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## YOU KNOW YOU'RE LIVING IN 2006 WHEN.....

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a website at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
9. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
10. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. : )

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Happy New Year!!!

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year...the very best to all...may 2006 be safe and prosperous and the finest year ever. Now that January is here, we can see spring around the corner..only 12 weeks away.

I will be on my way to Orlando Florida, shortly to take part in the USPS National Conference/Annual Meeting. This yearly event gathers somewhere around 1000 Power Squadron members from the U.S. and Canada who meet to discuss new and old ideas on membership, boating courses, and other topics and concerns that have been expressed at the District and Squadron levels. It is a time to meet new friends and re-acquaint old ones. This year a change of watch will see a new Chief Commander and there will be many other Officer reassignments. It shall be a rewarding and worthwhile trip.

On my return journey, with time permitting, I hope to stop off in Raleigh, North Carolina for a short visit at National Headquarters, meet a few new people and pitch our Squadron. Many times I have had the pleasure of dealing with Headquarters by telephone or Email...it will be nice to see our friends in person.

The new year will be profitable for MHPS members. We are planning several member courses, we will have interesting meetings and activities, John promises the best Foghorn editions ever and Dave will keep our website filled with information.

Do not forget our January meeting on the 18th, with pizza for all. February will see our traditional "Dessert with the Mangel-dorfs" social hour and meeting, and of course, March brings our squadron change of watch/annual meeting, and this is only the beginning. So stay tuned and prepare for a great year.

Once again, Happy New Year.

Commander George Danko

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Due to the National Annual Meeting in Orlando, there will be no scheduled Executive Committee Meeting for January 2006. We will reconvene on 1 February 2006 at Cosmo's. Please remember our member meeting and pizza party on the 18th at the Dutchess County Pistol Association Club House-details and directions on page 3.

\*The Foghorn is looking for a new editor in the next few months. If you are interested, contact Editor John C. Kwak at 255-5318

\*MHPS is seeking someone to handle and store paper items and supplies for summer picnic and potluck suppers, etc. Please contact Betty Gladstone at 485-5204

## SQUADRON EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

*Greater Skills for More Fun on the Water*

First and foremost, Congratulations to Commander Danko on passing his N open and closed book exams. When his sight folders are done we will have a new Senior Navigator.

A piloting class is scheduled to start on Thursday, February 2 at the Highland Middle school. 1900 to 2100. Presently there is only one student signed up. If you wish to take this class PLEASE get in touch with me soon so we can order the right amount of material.

A class for Sail 102 is being planed. The requirement is to complete Sail 101 which a number of students have done on their own. This is the module that concerns mostly terminology. Please contact us if you are interested.

There is some interest in a weather class so here is a weather NautiBender question for this month:

A wind that backs is changing direction to your left or right as you face it. This wind shift would indicate an impending weather change: fair or stormy (northern hemisphere).

Answer to be found elsewhere in this issue.

Richard Winchell, SEO  
Michele Tarsa, ASEO

## Honour's Law

"NEVER GO SAILING WHEN THE WINDSPEED AND THE TEMPERATURE ARE THE SAME NUMBER."

There's just no good combination there.

0-0: nope.

10-10: not likely.

20-20: you gotta be kidding, I'm out there for fun, not to write books.

30-30: not in this life.

40-40: no picnic either.

50-50: maybe someone elses cup of tea, I'll watch the video.

60-60: still too cold and getting pretty freakin breezy.

70-70: starting to get warmer but lost my toupee.

80-80: Now that's warm, but who took the rig?

~Steve Honour

## HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE DECEMBER MEMBER MEETING

*Coppola's in Hyde Park, December 21, 2005*



# JANUARY 2006 MEMBER MEETING



## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



### Annual SHARING Meeting

Share your adventures of this past year. Bring pictures, souvenirs, slides, power point presentations. We want to hear and see every last detail of your trip.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006, 1900 (7:00)



## PIZZA PARTY!

Pizza, plates, napkins, forks and cups are provided by the squadron. Bring your own drinks.

*Where?* DUTCHESS COUNTY PISTOL ASSOCIATION CLUB HOUSE  
St. Nicholas Road, Wappingers (off New Hackensack Road)



RSVP to Pat at 889-4242 by January 15.



## BRING A FRIEND!

**Directions from I84:** Exit 13. Rte 9N for 6 miles. Turn right onto New Hackensack Rd (DC104). Go 2 miles. Turn right onto St. Nicholas Rd. Go 1 mile. Dutchess County Pistol Club is on the left.

**Directions from the north:** Rte 9S from Poughkeepsie Galleria area. Once over the bridge going over Wappingers Creek, look for New Hackensack Rd (DC104) on the left (look for an Eckerds and a Wendy's). Go 2 miles. Turn right on St. Nicholas Rd. Go 1 mile. Dutchess County Pistol Club is on the left.

**If lost call DCPA club house as 845-297-4481.**

## THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

David A. Cason	1/6
Janice M. Silver	1/7
Steven Sayegh	1/11
Donald F. Lutz	1/12
Gary L. Storm	1/13
Christopher Hatfield	1/20
Michael E. Suessele	1/23
John C. Kwak	1/24
Penny A. Nelson	1/28
Patricia K. Smalley	1/30

### Anniversaries

George L. Salem, Jr.	1/1
William A Waldron	1/13
Ward W. Miller	1/13
Ernest G. Klopping	1/17
Edward V. Weber	1/23
Hans G. Hottenrott	1/25
Minke M. Kwak	1/28

Answer to this month's NautiBender:

*Left and stormy*