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CHANGE-OF-WATCH CEREMONEY AT OUTDOOR COUNTRY CLUB ON 28-APRIL

### Change-of-Watch 2007

Well our little squadron is safe and sound for another year. Our new and not so new bridge was sworn in by Past Commander Frank McGready, I know Frank has some years on him but he was the only one that didn't stumble over the oath! He laughingly told me later he had the written words. Some giggles ensued with the bridge members and the rest of us enjoyed the show.

The evening was a warm spring event and the flower show at the Country Club didn't let us down. The food and the room were exceptional but it paled by comparison to all the pretty ladies, in attendance. We all looked so GOOD, that those who missed seeing us lost out!!

One small glitch for the night was when the "photographer" had a little problem with the digital camera. I think her and her "assistant" got some good shots, though. Can't wait to see them in the Anchorline.

The next big event will be the picnic so, if anyone would like to see our "ladies", this will be your chance.

Hope to see you there!

— By Cathie Lutz

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

— No REPORT SUBMITTED —

## NEAT NUMBERS

Do you like Seafood?



**16.2**— pounds of fish and shellfish consumed per person in the U.S.

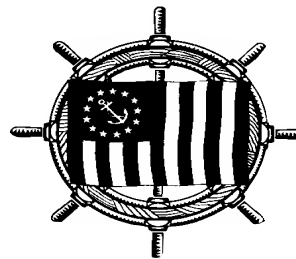
**3.1**— pounds of tuna consumed per person.

**4.1**— pounds of shrimp consumed per person.

**\$44.5 billion** — Total amount spent by Americans in seafood restaurants.

**\$32.9 billion**— the amount of the U.S. gross national contributed by the commercial marine fishing industry.

*Source: 2005 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration & reprint from Go Boating May 2007 pp 20*



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Like many of us, I'm sure your summer calendar is filling up quickly. I hope you are planning to attend the Annual Picnic & Auction on Thursday, June 7 at the Shady Grove Pavilion in Windsor. The festivities will begin around 1700 and dinner will start at 1800. Please bring a hot or cold cover dish to share and donation items for the auction. Join your boating friends for a night of good food and lots of fun!

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Crab & Shrimp Feed scheduled for Saturday, August 25, at Jerry and Margie Franek's home overlooking the Susquehanna River. More information on the Crab Feed will be coming next month. This is an event you don't want to miss!

The next Dinner Meeting will be on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at San Carlos Restaurant. Watch for more information on the Dinner Meeting in the next newsletter. If anyone has a presentation idea or story to share, please contact me at 779-4480. We love to hear from our fellow members!

Respectfully submitted,  
Lt/C Jennifer Pitts, P



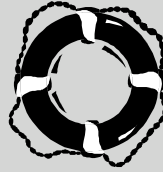
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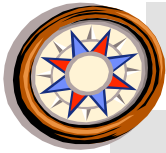
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**The major courses offered to members by YSPS include:**

### USPS GRADE COURSES

Seamanship  
Piloting  
Advanced Piloting  
Junior Navigation  
Navigation

### USPS ELECTIVES

Cruise Planning  
Engine Maintenance  
Instructor Development  
Marine Electronics  
Sail and Weather



## Blackbeard was Here

There is further proof that a nearly 300 year old shipwreck near Beaufort, North Carolina may be Queen Anne's Revenge, the flagship of the notorious pirate Blackbeard.



A coin weight bearing the likeness of Queen Anne serves as the crowning piece of evidence suggesting a connection between the wreck and the pirate, whose short reign of terror stretched from 1716 to 1718.

Since the Vessel's discovery back in March 1997, historians, archaeologists, marine geologists and other specialists have worked to solve the puzzle of the site, recovering tens of thousands of artifacts in the process. The coin weight was among the numerous artifacts displayed at a forum held in early March to review the findings of the research project.

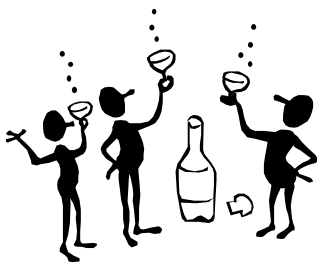
Queen Anne's Revenge was captured by Blackbeard in 1717 and converted from a French slave-ship. She is known to have run aground in June 1718 while attempting to enter Beaufort Inlet, North Carolina

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43rd YORK SAIL & POWER SQUADRON CHANGE-OF-WATCH



28 APRIL 2007 AT THE OUTDOOR COUNTRY CLUB



## Manure...The True Story

In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything had to be transported by ship and it was also before commercial fertilizer's invention. So large shipments of manure were common, and at that time it was called a load of Barrier, by the sailors.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen.

Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term "Ship High In Transit" on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

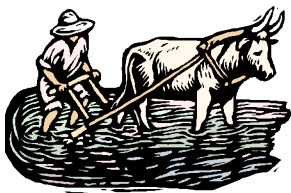
Thus evolved the term "S.H.I.T ," (Ship High In Transport) which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.

You probably did not know the true history of this word.

Neither did I.

I had always thought it was a golf term.

— Article provided by Cathie Lutz



## Some happy faces!



Lt/C Lee Gutshall, our "trusty treasurer"



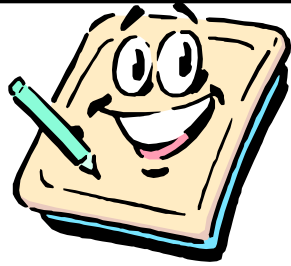
Cathie Lutz, our "creative YSPS idea person"



Lt/C Terry Witmer— "Mr. Smiley"

## SUDS SEZ-

The no-change Change-of-Watch was pretty neat. Good food and good friends makes for a nice evening. And



don't the gurls clean up nice? P/C McGready did a fine job of swearing them in. Surprised the new bridge couldn't follow simple instructions, hell they'd all been through it before.

The 5 May raft up, organized by Mark and Jen was fun I hear. (Aren't they the pits?) So good the Mckonly's on Adriatica lingered behind almost a whole day after everyone left, enjoying the creek. You could ask them why.

SUDS is looking forward to the picnic auction. Isn't it the funniest thing we do? Some people must be hitting garage sales to gather up stuff to donate after all these years.

And again I gotta warn you-the Squadron needs members to step up for bridge positions for 2008. Our new XO, P/C Witmer, is heading up a gang of five P/C's who are surveying candidates. We can't expect the current Bridge to serve forever. Commander Wise will have served four terms and he must move on.

SUDS says the Wise family has carried the Squadron long enough-it's time to dump them overboard. When you're asked... just say Aye!

**TIGHTWAD TIP**—reprint from *Go Boating*, May 2007 pp. 14

## CABINET RAIDERS



Spring has sprung—is your boat's battery launch ready? This year, skip the crowded marine store and do some of your supply “shopping” at home.

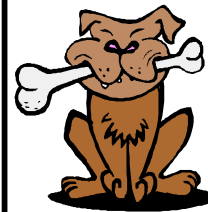
The box of baking soda in the “frig is good for more than just fighting odors and conducting science projects. A little powder, along with some water, can be used to clean the battery's terminals.

Once you got your battery looking good, and fully charged, grab that omnipresent tub of Vaseline and use some of the jelly to cover the terminals. It's a suitable replacement for more expensive lubricants, and can also be used on your boat's snaps and stubs.

Just remember to return the borrowed goods, or you might risk “battery” from the Mrs.



## DOG'S ABOARD



Regardless of whether your dog was bred for the water or simply loves boating, you should take steps to prepare your boat and canine pal for a day on the water. Life jackets are must for dogs who are not strong swimmers or are venturing with you offshore or at night. A variety of sizes are available from several manufacturers. Harnesses that do not restrict swimming movement are ideal for keeping dogs aboard and boarding ramps and ladders can help them back aboard after a refreshing swim. There are even doggy “heads”, patches of artificial grass that you can keep aboard. For more tips on taking your dog with you on your next boat ride or to chat with other BoatU.S. members about their experiences with pets onboard, check out [BoatUS.Com/pets](http://BoatUS.Com/pets). And for the latest in product information, check out [Pawsaboard.com](http://Pawsaboard.com) or [pupgearcorporation.com](http://pupgearcorporation.com).

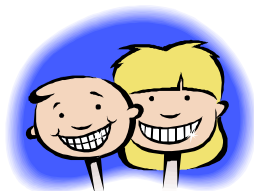
- by Michael Vatalaro

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What a "two-some" - looks like they are having fun!



Sue Witmer and Connie Gutshall.



## YSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**21 MAY**—YSPS EXEC MEETING

*Gander Mountain  
West Manchester Mall Area*

**7 JUNE**—YSPS ANNUAL FAMILY  
PICNIC & AUCTION

*Shady Grove Park  
Windsor, PA*

**25 JUNE**—YSPS EXEC MEETING

*Gander Mountain  
West Manchester Mall Area*

**25 AUG**—CRAB & SHRIMP FEED

*Jerry & Margie Franek's  
Susquehanna River*



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