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Message From Commander Jim Silver:

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, the many get well cards, e-mails and phone calls. Currently, I am recovering at home under the doctor's instruction to do nothing (one slight step above bed rest) in lieu of being in a cast again. With luck I will get the near 30 staples out this week and then another three weeks before starting physical therapy.

Last Friday 11/5 I talked with Wayne Garnsey (phone), he is progressing as well as can be expected after having by-pass surgery. From my own experience, this surgery is very demanding on the body and takes a long time for recovery. My prayers and thoughts go out to Wayne for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to George Danko for completing all requirements, except the sights for JN, Great Job. Also, Congratulations to "The Admin Guy" Jim Smith for having not one but two articles in the latest issue of the Ensign. Well done to both of you.

The Member meeting on November 17, 2004 will include a star show of "The Summer Sky" at the John R. Kirk Planetarium at SUNY- New Paltz. PLEASE try to attend this program and PLEASE get your RSVP to Jim Smith as soon as possible. This star show should be of special interest to anyone interested in JN or N.

Lastly, please keep Dick Winchell in your prayers and thoughts as he will under go another hip replacement on November 9, 2004.

Thank you all again for the wonderful cards, e-mails, and phone calls.

Jim & Jan

SPECIAL MHPS INVITATION TO MEET THE STARS

DINNER & A SHOW AT SUNY NEW PALTZ "THE SUMMER SKY"

The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron invites all members of the MHPS and the Storm King Power Squadron to a buffet dinner and a star show of "The Summer Sky" at the John R. Kirk Planetarium at SUNY-New Paltz on Wednesday, November 17, starting at 1830.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. We will have a catered dinner, starting at 1830, at the College Terrace on the SUNY-New Paltz campus. At 1945 we will adjourn to the newly renovated John R. Kirk Planetarium, a short walk away, for "The Summer Sky" planetarium show presented by Physics Professor and Planetarium Director Tom Crepet. The presentation lasts about one hour.

Whether you are brushing up on your celestial navigation or want to learn more about astronomy, you won't want to miss this rare opportunity. Our thanks to MHPS's Rose Taft for making these special arrangements.

DINNER & A SHOW AT SUNY NEW PALTZ CONTINUED

Cost: \$27.00 per person (includes dinner & show)

Menu: Buffet dinner includes choice of Pork Tenderloin/Raspberry Sauce, Chicken Francaise, potato, vegetable, green salad, rolls, and dessert.

Directions: Driving and parking directions will be emailed separately to all confirmed registrants.

RSVP: First come basis. Jim Smith, MHPS Administrative Officer at jrsatv@aol.com or call 845-255-0160 and leave a message. RSVP no later than Saturday November 13.

Directions to Meeting

· *From the South take NYS Thruway (I-87) north to Exit 18.*

· *From the North take NYS Thruway (I-87) south to Exit 18.*

· *From the Northwest take the NYS Thruway (I-90) to Albany and then south (I-87) to Exit 18.*

· *From the Southwest take Route 17 east to Route 17K to NYS Thruway (I-87) north to Exit 18.*

· *From the Mid-Hudson Bridge turn right onto Route 9W north. Proceed 2 3/4 miles to traffic light intersection with Route 299. Turn left onto Route 299 and proceed approximately 6 miles to New Paltz. Turn left onto South Manheim Boulevard (Route 32 South)*.*

FROM EXIT 18 turn left at the traffic light after toll booth. Turn left at the third traffic light onto South Manheim Boulevard (Rt. 32 South).*

**Turn right onto Mohonk Ave. East (4th road on right). Make second left into Mohonk Parking Lot 24. Additional parking lots nearby include Resnick Parking Lot 20, Coykendall Parking Lot 22, and Wooster Parking Lot 21.*

To view our campus map, please visit www.newpaltz.edu/map.

To learn more about the John R. Kirk Planetarium, visit this website:

<http://www.newpaltz.edu/planetarium/>

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

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Mid-Hudson Education Program

Congratulations to George Danko on passing his JN open and closed book exams. Way to go George, now get those sight finished up.

The Boating course at Highland Middle school finished up on November 2. Five students took the exam.

We must now start making plans for a Spring class which will probably held at the Haviland School in Hyde Park. A lead instructor is desperately needed along with a few more presenters. We must get more people involved in our educational efforts.

George Danko will be conducting a Marine Electronics Course in the near future. Get in touch him at 845-724-3702. DANKOGEORG@aol.com.

Commander Silver will be conducting the new Piloting Course after the Holidays. You can reach him at 845-877-4777, jimsilver@att.net. This course has been greatly modernized to use more of the new electronics now available for safer piloting. If you want to get up to speed with latest tools, you might want to consider taking the new course even thought you have completed the old one.

The new Advanced Piloting Course is scheduled to be available in February. It also has been completely upgraded with all the newest methods.

An Instructor Development Course is just waiting for students. Get in touch with me and we'll get one going. Or for that matter any course you may want to do.

Your quiz this month is:

You are boating at night on the Hudson River. A vessel is approaching which is displaying normal red and green running lights and a white masthead light but also has three red lights in a vertical line on the mast. What does this indicate?

(Do we need a course on the Rules of the Road)?
(Answer to be found else where in this issue)

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SAFETY CORNER:

BOAT FIRES—COMMON CAUSES

By Lt/C. Jim Smith, P

Perhaps the most frightening vision for a mariner is a boat that is on fire. Even the smallest fire, if not promptly and effectively extinguished, is a critical matter. Both property and life may be in immediate peril. A smart skipper should address the possible causes before they result in a fire.

Recently, BOAT/US's Seaworthy Magazine published its survey of the causes of boat fires based on marine insurance claim files. You may be surprised that stoves and cooking units are not among the prime suspects.

| CAUSE | PERCENT |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Wiring/Appliance | 55% |
| Engine/Trans Overheat | 24% |
| Fuel Leak | 8% |
| Misc. | 7% |
| Unknown | 5% |
| Stove | 1% |

AC/DC Wiring The top category is faulty or damaged AC/DC wiring with the engine DC voltage regulator a somewhat distant second. The majority of problems seem to occur with DC wiring that has become chafed by rubbing against other hard and angular surfaces on the boat. You should give your DC wiring a complete inspection several times each year.

Overheating In this group, overheated engines accounted for the majority of fires. Obstructed cooling systems and broken cooling lines and impellers were high on the list. Cooling systems, intakes, and impellers should be checked on a regular basis and replaced or cleaned if suspect. Try to include a regular inspection and cleaning of your heat exchanger in your maintenance schedule.

Fuel Leaks As you probably figured, gas-fueled boats are more at risk, accounting for over 90% of boat fires in this category, than diesel-fueled boats. Broken or leaking fuel lines and fittings, leaking fuel tanks, and frankly carelessness in fueling or engine cleaning are all very serious concerns. If you smell gas...do something about it right away.

Remember to run the bilge blower for at least five minutes before cranking. Check all lines and fittings on a regular basis throughout the boating season.

Various The most surprising finding was the relatively low incidence of stove-related fires. Some attribute this to safer units and the declining use of pressure alcohol stoves. Then too, maybe we are being more careful around the galley.

While you may not be able to totally protect your boat from random acts of crew idiocy you can do something about the boat's systems. It doesn't take that long to do a fire prevention check. Make the necessary repairs and upgrades. Don't delay and don't become complacent. After all, you are playing with fire.

This Squadron has its medical miracles.

Jan Silver tells us how the Commander is doing! "We would like to truly thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers during Jim's recent surgery.

He is recovering well, much better than the last time. I think the Dr. knows him pretty well though, seeing he called him today to tell him not to overdue; wants him to keep relatively quiet and not push himself and hinder the healing process.

He should get his stitches out this week (hopefully), so he will feel much more comfortable then. Once again thanks to all of you, it is wonderful to know we have such thoughtful and caring friends".

Jim and Jan

Jim we can only add that you follow the Doctor's and Jan's advice (orders) as much as you hate to stay still, take care of yourself!

The other miracle is our SEO Dick Winchell who already has one new hip and will get another one soon.

Good Luck Dick.

Also our associate member and my JN teacher Wayne Garnsey is another medical miracle with multiple heart bypass surgery, we also wish him a speedy recovery.

Editor John.

As you can see there are lots of individual stories in our MHPS. I am looking for an individual to do a **Good and Welfare Column** for the Foghorn. This column would help all of us keep up to date with the victories and tragedies affecting the lives of our members. Any volunteers give me a call.
Editor John



MEMBER Birthdays

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|-----------|---------------|-------|
| LoPresti | Bruce Michael | 11/6 |
| Olsen | Anna A. | 11/10 |
| Gladstone | Betty D. | 11/15 |
| King | Robert M. | 11/25 |
| Salem Jr. | George L. | 11/27 |

MHPS MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

| | | |
|------------|----------------|-------|
| Toepfer | Jerry L. | 11/1 |
| Enichen | William A. | 11/28 |
| Enichen | Margaret | 11/30 |
| Crawford | Arthur C. | 11/18 |
| Kwak | John C | 11/18 |
| Fikis | Ed | 11/12 |
| Chernowski | Joseph F. | 11/10 |
| Chernowski | Judy A. | 11/10 |
| Hatfield | Christopher M. | 11/10 |
| Smith | James R. | 11/10 |
| Taft | Rose B. | 11/10 |

(Answer: A vessel constrained by its draft)



**United States Power Squadrons®
DISTRICT 2 SPRING CONFERENCE
2005**
will be hosted by the
MID-HUDSON POWER SQUADRON
on the occasion of its
ALMOST 80th ANNIVERSARY

Friday and Saturday, MARCH 18-19, 2005

At The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel
40 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie NY
845-485-5300

Friday: 3:00 pm Registration begins
6:00 pm Social Hour (cash bar)
7:00 pm Dinner with the Chief Commander's Rep.

Saturday: 8:00 am Continental Breakfast/Registration
9:00 am Morning Session begins
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Afternoon Session begins
6:00 pm to 7:00 Cocktail hour
7:00 pm to 11:00pm Dinner and Dancing

Dress: Fri Dinner –blazers, Sat. Meeting- Uniform F or casual, Sat Dinner Hawaiian/Tropical shirt or dress or grass skirt, LEIS will be provided.

REGISTRATION FORM

First Registrant: Name _____ Grade _____ Rank & Position _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Squadron: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Email: _____

Second Registrant: Name _____ Grade _____ Rank & Position _____

Hotel Room (double or single): Fri ___ Sat ___ nights @ \$ 109.00 = _____

Friday Dinner Chicken Marsala etc: _____ @ \$ 35.00 = _____

Saturday Cont. Bkfst & Luncheon _____ @ \$ 29.00 = _____

Saturday Dinner: _____ Delmonico Steak
_____ Chicken Francais _____ Stuffed Fillet of Sole

Total Saturday Dinners _____ @ \$ 50.00 = _____

Late fee if postmarked after FEBRUARY 1 _____ @ \$ 10.00 = _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Mid-Hudson Power Squadron and mail with this registration form to: Janice Silver , PO Box 293, Dover Plains, NY

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Nov. 3** Excom at Cosmo's
- Nov. 5-6** D/2 Fall Conference, Huosatonic River PS, Danbury CT.
- Nov. 17** MHPS Members meeting SUNY New Paltz Planetarium
- Dec. 1** Excom at Coco's
- Dec. 15** Holiday Party at Coppola's Restaurant in Hyde Park

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