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Newsletter of the  
**MID-HUDSON  
POWER SQUADRON**  
*UNIT OF THE*  
**UNITED STATES**  
**POWER SQUADRONS©**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Mid Hudson Power Squadron's annual marine auction. April 14, 2007. To be held at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club. Watch for more news later. See enclosed flyer. Don Gladstone Phone: 485-5204.

## **YOUR EDUCATION IS OUR CONCERN**

The Engine Maintenance Course scheduled for late March now has six members signed up. Any more out there? Contact me.

How about a piloting class in April? Dave Cason is looking for students!

The weather class at St. Andrews Church is underway with five students. Call George Danko if want to get in on this one.

Plans are underway to a demo of the USPS University Seminars at the Poughkeepsie YC in the near future. We will be needing Seminar Leaders for these two hour seminars. They are all in Power Point and very well done. George Danko has agreed to do the one on Weather sometime in April. Please help us get this program underway.

## **Message from Commander Danko:**

It's February already, and that brings several things to mind. Spring is around the corner, according to Punxsutawney Phil, who did not see his shadow on 2 February. That means boating season is not too far away.

The USPS Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida is approaching. Five days of fun and festivity and a very important meeting are in the works. This year's major vote will be to accept the Operating Committee and Educational Department recommendation that we support the waiver of requiring a basic boating course/proctored exam for USPS membership. As everyone knows, membership in our organization has been dropping for a number of years, and this is a plan to turn this around. Is it a good idea? Maybe, but it is an idea and we need all the help we can get. The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Executive Committee supports the waiver and that is how we are voting in Jacksonville. The dates are 20-25 February.

Happy St. Valentine's Day on 14 February. Please do not forget your valentine.

Finally, we honor our U.S. Chief Executives on Presidents Day on 19 February.

Now is the time to think about getting your boat ready for the water. Check that equipment. Are your fire extinguishers and flares current? Do those lines need to be replaced? How about your PFD's? Don't wait until there is a problem, do it now. Don't forget, MHPS offers free vessel safety checks. Sign up now. I know the weather is bitter, but will not be for long. Think about it today. Everyone have a safe and prosperous rest of the winter. I am off to Florida. Don't forget our Change of Watch on 21.

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This is where you can get all the information  
about the Squadron.

This months **NautiBender** poses the following : You are cruising at 2/3rds throttle in your 24' Cuddy-cabin and spot flotsam directly in your boat's path. and close aboard. Should you:  
(A) turn away from it;  
(B) turn towards it and then turn away: or  
(C) turn away and then towards it.  
(answer to be found else where in this issue).



Getting ready to watch "Show & Tell" at the Dutchess County Gun Club Meeting House



Commander Danko setting up for Show and Tell



Watching Show & Tell and taking notes

February Birthdays:

Hans	Hottenrott	2/13
James D.	Pratt	2/20
Marshall E.	Bishop	2/24
Andrew E.	Williams	2/21
M. Richard	Winchell	2/22
William A.	Fitchett	2/25
Virginia L.	Seeley	2/28

February Anniversaries:

Robert W.	Staats	2/1/1962
Marshall E.	Bishop	2/4/1971
Inman	Steagall	2/4/1971
Clifford	Schoonmaker	2/6/1969
Henry M.	Seymour	2/7/1963
Frederick J.	Finkeldie	2/11/2004

Answer to the NautiBender: C: turn away and then towards it (so the stern clears).



Meeting while eating desert – the way to go!



Look at all the delicious deserts at the meeting at the Mangelsdorf residence!!



Ernie enjoying desert. George getting seconds??



Reporting on Squadron activities.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**9 February, 2007** Dessert Party at Fred & Linda Mangelsdorf.

**February 20 – 25, 2007**, USPS Annual Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville, FL see link for info: <http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/video/>

**7 March**, Ex Comm @ Brennie's (George's Last as Commander)

**15 March, 2007** Kid's Boating Class for Girl Scouts, one session only 17:30 – 20:00 @ Pleasant Plains Presbyterian Church, 2 Fiddler's Bridge Rd. Confirm time and directions with Betty or Pat.

**21 March, 2007** COW Greenbaum & Gilhooleys

**30- 31 Mar- 1 Apr. 2007** D2 COW Best Western, Poughkeepsie. Registration form enclosed.

**14 April, 2007** Annual Auction at PYC.

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## Directions to the Poughkeepsie Best Western

**Best Western Inn & Conference Center**

**2170 South Road**

**Poughkeepsie, New York, 12601-5847**

**845-462-4600**

### **General Directions**

**From: South.** Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North. Take Exit 17 (Stewart Airport, Route 300, Route 17K, Interstate 84 Newburgh). Take Route 300 North to Interstate 84 East. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

**From: North.** Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South, Exit 18 (New Paltz, Route 299, Poughkeepsie). At end of ramp, turn right onto Route 299 East, to end turn right onto Route 9W South. Take 9W South about 2 miles, follow Route 44/55 East to Mid Hudson Bridge (toll). After crossing the bridge, take first exit on right to Route 9 South. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 4 miles on the left.

**From: East.** Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

**From: West.** Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

NEED SOME NEW STUFF FOR YOUR BOAT?

SET A COURSE FOR THE  
MID-HUDSON POWER SQUADRON'S 35TH ANNUAL

# MARINE AUCTION

AND SOCIAL NIGHT (AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING)  
MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY

FOR 34 YEARS THE MOST HIGHLY ATTENDED EVENT  
OF THE MID-HUDSON POWER SQUADRON



IT'S SATURDAY  
APRIL 14TH AT THE  
POUGHKEEPSIE  
YACHT CLUB  
ALBANY POST RD  
HYDE PARK, NY



**NEW**  
MARINE ITEMS  
WILL BE AUCTIONED!  
INSPECTION IS 6:30-7:00 PM  
**CASH BAR**

**\*PLEASE BRING**  
DONATIONS TO BE SOLD  
AT AUCTION!  
YOU CAN ALSO BRING  
A COVERED DISH FOR THE  
**POTLUCK SUPPER**  
FROM 5:30-6:30 PM

**ALSO,**  
BRING COOKIES,  
CAKES, PIES & OTHER  
GOODIES FOR THE  
**BAKE SALE**

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**DISTRICT 2 SPRING CONFERENCE 2007**



Hosted by  
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Friday and Saturday, MARCH 30-31, 2007



**The Best Western Inn & Conference Center**

2170 South Road  
 Poughkeepsie, New York, 12601-5847  
 845-462-4600

Friday: 3:00 pm Registration begins  
 5:00 pm Social Hour  
 7:00 pm Dinner with the Chief Commander's Representative

Saturday: 8:30 am Continental Breakfast/Registration  
 9:30 am Morning Session begins  
 12:00 Lunch  
 1:00 pm Afternoon Session begins  
 6:00 pm to 7:00 Cocktail hour  
 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm Dinner and Dancing

**Dress Code:** Fri. Dinner – Blazers, Sat. Meeting - Uniform F or appropriate attire, Sat Dinner – Uniform A or appropriate evening attire.

Cut and mail



**REGISTRATION FORM**

1<sup>st</sup> Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Registrant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
 Room (double or single) Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ Total No. of Nights \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 90.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Room (Non-smoking)  Room (Smoking)   
 Friday Welcome Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 29.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sat. Continental Breakfast & Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Br/Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 29.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Dinner Dance \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Roasted Rib Eye \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Francaise \_\_\_\_\_ Filet of Salmon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Program –Tour of Art Museum, Chapel & Library at Vassar College including Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 29.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Late fee if postmarked after March 10, 2007 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 First timer? Please check \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Storm King Power Squadron and mail with this registration form to:

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