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Commander's Message:

None Received.

Report from Don Gladstone.

April 17th Annual Auction
The 37th Annual auction was a success, thanks to the efforts of John Kwak, George Danko, Ed Weber, Joe Todaro, Minke Kwak, Barbara Grey-Black, Pat Smalley and yours truly, Don Gladstone.
The ladies, Pat Smalley, Claire Anderson and Betty Gladstone set up the dining area for all the covered dishes that were brought.
We were honored to have as guests, District Commander Frank J. Baggis and his lovely wife.
Among the many bargains offered was a 7 day vacation on an island off of Cancun, Mexico. The lucky bidder was one of our members.
Hopefully next year more members will attend an interesting and fun filled evening. Remember members can bring guests.

The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron

Monthly Member Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 @ 18:30

Where: Coco's Pasta and Grill

3957 Albany Post Road (Route 9)
Hyde Park, NY 12538
Phone: (845) 229-3200
www.cocospasta.com

Uniform: Come as if you are going boating!

Menu: Appetizers to include Fried Ravioli, Buffalo Chicken Wings
Soup, Salad & Bread
Entrees: Your choice of
1. Shrimp Scampi
2. Veal Marsala or
3. Chicken Francese
Dessert: Vanilla & Chocolate Cake
All meals include soda, coffee or tea

Cost: \$24.00 Per person, including gratuity.

Program: The annual Education Awards & Recognition Dinner

PLEASE RSVP with your *number of guests* and entrée selection(s) by

Monday, May 17, 2010.

RSVP To: Ed Sugg at (845) 462-3153 or

ejsugg@nhainsurance.com

SEO's Message

This is my first message as your new SEO, and before enumerating the educational opportunities to be made available this year I wish to thank those individuals who again will be assisting in our educational community.

Pat Smalley will continue to instruct the **Seamanship Course**, in addition to her education of our youth in the ways of the sea. Ernie Klopping will be our sail instructor, and is presenting a course in **Sail** beginning in early June. Ernie can be contacted at (845) 889-4242 for details.

This course will be given at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club.

Tom Ostrofsky is again with us as ASEO and is presently working on a program to get our message out to the public.

Ed Weber has consented to present **Cruise Planning** and although he's not yet been asked he has traditionally given the **Instructor Qualification** course.

The **Advanced Piloting** Course is slated for this fall and will begin about 8 September and end in early December; classes will be held At Saint Andrews Church in the Poughkeepsie area. The **Junior Navigation** Course which is the sequel to AP, with classes also being held at Saint Andrews Church, will begin about 20 January, 2011 and end around 26 May.

For information on these courses contact Matt TenEyck at (845) 338-9116 or by e-mail at Mattwin41@aol.com.

The **Public Boating** course, **ABC3**, will be given on 19 June at the Gander Mountain store in Kingston, N.Y. While several members including our beloved past SEO have consented to help, this is a golden opportunity for all members to become a part of our education program at MHPS. There is no better way to reinforce one's knowledge of any subject than to teach.

There are many elective courses as well as short seminars to be had, unfortunately they are far too numerous to list here. If you would like to see what is available, log on to USPS.org for all offerings.

Again I wish to thank all those who continue to support our educational goals, and I'm looking forward to a great year with our MHPS members.

Sincerely,
Matt TenEyck JN, Squadron SEO.

This month's Nauti-Bender

If you see a red light and a white light on an approaching vessel, is it going to pass you **starboard** or **port** side-to?

Answers elsewhere in this newsletter.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

At this month's monthly MHPS Meeting at Cocos's Restaurant on Wednesday, May 19th, we will be auctioning the following items, which were received after last month's annual auction.

1. An Evinrude adult life vest in blue
2. Hella marine sealed LED interior lamp. Red or white touch sensitive control. Integrated dimming. 100% sealed multi volt (9-33 V. DC), prewired shock and corrosion proof.

The Following article appeared in the National Boating Federation Newsletter "LOOKOUT" and was forwarded by Ed Weber.

DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH AUTOMATIC CHANNEL SWITCHING ON DIGITAL SELECTIVE CALLING (DSC) EQUIPPED VHF MARINE RADIOS

It has come to the Coast Guard's attention that an automatic Channel switching feature found on certain models of Digital Selective Calling (DSC) equipped VHF marine radios may create an unintended hazard by automatically switching from a working channel that might be in use at the time to Channel 16 when the VHF marine radio receives a DSC distress alert, distress alert acknowledgment or other

DSC call where a VHF channel number has been designated. This could happen without a vessel/radio operator's immediate knowledge and could initiate an unsafe condition by which the vessel/radio operators would believe they were communicating on a working channel such as Channel 13 when, in fact, they were actually on Channel 16.

Imagine a towboat operator on the lower Mississippi River making passing agreements on VHF channel 67 and then suddenly, without warning, not being able to quickly reestablish communications with those vessels because his/her radio automatically switched to Channel 16 instead.

Since this unsafe condition can happen at any time, the Coast Guard **strongly recommends** disabling the automatic channel switching feature when maintaining a listening watch or communicating on the designated bridge-to-bridge radiotelephone, or while monitoring the vessel traffic services (VTS) channel. Radios that lack the disabling feature should not be used for bridge-to- bridge or VTS communications. The International Telecommunications Union Sector for Radio communications, Recommendation M.493-11 published in 2004 and later versions require DSC-equipped radios to provide for disabling of this channel auto-switch feature. In the United States, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires all DSC-equipped radios certified after March 25, 2009 to meet this requirement.

Manufacturers that do not provide a disable function are encouraged to do so and to inform their customers if means for correction exist. Updated information including a listing of manufacturers of radios believed to be affected by this Safety Alert will be posted as available at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/marcomms/gmdss/dsc.htm>

The Coast Guard **strongly reminds** radio operators and other users to always ensure they are on the proper operating channel when communicating or maintaining watch, particularly with DSC equipped radios capable of channel auto-switching. This

safety alert is provided for informational purposes only and does not relieve any domestic or international safety operational or material requirement.

Developed by the Spectrum Management and Telecommunications Policy working Division (CG-652), United States Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC.

Questions should be directed to Mr. Russell Levin at (202) 475 3555 or Russell.S.Levin@uscg.mil

IN MEMORIAM

Hans Hottenrott

Hans Guenther Hottenrott, age 83, died at Gulf Health Care Center in Galveston, TX on Saturday, April 24, 2010 after a short illness.

He leaves his wife of 48 years, Rita (Jaeger) Hottenrott; his son Peter Hottenrott and wife Mary (van Zutphen) Hottenrott and grandson Michael of Westmont, NJ; his daughter Capt. Carol Hottenrott, USN of Everett, WA; his daughter Catherine (Hottenrott) Foster and husband Andrew Foster and grandchildren Brady, Luke and Lexi of Concord, CA; his daughter Susan (Hottenrott) Spark and husband Robert Spark of Cypress, TX; his brother Werner Hottenrott of Burg, Germany; his sister Marlis (Hottenrott) Artzt of Cologne, Germany; his niece Katrin (Hottenrott) Wetzels and nephew Christoph Hottenrott and several cousins.

He was born on February 13, 1927 in Burg bei Magdeburg, Germany, the son of Hugo and Francesca (Werner) Hottenrott. He lived much of his life in the Poughkeepsie area before moving to Galveston, TX in 2004.

During WWII, he served as a Luftwaffenhelper (Flakhelfer) and then in the German Army for 2 years. After the war, he came to the United States as an exchange-

student, studying at Auburn University in Alabama. He emigrated to the United States and became a citizen in 1953. Mr. Hottenrott completed his undergraduate education at New York University, and earned a Master's degree in Physics from Syracuse University in 1958. At Syracuse, he met his future wife, Dr. Rita Jaeger and they were married on April 28, 1962. He was employed by IBM for 34 years, working in both the Poughkeepsie and East Fishkill facilities, and is credited with several patents. He retired in 1993. Mr. Hottenrott had a particular interest in naval history and celestial navigation, and was a long time member of the United States Power Squadron and Chelsea Yacht Club. A wake was held on Thursday, April 29. A funeral mass was held Friday, April 30 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wappingers Falls. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Hospice Foundation.

Future events:

Kids' Courses:

22 May, Beekman Library and on
6 June, East Fishkill Library.

Visit our website for additional information.

Nautibender answer: **port side-to**

Possible joint "**OPEN HOUSE**" with the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club at their facility on June 13, 2010.

Memorial Day Parade:

May 31, 2010 at Hyde Park, NY.