



Message from Commander Danko:

Here it is July already, and I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July holiday.

The members meeting at the River Station in Poughkeepsie on 15 June was well attended. D/C Mangelsdorf pledged four new members, George Ghirlando, Stormking ASEO, gave an excellent presentation on Ernest Shackleton and his Antarctica adventures, the meal was great. What else can I say? Thank you to all that made arrangements and thank you to all that attended.

Pat Smalley presented her 2nd Annual Kid's Boating Safety Course at East Fishkill Community Library on 18 June. The young ones present had a good time and learned about boating safety. The Library wants to schedule a session for next year !!

I will make a separate announcement later and ask for interested members, but think about this now. Jim Silver has agreed to conduct a class on DB2000---everything you ever wanted to know. DB2000 is the official USPS database and if you want to learn how to use it. now is your chance. Need a members address, phone number or roster sorted by zip code ? You will be able to provide for yourself after you take the class.

The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron is in " on the water month. " If you are a new member or even a veteran member who has not been to a meeting in awhile, " on the water month " is traditionally July and we do not have any meetings or conduct any regular business. It is a time to spend on your boat, enjoy time with your family, and have fun. So everyone enjoy.



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THE AUGUST RENDEZVOUS

Please accept this invitation to attend the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron

Annual Rendezvous and Member Meeting.

Place:

Red Hook Boat Club On The Hudson
Located on Dock Road in the Hamlet of Barrytown

Date and time:

Saturday 27 August 2004 at 1200.

You can ALL come by BOAT or by car. Bring the entire family, it is a loosely organized picnic, on the Hudson, and a great way to meet your fellow MHPS members.

It is a potluck affair with each family bringing their favorite dish and sharing it with everyone.

The Squadron will provide CORN ON THE COB, cooked by official, certified, comy, chef Gladstone.

Cost: \$0.00

Docking facilities provided.

Please join us for this event and bring a guest.

RSVP: Pat Smalley:AP Lymey2@aol.com or 845-889-4242 Administrative Officer, MHPS.

Commanders Message Continued.

Ending the month of July, the District 2 Summer Council & Rendezvous at Captain's Cove Seaport, Bridgeport, Connecticut will be 29-31 July. A short business council is held Saturday morning and the rest of the weekend is fun....games, food, sunshine hosted by D/C Fred and Linda Mangelsdorf.

Mark your calendar for the Executive Committee Meeting on 3 August at Cosmo's. A separate invitation will be sent as we start winding back into business.

And finally....our traditional rendezvous and picnic at Red Hook Boat Club in Red Hook, NY will be 27 August. More details will follow, mark the date now.

Everyone enjoy the summer and have a safe time boating. Don't forget to introduce yourself to those two boaters that park next to you at the dock and ask them if they would like a free vessel safety check...its a great way to pitch the Squadron.



Figure 1. District Commander Fred Mangelsdorf swearing in the new members at the June meeting.

Answer to the Nauti Bender Question.

Chain size is referred to by the DIAMETER of any part of the individual links, measured in increments of inches (for example: 3/16, 1/4, 5/16, etc). Check your Chapman's for the proper size for your boat.

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The EDITOR Apologizes to ALL for this late edition. Our only excuse is that lightening messed up ALL of our computers and email.
Editor John

Mid-Hudson Education Program

SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION

On June 29 we graduated 10 students from the Boat Smart class that was held at the Saugerties Power Boat Association club house. Bruce LoPresti made all the arrangements for this class. Thanks Bruce.

We have students that are doing Cruise Planning, Sail and Op. Training on their own. What course would YOU like to take?

Our big event for July is the "Cruise to Athens" of which much has already been published. Events start at 1000 with a visit to the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse, That should conclude by noon. At around 1300 we plan to have a tour of the ELCO facilities. The Geocaching treasure hunt can take place anytime during the day between other events and will conclude when everyone that wants to seek the treasures has had the chance to do so.

Your Nauti Bender for month: Every anchor should have some chain attached. Lengths will vary depending on the size of the boat. How then is the size of the chain itself measured?
(Answer to be found elsewhere in this issue).

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Figure 2, One table at the May Education Meeting

SAFETY CORNER---

SCOUTING THE WEB FOR SAFETY ITEMS

By Jim Smith, P

Summer has provided us with some great on-water days. It also has produced some interesting "changes." In cruising the web I located some items that may be of interest to you if you plan a voyage toward Long Island Sound or to Block Island.

DINK SAFETY CHECKS Reports are coming in that local and state marine law enforcement officers have been more aggressive during 2005 in checking safety equipment in small craft, more precisely dinghies. From Sag Harbor and Mt. Sinai on Long Island to the Connecticut shore, officers are checking and issuing tickets. On Long Island both north and south shores evidence randomly increased patrol and inspection efforts, seemingly on random weekends. The targets are safety equipment ranging from nav lights and PFDs to sound devices and of course for BWI and proper dinghy registration. If the PFD is a non-wearable Type V, it may not count. What's the fix? Create a tender or dinghy bag that has all the right stuff and take it with you when you venture out on the little boat. Needless to say, wear your PFDs. We should also include such reminders in our boating courses.

NEW LOBSTER POT TWIST OK, we all respect the fine work our commercial fishermen do and we enjoy the fruits of their labor. Some have come up with a new twist that has an impact on navigation. A few of them have been dropping pots so close together that the lines are getting crossed by wave action. This produces an underwater "sling" that is poised to catch your keel. The fix, in this case, is pretty obvious. Stay clear of these markers and don't try to go between them.

PWC Requirements Tighten in North Carolina

A few days ago press reports surfaced that North Carolina lawmakers have raised the minimum age for operating personal watercraft to 14. The bill now heads to Gov. Easley for probable signature.

Prior to this pending legislation, the age to operate personal watercraft was 12. The move to increase the age limit was based on the interest of water safety.

According to the reports, "the bill also would require personal watercraft users who are 14 and 15 to either share the craft with someone who is at least 18 or have completed an approved boating safety education course

This underscores, at least for squadrons, the importance of outreach to young boaters, obvious to those intending to operate PWCs.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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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