

THE FOGHORN

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The Official Newsletter of the Mid Hudson Power Squadron



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Monthly Membership Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 15, 2012 @ 18:30

Where: Wappinger Buffet
1488 Route 9, Wappinger Plaza
(Just north of Myers Corners Road & near Hannaford Supermarket)
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
Phone: (845) 297-1488

Uniform: Casual. "Dress as if you are going boating"

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

Cost: \$14.00 per person

Entertainment: The Galapagos Islands – 1966 to 2007. 41 years of history with wildlife photos and more!

PLEASE RSVP with *number of guests* by Monday, February 13, 2012
RSVP To: Ed Sugg at (845) 462-3153 or ejsugg@nhainsurance.com

Power Squadron Talk

There is interest in a Boating course scheduled for April 15, 22, and 29, 2012 at the Galleria Mall Community room.

Change of Watch is coming. We need nominees. Pat Smalley will continue as Nomination Chair.

Saturday April 28, 2012 at PYC was suggested for the Annual Auction, John Kwak and Ernie Klopping will liaison PYC for permission.

March 14 is Annual Change of Watch Meeting at Greenbaum and Gilhooley's, Wappingers, NY at 1830

From the SEO

We presently have two classes in progress. One student is taking AP and one is close to finishing JN.

The next class coming up is ABC3 being headed up by Tom Ostrofsky. Tom is looking for instructors to help with this class. Please contact him.

Our biggest need is for instructors and also to fill officer positions so please consider volunteering to help otherwise we will not have a Squadron.

Dick Winchell, SEO

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Christmas 2011

Dec 2011 Holiday Party at Coppola's, Hyde Park NY



I do love the hat, Ed

➔ Become a Skilled Boater ➔

All types of
Boating
Inland and Coastal
Sail, Power, Paddle

Bonus Navigation
Supplement & 2
CDs

Exceeds New York
State

Requirements
includes PWC
certificate

May reduce
Insurance
premiums

Complete in 3
Sunday afternoons
12:00 - 5:00 pm

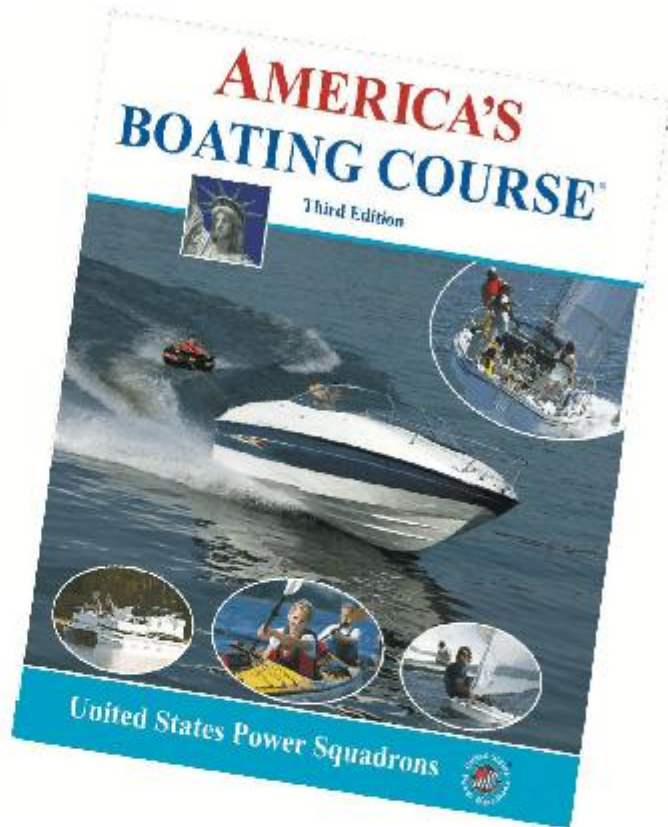
Apr 15, 22, 29 2012

in the Community room at the Galleria Mall Poughkeepsie, NY

Cost: \$65 for materials and test

\$10 for extra test (for family members sharing materials)

Call and register now. Pre-Registration required. 845-229-9203 Take a tab to remember the number.



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Bottom Paint Remover

On a list I belong to, I read a post where a guy claimed that peel away bottom paint remover is nothing more than sodium hydroxide mixed with hydrated lime. The paper only serves to keep the paste moist so it remains active. The post was written by a chemist so that piqued my curiosity and I will give it a try.

Mix about 2lbs of potassium hydroxide with a bag of garden lime in a 5 gal PVC bucket and then roll it onto the bottom of your boat. Add some glycerol (sugar) to keep it moist instead of using paper. Leave it on for two days and then pressure wash the boat. It works remarkably well.

So here is the thing you need to know. Lye used for canning or most drain cleaners are either sodium or potassium hydroxide. Read the label before you buy. The lye is probably the most economical way to go here. Garden lime costs \$4 at Lowes. So for less than \$8 you can strip your old bottom paint. To keep the paste moist so it remains active, add 5lb of white sugar. Sugar is hygroscopic and will trap moisture out of the air.

The bottom paint on the boat just flakes off with the pressure wash. I wish I had known this trick several boats ago!

It is the hydroxide that is the active ingredient. The sodium or potassium is just a spectator ion that goes along for a ride with the hydroxide ion....so no it does not matter whether sodium or potassium.

Do not use brown sugar. It is more expensive and brown sugar is more acidic than white sugar.... and it would neutralize part of the hydroxide in your mix. Hydroxides are basic. So it would work against you. You could possibly even skip the sugar and just simply mist the paste with a garden hose a couple of times a day for a few days to moisten it and reactivate it. That would save money and probably work just as well.

The garden lime is just a binder to give you a paste like substance that will hold the hydroxides against the paint. Flour might work just as well. I'm not sure how big the bag of lime is. I think Lowes only carries once size bag, probably 25 pounds. Make sure to get hydrated lime (also known as slaked lime, or garden lime). Mason's lime would work even better if you can get it since it is also very basic (Calcium oxide) You do not want the crushed limestone. The hydrated lime looks like a fine white powder. Make sure that is what you are buying. Mix the hydroxide salt with the lime, add water and stir until you have a consistency similar to pancake batter.

BE VERY CAREFUL not to get this on your skin or in your eyes. It will burn your skin and will damage your eyes. Wear long sleeves, long pants, gloves and eye protection. Especially while mixing it. WEAR SAFETY GLASSES. Use a paint roller on a long pole so you never get your hands near the stuff.

Now to the environmental issues. If you want to collect the bottom paint chips that will be stripped off by the pressure washer, get some of that black cloth used in gardens. The water from your pressure washer will pass through and the chips will remain on top, or you can rake them up and dispose of them that way.

Fair Winds...

From The Editor

1. The value of instruction: Concern, involvement, intellectual curiosity, and the willingness to share with others. Perhaps a bonus is the pleasure of seeing a student grow. In my experience (the collective) you have it all, in spades. Let's put some of that energy in to use. Teach a course. Or teach a certification course. Or hound someone until they teach a course.
2. Guess the spot where the cover photo was taken – get a libation of your choice. Guess the renowned beach bar – get two libations. Better yet! Have boat – will travel! Get to be there yourself!Need Crew???
3. Xerox or print the ABC Course flyer page and post it at your local marine shop or marina.

In the Region

District Two is planning their annual meeting at the Greenwich, CT. Hyatt Regency. It is quite a spectacular venue. I do hope you'll be able to attend the event and will encourage as many other members to do so also. The Hyatt was originally the home of the Conde Nast publishing company, and is really beautiful. All bedrooms have been renovated this winter and there's a very nice pool. For spouses we will have guides to tour what they would like to see - the beach/boating area, the town and residential parts, the boutiques of Greenwich Avenue, the local Bruce Museum or the Pepsico sculpture garden. Our District Commander, Lacey Williams, is working on an interesting agenda that will be sent to you soon. The registration form is printed on the last page of the newsletter.

"There is no break between "one nation" and "under God", it is

"ONE NATION UNDER GOD"



United States Power Squadrons®
District 2 Spring Conference 2012
 Hosted by Greenwich Sail & Power Squadron
 Friday and Saturday, April 20 – 21, 2012



At the Hyatt Regency Greenwich
 1800 E. Putnam Ave • Old Greenwich • CT 06870
 (203) 637-1234 • www.greenwich.hyatt.com

Friday:	3:00 pm	Registration begins
	5:00 pm	Meet & Greet, Hospitality Suite
	7:00 pm	Dinner with Chief Commander's Representative
Saturday:	8:00 am	Registration/Coffee
	9:00 am	Morning Session
	12:00 noon	Lunch
	1:30 pm	Afternoon Session
	5:00 pm	Meet & Greet, Hospitality Suite
	7:00 pm	Dinner and Dancing, Riverside Ballroom

Dress: Fri. dinner: Blazers. Sat. meeting: Uniform G or appropriate attire. Dinner: Uniform A or evening attire.

(DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION)

REGISTRATION FORM: First time attending a District meeting? Please check here _____

Hotel rooms: Please reserve early with Marsha (late fee applies after April 6)

1st Registrant Name _____ Grade ___ Rank ___ Position _____

Address _____ Tel: _____ Squadron _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email: _____

2nd Registrant Name _____ Grade ___ Rank ___ Position _____

Friday buffet dinner Number of guests _____ @ \$40/person = \$ _____

Saturday coffee & Danish and lunch Number of guests _____ @ \$20/person = \$ _____

Saturday dinner/dance Number of guests _____ @ \$65/person = \$ _____

Note your entrée choice: Roast pork loin/citrus glaze _____ or Chicken/rosemary & lemon _____

All guests have mixed salad, gazpacho soup as appetizers, peach tarte tatin for dessert, and coffee.

Rooms Friday ___ Saturday ___ Total ___ rooms @ \$130 = \$ _____

(includes full breakfast and Wi-Fi)

Late fee if registration is received after April 6 ..(\$10)..... = \$ _____

REGISTRATION TOTAL = \$ _____

Social Program: For those not attending the meeting, please contact Rick Ewen (914) 584-6555 for activities.

**Please make checks payable to Greenwich Sail and Power Squadron, and mail with this completed form to:
 Marsha Colten, 95 Alexandra Dr. Stamford, CT 06903 • Tel (203) 329-9622 • Email D2Conference@gmail.com**

Form Date – 10 January 2012