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Message from Commander Smalley:

January 2008

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Have you made your resolutions? The commander has several, for myself and for the squadron. First, I am going to count my calories in the quest to reduce my weight. Next, I am going to reduce my time sleeping on the couch. Exciting, right?

These are my resolutions for the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron. First, I want to look for other avenues of advertisement. Also, we need to expand our involvement with other boating organizations, inviting them to our guest speaker meetings or offering seminars at their facilities. We need to concentrate on making a return on our investment of educational materials. These are all food for thought and I would welcome all members to brainstorm ideas then share them with the bridge: the commander, executive officer, administrative officer or your favorite member. Many brains make better

ideas. This next year brings new challenges. We all need to work together.

December was a celebration of birth and a very special life. We celebrate the New Year, and Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. We also celebrated the life of one of our members, Christine Rhodes. Chris passed away on December 17, 2007 at home after a long battle with cancer. The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron held a memorial service on December 21 at the funeral home during visiting hours. Seventeen members of the Power Squadron attended and the following members were readers during the service: Stu and Jackie Steagall, Barbara Grey-Black, Jan Silver and myself. The family was very pleased that we honored Chris in this service. Thank you to everyone who took the time from a very busy season to support Christine's family.

The squadron has some fun meetings on the schedule. January is our sharing meeting where we bring pictures of our boating or non-boating adventures this past year. We enjoy a pizza together and view albums or projections of pictures. Please plan to attend this meeting. Details are in this issue of the Foghorn or contact Ed Sugg, Administrative Officer.

So be careful underfoot. After two days of snow removal the Commander is a bit sore. Hopefully this winter will pass with ease for everyone and we can anticipate a spring and summer full of boating, classes, fun meetings and friendship. Hope to see you at our sharing meeting on January 16.

Keep warm,

Commander Pat

Happy New Year
2008

The Very Best to Our
Members and Friends in
2008 from the Mid-Hudson
Power Squadron.

The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Monthly Membership Meeting:

The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Monthly Membership Meeting – “The Annual FREE PIZZA and Sharing of Past Boating Excursions Meeting”

When: Wednesday, January 16, 2008 @ 18:30

Where: Dutchess County Pistol Association

Directions to DCPA

DCPA is located on St. Nicholas Road in Wappingers Falls, NY approximately one mile south of the Dutchess County Airport. To reach the range, from I-84 take Exit 13 (Route 9 North in Fishkill, NY). Proceed North on Route 9 for six miles. Turn right onto New Hackensack Road (DC #104). Go 2 miles. Turn right onto St. Nicholas Road Go approximately one mile. DCPA is located on the left. The Club House telephone number is (845) 297-4481.

Uniform: Casually Appropriate



Menu: Pizza

Drinks: Please

bring your own soda, water or beer. (Link to info about beer)
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beer>

Cost: “FREE” **Entertainment:**

Please bring a CD, photos, or other interesting vacation or trip information you wish to share with the members.

PLEASE RSVP with your *number of guests* by Monday, January 14, 2008.

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

Event Photos:

19 December 2007 MHPS Holiday Party at Coppola's, Hyde Park.



A gift exchange always means happy faces!



A very special, important guest.
Monique serves an excellent meal.



Always a happy couple, Dick and Pat.



Commander Santa has words of wisdom.



We got everyone's attention.



Our pal Commander George Ghirlando, Stormking Power Squadron.



Another very important guest, the gifts!



Welcome guests D/C Marty Feldberg and District First Lady Ina.



D/Lt/C Jeff and Norma Gerwig joined the party.
LD/Lt/C Jim Silver looks on

Is Someone in Your Family not Well?

Please let someone know. Your Squadron would like to stand with you. Please notify us of illness, hospital stays, or deaths. Commander Pat can be reached at 889-4242, or E-mail: lymey2@aol.com or contact Betty Gladstone at 485-5204, or E-mail: BeGlad1@aol.com. In time of need, no one should stand-alone.

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

Mid-Hudson Education Program

EDUCATION IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT SERVICE.
SEO P/C John C. Kwak AP

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND KEEP ON LEARNING.

We are planning to start a **SEAMANSHIP** class in March of 2008 please contact me if you want to attend. The instructors will be Cmd Pat Smalley AP and P/C Ernie Klopping AP and your SEO will be there to kibitz.

Besides the Squadron Boating Course and Americas Boating Course

We 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”

We will teach the Seminars to **ANY** group that can assure 10 students or more at any location in the Hudson Valley. Please canvas your other clubs for any interest in the above Seminars. Contact P/C John C. Kwak, SEO, for details 845-255-5318 (jckwak@earthlink.net)

It is now time to start planning for our Spring Boating class and we need help. We need a team with a leader that is a certified instructor and some proctors. Please contact me if you would like to help. We are also looking for locations in our area to host the course at no cost to the Squadron

Our January 1st 2007 NautiBender problem is.

“Which of the following sea conditions would offer the most comfortable ride in heavy weather”:

Answers: **a head sea; from broad on the bow; a beam sea; a quartering sea; or a following sea.**

Find the answer elsewhere in The Foghorn.



fotosearch.com



Happy Birthday

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
Christopher Hatfield	1/20	William Waldron	1/3
John Kwak	1/24	Edward Weber	1/23
Penny Nelson	1/28	Gerald Milne	1/11
Harold Rehfeldt	1/3	Ward Miller	1/13
Michael Suessle	1/23	Minke Kwak	1/28
Steven Anthony Sayegh	1/11	Ernie Klopping	1/17
Janice Silver	1/7	Hans Hottenrott	1/26
Patricia Smalley	1/30		
Gary Storm	1/13		
Space reserved for future members'! Help me fill them up!		We need more member anniversaries!!	



Happy Anniversary



USPS LINKS:



USPS For Kids



[USPS Member Benefits](#)

Tell Your Friends about USPS!

In case you cannot find it on the website!

LINKS TO OUR FRIENDS:



WELCOME TO THE BEEKMAN LIBRARY



East Fishkill Community Library

Message from the *FOGHORN* EDITOR:
The power of the pen.

Happy New Year.
The very best to all for a healthful, prosperous, and safe 2008. Boating season is just a short winter away! Are you moving? New cell phone? Got married?
NEW EMAIL ADDRESS? Want us to know? Please let us know. MHPS painstakingly attempts to keep your information correct and up-to-date. We need your help so we can continue to invite you to meetings, inform you of educational courses, boating information, and, of course, send you the FOGHORN. When you call or write, please ask what can we do for you.



Message from the MHPS Nominating Committee:
The Official Nominating Committee Report will be filed with the squadron secretary on 10 February 2008. There is still time, but time grows short. If you intend to serve your squadron as an elected officer, and you wish to be recognized at the change of watch on 19 March 2008, please let us know. We are open for business 24 hours.

The 2008 Nominating Committee
******Talk To Us******

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



Happy New Year, Editor George!!

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.

(See Flyer)





Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday (observed Monday, January 21, 2008)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- New Year's Day - January 1
- MHPS ExComm Meeting- February 6 (You missed January)
- Rowayton /Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron "After the Holiday" Party (See Invitation)
- MHPS Member Meeting- January 16 (See Invitation)
- Martin Luther King Day – January 21



January 8 -New Moon



January 22 - Full Moon

Monthly Observances for January

January Monthly Observances:

- Birth Defects Prevention Month
 - Sponsored by The March of Dimes: www.modimes.org
- Blood Donor Month (National Volunteer)
 - Sponsored by the American Association of Blood Banks: www.aabb.org
 - January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month: Web site: www.americasblood.org
- Cervical Health Awareness Month (National)
 - Sponsored by the National Cervical Cancer Coalition: www.nccc-online.org
- Coffee Gourmet Month (International)
- Diet Month, Fat-Free Living Month, Lose Weight & Feel Great Month
- Eye Health Care Month (National)
 - Source: www.healthierliving.org/newsletter/200201/eyecare.html. See page for some helpful hints for taking care of your eyes.
- Fiber Focus Month (National)(This is an ongoing, **regular** focus)
- Oatmeal Month (US National) (What about Grits?)
- Prune Breakfast Month (Competes with Fiber Focus Month)
- Radio Month (US National)
- Stamp Collectors Month (US National)
- Tea Month (US National) - a/k/a Hot Tea Month

- Electric light patented, 1880
 - "On January 27, 1880, Thomas Edison received the historic patent embodying the principles of his incandescent lamp that paved the way for the universal domestic use of electric light." - Source: www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=46 Editor's Comments: A deal was soon struck with such organizations as Central Hudson Gas and Electric and New York State Gas and Electric that would result in high customer billing and low customer service—the rest is history!

- Samuel Morse first demonstrated the telegraph on January 6, 1838. Editor's Comments: This paved the way for Sam to hook up with his pal Alex who would invent the telephone years later in 1876. The problem was that Alex had no one to call!

- Transatlantic telephone service began, 1927 on January 7. Editor's Comments: Everything went well until a giant ocean liner with a rather long anchor rode dragged the bottom of the sea. The resulting aggravation in dragging your anchor lead the way to send future telephone calls across the sea by satellite.

***** What's Your Sign? *****

Capricorn: December 22 - January 19

Aquarius: January 20 - February 18

January Birthstone: Garnet

The Garnet is the symbol of constancy and fidelity.

January Flower: Carnation and Snowdrop

January 29th is Carnation Day

*****Answer to the Nautibender: A head sea, reduce speed if necessary and take waves at an angle.*****



Coming Soon. On 2 Feb.

*The answer to the age old question.
Will there be another six weeks of Winter?*

MHPS Special Fund Raiser Opportunity:

Mid-Hudson Power Squadron

Is looking for a Host and Hostess to engineer a special dinner for two as a fund-raiser.

Host/Hostess shall decide the date, time, place, and menu and any other modalities.

If you would like to participate and show off your culinary and hospitality skills, please contact the official coordinator Minke Kwak at 845-255-5318 or email: <mailto:mmkwak@earthlink.net>

All information will be published in the FOGHORN.

Pat Smalley will accept sealed bids for the dinner of a lifetime at 845-889-4242 or email: <mailto:lymey2@aol.com>

Further instructions and information will follow.



Boating Education

Sponsored by The Mid Hudson Power Squadron
Earn your PWC certificate!
Enhance your boating skills with courses on Charting, GPS, Marine Electronics, On Board Weather Forecasting and Much More!
Call John Kwak @ 845-255-5318 or www.midhudsonpowersquadron.com for details

Ad from December 2007 Issue of Boating on the Hudson and Beyond, John H. Vargo, Editor/Publisher/Sales

Boating on the Hudson and Beyond

Home Page. **Check It Out!**

<http://www.boatingonthehudson.com/new/home/>



USPS ANNUAL MEETING

DATES: 19-24 FEBRUARY 2008

**HYATT REGENCY
DALLAS, TEXAS**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<http://www.usps.org/national/natmeetings/index.htm>

Future USPS National Meetings	
2008	
19-24 February	Annual Meeting Hyatt Regency Dallas Texas
2-7 September	Fall Governing Board , Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center Detroit, Michigan
2009	
17-22 February	Hyatt Regency Orange County, Anaheim, CA
8-13 September	Hyatt Regency Crown Center Kansas City, Missouri
2010	
1-6 February	Disney's Coronado Spring Resort Disney World Orlando, Florida
30 August - 4 September	Hyatt Bellevue Bellevue Washington, (Seattle)

UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
2008 DISTRICT 2 CHANGE OF
WATCH



April 4 & 5, 2008

The Norwalk Inn & Conference Center

99 East Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851

Hosted by

Rowayton Sail & Power Squadron

Friday:	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	
	Registration Begins	
	4:00 pm	P/D/C
Meeting		
	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Cocktail
Party (cash bar)		
	7:00 pm	Buffet
Dinner		
Saturday:	8:00 am – 11:00 am	
	Registration	
	8:00 am – 9:15 am	
	Continental Breakfast	
	9:15 am – 12:00 pm	Business
Meeting Call to Order		
	12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Meet &
Greet (cash bar)		
	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	
	Luncheon Buffet	
	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Business
Meeting		
	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	
	Hospitality (cash bar)	
	7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Dinner
Dance (cash bar)	<i>Uniform A, formal or semi-formal attire</i>	
	<i>(above times subject to change)</i>	

REGISTRATION FORM

First Registrant: Name _____ Grade _____
 Rank/Position _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 _____ Squadron: _____

First Time at D2 Meeting

Second Registrant: Name _____

Grade _____ Rank/Position _____

Luxury Hotel Room (*Double Queen*) Friday _____ Saturday _____
 _____ Nights @ \$99 = _____

Note: Cutoff Date for Hotel Rooms is March 10, 2008.

Reservations received after this date are subject to Space & Rate availability. **Non Smoking, Smoking**

Friday Dinner: **Buffet, Sliced Sirloin, Chicken Scampi, Stuffed Filet of Sole** _____ @ \$35. = _____

Saturday: Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Buffet, Yankee Pot Roast, Oriental Stir Fried Chicken _____ @ \$42. = _____

Saturday Dinner:

Prime Rib _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Poached Salmon _____ @ \$50. = _____

Guest Program:

_____ @ \$40. = _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Rowayton Sail & Power Squadron "COW 2008"

and mail with this form to Norma Gerwig, 38 Burchard Lane, Rowayton, CT 06853

email: nagerwig@aol.com Phone: 203.866.3437 Fax: 203.853.2088

Guest Program

**The Maritime Aquarium
 and
 Imax
 plus
 A Tour of the
 Lockwood-Mathews Mansion, Museum
 &
 Victorian Tea**



Would you like to be published? Do you have a story to share? Boating experience or Life experience? What about you U.S. Navy Guys? Do not hesitate to submit your original work to the FOGHORN. Let the world know what you know. Contact the Editor, The FOGHORN, Mid-Hudson Power Squadron.

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