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## Message From Commander Jim Silver:

Greetings all, I hope everyone is enjoying this excellent warm sunny weather. This is the time of the year when we get a break from MHPS activities and get some sea time in. Please enjoy yourselves.

All the renewals appear to be in and we did very well. Fifteen Active members and four Family members did not renew but on the plus side we have six new Active members and two new Family members totaling 112 members as of July 10, 2004. Thank you everyone for renewing and WELCOME ABOARD to the new members. Please keep in mind that our goal is to get at least ten more new Active members before February 28, 2005, your active support will be required for us to attain that goal.

I am working on the MHPS Directory and expect to complete it by the end of July. DB2000 will be used as the source data, so please insure your data is correct. If not, please send the correct data to me for inclusion into DB2000. Also, we are now posting birthdays (day, month only to protect the younger members) and MHPS anniversary (month and total years) in the Fog Horn. As not everyone has their birthday in DB2000, if those that don't would send us the month and day we would gladly include you in the list we send to the Fog Horn so you will be properly congratulated.

There are two upcoming events you may wish to attend. The first is 13,14,15 August at Captain's Cove Seaport, Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport CT. Please see the flyer on the last page for details.

The second event is our own Rendezvous to be held on August 21 at the Red Hook Boat Club in Red Hook NY.

Please make every effort to attend this event. Both Bruce LoPresti (New VSE as of July 10 – Congratulations Bruce) and I will be there to do VSC's so arrive by boat if possible. This is usually a very nice social event with a very quick meeting and a great opportunity to see other member's boats and swap sea stories.

Happy and safe cruising,  
Jim & Jan

## THE AUGUST RENDEZVOUS

Please accept this invitation to attend the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Annual Rendezvous and Member Meeting.

Place:

Red Hook Boat Club On The Hudson  
Located on Dock Road in the Hamlet of Barrytown

Date and time:

Saturday 21 August 2004 at 1200.

You can ALL come by BOAT or by car. Bring the entire family, it is a loosely organized picnic, on the Hudson, and a great way to meet your fellow MHPS members.

It is a potluck affair with each family bringing their favorite dish and sharing it with everyone.

The Squadron will provide CORN ON THE COB, cooked by official, certified, corny, chef Gladstone.

Cost: \$0.00

Docking facilities provided.

Please join us for this event and bring a guest.

Jim Smith, P Administrative Officer, MHPS.

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### WEB SITE

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This is where you can get all the information about  
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## Mid-Hudson Education Program

Students needed for the SAIL course.

Our sail instructors have made arrangements to conduct a sail course in, August. John Boyle (635-9463) and Pete Cavalla (462-4878) need your input asap to set up the schedule and to know how many books to order.

A Boating Course will be conducted starting in September. Tentative start date is Thursday the 9th at the Highland Middle School. Instructors will be needed for the various sections. If you have a preference for any that you would like to teach please get in touch with me.

Our lead instructor for these past few years, Fred Mangelsdorf, is moving on to bigger responsibilities. Having done an outstanding job we now must honor his request that that we find someone else to take on that job. I know we have members that are perfectly able to do this job so please consider stepping up to the plate now that we really need you.

On a recent cruise of some members of Mid-Hudson Power Squadron, we were boarded by the Coast Guard. It was an interesting experience considering that we had checked on the all the items that would be checked on a vessel safety check. So what do you think might have been the very first words, in the form of a question, of the boarding officer?

(We passed the inspection with no problems.)

Answer can be found else where in this publication.

Dick Winchell, SEO

### DISTRICT 2 CHANGE OF WATCH IN 2005

In March of 2005, the MHPS will host the COW for our District.

Why you ask? Well, because our own Fred Mangelsdorf SN will be sworn in as the new District Commander.

The Squadron Executive Committee has appointed a committee to organize this affair and they are:

John C. Kwak, Chairman  
Jim Silver, Present Commander  
Jan Silver, Treasurer  
George Danko, Future commander  
Stu Steagall, Godfather  
Jim Smith, Hawaiian Shirt Expert  
And all future volunteers

This column will be my way of informing MHPS of our progress and our need for help. Cont. Pg 4.



Figure 1. MHPS Billboard on Washington St. in Poughkeepsie Thanks to Pat Smalley, good job Pat !



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Susan .	Enkler	1-Jul
Carl	Alexanderson	9-Jul
Inman "Stu"	Steagall	16-Jul
Irene	Denaro	17-Jul
Karen	Gotimer	28-Jul
Edward	Popko	29-Jul
Joseph	Aiello	30-Jul

Harry	Bly	2-Aug
George	Danko	3-Aug
Charles	Worrell	4-Aug
Tracy	Berwick	9-Aug
William	Enichen	13-Aug
Henry.	Seymour	14-Aug
Minke	Kwak	15-Aug
Alberto	Croatto	16-Aug
Lee	Kalish	18-Aug
Ward	Miller	20-Aug
Edward	Weber	23-Aug
Wolfgang	Winklharrer	23-Aug
Gerard	Milne	24-Aug
Fred	Mangelsdorf	25-Aug



Figure 2. MHPS phone number on the billboard.



Figure 3, Commander congratulating new member Andrew Williams after taking his membership oath.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY WITH MHPS.

Stephanie	Bambina	1-Jul	9
Edward	Metivier	1-Jul	6
Gary	Bartlett	23-Aug	11
Marvin	Rosenthal	26-Aug	13

## **SAFETY CORNER—**

### **Jacklines: A Powerboat Follow-up**

By Jim Smith, P

Here's the situation. It's summer 2004 in Hawaii with relatively calm seas and water temperature somewhere in the 70s, more or less, ideal weather. Here are two true stories.

Two outboard-equipped fishing boats were found, motors running, with nobody on board. Both skippers had logged many open-ocean hours and were considered "experienced."

In one situation, a fisherman called his wife and said that he'd caught a marlin and was heading in. His boat was found several hours later, run up on a beach with the engine running, and the marlin strapped to the stern of the boat. Since the GPS was still functioning the Coast Guard was able to reconstruct the boat's course. Despite knowing the exact path that the boat had traversed, no trace of the fisherman was found.

The second boat was found, at sea, still trolling for fish. The boat had only been out for a few hours when it was sighted, running with no crew. In this case the CG had a reasonable estimate of the area in which to concentrate the search. The skipper was never found.

Apparently, there were no signs, on either boat, of jacklines or tethers. Whether the skippers were wearing PFDs is only a matter of conjecture. Perhaps, these skippers had done similar solo trips hundreds of times.

Is there a moral? In my humble opinion, yes. Install jacklines on your powerboat and use a tether in addition to your PFD. At the risk of violating grammar rules..."You may go out hundreds of times, *you don't return only once.*"

(Special thanks to sailor Peter O. from Hawaii for providing details of these sad situations.)

(**Answer:** do you have any weapons on board?)



**Figure 4, The Kayak & Canoe Safety Demonstration Crew hard at work at the Sportsman show at Belair Mountain.**



**Figure 5, Kenco's Booth at the show. They supplied a Kayak to be given as a door price to one of the show attendees. Minke Kwak was the winner. Pictures of Minke and the Kayak in future additions.**

### **DISTRICT 2 CHANGE OF WATCH IN 2005 cont.**

The committee has selected the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel as the venue for the District COW, a contract has been approved by EXCOM and signed.

The suggested Theme for the Saturday night party will be HAWAIIAN with the official uniform an Hawaiian shirt for the men and Hawaiian dresses for the women.

We hope and expect to give Fred a big send off with a record turn out of MHPS members at the Friday night and Saturday night affairs. He has taught all of you at some time or other so this will be your chance to show your appreciation. I hereby Thank all of you before hand!

Chairman John C. Kwak

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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**July No Meeting**

**Aug. 13, 14, 15 District 2 and District 1, Rendezvous in Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT**

**Aug. 21 MHPS Rendezvous, Red Hook Boat Club**

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# JOIN THE FUN AT THE 2004 D/1 – D/2 RENDEZVOUS

CAPTAIN'S COVE SEAPORT, BLACK ROCK HARBOR, BRIDGEPORT, CT

FRIDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup>, SATURDAY THE 14<sup>TH</sup>, AND SUNDAY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST – RAIN OR SHINE!

CALL THE CAPTAIN'S COVE DOCKMASTER ON VHF CHANNEL 18 UPON ARRIVAL.

IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A USPS RENDEZVOUS PARTICIPANT.

*If you can't come by boat,  
join us in the afternoon on the dock and/or for dinner!  
Captain's Cove is just off I-95 exit 26 (follow the signs).*



## FREE DOCKAGE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, COMPLEMENTS OF CAPTAIN'S COVE FOR USPS MEMBERS!

*Note: All free slips do not have power or water, although there will be some available at Captain's Cove or Pequonnock Yacht Club overnight (Bridgeport Harbor). Call Gene Boone to make arrangements. Do not call Captain's Cove.*

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON EVENTS

*Inter-Squadron and District Competition – Sporting Events:*

*Kite-flying, Yo-Yoing, Hula Hooping, and for the first time ever, Frisbee throwing  
Many Prizes*

*Big party in parking lot at John and Diane's motorhome (plan is to save Kelly's boat)*

*Dock parties in the area reserved for Districts 1 and 2*

*Many other Nautical and Non-nautical events for the afternoon*

*Boardwalk shops in miniature colonial and Victorian style buildings, featuring gifts and delectable edibles*

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING EVENTS (1800)

*Friday Evening: Restaurant available for dinner. Cover charge will be waived for D/1 and D/2 members for the evening band entertainment starting at 2100.*

*Saturday Evening: 1800 cash bar and 1900 Shore Dinner on the restaurant upper deck. (Reserved exclusively for Districts 1 and 2. Will be moved inside in case of inclement weather.)*

## SATURDAY SHORE DINNER MENU:

*Clams, mussels, corn, potatoes, salad, rolls, dessert*

*Choice of lobster (\$27) or one-half broiled chicken (\$22)*

*Please note that the lobster price is slightly higher than last year  
due to the anticipated shortage of Long Island Sound lobsters.*

*Children's Menu available.*

*Reservations and payments for dinners are required by 31 July.*

*Please make all reservations by check payable to USPS D/2 and mailed to (note new address):*

*P/C Eugene R. Boone, Jr., AP  
498-B Niantic La., Stratford, CT 06614  
203-380-9964*

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## DISTRICT 1 AND 2 RENDEZVOUS RESERVATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Slip required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Boat name: \_\_\_\_\_ LOA: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: PLEASE CALL GENE AT 203-380-9964 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHORE POWER (LIMITED AVAILABILITY)**

NUMBER OF LOBSTER SHORE DINNERS @ \$27. \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHICKEN SHORE DINNERS @ \$22. \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_