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Message from Commander Smalley:

December 2007

Wow! December is here and it's time for holiday shopping, cooking, eating, traveling, decorating, wrapping, opening, singing and merriment. With all these distractions, please slow down and be safe. Wrapping up the year needs to be peaceful and satisfying. So be careful!

The month of November for the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron was eventful. Our ExCom meeting was held on November 7 at Coco's Restaurant in Hyde Park. We conducted squadron business and enjoyed a meal together. Keep in mind that **all** members of the squadron are invited to attend the Executive Committee meetings.

The following Saturday was the installation of our own Bill Fitchett as Commodore of the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club. Ten members of the Power Squadron attended this event at Coppolas in Hyde Park and we filled a whole table. This is the

first in a long time, (How long has yet to be determined.) that a member of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron has become the Commodore of the PYC. The Poughkeepsie Yacht Club is the parent organization to MHPS. It was several members of the yacht club that joined together, applied for the charter and created the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron in 1926. We are very proud to have one of our members reach this level at the PYC. Way to go, Bill! Congratulations!

The November member meeting was held at Violet Creek Restaurant, 1820 New Hackensack Plaza, Route 376. It was moved back a week, to November 14, to eliminate conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. The guest speaker was Captain Ann Loeding. She spoke on tugboats on the Hudson River. Everyone enjoyed the presentation and the Q and A session. Thank you, Ann.

Hope all of you had a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday and look forward to seeing you at our annual December holiday meeting (party) where we will participate in a "Pirate Auction." Come and enjoy a fun evening with a festive mood. See the details in this issue of the "Foghorn."

Peace Be With You,

Cdr. Pat



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HOLIDAY GREETINGS
TO
ALL MEMBERS OF
THE MID-HUDSON POWER
SQUADRON

PEACE ON EARTH

Peace is not something you
wish for.

It is something you **make**,
Something you **do**,
Something you **are**,
And something
you give away.

Robert Fulghum

*May you enjoy a peaceful, joyous and
loving holiday.*

*May the beauty of the season continue
into 2008 and beyond.*

Bless you all,

Commander Pat Smalley



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**The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron
Monthly Membership Meeting**



Invitation to all from MHPS:

**The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron
Monthly Membership Meeting
“The Annual Holiday Party”**

When: Wednesday, December 19, 2007
@ 18:30

Where: Coppola's Restaurant
4167 Albany Post Road (Route 9),
Hyde Park, NY
Phone: (845) 229-9136

Website: <http://www.coppolas.net/hydepark.htm>

Uniform: Uniform A, red bow tie or
APROPRIATELY
FESTIVE attire.

Menu: Dinner Menu

Entrée Choices:

Veal Parmigiana

Chicken Marsala

Broiled Salmon

Including:

Antipasta

Penne

Dessert (Sundae)

Coffee or Tea

Cost: \$24.00 per person

Entertainment: Gift Exchange Auction Please
bring a wrapped gift marked for a man, woman or
both.

The cost should be kept between \$5 & \$10.

PLEASE RSVP with your **choice of entrée(s)**
and **number of guests** by
Monday, Monday, December 10, 2007

RSVP To: Ed Sugg at (845) 462-3153
or ejsugg@nhainsurance.com

EVENT PHOTOS

14 November Member Meeting at Violet Creek.



Guest speaker, Captain Ann Loeding makes an interesting point.



The crowd listens intently.



What a handsome group!!

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<http://www.midhudsonpowersquadron.com/> **come visit us!**

Mid-Hudson Education Program

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SEO P/C John C. Kwak AP

The **PILOTING** class at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club is doing their final exam, which will be submitted to National for grading. This exam is a take home open book and it involves plotting a cruise on the Bowditch practice chart using both GPS and dead reckoning. Good luck to all the students.

The **SQUADRON BOATING COURSE** at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club will have their final exam on Thursday Dec.6th. We expect that all students will pass.

We are planning to start a **SEAMANSHIP** class in March of 2008 please contact me if you want to attend.

We now have 6 seminars to teach to the public;
“BOAT HANDLING UNDER POWER”
“USING VHF & VHF/DSC RADIO”,
“USING GPS”,
“HOW TO READ A CHART”,
“SAIL TRIM”.
“ON BOARD WEATHER

FORECASTING

If you need or want a course we will get kindred spirits together and form a class.

Please contact P/C John C. Kwak, SEO, for details 845-255-5318 (jckwak@earthlink.net)

New “FREE” Service from Your Squadron Educational Department **MID-HUDSON FREE LIBRARY**

We are starting a free library for MHPS members. Over the years I have accumulated almost 100 boating oriented books.

Minke has compiled a list of the books in EXCEL the entire list will be at the MHPS web site. The books will be available to lend for one-month periods.

You can order the book by contacting me and I will have the book at the next meeting.

Here is a partial list.

TITLE	AUTHOR
All About Cruising	Gleckler
Annapolis Book of Seamanship	Rousemaniere
Basic Sailing	AM Red Cross
Basic Sailing	George
Before the Wind	Gowdey
Boat Canvas	Lipe
Boat Carpentry	Smith
Boatowner's Illust. Hndbk of Wiring	Wing
Book of Expert Sailing	Robinson
Canvaswork & Sail Repair	Casey
Deep Sea Sailing	Bruce
Deep Water & Shoal	Robinson
Discovery of the Bismarck	Ballard

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Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Mary Ann Canter	12/29	John Boyle	12/2
Donald Gladstone	12/9	Kathleen Ferreira	12/3
Paul Rivenburgh	12/13	Betty Gladstone	12/6
David Souers	12/7	Karen Gotimer	12/3
Ed Suessle	12/1	Arleen Paetow	12/1
		Ed Popko	12/15
		Christine Rhodes	12/20
		Steven Anthony Sayegh	12/1

Space reserved for future members'! Help me fill them up!			
It's lonely down here!!!			

"On Christmas Eve, 1906, using his heterodyne principle, Reginald Fessenden transmitted the first radio audio broadcast in history from Brant Rock Station, Massachusetts. *Ships at sea* heard a broadcast that included Fessenden playing the song O Holy Night on the violin and reading a passage from the Bible." *Source: Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia* <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio>

Important Announcement:

Message from the FOGHORN EDITOR:

The time is here. Effective January 2008, all editions of the FOGHORN will be sent electronically by email attachment or will be viewable/downloadable from the MHPS website, only, with the following exceptions. Members who do not have a valid or known email address on file with MHPS, and those who have specifically requested a hard copy sent by US Postal Service. Welcome to the 21st Century! If you need assistance gaining access to the website or setting up an email address, our knowledgeable technical advisors can help. Please contact us, and, as always, your comments are welcome.

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Interesting Web Links
(Works Only with FOGHORN Electronic Copy)

USPS Compass (Current Edition)
<http://www.usps.org/national/ensign/uspscompass/compassindex.htm>

USPS Ensign
<http://www.usps.org/national/ensign/>

USPS District 2 Website
<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/>

USPS National Website
<http://www.usps.org/newpublic2/index.html>

USPS National Benefits Page
http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm

MESSAGE FROM THE MHPS NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

THERE IS STILL TIME, BUT TIME GROWS SHORT. IF YOU ARE ABLE, AND WILLING TO SERVE YOUR SQUADRON AS AN INSTRUCTOR, COMMITTEE MEMBER, OR VOLUNTEER FOR ANOTHER POSITION, AND YOU WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED AT THE CHANGE OF WATCH, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS 24 HOURS. CONTACT: NOM COM

[Jim Silver](#), [Ernie Klopping](#), or [George Danko](#)



Merry Christmas, Editor George.



Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

<http://www.cps-ecp.ca/public/>

Story and photos by Lt/C Jan Silver

On the weekend of October 25, D/C Martin and Ina Feldberg, P/C/C Fred and Linda Mangelsdorf, and D/Lt/C Jim and Jan Silver all traveled to Ottawa, Ontario Canada to attend the Canadian Power Squadrons AGM (Annual General Meeting). Canadian Chief Commander Serge St-Martin, is a member of District 2, Champlain Squadron. The group traveled to Canada to give our support, to now P/C/C St-Martin (and his wife Jocelyne), and wish him well as he retires as Chief Commander. Our own C/C Ernie and Diane Marshburn were also in attendance and all had good time, as you can see from the pictures.



You are cordially invited to attend an ***AFTER THE HOLIDAY, HOLIDAY PARTY***

Hosted by the Rowayton Sail and Power Squadron
and
The Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron

Saturday, January 12, 2008

6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

at the

Pastime Social Club

59 Seaview Avenue

East Norwalk, CT

6:00 – 7:30 PM Cocktail Hour with Hors d'oeuvres
and an open bar

7:30 PM Buffet dinner with wine and beer provided

\$30.00 per person

*Please join us as we celebrate the holiday
season together!*

RSVP and send a check by January 5th to:

Les White
6 Strawberry Ridge Road
Ridgefield, CT 06877

If you have any questions please call Fred Zinsser
203-595-3115 (second choice number 203-846-3136)
or contact Norma Gerwig, nagerwig@aol.com

Future District 2 Events:

**D/2 Winter Council 2 February 2008 @Best
Western, Poughkeepsie**

**D/2 Change of Watch 4-5 April 2008@the
Norwalk Inn, Norwalk, CT.**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

December is:

- Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month (US National)
 - www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/spotlite/3d.htm
 - www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2001/11/20011130.html
- GERD Awareness Week (Gastroesophageal Reflux disease)
 - International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders (IFFGD) Web site: www.aboutgerd.org
- Hi Neighbor Month (Something we've seen on some of the online greeting card sites.)
 - www.greetsomeone.com/december/neighbor1.shtml
- Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- Prevent Blindness America Web site: www.preventblindness.org
- Stress Free Family Holiday Month (US National)
- Read A New Book Month (So far, we can only find a reference to this on the greeting card sites.)
 - www.icq.americangreetings.com/category.pd?path=23926
 - National Book Month sponsored by the [National Book Foundation](http://www.nationalbookfoundation.org) is in October. (Source-butlerwebs.com)

Hanukkah - December 5 - 12, 2007

- **Pearl Harbor Day - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
 - **Anniversary of Japan bombing Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941**

Christmas Day December 25

Winter Begins December 21 in the Northern Hemisphere at 7:42 A.M. EST

MHPS Executive Committee Meeting
Foster's Restaurant, Rhinebeck, NY Wednesday
5 December @1830(You missed it!!)

MHPS Member Meeting (see invitation)
(Still time to sign up)



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DATES: 19-24 FEBRUARY 2008

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DALLAS, TEXAS

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