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Message From Commander Jim Silver:

Unbelievably, the Squadron Change of Watch is just around the corner. With great pride I wish to thank each and every member of Mid-Hudson Power Squadron for their support, enthusiasm, hard work, and participation making this past year the success it is.

Through your efforts we have been able to maintain the membership number consistent with last year's ending number, stopping the downward spiral. This was my main personal goal. I wish to thank SEO Winchell for being the spearhead in this effort. Along with the other Instructors and anyone else for their efforts in the Basic Boating Program which yields most of our new members. Thank you. The other way to maintain Membership is through Member retention. I would like to thank every member for renewing their membership and encourage you to continue to do so.

Through all the efforts of the Bridge, Committee Chairpersons, committee members, and individuals we have accomplished many man-hours in educating the boating public. I do not wish to itemize each of these tasks, but leave that to the individuals that actually did them. They deserve the right to "toot their own horns", I wish to thank them for the many little, big and large tasks they have accomplished in the past year.

On a personal level I am extremely thankful for all the e-mails, cards, notes, flowers, visits, and phone calls during my ill-health time. It was very comforting and aided greatly in my recovery, Thank you,
Cdr. Jim Silver



2005

CHANGE OF WATCH

WHAT: MHPS 2005 Change of Watch

**WHERE: Greenbaum & Gilhooley's,
Route 9, Wappingers Falls**

WHEN: 9 March 2005 1830-2030

It's that time again! Our 2005 Change of Watch festivities at Greenbaum & Gilhooley's. Those in the know, guarantee ceremonies will be formal but brief. We hope you will put this at the "top" of your "must-do" list. Please RSVP soon.

Cost is \$27.00 per person
Cash Bar Starts 1830

Entrée Choices: Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, Poached Salmon
Soup, Salad, Potato, Veggie, Dessert, and Coffee
Please RSVP...by Monday 7 March...with meal selection to... jrsatv@aol.com

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

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SPECIAL BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Marvin Rosenthal	3/2
Chris Suessle	3/3
Robert Tully	3/4
Ernie Klopping	3/11
Bill Krug	3/22
Glenn Sutherland	3/23
Arlene Paetow	3/28

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO:

Anne Olsen	1/1/1996
George Olsen	1/1/1996
George Salem, Jr	1/1/1996
William Waldron	1/3/1953
Nancy Sayegh	1/4/1999
Gerard Milne	1/11/2002
Ward Miller	1/13/1971
Ed Weber	1/23/1964
Minke Kwak	1/28/1999



Figure 1, If you missed the last meeting at Linda & Fred's house you also missed these delicious desserts.



Figure 2, I Pledge Allegance to the Flag of the United States of America you know the rest!



Figure 3, Swearing in the new MHPS members.



Figure 4, Jackie and Stu Steagall with their Belgium guests.

Mid-Hudson Education Program

SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

The Boating Course advertising is starting to pay off.

We now have 12 prospective students. Class starts on March 24 at the Haviland Middle School, Hyde Park.

The Piloting class has held it's first class with three students. It will continue as soon as Commander Silver recovers from his recent surgery.

The Advance Piloting class has started with two students.

The following is a list of LEARNING GUIDES that are available. Please contact me if you want further information or to place an order.

Amateur Radio, Boat Insurance, Compass Adjusting, How to Fly Flags, Introduction to Navigational Astronomy, Knots, Bends and Hitches (Marlinspike), Oceanography, Plotting & Labeling Standards, Predicted Log Contests, Radar, and Water Sports, USPS Glossary.

Cost of each of the above is \$5 plus S & H. Also available GPS (\$6), Sight Reduction Methods (\$12.50), and Skipper Saver (\$6).

This months Nauti-Bender asks the question: How many miles off shore must you be to legally discharge garbage (bottles, cans, food waste, etc.) overboard: 3, 6, 12, or 25 nautical miles? Answer will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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SAFETY CORNER:

WEBSITE OFFERS RICH TROVE OF NAVIGATION INFORMATION

By Jim Smith, P

Good navigators stay informed and the U.S. government is there to assist with a variety of online resources for mariners. Here's just one.

It was amazing! I spent over two-hours with this site on my first visit. Its official name is the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and a few of its digital doors are open to the boating public.

The site offers pilot charts, world-wide sailing guides, sight reduction tables for marine navigation, a maritime safety section, radio navigational aids, world port index, distances between ports, Chart No 1 (we all need this), NGA list of lights, and so much more!

There is a whole section on digital nautical charts you can grab off the web. Comes in handy for those planned cruises when you haven't got the charts yet but you do have a laptop you can drag onboard.

Better yet, the information reflects updates from the latest Notice to Mariners. My last visit included updates from October 30, 2004. They download via "zip" as PDF files. You'll need the Adobe PDF reader but that's free from a number of online sources.

Try either of these links.

<http://www.nga.mil/portal/site/nga01/>

http://pollux.nss.nima.mil/pubs/pubs_j_apc_list.html

(Answer to the Nauti-Bender question: 3 NM).

DISTRICT 2 CHANGE OF WATCH

Well now that March is here, **MHPS WILL** be the host for the District 2 COW.

In last months Foghorn we listed all the work that needs to be done, if you can lend a hand please call me or one of the group chairs and volunteer.

On Wednesday March 16 at 1900 we will have a work party at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, to stuff and arrange conference packets. All are welcome to come and help.

If you have not signed up for the Conference yet please search your calendar and decide to come, at least to the Saturday evening party. We promise you a wonderful time, a great dinner, good company and dancing to your favorite tunes.

The theme of the party is a Hawaiian luau so wear a tropical shirt (grass skirts are optional) and have fun.

We hope and expect to give Fred a big send off with a record turn out of MHPS members.

Conference Chairman P/C John C. Kwak AP

Editors note.

Minke and I have to go to Holland to attend a family funeral. We leave on Feb. 27 and return late on March 9th. We will not make the EXCOM or MHPS-COW on March 9th.

I hope and expect that MHPS will have a happy and successful Change of Watch.

I congratulate Cdr. Jim Silver on his year as Commander, especially while fighting through his personal health problems. A lesser man would have given up the post.

I also congratulate our new Commander George Danko and look forward to the coming year.

John and Minke

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 Representative - V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN

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 _____
Hotel Room (double or single): Fri ___ Sat ___ nights ___ @ \$ 109.00 = _____
Friday Dinner Chicken Marsala etc: _____ @ \$ 35.00 = _____
Saturday Continental Breakfast & Luncheon: _____ @ \$ 29.00 = _____
Saturday Dinner: _____ Delmonico Steak _____ Chicken Françoise
_____ Stuffed Fillet of Sole Total Dinners _____ @ \$ 50.00 = _____

Late fee if postmarked after FEBRUARY 24: \$ 10.00 = _____

Is this your first District event? First registrant _____ Second registrant _____

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 845-877-4777 email: JaniceSilver@att.net; fax: 860-927-6109



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 2** Excom at Cosmos, Highland
- March 9** MHPS Change of Watch, at Greenbaum & Gilhooley's Steak and Seafood House, Route 9, Wappingers Falls, New York
- March 16** Work Party at the Poughkeepsie Grand.
- March 18/19** District 2, District Conference, at the Poughkeepsie Grand, Poughkeepsie,
- March 24** Start of Public Boating Class at the Haviland Middle School in Hyde Park.
- April 6** Excom at Surprise location tba
- April 16** MHPS AUCTION & APRIL MEETING at St. James Church in Hyde Park

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