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**Saturday 1 June, 2002**  
**Boating Safety Olympics**  
**Peace Valley Park**  
**Doylestown - New Brittan**  
**1100 AM**

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The summer is upon us now and it is time for fun. Before you leave for the great summer breezes, I thought I would share some of the progress that we have made at the April General Meeting and the May Executive Meeting.

We tried a new format at the April meeting. We conducted a short business meeting within 30 minutes so that we would have time to break into groups to discuss and enhance events to be held through out the year. The members went to work and came up with a list of ideas, which we believe will improve upcoming events for the year. There was, however, a common theme developed from each group and that was a need to communicate with greater frequency what events were happening within the Squadron. With this in mind, you should have found the Squadron's calendar of events in the May issue of The Portlight. We will continue to update the Squadron events in The Portlight at least twice prior to an event. This should provide ample notice to all members to make note on their calendars of coming events so hopefully they can

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complete we were underway and the students were given instructions on where to look for the markers along the way.

Jim Heckman, along with the captain of the boat, went through communications on a boat so that the students got a better understanding of what was going on during the cruise. One interesting point was brought out by the captain. Boats and ships along the river communicate on channel 13 to provide their ship's intentions rather than using sound signals. The idea behind this thinking is that there are so many vessels on the river that it's better to communicate directly with a vessel by radio than with sound signals.



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EDUCATION CRUISE

The Delaware Valley Educational Cruise was once again a success. Four squadrons including Pennsway, Trenton Falls, Delaware River and Kingsway took the cruise on the Delaware River. There were 42 members that took part in the Educational Cruise. D/Lt Jim Heckman, SN and Cdr Paul Vancellette, P took time to point out various aspects of Navigation. The students were started with the charts and plotting a course for the cruise. After the plotting was

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and surely had a learning experience which they now may apply to their own boating ability. The bottom line is that the new members got a chance to hear the more experienced members tell them the "what to do's" and the "what not to do's" while underway. Happy boating to you all.



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plan to attend.

It is my intention to contact the local Squadron Commanders and discuss the possibility of coordinating educational schedules as well as boat show schedules. Our thinking is that if we could provide all USPS courses at least once a year by sharing the educational resources of all squadrons in our local area, all members would have access to any course they might care to take. What a possibility ! We would also like to work to coordinate the boat shows so that each squadron involved can maximize the benefits of general public interest in the various squadrons. This can be accomplished by having those interested filling out an informational raffle form which would be given to all participating squadron Commanders who would then contact those participants in their area for a follow up. (Each squadron would present the winning raffle person with a safety kit).

I am grateful for the help of P/C Al Beck, SN who has worked on the Philadelphia Boat Show for 18 years. Al has advised me of all the pit falls and has been a tremendous help in making this event so successful for Pennsway Power Squadron. Thank you Al.

I would like to extend a special thanks to P/C Bob Howell, AP; D/Lt John Gill, AP and Judy Gill, AP. Thanks to Bob for doing a great job as Master of Ceremonies, creating the cover design for the program bulletin and working as liaison with the Sandy Run Country Club. Our thanks to John and Judy for creating and preparing the program bulletin. What an outstanding job you all performed.

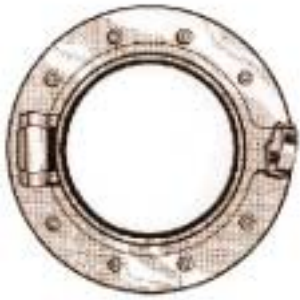
I would like to note P/C George Fesmire, SN. has fallen ill and think we should all send him a

get-well card. George has been instrumental through the years in all areas of Pennsway to make it a Great Power Squadron. We have leaned on him for many years and it is his time to lean on us. Send your cards to his home at 512 Haws La. Erdenheim, PA 19075. George, you are in our thoughts and prayers.



## NEW FLAG OFFICER- Lt JOSEPH HURST, P

I am very happy and proud to appoint Pennsway's new Flag Officer, Lt Joseph Hurst, P. Joe is one of our new members and was trying to find a way he could contribute to Pennsway. It turns out that Joe has a very special skill with website design and construction. Joe's first task will be to update our website, then put together a website which will not only be more interesting and educational, but will enable us to access search engines for our boating needs. P/C Tom Wisniewski, AP will be working with Joe on the website development. Joe will have a



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preliminary design for presentation at our June Executive Meeting.

## BATTLESHIP MEETING



Cdr White presents P/C Art Hill, SN his Life Membership Award aboard the New Jersey.

Pennsway had 40 members attend the General Meeting aboard the Battleship New Jersey on 16 May 2002. Members went aboard the battleship and were directed to the General Enlisted Men's Mess where they had delicious hoagies along with chips and sodas. Members were then escorted in groups of ten for a one hour tour of the ship. The tour led them from the bridge of the ship, Combat Information Center and through many other workspaces on the ship. The tour really depicted the life of a sailor. There was a short meeting where we had the honor of presenting P/C Art Hill, SN his Life Membership Award. P/R/C William McManimen, III, JN, Dt/Lt John Gill, AP, and D/Lt James Heckman, SN will also receive Life Membership

Awards. This award is given to those members who have earned 25 Merit Marks over the years and have obviously contributed greatly to USPS. Thanks to all of you for your hard work.

I know of another member who next year will be eligible for his 25<sup>th</sup> Merit Mark, Lt Richard Parker, N. I wish Dick Parker and all of the members well in their quest to make Pennsway a better squadron in the future. Keep up the good work everyone. I would like to point out that after 25 Merit Marks you don't have to pay membership dues. What can you do to help Pennsway in the future? We welcome all efforts and ideas.

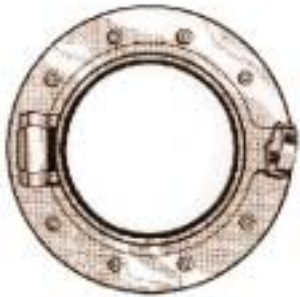
Cdr Edward White, S

## PENNSWAY IN ROSLYN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Cdr Ed White with wife Pam and son Alex entered the Roslyn Memorial Day Parade with their boat promoting safe boating and education.

According to Cdr White, Lt Bill Bustard, S video taped the parade and delivered to Channel 6 Action News for airing that evening. Cdr White handed out USPS boating brochures along the parade route.



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## PENNSWAY CHESAPEAKE BAY RENDEZVOUS

COME ON DOWN AND HAVE SOME FUN!

**AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>**

**HAVEN HARBOUR MARINA, ROCK HALL, MD**

20880 Rock Hall Avenue (Route 20), MD 410.778.6697 FAX: 410.639.2971  
DIRECTIONS: Interstate 95(S), DE 896(S), US 301(S), MD 291(W), MD 20(S) from  
Chestertown to Rock Hall



Come on down to beautiful Rock Hall and enjoy a weekend of fun and fellowship with your squadron members. Our schedule will be similar to last year having a casual supper (order pizza, etc.) followed by visits on hospitality boats. Saturday's breakfast is on your own and lunch is "bring your own picnic" to the picnic area. We'll have special events going throughout the day.

Saturday evening is a potluck supper with grilled meats and non-alcoholic beverages provided (BYO for all other drinks). The grand finale will be a full breakfast on Sunday morning. Slip renters will need to leave by noon Sunday.

Please reserve slips at the marina early and through Jane Scarborough. You should also reserve motel or hotel rooms early as well. Mark your calendar now and send in your reservation form found in this issue of The Portlight to Jane Scarborough.

SEE YOU ALL AT HAVEN HARBOUR in Rock Hall, MD.

FRI	1400	Early arrivers may use the pool and other marina facilities.
	1800	Light supper at the picnic area. You may share the cost of ordering pizza or bring your own.
	1900	Socialize on hospitality boats (BYOB).
SAT	1000	Relay races for all ages and special children's activities.
	1100	Scavenger hunt.
	1230	Bring your own lunch to the picnic area.
	1330	Disabled dinghy race, followed by near shore navigation contest.
	1500	Swimming, horseshoes, croquet, shuffleboard, volleyball, paddle boat riding.
	1700	Cocktails (BYOB), followed by cookout dinner. Your registration fee will cover a meat item and non-alcoholic beverages.
		<b>EVERYONE IS ASKED TO BRING EITHER AN APPETIZER, SALAD OR DESSERT.</b>
		<b>CALL LINDA ROGERS AT 215. 362.1181 TO COORDINATE WHAT FOOD TO BRING</b>
	1930	Socialize on hospitality boats (BYOB).
SUN	0900	Breakfast. Your registration fee will cover coffee/tea, fresh fruit salad, juice, scrambled eggs, sausage, and bagels or bakery item.

\$10 per person gives you all the above! Deadline for registration is July 26<sup>th</sup>



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Planning to stay in a motel or bed and breakfast? Make your own early reservations.

Mariners Motel	410.639.2291	Inn at Osprey	410.639.2194	Comfort Suites Chestertown
North side Motel	410.639.7061	Swan Point Inn	410.639.2500	410.810.0555

Questions? Call Jane Scarborough at 215.345.7254 or E-mail [Elysium@bellatlantic.net](mailto:Elysium@bellatlantic.net)

✂ ✂ ----- SEND TO: Jane Scarborough, 13 Sauerman Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901 -----

## PENNSWAY CHESAPEAKE RENDEZVOUS RESERVATION FORM

**Name** of each person attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee Enclosed:** (\$10.00 per person age eight or older) (checks payable to PENNSWAY) Amt. \_\_\_\_\_

### Meals:

SATURDAY cookout supper: # of people \_\_\_\_\_ SUNDAY breakfast # of people \_\_\_\_\_

### Hospitality Boat Gatherings:

FRIDAY evening # of people \_\_\_\_\_ SATURDAY evening # of people \_\_\_\_\_

### I want to help with:

SATURDAY games \_\_\_\_\_ SATURDAY covered dish supper \_\_\_\_\_ SUNDAY breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

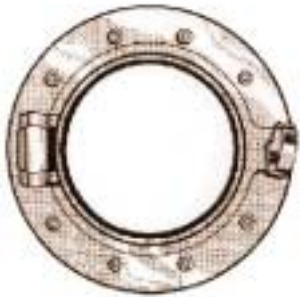
**Slip Reservation** (send to Jane early to guarantee a slip) - Boat name: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

FRI (Aug. 2) \_\_\_\_\_ SAT (Aug. 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_\_

Electric requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Rates: \$1.50 per foot with a \$6.00 charge for each 30 Amp electric line. 50 Amp service is \$12.00 per night.  
(There is also a 3% slip tax in Rock Hall that must be added to the dockage bill.)



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The fourth installment of the Four-Not-So Famous Wrecks follows. We wish to express our thanks to P/C J. McLendon, JN for providing these articles for The Portlight.

## Granholt and The T.F.L. Express - 576 F. Supp. 435,

On July 8, 1981 the Olympus Camera departed Newport, R.I. for Portugal. Kai Granholt was sailing her alone. The first four days of the voyage passed uneventfully. On July 11, the sun set in a clear sky. Granholt was on deck. He checked the navigation equipment and all functions of the Camera, including the sails and the navigation lights. Afterwards, he had a cup of coffee in the cockpit of the Camera and went below to sleep.



Resting in his bunk, Granholt was suddenly awakened by "a terrible crashing noise." The Camera rolled over, throwing Granholt to the deck. She then righted herself. Granholt rushed to the cockpit where he saw the stern of a large

vessel just passing by. Granholt contacted the nearby vessel's master by VHF radio and asked that she return to assist him. When the Express circled back and arrived alongside the Camera, Granholt advised her master that it did not appear that the Camera would sink. Granholt attempted to sail the damaged vessel to port at Newport, R.I. but was forced to abandon the Camera on July 14<sup>th</sup>. He was picked up by the CYS BRILLIANCE, bound for Venezuela.

In the litigation that followed, the Granholt was assessed 50% of the blame for not maintaining a proper lookout even though the Express was a power vessel overtaking a sailing vessel. The court stated in the decision that "Granholt's decision to go below during the nighttime was negligent. His own testimony reflects an awareness that this was so. ... Granholt said that 'as a rule I made it a habit to take my resting periods during daytime and when the conditions were such that I could afford having some rest.' The reasons are obvious. ... It may seem unfeeling to condemn single handed transatlantic sailors for sleeping at night. But they pursue this hazardous avocation voluntarily, and are not exempt from the requirements of prudent seamanship."

**A proper lookout is required at all times, even when it is not convenient to keep a lookout.**

