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## Message From Commander Jim Silver:

Boating season is upon us. I have not been able to even look at my boat since last fall, soon though – very soon.

This past three weeks and five days has flown by at lightning speed. Jan and I attended the Northern Trek in Lake George on May 14 & 15. Wonderful time but still a little cool. 7 members represented our Squadron. Then came the National Governing Board Meeting In Pittsburgh on May 19 through May 22. Jan & I drove out with Fred Mangelsdorf and future wife Linda. This meeting was a first for Jan & I. We found it to be very informative, a lot of fun and a great opportunity to put faces with the names we hear so often. The meetings we attended were a First Timers introduction, the new Pilot/Advanced Pilot course presentation, Information Technology presentation, and the GB Meeting. Fred attended the National Canoe and Kayak Association's presentation and those who were at the May Member Meeting saw the portable presentation kit he demonstrated. This tool will be very helpful at the upcoming Sportsmen's Expo at Belleayre Mountain on June 19-20, where we will man a booth to demonstrate kayak and canoe safety.

On May 26, we had our annual Educational meeting with DEO Robert Kelly as our guest speaker and presenter. For all who where unable to attend, we had a wonderful time. It was a rare privilege, as the past 3 DEO's (Peter {and Barbara} Nielsen, Anne Peskin, and Bernard Peskin) were present to honor our instructors and students. It was a golden opportunity for our members to meet and converse with highly experienced past District Bridge Officers

And last but not least, Jan and I along with Dick Winchell, George Danko, and Michele Tarsa departed on May 27 for ten days on a Grand Banks 42 from Newburyport Massachusetts. George acted as our recording secretary and will be filing our adventure in subsequent issues of the Fog Horn. We covered some 325+ nm, burned 254 gallons of diesel, make 9 ports of call, and had a super time.

I hope everyone has their boat in the water and is having a superb summer.

Jim & Jan

## JUNE MEMBER MEETING

**All:** Please accept this invitation to attend the June Monthly Meeting of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron.

**Date:** Wed 16 June 2004

**Time:** Cash Bar opens at 1830

**Place:** Coppolas Restaurant  
825 Main St. (near the east split of 44/55)  
Poughkeepsie, NY

## Program: PROPS—SELECTION, CARE, REPAIR

Our guest will be Gabe Capobianchi of Precision Propeller in Newburgh. Gabe will discuss propellers and re-powering. If you have specific questions, email them to Jim Smith, he will forward them to Gabe so he can provide a more detailed answer.

**Menu:** Tossed Salad  
Pasta  
Dessert and Coffee Service  
Choice of Entree  
Chicken marsala  
Pork rollatine (stuffed w/many goodies)  
Broiled sole  
Cost: \$ 23.00

**Please RSVP by Monday June 14** with your choice of entree to:

[JSRSATV@AOL.COM](mailto:JSRSATV@AOL.COM) (Email preferred) or call 845-255-0160 (leave a message).

Please join us for this event and bring a guest.  
Jim Smith, Administrative Officer, MHPS.

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This is where you can get all the information about  
the Squadron.

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**Mid-Hudson Education Program**

The Seamanship Class has been rescheduled

This course is being presented at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club on Thursday evenings. May 27 was the first class. Please call Ernie Klopping at 889-4242 for information.

Engine Maintenance class is on going with two students. Bruce LoPresti, Instructor.

The Sail Course will be presented in July by John Boyle (635 94630 and Pete Cavalla (462-4878). Call for information, location and schedule.

Your challenge for this month.

Your gasoline engine seems to have a weak fuel/air mixture or insufficient fuel. This condition will produce what color of exhaust smoke.

(Answer found else where in this publication).

(A Nauti.Bender provided by Penchant Publishing).

SEO Dick Winchell

**SAFETY CORNER:**  
**DOCKSIDE WATER**  
BY Jim Smith

We often enjoy the amenity of having dockside water connections at our slip. Depending upon our habits this can be a curse or a blessing. Sinking at the dock due to fresh water connection problems is not as rare as you might think.

A Long Island boater awoke to knee-deep water in the boat. Fortunately they were dockside at a shallow slip. Constant and reasonably strong water pressure has a way of finding loose or faulty fittings, deteriorating hoses, and the like. The water pressure finds the weakest link. If you do have a leak, while the boat is unattended, your boat may sink or the city may run out of water. Don't count on the latter option.

**Tip:**

**Your fresh water connection should never be left on or connected while the boat is unattended. Also remind crew and guests to disconnect dockside water from the boat when tasks are completed**

## FOR SALE ITEMS

We will insert in the Foghorn boating items for sale that Members of MHPS wish to sell.

**#1** Dick Coulter is selling his boat

### **FOURWINNS 1987**

24 FT CABIN CRUISER  
With Aft Cabin and Trailer,  
260 HP, V8 Merc I/O,  
Beam 8.5 ft.

Maroon and Grey, Brand New Lower Unit,  
Full Camper Canvas,  
Galley w/ Stove, Refrigerator,  
TV, VCR, Microwave. Head, Many Extras.  
Asking: \$9,500. Tele. 845-462-7219.

**#2** "MARK TWAIN" is for sale

Your editor is selling MARK TWAIN a 1969 Cal 2-30 Sailboat, 30' long, Atomic 4 gas engine, fully operational and can be seen at PYC. Asking price is \$12,000 but any reasonable offer will be considered. We have purchased a larger sailboat for extensive cruising.  
Call John C. Kwak at 255-5318 or email [jckwak@hvi.net](mailto:jckwak@hvi.net) for sales brochure.

**#3** Ed Metivier is selling his 1971 McGregor Venture. Asking Price \$5,000.

It has

1. New Paint and Varnish
2. New roller furling for jib
3. 8 hp Johnson outboard with gas tank
4. Two, 8lb anchors with rodes
5. VHS radio
6. Shore line trailer

and many more new items. This is an excellent, unsinkable, shallow water sailboat, with centerboard. Please call Ed at 978-422-2921 or email [TinCanSailorEd@aol.com](mailto:TinCanSailorEd@aol.com)



**OUR TWO CHAPMAN WINNERS**

**Figure 1, Dick Winchell and Fred Mangelsdorf**

## NTSB to Probe PFD Policy

BY Jim Smith

According to a recent press release, the National Transportation Safety Board will hold a public forum to discuss mandatory wear of personal flotation devices (PFD) on recreational boats, NTSB Chairman Ellen Engleman Connors has announced. The one-day forum will begin at 9:00 am on August 25, 2004 at the NTSB Academy in Ashburn, VA.

The purpose of the forum is to gather all available data, and to promote an open and informative discussion of policy issues related to mandatory PFD use. The Safety Board has a long history of working to improve recreational boating safety. It has been on the Board's "Most Wanted" list of transportation safety improvements since its inception in 1990.

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Currently, most States require PFD wear for children and for personal watercraft operators. No State requires PFD wear for all occupants. Yet six years of observational studies by the Coast Guard show that less than 5% of adults in open boats wear PFDs. Reportedly, the NTSB will also invited comments on new PFD technology, which seems to mean inflatable PFDs

Answer: White Smoke.



**Figure 2. THE DEO ROBERT KELLEY AND ALL THE INSTRUCTORS AND STUDENTS AT THE MAY EDUCATION MEETING.**



**Figure 5. PAT SMALLEY RECEIVING THE NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD FOR THE CHILDRENS PROGRAM**



**Figure 3. OUR ASEO MICHELLE TARSA RECEIVING HER OFFICERS FLAG FROM SEO WINCHELL.**



**Figure 6. YOUR EDITOR RECEIVING A THANK YOU FROM THE SEO DICK WINCHELL.**



**Figure 4. FRED DEMONSTRATING THE CANOE AND KAYAK SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM.**



**Figure 7. DAVID ROSENTHALL, OUR WEBMASTER, RECEIVING A DISTRICT AWARD FOR THE MHPS WEB SITE.**



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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- June 9, Excom at the Storm King Power Squadron Picnic at the Cornwall Yacht Club**  
**June 16, MHPS Member Meeting AT COPPOLAS Restaurant in Poughkeepsie**  
**June 19&20 MHPS at Kenco Boater Safety Class, Belair Mountain, Rte 28**  
**June 25, Hudson River Day, Children's Museum in Poughkeepsie**  
**July 7, Excom location tba**  
**July No Meeting**  
**Aug. 13,14&15 District 2, Summer Council & Rendezvous, Captain,'s Cove Seaport, Bridgeport, Connecticut**  
**Aug. 21 MHPS Rendezvous, Red Hook Boat Club**

COVER SHEET

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