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Commander ERNIE KLOPPING's Message:

As the boating season winds down this fall, our schedule of meetings winds up. We look forward to a new season of boating courses, member meetings and sharing our summer adventures. The August 24th Rendezvous held at the Red Hook Boat Club in Barrytown was well attended in spite of the weather which was iffy all day and at times a steady rain. We all enjoyed a variety of prepared dishes and corn on the cob. Several members arrived by water, a total of three boats. The rain held off long enough to hold the ex com meeting outside. The meal was enjoyed inside the clubhouse. Seeing our friends was a nice way to spend a rainy afternoon.

We need each member to "get the word out" about the boating courses. Plan with squadron friends to take a member course. The more participation we have in the courses, the safer it will be for all of us on the water.

Think auction. Although it seems a long way off, as you are packing away the season's boating equipment, set aside any items that may be donated to our annual auction in early spring. We also need donations from local businesses. Let the committee know if you have any leads in that direction.

For the remainder of the boating season, fill your sails with friendly winds and set your anchors in secure bottoms. Enjoy! As the days shorten and the temperatures drop, we look forward to a new season and the next year of the business of education. Let's make this a positive year for courses, membership, safety and friendship.

Cdr. Ernie Klopping AP

The foghorn

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THE SEPTEMBER MEMBER MEETING

Fellow MHPS Members,

LOCATION CHANGE:

FROM RACCOON SALOON TO THE
MONTAUK HOUSE IN KINGSTON

To be held on:

Wednesday, September 18, 2002, 1830 to 1930

Cocktail Hour 1930 to ??? Dinner/meeting

Location: The Montauk House, 395 Albany Ave.
Kingston, NY 12401

Choice of Stuffed Clams or Manhattan Chowder
Salad w/ House Dressing

Entree choices are:

1. Chicken Françoise

2. Prime Rib

3. Salmon w/Dill Beurre Blanc Sauce

Baked Potato and Vegetable

Desert with Coffee or Tea

Price per plate includes Tip (no tax necessary):
\$22.50

Please pay Lt/C Richard Winchell SN, Treasurer.

Please RSVP to jimsilver@att.net (anytime) - 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

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HELP WANTED

Member who is very interested in assuming position of Squadron Secretary.

**** FREE TRAINING ****

Benefits and salary equal to that of Commander.

This is a Bridge and Executive Committee position.

No experience necessary but computer savvy very helpful.....

Current Secretary wants to be Commander. All interested members should contact George Danko at (845)724-3702 or DANKOGEORG@AOL.COM.

MHPS Education Happenings

By SEO Lt.C Dick Coulter P

The following courses will be offered this fall please contact the instructors or the SEO for the specifics:

ADVANCED PILOTING

An AP course will start on Friday Sept 20 at the Highland Middle School, Highland. The classes will run from 7 to 9 pm and will last for approximately 10 weeks plus a two week open book take home exam.

INSTRUCTOR Dick Winchell will be contacting eligible members. He may be reached at 691-7606 or n2exv@hvi.net

PILOTING

The Piloting course will start on Tuesday October 23 at the Kingston Power Boat Association {KPBA}, Kingston. The classes will run from 7 to 9 pm and will last for approximately 10 weeks plus a two week open book take home exam.

INSTRUCTOR John C. Kwak will be contacting eligible members. He may be reached at 255-5318 or jckwak@hvi.net

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

The new 2002 version of Instructor Development will be given starting early October. The essence is effective presentation. Therefore it will enhance your skills not only as a Power Squadron Instructor but also make you more effective in conveying your message to your club and business meetings. Class night and location will be set to best match participants.

Sign up with the INSTRUCTOR Ed Weber 845-462-2041 or SEO Dick Coulter



LOCATION OF AUGUST RENDEZVOUS

Safety Corner: By Jim Smith

No-Skidding!

Falls are a terrible way to abruptly end a day of boating. A good *fall safety project* is to focus on improving non-skid protection for decks and ladders.

Some of the biggest culprits are the companionway ladder on sailboats and the variety of ladders and steps on a powerboat. Does your boat have proper protection? Probably the easiest fix is to purchase self-adhesive, heavy-duty non-skid tape from a home improvement store. Place two or more strips on each step. If the deck around the boarding area isn't non-skid already, add strips there too. These might have to be replaced every few years and will generally leave some grit on the cabin sole but it's a small price to pay for crewmember safety.

If you have teak steps, you may wish to add some non-skid compound to your next coat of paint or varnish. Be sure to add some non-skid compound to the first inch or two of each step. There are also some paint products on the market that have premixed non-skid additives. It's also a good idea to vacuum the surface after the paint or varnish cures. To add non-skid over existing paint, simply mask-off the area to be treated and apply the new mix.

Many boats, particularly sailboats, already have non-skid surfaces. The type and total deck area of non-skid can vary. If it's paint-based non-skid, be sure to check it every year and reapply as necessary. Painting the non-skid a contrasting color will help deckhands realize they are on a non-skid surface.

Remember the hatches! It's not uncommon to see a boat with non-skid in all critical areas except the top of hatches. You'll encounter all manner of excuses. The grit from the non-skid strips will scratch the hatch lens and/or obstruct the view. It only takes one good fall to change minds.

Adding or upgrading non-skid surfaces shows you're a safety-minded skipper. Remember, the view from your cockpit is much better than the view of the hospital emergency room ceiling.

Some Photos of the MHPS Rendezvous.



YOUNG AMERICA, arriving



SEA SERPENT, LEAVING



MILK MADE, arriving



Our NEW YOUNG Members Rosalie and Kent Calhoun



Enjoying the potluck dinner and company.



Members conversing



Dale Gladstone and Lee Clements, Future Members ????



Members at the table