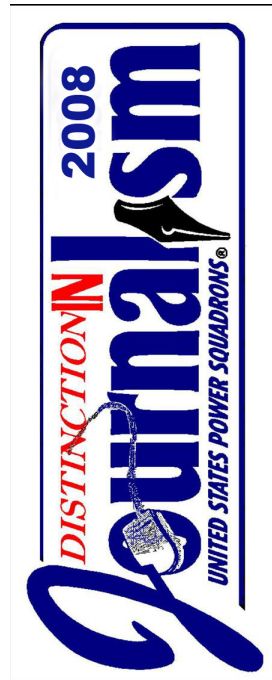


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## Events Coming Downriver

### Check PPS website to confirm

- **D/7 Rendezvous**— 24-26 Jul— Fox Chapel Yacht Club & Oakmont Yacht Club
- **PPS Rendezvous**— 01 Aug— Allegheny River Mile 12.2
- **USPS National Meeting**— 09-12 Sep  
 – Kansas City, MO
- **PPS Steak fry**— 17 Sep— O'Hara Landing
- **Onboard Weather Forecasting Seminar**— 22 Sep— OYC
- **D/7 Fall Conference**— 06-08 Nov— Cleveland Airport Marriott



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## Pittsburgh Power Squadron Logo Merchandise



**Shirts:** Pittsburgh Power Squadron offers logo shirts for sale to its membership. The shirts are high quality that you will be proud to wear and represent that you are a Pittsburgh Power Squadron member (order form on page 9)

**Deadline for the next edition is 26 August**

## E-Mail Addresses

Unfortunately, the cost of mailing and printing continues upward. With this issue, "On the Rivers" will no longer be printed and mailed to members for whom we do not have working E-Mail addresses.

We need E-Mail addresses for Mary Ann Keown, the Doblars, and Jack Farrell. To receive On the Rivers in the future, send an E-Mail to [jane.brandenstein@verizon.net](mailto:jane.brandenstein@verizon.net) so that we may update your E-Mail address in the Squadron's database.

## Membership Rosters

We will E-Mail an unformatted Excel spreadsheet of the current roster to any member upon request. We will distribute printed rosters at Squadron social events.

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## Vessel Safety Check, 1st Lt Rich Malin

Our Vessel Safety Check program aims to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and environmental impact by performing equipment safety inspections aboard recreational boats. At the same time, the program seeks to maximize the enjoyment of U.S. waterways by recreational boaters. Examiner discussions with recreational boaters motivate boaters to maintain and operate their boats in a safe manner, to take boating safety courses, to increase their knowledge and skills in boating, and to promote safe boating.



Pittsburgh is blessed with a number of dedicated Vessel Safety Check Examiners who perform VSCs in four states. We are looking for more members to get involved in our program. You will become certified to perform Vessel Safety Checks, and be a safer boater yourself. Our goal is to have a certified examiner at each local marina (Fox Chapel Marina,

Oakmont Yacht Club, Bell Harbor, O'Hara Landing, Washington's Landing Marina, Aspinwall, Peggy's Harbor, Lighthouse, River Forest, and Schenley).

It is not difficult to get certified. We will supply you with a book to read and then assist you through the exam. After you pass the on-line test you will have to do 5 supervised vessel safety checks. You are then a Certified USPS Vessel Safety Check Examiner, and on your own.



Pittsburgh Power Squadron invites you to enjoy a day on the Allegheny waterfront with your fellow members

When: **Saturday 1 August 2009**

Where: The riverfront docks and the homes of Jack Klein, and Dan and Carolyn Fuchs

711 Riverside Drive (off Pennsylvania Ave) Oakmont PA

What to bring: Yourself and your friends, covered dish, salad, or dessert, clothing for the weather.

Who to contact: Jack Klein at 1-412-551-6200 or [jklein4504@aol.com](mailto:jklein4504@aol.com).

Let Jack know by **26 Jul** if you are coming by boat, and by **30 Jul** if you are coming by land.

Cost: No charge—contributions gratefully accepted. The Squadron will provide grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and chicken, plus condiments, snacks, pop, beer, & wine.

If you are coming by boat: state your intentions to Jack Klein by **26 July**. Dockage is limited. Let Jack know your boat length, Boat Name, and a return phone number. Arrive at mile 12.2, right ascending bank between **1300** and **1600**. Call on Channel 67.

If you are coming by car: Arrive anytime after **1700**. Cross the Hulton Bridge toward Oakmont, turn right on Allegheny Ave., right at 1st stop sign onto Pennsylvania Ave. Riverside Drive is the last street on the right. Park on Pennsylvania Ave.

## Boat Operator Certification

USPS certifies members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. We expect that these certifications will be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally. In the United States, The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has asked congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters. We intend to have USPS certification accepted as the above proof and be accepted as the national certificate for the USA.

USPS currently plans four levels of Boat Operator Certification:

- Inland Navigator
- Coastal Navigator
- Advanced Coastal Navigator
- Offshore Navigator

### Advantages for Members

A certificate of operator proficiency will be of valuable to USPS members when:

- Renting, chartering or leasing a boat, especially in another country
- Obtaining insurance
- Engaging in competition
- Speaking in public
- Testifying as an expert witness
- Lobbying
- Serving on an advisory panel
- Being quoted in the media
- Being introduced in a public setting

P/R/C Bob Brandenstein will conduct a Basic Power Boat Handling certification session at the D/7 Rendezvous on Sat 25JUL09 at 10:00AM at Fo0x Chapel Yacht Club. Demonstrating your boat handling skills on the water in a small boat is a necessary step in achieving your Inland Navigator certification. The skill requirements are listed in Section 13 of the Boat Operator certification manual at [http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/files/boc\\_material/boc\\_manual.pdf](http://www.usps.org/national/eddept/boc/files/boc_material/boc_manual.pdf). Contact Bob at [robert.brandenstein@verizon.net](mailto:robert.brandenstein@verizon.net) if you wish to participate.



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### **USPS University Seminars**

USPS University is **HERE** and offers a series of short, focused courses on subjects of interest to boat operators and crews. Designed for boaters who want to gain knowledge about one specific topic, they are open to the general public as well as USPS members. Experienced boaters will find that seminars provide explicit information on subjects of interest to them. Beginning boaters will find the opportunity to understand topics that may seem buried beneath layers of jargon. Seminars complement the longer courses on boating subjects offered by USPS.

The Seminar Series is a part of the USPS University education program, which includes a comprehensive plan of more than 12 seminars both for the public and for squadron members, dovetailing with the on-the-water Boat Operator Certification program. Seminars are held at Oakmont Yacht Club and are scheduled monthly beginning in September. Our next seminars will be:

**On-Board Weather Forecasting**, Tue 22 SEP

**Power Boat Handling**, Thur 22 OCT

**Using GPS**, Thur 26 NOV 26

**Using VHF Radio and DSC**, Thur 17 DEC

### **Fall 2009 Member Classes-OYC-7:30PM**

**Seamanship..** Focuses on boat handling. The next course to take after the public boating course, begins Tue 22 SEP

**Marine electronics 103..** Learn about using depth sounders, RADAR, LORAN-C, GPS Navigation, Electronic Charting, and Computer-Assisted Navigation (CAN), begins Tue 06 OCT

**Navigation..** The fall session of N finishes the topics necessary to understand and use celestial navigation. Special emphasis is on offshore navigation and plotting using "The Cap'n" software package. The fall session of N begins Thur 24 SEP

### **4th Floor - Campbell Gallery**

**April 24 - July 2009**



Local photographer John Beale recently chronicled a 350-mile journey along the Allegheny River, beginning with a trickle in Coudersport, Pa., all the

way to the confluence of the Monongahela River in downtown Pittsburgh to form the Ohio River.

This unique photo exhibit, made up of more than 25 images from Beale's 13-month journey, won the 2008 Edward

Romano Award for photography in the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania's Golden Quill Awards.



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**2009 Summer D17 Cruise– Pittsburgh Pa**

**D7 Cruise to Pittsburgh**

**Friday, July 24 – Sunday, July 26, 2009**

**Theme: Hawaii on the Allegheny**

**Location: Fox Chapel Marine**

**Planned activities**

**Friday dinner: Baja Bar & Grille at Fox Chapel Marine**

**Saturday morning: Flag raising ceremony at Oakmont Yacht Club**

**Saturday cruise to the Point**

**Saturday dinner: Oakmont Yacht Club**

**Cruise committee**

**Chairs: Tom and Joanne Hancock**

**Jay and Dawn Cerretta**

**Ken and Lynda Leque**

**Craig Fraser and Liana Mihalca**

**2009 Summer D17 Cruise– Pittsburgh Pa**

**D7 Summer 2009 Cruise Reservation Form**

**Friday, July 24 – Sunday, July 26, 2009**

**Theme: Hawaii on the Allegheny**

Hotel accommodations by Friday  
July 10, 2009: contact Comfort Inn  
Comfort Inn  
2801 Freeport Rd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
412-828-9400  
Rate: \$79.99/night + tax under Power  
Squadron D7  
Amenities: in-room coffee,  
restaurant, lounge, fitness center,  
outdoor pool, complimentary  
breakfast

Marina accommodations by Friday  
July 10, 2009: contact Tom Hancock  
Fox Chapel Marine  
1366 Old Freeport Rd  
Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
888-716-5495  
Rate: \$35.00/night + \$20.00 launch fee  
Amenities: launch/ramp, outdoor  
pool, restaurant, water/power  
hookup, safe vehicle/trailer storage  
Boat: Yes/No  
Boat name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat length/width: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home/cell phone contact \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Friday dinner at Fox Chapel Marine (Baja Bar and Grille): hamburgers, hotdogs,  
cole slaw, potato salad Number: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Cruise Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday buffet dinner at Oakmont Yacht Club - \$15 (pay at the door)  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations & payment by Wednesday, July 22, 2009: Tom Hancock  
426 Emerson Ave NW  
North Canton, OH 44720  
330-499-3660