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## IN MEMORY OF PAST COMMANDER FRED SMYTHE, SN



Past Commander Fred Smythe, SN and wife, Ruth

Frederic H. Smythe, SN served as commander of York Sail & Power Squadron from 1986-1987. Fred was very active in squadron activities and served in many capacities. You would always see him at the district Change-of-Watch each year, Governing Board Meetings and various YSPS events. Both he and his wife Ruth as, members, had a zest to participate in most all YSPS functions. They seldom missed an event. Fred was one that loved boating and safety and he brought that enthusiasm with him wherever he served. With his passing, we will sadly miss Fred. A friend to many, he was a vital part of YSPS as we continue sharing safety and education to boaters in York County.

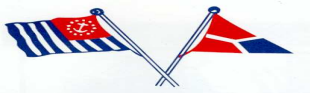
Thank you Fred for the years that you served York Sail & Power Squadron.



COMING!!  
MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR



**YSPS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**Saturday 8-DEC 2007**  
**OUTDOOR COUNTRY CLUB**  
DETAILS COMING  
WATCH YOUR MAILBOX

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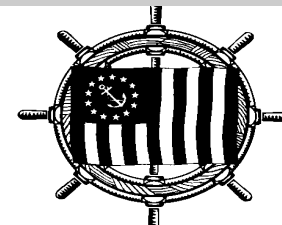
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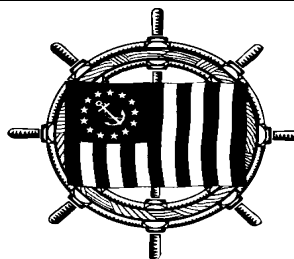
**COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

The annual holiday party is scheduled for this December at the Out Door Country Club. This is a great venue and ODCC serves good food. Look for upcoming invitations with more details.

The USPS Governing Board meeting was held in Norfolk in September. I was unable to attend but we did forward our proxy concerning the issues I mentioned in my August message. I do not have the results of the votes yet, but will forward as soon as I receive them. There was information forwarded regarding a MOU with IOBG (Yacht Clubs). The details are as follows:

The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by USPS and The International of Blue Gavel (IOBG), at the 2007 conference, is to encourage squadrons, districts and yacht clubs to interact by offering boating courses, seminars and vessel safety checks at yacht clubs, with the yacht clubs providing a possible venue for squadron courses and meetings. The contacts, on a voluntary basis, can be mutually beneficial by exposure of members of each organization the other. An added benefit to squadrons could be the reactiva-

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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

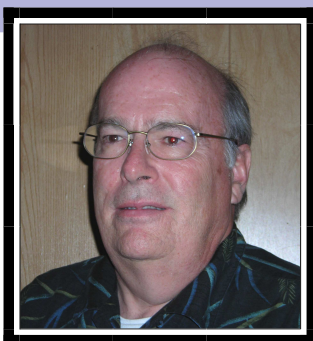
Have you attended a Squadron function lately? I encourage you to save an evening or two on your calendar as we approach the holidays to attend the November dinner meeting and Annual Holiday Party.

The next dinner meeting is November 1st at the San Carlos Restaurant with cocktails beginning at 1800, dinner at 1900. Noel Poirier, Director of the National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, will be at this meeting to share information on his museum's collection of clocks, watches, tools, and other time-related items. The Museum is recognized as the largest and most comprehensive horological collection in North America. More information on the National Watch and Clock Museum can be found at <http://www.nawcc.org/museum/museum.htm>. I hope you can join us for this special presentation.

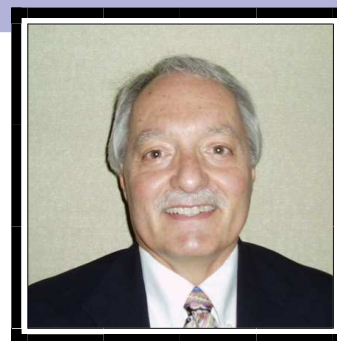
The Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Out Door Country Club in York. Invitations will be arriving in the mail shortly. You don't want to miss out on one of the best gatherings of the year! I hope to see you there!

I wish everyone safe and happy holidays!

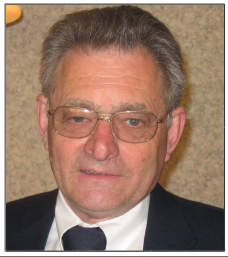
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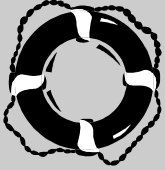


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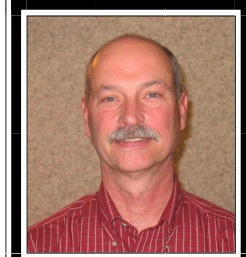
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The boating class at West York High School that began on September 19, will finish with the final test on November 14.

A piloting class is now set to begin on 5-November. Bud Menchey and Tom Wise are the instructors for this class. We have 4 students interested in the class as I write this, but there is still time to get on board for one of the best classes available for coastal and bay boating. Both electronic and traditional navigation are covered by the new piloting course.

Lt/C Fred W. Wise FC, SEO

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

**USPS GRADE COURSES**

- Seamanship
- **Piloting (*starting NOW*)**
- Advanced Piloting
- Junior Navigation
- Navigation

**USPS ELECTIVES**

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

**DON'T MISS YSPS MEETING**

**THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER AT SAN CARLOS, RESTAURANT**

6:00 PM—COCKTAILS & SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 pm—BUFFET DINNER - \$16.50 PER PERSON

8:00 PM—**PROGRAM WITH Noel Poirier, Director of the National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia.**

Join us for a time of information and fun with other fellow boating enthusiasts.

## IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL!

By Sue Witmer



Sue and Terry at 1,530 foot summit of Cadillac Mountain

On a bright, cool fall morning, Tuesday, September 18th to be exact, Terry and I embarked on a well earned vacation.

We boarded a plane to Montreal where we met up with friends from Seattle. After spending the night at the Delta Hotel, we got on a bus to be transported to the MS Veendam to begin our cruise of Canada, the St. Lawrence River and various ports of call in New England. As we were pulling away from the hotel, a Bailey Travel bus from York rounded the corner and we both remarked that there must be a group touring Canada.

After a two hour tour of Montreal, we arrived at the pier and boarded the ship. One of the first people we met was our cabin steward, Miftah. Lo and behold, he was the same steward we had the last time we were on the Veendam in March of 2006 and he remembered us and greeted us with a hug.



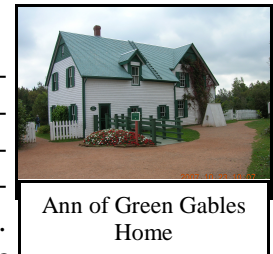
Chateau Frontenac

At 5:02 p.m., the lines were cast off and were underway. At 8:00 a.m., the next morning, we docked in Quebec. What a beautiful city! We ended our tour of Old and New Quebec at the Chateau Frontenac, a well-known landmark in Quebec. After browsing through the hotel lobby and shops and spending time enjoying the spectacular view from the boardwalk known as Dufferin Terrace, we dined at a sidewalk café and then walked down a very steep hill to the ship. I should point out the men went back to the ship

by bus and my friend Rae and I did the walking.

Day three of our cruise found us anchored in the Saguenay River. That morning we ate breakfast in the Lido Restaurant and as we were leaving I said to Terry, "that man looks like Ron Klimes". At the same time, Ron Klimes was saying to his wife, Linda, "that looks like Sue Witmer". Lo and behold, it was Ron and Linda. After chatting with them, we discovered they were on the Bailey Travel bus we had seen previously in Montreal. What a small world! The Veendam has a 1,258 guest capacity and it took two days before we ran into each other.

Saturday, September 22nd, was a scheduled day at sea.



Ann of Green Gables Home

Our next port of call was Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. This is a charming province made famous by the classic, "*Anne of Green Gables*". After a city tour of historic Charlottetown, we drove past beautiful farm land to the town of New Glassgow located on the River Clyde. We made a stop here to sample homemade island jams at the Prince Edward Island Preserves Company. (Of course I had to buy a few jars to take home). We then proceeded to Cavendish and visited the Anne of Green Gables homestead. While there, we had lobster sandwiches and the famous COWS ice cream.

On day six, the winds picked up and the Captain deemed it unsafe to enter our scheduled port so we had an unscheduled day at sea. This day you knew you were on the high seas.

It was a good day for reading and relaxing.

Tuesday, September 25th at 8:05 a.m., we were docked in Halifax, Nova Scotia and greeted by four gentlemen dressed in Kilts and playing bagpipes. This day we saw the Klimes again as they took the

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Terry holding a live lobster

tour in Peggy’s Cove, a rustic fishing village situated on a narrow ocean inlet with huge granite boulders and a beautiful lighthouse. It is one of Canada’s most photographed sites. Here we dined on a whole lobster lunch. (Terry had his picture taken holding a live lobster.)

On day eight of our voyage, we anchored in Frenchman Bay, Bay Harbor, Maine at 8:05 a.m. It was 85 degrees and the warmest in 40 years in Bar Harbor. After spending the morning exploring the shops and checking out the Bar Harbor Inn, we had the ultimate island experience. A uniformed chauffeur picked us up at the pier in a stretch limousine and took us to a private club, the Bar Harbor club, for an elegant lunch. The club overlooks a garden and Frenchman Bay. After lunch, we proceeded to Acadia National Park. Along the way, we stopped for photos at Thunder Hole where the ocean swells to create a thunderous roar. We then went to the 1,530 foot summit of Cadillac Mountain, the highest point on the North American seaboard. There we had a 360 degree panoramic view and had our pictures taken with our ship in the background. It was extremely windy but a breathtaking view. We had to leave and ended up on the last tender back to the ship. We were onboard five minutes before we were underway.



Thunder Hole, Acadia National Park

Thursday, September 26th at 7:29 a.m., the Venedam docked in Boston. Early afternoon found us on a bus tour of the city where we drove past the Cheers Bar and through the heart of Boston with a stop at Copley Square. After a tour of scenic sites, we got on the Boston Duck, a World War II amphibious vehicle that took us on a water tour of the Charles River. Once again, we were the last bus to

arrive back on the pier five minutes to casting off. We were told the ship incurs a large fine if not underway by 5:00. Lines were cast off at 4:58 p.m. and the ship followed a southerly course towards Cape Cod. Once we rounded Cape Cod, we took a westerly course passing Nantucket Island and Martha’s Vineyard heading to our final port of call, New London, CT.



Mystic Seaport

Friday, September 28th at 10:28 a.m., we arrived in New London. The people who greeted us on the pier were extremely friendly and provided a free bus to town. Our shore excursion was a fifteen minute ride to Mystic Seaport, a 17 acre historic waterfront fishing village which has America’s only surviving wooden whaling ship, where we spent the next three hours exploring. Along the way, we saw the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. At 7:40 p.m., we were underway to New York City and back to reality.



Terry & Sue at Peggy’s Cove



Terry & Sue at Peggy’s Cove Lighthouse

## CANOEING & KAYAKING



I think we can safely say that paddle boaters were here first! And now, as recreation, the number of people involved in some type of paddle sport is rising. Paddleboaters are now the fastest growing segment of the boating community. Growth in the sport exceeds 270% within the most recent decade. In 2002, it is estimated that there were 206 million canoeists and 7.3 million kayakers.

Canoes and kayaks have a rich tradition of waterway transportation and recreation. But in today's age of large, fast motorized craft and their wakes, human-powered craft are among the most vulnerable to accidents and fatalities. Kayaks, canoes, and other slow moving vessels can be difficult to spot and cannot maneuver or change course quickly. The responsible boater recognizes that, and takes reasonable precautions when operating in canoe and kayak waters.

Remember, our waterways belong to everybody!

In 2002, seventy-eight fatalities were attributable to canoes, kayaks, and rowboats. The use of properly fitted life jackets could have prevented nearly all those fatalities.

**"MORE THAN HALF OF ALL BOATING FATALITIES IN 2002 WERE FROM CAPSIZING OR FALLS OVERBOARD. CONSIDERING THE INSTABILITY OF CANOES AND KAYAKS AND THE RISK TO DROWNING OR HYPOTHERMIA FROM FALLS OVERBOARD, IT IS BEYOND ME WHY ANYONE WOULD CONSIDER OPERATING SUCH A VESSEL WITHOUT WEARING A PFD."**

*Commander Bob*

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tion of yacht club members that are paying dues but are basically inactive, by getting them to participate in teaching at their own yacht club or in conducting Vessel Safety checks. With mandatory boat operation certifications being required by many states (with more to come), it is hoped the program is well received and can it be instituted at a yacht club that does not have an IOBG chapter. The USPS Marketing and Public Relations Committee, and IOBG, in accordance with the MOU have appointed Liaison Officers to coordinate inter-organization activities and facilitate the match up between interested squadrons and yacht clubs. The Liaison Officers are:

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All contacts by squadron or district members interested in joining the program with a local yacht club should be addressed through David Meshulam. All contacts by yacht clubs interested should be through BJ Ursin.

I do not know if we have ever approached any yacht clubs with an offer to teach classes in the past, and would appreciate any feedback related to this activity. Call or e-mail me with any thoughts or history. Perhaps we have an audience we have not approached before. For example we could contact the Susquehanna Yacht Club offering our education services.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cdr Fred Wise, Jr. SN



Brian Shumaker a Susquehanna River Fly Fishing Guide shared with the York Sail & Power Squadron at our recent Sept Dinner Meeting the techniques of fly fishing and also some history surrounding the Susquehanna River and the river basin. For those of us who live in York County and near the River, this was interesting history and information.

## YSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### 1 NOV—YSPS DINNER MTG.

Program: National Watch & Clock Museum  
*San Carlos Restaurant*  
*Rte 30 & Arsenal Road*

### 3-5 NOV—D/5 FALL CONFERENCE

### 8 DEC—YSPS HOLIDAY PARTY

*Outdoor Country Club Detwiler Drive, York*  
*(Details to follow in mail)*



**REMINDER!**

**NO DECEMBER ANCHORLINE**



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