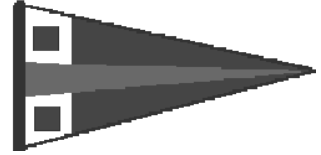




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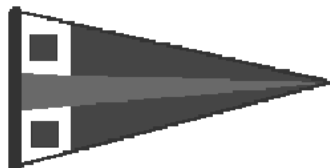
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Breaking NEWS!



Squadron Change of Watch held April 13!

Reported by the Editor

The change of watch ceremonies were held in place of our regularly scheduled April Meeting. During the ceremonies held that evening, our new commander and his bridge were installed.

Our new Commander Edward M. Slonecki, AP, was installed by D/CDR Edward F. Bauer, N, one of our members and now District 3 Commander. The oath of office was administered to the following bridge officers:

- LT/C Robert S Messineo, AP as AO.
- LT/C Richard Bradle, N, as Squadron Educational Officer.
- 1st LT John W Ruger, FC, as Assistant Educational Officer.
- LT/C Irving Jenkins, JN as Secretary,
- 1st LT Robert McDonald, N, as Assistant Secretary
- 1st LT Gloria Slonecki, P, Assistant Treasurer.

New members of the Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Rules Committee and Rules Committee were also sworn in.

LT/C George Jograj, AP, Executive Officer, and LT/C Daniel R. Oliveri, P,k Treasurer, were unable to attend the festivities due to prior scheduled trips.

The festivities were well attended by our membership and received the support of District and D/CDR Ed Bauer's "Camelot Commanders". After all ceremonies were completed, Sandwiches, Coffee and Cake were served.

Good luck, Ed, as you begin your watch as our 70th Commander!



D3 Conference Held March 25

District 3 Spring Conference and Change of Watch ceremonies were held at the Smithtown Sheraton on March 25, 2000. South Shore Power Squadron was well represented at this Conference and at the installation of our own D/CDR Edward F. Bauer, N.

The Conference began early with a presentation by the Chief Commander's Representative, R/C Jack P. Wilson, AP. He is the chairman of the National Law Committee. He came to bring information from the National Officers to our District, as well as to return to National with our views on different topics. He mentioned several areas under discussion, including awarding a type of merit mark for family members, and staggering the dates of renewal of membership. These are ideas currently being reviewed by National. Our comments were actively solicited to be reported back.

After this presentation, the assembly broke into smaller, special interest seminars. Each of these seminars had a specific purpose to educate those who attended that meeting. For example, there were seminars for Squadron Commanders, and seminars for Treasurers and Secretaries of squadrons. Additional seminars focused on specific areas, such as Computers, Publications, Co-op Charting and Public Relations. Each seminar was well attended and provided up to date information useful for our Squadron. The seminars ended when lunch was served.

After lunch, the Change of Watch ceremonies was held. Each of the new D3 Bridge Officers made their oaths, and received their flags of office. D/CDR Ed Bauer spoke of his vision of Camelot, where in District 3, stronger squadrons will assist weaker squadrons. He pledged that we attempt to increase membership by 10%. We in South Shore will certainly assist our D/CDR in his quest to make D3 better.

The colors were retired. The remaining festivities began. A feeling of pride and joy swept through the attendees. We were writing the next page of history, as the 21st century beings, into the 86th year of USPS®. We wish D/CDR Ed Bauer all the best for his watch. Good Luck to Ed, and to all your Camelot Commanders.

South Shore's Upcoming Events

	Date	Event	Description	Contact
April 2000	Apr 30 Sunday	South Shore Power Squadron Change of Watch/ Annual Dinner Dance	Dinner Dance celebrating the Change of Watch Held at Chateau la Mer in Lindenhurst. \$ 57 per person, from 1200 to 1700	L/C Ed and Gloria Slonecki at 516-781-2421
May 2000	May 11 Thurs.	SSPS Executive Board Meeting	Meeting held at Guy Lombardo Marina , at the foot of Guy Lombardo Ave, Freeport, NY Begins at 2000 Sharp.	
	May 18 Thurs.	SSPS Regular Membership Meeting	Meeting held at American Legion Hall , 2301 Penatiquit Ave., Seaford, New York. Begins at 2000 Sharp.	
	May 21 Sun.	South Shore Spring Rendezvous	Spring Rendezvous at Wantagh Park! See flyer in this issue for more information NOTE NEW PRICE!	LT Ralph Bernard At 516-868-9338

June includes the following Tentative Dates:

***Blessing of the Fleet (June 3),
Commander's Cocktail Party (June 25),***

July includes the following:

***Rendezvous East at Montauk with other D3 Squadrons
(July 14-16, firm date)***

August includes the following:

***Tri District Rendezvous at Liberty Landing
with other D3 Squadrons
(August 11-12, firm date)***

and LOTS of other fun Squadron Activities

***Look forward to this page for information
in the coming months!!***

Educational Involvement

Submitted by Lt/C Richard J. Bradle, FC
Squadron Educational Officer.

- Can we ask ourselves, why we are not taking Advanced Grades?
- Do we know all there is to know about Navigation, Piloting, and Seamanship?
- What about taking an Elective Grade?
- Do we know all there is to know about Weather or Marine Electronics?
- Why not become a Full Certificate? At some time you wanted to.
- Why don't you teach?
- Why don't you proctor a class?

I hope you have a good reason to belong to an Education Organization and do nothing to improve

your boating skills. Get involved. Fill out the Educational Questionnaire on this page.

It will be the goal of the Educational Department to have every member in school taking one of our courses, teaching, or proctoring. I am looking forward to filling Freeport High School with members of South Shore who want to be safer boaters.

Please let us remember that the safer we can make boating, the more enjoyment we can all have.

So if one of those questions applies to you GET INVOLVED RIGHT NOW!. Fill out the form, in this issue of the Pilot, and return it to me

Upcoming Course Offerings

Boat Smart: Begins May 1 at Guy Lombardo Marina, at the foot of Guy Lombardo Ave, Freeport, NY. Begins at 1930 Contact Lt/C Richard Bradle for more information

Instructor Qualification: Begins May 3 at Freeport High School. Contact P/C Hal Marschall for more information.

SOUTH SHORE POWER SQUADRON

Cruises into "THE MILLENNIUM"
as it Invades **BERMUDA**

Aboard Celebrity Cruise Line **MV ZENITH**

Departure : 26 August 2000
Return : 2 September 2000

There will be a pre-cruise meeting with the cruise director to inform us of the complete itinerary, special amenities, services and cabin rates. Stay tuned for the pre-cruise meeting date, time and place.

INTERESTED: please get in touch with

Lt/C Edward Slonecki or 1st Lt Gloria Slonecki

They can be reached by phone at 516-781-2421 or email them at
southshore2000@hotmail.com

District 3 Summer Rendezvous

At Montauk
In Montauk Yacht Club

Weekend of July 15-16

**Make your Room and Boat Slip
Reservations NOW**

Call P/C Hal Marschall, JN
at 516-338-3610
for more information

The Pilot

<p>South Shore Power Squadron Educational Department Educational Survey and Questionnaire</p>
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Please complete this questionnaire and return it to
 LT/C Richard J. Bradle, FC
 1782 Maurice Ave
 East Meadow, NY, 11554

I am a member in good standing and would like to become involved with education in the following ways:

Subject	Take Course	Teach Course	Proctor Course
Advanced Grades			
Seamanship	☐	☐	☐
Piloting	☐	☐	☐
Advanced Piloting	☐	☐	☐
Junior Navigation	☐	☐	☐
Navigation	☐	☐	☐
Electives			
Cruise Planning	☐	☐	☐
Engine Maintenance	☐	☐	☐
Marine Electronics	☐	☐	☐
Weather	☐	☐	☐
Sail	☐	☐	☐
Instructor's Qualification	☐	☐	☐
Basic Boating			
Basic Boating	☐	☐	☐
BoatSmart	☐	☐	☐

I have other skills, interests, or talents I would like to offer to the Educational Department or to the Squadron:

Name:	Telephone:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

The Pilot X c h a n g e

Welcome to the the **P**ilot **X**change! This is a place where you can place a free ad that will enable you to sell some of the stuff you are no longer using, and want to get rid of!

For Sale: 1986 Renkin 2052

20' Cuddy Cabin with
Good Mechanics, Excellent Hull, New
Seats, Clean Cabin, Needs Minor
Cosmetic Work, Excellent Trailer with
Electric Winch, Call Dave at (516)
735-0796

WANTED: Your ad!! It could be here.

What do you have to sell. Send your ads to Jim Hart at 434 Ray Street, Freeport, NY, 11520 to be included in next months issue. Due date is May 1, 2000

USPS® TO DO VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

Members of the United States Power Squadrons® will soon be conducting Vessel Safety Checks for recreational boaters. On 29 January 2000, USPS Chief Commander Arthur H. Farr recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX) to participate in the Vessel Safety Check Program (VSCP).

The Vessel Safety Check Program, formerly known as Courtesy Marine Examinations (CME's) has been part of the mission of the Auxiliary since 1947. However, over the last few years the number of annual exams performed has fallen from 300,000 to 140,000. A recent re-engineering study of the CME and MDV (Marine Dealer Visitation) Programs arrived at two major conclusions:

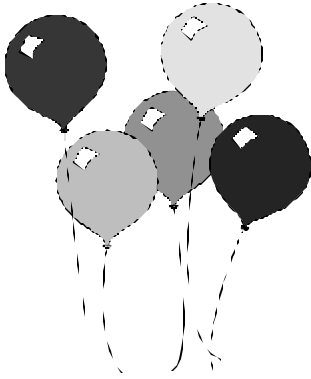
1. The programs are important and should be expanded
2. The Auxiliary cannot do it alone and should develop partners.

In 1999, the Auxiliary signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Coast Guard that put the USCGA in charge of overall operation and administration of the Vessel Safety Check Program. It also allowed for the expansion of the program to other organizations. The Auxiliary turned to the United States Power Squadrons as a logical partner.

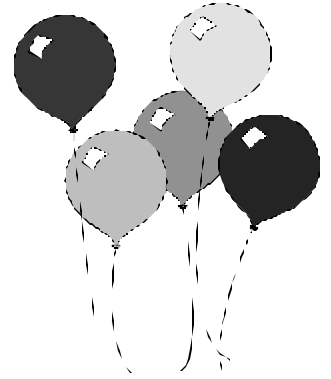
Many squadron members are also members of the Auxiliary and have already received the necessary training to conduct Vessel Safety Checks. USPS is currently gearing up to provide that instruction for the rest of its membership.

The focus of this joint effort is not to split up the work but to expand the program. The goal set by the re-engineering study was to examine 1.3 million vessels annually by the year 2002. This will require 32,500 trained examiners doing an average of 40 vessels a year. Another key component will be a marketing effort to increase the demand for and understanding of Vessel Safety Checks by the recreational boating public.

The Vessel Safety Check Program is an effective, proactive preventative safety program unique to the recreational boating community. It insures that key marine safety equipment is present, is within prescribed functional limits, and is compliant with Federal, State, and local regulations. It provides the examiner an opportunity to discuss with the recreational boater, the purpose of the marine safety equipment, to clarify various Federal, State, and local regulations, to emphasize specific safety procedures and practices, to answer any boating related questions and to encourage additional boater education.



Birthday Wishes



May Birthdays:

Irene Glanz	5/ 2
P/C Robert Phillips, N	5/ 3
George P. Zelka, S	5/ 3
Lt Chester Altman, AP	5/ 3
Richard A. Ramsey	5/ 3
Wayne E. Olson, Sr.	5/ 9
Joseph Sinacori	5/ 10
Josue Melendez	5/ 10
Walter Petraitis	5/ 11
D/Lt/C Jerome Friedland, JN	5/ 14
Murray H. Feigenbaum	5/ 15
Joanne Bradle	5/ 17
Lt Francis W. Cloonan, FC	5/ 19
Eugene N. Williams, AP	5/ 20
Robert C. Hampson, N	5/ 20
William Egan, S	5/ 21
Jerry Atlas	5/ 24
Ernest C. Haffner, S	5/ 24
Joseph M. Cervoni, P	5/ 25
Frederick I. Forzani, AP	5/ 25
Robert Jennings, S	5/ 26
Faith Rathe P,	5/ 26
Margaret L. Zelka, S	5/ 29
Kevin T. Murphy	5/ 29
Elliot Glanz	5/ 30

June Birthdays:

Lt/C James G. Nelson, AP	6/ 3
Douglas J. Mendez, P	6/ 3
Lt James H. Stewart, S	6/ 3
Giuseppe Incammicia, JN	6/ 3
Lt Vincent J. Gabriele, AP	6/ 5
Arnie J. Goodstein	6/ 6
D/CDR Edward F. Bauer, FC	6/ 9
Kenneth J. Kelleher	6/ 9
Les Morgenstein	6/ 10
Neil J. Dash	6/ 11
Brian H. Blades, JN	6/ 11
Marcel Gros	6/ 14
Jack Dasilva	6/ 15
Vanessa M. Cognard	6/ 15
Rocco Loccisano	6/ 17
George S. Vlanis	6/ 17
P/D/Lt/C Irving W. Buxton, FC	6/ 18
Stanley Stahl, AP	6/ 19
Nick Chiechi	6/ 22
Joseph Silver	6/ 24
Lt. Edward W. Wesche, AP	6/ 25
P/C Angelina D'Alonzo, AP	6/ 25
Nicholas P. Lenoci	6/ 25
Manuel B. Silva, S	6/ 27
Eugene I. Fox, AP	6/ 29

Congratulations to these member who have birthdays during May or June.

If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect, please inform our Editor, Jim Hart. He will correct this on our list.

A TERRIFIC SEASON STARTER

South Shore's Spring Rendezvous

*Join us for a good old
fashioned picnic with :*

Hot Dogs

Hamburgers

Beer and Soda

and

fun & games

Then we will have the:

Coast Guard

Nassau Co. Marine Bureau

Wantagh Fire Dept.

to demonstrate safety

on the water

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Lt. Ralph Bernard at 11 East 1st Street
Freeport, N.Y. 11520 or call at (516) 868-9338

Do it now!! Be with us!!.

*The place is Wantagh Park
south of Merrick Rd.
off Wantagh Pkwy*

Cost only \$ 6.00 per person

***Children welcome and
Free**

* children under 12 years of age



**A picnic in the park for
your whole family and
bring your friends**

SUNDAY

21 MAY 2000

FROM 1100 TO 1700