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Message from Commander Smalley: SEPTEMBER 2007

The commander has returned from Alaska, a marvelous trip. First reaction: Alaska is BIG! It is two and a half times the size of Texas. When superimposed on top of the map of the lower 48, the eastern tail extends to Georgia and the last Aleutian island is in California. We spend two week exploring the expanse of Alaska via train, tour bus, school bus, plane, cruise boat (Cruise West), kayak, jet boat, raft, tram and car. We witnessed glacier covered Mt. McKinley (20,320 feet) clearly for two days. While on our cruise a young humpback whale came over to investigate our ship and gave us a show for about thirty minutes before his mother came and took him/her away. We have many pictures to share and plan to do so sometime in the next few months.

Now it's back to work. We are nearing the end of the summer, but not the end of the boating season here in the Hudson Valley. With good weather we will be able to enjoy the river and our boats for another few months.

Now to the business of the Power Squadron: the Norwalk Boat show is coming up the weekend of September 22-23. This is an outside show and an opportunity for the Power Squadron to be seen and heard. Sunday morning the organizers would like the participation of Mid-Hudson. Let me know if you would like to help manage the Power Squadron booth on Sunday morning, 10 am to noon.

Merit mark submittals are coming soon. If you need to submit a merit mark recommendation for members who have helped with squadron projects or for yourself, please do so soon. Forms are available from Ernie Klopping. A merit mark is given each year to those members who go beyond their appointed job to help the squadron attain its goals of public education, member education and fellowship.

Welcome! New Members. We are pleased to announce the membership of Timothy and Tammy Adels, Stone Ridge and Gilbert and Holli DeLeon, Kingston. We all look forward to meeting you and sharing our love of boating.

A Special Thanks...I must mention...Cliff Haven, the Saugerties home of Cliff and Grace Schoonmaker hosted twenty-three Mid-Hudson members and their families who attended the our annual rendezvous on Saturday, July 28. The weather was cooperative; the food was wonderful and the kayaking on the Esopus Creek was refreshing. Five members came in their boats. Don Gladstone boiled the corn, graciously purchased by the Schoonmakers. We thank Cliff and Grace for hosting this annual event. Our vessel safety examiners completed inspections. If you would like a VSC contact Bruce LoPresti or Andy Williams.

The following week is our monthly member meeting on Wednesday, September 19 at the Skytop Restaurant in Kingston. We hope to see a prodigious crowd. Our special guest speaker is our own Linda Mangelsdorf. Please join us for a meal, a presentation and friendship. The suggested uniform is A or F or G or appropriate.

Everyone can entertain the idea of attending the D2 Fall Conference on October 12-14 in Danbury, CT. It is close and attendees can opt to stay the night or drive back home. Hope to see you there.

Thank you to everyone who helped keep the Mid-Hudson ship on course while I was away. Everyone's support made my adventure in Alaska worry free. See you all soon

Commander Pat Smalley

The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Monthly
Membership Meeting

When: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 @ 18:30

Where: Skytop Steakhouse & Brewing Company
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www.skytopsteakhouse.com

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Uniform: A or F or G or Appropriate Attire



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included.

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Speaker: Our own Linda Mangelsdorf who will
speak on, "Hospice – A Well Kept Secret"

PLEASE RSVP with your *choice of entrée(s)* and
number of guests by
Monday, September 10, 2007

RSVP To: Ed Sugg at (845) 462-3153 or
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SEO P/C John C. Kwak AP

The **PILOTING** class will be at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club on Thursday evenings starting on September 27 Matt Ten Eyck will be the instructor please let me know if you are interested to join us for this class.

The **MARINE ELECTRONICS** courses (**ME101 & ME102**) will be at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club this fall on Friday Evening, under the able tutelage of P/C George Danko AP. We have 6 student books on hand so first come first served if there is more interest I will order more books, it takes 30 days to get them, so your early response is vital. We have 3 students signed up, so call quickly. Those who successfully complete the **MARINE ELECTRONICS (ME101 & ME102)** will be able to take **MARINE ELECTRONICS FOR NAVIGATION (ME 103)**.

An 8-hour **BOATING COURSE** was held at Certified Marine in Port Ewen under the very able direction of PDC Fred Mangelsdorf SN. Six students attended, 5 passed the exam and 4 joined MHPS.

The **BOATING COURSE** under the direction of Pete Cavalla SN at the Chelsea Yacht Club with help from PDC Fred Mangelsdorf SN and others is completed with all 9 students passing the final exam. Good job Peter!

The **ENGINE MAINTENANCE** class under the direction of top mechanic Bruce LoPresti, AP had

their final exam on August 6th. All 8 students passed, handsomely. One student will examine soon.

The USPS National; Education Department has announced two new seminars. They are: “**BOAT HANDLING UNDER POWER**” and “**SAIL TRIM**”.

These added to the existing seminars, “**Using VHF & VHF/DSC Radio**”, “**Using GPS**”, “**How to Read a Chart**”, “**On Board Weather Forecasting**” gives us 6, two hour seminars to teach to our members and the public.

If your boating club or other groups are interested in us presenting a 2-hour Seminar at their facility please let me know and we will arrange the instructors and literature to suit.

We are planning to hold the seminar, “**How to Read a Chart**” at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club soon with PDC Fred Mangelsdorf SN as instructor, date to be determined.

We are also planning a “**Using VHF & VHF/DSC**” radio seminar at PYC with PC George Danko as instructor, date to be determined.

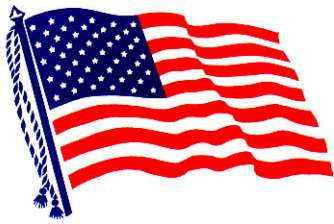
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*Event Photos: Rendezvous at Cliff Haven
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September is:

Apple Month (www.usapple.org)

Be Kind to Editors & Writers Month

Cholesterol Education Month

Classical Music Month

Mushroom Month

National Alcohol & Drug Abuse Recovery Month

Self-Improvement Month

Women of Achievement Month

And more. SOURCE: Butlerwebs.com

19 September 2007 MHPS Member Meeting at Skytop (see announcement) Kingston, NY 1830

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