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Message From Commander Jim Silver:

Brrrr.... Someone turned on the north wind, what happened to summer HEAT? I guess it is time to put our summer toys under wraps. I hope everyone was able to enjoy their watercraft and all the other things you can do in the warm rays of sunshine.

Back to business, two members have signed up for the new Piloting class, it sure would be nice if we could get 1 or 2 more. I now have books and have been reviewing the material. Your own GPS and a laptop computer (for the included MapTech Navigation software) are essential to get the most out of the hands-on classroom exercises and homework. The class has not started yet and is tentatively set for Thursday nights at Highland School if anyone is interested in joining us. The Basic class should have completed 6 sessions by the time you read this, I am sure SEO Dick Winchell will give you more details in his column – be sure to read it.

A very large contingent (7) of our members led by Flag Lieutenant Pat Smalley represented Mid Hudson at the Norwalk Boat Show. Pat will be giving her report at the member meeting on October 20th at Poughkeepsie Yacht Club in Hyde Park. Please try to attend and remember this meeting is our annual new member potluck dinner; so bring a taste of your favorite dish to swap/share with others (stop drooling George – you just have to wait until the 20th).

Lastly, I remind you of the upcoming Fall District 2 Conference to be held in nearby Danbury CT on November 5th and 6th. Please support Housatonic Squadron the host of this event. Also, please plan on supporting our own event, the Spring District 2 Conference (and Change of Watch – you remember, when Fred takes the reigns for D2) on March 18 – 19, 2005.

Jim & Jan

THE MHPS OCTOBER MEMBERS MEETING

MHPS Members and Guests:

Please accept this invitation to the October Members Meeting.

Place:

Poughkeepsie Yacht Club
Route 9 South
Staatsburg, New York 12580

Date and Time:

Wednesday 20 October 2004 at 1830

Everyone please bring a covered dish meal item as this is a pot luck affair.

The Theme

"Welcome a New Member " and all members are welcome and welcome to and encouraged to bring a guest.

No RSVP necessary. See you there.

Jim Smith, P Administrative Officer, MHPS.

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the Squadron.

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Mid-Hudson Education Program

The Boating Course is continuing at Highland Middle School with six students, Tuesdays at 1900. Pat Smalley, Bruce LoPresti and John Boyle will be doing some of the sections and Michele Tarsa has been assisting with the Power Point presentations. We are learning that the Power Point presentations are taking longer than anticipated as there is more material presented to reinforce the material that is in the manual. It's a fun learning process and we invite any of you to join in.

The Marine Electronics course will be presented by George Danko. He is looking for students so give him a call at 845-724-3702,
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Commander Silver will be presenting the new piloting course soon. The material has been delivered and he is preparing his lesson plans. He can be reached at 845-877-4777(h), 800-426-3301(w) or jimsilver@att.net

Your question from NautiBenders this month concerns how to double the life of your docklines. When they start to getting worn, try reversing them end for end so the chafing points changes. This procedure is sometime referred to as _____? Answer to be found else where in this issue.

We have many courses to offer but we need students to keep our instructors busy. Please get in touch with us with your requests.

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Editors Note, Commander Jim Silver will be going in for more spinal surgery. Jim says, "The Doctor found some nerves being compressed that he has to scrape off, and there are a few other things he has to do, thinks some of it might be scar tissue. We are hoping the recovery period will not be as long as the last one. The surgery is set for next Tuesday (October 18)." The Commander won't be at the meeting on the 20th and the Piloting Course may also be delayed. Let's keep Jim and Jan in our prayers, we all hope for a speedy recovery. Editor John

SAFETY CORNER:

By Lt./C Jim Smith, P

U. S. Power Squadrons team with Maptech

AMESBURY, Mass. and Raleigh, N.C. –

The United States Power Squadrons have teamed with Maptech to develop a chart navigator training CD-ROM for the USPS “Smart Boating/21” courses, according to a joint press release issued by the USPS.

The partnership with Maptech will allow the USPS series of “Smart Boating/21” courses to offer a full integration of digital charting, navigation and GPS knowledge.

“We're now teaching boaters how to navigate with the equipment that they want to use and to do it safely,” said Spencer Anderson, USPS national education officer. “The marriage between GPS and charts is essential. With the Maptech CD we now have the ability to explain how to use both paper and digital charts in our courses. Using the latest in presentation tools, we are able to demonstrate navigation planning in real time using digital charts.”

Report about the Norwalk Boat Show:

by Pat Smalley

Seven members of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron attended the Norwalk Boat Show on Sunday, September 26. The following members worked at the USPS information booth: Stu Steagall, Minke and John Kwak, Ernie Klopping and Pat Smalley. They passed out an array of information, pamphlets, and stickers, state boating regulations, federal boating regulations and children's activity books. We also had available our MHPS brochure

Many people we spoke with were familiar with the Power Squadrons and had even taken the basic boating course. While some people worked at the booth we took turns to explore the show, buy lunch and look at the exhibits. Boats were both in the water and on land.

Suggestions for next year: bring our MHPS brochures again and bring chairs.



MEMBER Birthdays

Smith	James R.	10/1
Souleotis	Paul C.	10/1
Ferreira	Abel H.	10/3
Pomilla	Kenneth S.	10/6
Bright	Edgar E.	10/12
Bright	Linda E.	10/12
Kalish	Mat	10/12
Arold	Gary J.	10/14
Cavalla	Peter	10/17
Bruck	Laurence J.	10/22
Silver Sr.	James M.	10/25
Sugg	Edwin J.	10/31

MHPS MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Bright	Linda E.	10/1/1996
Bright	Lynn M.	10/1/1996
Jones	Fred W.	10/1/1996
Ferreira	Abel H.	10/7/1997
Silver Sr.	James M.	10/19/2000
Silver	Janice	10/19/2000
Meehan	Barry E.	10/25/1983
Pratt	James D.	10/28/1980
Kalish	Lee S.	10/30/2000
Kalish	Mat	10/30/2000

Answer: "Capsizing"(the line that is).

Errata

Ed Weber SN caught us in an error.

In the Sept. Foghorn, the Luff and Leach labels in the sailboat picture were also exchanged.



United States Power Squadrons®
DISTRICT 2 SPRING CONFERENCE
2005

will be hosted by the
MID-HUDSON POWER SQUADRON
on the occasion of its
ALMOST 80th ANNIVERSARY

Friday and Saturday, MARCH 18-19, 2005

At The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel
40 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie NY
845-485-5300

Friday: 3:00 pm Registration begins
6:00 pm Social Hour (cash bar)
7:00 pm Dinner with the Chief Commander's Rep.

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

Dress: Fri Dinner –blazers, Sat. Meeting- Uniform F or casual, Sat Dinner Hawaiian/Tropical shirt or dress or grass skirt, LEIS will be provided.

REGISTRATION FORM

First Registrant: Name _____ Grade _____ Rank & Position _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Squadron: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Email: _____

Second Registrant: Name _____ Grade _____ Rank & Position _____

Hotel Room (double or single): Fri ___ Sat ___ nights @ \$ 109.00 = _____

Friday Dinner Chicken Marsala etc: _____ @ \$ 35.00 = _____

Saturday Cont. Bkfst & Luncheon _____ @ \$ 29.00 = _____

Saturday Dinner: _____ Delmonico Steak
_____ Chicken Francais _____ Stuffed Fillet of Sole

Total Saturday Dinners _____ @ \$ 50.00 = _____

Late fee if postmarked after FEBRUARY 1 _____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Mid-Hudson Power Squadron and mail with this registration form to: Janice Silver , PO Box 293, Dover Plains, NY

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Dated September 10, 2004



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Oct. 6 Excom at Coco's (formerly Easystreet)
- Oct. 20 MHPS Members meeting at Poughkeepsie Yacht Club
- Nov. 5-6 D/2 Fall Conference, Huosatonic River PS, Danbury CT.
- Nov. 3 Excom at Cosmo's
- Nov. 17 MHPS Members meeting (tba)

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