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## YSPS DINNER MEETING

**6 SEPT 2007**

**1800—SOCIAL HOUR**

**1900—DINNER BUFFET**

**COST—\$16.50 PP**

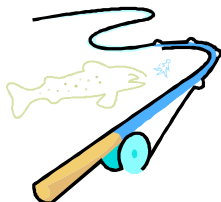
**2000—PROGRAM**



Our speaker for the evening is **Brian Shumaker**, a **Susquehanna River Fly Fishing Guide**.

Brian is the owner of Susquehanna River Guides, specializing in fly-fishing for smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna River.

More information about Brian and his tours can be found at [www.susquiverguides.com](http://www.susquiverguides.com).



I hope you will plan to attend!

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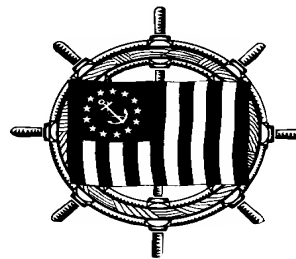
## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

If you get a copy of the York County Cooperative Community Education Book, check out our latest education venture. On page 20 you will find an ad for a Boating Safety Course at West York High School. This is our course. It begins Sept 19. Help spread the word through your daily encounters. Word of mouth has historically been one of our best methods for getting students. We are hopeful that word of mouth, participating in this program, and our website will get a good size class.

I know you have all received an invite to the crab/shrimp feed at the Franek Home on the Susquehanna. This is a great location with a wonderful view of the river north of Wrightsville. This is a social event you won't want to miss. Don't forget the dinner meeting coming up 6 September as well.

On the National news front, the Governing Board Meeting is in Norfolk on 8 September. One issue of interest to us, concerns boat insurance. Apparently some USPS members residing in Gulf Coast areas may have been denied insurance due to hurricanes in recent years. The proposal is to open the insurance program up to other qualified brokerage firms beyond those currently used or to establish a USPS fund to offset member claims. Your Bridge is in favor of the former and will vote in that manner. A fund will take too long to establish and National will likely try to get its membership to make donations to the fund. We do believe all USPS members should have equal access to benefits provided regardless of where they may live so we do agree a change needs to occur to prevent cancellation of insurance. I'll let you know how the vote turns out in a future message.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cdr Fred Wise, Jr. SN



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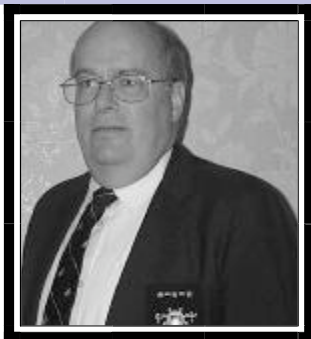
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

By the time you receive this newsletter, it may or may not be too late to join us for the Annual Crab and Shrimp feed on August 25 at Jerry and Margie Franek's beautiful river-side home. This is not an event you'll want to miss! Even if you didn't RSVP, give me a call (779-4480) and come over anyway! We'll have plenty of food for all!

Our next dinner meeting will be held on September 6 at the San Carlos Restaurant with cocktails beginning at 1800, dinner at 1900. Our speaker for the evening is Brian Shumaker, a Susquehanna River Fly Fishing Guide. Brian is the owner of Susquehanna River Guides, specializing in fly-fishing for smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna River. More information about Brian and his tours can be found at [www.susqriverguides.com](http://www.susqriverguides.com). I hope you will plan to attend!

If anyone had an unusual or interesting vacation this summer, we would love to hear about it at one of our meetings. Presentations from our members are the best kind! Give me a call if you have a idea for a speaker!

Respectfully submitted,  
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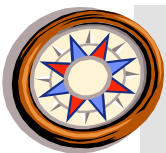
You may have noticed the advertisement in the York County Cooperative Community Education publication for the boating class at West York High. P/C Dale Fanale made the arrangements for the class that will begin on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Room 114 at West York High. This is the full Boating Safety Course and will run until November 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 until 9:00 PM.

Bud Menchy and Tom Wise have agreed to teach the Piloting class, so all who have not taken the class should get on board for what will doubtless be a good class. We haven't set a firm date, but it will be later in the fall.

Potomac River Power Squadron is offering a Seamanship class to their members over the Internet this fall. I think YSPS could do the same with many of our classes. The entire course, except for exam, would be done by e-mail. Questions would be submitted to the instructor, then each question with answer would be sent to the entire class. Each student will have to submit chapter quizzes on schedule. I intend to try this approach with the long promised Operations Training course as soon as the boats are on the hard for the winter.

Along the same lines, an e-mail link will be added to the yorkboating.org web page where anyone can ask a question about boating, boating regulations, navigation or whatever. The questions will be directed to the squadron SEO, and if he/she is not able to provide an answer, it should be possible to find someone knowledgeable of the subject among our members

Lt/C Fred W. Wise FC, SEO



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

**USPS GRADE COURSES**

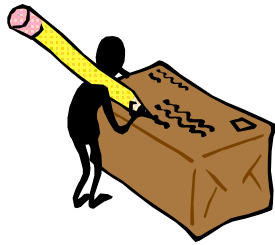
- Seamanship
- Piloting *(starting Fall)*
- Advanced Piloting
- Junior Navigation
- Navigation

**USPS ELECTIVES**

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



## MEMORIES!!!



As I sit here soaking up the air conditioning, I'm remembering how we sweltered on our first boat in 1974. A nice 24' but no heat or air. We were younger then, as many of you were. But gas was 77.9 a gallon and we could skinny dip without feeling ashamed of our bodies! Who needed air? Marina fees were \$5.00 overnight, regardless of size. The bay was much cleaner and fewer boats got in the way!

One particular hot weekend the Cath-win 1 and the Laddy Buck, with Capt. Mike Feeney and family, decided we would raft up at a little spot on the Sassafra river. The guys found a nice spot and decided to "beach" the bows and tie up to some trees. That was so nice of them to let us keep our feet dry while unloading the food and coolers. We had a great cook-out and lots of liquid refreshments. Enjoyed swimming in the warm water and called it a night after watching the full moon rise. Now, come on, you know what's coming, huh?

Yep, about 3 am. I had to use the potty. As I crawled out of the bunk the boat rolled to the port side,

pots, pans and dishes [thankfully they were plastic] clanked to the floor. The Capt. said "what the ---- was that" as he crawled out of the bunk and the boat flipped over to the starboard! We realized the tide went way-y-y-y out under that beautiful full moon. Ed called over to Mike and we KNEW when he got up. His boat rolled to it's side. Well, the two of them surveyed the problem and figured they would just push the boats into deeper water. Yeah, RIGHT!! They didn't budge. So, what do two wide awake Captains do at that hour? Why they sit on a log drinking beer waiting for the tide to bring the water back in. Fun stuff that weekend!

Well until next time, Keep cool, come and enjoy the crab feast and be careful on the water.

Cathie



# NAVIGATION CONTEST *Photos*



## WATCHING THE WEATHER

By Captain Bob <http://www.commanderbob.com/>



***"Perhaps the worst plight of a vessel is to be caught in a gale on a lee shore. In this connection the following rules should be observed.***



1. Never allow your vessel to be found in such a predicament."  
(written by, Callingham: "Seamanship: Jottings for the Young Sailor)

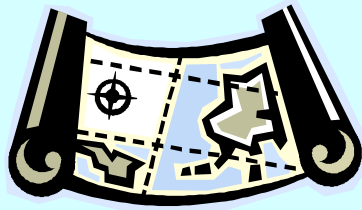
By it's very nature, weather is dynamic and constantly changing.

Weather is a phenomena in which the atmosphere and all its components have been trying from the beginning of time to reach a state of equilibrium.

The current weather conditions along with reasonably predicted expectations of weather should be a prime consideration for anyone venturing out onto the water in any type of vessel.

### **Here are some things you should "KNOW....before you GO!"**

- The direction from which most storms emanate in your area. Then keep a closer eye in that direction while you're on the water.
- How to make a rough forecast using basic principles of wind direction, atmospheric pressure, and temperature changes.
- Cloud formations and what they mean.
- Where to find up-to-date weather information on your AM-FM , VHF, or SSB radio.
- How to determine the center of a low pressure system just by facing the wind using Buys Ballots Law.
- The location and approximate time it will take you to get to an accessible safe harbor.
- How to use a drogue or storm anchor, or things that could be used as a makeshift substitute.
- The meanings and locations of shore-based storm signals in your area.
- The importance of wearing life jackets if you get caught out in poor conditions.



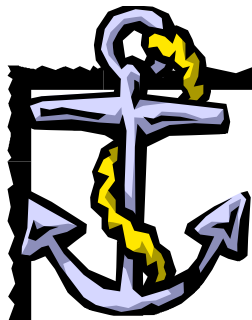
## YSPS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**6 SEPT—YSPS DINNER MEETING**  
*San Carlos, Rte 30, York  
Rte 30 & Arsenal Road*

**8 SEPT—GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
*Norfolk, Virginia*

**19 SEPT — YSPS BASIC BOATING  
COURSE**

**West York High School  
7:00 PM—9:00 PM  
Room 114**



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