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Commander's Message:

None received.

This month's Nauti Bender

When caught in an Approaching
Thunderstorm: First, determine your
distance from the storm, then decide
whether to head for port or ride it out.
Thunderstorms can travel up to _____
miles per hour.

(Answer elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Education

FROM SEO MATT TENEYCK:

We have two courses beginning in

September:

the Seamanship Course and Advanced
Piloting course.

I need to know by August 24 about AP so
the books can be ordered in a timely
fashion.

Also, the Sail class is winding down with
the final exam scheduled for the evening
of 17 August.

John Kwak reports on the

MHPS SAILING COURSE

A well attended sailing course is being held at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club. Many members of PYC are assisting in this course as well as PYC providing the space.

A total of 12 students, of all ages, from teenagers to seniors are in the class.

The instructors are Ernie Klopping AP, John Kwak JN, Matt Ten Eyck JN, Stu Steagal AP and Tom Ostrofsky AP.

The class receives on the water instructions, as time permits, in various boats, from many volunteers.

The on the water instructors are:

from MHPS:

Ernie Klopping, John Kwak

from PYC:

Gene Riordan, Lynn Lown,

Leathem Mehaffey, Jonathan Churins.

Many of the class members have expressed an interest in joining PYC and in taking more courses from USPS.

**All courses are now open to the public.
(At a Cost!!)**

Courses Scheduled:

Advanced Piloting

September 8, 2011

At St Andrews Church, Poughkeepsie

This all-new course continues to build coastal and inland navigation skills, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions – unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chart-plotters, and other electronic navigation tools. As with Piloting, the course includes many in-class exercises, advancing the student's skills

through hands-on practice and learning.

Topics covered include:

Review of skills learned in Piloting

Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position

Other electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chart plotters, laptop computer software, etc.

Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g., "keep out" zones in GPS)

Collision avoidance using radar and GPS

Working with tides: clearances, depth, effects of current

Piloting with wind and currents

The "Seaman's Eye" – simple skills for checking that one is on course

Seamanship

September 14, 2010

At Poughkeepsie Yacht Club

Building on the basics of recreational boating presented in the public boating courses, Seamanship adds foundational information for continuing boater education. The course contents should facilitate knowledge development for increased safe operation of recreational boats and provide the basis for completion of USCG licensing examination. Emphasis within the course has been placed on higher level boating skills, rules of the road, and marlinspike.

Junior Navigation

January 11, 2011 St Andrews Church,
Poughkeepsie

At Junior Navigation is the first in a two-part program of study in offshore navigation, followed by Navigation the course. It is designed as a practical "how to" course.

Subject matter includes:

Precise time determination

Use of the Nautical Almanac

Taking sextant sights of the sun

Reducing sights to establish lines of position

Special charts and plotting sheets for offshore navigation

Offshore navigational routines for recreational craft

Future events:

Oct 1 and 2

Leadership Course at
The Mercury Grand Motel.
Registration form attached
it is free for current and incoming Administrative Officers and \$50 for everyone else (which includes materials, coffee breaks, lunch).

Fall Conference:

Oct. 10 – Oct. 22 2010

Hosted by Sacandaga at
The Ramada Inn Hotel of Albany
(formerly the Clarion Hotel)
Watervliet Ave Ext
Albany, NY

Spring Conference:

April 1 – April 3, 2011

Holiday Inn
Saratoga Springs, NY

United States Power Squadrons

Seamanship Course

Sponsored by
Mid-Hudson Power Squadron
and
Poughkeepsie Yacht Club

Tuesday evenings
6:30 - 9:00

Beginning September 14, 2010

Running 9 weeks

At Poughkeepsie Yacht Club

Yacht Club Road
(Off Route 9 between Hyde Park and Staatsburg)

All PYC members invited

and

Open to the public

Cost: \$ 55.00 per set of books
\$ 10 for each extra exam

Schedule of Classes: Sept. 14, 21, 28
Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
Nov. 2, 9 (EXAM)

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Registration is open immediately and closes
August 31.

Call Ernie or Pat to register.

Nautibender Answer:
20 miles per hour

The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron Annual Rendezvous On the Water

When: Saturday, August 21, 2010 @ 10:00

Where: Cliff & Grace Schoonmaker's House,
Cliff Haven,
Lighthouse Drive,
Saugerties, NY

Uniform: Casual

Events: There should be access to kayaks for the afternoon.

Menu: Bring your own meat for grilling. Corn will be provided.

Cost: None

RSVP: No need to RSVP

Directions to Cliff Haven

Cliff Haven by car--north on 9W to Saugerties--over the ridge--skip Dock street--Any of the next streets to the right will take you to Lighthouse Drive. Or continue on 9W thru town to Mynderse Street, which also goes into Lighthouse Drive. Along the creek side is a yellow guard rail. At the end of the guard rail, take a sharp right into a driveway and drive to the end of the drive.