



Commander ERNIE KLOPPING's Message:

The September member meeting was held at the Poughkeepsie Yacht club. In spite of a stormy night with rain and stormy seas, we had a very good attendance. The Poughkeepsie Yacht Club provided us with a comfortable, safe place to hold our meeting and enjoy a wonderful meal. It was a potluck dinner and our new member introduction meeting. We had excellent presentations given by everyone on the bridge and many other members. Each speaker explained their position in the squadron and what their responsibilities are and accomplishments have been. It was a great review for everyone and orientation for new members. Thank you to everyone who helped to make a very enlightening program. New members, Penny and Scott Nelson, received the oath, their membership certificate and pin. Also honored were Bill and Peggy Enichen. Bill received his twenty-five year pin.

The D-2 Fall Conference was hosted by the Champlain Squadron in Plattsburg, New York on Saturday, October 26. Ten members of Mid-Hudson attended. The morning workshops were focused on member involvement. After a luncheon and a general meeting, awards were announced. Mid-Hudson received two awards, The Mel Cohen Safety Award and the Membership Growth Award. Our growth for the year May 2001 to May 2002 was 3.31 percent.

That evening was a costume dinner/ dance. The costumes were wonderful, very imaginative and funny. Our squadron was well represented with costumes. It was a fun time

We are looking forward to a good attendance at our next member meeting on November 20 at the Holiday Inn in Kingston. You will want to hear our speaker from Seatow. Hope to see you there.

Cdr. Ernie Klopping AP



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THE NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING

Fellow MHPS Members, just a reminder that the November Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening November 20, 2002.

Time 1830 to 1930 Social Hour then dinner

Location: The Holiday Inn

503 Washington Avenue

Kingston, NY 12401

Menu: Chef's choice Appetizer

Salad w/ House Dressing

Entree choices are:

1. Chicken Marcella

2. Sliced Steak

3. Flounder Stuffed w/Crab

Mashed Potato and Vegetable

Chef's Choice Desert w/Coffee or Tea

Price includes Tip (no tax necessary): \$22.00

Please pay Lt/C Richard Winchell SN, at meeting

Please RSVP to <<mailto:jimsilver@att.net>>

or call 800-428-3301 (Mon thru Fri 0800-1700)

or call 845-877-4777 (0800-2200)

Include number in party and Entree Choices.

See you at the Meeting,

Administration Officer Jim Silver, S

Mid-Hudson Power Squadron

Schedule

November

13 Excom at Foster's

20 Member Meeting at Holiday Inn

December

11 Excom at Cosmo's

18 Member Meeting at Coppola's

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MHPS EDUCATION HAPPININGS

By SEO Lt.C Dick Coulter, P

The Fall **Boating Safety Course** with lead instructor Fred Mangelsdorf, SN began on Thursday, September 26 at the Saint Andrews Church with nine students, but has dwindled somewhat from that.

The new 2002 version of **Instructor Development** (formerly Instructor Qualification) with instructor Ed Weber, SN started on Thursday, October 24 with a good turnout of about 12 students.

Marshall Bishop, SN has started a **Seamanship Class**, with three students. It Meets on Monday evenings at the Highland Middle School.

John C. Kwak, AP is teaching a **Piloting Class** that meets on Tuesday at the Kingston Power Boat Association in Kingston. There are 9 students taking this course.

Dick Winchell, SN is the instructor for the **Advanced Piloting** course that started on Friday, Sept 20, at the Highland Middle School, Highland. There are seven students taking the course.

Dick Winchell, SN and Ed Weber, SN are teaching **Junior Navigation** to three students. The Commander the Editor and his wife are endeavoring to complete their star sights before the weather gets to cold.



Pat, Stu, Jackie & Cdr. Klopping in deep conversation

IN MEMORIAM

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of P/R/C Richard Moore, SN in September. The USPS-D2 held a memorial ceremony at the funeral home in Yonkers, New York. Cdr. Moore was a member of Cross County Squadron where most recently he held positions of Chairman Co-Op Charting and Public Relations. Our condolences to his wife, P/C Virginia and their family.

SAFETY CORNER:
Taking on Water Part 1
Sources and Repair Materials.
By Jim Smith, S

A number of years ago I had the pleasure of attending a Safety at Sea Seminar conducted at the United States Coast Guard Academy. At the time CDR Fred Minson delivered a presentation on “Damage Control” covering topics ranging from flooding to fires and rigging failure. It was a compelling presentation.

This edition of “Safety Corner” focuses on the problem of taking on water due to collision, holing, or system/fitting failure and was prepared using Minson’s presentation and other sources. Part two of this topic will address damage control strategy.

Is flooding serious? Consider that a 2-3” hole below the waterline could deliver over 50 gallons per minute or more than 400 pounds of unwanted water to your boat each minute! Looking at it another way, that’s 3,000 gallons an hour. What’s the capacity of **your** bilge pump?

Sources of Flooding.

Each crewmember should know the likely sources of flooding. A collision or hard grounding provides an immediate reason to investigate, but there are other, sometimes less dramatic, sources.

1. Below the waterline sources; include engine exhaust and intake, drains, head discharge and intake, through hulls plus related hoses and clamps, shaft logs and struts, and rudder posts.
2. Above the waterline sources include; cabin vents, hatches, ports, tank fills, and instrument openings
3. Of course one of the most serious sources is a breach of hull integrity (hole). A hole in the hull can occur either above or below the waterline.

Equipment and Materials.

Each vessel should ideally be equipped with the necessary materials to fix both major and minor breaches. Here is a short list of some of the main materials you should carry onboard.

Wood Plugs—for through hull fitting failure and hull/deck punctures
Covering Boards—for large ports, hatches and holes
Closed cell foam or collision mat—for temporary patches and covering holes
Self-tapping screws and lanyards—for securing boards
Underwater epoxy patching material—for punctures and fitting leaks
Extra hoses, clamps—for hose repair
Packing and wrenches—for shaft log
Caulking and adhesives—for obvious applications
Portable pumps (hand) and bailers (buckets)—for dewatering boat
Duct tape—for everything
Tools—for cutting, fastening, drilling, etc
Emergency lighting—in case your house power dies and for examining tight spots

This is just a partial list but it should be enough to get you thinking and examining your onboard equipment. Some of these items take up valuable storage space but they are worth it. In the next article, we’ll address how a prudent skipper should approach concerns related to taking on water.

DO YOU KNOW ?

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Please consider these alternate options and drop a note to the Secretary with your thoughts.

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Cdr. Klopping and new members Penny and Scott Nelson welcome aboard to you both.



Cdr. Klopping congratulating Bill Enichen for receiving the 25 year pin. WOW 25 YEARS.



Cdr. Klopping administering the OATH



Members enjoying the Pot Luck Supper