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Coming Events

- GPS Class 7 February, 10 AM
Gander Mountain, Washington, PA
- SHPS Meeting 11 February
- D/7 Spring Conference 12 -
14 March 2004
- Pittsburgh Governing Board
Pittsburgh Hilton
19-23 May 2004
- National Safe Boating Week
22-28 May 2004

The Commander Says . . .



Congratulations folks. We got through 2003 with great results. The education program is in full swing as some classes are running; some are getting ready to start, some winding down and some in the planning stage. The SEO is moving out big time!

The new officers will be voted in at the 11 February annual meeting, and sworn in at the Change of Watch on 28 March at Salvatore's. I can't thank everybody enough for accepting his or her respective positions.

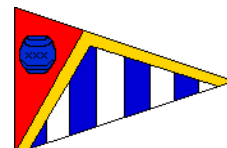
Last year's events, the June Picnic Meeting, Sail Day, the Christmas Party, etc. went over great with good participation by the members. We are planning and hoping that this year's events will be as good as or better yet.

Membership is of the utmost importance, since our continuing progress is dependent on new thinking. And that comes from new minds to mix in new ideas. So please, if you can be of any help in increasing the membership, don't hesitate to let the rest of us know your thoughts! Call me at any time!

The Spring Conference is coming up on 12-14 March at the Cleveland Airport Marriott; it would be great to see some new faces there to enjoy the events and experiences of the weekend. See if you can find room in your busy schedules to join us in some fun and social activities.

Let's all have a great 2004!!

Cdr Tom Merritt, JN



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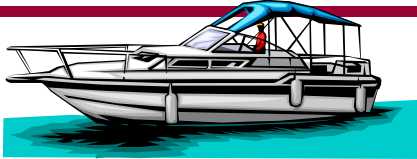
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We want to feature **your boat** here. Send us a photograph of you and your boat for publication in a future issue of the Southwind.

South Hills Power Squadron Meeting



11 February 2004

1800 Dinner

1930 Meeting

Windsor Court Hotel of South Hills
(Formerly the Ramada Inn)

South Hills Power Squadron is on the Web
at www.usps.org/localusps/southhills

Education Department By Lt/C James A Stark, AP

Congratulations to Bob Cheswick, Helen Davis, Lou Doughton, Morry Miller, Tom Merritt and Jim Stark on passing the Cruise Planning Course.

Don't forget to tell your friends about the GPS class at Gander Mountain on 7 February. Come to help.

One of the reasons that we are offering this class is to publicize the other classes that we offer. The boating class will start on 10 February at Mt.

Lebanon High School. We are finalizing the schedule for instructors.

Remember that we always need members to serve as helpers and proctors. This will be especially true for the GPS introductory class. This will be in a very public setting. We will need lots of help to make a good impression and to give them a sample of what our classes have to offer.

Executive Department By P/C Dorothy Meloy, AP

Thanks to all members who assisted at this year's Pittsburgh Boat show. We will publish a list of all of you in the next Southwind. The job that you do to promote our squadron and safe boating is vitally important. It is our chance to let the public know who we are.

A very special thank you goes to P/C Dick Toler, AP for helping to organize and set up the booth. If any member has photographs from this year's show, would you please bring them to the next meeting so that they can be published in the next issue.

For Sale: Sailboat--1980 Jeanneau, *Gin Fizz*, a 37.5 foot Ketch with 3' diving platform. Beam 12'4". Sleeps 7 comfortably. Separate rear cabin. Perkins M4-108 engine. Latest survey, March 2000 estimated fair market value of \$57,000.

Docked in Annapolis, Md, South River. Asking \$50,000.

Contact George D'Angelo 724 222-7980 or gadangelo2@aol.com



ROCKY RIVER POWER SQUADRON

Invites You to Celebrate

Mardi Gras

Rocky River Power Squadron is thrilled to host the D/7 Spring Conference, "Mardi Gras", which will be held 12-13-14 March 2004 at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel which is located at the West 150th Street Exit of I71.

We hope that many of you will attend the Conference to share in District business, Change of Watch and the fun, spirit and camaraderie of D/7. We encourage you also to invite your Squadron friends to share any and all of our events with us. We especially invite them to attend our Mardi Gras Party on Bourbon Street, our Friday Night Ice Breaker, which will be held from 1900-2200. We have room for 500 guests and would love to fill the French Quarter to capacity. All will share in the fun and entertainment of Mardi Gras, enjoy great food, drink and dancing, Bourbon Street style, and share in the fun after 2200 at Squadron Hospitality Suites with a special visit with RRPS at Pat O'Brien's famous restaurant.

Saturday brings D/7 Council and Conference Meetings plus special break out meetings featuring various D/7 Departments; these meetings should be of interest to all.

Lunch will feature two special Cajun entrees. Don't be afraid to try one; we've sampled them and they're very tasty and touched with a spice that is VERY MILD!!!

Come to lunch prepared for the unusual in food and a touch of New Orleans entertainment.

Our Saturday Night Dinner celebrates a Cocktail Party with appetizers, entertainment and music. A special dinner will be followed by Change of Watch ceremonies and a final surprise event, New Orleans Style.

Registration sheets are available in this publication, in your squadron Newsletters or from your Commander.

Please make sure that you register with the hotel prior to 18 February. If you are late, you run a serious risk of losing the \$61.00 hotel room rate and the \$80.00 Hospitality Room rate. No charges will be added to your Credit Card until the weekend of the Conference. When confirming Hospitality Rooms, call 216-252-5333 and ask for Josette Sarkes. I have reserved the rooms for you but you must confirm with a Credit Card.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 440-333-0768 or glassell@sbcglobal.net. We promise a weekend you won't soon forget!!!

SEE YOU ON BOURBON STREET AND.....DON'T FORGET YOUR BEADS!!!

D/Lt/C Liz Glassell, AP



Congratulations to P/C Pat Petersen from Ten Mile Power Squadron on the birth of a granddaughter born to son Jerry and Melissa.

GPS SEMINAR

The South Hills Power Squadron is offering a **Free** GPS Seminar

Saturday, February 7, 2004

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Question & Answer after class.

Gander Mountain, Washington Crown Center, Washington, PA

Directions

Interstate 70 – Chestnut Street exit

Turn Right toward Washington,

Turn right at the Sunoco station.

(former Ames Location)

For detailed directions call 724-229-9800

The Public Boating Course

The South Hills Power Squadron is offering a Safe Boating Course starting

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mt. Lebanon High School, Room 394

155 Cochran Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

This is an 8-week course with a final test April 6, 2003. This course is for operators who desire to know more than the minimum state requirements for safe boating.

To register or get more details contact Jim Stark at (724) 225-7605. Hope to see you on board.

Costs: Book \$25.00, Supplies (protractor, divider-\$10.00)



The Quest Children's Boat Building Project at the USPS Annual meeting in Orlando