



Message from Commander Danko:

Is it autumn already ? Sure was a short summer. Hope it was enjoyable, safe, and prosperous. Boating season is soon coming to an end, please be safe with the time we have left. Our summer was enjoyable, most of it anyway. From District 2 Northern Trek to family picnics everywhere and from the wacky raft races in Athens to the National Governing Board Meeting in the Big Apple, there was never a dull moment.

Speaking of New York City, the National Governing Meeting was great. There was much to do with meetings and seminars. Good eating, which you all know motivates me, and plenty of fine USPS brotherhood.

One interesting item that was discussed was the new USPS University. This new concept in USPS education will eventually replace our current educational system. Basically, there will be a whole new door in which to enter to achieve. Current courses, such as Seamanship and Marine Electronics will have a new face and even the offshore navigation courses will be revisited and revised. There will be additional seminar style courses offered to replace our current study guides.

These changes will prove to be more in tune with modern boating practices and are already happening. Stay tuned for future news. Contact myself or your Squadron Educational Officer for details.

Do not forget about our September Members Meeting at Skytop Steak House in Kingston on 20 September. We shall have a special guest speaker. Bring your handwriting and get it analyzed at no charge. Find out a little about yourself, you may be surprised.

Our Kid's Boating Class is scheduled for 23 September at East Fishkill Library. Class is from 1030-1330. Come on down to the library and give Pat and myself a hand.

Finally, the D2 Fall Conference is scheduled 20-22 October in Albany. I mention it now because you need to make a reservation. Forms and info is available on the D2 website or call me and I will be glad to direct you. Please plan on attending...it will be great.

That's it for now, bring a guest to a meeting, plan on taking a boating class and have a splendid rest of the summer.



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September Monthly Member Meeting

When: 20 September 2006 @ 1830

Where: Skytop Steakhouse and Brewing Co., Kingston, N.Y.

www.skytopsteakhouse.com

Directions: NYS Thruway to exit 19 at Kingston. Follow Route 28 west and make a right onto Forest Hill Drive. It is up on the right @ the top of the hill.

Buffet: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Roasted Pork Loin, Lasagna, Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes and Assorted Pizzas.

Unlimited Soft Drinks, Coffee and Tea

Price: \$24.00 a person

Please RSVP by 17 September to:

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or leave a message @ 845 876-0761

I hope I see *all of you and your guests* there for this fun time.

Lt/Cdr Andy Williams AP

MEETING PROGRAM

Come join us for a fun evening with

Jo Griffiths

Handwriting Analyst!

Be prepared to be amazed!

Jo Griffiths, Handwriting Analyst

Jo has been a handwriting analyst for the past twenty years and teaches workshops to the staff at Omega Institute in Rhinebeck. Jo does career workshops for several high schools in the area, has presented to various club organizations and corporations, and has published articles identifying how significant handwriting is when it comes to people getting along with others. In analyzing handwriting, Jo is able to identify very unique and interesting traits of a person's personality. Whether you are considered a high energy person who borders being a perfectionist, to somebody who would be happiest sitting on a boat waiting for the big catch, Jo will be able to clearly describe different aspects unique to the individual and will share information that will challenge your perception of your personality! Join us for an evening of insight and fun! This will be a free analysis!

Please come join us for this exciting evening.

Ethanol Alert, the saga continued.

By John C. Kwak

The ethanol additive in gasoline which replaced the ground water polluting MTBE is causing problems with marine gasoline engines.

Ethanol is an alcohol and a very good solvent.

It has an affinity for water and organic compounds.

They now find out that this solvent property has the ability to dissolve old sludge in the bottom of gasoline tanks which will then plug filters and carburetors.

The ethanol also has the ability to dissolve the polyester resin used to make some of the older fiberglass (FRP) gasoline tanks. This polyester alcohol mixture will go through the filter and then plate out on the engine, plugging smaller passages and sometimes ruining the engine.

An enzyme product is now available made by Star brite called StarTron which keeps the sludge particles in fine suspension allowing them to be burned in the engine. This is ok for all of us with regular steel or polyethylene gasoline tanks but does not help the FRP tanks. Those with FRP tanks need to be very careful and instead of storing them with full tanks store the boat with an empty tank which has been carefully vented of all fumes.

The only real answer to those who have FRP tanks is to ask the boat or tank manufacturer whether their tank is susceptible to this problem, and if it is, to replace the tanks. This is a very costly process which for older boats could be more than the boat is worth.

Those with FRP tanks containing diesel do not have a problem but maybe some of the new biodiesels will create their own problems, stay tuned.

EDUCATION HELPS BUILDS SKILLS

GET MORE OF IT!

A **PILOTING COURSE** is being planned to be held at the Gander Mountain store in Kingston starting in mid October. It will be eight two hour sessions and the day will be chosen by the instructor David Cason. You must pre-register for this course as we need to submit the material order 30 days prior to the start of the class. Please contact me to register.

If you have any interest in a real cool boating information try www.coastalboating.net. This website provides a marvelous synopsis of boating information covering Long Island Sound and the surrounding area.

Because the public schools in the area have started to charge classroom room rental fees we are in need of teaching facilities. The school in Highland that we have used for so long is now charging \$20 per day. Let that be a guide to find locations that cost less or nothing.

Commander Danko is looking to have a **MARINE ELECTRONICS** class. He is hoping to do this class at St. Andrews church in the near future. The church is located on Overocker Rd behind the Page Lumber yard. Please contact me to register.

We are also organizing a **WEATHER** class with Commander George Danko and P/C John C. Kwak as instructors, please contact me to register. Class to start after the Marine Electronics class.

We will be starting a Fall boating class as soon as a suitable location is found. Anyone with some ideas please get in touch with me.

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Cal 2-30 "Mark Twain" is still for sale for only \$7,450 (obo) call your editor and tell your friends. PLEASE! Editor John

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

20 Sept. MHPS Member Meeting at, Skytop Steakhouse and Brewing Co., Kingston, N.Y.

4 Oct. Excom at Coco's in Hyde Park

18 Oct. MHPS Member Meeting at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club in Staatsburg

20-22 Oct, District 2 Fall Conference by Mohawk-Hudson S&PS at The Crown Plaza Albany, NY

29 Oct. Daylight Saving Time Ends, "Fall Back"

1 Nov. Excom location tba

7 Nov. Election Day, get out and vote !!!!!

15 Nov. MHPS Member Meeting location tba

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