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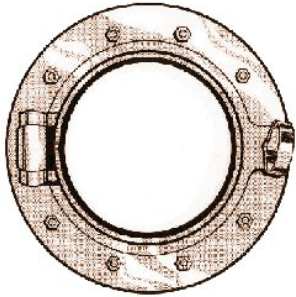
Commander's Message

VOLUNTEERING

Being a volunteer can be very rewarding. Most people these days will say they have no time to volunteer. I hear that they will volunteer when they retire. When I think of volunteering and people say they have no time, I think of September 11, 2001 and the time shortly after. Millions of people with schedules that could not possibly take another moment of their time, all of a sudden had time to give to what ever was needed for the victims and their families. I too gave time to the disaster relief, but I often wonder why we need a disaster to remind us to do the right thing.

The other scenario I see is people who are trying to get ahead in life often meet many challenges. The energy to over come these challenges will take these people further in their lives in striving for success. "Remember that success is a journey not the destination." When you volunteer your time and help others it makes you feel good about yourself. We take that positive energy and apply it to our personal and business lives. Other people are attracted to

Pennsway's next General Meeting
17 October 2002 @ 1930
Upper Dublin Lutheran Church



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people who project a positive energy. This positive energy helps us to overcome those challenges that we face while trying to get ahead. If you have an idea on how to improve the squadron bring it to me and I will do my best to make that idea a reality. You are not alone when you volunteer with Pennsway.

Don't let your legacy be that you watched 400 episodes of "Everybody Loves Raymond". Give some time to help your squadron and get a kick out of life. You will be making some great friends while you give back to your squadron.

Surely, You Are A Potential Pennsway Volunteer!
Cdr Edward E. White, S

PHILADELPHIA BOAT SHOW CANCELLED

NMMA has seen fit to cancel the Philadelphia Boat Show due to a drop off of attendance and the city does not help by giving any discounts on parking or hotel rooms. In the mean time NMMA has bought the Atlantic City Boat Show for the coming year.

We are now putting our energy into the boat show at Ft Washington. More information on this boat show later. I will be collecting names for manning the booth at our general membership meetings. However, if your interested in helping out please call me at 610-718-9337. Thanks.

P/C Al Beck, SN

SEO REPORT

The following members successfully completed both modules of The Weather course:

Thomas Brun
Christina Hann
William Hann
Robert Hoernlein

2003 Spring Class Plan

BOATING
BOAT SMART
CHART SMART
PILOTING
JUNIOR NAVIGATION
SAIL

2003 Fall Class Plan

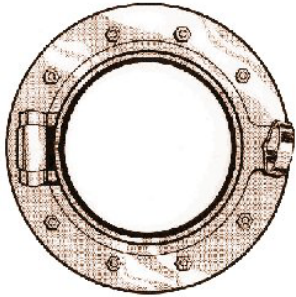
The same as 2002 with the exception of the elective changing from ENGINE MAINTENANCE to MARINE ELECTRONICS.

2004 Spring Class Plan

Same as 2003 with exception of NAVIGATION replacing JN and the elective changing to WEATHER.

I look forward to hearing from members who intend to sign up for any of the spring classes. Please call me at 215-345-7254.

Lt/C Jane Scarborough, AP



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Pennsway PIE Award Winners

I would like to congratulate our September 2002 members who won the Promotion, Involvement and Educational Award "PIE". It should be noted that the "PIE" award is a team award. Without one of the three areas of the "PIE" the other two would not function properly. Each member received a certificate, an engraved medal and a pie to take home and share with their family and friends.

PROMOTION award goes to Lt William Bustard, S (pictured on the left). Bill originated the idea of participating in local parades to get the word out about the USPS. Bill and I decided to use the CDR's sailboat and designed a banner which we had professionally made. We attached balloons and signs promoting boating education and the USPS.

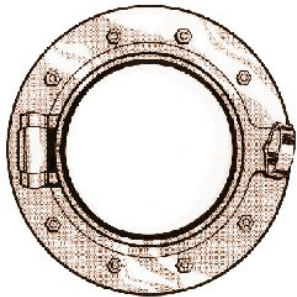
Bill and I participated in a total of three parades, the Memorial Day Parade and two on

Come one come all to District 5 Meeting on 1 November 2002 thru 3 November at the Desmond Hotel, Malvern, PA.

As the D/5 meeting will be so close this year please plan to attend and listen to all the new ideas USPS has for our upcoming EDUCATIONAL Year

If you would like to go to the District Meeting please give me a call (215-572-1112) and I will try to arrange a ride for you. For directions to go www.superpages.com

Thanks,
Cdr Edward E. White, S



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the 4th of July handing out 1200 flyers at the last two parades. Bill even hooked up a sound system for the 4th of July parades playing nautical music.

Steps are underway to apply for the 2003 Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia, but more on that later.

INVOLVEMENT award goes to Lt Joseph Hurst, P (pictured in the middle). Pennsway's website has been idle for a couple of years and we needed to get the information updated. After Joe was asked to help us update our website he spent more than 20 hours not only providing information to update the website, but has also taken on designing a whole new website for Pennsway. The new website Joe is putting together will have marina information, hot fishing spots and much more. I see our website as a tool to communicate our educational programs, events, nautical information, The Portlight and much more to our members and prospective members alike.

EDUCATIONAL award goes to P/C Al Beck, SN (pictured on the right). When Everett Hayes, instructor of Pennsway's Hatboro Horsham Public Boating Class became ill, Al jumped in and helped teach the class enlisting the help of other members so students could benefit from a diverse group of instructors. Al showed us how a first class team member handles a crisis and make the educational experience even better. The students liked the idea of getting different perspectives on boating while take the class.

My hat is off to each of these members for their great work. The positive effort of these members is really appreciated. Thank you.

Cdr Edward E. White, S



OUR COSMONAUTS DO IT AGAIN !

Our September 19th meeting was something special. P/C Arthur Hill, SN and P/C James Heckman, SN , seen above with Cdr White, presented our solar system in a way few have seen. Through the magic of digital projection and the Hubble Telescope we saw some of the newest pictures of black holes, exploding stars and newly forming constellations as well as some very interesting observations from our own "cosmonauts" Hill and Heckman. Thank you both for an excellent presentation.

FOUR PASS THE WEATHER COURSE

Congratulations to the following students who past the new weather course:

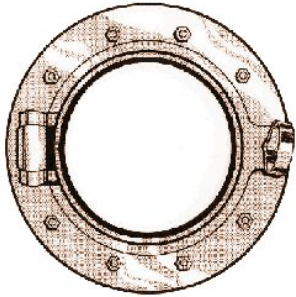
Christina Hann

Bill Hann

Bob Hoernlein

Thomas Brun

Great work to you all !



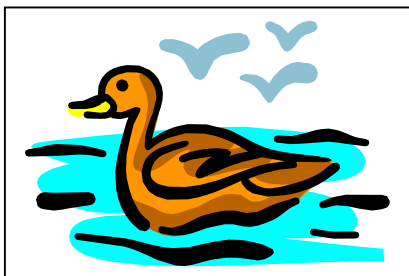
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FACTS ABOUT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

Did you know:

- The Bay is about 200 miles long with a width ranging from 3.4 to 35 miles
- The bay holds more than 18 trillion gallons of water
- There are over 150 major rivers and streams in the Chesapeake drainage basin.
- The Bays average depth is about 21 feet with a few deep troughs that reach 174 feet in depth.
- The Bay and its tributaries cover an area of about 200 billion square feet or around 7000 square miles.
- The Bay and its tidal tributaries have nearly 12,000 miles of shoreline, more than the entire West Coast of the United States.
- The Bay supports more than 3,600 species of plants, fish and animals.
- The Bay is home to 29 species of waterfowl and is a major resting ground along the Atlantic Migratory Bird Flyway. Every year, one million waterfowl winter in the Bay's basin.
- The Bay produces over 500 million pounds of seafood per year.



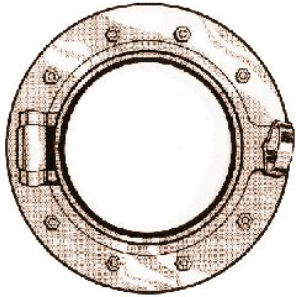
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

I'm Fine

There's nothing whatever the matter with me.
I'm just as healthy as I can be.
I have arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
I think my liver is out of whack
And a terrible pain is in my back.
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim.
Most everything seems to be out of trim,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
I have arch supports for both my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to go on the street.
Sleeplessness I have night after night.
And in the morning I'm just a sight.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
I'm peacefully living on aspirin
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
The moral is, as this tale we unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin
Than to let them know the shape we're in.

-Cardinal Cushing

Submitted by E.J. Tole



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