



# Cornfield Sailor



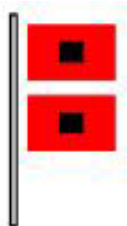
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## Mark your Calendar.....

- 21-26 May • Safe Boating Week  
 22 May • Bridge Meeting  
 5 June • Member Meeting  
 10 June • Summer Social  
 26 June • Bridge Meeting  
 10 July • Member Meeting  
 24 July • Bridge Meeting  
 28-29 July • D24 Rendezvous  
 30 July • D24 Council



## 2006-2007 Bridge.....

Cdr George D. Herrington, N  
Commander

Lt/C Russell G. Wahlers, P  
Executive Officer

Lt/C Neville B. Edenborough, N  
Education Officer

Lt/C Joe D. Marcum, N  
Asst. Education Officer

Lt/C Robert A. Lampi, AP  
Administrative Officer

Lt/C James W. Dolder, S  
Secretary

Lt/C. R. Thomas Foreman, AP  
Treasurer

## Commander's Notes .....

Greetings fellow marine enthusiasts, spring is here and those of us who boat are busily getting our vessels ready for the upcoming season. Don't forget to be safe on the water and by all means have and use proper life preservers anytime you cast off. At our recent membership meeting we watched a very good video from the US Coast Guard about life preserver use. If anyone missed it and would like to see the video, just let me know and I will arrange to get the CD to you. I hope everyone is looking forward to a great year on the water this summer boating season.

Our next two social gatherings will be the New Member/Summer Social at Eagle Creek Sailing Club on June 10th and the District 24 Summer Rendezvous/Council at Craig's Creek on July 28-30th. The annual Hoosier Summer Social is a chance to meet some of our newer members and also have a great afternoon with our many friends in Hoosier. Plan on attending this year and by all means bring a friend, you won't regret it. As many of you can testify, this is an enjoyable gathering made even better when it is well supported.



The Summer Rendezvous/Council at Craig's Creek needs your help. Hoosier has "earned" the responsibility of organizing the Raft Race this year and we need volunteers to help out. If you want to pitch in and help Hoosier redeem themselves with this upcoming race, contact P/C Joe Niesse, JN or me. It is our intention to move from a last place finish in 2005 to the winners circle in 2006. We can't do that without a lot of ideas and help from our members. Your squadron needs you!

Last of all, I would like to speak briefly about our monthly Membership/ExComm meetings. The dates and times are listed in your roster, but generally are the 1st Monday of each month, unless calendar conflicts arise. At each meeting we make an effort to have a small program at 1830 and a business meeting starting at 1900. I want to encourage all of you to attend these meetings and also feel free to bring a guest. Good attendance at these gatherings generates enthusiasm, which sends a message of involvement throughout the entire squadron, which in-turn causes more interest and involvement within the general membership ranks. So come early, have a nice MCL dinner and enjoy the evening. I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming meetings.

Have a safe boating season.

George D. Herrington, N  
Commander

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## HSPS Change of Watch 2006!!!

Hoosier Sail & Power Squadron celebrated its 54th annual Change of Watch on 4 March 2006. This year's event, held in Fishers at The Hawthorns, witnessed the transfer of the helm from P/C



Louis F. Chenette, SN to Cdr George D. Herrington, N. Other bridge officers for the 2006-07 Watch Year include



Executive Officer Lt/C Russell G. Wahlers, P; Education Officer Neville B. Edenborough, N; Assistant Education Officer Joe D. Marcum, N; Administrative Officer Lt/C Robert A. Lampi, AP; Secretary Lt/C James Dolder, S; and Treasurer Lt/C R. Thomas Foreman, AP. Following a superb

dinner, HSPS members and guests were entertained by the musical duo "Slick and the Professor."

Special District 24 guests in attendance included outgoing D/C Jack E. Banister, AP and Education Officer D/Lt/C Thomas Larimer, SN. Cdr. Banister provided his views of the direction of USPS in his post-dinner talk. The evening concluded with some particularly timely and motivational remarks by incoming H S P S Commander Herrington who was accompanied by his wife Linda and children. Congratulations, George!



## District 24 Change of Watch....

District 24 Change of Watch was held as part of the D24 Spring Council and Conference 17-18 March 2006 at the newly remodeled Clifty Inn near Madison, Indiana. This year is particularly special for HSPS since the new Commander is our own D/C William J. McDonald, AP. Bill has served in several D24 bridge officer positions and is a HSPS past commander.

Members and guests at this year's D24 Spring Council and Conference competed in an old-fashioned checkers tournament on Friday evening. Saturday's activities included a tour of Lanier Mansion, a State historical site dating back to 1844 followed by lunch in downtown Madison. Saturday evening's banquet was superb and featured entertainment by a local musical trio. Congratulations Bill, our new District 24 Commander!



Pictured above, P/D/C Jack E. Banister, AP, was recently honored by Governor Mitch Daniels, Jr. by being named as a "Distinguished Hoosier". Prior "Sagamore of the Wabash" recipients P/D/C Damon C. Davis, AP (2005) and D/C William J. McDonald, AP (2001) presented the award on behalf of the Governor at the District 24 Change of Watch. Congratulations, Jack!

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**Lost and Found** - The HSPS Academus Award, our plaque materials, including the stockpile of medallions is missing. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these items please contact the Academus Committee chairman, P/C S. Eugene Easley, SN or Cdr. George Herrington, N.

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## National Safe Boating week May 21-26

The U.S. Power Squadrons (USPS) is offering a special Boat Smart course across the United States during National Safe Boating Week May 20-26. This comprehensive course offers valuable skill building information, incorporating the latest marine technology for both experienced and new boaters. As a special offer for National Safe Boating Week, most USPS squadrons will offer a free charting supplement and a free CD developed by Maptech on using digital charts. Now that NOAA is offering free digital charts, boaters will want to learn how to use them.

Many of USPS 450 squadrons nationwide will also be offering seminars on topics such as Global Positioning System (GPS) and the use of nautical charts and performing demonstrations of various boating and safety equipment. To locate and preregister for a Boat Smart course visit: [www.usps.org/localusps/hoosier](http://www.usps.org/localusps/hoosier) or call Neville Edenborough.



The Boat Smart course is designed to give new boaters the information that they need to make them more confident and competent boaters by teaching them the rules of boating. For details about HSPS's upcoming safe boating courses as well as USPS advanced grade classes, contact Lt/C Neville B. Edenborough, N at (317) 299-7420.

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## Volunteer Needed...

We're looking for a volunteer to help our Flag Lieutenant occasionally with his duties. P/D/C Guy Waddy, JN, who shows up early at all meetings to set up the squadron flags and lead the pledge is asking for a little help now and then. The person volunteering to help Guy, will have an opportunity to take on more of these "Flag Lieutenant" duties as they learn the responsibilities and if they enjoy the work. Lets give Guy a little break with some help. This is a great opportunity to help the squadron. The pay is fantastic, the hours are great, and there's no heavy lifting involved. Contact either Guy or George if you can help out.

## Roy T. Romine, SN



Roy T. Romine, SN sailed from this world on 7 March 2006. His greatest adventures in addition to raising four daughters included years of sailing with his wife of 59 years, Carolyn C. Romine, SN, aboard their boats "Syn or Sym" and "Morning Wings." Some of their favorite destinations

included ports of call in Massachusetts, South Africa, Trinidad, St. Thomas USVI, and St Augustine. Roy served in the US Navy in WWII and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1948 as a mechanical engineer. He founded RTR Associates in 1970 and retired in 1986. Roy served as a Director for the Seven Seas Cruising Association and was active in the Hoosier Sail and Power Squadron for many years. Memorial contributions can be made to Roy's alma mater, Tilton School, Tilton, NH 03276 or to a charity of your choice. Roy's laughter, enthusiasm, expertise, and passion for sailing will be sorely missed by HSPS.

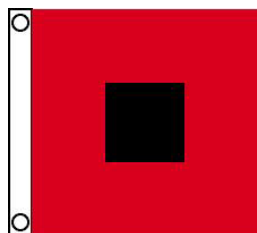
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## Hurricane Report from P/C John Wuerz, SN ...

I am Class Chairman of Sail in the Peace River Power Squadron, and am also taking on a position on the District 22 Seamanship and Sail Committee. Just finished teaching Sail 101 during January 2006, including an on-the water session aboard *Antares* in 28 knots true wind, and will teach Sail 102 in February.

The past two hurricane seasons have been rough here. Charlie hit us in 2004 as a category 4 with sustained winds of 145 mph. Satellite photos clearly show us in the center of the eye as it passed directly overhead. Our sailboat, *Antares*, came through Hurricane Charlie without a scratch, primarily due to a bit of luck and the extraordinary measures I took to protect her. Our home sustained \$12,000 in damages, one vehicle about \$8,000, and the other was a total loss. All of the homes around us lost their roof tiles: we lost only one cracked tile due to a fallen tree. Two of the six homes immediately adjacent to us had to be razed, and a third was

uninhabitable for over a year.



My sources tell me that the USPS Boat Insurance Program has lost in the last two hurricane seasons all that it collected in premiums since inception of the program in 1988. Forty-five percent of its business was concentrated in eight coastal

states. All insurance companies here are drastically cutting their exposure. New boat insurance is almost impossible to obtain. St. Paul is apparently restricting new insurance here to boats under 30 ft, and renewals to boats less than 10 years old and less than \$100,000 insured value.

Elfrieda and I send our best regards to HSPS!

P/C John M. Wuerz, SN  
Peace River Power Squadron  
Punta Gorda, FL

Editor's Note: John reports that he and long-time friend and HSPS colleague P/C Ralph J. Walsh, SN are running neck and neck on Merit Marks. At last count, both John and Ralph have earned 29! Watch out, Bob Zike! (38)

## HSPS SUMMER SOCIAL

Where? Eagle Creek Sailing Club  
Lower Shelter House

When? 10 June 2006 at 1100 hours

HSPS provides hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixin's. Johnsonville brats available! Each family is asked to bring a covered dish or desert to share. Chips and beverages available at nominal cost.

Cost is \$6.00/adult. Kids under 12 free!

Games and an auction are planned. If you have an item to auction or donate, bring it along. HSPS/Eagle Creek Sailing Club members will be taking those interested sailing. (Please bring a PFD if you have small children who will be sailing.)

Please call Bob Lampi (317) 881-8023 to RSVP so we can get a count for ordering food.

## Roster & Handbook Corrections.....

The HSPS 2006-07 Roster & Handbook has been mailed to members. If you have not received your copy, please let us know. In addition to the traditional printed copy, an online version of the HSPS Roster is also available on the squadron's website by selecting the appropriate link on the *Cornfield Sailor* page. The online Roster will incorporate corrections and changes that occur during the watch year before the next printed version is published. As a member privacy matter, the online Roster is password protected. The password can be obtained by emailing the editor at [rgwahlers@comcast.net](mailto:rgwahlers@comcast.net). Please note the following corrections to the 2006-07 Roster: (p. 15) USPS Fall Governing Board date is 15-20 August; (p. 17) Boat Show chairperson is P/Lt/C Norman O. Ottinger, SN; (p. 27) Ron Gacsko's email address is [rgacsko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rgacsko@sbcglobal.net); (p.29) George Herrington's work phone should be listed as cell phone no. (317) 696-5458 and email address as [george@handy.pair.com](mailto:george@handy.pair.com); (p.32) Robert Legacy's work phone is (765) 451-1831 and email address is [pamandbob1@earthlink.net](mailto:pamandbob1@earthlink.net). Please notify the editor of any other errors and/or changes.



## BMV Launch Online Renewal for Boaters

Indiana watercraft owners can now register their boats and other water-based vessels online through a new service offered by the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The BMV has launched My Watercraft, a renewal service that mirrors its popular online auto renewal option.

To renew a watercraft registration online, boaters may visit [www.bmvexpress.IN.gov](http://www.bmvexpress.IN.gov) and follow the registration links. Users may use credit cards or electronic checkj information to complete the transaction. A new registration decal will arrive in about a week.



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