



### Commander ERNIE KLOPPING's Message:

As the boating season winds down, we are all planning our winterizing, and dreaming of the next boating season. The off season is a great time to take advantage of the many member courses available: Seamanship, Piloting, Advance Piloting, Junior Navigator, Navigator, plus the electives like Weather, Engine Maintenance, Cruise Planning, Sailing, and Marine Electronics. When enough members express an interest, the SEO (Squadron Education Officer) can organize a time and place that best suits the needs of those interested. So contact Dick Coulter (SEO) to let him know if you are interested.

The executive committee has been working on the merit mark recommendations. The following is the definition of merit marks from the Operations Manual, section 16.01 states:

“A merit mark” is awarded by the chief commander to a member for substantial effort in personally furthering the interests, programs and objectives of the USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award, for it is by and large the only official recognition a member receives for his efforts: only one merit mark may be awarded (per person) in a year, ... A member who receives twenty-five merit marks is exempt from USPS dues. If you would like to become more involved, talk to a member of the executive committee.

Let's see a great turnout for the new member introduction meeting, Wednesday, October 16 at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club. It's a pot luck

Cdr. Ernie Klopping AP



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## THE OCTOBER MEMBER MEETING

Fellow MHPS Members please take notice that our next meeting is the NEW MEMBER introduction meeting, which is held each year at the PYC to meet and greet ALL of our fabulous new members, it will be held on:

Wednesday, October 16, 2002  
Cocktail Hour in The Upstairs Bar 1800 to 1900  
Dinner & meeting downstairs 1900 to 2100

Location: The Poughkeepsie Yacht Club (PYC)

Choice of delectable dishes cooked by your fellow members, Coffee or Tea by MHPS  
Price all YOU can eat \$00.00 includes Tip

Class A uniform requested if you have one, or come appropriately dressed, no one will be turned away because of their attire so Please Come.

Please RSVP to [jimsilver@att.net](mailto:jimsilver@att.net) (anytime) –  
or call 800-428-3301 (Mon thru Fri 0800-1700)  
or call 845-877-4777 (0800-2200)

See you at the Meeting, Administration Officer, Lt/C James M. Silver, Sr., S

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## Items For Sale

### “NETOP” IS FOR SALE

“NETOP” a classic Allied Luders is for sale. She is fully equipped for cruising and storage. Her price is \$33,000. She is stored at White's Hudson River Marina, 15 Point Street, New Hamburg, N.Y. Tel (845) 297-8530.

For a detailed description, call her owner:

P/C Robert W. Staats, JN  
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SAFETY CORNER: By Jim Smith

### CARBON MONOXIDE

“My friend Rex was a life-long powerboater. Past Commander of our local Power Squadron unit, Rex knew everything he thought he needed to know about carbon monoxide. About 3:30 PM Friday afternoon March 6, 2002, he died of carbon monoxide poisoning in the cabin of his 28 foot aluminum boat with his wife at the helm while returning the boat to the harbor.

Seems he discovered a muffler problem about a mile north of the harbor. With the engine running, underway at about five knots, and a friend nearby in another boat, he removed the cover to the engine compartment. Both water and exhaust were escaping from an unknown source in his exhaust system.

He probably never knew what hit him. As the boat was disappearing (sinking) less than 100 yards from our south harbor entrance in 14 feet of water at Waukegan, IL, his wife and Rex's body were pulled off. A blood test in the ER where they took Rex's body showed that he had more than FIVE times the lethal amount of carbon monoxide in his blood.

My wife and I left for a weekend cruise at 9:30 Saturday morning. We were to have met Rex and his wife with other boaters in Racine, WI. There were three boats guarding the sinking site outside the harbor entrance. Three antennas from Rex's boat were visible above the water surface.

Like Rex, I know about the hazards of carbon monoxide. I will soon inspect my exhaust system. Some in the harbor have already done so. Others have made plans to do so. I also plan to purchase a proper carbon monoxide detector for our cabin.”

This letter was originally posted on the Tartan list on sailnet.com and is printed with the permission of the author, Jim Moran of the Waukegan (IL) Power Squadron.

Carbon monoxide **IS** a real danger, particularly on powerboats underway where exhaust fumes can be swept by the airflow up the transom and into the deck area and even below into the cabin--particularly in sea conditions presenting following winds.

Exhaust/CO fumes can "backdraft" into the living spaces even when a vessel is moving to windward. Make sure you read all available material on carbon monoxide and equip your boat with proper detection equipment.

## MHPS EDUCATION HAPPININGS

By SEO Lt.C Dick Coulter, P

The Fall **Boating Safety Course** began on Thursday, September 26 at the Saint Andrews Church on Overlook Road. Nine (9) students were signed up for the first session.

The new 2002 version of **Instructor Development** (formerly Instructor Qualification) will be given starting on Thursday, October 24, at 7:00 pm at Saint Andrews Church, located on Overlook Road, close to Page Lumber Company. 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, SN (845-462-2041) Or SEO Dick Coulter (845-462-7219).

Following are description of **USPS Advanced Courses** either scheduled or to be scheduled, based on number of member requests. Please use the form contained in this Foghorn, or call the SEO at (845) 462-7219) to indicate preferences and requirements.

**Seamanship (S)** *(Marshal Bishop, SN has scheduled a class, starting on Monday, October 7, to meet at the Highland Middle School. The class will meet on consecutive Mondays, except November 11)*

Building on the basics taught in the Boating Course, Seamanship is the recommended first course for new members, both power boaters and sailors. Students learn practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water. This course provides a needed introduction to the USPS Educational Program and a strong foundation for members going on to other Advanced Grades courses and/or Cruise Planning or Sail.

**Piloting (P)** *(John C. Kwak, AP has scheduled a Piloting class to start on Tuesday, October 22, 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. Please contact John Kwak at 255-5318 or [jckwak@hvi.net](mailto:jckwak@hvi.net) ) to take the course.*

Piloting is the first of a two-part program studying inland and coastal navigation. It focuses on the fundamentals of piloting--keeping track of a boat's movements, determining your position at any time and laying out courses to a planned destination. Included are such subjects as: charts and their use, aids to navigation; the mariner's compass; variation and deviation of the compass; plotting and steering courses; dead reckoning; and plotting and labeling charts.

**Advanced Piloting (AP)** *(Dick Winchell, SN has scheduled an AP course that started 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).*

This is the final part of the inland and coastal navigation series. It emphasizes the use of modern electronic navigation systems and other advanced techniques for finding position. Among topics covered are: tides and currents and their effects on piloting; finding position using bearings and angles; simple use of the mariner's sextant; and electronic navigation -- radar, loran, GPS, etc.

**Junior Navigation (JN)** *(one member is doing "self study")*

Junior Navigation is the first of a two-part program of study in offshore navigation. It is designed as a practical, how-to-course, leaving the theoretical and more advanced techniques for the Navigation Course. Subject matter includes: basic concepts of celestial navigation; how to use the mariner's sextant to take sights of the sun, moon, planets and stars; the importance and techniques of accurate time determination; use of the Nautical Almanac; how to reduce sights to establish lines of position (LOPs); and the use of special charts, plotting sheets and other navigational data for offshore positioning and passage planning.

**Navigation (N)** *(No candidates so far)*

This course further develops the student's understanding of celestial theory. Of particular interest and importance is the study of offshore navigation using minimal data and/or equipment, such as when on a disabled vessel or lifeboat.

An MHPS Class Request Form follows:



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Memorandum

October 11, 2002

To: Mid Hudson Power Squadron Members

From: H. P. "Dick" Coulter, P  
Squadron Educational Officer (SEO)

Reference: Class Sign-up

The Mid Hudson Power Squadron is coordinating boating education classes for its members and new enrollees. Please take a moment and consider the following educational choices offered to make your boating experience more fulfilling and safer. Courses will be made available upon majority request for accommodation. If you do not see a class that provides the education you require, please note it in your comments.

Class Name                      Most Convenient Month to Start                      Most Convenient Day of Week

Seamanship

Piloting

Advanced Piloting

Available upon instructor availability and demand:      Check box if interested

- Cruise Planning
- Engine Maintenance
- Marine Electronics
- Sail
- Weather
- Instructor Development

Comments

Return to: **Dick Coulter**  
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**Poughkeepsie, NY 12603**  
**845-462-7219**

**Your Name**  
**Street**  
**City, State, Zip**  
**Telephone**  
**E-mail**

Thank you and Safe Boating,

Dick Coulter, SEO