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Annual Squadron Marine Auction & April Member Meeting on April 14, 2007.

The auction will be held at Poughkeepsie Yacht Club. Please bring items to be donated the day of the auction. Optional covered dish supper at 5:00PM. Monthly general meeting at 6PM. Inspection of merchandise at 6:30 PM. Auction will start at 7 PM. Doors will be open at 1 PM for anyone wishing to help get the auction together. Your help is what makes this event happen. Ask for gift certificates from businesses, and restaurants. Solicit your marina for a donation.

Bring a Guest.

Questions, contact Don. Gladstone, Auction Chairman at 485-5204, evenings 5-9 PM.

Message from Commander Smalley:

Ahoy, my nautical friends,
 The first message of your new commander is simple: Thank you for giving me the honor of being your leader for a year. My goals are to increase our visibility in the community, increase membership and their participation and increase the number of students in our various educational programs.

The state of Mid-Hudson Power Squadron is tenuous. Membership has been declining. To promote our mission of public education, self-education and community we need to increase membership. We need to work as a team to make this happen. Every one of us can help. Invite friends and acquaintances to join our fleet. The qualifications for membership have changed. The national organization, USPS, has waived the requirement of taking an exam to qualify for membership. The waiver will last for three years. Now, a person with an interest in Mid-Hudson Power Squadron may join simply by completing a membership form and paying the dues. We need to take advantage of this window. Invite non-members to our meetings; introduce the public to our wonderful organization and its members.

The District 2 Change of Watch took place on March 30/31 in Poughkeepsie. With meetings during the day and a dinner/dance on Saturday evening, Martin Feldberg is now the D2 Commander. (For those at our Change of Watch, Commander Feldberg was the district representative who installed yours truly.) Mid-Hudson was well represented with 10 members and the color guard consisted of all Mid-Hudson members: P/R/C Inman Steagall, P/R/C M. Richard Winchell, P/C George Danko, Lt/C Jan Silver and Lt. Donald Gladstone. Thank you, Mid-Hudson!

So let us begin the new boating season with a splash. Let's enjoy our boating safely, remember and use our best boating skills, especially those PFDs. See you at the auction on Saturday, April 14, 2007.

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EDUCATION, OUR MOST IMPORTANT SERVICE

Thank You for selecting me as your new SEO.
With your help, we will make this an awesome
education year.

If you want a course please let me know.
SEO John C. Kwak, AP

Our Boating Course at the Haviland Middle School is
active with 2 students on Tuesday evenings with many
presenters. It is planned to finish on May 22.

Bruce LoPresti, AP will start the ENGINE
MAINTENANCE class soon, we have 5 students
signed up and the books are ordered let me know soon
if you want to join this VERY interesting class.

Pete Cavalla, SN is starting our 2nd BOATING
COURSE on May 15th at the Chelsea Yacht Club with
help from Fred Mangelsdorf SN and others. We already
have 9 students and looking for more.

The “Seminar Series” is a new educational endeavor
created at the national level. Various topics of interest,
i.e. *Using Marine Radios, Using GPS, How to Read a
Chart, On Board Weather Forecasting* and more, are
taught as two hour seminars to our members
and the public.

Our first, “On Board Weather Forecasting” will take
place at the Poughkeepsie Yacht club on Saturday,
April 28. We will also teach the “How to Read a
Chart” seminar in the near future at the PYC.

Please contact P/C John C. Kwak, SEO, for details.



Figure 1, OUR ILLUSTRIOUS COLOR GUARD

At the District Change Of Watch (COW)

POUGHKEEPSIE YACHT CLUB

Open House

Do you need a new home for your boat?
Do you like to socialize with other boaters?
Poughkeepsie Yacht Club is having a one-time
Open House on May 19, 2007. That's a Saturday
afternoon from 2:00 until 5:00pm. Come look us
over and share some light refreshment. Until then,
check us out on our website for further information
at www.Poughkeepsieyachtclub.org



The Very Best to All, This Easter Season



District 2 Educational Department
At Work



P/D/C Suzanne Netwch
"You mean its Over"

Birthdays

Toepfer	Jerry	4/3
Suessle	Gladys	4/4
Enkler	John	4/14
Canter	Paul	4/21
Chernowski	Judy.	4/27
Broadbent	Craig	4/29
Rosenthal	David	4/29

Anniversaries

Gladstone	Donald	4/6/1961
Enkler	John	4/7/2001
Storm	Gary.	4/7/2001
Tarsa	Michele	4/7/2001
Wiacek	Brian	4/7/2001
Coulter	Dick	4/15/2000
Winklharrer	Wolfgang	4/15/1999

Nelson	Penny	4/17/2002
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Seeley	Virginia	4/17/2002
Steagall	Jackie	4/18/1978
Cigna	Sal	4/21/2004
Williams	Andy	4/21/2004
Rivenburgh	Paul	4/22/1986
Tully	Robert	4/22/1980
Ringwood	Bill	4/27/2001
Croatto	Al	4/28/1987



New District 2 Bridge



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11 April, 2007 Stormking Power Squadron
member meeting at Cornwall Yacht Club

14 April, 2007 MHPS Annual Auction at the
Poughkeepsie Yacht Club.

21 April 2007 Onboard Weather Forecasting
Seminar at PYC at 0900.

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