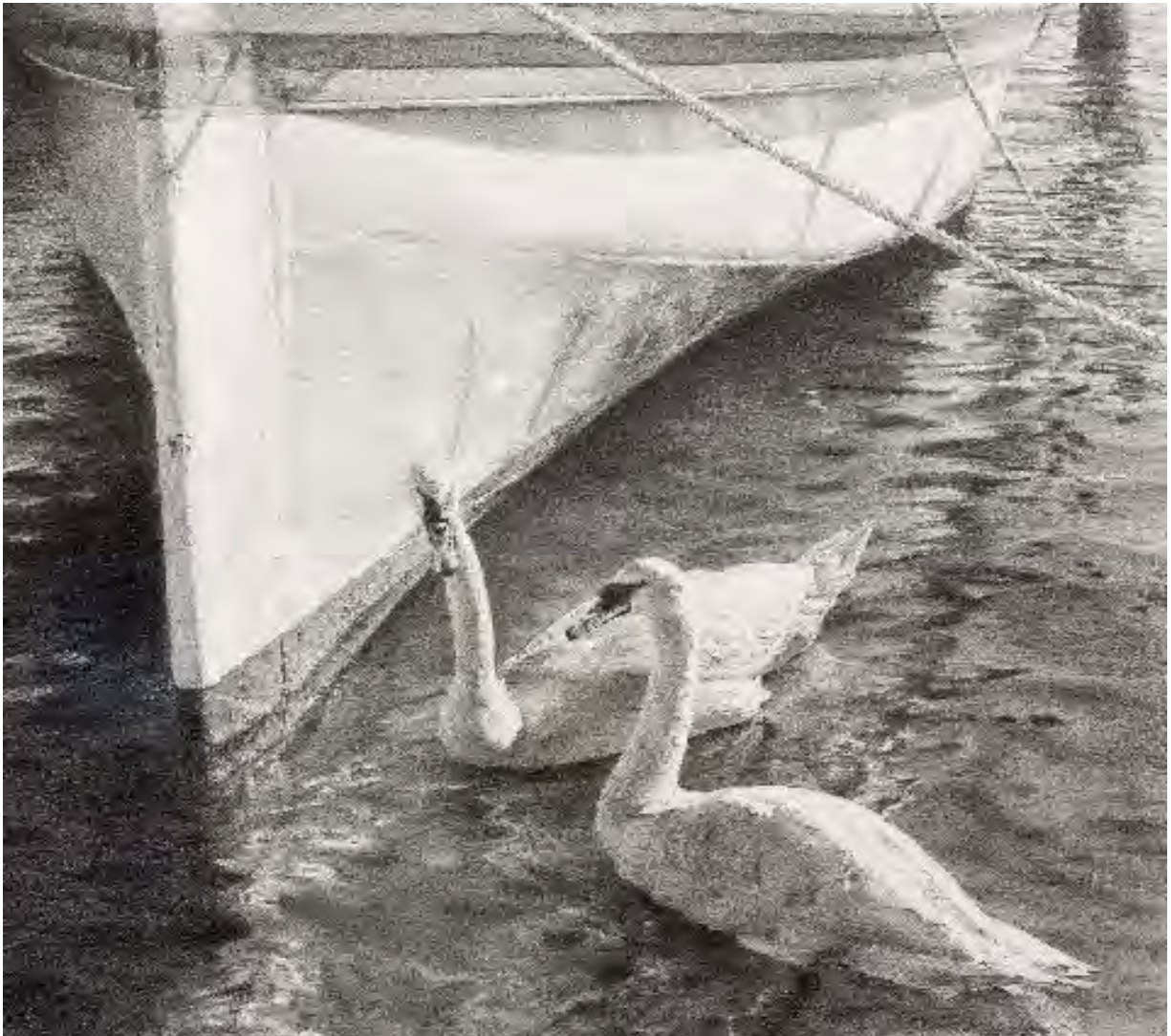


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The Mid-Hudson Power Squadron

“Monthly Membership Meeting”

When: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 @ 18:30

Where: Wappinger Buffet

1488 Route 9, Wappingers Plaza

(Just north of Myers Corners Road & near Hannaford
Supermarket) Wappinger Falls, NY 12590 Phone: (845) 297-1488

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

Menu: Buffet to include: Soup, Salad, Pasta, Chicken, Beef, etc.
Both Chinese and American Cuisine Dessert And Coffee or
Tea

Cost: \$14.00 per person

(Note: This restaurant does not accept checks. Please bring cash if at all possible.)

Program: Our own Ed Weber will be presenting the
Restoration of the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse. The lighthouse,
which is the last remaining wooden lighthouse on the Hudson, is
located in the middle of the Hudson about 3.5 miles South of
Kingston and 5 miles North of Hyde Park. Hear & see how the
ravages of time, weather, and vandals have been reversed.

PLEASE RSVP with *number of guests* by

Monday, May 16, 2011.

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

Power Squadron Talk

No, the Mid-Hudson Power Squadron has not fallen off the end of Earth. Your organization has been in transition. We now have a new SEO, Dick Winchell. We have a new Executive Officer, George Danko. We do not have a commander. Members of the Executive Committee are sharing the responsibility of officiating the meetings. Our Executive board is still meeting the first Wednesday of every month, unless otherwise notified, at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club at 1900 (7:00 pm). After the meeting we have another meeting, for those who are hungry, at the Eveready Diner in Hyde Park.

Member meetings are variable. The April meeting was the fundraising auction at Poughkeepsie Yacht Club on Saturday, April 16. The March meeting was the Change of Watch at Greenbaum and Gilhooley's in Wappingers Falls. February's meeting was at the Wappinger's Buffet with Don Gladstone as our program. He shared pictures, in a power point presentation, of his time in Korea during the Korean War.

We have completed an ABCv3 course. ABCv3 means America's Boating Course, version 3. The classes were held on three consecutive Sundays, April 3, 10 and 17th at Gander Mt. in Kingston. We now have ten new members who passed the exam. Instructors included Ed Weber, Ernie Klopping, John Kwak, George Danko and Pat Smalley. A new member reception is planned for these students, with refreshments. The next course for these new members is in the planning stage. Many of us are preparing for the boating season. Restorations and repairs are ongoing. The docks are in the water; the geese and ducks have returned and the days are growing longer and warmer. Let your organization know if you need any information or advise for getting out on the water. We always like to talk BOAT.

SUBMITTED BY P/C PAT SMALLEY

From the SEO

Good news. We have graduated 10 students from our recent ABC3 class at Gander Mountain. They are now full members under the plan of six months free membership. We now have an obligation of classes for these new members SOON!

We now have students and need INSTRUCTORS ! The plan is to get a Piloting class started ASAP. I believe the best location for this would be Gander Mountain, Kingston, where they took the ABC class.

So now I'm begging. If we do not get these members in a class before their six months free membership is up, do I need to say it? We will have lost them !!!

Please get in touch with me and help to get these new members started on the path to long term membership through our education programs.

In other class information we have a JN class that has been on going for a number of months now with four students under the very able leadership of Ed Popko. I understand that they all ready working on their sight folders.

Now for some GREAT news. Our annual auction under the leadership of our long term Auction chairman, Don Gladstone has produced another winner.(I sometimes wonder if Betty doesn't do, (oops, better not go there) but she earned her merit mark too. Anyway, thanks to a number of helpers and all of our attendees they produced an income of \$1246. We did not have a big crowd however, only sixteen bidders and some cash sales. So even with this lousy economy we did good. Thanks to one and all!!

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On the Water Skills

The new Boat Operator Certification [BOC] program is slowly getting underway in USPS. Eventually there will be four skill levels for members to attain, and a member can choose to demonstrate his/her skills at whatever level of certification he/she needs. At the moment, the program for the first skill level [Inland Navigator] has been put in place. Several members of MHPS have obtained their BOC Passport for Inland Navigator, and have begun to have the necessary course-work and seminars signed off. The next step is for those members to demonstrate their on-the-water skills to a BOC certifier. With that in mind, two on-the-water sessions have been scheduled. The 'official' session, with a BOC certifier on the boat for the demonstrations and testing, will be on June 25. The certifier will be George Hallenbeck, the Education Officer for District 2 and a member of Stamford squadron. On May 21 there will be an unofficial gathering of interested members, to learn and practice some of the techniques that George will be using in June. One might say that it will be a day devoted simply to 'messaging about' on the water. If you wish to participate in either or both sessions [May 21 and/or June 25] please advise Fred Mangelsdorf: Both sessions will be held on the front lawn of Ed Weber's house in Port Ewen. Bring your own PFD, inflatable if you have one. Also you must have a BOC Passport at the June 25 session in order for George to sign-off that you have demonstrated the skill levels. The May 21 session will be for training purposes only, and a BOC Passport is not a requirement.

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The 38th Mid Hudson Power Squadron Marine Auction

The 38th annual Marine Auction held on April 16th was a success due to the efforts of the following members: Minke Kwak, Denise Pascucci, Karen Blonder, Dick Winchell, Pat Smalley, Betty Gladstone, Ed. Weber, Ernie Klopping, John Kwak, Donald Gladstone, Barbara Gray-Black, George Danko, and Tom Ostrofsky.

Everyone got great bargains. The covered dish supper was great as usual. The auction was enjoyed by all that attended.

Don Gladstone, Auction Chairman



In the Region

In case you didn't find everything you may have dreamed about at the MHPS Auction.... this year's Storm King Power Squadron May Auction Event will be held at 7:00pm May11, 2011 at the Cornwall Yacht Clubhouse in Cornwall, New York.

We already have some nice hunting/fishing/boating items and will have lots of gift certificates as in the past. Please do join us at this annual education fund raiser for the SK PowerSquadron.



Ahoy Mateys

Our Pirate Captain, Lacey M. Williams

Commander of the Hudson, Sound, Rivers and Lakes within his territorial domain

Summons all of his Captains, Mates & Swabs to join in a Treasure Hunt.

And what might ye ask is me treasure?

It's, it's, it's the **USPS ENSIGN**

Argh!

As ye sails the seas post a lookout for the Ensign

Hail the ship flying the treasured Ensign

Get the ship's name, captain's name and position of the ship

Email your sightings to Pirate 1st Class Howard A. Sklar at hasklar@gmail.com.

The pirate with the most sightings of the treasured Ensign will have the most chances to win the hunt.

And what's ye reward? Pirate Booty!

Argh!

\$100.00 dollars to the winner and if the winner attends

Captain Lacey's Fall Pirate Conference

There is an additional \$25.00 dollars for a total of \$125.00 dollars.

(See contest rules below)

Treasure hunt runs 27 May 2011 thru 30 September 2011. Submissions must be in by 15 October 2011
At the District Fall Conference a raffle drawing will be conducted to determine the winner.

1. If you spot a boat with an ensign on the water or even in a marina or yacht club, hail the boat on channel 9, indentify yourself and move to a working channel.
2. Get the boat's name, captain's name, home port, squadron and district for your submission.
3. If you are also flying the ensign, provide the same information to the hailed vessel for their submission.
4. Identify the location where the contact took place - longitude, latitude, marina, yacht club name or proximate port.
5. Submit details of your sighting to hasklar@gmail.com with all of the information you obtained.
6. On receipt of your submission, you and the other vessel will be entered into the raffle. If the other vessel also submits, you will get 2 chances. Multiple submissions are accepted as long as sent in by different members at different locations. Sightings at any squadron or district function are acceptable. The more submissions the more entries you will have to win the raffle.
7. Participants will be contacted to confirm their eligibility in the raffle.

Mid-Hudson Power Squadron

ExCom meeting minutes:

The March 2 meeting was held at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club in Hyde Park, NY. Twelve members attended (sign-up sheet attached). The meeting was called to order by Cdr. Danko at 1900. Cdr Danko opened the meeting with a discussion of the D2 Winter Council, held at the Clarion Hotel in Poughkeepsie, NY. Among items mentioned were the discount programs available to USPS members. Check the USPS web pages for more details. There are still some details to be resolved before the COW. Currently there are not nominees for Squadron Commander or Educational Officer. There is a problem with the PYC bar usage for the auction; we may need to pay \$48.00 for a temporary permit for the bar to sell liquor to non members. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Ernie to spend up to \$48 as necessary to ensure that the bar would be open. There is an ABC-3 in session at Gander Mountain with 4 students, and a JN class with 2 students. Set up time for the auction is 2:30, with the pot luck dinner at 5:30. The meeting was adjourned at 2050. Jerry Toepfer, Secretary

The April 6 meeting was held at the Poughkeepsie Yacht Club in Hyde Park, NY. Eleven members attended (sign-up sheet attached). The meeting was called to order by Cdr. Danko at 1900. Cdr Danko opened the meeting with a discussion of the D2 Spring Conference, held at the Holiday Inn in Saratoga Springs, NY. MHPS was represented by eleven members. Dick Winchell presented the "N Club" award. There was discussion of the status of the Boat Operator Certification program. There is still confusion regarding getting instructors certified to teach the course. Fred Mangeldorf stated that he was certified as a certifier of certifiers. He needs to get his "passport" to complete the process of being certified. There is a target date of May 21, with a rain date of the 22, to certify some members of MHPS in boat operation. The sessions will be hosted by Ed Weber at his home in Port Ewing. Dick Winchell will set up a meeting with the 10 new members from the ABC course to determine a mutually convenient time for Seamanship course. Plan is a reception at PYC on May 1, 2:00 pm. There will be a gathering of the minds at the storage facility on April 18th, 2:00 pm, to review the item stored there with the goal of determining what we have, and if we can dispose of it, either to other squadrons, or the scrap heap. Minutes of the previous ExCom were not available. There are Kids courses planned for May 6 and 7, Pat Smalley is coordinating the classes. Set up time for the auction is 2:30, with the pot luck dinner at 5:30. The meeting was adjourned at 2000.

Jerry Toepfer, Secretary