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Commander's Message:
None received.

This month's Nauti Bender:

While gunkholing, your vessel runs aground. You back off the sandbar slowly, then the bilge alarm sounds (the stuffing box is leaking badly)... **what should you do next?**
(Answer elsewhere in this newsletter.)

The Mid-Hudson Power
Squadron
“Monthly Membership
Meeting”

When: Wednesday,
November 17, 2010 @ 18:30

Where: Savona's Trattoria
11 Broadway, Kingston, NY
(On the Strand near the water)
Phone: (845) 339-6800

Uniform: Casual. Come as if
you are going boating.

Menu: A four (4) course pre-fix dinner is
being served.

Cost: \$24 per person (\$20
plus \$4 gratuity)

Program: Jack Weeks from the
Hudson River Maritime
Museum will be presenting
a PowerPoint presentation
on the Museum. If time &
planning permits, we may
be able to visit the museum
This should be an enjoyable
evening!

PLEASE RSVP with
number of guests by
Monday, November 15,
2010.

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

Menu attached separately.

NOTE: Our annual Holiday
Dinner will be held at
Coppola's Restaurant in
Hyde Park, NY on
Wednesday, December 15th!
Please mark your calendar.

Savona's November pre-fix dinner menu

4 COURSE \$19.95 PLEASE NO SUBSTITUTIONS

CHOOSE 1 ITEM FROM EACH COURSE

COURSE 1

GRILLED MARINATED PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS

VINE RIPE TOMATO & MOZZARELLA CAPRESE WITH BALSAMIC GLAZE

HAND CUT FRIED CALAMARI & MARINARA SAUCE

NONNA'S FAMOUS MEATBALLS & A SCOOP OF RICOTTA CHEESE

COURSE 2

MINISTRONE SOUP, PASTA FAGIOLI OR MIXED GREEN SALAD

COURSE 3

HERB ENCRUSTED SALMON LIMONCELLO, SAUTEED SPINACH & WILD
MUSHROOM RISOTTO

CHIANTI RED WINE BRAISED BEEF SHORTRIB & PAPARDELLE PASTA

EGGPLANT ROLLATINI SERVED OVER ANGEL HAIR PASTA

CHICKEN MARSALA SERVED OVER SPAGHETTI

COURSE 4

HOMEMADE MACINTOSH APPLE CRISP & VANILLA ICE CREAM

NY CHEESECAKE WITH FRESH STRAWBERRIES & WHIPPED CREAM

ARTHUR AVE CHOCOLATE CHIP CANNOLI

GELATO OF THE DAY

PRE-FIX MENU NOT AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Friday, November 05, 2010.max

Education Message from SEO Matt TenEyck

For those of you who have maintained any association with MHPS, SEO is simply Squadron Education Officer. The Executive Committee of MHPS meets once a month to discuss the direction in which the squadron is going, and tries to establish a course of action to keep said squadron a viable entity. This, has become a classic case of redundancy, as there is no direction and I might add, apparently no squadron. We have an educational program that is put before the members in a monthly publication, The Foghorn, which is made available to ALL members either by email or hard copy. In addition we have a website which lists all educational activity with course description and time and place of instruction. All to no avail. You may be wondering where I am going with this and I shall keep you in suspense no longer. Where IS the membership of the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron? We are an organization some 81 members strong, and over the past several years the only faces I see are those of the dozen or so members of the EXCOM. We have the monthly membership meeting for all members and again it is attended by only that dozen. By now you've already read (possibly) an article entitled "The End is Near", which graphically states the precarious position our squadron is in. Where are you ladies and gentlemen, this is your squadron too! If you have no interest in the survival of MHPS at least have the intestinal fortitude to state so and spare the faithful dozen from fruitless, frustrating monthly sessions. By this time next year the squadron will cease to exist. With the change of watch next April we will be without a Commander and unless members come forth to take advantage of the education programs available, I see no reason to remain as the Educational Officer. Others are as frustrated as I, and it is conceivable that National will simply disband the squadron along with all its assets. I have a feeling that those who have joined in the past several years have done so with the

reduction of boat insurance as the primary motivation. If that is the case, I am left to wonder why these members joined to begin with. I will trouble you no longer with this diatribe of desperation, despair, and disdain. The choice is yours.

Your SEO,
Matt TenEyck

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

Courses Scheduled:

Junior Navigation

January 11, 2011 Hurley Reformed Church, Hurley, NY

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

United States Power Squadrons Seamanship Course

November 9 Seamanship Exam

**KEEP THE DATE OPEN:
December 15,2010**

Holiday/Christmas Celebration:

April 17, 2011

**Annual Auction:
At the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club
Yachtclub Road,
Staatsburg, NY**

April 1 – April 3, 2011

Spring Conference:

**Holiday Inn
Saratoga Springs, NY**

Nautibender Answer:
Run back aground, repair the leak, or radio
for assistance.

**HELP WANTED
FOGHORN EDITOR
NEEDED**

Nominating Committee Report

By P/C Pat Smalley

The nominating committee has little to report. There has been no response to the past commander's message in the September issue of the Foghorn. It seems that the membership has no interest in the survival of the squadron. As it stands now, there will be no Commander for the next year. Presently

we have no Executive Officer. The SEO and assistant SEO will continue. We need instructors. Can we survive? Our Executive Committee holds our organization together, along with a membership that can support our missions and activities. We need volunteers to step forward. If we become too small, we will need to consider joining another squadron or dissolving. Our squadron was chartered in 1926. We are 84 years old. We are one of the oldest squadrons in the United States.

Perhaps to survive we need to change our focus. If you have any thoughts on this please contact a member of the Executive Committee. There is a list of officers in the Foghorn.

Let us hear from you with ideas and perhaps your time.

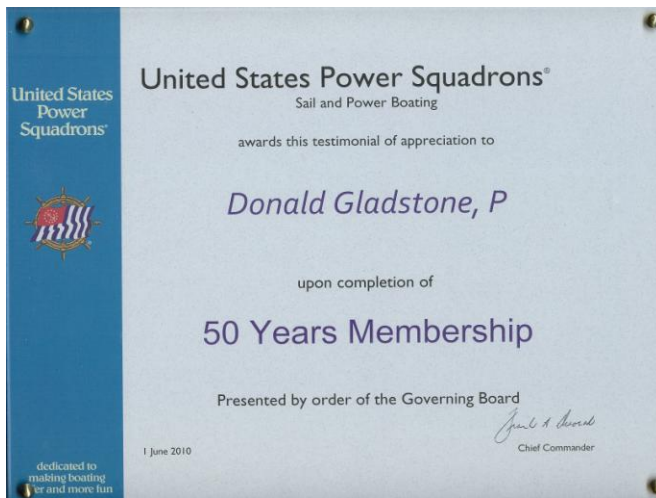
Regretfully submitted,

Pat, 11/8/10

THE END IS NEAR

Our Squadron has 81 members of which only 13 can considered active. Please read the SEO's message and also the Commanders message which will explain the problems that we are experiencing in trying to keep this Squadron alive.

I have been an active member for the past 38 years and have seen some of the up's and down's that USPS has experienced. Never have I thought that I would see the end of my Squadron but without much greater participation of our members" The End Is Near"
PRC Richard Winchell, SN



CONGRATULATIONS

Donald Gladstone

For reaching a rare milestone:
50 Years of unequalled service as a member of
USPS
43 merit marks
100 % attendance and participation at Squadron and
Committee Meetings
Years of excellence in commitment and dedication.
And may you have many more years of success and
happiness.

From your friends of the Mid-Hudson Power
Squadron- George Danko-Cmd. Photos attached.

Editor's Note.

**From Betty Gladstone the following:
Roberts Staats also received the 50
Years service certificate from USPS.
MHPS members join me in wishing you all
the best, Bob, Congratulations!!**