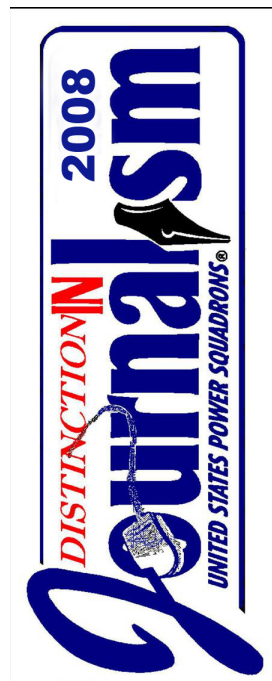


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Boating is Fun...we'll Show you how

Events Coming Downriver **Check PPS website to confirm**

- **PPS Wing Night Social** 10 Feb- Oakmont Yacht Club
- **America's Boating Course** 01 Mar- West Marine, McKnight Road, North Hills
- **PPS Annual Meeting**—5 Mar- OYC
- **PPS Change of Watch**— 5 Mar- OYC
- **America's Boating Course** 06 Mar- OYC
- **D/7 Spring Conference**— 01-03 Apr- Sawmill Creek Resort—Huron Ohio
- **America's Boating Course** 05 Apr- Fox Chapel Yacht Club, old Freeport Rd, O'Hara Twp.
- **America's Boating Course** 10 May- Three Rivers Custom Canvas, Rochester Road, North Hills



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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. To order, contact Dawn Cerreta via the PPS website.

Deadline for the next edition is 26 April

E-Mail Addresses

We wish to print and mail as few copies of our newsletter as possible. Each printed and mailed copy costs over \$1 each. E-Mail saves postage and printing expense, the publication is in color, and the information is a bit more timely than it may be otherwise. If you received this copy of On the Rivers by regular mail, it is because we have no working E-Mail address on file for you.

If you receive this "On the Rivers" by regular mail, send an E-Mail to jane.brandenstein@verizon.net so that we may update your E-Mail address on 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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USPS University Seminars are HERE!!

USPS University offers a series of short, focused courses on over a dozen 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 who do not feel the need for multi-session boating courses 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 and the Boat Operator Certification program. The entire program will include a comprehensive education plan of dozens of seminars both for the public and for squadron members, leading to an on-the-water Boat Operator Certification program.

Check the Pittsburgh Power Squadron website for upcoming seminars and dates.

Norton 360

Pittsburgh Power Squadron ordered 30 copies of Norton 360 for use by Squadron members over the next twelve months. You can protect one of your computers for a year for \$5.00. Better yet, you can protect three of your computers for a year for \$10.00 total. Send your order to Bob Brandenstein at robert.brandenstein@verizon.net.

From Commander John Esposito, JN

"Volunteerism"

Last year I had the great pleasure of preparing the Pittsburgh Power Squadron's Merit Mark Recommendation List. For this list, the Commander identifies the Squadron member by name and certificate number and then prepares a write-up of what the member has done to warrant receipt of a Merit Mark. This list is submitted to District for review and then the approved nominees are awarded the Merit Mark, which is issued and also recorded and tracked in the records maintained at the National level.

The Merit Mark, of course, is official recognition that the member has helped the Pittsburgh Power Squadron in some significant task.

For 2010, the Pittsburgh Power Squadron nominated 23 members for Merit Marks and all were accepted. To those twenty three people we all owe our thanks for helping to keep the Pittsburgh Power Squadron as a viable organization.

We exist because of the effort put forth by the individual volunteer. Without volunteers the Power Squadron would not exist, for we are volunteers all.

It takes an annual effort of only 12-15 hours of significant activity to earn recognition for a Merit Mark nomination. Think of the success that we would have if all members would only devote an average effort of a few hours a month. Now is the time to take a step forward and contribute some effort to the educational, social or outreach programs of the Pittsburgh Power Squadron. Drop me an email (j.esposito@verizon.net) or call 412-401-9275 and help move the Pittsburgh Power Squadron to the next level. It won't happen without **YOU!**

Here are a few suggestions of how you can help:

- teach some seminars
 - organize social events such as the Steak Cookout or the hospitality room for the District 7 Spring Conference
 - call members for event notification and member retention
 - mentor the basic boating class and greet new members
 - manage and promote Squadron publicity efforts
 - make boating fishermen and trailer more aware of USPS education and member benefits
 - join our "Vessel Safety Check" effort
 - organize the property management of our new Squadron Room
 - be the assistant Secretary, Education Officer or Treasurer
 - edit the Squadron News Letter
 - step up to a position on the Bridge
- and there are a host of other opportunities limited only by our imaginations.

Don't just think about it...Now is the time to do it!

Report of the Nominating Committee

To voting members of Pittsburgh Power Squadron

Per Section 11.1 of the ByLaws of Pittsburgh power Squadron, the Nominating Committee hereby recommends the following to serve as elected officers for the 2011-2012 Bridge Year.

Commander-Roland E. Figore Jr., JN
Educational Officer-Martin St. John, S
Administrative Officer-Vincent Manetti, JN
Secretary, Jane S. Brandenstein, N
Treasurer, Carolyn Lee Fuchs, AP

At large members of the Executive Committee

P/R/C Robert E. Brandenstein, SN
P/C Jay C. Cerreta, AP
P/C Dwight Neuhausel, AP

Nominating Committee

P/R/C Robert E. Brandenstein, SN, 1 yr
P/C Jay C. Cerreta, AP, 2 yrs
P/C John N. Esposito, JN, 3 yrs

Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting of Pittsburgh Power Squadron, to be held at Oakmont Yacht Club at 1930 on Saturday 05MAR11.

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 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.

If you are interested please call Rich Malin on his cell phone at 412-818-4350. It is a very satisfying and rewarding experience to help out your fellow boaters at your local marina.



Join Your Colleagues of
The Pittsburgh Power Squadron

for an evening of conversation

No agenda

Your topics, docking, boat handling, repairs, vacation places. You choose

Learn what is new in USPS

Thursday Feb 10, 2011

Oakmont Yacht Club

7:30 to 9:00 PM.

Free beer and wings

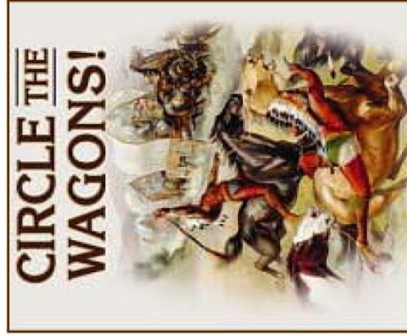
Kitchen will be open for additional food



District 7's Boat Show East Booth

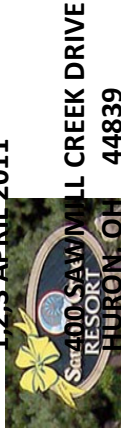


P/C Bob and P/C Jane pitch USPS courses and programs



REGISTRATION for D7 SPRING
CONFERENCE

1, 2, 3 APRIL 2011



400 SAWMILL CREEK DRIVE
HURON, OH 44839

Rank/Name _____ Grade _____ Guest's Rank/Name _____ Grade _____

Address/Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Squadron _____ Phone _____ Email: _____

Is this your first conference? **Yes** **No**

Luncheon Menu

Turkey Croissant:

Shaved smoked turkey breast on a flaky croissant with fresh tomatoes and bean sprouts served with pasta salad & seasonal fruit.

Number _____

Pulled Pork: Pork slow cooked until tender and laced with Sawmill's signature BBQ sauce served on a Kaiser roll with crispy onion rings & cole slaw.

Dinner Menu

Number _____

Roast Sirloin of Beef
Au Jus served with red skin potatoes & seasonal vegetables
Chicken Wellington
Chicken breast wrapped in puff pastry served on red pepper sauce with rice pilaf & vegetables
Lake Erie Perch Deep fried with Sawmill's specialty breading served with roasted fingerling potatoes & seasonal vegetables

Make Checks Payable to Vermillion Power Squadron and mail with this form by March 18 to:

PC Bob Moss, JN, 46675 Middle Ridge Road, Amherst, OH 44001
Questions or Information at Bjmoss68@aol.com 440-988-2514

Number _____

Hotel Reservations are due **by March 1, 2011**

Call Sawmill Creek Resort at 1-800-SAWMILL (729-6455) or 419-433-3800

and ask for Power Squadron Spring Meeting

Rates: **\$89** (plus tax) for up to 4 in a double queen room

King rooms are **\$189** per night and are ideal for a Hospitality Suite.