

Message from Commander Danko:

Here it is May already and boating season is finally upon us. Before you get underway, please make sure your watercraft is ready for the road. Check your safety equipment. Take extra time and check the mechanics and electronics.

Very important, contact Jim Silver or Bruce LoPresti and get a vessel safety check. Its Free. Better these guys now, than the Coast Guard later. Please do not forget Safe Boating Week 17-23 May. Andy Williams has and will be passing out the Squadron materials. If you need a packet, contact Andy.

Our Squadron Annual Auction was held in April. Thanks to Don and Betty Gladstone for their usual great job of handling all the arrangements. Thanks to Jim Smith for his humor, wit and charm as co-auctioneer, thanks to Minke Kwak and Jan Silver who were in charge of the money and thanks to all of you who donated items and attended. All of you deserve the credit for a very successful showing.

Mark your calendar for May 18. Our meeting to honor those members and instructors who have studied or taught classes over the past year will be held at Stonehedge. Administrative Officer Pat Smalley is taking reservations. There is an official announcement in this edition of the FOGHORN. Please attend, bring a guest and take or teach a class or two in the coming year. That is what we are about.

Finally do not forget Northern Trek at Lake George 20-21 May. This casual and fun filled weekend sponsored by District 2, guarantees a good time for all with plenty of activities and games for all. The eating will be good too. What else do you need ?

Thats all for now. See you at Stonehedge and Lake George. I guess spring is here.
Invite a guest and recruit a new member.

George Danko
Commander



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ANNUAL EDUCATION AWARDS BANQUET

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2005
COCKTAIL HOUR – 1830 DINNER TO FOLLOW
STONEHEDGE RESTAURANT
RT. 9W WEST PARK
SO. OF KINGSTON NO. OF HIGHLAND
COST IS \$22.00 PER PERSON
MEAL INCLUDES:
FRENCH ONION SOUP, GREEN SALAD,
CHOICE OF MAIN ENTRÉES ARE:
CHICKEN FRANCAISE OR
BROILED SOLE OR
SLICED ROAST BEEF
WITH STUFFED BAKED POTATO AND
CARROTS, BREADS/ROLLS,
COFFEE OR TEA AND ...
CHOCOLATE SUNDAE FOR DESSERT!!
Attire for the evening is Uniform A or appropriate
dress.
Contact Pat Smalley by email: Lymey2@aol.com
or Phone: 845-889-4242

Everyone encouraged to attend this meeting which recognizes those who have taught courses and those who have successfully completed courses. Feel free to bring a guest and/or potential member.

Let's fill the house!!!!

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

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Answer to this month's NautiBender: The chain should be the boat's length plus five feet.

Mid-Hudson Education Program

SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

The Boating Course at Haviland Middle School of 20 students is progressing very well with the help from five of our members. Attendance has been exceptional with only two students missing one class each. The schedule continues on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 and will conclude on May 26.

Our Annual Education Meeting is scheduled for May 18th at the Stonehedge Restaurant, Rt 9W West Park. It is very important that we acknowledge the accomplishments of our students, instructors and others members who have aided in our education programs during this past year.

As mentioned in a previous article the Boat Smart Course is a shortened course of only eight hours that meets the requirements of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and is also an acceptable requirement for membership in USPS upon passing the exam for this course. It would greatly enhance our exposure to the public and also provide greater possibilities of increasing our membership. Our District Commander, Fred Mangelsdorf, has set a goal of having the D2 Squadrons conducting a Boating Course every month and with Boat Smart we could accomplish this. We in Mid-Hudson should be the leader of "Getting Back to Basics" and do this.

Want to know more about "Geocaching" the fun game of treasure hunting using GPS. Go to geocaching.com to learn more. Also plan to attend our "Cruise to Athens" where we will have a treasure hunt. Athens, NY village park is located at Latitude 42 deg 15.55 min North by Longitude 73 deg 48.5 min West. There is a boat ramp near by and dock space will be available. Other events will be a tour of the ELCO boating plant and also transportation to the Hudson-Athens lighthouse aboard an ELCO Launch. More info will be forthcoming next month.

We presently have four people that have bought the America's Boating Course and will need to take their proctored exams in the near future. Last year we did 19 of these so we can probably expect many more come.

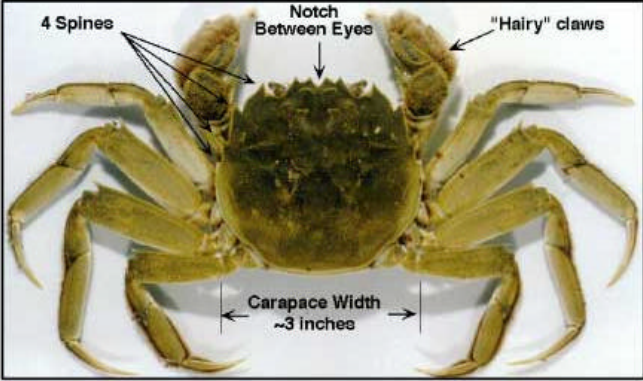
Your NautiBender for this month asks the question; In general, how much chain should be added the anchor rode to increase the anchor's holding power and reduce bottom chafe? (Answer to be found elsewhere in this issue).

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ECO-SAFETY CORNER: CHINESE
MITTEN CRAB

By J. R. Smith

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DEAD or ALIVE

MITTEN CRAB

A NON-NATIVE SPECIES IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER
 This crab recently entered the Columbia River system.
 It may damage native species and habitat. Help track and document its spread and impact.
 Distinguishing characteristics are its large, hairy claws and presence in freshwater.

If you find one of these crabs in the Columbia River, or elsewhere, please report it to a local
 Department of Fish and Wildlife office or call the toll-free
Oregon Invasive Species Hotline: 1-866-INV ADER (1-866-468-2337)

For additional information on Mitten crabs contact:
 Center for Lakes and Reservoirs | Portland State University
 503.725.3834 | www.clr.pdx.edu
 in cooperation with
 Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission | Bonneville Power Administration | US Fish and Wildlife Service

This is the picture of the Mitten Crab that was to be in last month's Foghorn. Isn't SHE/HE a handsome specimen? Thank You Jim Smith. I finally got the technology right. Editor John.

REPORT ON THE D2 CONFERENCE

The Conference held at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel was a great success and all participants are to be congratulated on a job well done. The group in charge was extremely concerned that if we did not get enough attendees the Squadron could lose money, but as it turned out we almost broke even.

This is no minor affair as attested to by the following numbers:

Income \$19,848.44
 Expenses \$19,568.51
 Profit \$ 279.93 not much but

better than a loss.

Again a hearty **Thank You** to all who helped, You did the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron proud.

Conference Chairman P/C John C Kwak AP

Some Party Photos of the D2 Conference. You can see the Hawaiian theme in the costumes.



Figure 1, The Hawaiian Luau Getting Started with Andy, Don and guests.



Figure 2, Jim Smith and Rose Taft and P/D/C Valante starting the party.



Figure 3, Alexandra Feldberg and Cdr. Rose Moskowitz from Stormking PS, Don't we all look colorful.

This an extra page of photos that is only going out to email receivers. Enjoy.
MHPS Auction photos



Figure 4, The Auction Hall



Figure 5, Minke and Jan tracking the MONEY



Figure 6, Commander George Danko Auctioneering

More pictures from the Cocktail hour before the Luau



Figure 7, Cristine, Bill, Sharman, Pat, Barbara, and Dick what a colorful group.



Figure 8, Only Part of Linda's and Fred's combined family.



Figure 9, P/D/C John Supple and wife in matching outfits.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wed. 11 May 2005 Stormking Squadron meeting and auction at CYC 1900

Sat. 14 May 2005 Boating Safety Booth at Gully's 1000-1600 sponsored by Stormking

17-23 May 2005 Safe Boating Week

Wed. 18 May 2005 MHPS Educational Meeting at Stonehedge 1830

Fri-Sat 20-21 May 2005 Northern Trek at Lake George sponsored by District 2

Wed. 1 June 2005 Excomm TBA at 1830

Sat. 4 June 2005 Riverfest at Cornwall Riverfront 1000-1700 sponsored by Stormking

Sat 16 July 2005 Athens, NY Rendezvous starting at 1000 MHPS to sponsor and invite Stormking and Mohawk Hudson Squadrons

Wed 3 August 2005 Excomm at Cosmo's 1830 (yes---- a real Excomm in August)

Sat 27 August 2005 MHPS Annual Picnic and Rendezvous at Red Hook Boat Club Time TBA

Wed 7 September 2005 Excomm TBA

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