



**Commander George Danko
Commander's Message:**

When I attend a Power Squadron Conference, I always walk away more excited and "sold" on our mission of safe boating through education. Having attended the District 2 Fall Conference earlier in October, meeting members from around the district, attending workshops, discussions, and social hours, I am always impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment of USPS members. It was this that signed me aboard. This conference was no exception. Hosted by the Sacandaga Power Squadron and held in Amsterdam, NY, I had the pleasure of attending the member retention workshop. The time was well spent discussing why persons join and why members quit. It comes down to this ...involvement...get active... participate. Please consider becoming more involved and get another member to do the same. Join a committee, take or teach a class, take on a job. Our mission and future is dependent on us.

We had a very successful "WELCOME new members" meeting in October. The eats were splendid, the atmosphere casual and friendly and our new members got a chance to learn, first hand, what we do. I received many fine compliments and wish to congratulate all on a fine job and, once again, I want to welcome our first year members to MHPS. It is great having you aboard.

Speaking of new members, five just completed the Seamanship class. The exam was given last week and all expect to pass. I am sure congratulations will be in order when the results are received. A very special thanks to Pat Smalley, Ernie Klopping and all the instructors who made this possible.



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MEMBER MEETING IN NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2005
1830

DOWNTOWN CAFÉ
1 WEST STRAND
KINGSTON, NEW YORK

BUFFET \$20.00 PER PERSON

GUEST SPEAKER: RYAN PALMER
SLOOP CLEARWATER

Powerpoint presentation on environmental aspects of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Inc.

Directions: South on Broadway toward the Rondout Creek. At end of road turn left; park in parking lot under 9W. Walk back across Broadway, toward the west, and just behind Mariners on the corner of Broadway and Strand is the Downtown Café. It is small and cozy. For more information visit their website: downtowncafekingston.com

For more directions to Broadway, call Pat at 889-4242.

RSVP by November 11 to Pat so I have numbers to give restaurant.

Dress Code: Blazer or appropriate attire

Commander's Message continued

A word about instructors. Four members became Certified Instructors after passing the Instructor Development class. Congratulations and thanks to Ed Weber. We now have new teachers for future classes. We are planning classes for next year and need all the help we can muster.

The holidays are here. Halloween is over, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas are around the corner. Please take some time over the holiday season to reflect. Consider the good we have in our lives and what we can do to help someone.

Finally do not forget our November member meeting on the 16th at the Downtown Cafe in Kingston. We have a guest speaker and a buffet. Yes all you can eat. Please plan on attending and bring a guest.

George Danko, Commander

You Have found the Answer now find the ?

NautiBender Answer: Before discarding, try dipping the brush in hot vinegar for few minutes and then rinse in soapy water).

Announcement From SEO Winchell

The 2006 Nautical Almanac is available from Headquarters @ \$17.50 plus S&H.

All navigators need this for determining celestial positioning. If you wish to order please e-mail me your request. n2exv@hvi.net



Figure 1, A selected sailing picture, wish I was in it.

Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Bridge

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Mid-Hudson Education Program

SAFE BOATING THROUGH EDUCATION EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

We have completed the Instructor Development course and four students have taken the exam.

The Seamanship course has completed and exams are scheduled for Nov. 3

The AP course at Marlboro YC is at chapter four and will continue for about five more weeks.

If any member who wishes to do a course by self study, and many of them can be done this way, please get in touch with me. Help is always available to get you over the rough spots so why not give it a try.

New Legislation Raises Age of Personal Watercraft Operation. Governor Pataki has signed legislation that as of 1/1/2006 the minimum age to operate a PWC becomes 14 so long as the operator holds a boating safety certificate.

However, until 1/1/2009, underage riders who earn a boating safety certificate can operate with the following restriction: They must be accompanied by someone 18 years of age or older, who is the holder of a boating safety certificate and is on either a PWC or motorboat within 500 feet and within sight of the underage operator. "Accompanied" for this section means an operator on another PWC or motor boat.

The age for operation of motorboats is unchanged. The NY Safe Boating course can continue to be taught to students who are 10 years old at the time of the test.

To increase your boating skills learn some tricks from "NautiBenders"

A NautiBender: Have your paint brushes become solidified with the bristles stuck together?

Answer found elsewhere in this issue.

Dick Winchell, SEO Michele Tarsa, ASEO

EDITORS PLEA

Please submit some items for the December Foghorn, articles or photos or that issue will be smaller than this one.



Figure 2, Since we received no pictures of the member meeting here is Another sailing picture.



Figure 3, OK here is one for you motor boaters



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wed 2 November Excom at Cosmo's Highland NY

Wed 16 November Member Meeting at Down Town Café in Kingston

Wed 7 December Excom at Cosmo's Highland NY

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