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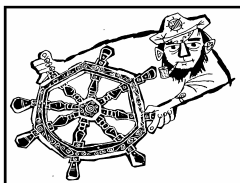
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Rich Frazier to Speak Public Safety Officer Westport Police Tuesday March 13 at 7:30 pm Earthplace, Westport

Rich was the former head of the Westport Marine Police. He will bring us up to date on what the Westport Police Department is doing in these troubled times to ensure our safety through their program "Operation Safe Guard." He will emphasize their work in the Marine area.

TRI-SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH

A Special First Time Event

Saugatuck River*Norwalk***Rowayton
Sunday, April 15, 2007**

**Quattro Pazzi Restaurant
Oak Hills Park, 165 Fallow Street
Norwalk, CT (203) 855-1800**

**BRUNCH BUFFET 1:30 PM
\$28.00 per person Cash Bar
Reservations due by April 7th**

**Make your check payable to SRSPS
Mail to P/C John Luscombe, SN
56 Long Lots Road, Westport, CT. 06880**

Commander's Message



The winter is half over. Since the Super Bowl is over we can now look forward to the upcoming

year for the Squadron. We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary. We are well known as the established civic boating organization serving the greater Westport area for all those years.

It is a pleasure to be once again part of the dynamic Squadron. I am looking forward to growing by getting new members and retaining existing members. We can continue to flourish only by attracting new members. Whatever your efforts on behalf of the Squadron you will help us to thrive and you will be personally rewarded knowing you have contributed to our well being.

This year of 2007 marks our 50th year. We have a lot to do to let Westport know of your contribution to this area. Our annual meeting in March will feature Rich Frazier a well know officer with vast experience in the Westport Marine Police.

Be sure to make the March meeting to show your support for our new Bridge and to hear our exceptional speaker. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK TEAM SEEKS A FEW GOOD RECRUITS

One of the services provided by the Power Squadron to the boating community is the complementary,

Coast Guard sponsored Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program, in which



pleasure boats are checked for required safety gear and to be sure they're in sound operating condition. This is a totally voluntary program. Boats are not required to be checked and any deficiencies are reported to the owner or skipper of the boat only, never to law enforcement authorities. Qualifying boats display a decal stating that the vessel has passed a safety exam conducted by a certified USPS or Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Examiner (VE).

Al Stauderman, who heads the VSC program for SRSPS, reminds us the Squadron needs at least three or four more trained Vessel Examiners. Classes for new VEs will be starting in March. The training series is normally spread over six weeks with one evening class each week. Sessions are held at the Coast Guard Auxiliary base at Calf Pasture Park in East Norwalk.

Anyone interested in learning more about boating safety and in qualifying as a Vessel Examiner should contact Al at 762-9527 or by email at al@bbsadpro.com.

Education Report

SRSPS will teach a public course that will qualify passing students to receive their Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate.

It will be held at Staples High School on Saturday, March 24 from 8 am to 5 pm. If you are willing to assist teaching the course or helping with the administration, please call SEO Russ Levine, P, at 227-6184.

New CT Regulation

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced that new regulations regarding boating safety – recently approved by the Legislative Regulation Review Committee – went into effect on January 3, 2007.

All persons aboard any manually propelled vessel are now required to wear life jackets from October 1st to May 31st. Previously, the requirement to wear life jackets only applied to persons aboard canoes.

Now, kayakers and persons in rowboats must comply with this requirement as well. In addition, the operator, owner or user of the manually propelled vessel is responsible for prohibiting any person to be aboard the vessel who is not wearing a life jacket, unless the person is aboard a racing vessel that is either accompanied by an escort vessel or involved in a race in which the Commissioner has approved race organizers' steps to provide for the safety of race participants.

Under section 15-140c of the Connecticut General Statutes, a vessel (boat) is presumed to be an abandoned vessel if left unattended for more than 24 hours:

- (1) on private property without the consent of the landowner, or
- (2) on the waters of this state and not moored, anchored or made fast to the shore.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. When do you make an entry on your DR plot?
2. If you are moored, docked or anchored in rough waters, how can you avoid damage to the rudder or steering gear?
3. The U.S terms Gunkholing and Turn-buckle have what British terms?
4. If you set off distress flares and see 3 white flares in the distance, what does that mean?

ANSWERS BELOW

New Squadron Burgee

SRSPS will soon be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

We plan to have this special 50th anniversary commemorative burgee available for squadron members.



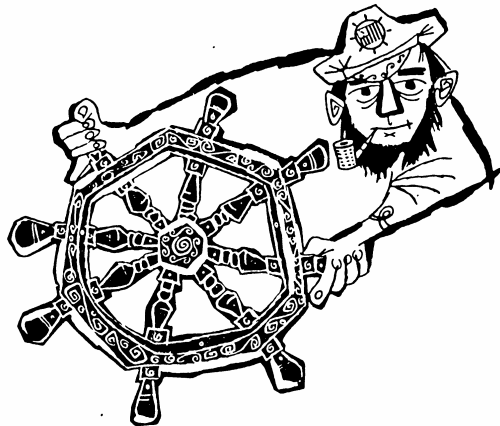
It can be ordered now for \$20 by sending your check payable to SRSPS to:

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Answers

1. At least once an hour, when you change speed and/or when you change course
2. The tiller or wheel should be set in the amidships position.
3. Ditchcrawling and Rigging Screw.
4. Help is on the way.

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee Meeting	Mar 6
Rich Frazier / Annual Meeting	Mar 13
Executive Committee Meeting	Apr 3

Schedule of Meetings and Events

SRSPS: http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/saugatuck_river/index.html

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Mar 6	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
Mar 13	7:30 pm	Rich Frazier / Annual Meeting	Earthplace*
Apr 3	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
Apr 15	1:30 pm	Change of Watch	Quattro Pazzi*

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