing on board *Niagara* is an unusual opportunity to experience the long-vanished world of the wooden square rigged sailing ship. This relatively new ship (1988) is a re-creation of the 1813 vessel.

Participants in the one day program received frequent short talks explaining the tasks and maneuvers performed by the crew who are professionals and service trainees. The students (us) must obey the orders of



the crew and had to be able to shift about the deck to facilitate maneuvers. We were served coffee and coffee cake mid-morning. Lunch was a bowl of chicken soup and biscuit, Tang or water to drink. All foods were

prepared on board. This was enough for us, the students, but I truly hope they fed the crew more substantial vittles. I spoke with one of the men working the tiller. He lives in town and has been volunteering on weekends for 6 years. It takes 3 weeks to learn the language, lines and stations, then I don't know how they remember it all. Senior Capt. Walter Rybka has been at it for 30 some years. Serving under him are 3 mates. Approximately 5 miles of rope is in use, natural hemp and some synthetic. Natural lines last 3-5 years; synthetic, 10-12. No one wears gloves. They just develop thicker calluses as time goes by. Raindrops started falling as we headed back to the berth, perfect timing to end a perfect day. The under-way experience gives insight into the problems and challenges our forebearers met.

This was an experience not to be forgotten soon. Thank you, Mac and Dan, for arranging this outing.

PIC Dorothy B. Meloy, AP

