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Message From Commander Jim Silver:

Well the holidays are over, I trust Santa Claus was good to everyone. Jan and I enjoyed the season with our children and grandchildren. On January 3rd we were off to Orlando for the Annual Meeting with District Executive Officer Fred Mangelsdorf and Mrs. Linda Rae Mangelsdorf. The event started on Wednesday, we arrived around 1600.

After dinner we went to the kick-off party/talent contest, which was really a reception because there didn't appear to be anyone to try out for the talent show. On Thursday we went to the Sqd./Dist officer & members meeting where honored guests were introduced, awards were given, agreements forming partnerships were signed, and new/updated information was presented. All the exhibits were setup in the lobby area for viewing including the Ship's Store. I attended the Education Meeting in the afternoon where we were updated on the status of courses being revised and new programs were demonstrated.

On Friday morning Jan went to the Treasurer's Meeting (talked about HQ Billing mainly) and I went to the Information Technology Meeting DB2000 was discussed). While we were in meetings the Expo and Training Aids displays were setup for viewing. The Expo Exhibits were on USPS subjects (like the courses) and organizations partnered with us. Saturday was the Governing Board Meeting and Annual Meeting, which was similar to our Change of Watch Meeting. Saturday evening was a dinner-dance with a floorshow put on by National Bridge Members. I hope this gives you some idea of what takes place at a National Meeting and I encourage you to attend one or more if you get the opportunity.

At the last Excom Meeting we discussed the D2 Conference in some detail and Chairman John Kwak has a list of jobs/tasks that need member names associated with them. Please contact him to select the one best suited for you. March 18,19 is only 8 weeks away.

Don't forget our next meeting on Wednesday January 19 at the DC Pistol Association in Wappingers.

See you there, Jan and Jim

MHPS JAN. 2005 MEMBER MEETING

PIZZA AND STORIES

WHEN: Wed 19 Jan 2005—1830

WHERE: Dutchess Co. Pistol Assn.

47 St. Nicholas Rd, Wappingers.

It's that time again and it's a new year! The always popular Pizza and Stories meeting. So bring your stories, presentations, pictures, and whatever, to the meeting and join in the fellowship! We'll provide the pizza and soda. It's BYOB for other beverages. Bring a friend. Bring a potential member!

Please RSVP so we can get a head count for ordering the right amount of pizza!

Please RSVP by Tuesday January 18:

JRSATV@AOL.COM (Email preferred) or call 845-255-0160 (leave a message).

Directions:

From Poughkeepsie: Take 9 South. Go past the malls and stay on Rt. 9 south. Watch for the signs to Dutchess Co. Airport. Turn left onto Rt 104 heading toward Dutchess Co. Airport. Just as you near the western part of the Airport, St. Nicholas Rd will be a right (south). Go about one mile on St. Nicholas Rd. Dutchess Co. Pistol Assn is on the left, right across from the Twin Lake Sportsman's sign. Phone there is 845-297-4481—call if you are lost and we'll either talk you in or come and get you.

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

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Answer to Nauti-Bender:

**Preferred Channel, Safe water, Cardinal, Isolated
danger and Special (yellow).**

Mid-Hudson Education Program

SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

Our January meeting is "Show and Tell".

Can you give us some ideas of what has kept you
safe while boating?

Fun time for all,,, and free pizza !

Our next Boating Course is planned to start on
March 31 at the Haviland Middle School, Hyde Park.
Presenters are needed. The subject matters are
open to your choice. Pick a subject and make a
presentation. They are all easily presented by
using Power Point which is much easier to use and
in color in comparison to overhead projection.
Come join in the fun!

The new Advanced Piloting course is scheduled to
be available within the next few weeks. Big changes
here, much more on GPS and electronic charts.
Two students have already signed up.

Your "Nauti-Bender" for this month is:
Which buoys are lettered vs. numbered?
There are five. Can you name them ?
(Answer found elsewhere in this issue).

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DISTRICT 2 CHANGE OF WATCH IN 2005

In March of 2005, the MHPS will host the COW
for our District. Why you ask?

Well, because our own Fred Mangelsdorf SN will
be sworn in as the new District Commander.

The committee has selected the Poughkeepsie
Grand Hotel as the venue for the District COW.

We hope and expect to give Fred a big send off
with a record turn out of MHPS members. This
will be your chance to give Fred back some of the
time that he has given you.

I hereby thank all of you before hand!

A meeting has been scheduled for Saturday Jan 29
at 0830 at the Arlington Diner on Rt.44, after
which all will go to the Poughkeepsie Grand to
check out the rooms and facilities. All who want to
help are invited. Please call me at 255-5318 if you
can help. Or jckwak@earthlink.net

Chairman, P/C John C. Kwak

SAFETY CORNER: SCARED SAFE?

By Jim Smith, P

We often make the assumption that safety should sell itself. People should just simply know how important it is to be a well-educated safe boater. If that were the case, we'd be scheduling a boating course every week.

Sometimes you have to use that old persuasive standby, the fear appeal. We deliver ourselves to such appeals every day. If you have bad breath you'll be a social outcast, so use this toothpaste or mouthwash. Or how about that classic TV ad that chimes, "I've fallen and I can't get up." Marine products marketers are pretty savvy too. Boaters will buy tons of safety gear but comparatively ignore the most important safety device on board, an educated skipper.

Fear appeals work if they are effectively presented. Often relating stories of ill-prepared skippers is a successful tactic. Consider this real case.

In December 2004, two 30-foot sailboats left Charleston, SC for the Bahamas. Weather reports cited an arctic cold front moving in. Seas had built to 15-18 feet with winds in excess of 40 mph. About 40-50 miles offshore, the engine failed on one boat and high winds blew out the sails on the other. Apparently the boats lost radio contact. One boat set off its EPIRB and the two-person crew was recovered. The second boat began mayday calls. Hours later the crew of four was pulled from the water by a USCG rescue helicopter and swimmer. No injuries were reported. The boats were still afloat the following day.

Not only were the boat crews in danger, consider the risk to the rescue team. People had to enter the cold water to be rescued! Scary situation? Yes indeed, a situation to fear. Potential loss of life is a very basic fear appeal.

What elements of safety and smart boating, that we teach, could have helped the two crews? How can you use stories like this to stress to other boaters the importance of taking a really good and comprehensive boating course (like ours)? Sometimes people just have to be "scared safe."



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

David A.	Cason	1/6
Janice M.	Silver	1/7
Steven Anthony	Sayegh	1/11
Donald F.	Lutz	1/12
Gary L.	Storm	1/13
Christopher M.	Hatfield	1/20
Michael E.	Suessle	1/23
John C	Kwak	1/24
Penny A.	Nelson	1/28
Patricia K.	Smalley	1/30

Happy Anniversary

Anna A.	Olsen	1/1/1996
George A.	Olsen	1/1/1996
George L.	Salem Jr.	1/1/1996
William A.	Waldron	1/3/1953
Nancy	Sayegh	1/4/1999
Gerard William	Milne	1/11/2002
Ward W.	Miller	1/13/1971
Edward V.	Weber	1/23/1964
Minke Marilyn	Kwak	1/28/1999

HOLIDAY PARTY PHOTOS



Figure 1, Commander Silver relaying his list of who was naughty or nice to Santa.



Figure 2, Awaiting Dinner or the Presents?



Figure 5, The Commander chairing the Festivities



Figure 3, DEO Robert P. Kelley, JN conferring with Santa



Figure 6, Barbara Black opening her present and Stu and Jackie watching. Photos by Don Gladstone



Figure 4, George Danko finally got his BOAT



Figure 7, Dessert before the Presents

**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 appropriate attire, 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 _____
 First timer _____ YES/NO
 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 Françoise _____ 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 12522

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Dated January 15, 2005



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Jan.	12	Excom at Cosmo's
Jan.	19	Members Meeting at Dutchess Co. Pistol Club, Wappingers
Feb.	2	Excom at Coco's
Feb	21	Members Meeting at Fred & Linda Mangelsdorf's house in Newburgh

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