



Commander ERNIE KLOPPING's Message:

February is the month of special days, the Presidents' birthdays, Valentine's Day and the month before the "Change of Watch." The March meeting is when the administration of the squadron is passed on to the incoming bridge. It is the beginning of a new year for the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron.

February 2003 will be remembered for another event – the tragic loss of the Columbia Space Shuttle. We Americans are an adventuresome lot and even though careful planning, knowledge and research are given to a safe voyage, adventure is always a risky business.

We, in the nautical world need to utilize all of our knowledge, planning and care to insure a safe boating season for us all. Our boating courses and sharing of experiences lend a hand toward this goal.

As soon as the ice and snow of the season dissipate, we can begin to dig out our boats and plan the boating season. Planning and preparation are part of the boating adventure. Enjoy!

Cdr. Ernie Klopping AP



Yes, we have again won the Distinction in Journalism award and your editor thanks all those who contributed items to make the Foghorn a winning publication.

Editor P/C John C. Kwak AP



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THE FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING

The February Member Meeting is scheduled for FRIDAY evening February 21, 2003. from 1900 to 2200.

Fellow MHPS Members,

A reminder that we will be meeting on Friday the 21st at Fred Mangelsdorf's house in Hopewell Junction. As usual we will have coffee and dessert, please feel free to bring a dessert to share if you so desire! We always have a great variety of "goodies". This is such a wonderful meeting to attend; not only do we have a business meeting but also have the time and atmosphere to really visit with each other. Fred is always a gracious host and we appreciate him opening his home to us.

Fred's phone number is 845-227-5230 his email is FEMangelsd@aol.com

Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Schedule

February

12 Excom at Cosmo's

21 Member Meeting at Fred's House

March

12 Excom at Fosters

19 Change of Watch (COW) at Greenbaum & Gilhooley's, Wappingers Falls

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Where you can get all the information about the
Squadron.



Figure 1. JOSEPH BONORA Jr. Guest Speaker

Ed Metivier introduced the January meeting speaker, Joseph Bonora, Jr., who gave a presentation describing the Grand Hotel's project to expand its facility to the Hudson water front.

MHPS EDUCATION HAPPININGS

By SEO Lt.C Dick Coulter, P

The next **Boating Safety Course** is being advertised as follows:

PUBLIC BOATING COURSE.

The Boating Class will begin Thursday evening, February 13, from 1900 to 2100, and run for 8 weeks. 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 five 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 exam will be on February 13 for those who have completed their presentations.

The **Piloting Class** taught by John C. Kwak AP has taken the final exam. Only one student was able to take the exam. We hope the rest will decide to complete the course when their schedules permit.

The **Piloting Class** to be taught by Dick Winchell SN will start on Tuesday, February 4, at the Highland Middle School. There are no prerequisites for this class. The class will start at 1900 (7 pm). The class usually runs for eight weeks. Anyone who wishes to attend this class "please" get in touch with Dick Winchell at (845) 691-7606 ASAP so that we can order enough manuals. There are currently five prospective students.

Four students in the **Advanced Piloting** course took the closed book final exam Friday night, January 24; three turned in the open book part, and one student will take the open book part later.

George Danko P passed the Sail 101 Exam. Congratulations to George.

Ed Weber SN will teach a Cruise Planning Course this Spring (a USPS elective course, see below) if enough members can be signed up. Please contact Ed at (845) 462-2041 or at EVWeber@aol.com if interested.

Following are descriptions of the six **USPS Elective Courses**, of which three are required for the Education Achievement Award, and all are required for the Education Proficiency Award. Any member of the Mid Hudson Squadron interested in attending a course on the six topics should contact the SEO, Dick Coulter at (845) 462-7219 or at dick_coulter@compuserve.com.

Cruise Planning Designed for members who plan to cruise for just a day or for a year--in either a sail or powerboat--this course covers such topics as: planning a voyage; financing a voyage; managing commitments back home; equipping a cruising boat; selecting the crew; provisioning; managing a voyage; entering and clearing foreign ports; emergencies afloat; and security measures.

Engine Maintenance This course attempts to make students more self-reliant afloat; with trouble diagnosis and temporary remedies given special emphasis. It covers both marine gasoline and diesel engines, including concepts of operation, maintenance and repair. It covers such topics as: cooling systems; electrical systems; fuel systems; lubricating systems; power train components; and ancillary propulsion components. A video consisting of Ford and General Motors training information on diesel engine operation is available.

Instructor Qualification This course deals with effective communication for speakers and teachers--a quality that benefits the individual in all walks of life. It offers practical instruction in: preparing for teaching assignments; preparing for meeting presentations; effective teaching techniques; conducting efficient meetings; and selecting and using audiovisual aids.

Marine Electronics This course teaches essential knowledge about a boat's electrical and electronic systems including: proper wiring; grounding; corrosion and electrolysis control; batteries and their maintenance; depth finders; marine radiotelephones; radar; loran; GPS; and other electronic positioning systems.

Sail 101 & 102 Introduction to Sail - This course teaches basic elements of sailing, including terminology; sailboat rigs & sail plans; boat design & hull types; sails, standing & running rigging; boat, true, & apparent wind; leaving & returning to dock; sailing upwind & downwind; marlinespike for sailors; basic sailing rules. Advanced Sail teaches forces, stability and balance; sail trim; tuning a rig; steering & helmsmanship; spinnaker handling; heavy weather sailing; survival in storm conditions; safety procedures; racing & race management; complete navigation rules for sailing vessels.

Weather 101 & 102 This weather course will furnish basic weather knowledge for safer and more enjoyable boating. The student will learn to make weather predictions based upon observations of the sky, upon barometer and wind information, as well as weather data provided by maps, satellite images, and radio and TV broadcasts. Topics include: Effects of Heat and Cold; Wind and Pressure; Storms and Fronts; Rain, Humidity, and Fog; and Floods, Droughts, and inter Precipitation. Advanced Weather- topics include: Thunderstorms and Tornadoes; Tropical Weather; Atmosphere and Clouds; Forecasting; and Climate.

Dick Coulter, SEO



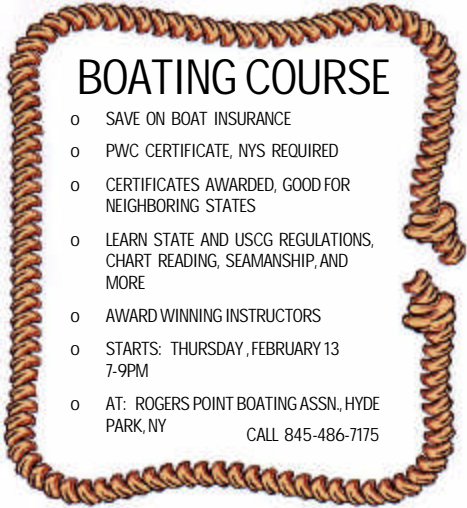
Figure 2. An Attentive Audience at the January Pougkepsie Grand Meeting.

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SAFETY CORNER:

By Jim Smith, S

Jim has developed the following ads for the BOATING COURSE, nice job Jim.



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TONY, DO YOU THINK THEY ONLY BITE FOR BASS GUYS WHO HAVE THEIR BOATING CERTIFICATION?

HEY HOT LIPS, WE'LL HOLD OUT FOR GRADS OF THE BOATING COURSE...IF THEY ONLY KNEW! STARTS FEB 13TH 7pm AT ROGERS PT. BOATING ASSN.

Information Technology

A feature presented each month for your personal computer

As promised, lets talk about the Netscape browser. The latest version of this web surfing tool is 7.0. It's free and available to download from just about anywhere. I recommend www.netscape.com. The file is large, around 17 MB and will take two hours to download on a 56K dial-up connection. This is a good project to let run while you go out and polish up the watercraft.

Installation is carefree, most of the time, assuming you get a complete and trouble free download. If you encounter an error, start over. Trying to fix a broken download, unless you use special software, is a slim to none proposition for Mr. Average. By the way, next month we can discuss special software.

Assuming you are all installed and happy, open your new browser and click on the Edit key on the top task bar.... it is next to File the dropdown box will open and the very last option is preferences. If you do not see preferences, you are not at the right place. Remember EDIT..... PREFERENCES

Now click on preferences, a Navigator screen will open and give you a bunch of choices, the one you want for the scope of this article is:

History, found at the port side of the screen, it is the third one down, click on History and change the number of days Netscape will remember to "0" The default is "9" you do not need nine days of remembered history. It is just clutter.

Now click on Navigator (it is the 2nd item). Notice that on the starboard side there is an item called default browser. The question is whether or not you wish to make Netscape your default browser. If you intend to use Netscape as your browser then click the set default browser box. If not leave this item alone.

Finally, Netscape 7.0 has a new setup system for managing cookies (remember cookies from last month ?). New for 7.0 close the preferences box and go back to the main tool

bar at the top. This is where you started, only instead of clicking on EDIT, click on TOOLS, the drop down box will now display an item called Cookie Manager. Highlight this box and you shall see an item called Manage Stored Cookies. Clicking on this box will bring you to a new window called cookie manager. The ONLY thing you want to do here is click on the box at the bottom titled Remove All Cookies. Unfortunately you will have to do this manually every so often since 7.0 does not give you the option of auto cookie removal, not one that I have found anyway. Close all the boxes and return to your browser.

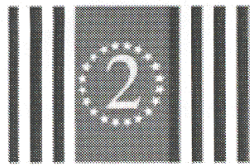
If anyone has any questions or concerns with 7.0 or any previous version of Netscape, I am always at your service. By the way, Netscape technical support gets \$29.95 as openers before they will even talk to you.

Also, as promised, lets talk Random Access Memory. What is RAM? What does it do? Well first, lets define RAM. This is your computers " staging area " or short term memory. EVERYTHING that goes on inside your machine is stored in RAM. Every program, every instruction, every hardware driver is stored in RAM either at boot-up or at the time the program or device is started. The only exception to this is the initial power-up when you turn on the switch before the RAM is counted. This initial boot-up is called posting and it is a built in instruction set hard wired into a CMOS computer chip that tells your machine what to do at initial power up until your operating system is loaded into RAM. A future article will be devoted to what happens from the time you hit the power switch until your operating system is ready to run.

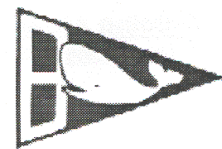
Again, I am always available for questions. That's it for now, till next time,happy surfing. Please do not forget to check out

<http://www.midhudsonpowersquadron.com>

George Danko
7 February 2003



Have a Whale of a Time at the D2 Spring Conference



March 28 -29, 2003

Williams Inn 1090 Main Street Route 7
Williamstown, MA 0 1267 -2620

Date/Time	Event
28 March 2003 1500—1700	Early Registration
28 March 2003 1730—on	Reception for the Chief's Rep and Conference Attendees Buffet Dinner to follow (Uniform Blazer).
29 March 2003 0800—0900	Registration and Continental Breakfast
29 March 2003 0845—0900	Guest Program assembles and departs
29 March 2003 0900—1630	General Meeting and Workshops
29 March 2003 1800—1930	Reception
29 March 2003 1930—Late	Dinner and Dancing (Uniform A, bow tie)

Guest Program: A tour of the Clark Art Institute featuring European and American painting, sculpture, works on paper, and decorative art from the Renaissance to the early twentieth century. Optional lunch back at the Williams Inn with the conference attendees. A guest speaker will be featured.

From the South or West:

Mass Turnpike (Rte 90) -Take Exit 2 (Lee) on the Mass Turnpike — after the toll booth, turn right and follow Rte 20 West. Approximately 4 miles Rte 7 North merges with Rte 20. Continue on Rte 7 North about 28 miles to Williamstown. The Williams Inn is on the left of the Village Green at the Northerly Junction of Rtes 7 & 2. Go around the traffic circle about 270 degrees — The Williams Inn is located on the north side of the circle.

Or:

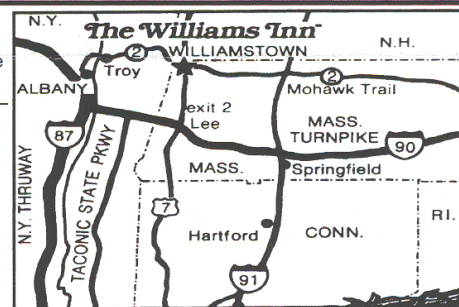
Rte 7 North from Danbury to Williamstown.

Or:

Taconic State Parkway North towards Albany. Take last exit before the toll - Rte 295 East (Chatham & East Chatham), to Rte 22 North to Rte 2 East to Rte 7 North to Williamstown.

From North:

Route 87 South to Exit 6 (Rte 2 East into Latham). Take Route 2 East through Troy and over the mountain and down to Williamstown. Turn left at the junction of Routes 2 & 7. Continue 2 miles North on Rte 7 to Williamstown.



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Lunch Choices:			Baked New England Scrod _____	
Roast Breast of Turkey _____			Vegetarian Available on Request _____	
Yankee Pot Roast _____				
Guest Program for the Clark Art Institute Tour	— 29 March	_____	Number Attending at \$ 15	Total \$ _____
Saturday Dinner Dance	— 29 March	_____	Number Attending at \$ 46	Total \$ _____
Menu Choices:			Grilled Salmon with Shallots & Herbs Beurre Blanc _____	
Roast Tenderloin of Beef _____			Vegetarian Available on Request _____	
Apple Sage Stuffed Breast of Chicken _____				
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