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Commander's Message



December is here already and the holiday season is upon us. It is a very busy month. Shopping for family and friends, fighting the crowds, and traffic make things hectic. Please be careful this month, it is still getting dark earlier and winter weather is here. Stay safe....boating season is only four months away.

Please plan on attending our holiday meeting on 21 December at Coppolas in Hyde Park, bring a gift to exchange and enjoy a fine meal and even finer company. And it is the first day of winter.

Just think the days will start getting longer.

As we plan our new year, the USPS Annual Meeting will be in Orlando, Florida 4-8 January 2006. Five days of activities, seminars, meetings, social functions, and meals, a good time for all, and the weather will be great.

MHPS will have a full slate of member classes in 2006, sharpen your mind and your pencil....details will follow next time. Until then, everyone have a safe and prosperous holiday season and a very happy new year. See you on the 21st at Copolla's.

Ahoy...

Commander George Danko

Member Meeting in December

Wednesday December 21, 2005, 1830

COPPOLA'S ITALIAN & AMERICAN BISTRO

4167 Albany Post Rd., Hyde Park, NY
845-229-9113

Banquet Selections:

Veal Cutlet al Parmagiana
Chicken Scaloppini ala Marsala
Baked Eggplant Parmagiana
Norwegian Salmon Filet

Meal also includes:

Antipasta
Pasta
Vegetable
Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Cost: \$22 per person

There will be an optional gift exchange. If you care to participate, please bring a wrapped gift marked for a man, woman or either.

Please keep the cost between \$5 & \$10.

Dress Code: Uniform A with red bowtie or appropriate attire
RSVP with your choice to Pat Smalley no later than December 12.

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BRING A FRIEND!

Happy Holidays from your Education Department

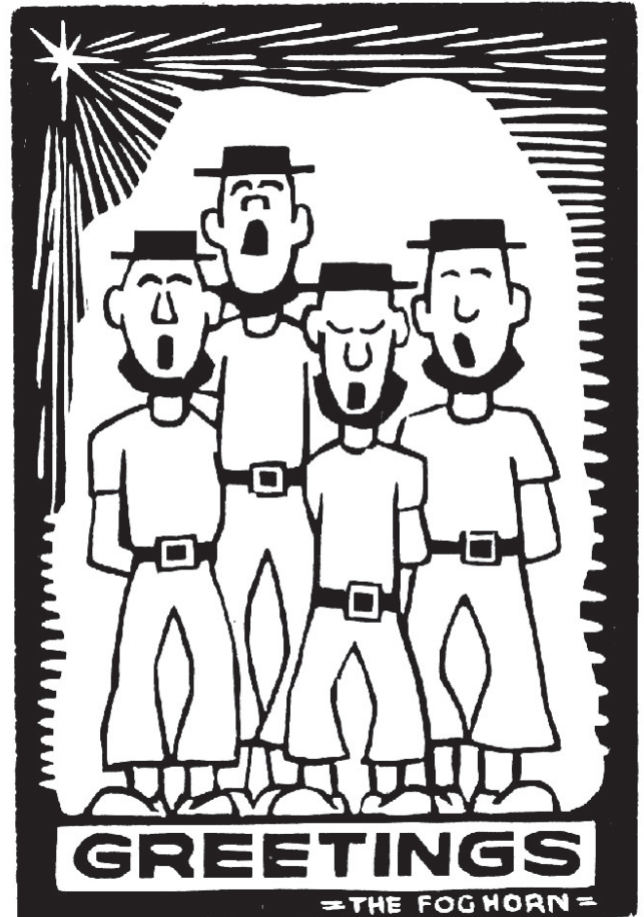
Congratulations to the Seamanship class conducted by Pat Smalley and Ernie Klopping. The graduates are: Clare Anderson, Paul Canter, Mary Ann Canter, Tom Ostrofsky, James Turner and Edwin Sugg. Congratulations also to Michele Tarsa on passing Sail 101 with a very high grade. Very good for a power boater.

In the near future, probably February, we will be doing a piloting class at the Highland Middle School planned for Thursday evenings. Please let me know of your interest in this class so enough material can be ordered before hand.

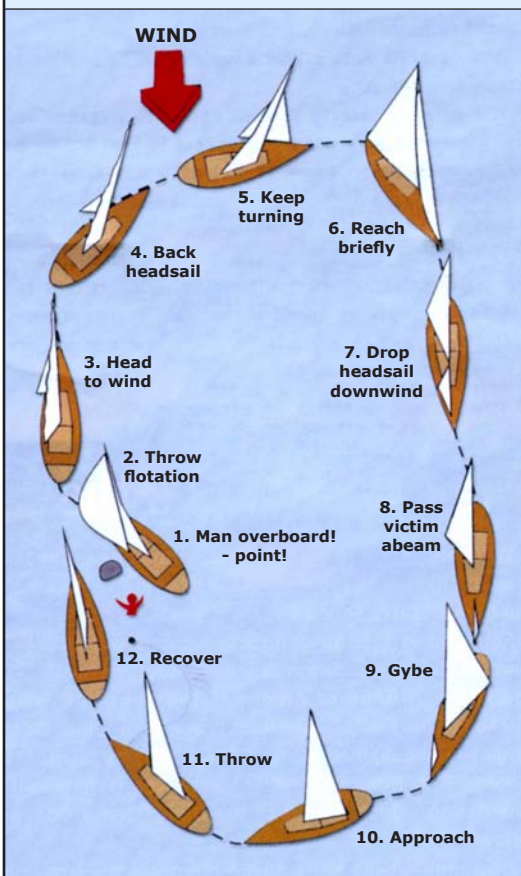
Something new has changed with marine batteries. On the new ones you will now find that the NEGATIVE terminal color is now YELLOW. Red is still positive. Remember, you read it here first (maybe).

This months NautiBender is a Sail question. If a vessel is carrying sails made of six oz. sailcloth, it means that a rectangle of cloth measuring _____ x _____ inches will weigh six ounces. (Answer to be found elsewhere in this issue).

Dick Winchell, SEO
Michele Tarsa, ASEO



M.O.B. — Man Overboard Quick Stop Maneuver



1. Designate one crewmember to spot and point at the victim
2. Immediately litter the water with flotation devices: seat cushions, life jackets, almost anything onboard that floats. Not only does this provide the person in the water with support, the litter helps indicate his or her location in turbulent seas, when a human head can be difficult to see.
3. Steer the boat into the wind so that the jib and main are luffing.
4. Continue turning the boat past the wind, backwinding the jib, as in a heave-to position.
5. Turn in the same direction until the wind is coming from abaft the beam.
6. Sail off on a reach (headsail still backwinded) for two to three boat lengths before turning dead downwind.
7. Haul the mainsail in to the centerline of the boat and drop the jib without easing on the jibsheets. (Tight sheets keep the jib on deck.)
8. Continue downwind until the person in the water is abaft the beam.
9. Jibe and keep turning until the boat is tacking back upwind, toward the person in the water. (The jib is once again filled with air and pulling the boat.)
10. Steer a course between 45 and 60 degrees off the wind as you approach the person in the water.
11. Throw a line to the person in the water unless you already launched a Lifesling or similar harness which by now would have been towed in a circle around the person. Pull the person toward the windward side of the boat and haul the victim aboard.

Good Times at the November Member Meeting

Downtown Cafe in Kingston, November 16, 2005



ABOVE: Webmaster Dave Rosenthal, PDC & Chaplain Stu Steagall, and Commander George Danko. RIGHT: Guest Speaker Ryan Palmer and SEO Dick Winchell



LEFT: Fred Mangelsdorf, District 2 Commander and Guest. CENTER: Jim and Jan Silver. RIGHT: Edgar, Lynn and Linda Bright



Come and See the Bannerman Castle Gingerbread House!

Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St., Beacon

Come see the Bannerman Island Gingerbread House at The Bannerman Island Gallery. This colossal confectionary is a surefire treat for the Holiday Season. The house is a replica of Bannerman Island and stands two and a half feet tall by three and half ft wide by four and a half feet long. Created by Darlene Swann and Neil Caplan, the gingerbread structure has taken over three weeks to bake and construct. The house is constructed in the same configuration as the actual castle and gives you a birds eye view of what the castle looks like up close. The castle will be unveiled at Beacon's Second Saturday, December 10th, during The Bannerman Island Gingerbread contest and will be on display through the new year.



Bannerman Island Gingerbread House, 1996, built by Darlene Swann and Neil Caplan

The Bannerman Island Gallery is featuring a small painting, photography and print show, "Take Me Home For The Holidays." Recently added painters are Margaret Crenson and Ellen Esposito as well as photographer Thom Johnson with photos of Bannerman Island in the snow. Painters include: Jane Bannerman, Eline Barclay, Roberta Griffin, Paul Gould, John Gould, E. Virginia Donovan, Linda Holmes Richichi, M.E. Whitehill, Frank Cannas, Connie Fiedler and Judy Reynolds. Photographers include: Linda Hubbard, James Douglas, Bruce Cohen, Taylor Holman and Sally Dalmatic. The show runs through December 31, 2005. Gallery hours are Friday through Sundays, 12pm to 5pm. and on Second Saturdays, 12pm to 9pm. As part of the holiday season, Bannerman Island Gallery patrons will receive a free Bannerman Island Journal with the purchase of any item of \$5 or more.

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