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Commander's Message



Happy New Year! I hope you had a joyful Christmas and enjoyable holiday season. The winter is upon us and we are into 2008! We have a lot ahead of us in the New Year and we are about to elect a new Bridge for the Squadron. Before we get ahead of ourselves, however, it's a good time to reflect on what we accomplished as a Squadron in 2007. Looking back, it's been an active year. Some of the highlights:

The calendar year started with the Chief Commander's recognition of Stf/C Lou Reitz, AP, as a Life member of the Power Squadron at the USPS National meeting in Jacksonville, FL. Lou joined a distinguished group of members who have made exceptional contributions to the Power Squadrons over the years. In our Squadron, Lou is the latest entry into this august group and P/C Bill Neubrand, AP, is the earliest. (See page 4 of our Roster).

We received a number of awards at the D/5 Spring Conference, including Certificate of Excellence and Distinction in Journalism for our website and newsletter respectively, individual and squadron vessel safety check awards, the Bow-sprit Award, and the Safe Boating Award. I'm confident we'll be marching up to the stage again this spring to accept awards in a number of these categories. See Chairman P/C Joan Watt's article on the excellent work of our vessel examiners this past season on page 5.

We started off the boating season with our annual Blessing of the Fleet and cruise to Harpoon Hanna's and, judging by the lack of water incidents during the year, this was an obvious success. I participated in my 3^d cruise to Chincoteague in June, one of our best traditions.

The summer highlight for me was our hosting of the D/5 Summer Council meeting in Crisfield, MD. This effort started almost a year in advance and ended with a tremendous success due to the hard work of many of our members. The D/5 Commander and many of my fellow squadron Commanders congratulated my co-chair, P/C Joan Watt, AP, and me for our Squadron's top flight work.

The Chief Commander has awarded more than 56 Merit Marks to members of our Squadron. The work many of you have done this year in a broad array of activities is impressive and once again demonstrates why we are one of the premier squadrons in the District.

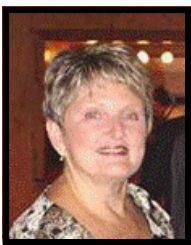
On 4 December, about 30 Squadron members went to DeNovo's Trattoria to dine and to present the owner, Bob Beck, a plaque of appreciation for his **outstanding** support of the Ocean City Power Squadron. As I'm sure you recall, DeNovo's donated the spaghetti, meatballs, and sauce that were served at our Spaghetti Dinner in October. Without that support, this fundraiser would have fallen well short of our goal.

While some of us will spend the next couple of months in warmer climes and others will enjoy a warm house with an active fireplace to keep the chill away, I urge us all to reflect on the past year and appreciate how much we have, who we are, what we've done and where we want to go in the future. Remember what the Squadron has done for you and for others and use this "quiet" time to figure out how you can assist the Squadron in the New Year.

I hope to see a lot of you at Taylor's Restaurant on 17 January for our monthly meeting.

Cdr Fred F. Stiehl, P

Executive Officer's Report



The Winter Solstice is past – HURRAH! Each day gets a little longer. Maybe only by one or two minutes at first, but it is definitely noticeable. To me, that means that spring must be coming; warm weather must be coming; boating season must be coming!! OK – maybe not for another couple of months, but I can dream!

During the winter months, OCPS activities continue. Many of our members will be heading south to warmer climates. The rest of us will huddle together and keep warm at our January social meeting. Plan to join us at 1900 on 17 January, at Taylor's Restaurant in Ocean Pines to socialize and toast to a mild winter.

Our Bridge officers are busy preparing the slate of officers and the budget for the 2008-2009 Bridge Year. This will be voted on at the Founder's Day Brunch on 9 February in the Atrium of the Golden Sands Condominium. D/5 Administrative Officer, D/Lt/C Ralph A. Bernard, P, will be present to conduct the election. Be sure to look out the windows to the beach for a surprise in the sand. Plan to come out to support and vote for the incoming Bridge. See the flier on page 7.

P/C Tony Curro, AP, is busy planning for the Seaside Boat Show at the Ocean City Convention Center which will run 15-17 February. I hope many of you are volunteering to man our booth. We can spread the word of the USPS mission on boating education and safety, as well

as show the public that our organization is about more than just "raft-ups and parties." This is an opportunity to get new boaters to sign up for boating classes and become prospective new members.

Change of Watch will take place in April this year to allow the "snow – birds" to return to the shore. We will again be at the Clarion Hotel. See the flier on page 11.

Thank you to everyone who has given a helping hand to the Executive Officer's tasks for the 2007-2008 Bridge year. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Stay warm!

Lt/C Judy Prange, P
Lt Nelson Prange, P

Educational Officer's Message



The Piloting class has been completed. Congratulations to Pat Connelly and Bob Millikin!! Through their hard work and patience, they plugged away and completed the course and are now classified as "PILOT." Again, CONGRATULATIONS!

Also, the instructors that taught the course are to be complimented for their hard work, as well. It takes many hours of their time to put together the material for this extensive course.

The OCPS will be conducting a "BOAT SMART" course exclusively for the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Department members. This course begins on 18 January and will be held at OCVFD Headquarters. Upon satisfactory completion, this will provide the students with a certificate. This course will be taught by P/C Wally Stevenson, AP, assisted by several proctors/members of the OCPS.

The "BOAT SMART" course that will be offered to the public is scheduled to begin on 21 February. This will be held at Stephen Decatur Middle School, located behind the Stephen Decatur High School. The initial class and registration will start at 1830. This course will also be taught by Wally Stevenson. If you know of anyone who is interested in this course, please pass this information to them. Anyone born after 1 July 1972 is required to complete this course before they can operate a recreational boat, including a personal watercraft or jet ski.

We are planning to offer seminars shortly after the Ocean City Boat Show. If you plan to attend the Boat Show, there will be signup sheets at our OCPS booth. These seminars are offered to the public and OCPS members.

If you have any suggestions regarding OCPS courses or are interested in becoming an instructor, please contact me or our Commander.

Lt/C Tim Mullin, P

Administrative Officer's Report



The Harvest Awards emceed by P/C Wally Stevenson, AP, and the evening's camaraderie proved to be enjoyable and filled with laughter. I dutifully returned my prior year's award of the Double Helix with the expectation the auspicious award would be made to another distinguished member. But, alas, Wally was unable to find a worthy recipient to whom it could be awarded. I offered it to any taker, but Wally informed me that I was required to take my award home for safe-keeping. I protested but was told to be more observant of members making faux pas... and to carry a camera. That's what I was told, so be careful - you will be observed!!!

The Holiday Dinner hosted by our Executive Officer Lt/C Judy Prange, P, was a smashing success! The food and music were great and everyone had an enjoyable time. Congratulations and many thanks to all who pitched in to help make this evening so successful.

The General Meeting will be held at Taylor's in Ocean Pines at 1900 on 17 January. Please join us as it promises to be a great evening!

Founder's Day will be held at the Golden Sands on 9 February and the Ocean City Boat Show will be 15-17 February. Please plan to participate in these functions. Those of you who haven't signed up to work at the Boat Show give P/C Tony Curro, AP, a call to see if you can help out as a backup. Also, please think about attending the D/5 Spring Conference at the end of March at the Princess Royale in Ocean City. It is a great opportunity to sit in on some Mini Sessions on the various subjects offered by the District highlighting Educational Courses. This meeting is a great opportunity to gain insight into how your organization works. More information will follow in the next issue of Sandbar Soundings

Last but not least, start preparing a checklist as to what is required to make your vessel safe for the new boating season!

Lt/C Jim Bergold, AP

Treasurer's Report



2007 was another wonderful year for our Squadron. We started the year in the "black" and ended the year in the "black." We hosted this year's district Summer Council at Crisfield and profited by it. We were also fortunate to have DeNovo's Trattoria generously donate the spaghetti, meat balls, and spaghetti sauce for our annual Spaghetti Dinner which was held in October.

I'm sure that all of our attending members and guests would agree that our raft-ups, picnics, socials, and meetings were fun and informative. I would like to encourage all members to consider volunteering to serve on a committee or in an appointed position in the New Year. Such participation can be very rewarding and also infuse new life and ideas into our Squadron.

I wish you all a healthy, safe, and wonderful New Year.

Lt/C Ed Wolpin, S

Safety Officer's Message



Writing this report when there is thin ice on the river and ponds around Ocean Pines, I should be in front of the fireplace reading the book that P/Stf/C Wayne Kirkland, SN, wrote about lightships. Here are a few tips for getting the most from the expensive gas this coming summer.

While your boat is out of the water you can:

- Check the prop for nicks and dings.
- Tune the engine.
- Paint the bottom.

Before starting the next boating season:

- Check all the dock and anchor lines for chafing and wear.
- Look at all the PFDs and see that there is no mildew on them from storage.

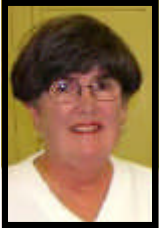
Hopefully, you have removed the electronics from the boat while being stored over the winter. Extreme temperatures can harm the equipment. If your boat is on a storage lot, visit it several times and remove any water on the cover.

Here's hoping the winter will not be too cold and windy. Visit the Ocean City Boat Show in February and see new materials at our display.

See you on the water in late spring.

P/C Bill Killinger, P

Good & Welfare



As many of you know, Pat (S) and Hugh (P) McFadden moved from Ocean Pines to Glen Mills, PA in mid-December. They both were loyal, active members of our Squadron for many years. Pat had served as Secretary (including producing this newsletter and organizing the annual Roster) and Hugh was our Treasurer and a member of the Auditing Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee for several years until health issues required them to retire from those positions. Despite their "retirements" from office, they both continued to "consult" when needed and we were always happy to see them attend various squadron functions. Their service will always be appreciated, and their friendship will continue to be treasured. Check the Roster Update on page 9 of this issue for their new address and phone number.

Sid Stiely and Ed Wolpin continue to recover from their recent hip replacement surgeries (I erroneously reported last issue that Ed's surgery had been a knee replacement. Oops!). I'm sorry to report that Mary Ann Wyrwal suffered a broken ankle several weeks ago. Fortunately, she is on the mend and getting around. Dick Clarke, P, has been sidelined with back problems and is undergoing therapy. Please keep them and all our ailing members in your thoughts.

A "Happy Birthday!" to all members listed on page 9 and belated wishes to Crystal Gift whose 11 November birthday was inadvertently omitted from our last issue.

Lt Jeanne Stiehl, S



District and National News

The next Governing Board meeting is only a little over a month away. While those who are responsible for running the various meetings will arrive in Dallas earlier in the week, many of those who are attending the meetings will arrive by Wednesday evening or Thursday morning. For many of us, Thursday brings various registrations, exhibits to visit, the display of aids the squadron teachers have been using in their various classes, a meeting of those who are interested in taking or teaching the USPS University courses and the inevitable visit to the Ship's Store. There will be a special Townhall Meeting with the Chief Commander which will give members a chance to express their opinions, ideas and proposals about the work of USPS. The afternoon will bring a meeting of squadron and district officers and the general members of the Governing Board which will prepare them for the questions to be discussed and/or voted upon at Satur-

day's day-long meeting. While all this is happening, members of the various National committees will be doing their homework in other meetings. Friday will afford members the time to visit the open meetings of many of the National Committees and in this way to find out what is being planned for the coming year. While the members are involved in all of this, their spouses have an opportunity to be part of the trips which the meetings committee has arranged in and around Dallas. Saturday is taken up with the Governing Board Meeting in the morning and afternoon and the Change of Watch dinner and celebration in the evening. Sunday we will be packing and leaving for home.

National meetings are always a lot of work for committees and a lot of opportunities for members to be a part of the greatest boating organization in the US.

Don't forget the District meeting coming in March right here in Ocean City. These two meetings are a great way to prepare for the coming boating season. See you somewhere!

Stf/C Louis M. Reitz, AP



Administrative Officer, Lt/C Jim Bergold, AP, and Commander Fred Stiehl, P, presented Bob Beck, owner of DeNovo's Trattoria, with a plaque of appreciation for his support of our Spaghetti Dinner.



2007 - Another Great Year for the OCPS Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Program

USPS is celebrating 60 years of the VSC Program, but our OCPS VSC Program began in 2000 thanks to the dedication of P/C Tony Curro, AP, and P/C Pete Fox, AP, who decided to step forward, take the course, take the exam, and become the first two certified VSC Examiners in our Squadron. Since then, we've grown to 19 examiners! During this period of growth, Tony taught VSC classes and P/C Bill Neubrand, AP, was chairman of the Program. In fact, during that same period as Chairman, Bill also conducted the most VSCs each year. The VSC Plaque in the Yacht Club display cabinet has had Bill's name engraved yearly for this honor, and his name will be engraved again for 2007. Last year, at the insistence of Bill who wanted a break, I became the VSC Chairman!

This year, USPS will award one VSC Examiner a \$500 stipend and a berth on the Eagle Ship during its 2008 voyage. For every 20 completed VSCs, a ticket will be placed in the USPS Eagle hat. Bill Neubrand will have two tickets, P/Lt/C Bela Gulyas, AP, and Howard Wentzel, P, will each have one ticket. Hopefully, one of these four tickets will be drawn for this great adventure!

The 2008 VSC Program is now underway. I have the new decals which I'll be passing out soon. If any member would like to be a part of the VSC Program, just let me know. Go to our web site to learn more about this very important program.

Here is a list of our VSC Examiners who combined for 274 VSCs in 2007 (35 more than 2006):

James E. Bergold	12	F.W. Neubrand	42
Richard N. Carl	16	H. Nelson Prange	14
Antonino G. Curro	7	Judith K. Prange	12
Peter M. Fox	5	Thomas P. Quinn	13
Bela J. Gulyas	30	Anthony D. Smith	6
George Hamaty	12	Wallace J. Stevenson	15
Lois Hamaty	13	Fred F. Stiehl	17
William E. Killinger	8	Joan S. Watt	6
John O. Lamphier, Jr.	12	Howard T. Wentzel	25
Daniel H. McGrath, Jr.	10		

Thank you to our great team of Examiners for a job well done!

P/C Joan S. Watt, AP
Chairman, VSC Program



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan

- 11 EXCOM Meeting
Ocean Pines Library
Time: 0930
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535

- 17 General Membership Meeting
Taylor's Restaurant, Ocean Pines
(Drinks and food are available for purchase)
Time: 1900-2100
Lt/C Jim Bergold, AP 410-208-3975

- 18 OCVFD Safe Boating Course
15th Street Fire House, Ocean City
This is a 4 week course for firemen only.
Time: 1900-2100
P/C Wally Stevenson, AP 410-726-1509 or
1-302-253-0533

Feb

- 08 EXCOM Meeting
Ocean Pines Library
Time: 0930
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535

- 09 Founders' Day Brunch & Election of Officers
Golden Sands Condominium
109th St. & Coastal Highway
Time: 1100 Cash Bar/Meet & Greet
1200 Buffet Brunch
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535

- 15-17 OC Boat Show
Ocean City Convention Center
P/C Tony Curro, AP 410-641-8712

- 19-24 USPS Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dallas, TX
Cdr Fred Stiehl, P 410-641-6535

- 21 "Boat Smart" Public Safe Boating Course
Begins
Stephen Decatur Middle School, Berlin, MD
Time: 1830
P/C Wally Stevenson, AP 410-726-1509 or
1-302-253-0533

Be sure to check our
website at
www.ocpowersquadron.org for our
most up-to-date
Calendar of Events.

Roster Corrections

If any of your information needs to be changed, please fill out the form below and mail to:

Cdr Fred Stiehl, P
50 Newport Drive
Ocean Pines, MD 21811 or
E-mail: stiehl@mchsi.com

Member Name(s) _____

Spouse: _____

Grade: _____ Cert. No: _____

Boat Name: _____

Boat Type: _____

Home Port: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cellular Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

SUPPLY OFFICER STILL NEEDED!

The position of Supply Officer (Ship's Store) is still vacant. **Please consider volunteering!** Will Train! Call Cdr Fred Stiehl, P - 410-641-6535.

Ocean City Power Squadron Founder's Day Brunch Meeting 9 February 2008

Golden Sands Club Condominium
22nd Floor Atrium
10900 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD



\$14.00/person
Includes full
brunch

Event Schedule:

- 1100 — Cash Bar/Meet& Greet
- 1200 — Buffet Brunch
- 1300 — General Meeting
Election of Officers
Approval of Budget

Buffet Menu

Egg & Ham Casserole
French Toast Casserole
Home Fries
Fruit Bowl
Chicken Salad
Assorted Breads and Croissants
Assorted Cookies and Danishes
Coffee, Tea, Juices

Deadline for reservations is 2 February 2008

Send reservation form and check payable to OCPS to:

Cdr Fred F. Stiehl, P
50 Newport Drive
Ocean Pines, MD 21811
410-641-6535

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

\$14.00 /Person X _____ People = \$ _____

Harvest "Awards" Social



Cdr Fred Stiehl, P, congratulates P/Lt/C Bela Gulyas, AP, who received a certificate from D/5 to commemorate his nomination for the Chapman Award.



P/C Pete Fox, AP, and P/C Wally Stevenson, AP, "admire" Terry West's Turtle Award which commemorates an unintentional dip in an Ocean Pines canal.



We're the lucky ones! We have Lynn Matriciani who so loyally and cheerfully runs our 50-50 at all of our events. Thank you, Lynn!



Lilli Hodges, S; Bob (P) and Agatha Millikin; and Lt/C Judy Prange, P, pause for a moment to smile for the camera.



Members socialized before the "awards" portion of the evening.



Jere Hodges; P/C Lou Reitz, AP; Lt/C Tim Mullin, P; P/C Wally Stevenson, AP; P/C Bill Killinger, P; and Dave Lloyd enjoyed the evening.



P/C Wally Stevenson, AP, presents one of the lesser "awards" to Dave Lloyd as Doris Lloyd, S, looks on.

Happy Birthday!



Jan	Mar
06 Stuart Smolins	01 Sharon Hunt
08 Don Albaugh	06 Tony Curro
08 Jan Stevenson	08 James Duke
08 Ann Walls	14 Ginny Rush
09 Linda Knight	14 Gail Schrenk
11 Linda Hess	14 Jere Hodges
12 Chuck Hinz	15 Edmond Fleming
12 Gene Rickell	18 Joleen Killinger
16 Alex Connelly	18 Joan David
17 Dan McGrath	19 Doris Lloyd
23 Bonnie Curro	20 Tom Quinn
Feb	23 Betsy Albaugh
03 John Thoroughgood	31 Ellen Wentzel
14 Mary Ann Demo	
16 Lilly Hodges	
16 Wayne Kirklin	
18 Sterling Wyand	
20 Lois Hamaty	
27 Jim Rorke	
29 Hugh McFadden	



ROSTER UPDATE

New Address

Hugh and Pat McFadden
 411 Newlin Pointe
 Glen Mills, PA 19342
 484-842-1677

Christal Gift
 35 N. Ruch Street
 Clopay, PA 18037

New E-Mail

Ed and Joane Wolpin
 e.wolpin@yahoo.com

TV PROGRAM

The Ocean City Power Squadron effort to provide used televisions to needy patients in the Berlin Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is an ongoing one. If you have an extra TV, please consider donating it to this worthy cause. Contact the activities department at the Center (410-641-4400) for further information. Identify yourself as an OCPS member and contact Terry West, AP, at twest@prosyn.com to inform her of your donation.



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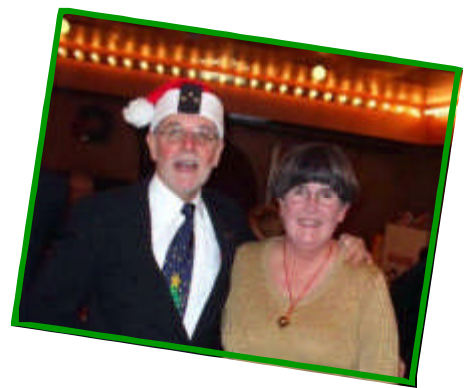
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Holiday Party

"...and to all a good night!"



Ocean City Power Squadron Change of Watch

Friday, 18 April 2008

Clarion Resort Hotel
101st Street & Coastal Highway, Ocean City

Time: 1800 Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres
1900 Dinner



\$37.00
per Person

Price includes one
free alcoholic
beverage of your
choice

Menu
Choice of:

Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus
Orange Roughy with Chef's Choice Sauce
Vegetarian
With:
Garden Salad
Chef's Choice of Starch and Vegetables
Rolls and Butter
Assorted Mini Desserts
Coffee, Decaf Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Following the
ceremonies, we
will migrate
upstairs to the
Ocean Front
Horizon's Lounge
and celebrate by
dancing to
live music

*** Please respond by 7 April 2008 to:***

Cdr Fred F. Stiehl, P
50 Newport Drive
Ocean Pines, MD 21811
410-641-6535
Make check payable to **OCPS**

Name: _____

Prime Rib of Beef Orange Roughy Vegetarian

Name: _____

Prime Rib of Beef Orange Roughy Vegetarian

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