



**Message from Commander Danko:**

As I write this, I cannot help but think about our neighbors in the south devastated by Hurricane Katrina. As I am sure you already know, thousands have died or are missing, thousands have lost everything they have and billions of dollars have been lost in damages. As you read this, please think about how good we have it. Most of us, fortunately, have not nor will ever face such a situation. Please take a moment to count our blessings and offer a prayer for our friends.

It is hard to believe that it is September already. It seems like just yesterday we were putting our boats in the water and planning a splendid boating season. We had a good summer.

May treated us to Lake George and D/2 Northern Trek. The Governing Board was held in Charlotte, North Carolina in June. "On the water" month took us to Athens, New York where we toured the Athens Lighthouse, Elco, and had a geocaching experience. The District 2 Summer Council, held at Captain's Cove Seaport, Bridgeport, Connecticut in July was great and food and games were enjoyed by all, and our own squadron picnic/rendezvous was held in August at Red Hook Boat Club.

Again, it was a good summer.

There are still several weeks of boating season left, so please enjoy the rest of the summer, and please SAFE boating always.

Do not forget our September meeting at La Mirage on the 21st. Bring a guest, the Bannerman speaker will be interesting.

The Executive Committee meets at Coco's this month on the 7th as we get back to business.



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## SEPTEMBER MEMBER MEETING

On SEPTEMBER 21, 2005 we will hold our first regular meeting after the summer hiatus. You-All come and bring a friend.

**LOCATION:**

La Mirage Steakhouse & Seafood  
423 Broadway, Rt. 9W, Port Ewen, NY

**Directions:**

East side of Rt. 9W, across from Williams Fencing  
And south of Capri Motel

**Time:**

1830 Cocktails

Meal, Choose off the menu

**Speaker:**A Representative from Bannerman Castle Trust

RSVP by Sept 14

**Questions?;**

Contact Pat Smalley;; 845-889-4242 or  
Lymey2@aol.com <

## NAUTIBENDER

This months NautiBender poses the following question.

Assume you have run aground, have holed the boat, can't control the leak and have no propulsion.

Are you in a towing or salvage situation?

See answer elsewhere in this issue.

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### WEB SITE

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[www.midhudsonpowersquadron.com](http://www.midhudsonpowersquadron.com)

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

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Answer to the NautiBender.

A court would probably view this as a salvage situation.

## Mid-Hudson Education Program

### **SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION**

Congratulations to Michele Tarsa on completing Cruise Planning with a score of 100%.

We have the following courses scheduled.

Seamanship will start on 9/8 at the PYC at 1900.

This will run for ten weeks.

Contact Pat Smalley or Ernie Klopping, for information and directions.

Instructor Development will start on 9/23 at

Highland Middle School. See Ed Weber's attachment to this article.

Advanced Piloting will start at the Marlboro YC at

1900 on 10/11 and is scheduled to run for ten

weeks. This will be a combined group of

Mid-Hudson and Storm King members. Dick

Winchell instructor.

For information and directions for any of the

courses you may also contact me at 845-691-7606

or [n2exv@hvi.net](mailto:n2exv@hvi.net).

Dick Winchell, SEO

Michele Tarsa, ASEO

### **Learn How To Get Your Message To Others**

By Ed Weber SN

As one goes thru life there are many times being able to efficiently convey ones thoughts to others is advantageous. Be it a business plan to associates, a meeting proposal to a club, a better way of doing things to a church group, or even teaching a Power Squadron class.

You are in luck. The Power Squadron Instructor Development Class will teach you the needed skills and give you an opportunity to practice. It is planned to begin at 1930 on Fri, 23 Sept at the Highland Middle School. Call the instructor Ed Weber (845-331-4083) or email

[EVWeber@aol.com](mailto:EVWeber@aol.com) or call SEO Dick Winchell (845-691-7606) to reserve you place.

The course material will be paid for by the Educational Fund.



## HELLO ALL SEAMEN and SEAWOMEN

Reminder: This Thursday evening at 1900 (7:00), Sept 8, is the first class of the Seamanship Course. Please bring pencils. Our presentation will incorporate power point which is new for us. We are planning on making this an educational and fun course for everyone.

### LESSONS IN:

Safety,  
Weather,  
Hull Design,  
Nautical Etiquette and Customs,  
Docking and Undocking,  
Towing and Trailering,  
Anchoring and Rafting,  
Mooring and Dinghies,  
Cruising Considerations,  
Electrical problems,  
Marine heads, waste disposal laws,  
Boating Emergencies, MOB, grounding, flooding, fires, injuries and medical emergencies.  
Everyone is welcomed to join and participate. Sharpen those knot tying skills. Review the course again. Call or email Pat so we can plan our numbers.  
See you Thursday.

Directions to Poughkeepsie Yacht Club: Rt. 9, between Staatsburg and Hyde Park  
Turn west, toward the river, onto Yacht Club Road. (It is on a turn and sign is small so proceed slowly. Construction is going on toward the south.)  
Follow Yacht Club Road (long, windy and dirt)  
Cross railroad tracks Club house is straight ahead.  
Class is inside on first floor.  
Questions: Call Pat 845-889-4242 or  
Ernie 845-266-8040

SEE YOU SOON!!!!!!!



**Figure 1, The three boats that made it to the Rendezvous belonging to Dave Rosenthal, Bruce LoPresti, and Jim Smith, the rest of us came by car.**



**Figure 2, After the food some spirited conversation. With John Kwak, Bruce LoPresti, Jerry Toepfer & Karen Blonder**



**Figure 3, Getting to know you! Rose Taft, Jackie Steagall, Christine Rhodes, Betty Gladstone, Edward & Gladys Suessel and guest.**



**Figure 4, Commander George Danko and Dave Rosenthal with the Commanders guests Wayne and Linda McAvoy.**

Pictures and Corn by Don Gladstone

## **SAFETY CORNER:**

### **Kayakers Often Dazed and Confused**

By Lt/C Jim Smith

We were heading out to the Hudson River in a narrow channel. Directly ahead of our sailboat was a thirty-something foot powerboat. Suddenly, the powerboat dramatically reduced speed and steered to starboard, perilously close to shallow water and the shoreline. That grabbed my attention real quick and as the powerboat moved I noticed four kayakers. The two kayakers in the water, dead center in the channel, were paying more attention to their friends launching than they were the oncoming channel traffic. Even at slow speeds, this presented a dangerous situation. To their credit, the kayakers all wore PFDs.



This really underscores one of the most important principles of boating safety, collision avoidance, particularly when the other guy is a whole lot bigger than you are and is constricted in ability to maneuver. And let's face it, a kayak, while nimble, is a pretty small boat.

### **KAYAKERS SHOULD TAKE A BOATING SAFETY COURSE**

Paddlesports boat sales have surged since the late 1990s and it is truly a wonderful way for many to enjoy boating. Research reports have it that since 1998 an additional six million kayakers joined the boating ranks. There were also about four million new canoeing participants added during the same time frame. With the purchase of a kayak or canoe, comes the responsibility to learn not only the safe operation of the vessel but also the general rules of boating safety. You have to know about the other boater and the rules he/she has to follow given the nature of her/his vessel and the waterway. A 20-minute course from the kayak dealer, IF provided, just isn't enough. I don't think the majority of

them realize that a 7-10 ton displacement boat cannot stop on a dime.

If you do the math, that's about 10 million new boaters that probably don't even know USPS and its member squadrons exist. Is this a population that MHPS and USPS in general should be targeting? Yep. We may not be able to stop them from being "dazed" but we sure can help them be less "confused" about safety and the rules of the road.

## **MORE SAFETY**

By Ed Weber SN

### **I C E**

Stands for In Case of Emergency. And should be an entry in your cell phone address book.

Following the disaster in London . . . East Anglian Ambulance Service launched a national "In case of Emergency ( ICE ) " campaign.

The idea has spread to the USA.

The idea is that you store the word " I C E " in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency".

In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please do.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wed 7 September 2005 Excomm at COCO's

Wed 21 September 2005 Member meeting at La Mirage Steakhouse, Port Ewen NY

Fri-Sat-Sun Sept 2005, Annual Tugboat Roundup, Waterford NY

FRI-Sat Sun 7-9 October 2005, District 2 Fall Conference at Amsterdam NY

Wed 5 October 2005 Excomm at Cosmo's, Highland NY

Wed 19 October 2005 Member meeting at TBA

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