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ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**MAY 26, 2004—Member Meeting,
at Stone Hedge, West Park, NY**

All: Invitation to attend the May Monthly Meeting of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron.

Date: Wed 26 May 2004

Time: Cash Bar opens at 1830

Place: Stone Hedge, West Side of 9W, West Park, NY

Program: Annual Education Meeting. Our guest will be DEO Robert Kelly.

Menu:

Fruit Cup

Choices: Breast of Chicken, Marsala

Filet of Sole, Francaise

Sliced Roast Beef, Mushroom sauce

Green Beans Amandine

Baked Stuffed Potato

Apple Pie. Coffee and Tea

Please join us for this event and bring a guest. Cost \$22.00 each.

Jim Smith, Administrative Officer

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Message From Commander Jim Silver:

Spring is finally here, it is so nice to be warm again and best of all – no more white stuff. Along with spring comes our annual Auction, which was held on April 24.

A very BIG HAND goes to Don Gladstone and his many helpers that made it a very enjoyable event. A special thanks to Ed Weber for donating so many items for a silent auction – glad we were able to help you move into your new digs. All who were not able to attend, missed out on bidding on some really nice items – like a dinghy, complete navigational software for a PC (2 sets), a barometer, and handheld VHF radio to mention a few. We also had a delicious potluck dinner before the auction. Please try to support this, our largest fundraising function next spring.

KUDOS to Fred Mangelsdorf and the other Instructors for recruiting 6 new members from the Basic Boating Class and the Fast-Track class completed during the last 10 weeks. Great job to the instructors and all the other members involved in accomplishing this task. This is a terrific first step forward in our quest for new members. Over the coming months it would be wonderful if other members would pickup the reins and recruit additional members.

The Educational Achievement meeting will be held on May 26, 2004 at the Stone Hedge Restaurant in West Park (Route 9W half way between Highland and Esopus). This meeting is dedicated to honoring our Instructors and students for their efforts in advancing Boating Education. Please show your support for the members who have improved their knowledge or have conveyed their knowledge to others. This activity after all, is the reason USPS was founded.

As I stated before (incorrect dates – but correct this time), we will be hosting the District 2 Spring Conference on March 18 & 19, 2005. PLEASE be sure you reserve that weekend to support MHPS as our fellow member Fred Mangelsdorf becomes District 2 Commander.

As you commission your boat this year don't forget about a Vessel Safety Check, it's free, doesn't take long, is very informative, insures your safety equipment is up to snuff, give you a chance to brag about your boat/boating experiences, and may save you some aggravation on the water in many ways.

Happy and safe boating,
Jim

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where you can get all the information about the
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Mid-Hudson Education Program

Our **Annual Education Meeting** will held at the
Stonehedge Restaurant, Rte 9W, West Park on
May 26. Cocktails at 1830, dinner at 1900.

This meeting is dedicated to our instructors and
students.

Your SEO has prepared a program that includes a
report of all our educational activities for the
previous year and the activities that are now taking
place and those planned for the future.

Your attendance at this meeting is a way of
showing support for our educational programs.

The **SEAMANSHIP** class has started at the
Poughkeepsie Yacht Club, in Staatsburg, Thursday
Nights 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Instructors are Ernie
Klopping and Pat Smalley.

The **ENGINE MAINTENANCE** class started on
March 15 with three students at Bruce LoPresti's
shop in Saugerties.

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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 class.

Your Challenge for this month:

Your "tender" can achieve a maximum
speed of 25 knots.

What is the formula to determine the
horsepower required to achieve this speed ?

(Answer elsewhere in this issue)

SEO Dick Winchell SN

SEO Dick Winchell has been to the Hospital for
some surgery, it got a little complicated and he
spent about 6 days there. He is now home and on
the mend.

Best wishes to you Dick!

It takes a lot to keep a Navy man down.

BOATING CORNER:

This item sent by Ernie Klopping and slightly edited by your editor is of general boating interest.

We have heard that the Great Dismal Swamp Canal is of little interest to President Bush. Normally the canal has a separate line item in the Army Corps budget, this is not the case this year.

The Dismal Swamp Canal is an historic landmark, the oldest continually operating waterway in the country, opening to boating traffic in 1805. It holds great historical significance: Entered in the National Register of Historic Places; designated as a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark; designated as part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program.

In the President's Budget for FY 2005, total project funding for the US Army Corps of Engineers has been reduced by a 50% for the fiscal year 2005 budget. There will be insufficient funds to operate the locks at South Mills, NC, and Deep Creek, VA, effectively closing the Dismal Swamp Canal.

If this is of concern to you, then I suggest that you;
1. Contact your Congressman ask for an additional \$400,000 in appropriations for the Army Corps of Engineers for continued operation of the Dismal Swamp Canal locks and waterway as part of the Atlantic Intercoastal Waterway. This waterway is under the jurisdiction of the Norfolk District, US Army Corps of Engineers.

2. Visit www.atlintracoastal.org/ and www.DismalSwamp.net

General Information

from Ed Weber

Many Companies give discounts to USPS members. Both Maptek and Nobeltec provide a 25% discount to USPS members with their Cert #. So check before you buy you may save some money.

ALSO, a reminder to check your flare guns. Some of the pistols, which use 12 gauge flare shells have a defect and will not open enough to accept a shell. When commissioning your boat check the flare shells to be sure that they are still valid and at the same time check that each shell can easily be inserted into the pistol. If not return it to the manufacturer for replacement.

And while you are checking safety equipment check the pressure gauge on your extinguishers then turn them upside down and shake them to loosen the powder, which has caked from vessel vibration.



Figure 1. At the April meeting Stew Steagal, received the Chaplain Pennant, it being the only USPS flag that Stew didn't have and of course he is our new Chaplain.



Figure 2. Pat Smalley receiving the Flag Lieutenant pennant, this makes her Jim's right hand helper.

ED WEBER has moved to his new house on the Hudson. Congratulations Ed, the new address is:
PO. Box 1165
231 Tilden Street
Port Ewen NY 12466-1165
845-331-4083
845-331-0942

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Your Bridge is proud to announce that 5 new members have decided to join our family of boaters. We welcome them **ALL ABOARD**. Their names and addresses follow.

Kenneth S. Pomilla
276 Old Manchester Rd.
Poughkeepsie NY 12603
845-452-7924
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Ken has a 42 foot power boat called Cool Change II

Ronald H. Murray, Jr.
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Ron owns a 30 foot power boat called Sea Scape
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MHPS AUCTION 2004

Hi all,

The results of the 2004 Auction are below:

INCOME:

Tickets	205.00
Sales	1476.85
Donations	88.04

Gross Income 1769.89

EXPENSES:

Hall Rental	75.00
Consignment	65.00
Supplies	21.82
Supplies	79.29

Gross Expense 241.11

Income	1769.89
less Expenses	241.11

Net Income 1528.78

The above is assuming ALL expenses are turned in.

Good job all hands.
Commander Jim

We all had a great time, a delicious pot luck supper and I came away with some bargains, but no one took pictures so you won't see any. Editor John.

Answer to this months challenge:
Divide the boat's weight (loaded) by 40.
i.e. 500 lbs/40 = 12.5 HP



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- May 19, USPS National Governing Board Meeting in Pittsburgh**
- May 22, MHPS Kids Program at the Children's Museum in Poughkeepsie**
- May 26, MHPS Member Meeting, Stonehedge Restaurant**
- June 2, Excom location tba**
- June 16, MHPS Member Meeting tba**
- June 19&20 MHPS at Kenco Boater Safety Class, Kingston Rte 28**
- June 25, Hudson River Day, Children's Museum in Poughkeepsie**
- July 7, Excom location tba**
- July No Meeting**
- Aug. 21 MHPS Rendezvous, Red Hook Boat Club**

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