



Message from Commander Danko:

We made it to June and summer is here. Everyone will be enjoying the sunshine and good weather with outings, picnics, vacations and boating. If you are not yet in the water, get going. You are missing out on premium time. Please boat safe.

The Educational Department just completed a public safe boating class with twenty happy and safe boaters and we signed aboard eight new members. Congratulations to the boating class team, and welcome aboard to our new members.

Don't forget our June members meeting on the 15th at River Station Restaurant on the Poughkeepsie water front. The buffet menu selections are excellent and we have a guest speaker with a great presentation. Be sure to make a reservation and don't forget to bring a guest.

On Saturday, the 18th, Pat Smalley and company will be holding a Safe Boating Class for Kid's at the East Fishkill Community Library in Hopewell Junction from 1000 to 1300. These young ones learn the basics of safety especially the importance of wearing a PFD and are, along with their parents, future safe boaters. Come on down to the library before you go out on the water and see Pat in action. She could use your support and... bring a guest.

Don't forget to introduce yourself to your neighbors at the dock when you get ready to shove off. Identify yourself as a Power Squadron member and ask them if they would like a vessel safety check. Chances are they will and its a great opportunity to pitch squadron membership. Our vessel safety check team is eager to set a record this year and make safety # 1. While you are thinking about it have your vessel checked out as well.

That is all for now, enjoy the water and may the wind be at your back. Cdr. George Danko



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JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005

COCKTAIL HOUR – 1830 at Cap't Cliffys

DINNER BUFFET TO FOLLOW

AT RIVER STATION RESTAURANT

Corner of Main Street and Water Street

(down by the river) POUGHKEEPSIE, N Y

\$25.00 PER PERSON

GUEST SPEAKER: 1ST/Lt George

Ghirlando, SEO Storm King

Power Squadron, With a presentation on

Ernest Shackleton, South Pole explorer

Buffet includes:

Prime Rib, slow roasted and tender

Chicken and Shrimp Pesto with veggies and pasta

Vegetable and potato or rice

Tossed salad

Bread and butter

Coffee or tea

Chocolate mousse for dessert

Attire for the evening is Uniform G: white, open neck short sleeve shirt, blue long trousers; skirt or slacks for the ladies OR appropriate dress.

Please let the admin.officer know by Monday, June 13 of your attendance.

(River Station needs a count.) RSVP: Pat Smalley:

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

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Mid-Hudson Education Program

SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

The Boating Course that ended on May 26 graduated twenty students of which eight have joined our squadron. The list of these students can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Each of the graduates that joined were given a certificate entitling them to take the Seamanship Course as an award for joining. Pat Smalley and Ernie Klopping have volunteered to conduct this course in the near future.

Bruce LoPresti recently completed Cruise Planning with a very high mark. Bruce did this course as a self study. Way to go Bruce !

At our recent Annual Education Meeting at which we recognize those that have contributed their efforts to our education programs there were many certificates of appreciation awarded.

The E.Dean Wilcox Annual Educational Award is presented each year to a member of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron who has contributed substantially to the educational efforts of the Squadron. This award has been presented since 1976 and this year was presented to:
MICHELE TARSA

This months NautiBender asks the question, are your trailer lights burning out often? What might be a cure? (Answer to be found elsewhere in this issue)

Also on July 17th please 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 48.5min 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.

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SAFETY CORNER--- **PFD's, Education-MHPS Kids Course On-Point**

By Lt/C Jim Smith

As many of you know, Lt/C Pat Smalley has been teaching "Safe Boating for Kids" to a varied population of young people for a few years now. What you might not realize is that targeting youth safe boating is also on the agenda of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Thanks to her leadership, **MHPS** is on-point.

It's a complex issue that nationally has focused on NTSB's research into recommending mandatory PFD use and boater education in order to help lower boating fatalities. The Coast Guard and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) are also involved.

One of the major thrusts of the NTSB is to target children. NTSB wants to bring the six states, such as Minnesota and Wisconsin, that don't currently have laws requiring kids 12 and under to wear PFDs into the fold. If kids start the habit of wearing PFDs, so the logic goes, this might carryover into their adult years. It also might encourage more adults to wear PFDs if their kids have to wear them. There are also 17 states that do not mandate boater education and the NTSB would like to see those states adopt legislation.

Why are the marine trades so concerned? A recent research study by the Recreational Marine Research Center at Michigan State University discovered that over 85% of boaters were against mandatory PFD laws and approximately 33% reported they would reduce boating if such laws were passed. In a nutshell, such laws might be bad for the marine trades but great for PFD makers.

Some research data puts the actual *on-water wear-rate* of PFDs at about 10% or less for adults. If you add PWC operators and children the rate is said to climb to about 22%. Reportedly the Coast Guard would like the total wear-rate to voluntarily double, 44%, by 2007.

Does federal legislation requiring PFD usage appear on the horizon? Not yet. Both the NTSB and the Coast Guard seem to be concentrating on

voluntary ways to increase the use of PFDs. While the role of the NTSB is to make recommendations, not laws, its opinions are taken very seriously. The Coast Guard has the muscle and you've got to believe they didn't toss out that 2007 date just for heck of it.



“WEAR YOUR PFD IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE”

In the meantime, MHPS will continue its outreach to children; it makes us “vested” in the next generation of boaters.

Please give Lt/C Smalley your support.



Figure 1, The Honored Instructors of MHPS



Figure 2, Michelle Tarsa receiving the e. Dean Wilcox Award from Administration Officer Lt/C Pat Smalley

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Upon the completion of the recent Boating Course the following people have joined our Squadron.

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They have a 26' power boat named Four corners

Linda Mangelsdorf
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Linda is the wife of District 3 Commander Fred Mangelsdorf and they have a houseboat Named "Young America"

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Gary has a 23' power boat

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WELCOME ABOARD

These folks are all eager to continue their education and have received a complimentary certificate for the upcoming Seamanship class to be conducted by Pat Smalley And Ernie Klopping.

Answer to the NautiBender question:

Disconnect the lights before backing down the ramp (cold water and hot lights don't mix).

PORT OR STARBOARD

After a lifetime of service to his country, the wizened old Admiral (a three star at the end) finally passed away.

The Old Man had a habit, which on every morning in his office he would go to a wall safe, crank through the numbers, and open the safe. Inside there was only one thing – a little scrap of paper. He would pull out this piece of paper, stare at it for several seconds, return it, and then lock the safe. His staff was eternally curious about this ritual, but no one had the gumption to ask the Old Man what he was doing. After his death, the staff got permission to open the safe. They couldn't wait to see the scrap of paper.

It read: "**Starboard right, port left.**"



Cal 2-30 "Mark Twain" This is the second 30 foot sailboat produced by Cal Boats in California and she is still for sale for only \$10,000 (obo) call your editor and tell your friends. PLEASE! Editor John

Question, is this boat on a Port or Starboard tack? If the wind is over the port rail as in this photo the boat is on a Port tack



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wed. 1 June 2005 Excomm TBA at 1830

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

Wed. 15 June 2005 Member Meeting at River Station Restaurant Poughkeepsie

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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