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President George W. Bush is joined by Rep. Steven LaTourette, R-OH, left, and Rep. Patrick Tiberi, R-OH, at the signing of S.2766, The Clean Boating Act of 2008, Tuesday, July 29, 2008, aboard Air Force One on the flight from Euclid, Ohio to Washington, D.C. White House photo by Chris Greenberg

President Bush Signs Clean Boating Act into Law

NMMA applauds important relief measure for recreational boating

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 30, 2008—In a significant victory for the recreational marine industry and the American boating and angling public, President Bush late yesterday signed into law S. 2766, the Clean Boating Act of 2008, protecting the more than 17 million recreational boats throughout the U.S. from unprecedented and unnecessary federal regulations. Congress passed the Clean Boating Act on July 22, 2008.

"The recreational marine industry and boaters throughout the U.S. can now rest easy and go boating without a federal or state permit, heavy penalties and absurd legal jeopardy," said Scott Gudes, NMMA vice president of Government Relations. "We applaud President Bush and Congress for their bipartisan efforts to reverse the unintended and potentially devastating consequences of an overbroad federal court decision."

Introduced by Senators Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) and Representatives Steve LaTourette (R-Ohio) and Candice Miller (R-Mich.), the Clean Boating Act permanently and fully restores a commonsense regulation that excludes recreational boaters and anglers from the Clean Water Act federal and state permitting system designed for land-based industrial facilities, like sewage treatment plants. Without legislative relief, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was set to implement new permitting regulations for boaters by October 1, 2008. "This is welcome news for all recreational marine manufacturers across the country," said Thom Dammrich, NMMA president. "NMMA raised the alarm on this misguided court decision nearly two years ago, and we are thrilled that Congress and the President have prevented the bureaucratic nightmare that was set to become law."

"NMMA thanks all of its partners in the Boat Blue Coalition, including BoatU.S.," added Gudes. "Passage of this legislation is a testament to what is possible when our community joins forces and speaks with one voice before key decision-makers."

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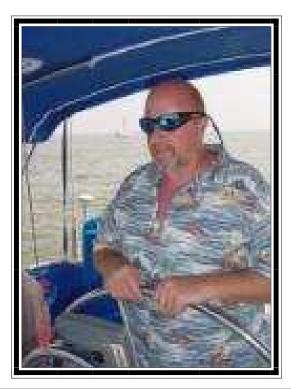
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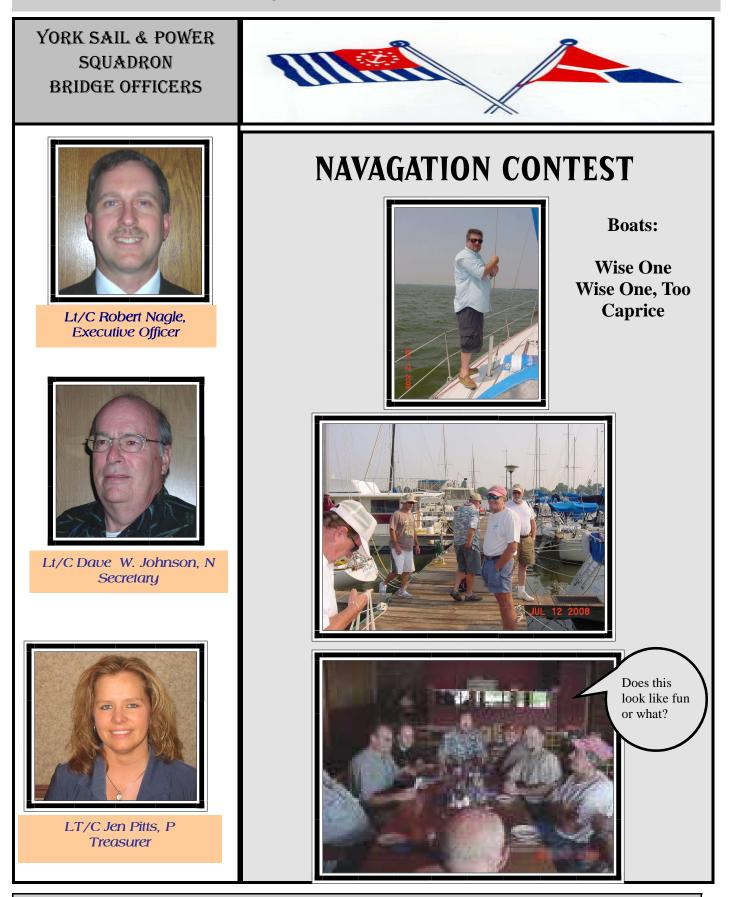
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Cdr Moore behind the helm at the recent Navigation Contest held on the Chesapeake in July.





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On 13 August, 2008, an Instructor Recertification Seminar for District 5 was held at Joyce Filius' place of business. P/ C Larry W. Graham, SN, SEO, and Nancy Cheris, AP of the Susquehannock Sail and Power Squadron presented the seminar. Bud Menchey, Dale Fanale, Fred Wise Sr., Tom Wise, Fred Wise Jr. and your SEO attended this seminar. Pending approval by District 5, this will effectively extend the Instructor Certification of the attendees for four years from the date of the presentation. Many thanks to our fellow USPS members in the Susquehannock Squadron for their time and efforts and to Joyce Filius for making her conference room available.

The Safe Boating Class currently meeting in the Bud Menchey Basement of Learning (BMBL) has five students. By the time this edition of the Anchorline is available the final exam will have been given. While I am confident that all students will have benefited from Bud's excellent instruction and also passed the exam, in fairness we'll wait until the next edition to publish their names and congratulatory message.

Ed Furst continues to recruit people for classes during VSCs, church socials or chance encounters or somewhere. Keep up the good work, Ed. If anyone knows of a potential safe boating class student, please get contact information (telephone or email) and forward to me or any of the instructors. If all goes as planned we will have another class in January 2009.

Respectfully Submitted, Lt/C Tom Miller, AP

The major courses offered to members by YSPS include:

USPS GRADE COURSES

- ➢ Seamanship
- > Piloting
- Advanced Piloting

USPS ELECTIVES

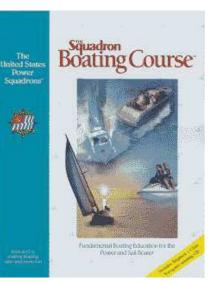
- Cruise Planning
- Engine Maintenance
- Instructor Development
- Marine Electronics
- Sail and Weather
- Operations Training



Public Courses

The Squadron Boating Course

The Squadron Boating Course is a course for all boaters including skippers of a family cruiser, sailing enthusiasts, personal watercraft (PWC) operators, hunters or fishermen operating an outboard utility boat, and canoe and kayak paddlers,. It covers the basics you need to know to safely and legally operate your boat, such as basic boating terminology, boat handling, water sports safety, PWCs, legally required equipment and other boating laws and regulations, right-of-way rules be-



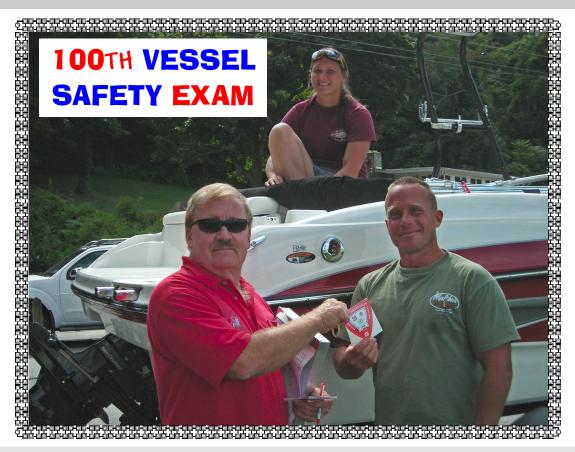
tween boats, and marine radio operation. The course is meant to be of interest to the whole family, and we encourage your family to attend as a group. Beyond the basic safety material, additional material covers the fundamentals of reading nautical charts, of using a chart to plot and follow a safe course, and the basics of using a Global Positioning System (GPS) for navigation. In addition to practice charts and plotting tools, the materials supplied with the course also include a CD-ROM containing Maptech's Chart Navigator computer program, allowing the student to learn about this exciting new electronic technology. *The Squadron Boating Course* can be taught in either of two formats at your local squadron's discretion – an eight (8) hour course covering basic safety topics, or a twelve (12) hour course covering safety plus charting and navigation topics. Either format with its proctored examination meets the requirements of National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) so that you can get your safety certificate in those states that require one to operate a power driven vessel. Get more information on *The Squadron Boating Course.*



GET INVOLVED IN PROMOTING YOUR SQUADRON!

BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

If you know of someone who has a boat, interest them in the boating course. Have them contact either Bud Menchey 854-9919 or Tom Miller E-mail: <u>TMiller524@aol.com</u> Phone: 292-6402 for further information.



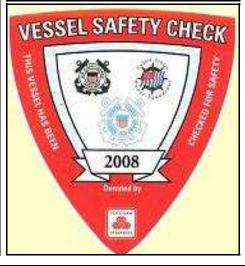
P/C Ed Furst, S just completed his 100th Vessel Safety Exam. Ed is a USPS Vessel Safety Examiner and is a frequent examiner to the Susquehanna River Long Level area and Rehobeth, Delaware *Masseys Landing*, doing Vessel Safety Exams during the summer months. Shown here in this picture are (L to R) Ed Furst, Dane Geesey and wife, Nicole who received a completed exam and sticker for the boating year of 2008 marking the 100th Vessel Safety Exam for Ed.

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.

If you would be interested in becoming a Vessel Safety Examiner, please contact P/C Terry Witmer @ 741-3331

TIP: This is also a great way to get area individuals interested in taking the USPS Safe Boating Course.

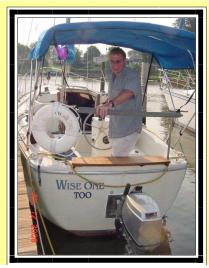




P/c Fred Wise Jr. taking a little shut-eye on the Nav. cruise



Greg Armstrong (brother-in-law of Cdr. Ryan Moore and Lt/C Bob Nagle) having a "thought time" during the contest.



Tom Wise on the Wise One Two getting ready.



UPCOMING EVENT!



Don't forget our Crab & Shrimp Feed on Sept 20th

Sail Regatta & Fall Festival @ Rock Hall on October 11th-13th



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