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HOLIDAY PARTY TIME!!



Don't forget—YSPS Dinner Meeting
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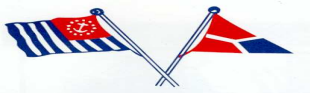
VERY IMPORTANT MEETING FOR
MEMEBERS (Details on page 7)

DID YOU KNOW?

"When anyone asks me how I can best describe my experience in nearly forty years at sea, I merely say, uneventful. Of course there have been winter gales, and storms and fog and the like. But in all my experience, I have never been in any accident ... of any sort worth speaking about. I have seen but one vessel in distress in all my years at sea. I never saw a wreck and never have been wrecked nor was I ever in any predicament that threatened to end in disaster of any sort."



*Edward J. Smith, 1907
Captain, RMS Titanic
(struck iceberg and went to the bottom
just five years later)
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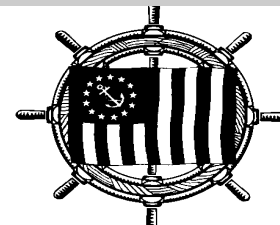
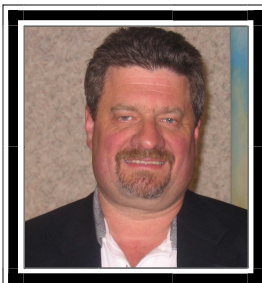
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

NO COMMANDER'S REPORT SUBMITTED AT THIS TIME

Don't forget YSPS Meeting 7 FEB, 2008

VESSEL SAFETY EXAM**Vision**

Safe, Responsible & Fun Recreational Boating

Mission

Minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage and environmental impact while maximizing the safe use and enjoyment of U.S. waterways by recreational boaters. The Vessel Safety Check process is one of "prevention through education, outreach and volunteer compliance" helping recreational boaters to gain a respect for the boating environment.

The VSC Program also helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, particularly with regard to the carriage of safety equipment while raising boater awareness about safety and environmental issues through voluntary contact by a Vessel Examiner (VE). VE discussions with recreational boaters is designed to motivate maintaining and operating their boats in a safe manner, taking boating safety courses to increase their knowledge and skills in boating, and promoting safe boating. (continued on *page 3*)





LT/C JENNIFER PITTS, P
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



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BRIDGE OFFICERS
2007-2008

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VESSEL SAFETY EXAMS—(continued from page 2)
The following represents a sampling of 100650 Vessel Safety Checks—Nationally

74.873% Passed the VSC
25.127% Failed the VSC

Items that Failed: (Note: This is a percentage of ALL vessels examined and some had two or more items that failed so these numbers will not add up to 100%.)

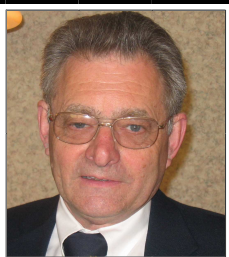
- Display of Numbers 5.435%
 - Registration / Documentation 5.574%
 - Personal Flotation Devices 2.832%
 - Visual Distress Signals 12.221%
 - Fire Extinguishers 4.501%
 - Ventilation 1.451%
 - Backfire Flame Control 1.639%
 - Sound Producing Devices / Bell 5.156%
 - Navigation Lights 8.465%
 - Pollution Placard 2.375%
 - MARPOL Trash Placard 2.802%
 - Marine Sanitation Device 2.921%
 - Navigation Rules 2.742%
 - State and/or Local Regulations 10.432%
 - Overall Vessel Condition 4.670%
- Statistics from National website*



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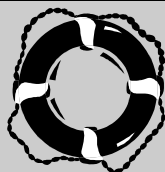


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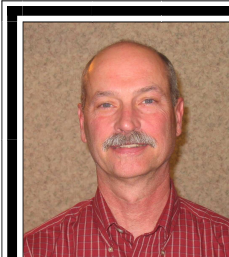
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The major courses offered to members by YSPS include:

One of the main goals of USPS is “boating safety through education” – we believe that an educated boater is a safer boater. USPS instructors who teach public courses are certified regarding their ability to teach and use modern instructional methods. USPS provides many educational opportunities to the general public through a variety of courses, seminars, and marine-related guides.

Recreational boating fatalities

Recreational boating fatalities in the States, five U. S. Territories, and the District of Columbia dropped to a record low of 676 in 2004., and then rose slightly in 2005 to 697, according to the CG Recreational Boating Accident Report Database (BARD). The highest number of recorded boating fatalities was an incredible 1,750 in 1973, with 90% of those fatalities caused by drowning.

Many boating accidents were the result of alcohol use, and most of all boating fatalities could have been prevented by wearing personal flotation devices.

Personal watercraft deaths were down from 79 in 1995 to 54 in 1996, but then rose to an all time high of 84 in 1997. In 2005, there were 65 PWC fatalities, nine more than in the previous year.

In 1963, there were 33 deaths for every 100,000 boats. In 2003, there were 5.5 fatalities for each 100,000 boats.

The Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety estimates are that .24 PWC-related deaths per million hours of use. By comparison, open motorboats are responsible for .14 fatalities per million hours of use. *(continued page 7)*

National Website

USPS GRADE COURSES

- Seamanship
- Piloting
- Advanced Piloting
- Junior Navigation
- Navigation

USPS ELECTIVES

- Cruise Planning
- Engine Maintenance
- Instructor Development
- Marine Electronics
- Sail and Weather
- Operations Training



LT/C TERRY WITMER, S
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

THE HOLIDAY DANCE MANIA!

Another Fred Astair???



Looks like Mark Pitts is tapping his way to the women's hearts.

What's so funny girls?



Angie Moore, Joyce Filius, and Connie Gutshall laughing it up on this dance.



Hey Angie ...where's the dancing boy, Ryan?



Angie Moore enjoying this dance with Cdr Wise who seems to be shaking it up!

Mark Pitts ...our DJ ...dancing???



What a group of dancers with one "show-off in the middle!"



SOME HOLIDAY SMILES!!!



Jen Pitts, Lana Johnson, and Connie Gutshall



Lee and Connie Gutshall



Rocki McKonly & Jen Pitts



Phyllis Millard and Howard Mayo

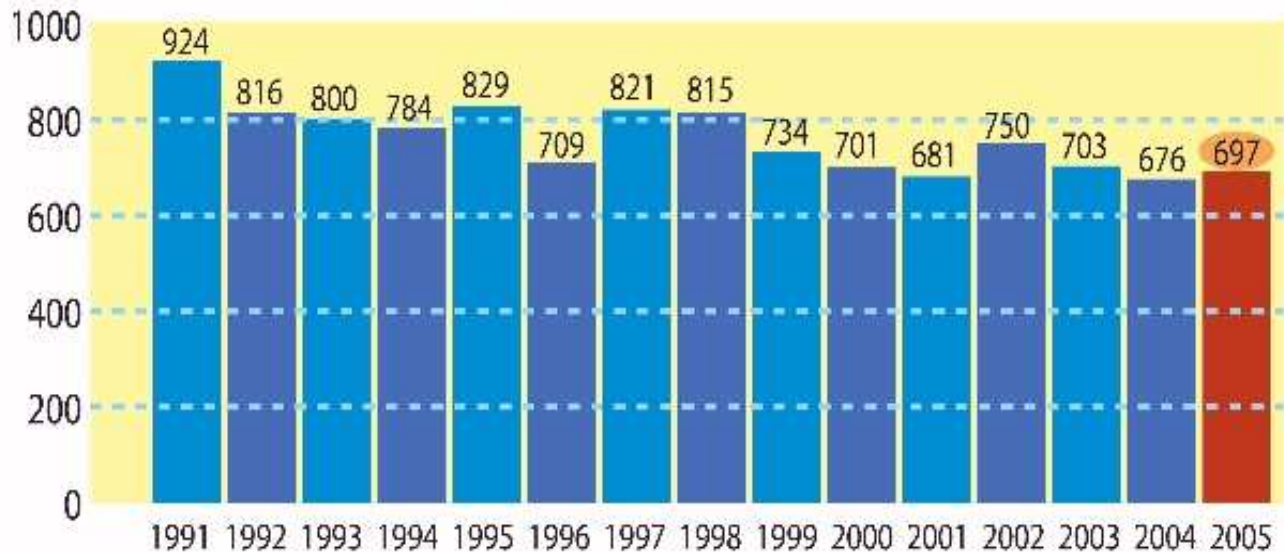


Tom Wise & Joyce Filius hamming it up!

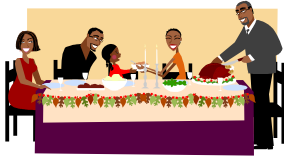


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2005 BOATING FATALITIES



In 2005, approximately 70% of all fatalities drowned (491 out of 697). Approximately 87% of the victims who drowned were not wearing a life jacket. Overall, fatal accident data show approximately 426 drowned lives could have been saved in 2005 if boaters had worn their life jackets. Boating fatalities can be prevented with public awareness about the need to wear a life jacket while boating. **Get the word out to "WEAR IT!" and save lives.**



YSPS DINNER MEETING—7 FEBRUARY, 2008
SAN CARLOS RESTAURANT, ARSENSAL ROAD & RTE 30
6:00 PM—SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM—DINNER BUFFET—Cost \$16.50 PP

SUBJECT: This is a very important meeting to attend as we will be looking for volunteers for the 2008-09 Bridge (a Commander and Administrative Officer are still needed) and discussing the future of the York Squadron.

**ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS NEED TO ATTEND
 THIS MEETING!!**



Cathie Lutz (our basket queen) and smiling Jen Pitts our MC for the evening at our recent Holiday party held at the Outdoor County Club in York.

YSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7 FEB—YSPS DINNER MEETING—7 PM

*San Carlos Restaurant
Rte 30 & Arsenal Road*

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS

25 FEB—YSPS EXEC CCMM. MEETING—7 PM

Gander Mountain, West Manchester



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Give your sweetie some sweets.
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

