



**A Farewell Message From
Commander Edward Metivier:**

It has been a wonderful year for me and I hope that my contributions will be of permanent value to the squadron in the coming years.

The work we did throughout the year will now bear fruit this year and we will continue to seek out new ways to introduce our services to the community. To be a member of the US Power Squadrons is quite an honor.

It is an excellent way to increase our learning skills and to meet and make new friends. So let's think in a positive way and always be willing to talk about the good things that we do wherever we go.

As for myself, I plan to be around to help the Squadron in an advisory position.

Please welcome our new bridge with open arms, your new commander, Jim Silver, is a quality person and an excellent choice to lead the Squadron in the New Year.

See you at the change of watch and
High Tides to All,
CDR Ed Metivier



Figure 1, The Commander leads the Dessert Meeting



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THE MARCH MEETING

MHPS Members and Guests:

Please accept this invitation to attend the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Change of Watch and Annual Meeting.

Date: Thursday 18 March 2004

Time: Cash Bar opens at 1830

Place: Greenbaum & Gilhooley's Steak and Seafood House, 1379 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, New York

Menu:

- Fruit or Soup
- Mixed Salad
- Baked Potato w/Sour Cream & Chives
- Fresh Mixed Vegetables
- Choice of Dessert or Cake
- Coffee - Tea - Soda
- Choice of Entree

Prime Rib, Stuffed Breast of Chicken or Broiled Sole

Cost: \$ 23.00

Please RSVP with your choice of entree to:
DANKOGEORG@AOL.COM (Email preferred) or call
845-724-3702 (leave a message) or FAX 845-724-4529.

Please join us for this event and bring a guest.
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www.midhudsonpowersquadron.com

Where you can get all the information about the
Squadron.

Web Master, Dave Rosenthal SN



MHPS Education Program

Our Boating Course at Haviland School in Hyde Park is progressing with seventeen students and the fast track course is on schedule to start April 19 at Certified Marine in Connelly.

Shortly after the Connelly class we will be starting a **SEAMANSHIP** class conducted by the team of Ernie Klopping and Pat Smalley. Location tba. Call Ernie at 889-4242 or 266-8040 to register for this class.

ENGINE MAINTENANCE class is to start March 15 at Bruce LoPresti's shop in Saugerties. Call Bruce to register and get directions. 845-246-9056 or wrench.at@verizon.net

SAIL course is being planned for early May, location tba. Get in touch with either John Boyle at 635-9463 or Pete Cavalla at 462-4878 to sign up for this course.

MARINE ELECTRONICS course is being planned by George Danko to start in September. More to follow on this one.

If you have an interest in taking any course please contact me at 845-691-7606 or n2exv@hvi.net.

SEO Dick Winchell SN

Your Challenge for this month:

Nautical windows on boats are properly called " _____ " when they CANNOT be opened, and " _____ " when they CAN be opened.

Answer can be found elsewhere in this publication.



Figure 2, Fred Demonstrating Docking Maneuvers at the Boating Class

SAFETY CORNER:

By Jim Smith, S

BATTERY WIRING CHECKS

It seems like every few years most boaters encounter battery problems. Did you leave the batteries on the boat during winter storage? Did you stash them in the garage? Did you remember to charge them over the winter?

Many times we just top off the batteries and stick them back on the boat during commissioning. Slow down, this is a great time to perform a detailed check of the basic components of your onboard electrical system. These systems have become increasingly complex and require more attention.

First, remember to wear protective gear for eyes and hands when working on or near your batteries.

Here is a quick spring checklist for your batteries and power system. This list doesn't cover everything but it's a starting point.

1. Keep top surfaces batteries clean and dry
2. Charge or top-off batteries before installation
3. Check cables for broken or corroded strands and proper insulation
4. Connections should be tight, clean, and sealed
5. No spring-dependent connections like alligator clips or clamps
6. Avoid push-on or spade-type connections to battery
7. Battery compartment should be well ventilated
8. Make sure battery compartment is protected against spills
9. Check for stray current
10. If you must use stranded wire, make sure to solder (tin) the ends
11. If battery lines are in conduits, make sure conduits have drain holes
12. Attach labels to all lines leading to positive and negative connections

13. Protect wires from possible physical damage in exposed areas
14. Connections should be easily accessible and above max-bilge water levels
15. Check connections on your main switch panel and to the alternator

SPEAKING OF BATTERIES—STOCK UP

In the next few issues of *Foghorn*, we'll be enclosing a battery order form. Order your alkaline battery supply for the 2004 boating season early and help MHPS raise a few bucks. We are offering Duracell Pro-Cell industrial quality batteries in carton lots at discount. AAA, AA, C, and D size cells are available.

You can order as many cartons as you like. Maybe your friends would like to stock-up. You'll be able to place an order twice each year, one for delivery in April and the other for delivery in late October or early November. Please pay by check and remember the check will not be cashed until we place the full-order. You can collect your cartons at the April monthly meeting. If you have any questions, call Jim Smith at 255-0160.

NO-DISCHARGE REMINDER

The Hudson River, from **The Battery** on the end of Manhattan Island to the Federal Dam in **Troy**, which is the entire tidal zone of the Hudson River, has been designated a "no-discharge" area. This, as you all likely know, means the discharge of any boat sewage is strictly prohibited. You may want to refresh your memory regarding the location of pump out facilities along the river. Also check your holding tank and the diverter (Y) valve setting to avoid fines.

Answer:
(Dead lights / Port lights).

SHIP TO SHORE RECIPES

By Cdr. Ed Metivier

Over the past few months we more or less focused on some plates that could be served at any one of our daily meals on board or at the dock. But how can we serve these different types of meals with the limited storage and refrigeration?

"Simple!" Buy one product that can be converted in to different dishes. For example: One 8lb boneless and cooked turkey breast can be used for- turkey salad, turkey soup, hot turkey sandwich, turkey tetrazini, turkey dinner, turkey meatloaf, turkey meatballs, in other words out of one 8lb cooked turkey breast, you can feed four people seven different meals while taking up a refrigerated space of 10x6 inches.

This breast should cost you about 16 - 20 dollars, or 60-70 cents per person. If you buy this way you can have the best for very little cost, it has excellent keeping qualities of well over a week.

What I plan to do in our next Fog Horn is to give you a few of the recipes that are mentioned here and then go on to buying and breaking down a canned ham etc. I would like some feed back from you so that I can help you with your boating menu and requirements.

Tin Can Sailor Ed



Figure 3, The Dessert Table, WOW!

A WELCOME BACK TO

Dr. Marvin Rosenthal, AP, 831 Route 52, Fishkill NY, Phone 845-896-6749.

Marvin has requested reinstatement to the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron. He previously was an MHPS member from 1980 till 1991. He holds Certificate Number E045155



Figure 4, A Comfortable Meeting.



Figure 5, George Demonstrating His Sextant Technique.