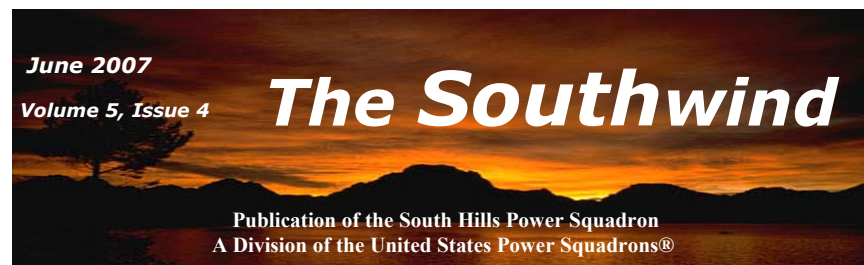


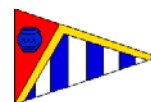


The South Hills Power Squadron wishes everyone
 a safe and happy summer boating season.



Coming Events

- **SHPS Picnic Meeting - 13 June 2007 - South Park**
- **Annual Blessing of the Fleet - 24 June 2007**
Allegheny River at Pittsburgh Point
- **Sail Day - 14 July 2007 Lake Arthur – Moraine**
- **Erie Rendezvous 4 August 2007**
- **District 7 Spring Rendezvous – 7-19 August 2007**
Spitzer Riverside Marina, Lorain, OH
- **USPS Fall National Meeting – 4-9 September 2007**
Marriott, Norfolk, Va.



SHPS Picnic Meeting at
Willow Grove
South Park
13 June 2007
Arrive anytime after 1600 (4:00)



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Your support in any amount is greatly appreciated.

New Member John Stimak recently submitted an article that will appear in *Personal Watercraft Magazine*. You can read a little about his Philippine adventure below.



DESTINATION: SOUTHEAST ASIA – THE PHILIPPINES

When it comes to exploring new PWC riding locations I always said, “If I can’t drive to it, I’ll fly to it”. This last venture was the latter to say the least. Circumstances had it that I needed to get to SouthEast Asia to meet my year and a half long, internet friend named Flor. Flor, a Filipina, was anxious to meet me and to learn about this fascination I had with riding pwc’s in her native land. Well, the Philippines are made up of more than 7,100 islands surrounded by some of the finest blue water in the world. A real paradise for scuba diving and snorkeling. The summers there run from March till June with 90+ degree highs. I soon learned that very few Philippine residents owned a pwc. Well, there were many that did own a “Philippine pwc” better know as a “banka”. A small, canoe like boat that was powered by a paddle or an outboard engine. Otherwise, the only person that Flor knew personally with a full fledged pwc was her boss, Carlos Jericho Petilla, the governor of the Province of Leyte. I never did get to meet the governor while visiting Tacloban City. While I was visiting a museum dedicated to many of the possessions of the former, late, Philippine president and dictator, Ferdinand Marcos, I saw a framed photograph of him on an early 1980’s Kawasaki stand-up Jetski. What a guy. Anyway, one of the places that I would be staying did have pwc’s for rent, The Costa Bella Beach Resort located in Cebu City on Mactan Island.

There they had several late model, three person, Yamaha WaveRunners. And for the riding, the sea was relatively calm. There was very little boat traffic. You would see an occasional large, commercial vessel and the locals fishing or selling souvenirs from their bankas. As you approached the shoreline of an adjoining island you had to be aware that the water became shallow quite some distance out. I found myself several times walking the pwc in to the beach and OOUCH!! I stepped on a sea urchin. So much for me being an advocate for wearing water shoes when riding and walking in water. I must say that pwc riding amongst the mountainous, unspoiled, tropical islands, made for a very memorable experience. And though the country is somewhat impoverished, I was humbled by the people’s deep faith, friendliness, and inner peace. And, like General Douglas MacArthur told the Philippine people during W.W.II, “I Shall Return.”

John Stimak

A VE Birth on the Eagle

2007 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Vessel Safety Check (VSC). To celebrate this anniversary the Coast Guard has authorized *one berth for a USPS VE* and one for a USCG Auxiliary VE.

Every VE has a chance for the berth. One entry will be placed in the "hat" for each 20 VSCs completed by a VE during 2007. For example, if a VE performs 20 to 39 VSCs his/her name will go in the hat once. If they perform 40 to 59 VSCs their name will go in the hat twice, etc., etc. USPS will provide a stipend of up to \$500 to cover shipboard meals and travel to wherever the Eagle is located in at the time the berth is made available in 2008.



EAGLE: AMERICA'S TALL SHIP

The **Eagle** is a three-masted sailing barque with 21,350 square feet of sail. It is the only active commissioned sailing vessel in the U.S. maritime services. She is one of five such training barques in world. Remarkably, her surviving sister ships include the *Mircea* of Romania, *Sagres II* of Portugal, *Gorch Fock* of Germany, and *To-varich* of Russia.

Ken Campbell usually shuns the spotlight, so Tom Merritt had to track down the SHPS's VE extraordinaire and lasso him with a bowline to get a picture giving Ken the three awards Tom accepted for him at the D7 Conference. This is the second year Ken was recognized at the Conference. Among his awards were USPS awards for his contributions to the Vessel Safety Check Program and he was recognized by District 7 for conducting 136 VSC's last year. Ken says he will once again be at the Annual Blessing of the Fleet on 24 June. The usual location at the Point is subject to change due to construction. He can certainly use the help of any VE's who can be there. You can also find him most Saturdays at 18th St.



Meeting John McCensky, One of Our Newer Members

Firstly, I'm a retired automobile dealer. I was in the industry for 45 years—starting as a salesman. I was introduced to the Power Squadron through a friend of my son-in-law who I sail with. He is friends with John Steck. Through my conversations with John Steck, I was told of the various classes and activities that the Squadron offers. So, I took the boating class last year and attended a few meetings and decided I wanted to join. I was also very interested in taking the Piloting Class.

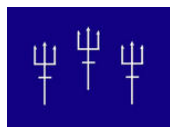
Being in the Navy for several years created a desire for me to be near the water. My folks had a cottage at Lake Erie where we were many weekends and vacations. My interest in sailing started with renting dinghies on vacations at Cape Cod.

One my life's desires has been to take sailing lessons. So, I found one from the American Sailing Association near where I stay in North Carolina. In November of 2006 I took the Basic Keel Boat and Basic Coastal Sailing courses. In May of this year I took the Base Boat Chartering course on the intercoastal waterway. It was a great and fun-filled experience. I'm also looking forward to more classes and activities with the SHPS.

John McCensky



...John enjoying the program at the May meeting at the Roxy. John has recently taken the Piloting Class and sails in Erie and North Carolina. He has attended several of our meetings. We'd like to offer John our welcome to the Squadron and look forward to seeing him at the June picnic.

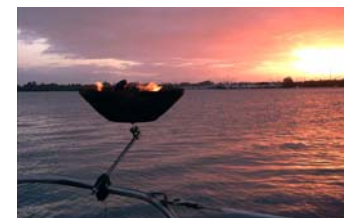


The Commander's Report

I hope all of you will make it to the June picnic. I am so sorry that I won't be able to be there since I have an out of town wedding to attend. The picnic food is always delicious and it's great to see everyone in a relaxed atmosphere. Take a lot of pictures so I can live vicariously through your experience there.

Please be cautious while boating this summer. I was saddened to read about a gentleman who recently drowned at Moraine State Park. His companion reported that while sailing on Lake Arthur, he stood to grab a rope, was hit by a gust of wind and fell out of his boat. He was not wearing a life jacket and apparently drowned. As reported by the Chief Park Ranger at Moraine, it was said this gentleman had been sailing for at least 20 years. Even though you may be a seasoned skipper, everyone makes mistakes. Be sure to take every precaution while on the water. I want all of you to have a wonderful time this season!!

Cdr Chris Orie, S



A Few More Pittsburgh Summer Events:

- ◇ **Fireworks at the Point:** Fri. - 29 June
Tues. - 3 July & Wed - 4 July
Fri. - 20 July
Fri. - 28 Sept.
- ◇ **13th Annual Blessing of the Fleet - 24 June**
- ◇ **30th Annual Pittsburgh Regatta - 3 -4 July**
For entertainment, events, site map, check www.pghregatta.com
- ◇ **Beaver Valley Regatta - 18 - 20 Aug.**

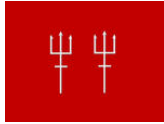


Executive Officer Report

All's a little quiet on the southern front in the Exec Department right now. I would like to remind everyone that the 13th Annual Blessing of the Fleet is Sunday, 24 June, beginning at 12:00 noon with free Courtesy Vessel Safety Checks, followed at 2:00 pm by an ecumenical service, and the ceremonial "dropping of the wreath." It usually takes place on the Allegheny River at the Point, but may be moved this year due to construction. Ken Campbell is usually at this event doing Vessel Safety Checks. Please put this date on your calendar. It's an enjoyable event, and I'm sure Ken could use some help from those of you who do VSC's. He'll also be at 18th St. most Saturdays during the summer.

I hope everyone has an outstanding summer and may you have fair winds.
P/Stf/C Robert M. Colteryahn, AP





Administrative Officer Report

Our May meeting at the Roxy was the last one there until October. We had an interesting presentation, including slide show and music, from Don and Margie Stark that they put together for the town of Belhaven, NC, where they have a vacation home. It's a beautiful town and a destination for boaters traveling the intercoastal waterway.

Our next meeting will be the Picnic Meeting at South Park on 13 June, from 1600 until dark. The Squadron will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, condiments and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share. You can use the following guidelines if you wish: A – F deserts, G – L casseroles, M – R appetizers, and S – Z salads. If anyone has an extra grill, we can always use backups. There are picnic tables, but don't forget your chairs if you want to sit otherwise.

Directions: Main entrance on Corrigan Drive past the circle to the traffic light. Turn left onto Maple Springs Drive. First road to the right. Down road to soccer field. Turn right to Willow Tree Grove. Look for the SHPS burgees.

We also have a Sail Day planned for 14 July back at Davis Hollow Marina on Lake Arthur in Moraine State Park. People will start rolling in about 1000. Hopefully, we'll get in a little sailing and have a picnic. Please bring a covered dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June picnic. People can also call or e-mail me and let me know of attendance anytime before Sail Day.

Lastly, we're planning an Erie Rendezvous for 4 August. We will tentatively meet at the Presque Isle Marina area at 1000. A few of our members have graciously offered rides aboard their boats. After that, we plan to have a cook out. We're trying to make this as simple as possible for our host boaters, so again, we ask that people bring a covered dish and their drinks. Bill Macko is checking on hotel availability for those who need it. Please contact him or me by **27 June** if you want hotel reservations, as Erie hotels get booked early for the weekends this time of year. We'll have a few more details available as we get closer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at South Park and our summer events, and wishing you all very good and safe summer.

Lt/C Dan Marino, S



Secretary's Report

Minutes of May 9, 2007 of SHPS Meeting

The meeting was held at the Roxy Café in South Hills Village.

The Bridge met before dinner rather than have a separate meeting.

Following dinner the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

There were 18 members in attendance. This constituted a quorum.

COMMANDER'S REPORT: Cdr. Christine Orie, S

Several things are planned for the coming months. Beginning with the picnic in June, Sail Day in July, and Erie Rendezvous in August. Details will be given in South Wind.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: Lt/C Jim Stark

We thank Tom Merritt for conducting the Piloting Course.

On Saturday, May 19, 2007 a one day Boating Safety Course will be held at the Beach Club Marina in New Eagle, PA.

There is a possibility of a Skipper Saver Course this summer.

Jim explained about software being available through USPS. Members can order copies of any or all of the software for which the squadron has purchased a license. The whole package would be \$69.00 or individual programs can be purchased separately. The purchase order will be sent in two weeks after South Wind is printed, so act promptly if interested.

The material for the Advanced Piloting Course will be available before the course begins. A Jr. Navigation Course might be available.

Treasurer's Department: Lt/C Warren Bell

There is approximately \$1,400 in the treasury balance.

Secretary: - Lt/C Vira Doughton

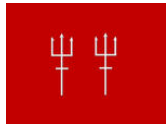
The squadron has decided to have an outing to Little Lake Theatre in November. The plans will be worked out and presented at a later date. A letter of appreciation to the manager of Roxy's will be sent acknowledging their cooperative attitude and complimenting the waitress who serves us.

Old Business: Don Stark attended the 50th Anniversary of the Mountain PS.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Program: The program was a very interesting power point presentation that Don Stark has made of Belhaven, North Carolina to promote the town as a destination for boaters traveling the intercoastal waterway. We also saw the beautiful southern home of the Starks in Belhaven.

Respectfully submitted,
Vira M. Doughton



Education Department Report

On 19 May we had three people successfully complete our boating class at the Beach Club Marina in New Eagle. We are tentatively planning and Advanced Piloting Class for the fall.

Don Stark has passed along the following information about a USPS program making software available to members at greatly discounted rates.

THE FOLLOWING SOFTWARE IS NOW AVAILABLE AT FANTASTIC PRICES TO USPS MEMBERS:

NAME & USPS Member Number: _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MICROSOFT WINDOWS VISTA BUSINESS UPGRADE (32-BIT)

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MICROSOFT DIGITAL IMAGE SUITE 2006 – \$7 PER LICENSE

QUANTITY: _____ X \$7 EA. = \$ _____

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– \$4 PER LICENSE

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NORTON ANTIVIRUS 2007 – \$9 PER LICENSE

QUANTITY: _____ X \$9 EA. = \$ _____

NORTON INTERNET SECURITY 2007 (INCL. NORTON ANTIVIRUS)– \$12 PER LICENSE

QUANTITY: _____ X \$12 EA. = \$ _____

TOTALS: # ITEMS _____; ORDER \$\$ TOTAL _____

If you're interested in any of the software listed, please give the information requested on the form to me by **20 June 2007**. We will place the order and it will be placed as a Squadron order. *Also, please take note of the following:

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The Safe Boating Council, P.O. Box 10635, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

Selden Campen's Retirement Party

Our most recent P/C retired from work and will be moving. He will be living in Chautauqua, NY in the summer and the St. Pete, FL area the rest of the year.

We couldn't let him go without saying goodbye one more time. Seven members of his bridge enjoyed a wonderful party Jackie and family had for him at the Sesame Inn at Station Square in Pittsburgh. It was a nice party, and Selden's mom and friend came up from Florida to attend the occasion.



We wish you goodbye, good luck, and good sailing. Keep in touch Selden!

Submitted by Dorothy Meloy, P/C