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Commander's Message:

None received.

This month's Nauti Bender

Anchoring – Final Step: The _____
should inspect the foredeck to insure that
the anchor rode is properly cleated/stowed,
the required scope has been payed out and
proper chafing gear has been installed.
(Answer elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Education

From the SEO,
Again courses are being offered for the fall
of 2010. Pat Smalley is again presenting
Seamanship beginning on 14 September at
Poughkeepsie Yacht Club. Advanced
Piloting classes will begin on 13 September
at the Reformed Church in Hurley, N.Y.
Class time is 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. Junior
Navigator classes will commence on 10
January, 2011 also at the
Reformed Church in Hurley. If the need is
there, a Piloting course may also be made
available in the spring of 2011.

Now for the major concern of your SEO. We are a squadron 84 members strong, and we are seeing little participation both educationally and socially. We have new members who have joined the squadron in the last one to five years and we've yet to see them again. We need your help if the squadron is to survive. If anyone has any concerns or ideas as to why participation is all but non-existent, email me and possibly the situation can be reversed. My e-mail is Mattwin41@aol.com. I'm here to assist and serve the needs of ALL squadron members.

Yours,
Matt TenEyck
SEO MHPS

**All courses are now open to the public.
(At a Cost!!)**

Courses Scheduled:

Advanced Piloting

September 13, 2010

At the Reformed Church, Hurley, NY
This all-new course continues to build coastal and inland navigation skills, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chart-plotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning.

Topics covered include:

Review of skills learned in Piloting

Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position

Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart plotters, laptop computer software, etc.

Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., "keep out" zones in GPS)

Collision avoidance using radar and GPS

Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current

Piloting with wind and currents

The "Seaman's Eye" – simple skills for checking that one is on course

Seamanship

September 14, 2010

At Poughkeepsie Yacht Club

Building on the basics of recreational boating presented in the public boating courses, Seamanship adds foundational information for continuing boater education. The course contents should facilitate knowledge development for increased safe operation of recreational boats and provide the basis for completion of USCG licensing examination. Emphasis within the course has been placed on higher level boating skills, rules of the road, and marlinspike.

Junior Navigation

January 11, 2011 Hurley Reformed Church, Hurley, NY

At Junior Navigation is the first in a two-part program of study in offshore navigation, followed by Navigation the course. It is designed as a practical "how to" course.

Subject matter includes:

Precise time determination

Use of the Nautical Almanac

Taking sextant sights of the sun

Reducing sights to establish lines of position

Special charts and plotting sheets for offshore navigation

Offshore navigational routines for recreational craft

(Off Route 9 between Hyde Park and Staatsburg)

All PYC members invited

And

Open to the public

Cost: \$ 55.00 per set of books
\$ 10 for each extra exam

Schedule of Classes: Sept. 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9 (EXAM)

Future events:

Oct 1 and 2

Leadership Course at
The Mercury Grand Motel.
Registration form attached.

It is free for current and incoming Administrative Officers and \$50 for every-one else (which includes materials, coffee breaks, lunch).

Fall Conference:

Oct. 10 – Oct. 22 2010

Hosted by Sacandaga at
The Ramada Inn Hotel of Albany
(formerly the Clarion Hotel)
Watervliet Ave Ext
Albany, NY

Spring Conference:

April 1 – April 3, 2011

Holiday Inn
Saratoga Springs, NY

Questions or more information contact:

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Registration is open immediately and closes August 31.

Call Ernie or Pat to register.

Nautibender Answer:

Skipper

PAST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

September 3, 2010

DANGEROUS TIMES FOR MID-HUDSON AHEAD

A past commander becomes the chairperson of the nominating committee. Last March, when we had our Change of Watch, we were unable to fill one important position, Executive Officer. We are again requesting your participation. The Executive Officer interfaces with the public, and is responsible for his committee that organizes our boat show participation, public relations and Safe Boating Week.

The Squadron needs advertising in boating publications, on free web sites, face book, Craig's list, internet bulletin boards, radio community bulletin boards etc. Mid-Hudson has a budget for some expenses.

**United States Power Squadrons
Seamanship Course**

Sponsored by
Mid-Hudson Power Squadron
And

Poughkeepsie Yacht Club
Tuesday evenings

6:30 - 9:00

Beginning September 14, 2010

Running 9 weeks

At Poughkeepsie Yacht Club
Yacht Club Road

Please contact the nominating committee if you think you could fill this position.

We are also seeking a candidate for Commander. The commander presides at member meetings and Executive Committee, the board, meetings. The commander is **assisted by** a staff of officers and **past commanders**. The commander prepares the final Merit Mark recommendations that are submitted by the Merit Mark chair. The commander/ess has the privilege of calling the Ex Comm. meeting to her/his convenience. Circulating communications within the squadron, usually via email, is another responsibility. The commander communicates with the district (District 2) and shares that info with the membership. The commander invites National and/or District members to squadron functions. The usual term for commander is one year, although the past three commanders have served for two years. The present commander is finishing a second two-year term.

THE MID-HUDSON POWER SQUADRON
IS IN DANGER!!!

We need members to step up and take an office. We do have an SEO, Squadron Education Officer. Public boating education is one third, and the most important, of our mission. The other thirds are to support member education, promote safe boating and enjoy the fraternity of the boating community. If the MHPS is unable to keep the bridge, meaning the officer positions, adequately filled, then our group may disappear, have our **charter dissolved**. One of the oldest and original groups will **extinguish**.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Consider stepping into a position, even one aspect of a position.

THE MID-HUDSON POWER SQUADRON
NEEDS YOU!!!

Please contact Pat Smalley at Lymey2@aol.com for further information, comments or discussions. OR if you can step up! Let me hear from everyone.

From Tom Ostrofsky

Fred and Linda Mangelsdorf will give a PowerPoint presentation on 'Locks' they have traversed while boating in North America. In particular they will discuss the more interesting/unique ones they have encountered. I have seen pictures and Fred has described some to me and I find the physics and photos fascinating.

The Mangelsdorfs are accomplished sailors and educators, and always have well prepared presentations. Downstairs there will be a Covered Dish at 6:30 PM and upstairs the Presentation will start 7 PM

RSVP To: Ed Sugg at (845)
462-3153 or
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The Dutchess gets her engine



Rudy Colich with his idea to roll the tent on pipe rollers and wooden tracks, it worked great. This allowed us to lift the motor into the CSY 44 without dismantling the tent.



Finally there she goes a very big step in boat restoration.



John Kwak Rudy Colich and Ernie Klopping get the engine ready to lift into the CSY 44.



The Cummins 4B3.3 in the engine room. Now all we have to do is to get it aligned.