

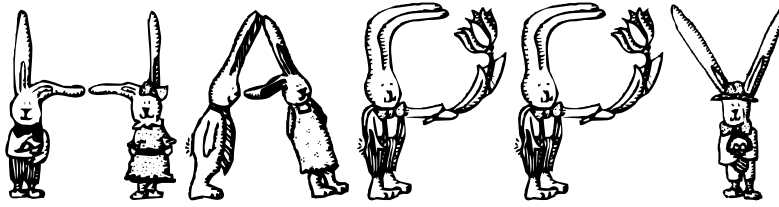


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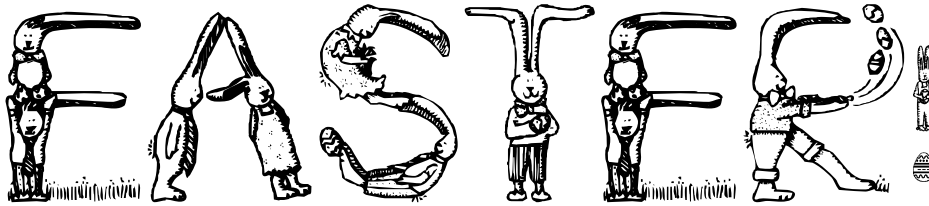
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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Ahoy. I just returned from White Plains and the District 2 Spring Conference. There were plenty of USPS shipmates, fine fellowship, and fine dining.

The D/2 Meeting saw three resolutions approved by the District to be presented to the National Governing Board in August. Suzanne Nentwich from Cross County Power Squadron was sworn in as District Commander and there was a great selection of workshops. I attended the Educational and the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)....time well spent.

Please...if you have never or even if you have....do yourself a favor and plan on attending a District Meeting. There will be a summer council announced soon and the Fall Conference will be in Albany in October.

This years District theme is " It's 'R' Time. Our new Commander in her addresses will refer to significant phrases with the letter "R." Phrases such as "R"enew committment, "R"ecall why you joined USPS and "R"esurrect the good times. How about "R"econstruct ? And I rather like "R"ebuild, which is going to be necessary to stay in business. If you "R"ecall my incoming address at the last Change of Watch, I mentioned that we need to "Re"integrate new ideas with old. The possibilities are endless and it will be a very interesting year.

We owe a very heartfelt thanx to P/D/C Commander Fred and Linda Mangelsdorf for a very successful watch and a fine year. I offer a special thanx for direction during my first watch as Squadron Commander and, of course wish both of you the very best as P/D/C.

Continuing....Spring and boating season is here. Get that boat in the water and enjoy...its been a long winter.

MHPS just completed our annual marine auction with success. I do not have all the details, as yet, but we did well. Thanx to the Gladstones and everyone who participated.

Pat Smalley, myself, and anyone who wants to join us will host the Kid's Boating Class on Saturday, 22 April at the East Fishkill Community Library in Hopewell Junction and again at the Beekman Library on Saturday 3 June. Both classes start at 1030. Come on down, meet the young ones and "R"elax.

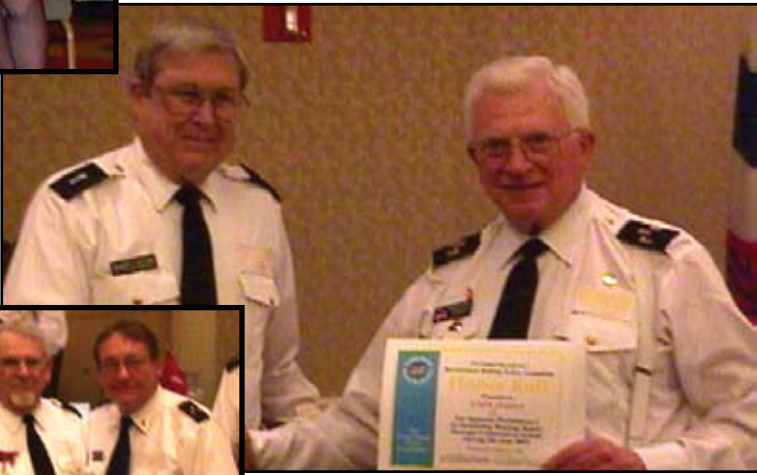
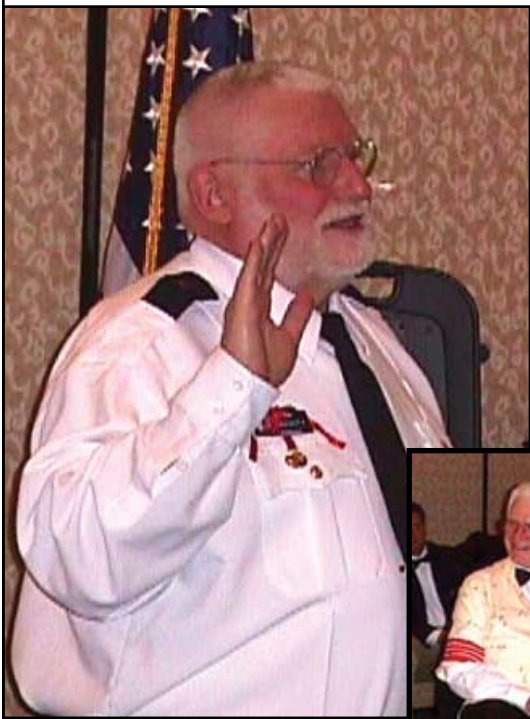
Thats it for now.....talk to you again 1st of May.

Commander George Danko

MHPS ANNUAL MEETING:
ELECTION OF OFFICERS &
CHANGE OF WATCH
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
GREENBAUM & GILHOOLEY'S



DISTRICT 2 SPRING CONFERENCE:
ELECTION OF OFFICERS & CHANGE OF WATCH
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL



BOATING EDUCATION AT ITS BEST BY USPS

The big news is that the date for our Education Meeting has been changed to March 24. We'll still be at Stonehedge in East Park. This is the time when we honor our students and instructors for their educational efforts of the past year.

In other news from states nearby, Connecticut has introduced a "Coastal Endorsement" program for their Safe Boating Certificate. This will require further study in boating basics such as piloting topics. The USPS "Boating Course" will meet the new requirements for this endorsement, however and the Americas Boating Course and Boat Smart will not.

The news from New Jersey as outlined in the recent issue of "Boating" is that the legislature recently approved a bill that all current and future resident powerboat operators are required to attend and pass a "stringent" boating course.

On March 28 we started our Americas Boating Course class at Haviland Middle school with 19 students. It was most gratifying that we had five members there to help with the set up and registration. This class will continue till May 2 (no school on April 11. School closed for Spring break). Help will be needed on May 2 for the exams.

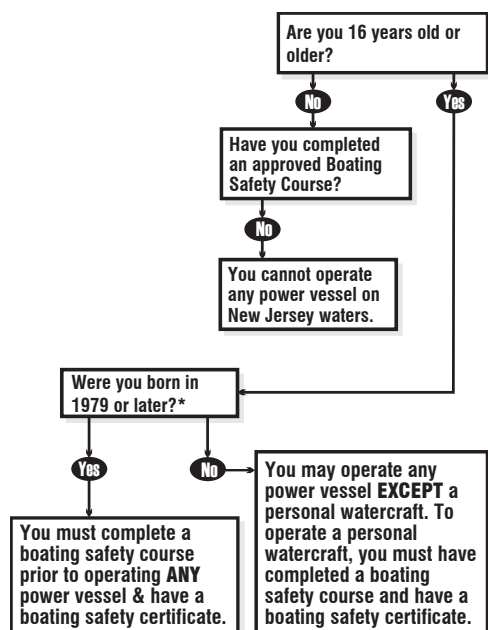
Our piloting class is winding down with only two weeks to go so our NautiBender this month asks the question: There are four standard colors used for lighted aids to navigation are red, green, white and ?? (answer to be found elsewhere in this issue).

Richard Winchell, SEO
Michele Tarsa, ASEO

NEW JERSEY BOATING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Did you know? You need a license these days! See the facts below.

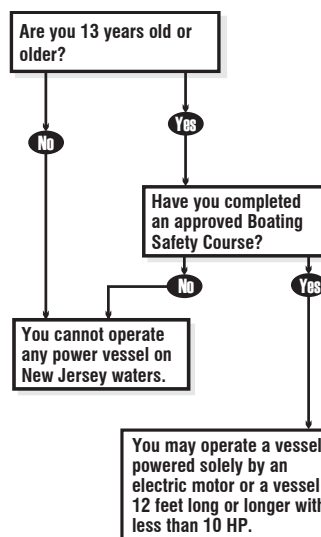
BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION & MINIMUM AGE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS



*Schedule for Completion of Mandatory Boating Safety Course:

- Persons born in 1969 or later must possess a Boating Safety Certificate by **June 1, 2006**.
- Persons born in 1959 or later must possess a Boating Safety Certificate by **June 1, 2007**.
- Persons born in 1949 or later must possess a Boating Safety Certificate by **June 1, 2008**.
- **All persons** who wish to operate a power vessel must possess a Boating Safety Certificate by **June 1, 2009**.

BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION & MINIMUM AGE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS For Those Under 16



- 1) There are NO EXEMPTIONS to New Jersey age requirements.
- 2) Out-of-state residents in New Jersey for less than 90 days with a certificate issued by their state or country; OR written proof of completion of a substantially similar course to the NJ-approved course will satisfy the education requirements.

Boating Safety Course information may be located at:
www.cgaux.org • www.usps.org • www.BOATUS.com
 Boating Safety Courses must be completed in person.

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Jerry L. Toepfer	4/3
Gladys M. Suessle	4/4
Paul Canter	4/21
Fred W. Jones	4/22
Judy A. Chernowski	4/27
Craig W. Broadbent	4/29
David A. Rosenthal	4/29

Anniversaries

Donald Gladstone	4/06/61
Jacquelyn Steagall	4/18/78
Robert A. Tully	4/22/80
Paul Rivenburgh	4/22/86
Carl Alexanderson	4/28/87
Alberto G. Croatto	4/28/87
Susan C. Salem	4/01/96
Wolfgang Winklharrer	4/15/99
Homer P. Coulter, Jr.	4/15/00
John J. Enkler	4/07/01
Gary L. Storm	4/07/01
Michele L. Tarsa	4/07/01
William J. Ringwood, Jr.	4/27/01
Albert & Tracy Berwick	4/17/02
Scott & Penny Nelson	4/17/02
Virginia L. Seeley	4/17/02
Salvatore A. Cigna	4/21/04
Andrew E. Williams	4/21/04

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Greetings All,

As your new Executive Officer, I want to let you know I am going to make an effort to get our name out in the media. If you are planning an event that involves the public, please give me the details and I will broadcast that info to the papers, radios, TV where I can. Such events may include the Vessel Safety Check in May at Saugerties. Please forward me any info you have on that event. Also, as soon as someone gets info on the Norwalk Boat Show, please share.

Pat Smalley

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Thanks to helpers in setting up and clearing up the potluck supper at auction. That includes the men who carried out the trash. It was most appreciated.

Betty Gladstone

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The Foghorn is looking for a new editor in the next few months. If you are interested, contact Editor John C. Kwak at 255-5318

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Welcome back Brian Wiacek!

Answer to this month's NautiBender:
Yellow

