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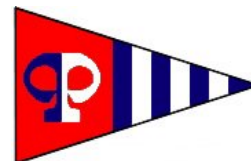
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our holiday party there 2 years ago. There were 20 people in attendance and all had a great time. After lunch I presented P/C Art Hill, SN with the PIE Education Award. Art has contributed to the success of the Pennsway Educational program. Pennsway members for the Chapman award nominated Art for Education. We then had our holiday gift exchange and there were many treats passed around. After we were filled with great food, great company and great holiday spirit we walked through the Peddlers Village to take in the sites and sounds of holiday cheer.

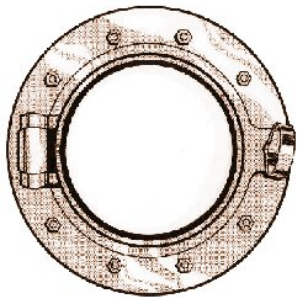
PENNSWAYS NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE  
**ON THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY AT THE UPPER  
 DUBLIN LUTHERAN CHURCH STARTING AT 1930**

### **Commander's Message**

Pennsway enjoyed the annual holiday party at the Cock n' Bull restaurant in Peddlers Village. The restaurant out did itself with the great food and atmosphere. The buffet was extraordinary and the food was sumptuous. It seems the rooms were renovated since the last time we had



The year 2002 marked a year of many successes. Pennsway was involved in many new venues including parades to get the word out about boating safety. I think the success of the various



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venues was due to Pennsway members having a positive spirit. I would like to thank everyone who helped make 2002 a great year. We hope to see more members joining in the year 2003. Whatever anyone can do, will be greatly appreciated. Plans are being made for the coming year as we speak. Please read the "A Pennsway Resolution" to see some of the plans currently underway.  
Thanks  
Cdr. Edward. White, S

## SEO REPORT

I am happy to report that the following advanced grades and elective courses will begin Monday, 20 January 2003 at the Upper Dublin Lutheran Church:

Course	Instructor	Phone #
Piloting	Ralph Neitzel	215-639-2969
Junior Navigator	Jim Heckman	215-643-4929
Sail	Ken Vail	215-822-3705
Engine Maintenance	Tom Wisniewski	215-542-0287

Call the instructor of the course you want to take by 8 Jan 03 so the course materials can be ordered.

Please tell your friends and family members about the Squadron Boating Courses being offered to the public at three adult evening schools as follows:

Bensalem	Reg.	04 Feb	First	Class
				11Feb
Hatboro	Reg.	29 Jan	First	Class
				05Feb

Upper Dublin Reg. 16 Jan First Class  
03Feb

You can find the details in the USPS web site.

Additional course dates will be announced for:  
Anchor Yacht Club in Bristol  
BSA troop in Hatboro  
Chestnut Hill Academy 6<sup>th</sup> grade

## Advanced Grades completed in the fall of 2002

Advanced Piloting Steve Oriold, instructor

3 members took the examination on 10 Dec 02

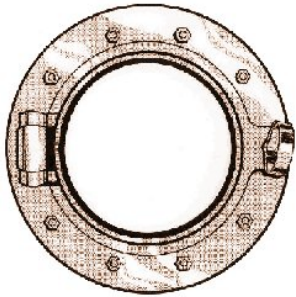
Seamanship Jim Heckman, instructor

1 new member is expected to have taken the exam by the time this is published

As a result of Ralph Neitzel's efforts, in November we began a venture with the Anchor Yacht Club in Bristol as a new site for the Boat Smart Course (and possibly the Squadron Boating Course in the future). On 10 December eight people (including two youths) successfully completed the five-session course.

I am happy to have an education department that is enthusiastic about imparting the boating knowledge with the public and our members. Thanks to all of you who have been involved by teaching or learning.

Lt/C Jane Scarborough, AP



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## **A Pennsway Resolution:**

The New Year is here along with all the hopes for a great year. I am proud to announce that we have put together the 2003-2004 bridge. The new bridge nominees are listed at the end of The Portlight. Come out to our annual meeting and vote for the new bridge.

The next goal that I have before I turn the command over is to set a five year plan with the help of the Past Commanders. I will be setting a time by the January General meeting for the Past Commanders to get together at the church on a Saturday and have lunch provided at no cost to the Past Commanders. To keep Pennsway a viable educational and safety resource for boating to the community and to USPS members alike, we need to initialize some goals for the next five years.

Here are some of the topics for which goals should be set:

- 1) What is needed to keep our educational programs strong for the next five years?
- 2) What is needed to retain and grow membership with Pennsway?
- 3) How do we increase involvement within the squadron?
- 4) What types of programs will peak the interest of members?
- 5) What can we do to make the bridge more efficient?
- 6) What reasonable goals should we set with Vessel Safety Checks?
- 7) What reasonable goals should be set with Coop Charting?
- 8) What type of boating safety programs should we be involved in to generate interest?

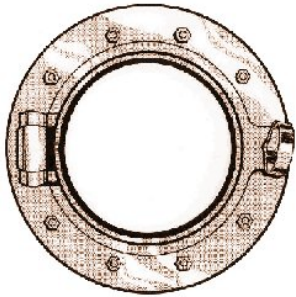
- 9) What type of Promotional programs should be used to effectively market our boating safety programs?
- 10) What is the best way to approach the Pennsway budget and do we need fund raising?

After goals are set with these various topics, we are going to link up Past Commanders to work with the bridge and other key positions to achieve the goals annually. Each Commander can individualize his or her approach to reaching the goals but the overall goals will be followed. Pennsway is made up of a great group of people who want to make a difference with boating safety. If we plan our work and work the plan, Pennsway will be a strong viable group for years to come. Please forward any suggestions that you may have on this plan to me and I will include your suggestions at the Past Commanders meeting.

Cdr. Edward E. White, S  
Pennsway

## **NEWS FLASH**

The United States Coast Guard reports that fatalities from recreational boating accidents are at an all-time low despite a marked increase in the number of boats and boaters...Why? No doubt the increased number of USPS and USCG Aux educational programs featuring boating safety as exemplified by BOAT Smart have had their effect. And, of course the USCGAux and USPS combined Vessel Safety Check program. Once again it proves that SAFE Boating is More Fun! If someone tells you that they can't take a



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safe boating course in the evenings because of work or other commitments, remember to tell them about the new electronic self-study "America's Boating Course" available on the Internet or on a CD-ROM, both with a 76 page student book, USPS or USCGAux mentoring program to answer their questions and with a Proctored Examination. For information or purchase log on to: <http://www.americasboatingcourse.com> or call: 1-886-BOAT ABC (1-886-262-8222). There is even a sample lesson on the web.

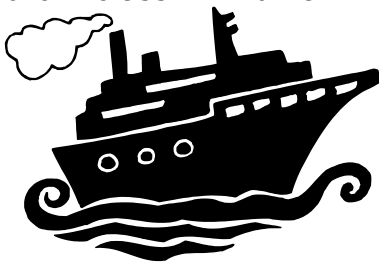
**PIKE RESTAURANT**  
**820 N BETHLEHEM PK**  
**SPINGHOUSE, PA**  
**"Serving the fines in Home Style Cooking"**  
**No liquor license, but Brown Bagging beer and wine is acceptable.**

**Bring this ad and receive a 10% discount off your bill on Pennsway meeting nights only.**  
**(limit 2 dinners per ad)**  
**Call for reservations at 215-646-2981**

## FT WASHINGTON BOAT SHOW



Now that the Philadelphia Boat Show has been cancelled we are now putting all our energy into the boat show at Ft Washington. The dates for that Boat Show are Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO MAN OUR BOOTH OR HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL P/C AL BECK,SN AT 610-718-9337. Thanks.



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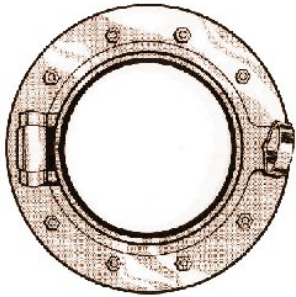
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## USPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ANNUAL MEETING

1-5 January 2003

Orlando, FL

### D/5 WINTER COUNCIL

7-9 February 2003

Cambridge, MD

### SPRING CONFERENCE

4-6 April 2003

Richmond, VA

## QUITE A SCENE AT TURKEY POINT

Having sailed the Chesapeake Bay for most of my adult life, I always enjoy seeing Turkey Point Light when returning to Bohemia River, our home port. It usually means the end of a pleasant sail and tells me we're almost home.

Recently, seen in the June Mariner, an article was written about Turkey Point Light House which I'd like to pass on to Pennsway members.

If you're up to a walk through the country to see some fantastic scenery, drive south down Maryland 272 to its end. Park your car and walk out to Turkey Point Light House (about 8/10 mile one way). Built in the 1830's Turkey Point was an active Light Station until the last keeper, Fannie Mae Salter, retired in 1948. The lighthouse was then automated until the Coast Guard decommissioned her in 2001.

The view from the bluff on which the lighthouse sits is fantastic! On a clear day, you can see for miles down the bay. By the way, the Clint Eastwood movie, Absolute Power, shot a lot of its outdoors shots at Turkey Point. Local lore has it

that a B grade horror movie also features the lighthouse but we can't really confirm that.

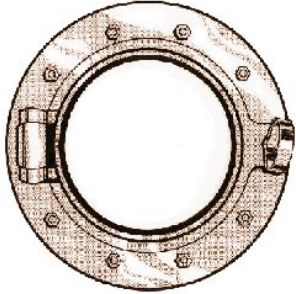
A group of local people launched a campaign to rebuild the keeper's house which was demolished in the 1970's due to persistent vandalism. Headed by Dean Rice, a retired teacher, who is trying to achieve this goal.

Editor's note: Pennsway Power Squadron held one of its first rendezvous at Turkey Point way back in the late 70's. I had the pleasure of sailing there with P/C Walter Whitehead, my sailing mentor, and some 25-30 other members also enjoyed the picnic held at the Point. What great memories.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAVE A JOYOUS  
AND PEACEFUL 2003 FROM THE STAFF OF  
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## Report of the Nominating Committee of Pennsway Power Squadron

In accordance with the Bylaws of Pennsway Power Squadron, Section 6.8, the Nominating Committee has selected the following members for elective positions for 2003-2004, to be elected at the Annual Meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> 2003.

### BRIDGE:

#### Commander

Lt/C Harry Harp, P

#### Executive Officer

Lt/C Joseph Hurst, P

#### *Educational Officer*

Lt/C Jane Scarborough, AP

#### Administrative Officer

Lt/C Michael Finely

#### Secretary

Lt/C Edward Dunbar, P

#### Treasurer

Lt/C Robert Tafel, N

#### Asst. Education Officer

Lt Thomas D. Davis, AP

#### Asst. Treasurer

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Bridge Officers above)

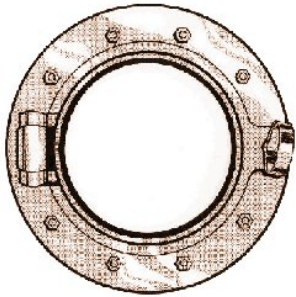
1. P/C Edward E. White, S
2. Lt William Bustard, S
3. P/C Robert Howell, AP
4. P/C Al Beck, SN
5. P/C Barry Jones, JN
6. D/Lt/C James L. Heckman, SN

Respectfully submitted by the  
Nominating Committee

P/C Robert Howell, AP

P/C Al Beck, SN





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## **SMELLIN da ROSES**

***Don't forget that after our Annual Meeting, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, we'll have the pleasure of John and Judy Gill presenting an overview of their "America's Great Loop Cruise" completed thus far.***

***The cruise John and Judy have started is a complete circumnavigation of the Eastern half of the United States and Canada and is between 6,000 and 7,500 miles long depending on side trips taken.***

***You don't want to miss this extraordinary cruise by two of our own members so come on out and enjoy the adventure.***

**SEE YOU AT UPPER DUBLIN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AT 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OF  
JANUARY.**