



Commander ERNIE KLOPPING's Message:

The holidays are upon us! It's a rush, rush time of year and sometimes it takes us away from the true meaning of the season – caring for our fellow earthlings. In the endeavor to shop, decorate and communicate greetings, let us not forget those less fortunate.

At this time I would like to send my best holiday wishes to all of you and to congratulate those members who have been taking a variety of courses. Soon the fall semester will be ending and we can joyfully anticipate the spring semester of study.

As the New Year approaches we need to make some individual resolutions, i.e. paint the boat, mend the sails, purchase new safety equipment as well as make some squadron resolutions. Members are welcome to attend executive committee meetings and suggest goals for the New Year. One of the commander's goals is to involve more new and seasoned members in the routine activities of the squadron. I would also like to encourage members to take advanced courses, including the new Instructor Development course.

I look forward to seeing you at the holiday party. The dress is Uniform A with a red bowtie or proper attire. Have a great, safe holiday season and start planning your spring boating adventures.

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THE DECEMBER MEMBER MEETING

The Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening December 18, 2002. As this is the Holiday Dinner, please bring a small grab bag gift (boating theme - \$5.00 to \$10.00) for Santa's Sack. All the info is below. Please decide on your Entrée for the evening meal and send a reply to me with your choice as well as any guests you might be bringing.

Time : 1830 to 1930 Social Hour

1930 to ??? Dinner/meeting

Location: Coppola's Hyde Park
535 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY 12538

Menu: Antipasti Salad
Entree choices are:

1. Chicken Marsala
2. Veal Parmesan
3. Sole Stuffed w/Crab

Pasta & Vegetable (Family Style side)

Desert (Ice Cream) w/Coffee or Tea

Price including Tip: \$22.00

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Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Schedule

December

11 Excom at Cosmo's

18 Member Meeting at Coppola's

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Figure1, November's Speaker from SEATOW MID-HUDSON, George Castiglione

MHPS EDUCATION HAPPININGS

By SEO Lt.C Dick Coulter, P

Five students in the Fall **Boating Safety Course** passed the final exam, with three qualifying for the PWC certificate. The next class is being advertised as follows:

PUBLIC BOATING COURSE.

Boat handling, seamanship, piloting, safety and more! Class will be on Thursday evenings, from 7 to 9, beginning February 13 and running for 8 weeks. Sail and power boating for adults and teenagers. Cost of book and plotting kit is \$53. Classes to be held at **Rogers Point Boating Association**, Hyde Park, NY. For information or to register, call Debi Maloney at 845-452-5245 or Fred Mangelsdorf at 845-227-5230.

There are currently about seven students taking the **Instructor Development** Course that meets in the Highland Middle School on Thursday nights. The students are in the process of giving their ten and fifteen minute presentations.

The final exams for the **Seamanship** Class have been ordered. Gerald Milne recently took the Seamanship Examination after self study of the course material. **He scored 100 on the examination.** Congratulations, Gerry!!!

The **Piloting Class** meets on Tuesday at the Kingston Power Boat Association in Kingston. There are 9 students taking this course.

The seven students of the **Advanced Piloting** course are still hanging in there. It is "1210 tr Cruise" time, wherein the class members take a "sample cruise" on Long Island Sound in preparation for the open book portion of the final exam. Expectations are far different from those taking a cruise on the Caribbean.

Three students are taking **Junior Navigation** They are endeavoring to complete their star sights before the weather gets to cold. Too late!!!

Happy Hollidays!!!

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SAFETY CORNER:

Taking on Water Part 2—Safety Tactics

By Jim Smith, S

Let's assume you've gone over your vessel and have identified the possible sources of taking on water and that you've put the necessary tools and materials onboard. What's next ?

Before Leaving the Dock

1. Train all crew members to locate and identify all potential sources of flooding. Major breaches of the hull should be obvious but also train crewmembers to look for minor leaks.
2. Instruct crew as to the location of all repair materials and tools.
3. Review the use of tools and materials for each of the main sources for eliminating or reducing flooding. It's also a good idea to assign tasks.
4. Remind all crewmembers of proper emergency radio procedure. You should also remind all crew standing watch to regularly inspect bilges and other typical breach locations.
5. Make sure bilges, strainers, and drains are clear, through-hulls functioning, and that all engine, head, and water systems are operating in a proper manner.

Emergency Management

1. Stay calm, assess the situation and think through each step. Know that the time you have is going to be dictated by the rate of flooding. Some like to divide situations into two categories: 1) critical flooding, where reducing the flooding rate is of immediate importance before attending to bailing (dewatering); and 2) non-critical flooding, where the flooding rate doesn't immediately threaten the vessel.
2. If the situation is critical, use proper radio procedure to send a detailed alert and advise emergency personnel you will need a pump.

3. Find the source of flooding as quickly as possible and get some plugging material in the hole! Remember, you must locate all sources, no matter how small. Not only do small leaks often grow into large leaks, incoming water can make source identification difficult.
4. Proceed to dewatering or structural repairs or both!
5. If crewmembers are performing multiple tasks simultaneously, only one person should be "in command" of damage control.

Dewatering/Bailing

1. Engage bilge pumps. Remember that power pumps require "power" and if the situation is serious, that source of power may not be operational.
2. Have manual pumps and bailing buckets, even pots and pans from the galley, at the ready and use as necessary.
3. Remember hand pumps have relatively low output. Sometimes a good bucket in the hands of a frenzied bailer can be highly effective. Manual methods do cause fatigue.
4. If crew must go overboard to install a collision mat or hull patch, take the necessary "crew-in-water" safety precautions.
5. If the engine is operational, you can use the intake hose of the raw water pump on the engine to help dewater. It works but you must know what you are doing. Some skippers install a permanent bail fitting/valve on their intake line.
6. Don't give up until you absolutely must abandon ship, are instructed to do so by the USCG, or are evacuated. Get your abandon ship bag ready. If the hull is afloat, stay with the boat.

Flooding is one of the most serious water emergencies. A prudent skipper is both prepared and prepares her/his crew. Do additional reading on the subject and form a plan.

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Information Technology

Welcome to the IT corner of the FOGHORN. This is the first of many articles and pieces of information about that box on your desktop called a computer. We hope this corner will help you better understand the workings and sometimes not workings involved with your machine.

Without further ado, Lesson 1.

The MHPS Website.

Our Squadron website was recently moved from National USPS servers to a private server. The reasoning behind this was that our server now gives us enough storage space to do our job. We have plenty of space for event photos, the FOGHORN on line, all our event announcements, etc. We were always space limited in the past and many times the website was not updated. Also we were able to reserve a domain name that is easy to remember. Therefore, now we are able to rely more on the website than before and able to upload (and you can download) more information and data then ever.

Since we are now in the 21st Century, we can use the technology afforded us.

Assuming your computer is working, and that you are logged on to your internet provider, go to the address bar and type (upper or lower case does not matter) the following :

<http://www.midhudsonpowersquadron.com>

note: the name is one word....no hyphens
You are now at the MHPS home page. You will see our burgee, title and a neat picture of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge.

Cursor down the page and you will notice links on the left side of the page.

Try the link with the USPS flag in front. This is the link to Nationals Home Page.

The link that says D2 goes directly to the District 2 Home Page and the D2 News links directly to the District 2 Newsletter.

Use your return or back button to return to MHPS.

Beneath the map of the Hudson River, you will see a menu. These items are:

Education, Events, History, Officers, Event Pictures, and FOGHORN on line.

These are MHPS links that will take you to different pages on our site.

Try this for fun, click on the link FOGHORN ON LINE. Choose one of the dates (at the moment Sept., Oct., Nov. are up...Dec may be added when you read this). Notice the difference between this copy and the one you get in the mail. You will need a software program called Acrobat Reader to view FOGHORN ON LINE. If you do not have it, our web master has provided you with a link to get a free copy. It's the yellow/red icon that says " Get Acrobat Reader" to the left of the date selection. Simply click on this link, it will take you to Acrobat's Home Page, and follow the instructions. Please be patient when using Acrobat Reader. The files are large and it takes Acrobat a moment to load. When you are finished viewing the FOGHORN, you may print the copy directly from Acrobat. Printer situations will be covered in a later article.

At the bottom of the Home Page is an Email link that will open your Email software program and allow you to send the Webmaster (Lt. Rosenthal) a comment.

By the way, using the Officers link will take you to the Bridge Officers page and allow you to see their contact information.

That is it for now. This is a basic lesson, they get more complicated as we go on. If any member has any specific request or any special concern, or anything they would like to see in this column, please do not hesitate to Email me. What is my Email address ? Well that is your homework assignment. Find it on the website. Hint look on the Officers page.

Tip of the month:

Keep your computer clean. Dust accumulates quickly due to heat. Get a DRY paintbrush and keep it in your toolbox. Every month or so, wipe your machine down with a nonabrasive cleaner. Look on the rear panel. You will see an air vent. This is the power supply exhaust fan. Notice how it catches dust. If enough of this dust builds up the fan will stop. Use your paint brush and brush it off. Caution: NEVER perform maintenance on your machine while it is running. Always unplug it before working.

More to come next month.

Lt. Cdr. George Danko P.

NOVEMBER MEETING PHOTOS AT THE

KINGSTON HOLIDAY INN



Figure 2, Hildegard & P/Cdr. Marshall Bishop



Figure 5, Your Treasurer asking for MONEY



Figure 3, P/Cdr Ed “Lighthouse Keeper” Weber



Figure 6, Speaker, George Castiglione warming to his subject



Figure 4, Your Editor Asking for COPY



Figure 7, D/Lt/C Fred “never at a loss for words” Mangelsdorf

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