



Many thanks to Selden for serving two terms as Commander of the SHPS. We truly appreciate his work dedication, and hospitality. He cast a large shadow, but we know Chris is up to the task.



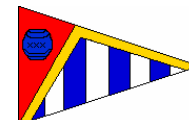
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Coming Events

- SHPS Monthly Meeting 11 April 2007
- National Safe Boating Week
19 – 25 May 2005
- Boating Course - One day 19 May 2007
Beach Club Marina in New Eagle



SHPS Dinner Meeting

at *THE ROXY CAFÉ*

South Hills Village

11 April 2007

1800 - Dinner

1930 - Meeting



Our program will be a
presentation and report on
the D-7 Conference

Welcome to Spring
from the
South Hills
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Your support is greatly appreciated.
Thank You

A Few of the Many Awards Received By the SHPS at the D7 Spring Conference in Cleveland



Administrative Officer Report



The last month has been a busy one for the SHPS. As you all know, our March meeting was the Change of Watch at Peter's Place in Bridgeville. Many thanks to Dorothy and Bob for all the work they did in setting it up. Everyone who was there had a wonderful time and it was a very nice event. I'll keep this brief so we have some room for a few more pictures for you.

Our next meeting will be back at the Roxy at South Hills Village. For our program, Tom Merritt and Don Stark will be providing us with information about the events of the D7 Conference. SHPS won six awards overall and three of them were due to the work of Ken Campbell on our VSC program. Dick Toler also received a Life Member award for twenty five years of service. Many thanks to Ken and Dick for all their efforts. Be sure to congratulate them at the Roxy on 11 April 2007.

Lt/C Dan Marino, S

Chris receives Senior Member Award from Selden and is sworn in as Commander by D/Lt/C James L. Sams



Editor's Note

Hopefully, this will be the only editor's note you'll see from me. I don't need to tell everyone what big shoes there are to fill regarding the job Don and Marjie Stark have done on the SouthWind for the last several years. Don has set a pretty high bar for the editors that will follow.

I understand the USPS will be judging Squadron news letters a little differently than they have in past years. They intend to emphasize content more than appearance of news letters. I'm not expecting to win any awards, but I do hope to provide you with a newsletter that will at least keep you informed of the activities of the Squadron and hopefully be somewhat interesting to you. I will certainly need the help from the Squadron to do that. I'll not only need reports from the bridge, but articles from some chairmen of committees and articles and pictures of events and items of interest from the membership as a whole. I greatly appreciate the commitment of Mac McDonald, who has agreed to continue carrying the load of printing and circulation.

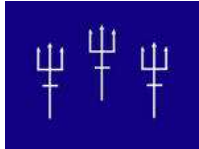
The Squadron has had a lot of transition in a little time. We have a new commander, bridge and editor of our newsletter, who will all need your support to keep the Squadron on the right track. I truly hope that the SouthWind won't just be what I'm able to make it, but what we all can make it.

Lt/C Dan Marino, S



Simply put...
Thanks Don and Marjie for the outstanding job you've done on the SouthWind for the last four years. Your efforts have been appreciated more than can be expressed here. It's good to know that you'll still be around for your valued advice and support.

The Commander's Report



Ahoy Mates!!! This is my first contribution as Commander of the S.H.P.S. and I hope to continue the tradition of interesting and informative columns. There has been some terrific writing done in the past and I know I have big sails to fill.

Speaking of quality news publications, at the D7 Conference in Cleveland, The SouthWind was again recognized with the Distinction in Journalism Award from the USPS National Publications Committee. I want to congratulate Editor Don Stark, Assistant Editor Margie Stark and Circulation Manager Mac

McDonald for a well deserved honor. The membership is so proud of the quality job you have done over the years. Thank you for a wonderful job; you really make the Squadron look great. Unfortunately, Don and Margie are retiring as editors of the SouthWind. We are sorry for your departure from the staff. Lucky for us, Mac McDonald is staying in his position and will help to ensure the high quality of the SouthWind in the future. I am grateful to Dan Marino for picking up the huge responsibility of editor along with that of his administrative position. Thanks Dan, for stepping up to the plate.

Another honor recipient at the D7 Conference was Dick Toler. Dick was awarded a Life Member Plaque which is a mark of distinction for earning 25 Merit Marks. Well done, Dick!!! You are an invaluable member of the Squadron. Here's to 25 more! Double congratulations go out to Ken Campbell, our sailor in charge of Vessel Safety Checks. Ken was awarded Century Club Status by the National USPS in recognition for his outstanding contribution in support of the Vessel Safety Check program for 2006. This is the second year Ken was recognized for his exceptional performance. In addition to this national award, Ken was acknowledged by District 7 with a Certificate of Appreciation for conducting 136 Vessel Safety Checks last year. The SHPS salutes you, Ken for incomparable service. I don't know what we'd do without you!!

terpieces, Mac McDonald and Jim Stark set up the video and equipment to show it, and Warren Bell paid the bill. Lastly, thanks to Peter's Place for providing all that we asked for. Thanks again everyone, it was a pleasure working with you.

P/C Dorothy Meloy



**SHPS 2007
Change of Watch
at Peter's Place**



Executive Officer



As an "old timer," I find myself having to get reacquainted with many of the responsibilities involved in being on the bridge. I'm confident that the chairmen in the Executive Department will keep doing their fine jobs of supporting the Squadron in the areas they are responsible for.

I've realized that many things have changed over the years. I'm sitting in occasionally on the Piloting Class that is currently being held at the home of Tom Merritt. I would suggest to any senior members to consider doing the same in this and future classes. I've found that many things have changed in this class and I think it would benefit anyone to be aware of the newer methods and materials—especially if you intend to help instruct classes in the future.

With the Boat Show and the Spring Conference having just ended, the next thing we will be gearing up for are Vessel Safety Checks. We can't say enough for the job that Ken Campbell has done in this area. I hope that he'll have a lot of help with the VSC's in the coming season.

P/Stf/C Robert M. Colteryahn, AP

A Word About the Change Of Watch from Dorothy Meloy

Keep an eye on the sky!! Another woman commander for South Hills. The success of our Change of Watch was due to the efforts of many pulling together. P/Stf/C Robert Colteryahn and myself thank all of you for attending. It couldn't have happened without invitations, thanks to Hank and Mary Lou, our official printers. P/C Selden arranged for D/Lt/C Jim Sams from District to make Chris Orie our next Commander. Of course we can't forget the MC, Jack Orie. Dan Marino brought the flags, Hank Marzina and Dick Toler were color bearers, Tom Merritt provided the cen-

At our next meeting on April 11th, 2007 Tom Merritt will be giving a run-down of the several certificates of merit the SHPS was awarded at the D7 Conference. In addition, he will update us on the new USPS developments revealed there. Also, we all owe a debt of gratitude to Tom. He took it upon himself to update, complete and circulate the roster for 2007-2008. Aiding Tom in his endeavors were Hank and Mary Lou Marzina who printed the inside sheets and assembled the booklet, and Mac McDonald who printed the cover to add the crowning touch. For the SHPS, I'd like to express our gratitude to all of you for a new and improved roster.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank Dorothy Meloy and Bob Colteryahn for the great job they did putting together the Change of Watch. It was a perfect luncheon with every detail covered. Their efforts certainly made it a memorable day for me. I'd also like to thank my husband, Jack Orie for his quick wit and great job done as master of ceremonies. He claimed I didn't tell him about this duty until we got in the car to leave. I am sure I had mentioned it before that time. This is typical of how we miscommunicate on our boat. It's a wonder we get out of our berth.

Good luck to everyone launching boats in the coming months!! Let the boating begin!!!!

Cdr Chris Orie, S

Passing the Helm



Secretary's Report



SHPS MEETING MINUTES – 10 MARCH 2007

CHANGE OF WATCH

The setting for the 2007 Change of Watch was a private room at Peters Place in Carnegie. This was attended by 34 members of Power Squadron.

Socializing and Hors d'oeuvres preceded the Call to Lunch at 12:20.

The Presentation of Colors was conducted by P/C Henry Marzina III, JN and P/C Richard Toler, AP. We then had the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Welcome and Introductions were given by Lt. John R. Orie.

This was followed by the Invocation by P/Stf/C Robert M. Colteryahn, AP.

Following a delicious lunch, the Final Business of the Squadron was given by Cdr Selden W. Campen, JN. He presented each of his Bridge with a lovely gift and thanked them for serving during his term.

Installation of the 2007 Bridge was done by D/Lt/C James L. Sams, AP.

Honors to P/C Selden Campen, JN then followed.

Inspiring comments by our new Commander, Cdr Christine T. Orie, S, were enjoyed by the group. This was followed by socializing and visiting while the video of the squadron's trip to the "Niagara" last summer, as recorded by Mac McDonald, played in the background.

The 2007-2008 Roster of SHPS was distributed to those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lt/C Vira M. Doughton

Education Department Report



SEO REPORT

The latest word is the following people have successfully passed the Engine Maintenance course. Lew Doughton, Thomas Joseph, Mary Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Dan Marino, and Jim Stark.

The following people are charting their way through the Piloting course: Lew Doughton, Mary Jenkins, Robert Jenkins, Christine Orie, Dan Marino, and John McCensky. Wish them well as they start their course.

We have a one day Boating course scheduled for May 19, 2007 at Beach Club Marina. We are planning to start at 8:00 AM, Break for a picnic lunch and then Have the test at about 4:45 PM. This will be a very full day at a very nice facility along the Monangahela river. This should be a very nice way to get people involved with the squadron. If you know of anyone that should take the course please encourage them to sign up for the course. If possible, please advertise the course. Enhance the safety on the water and your enjoyment of the sport by promoting education. This course is meant to be of interest to the entire family; children are welcome. We encourage your family to attend as a group.

Please contact Jim Stark at 724-225-7605 or via e-mail, jstark84@verizon.net before 5/5/2007 to register for the course. The course is free. The book and course materials can be shared by all family members at a cost of \$45.00. The cost for lunch is \$5.00.

If you are interested in assisting the teaching of the course, please contact Jim Stark

Lt/C James A. Stark, AP