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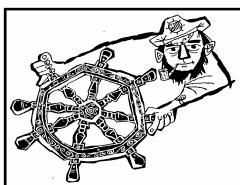
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### **TRI-SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH A Special First Time Event**

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

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

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

**Make your check payable to SRSPS  
Mail to P/C John Luscombe, SN  
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## Commander's Message



A winter flu bug has our Commander under the weather so he has asked your editor to write this

month's Commander's Message.

April 15 is going to be a very special Squadron event. It is not only our Change of Watch, but also the first time we holding it in conjunction with Norwalk and Rowayton. The location is the lovely Quattro Pazzi restaurant at Oak Hills Country Club in Norwalk. The address is 165 Fallow Street. You can call them at 855-1800, or go to the following site: <http://www.quattropazzi.com/> for directions. Show your support for the new Bridge by attending this event. The food and setting are both exceptional.

Recently, the Squadron was informed that for the 43rd consecutive year we were recognized as having 100% participation in the Education Fund. That is a record among all squadrons in all of USPS. It is something for which we are justly proud.

Now is the time to contact Al Stauderman regarding the Vessel Safety Check program. We need more examiners to assist in this most important civic program. You can reach him at 762-9527 or by email at: [al@bbsadpro.com](mailto:al@bbsadpro.com).

Remember to mail your check to John Luscombe for your COW reservation. Details are on the cover page.

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## Dredgings Wins Award



It was announced at USPS's Annual Meeting that Dredgings was again the recipient of the Distinction in Journalism award. The national Publications Committee presents this "In recognition of outstanding performance in the practice of USPS journalism."

## West Marine Announces 2007 VSC Discount Program

This year, boaters will receive a West Marine VSC Discount Coupon good for 10% off any *Safety* item. The discount coupon will be issued by the Vessel Examiner at the completion of the VSC.

The discount is to encourage boaters to get a VSC, even if they believe they may not be in compliance with all boat and/or carriage requirements.



Discounted safety gear includes life jackets and storage bags, tethers, ring and horseshoe buoys, bells, whistles, horns, cordage, flares, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, life jacket safety lights and gas, propane and carbon monoxide detectors. The discount rewards boaters for the educational experience they receive, since all Vessel Examiners discuss a number of safety topics during each check.

Contact Al Stauderman 762-9527 to setup an appointment to have your boat examined when it is launched.

# 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.

## Marine Police Bill

Connecticut State legislators are working on a bill that would give marine police authority equal to that of land based police. A police boat currently does not have right of way automatically under the current laws.

The new bill would require boaters to yield the right of way to a police boat when they see flashing blue lights or hear its sirens.

Additionally marine police are seeking measures to require boaters to control their wakes when passing officers performing their duties.

## Reporting Suspicious Activity

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) encourages the maritime public to report information concerning suspicious activity to their local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Office [Http://www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm](http://www.fbi.gov/contact/fo/fo.htm), or other appropriate authorities. Individuals can contact the DHS Watch and Warning Unit at (202) 323-3205, toll free at 1-888-585-9078, or by email to [nipc.watch@fbi.gov](mailto:nipc.watch@fbi.gov). It is likely you are the person best suited to identify a behavior or activity as “suspicious” in the area you are most familiar with.

Additional information is available online at <http://www.americaswaterwaywatch.org>.

## Do You Know the Answers?

1. When drawing a “set and drift” diagram units are each measured in?
2. Outboard motors have a \_\_\_\_\_ below the propeller?
3. Often lines on a sailboat are color coded. Which colors are most often used for the mainsheet, the jibsheet, the spinnaker guys and the vang/travelers?
4. What is the difference between a windlass and a capstan?

**ANSWERS BELOW**

## Squadron Senior Members

After a member achieves 5 merit marks they are awarded a Senior Member designation. It is with great pride that the following members recently achieved that status: P/C Jose Maria Castro, SN, SEO Russ Levine, P, Barbara Raffel, P and Lt/C Juli Ann Weber, P.

## D/2 Spring Conference

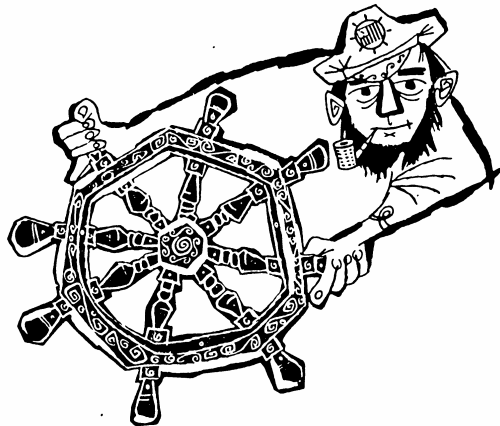
- ✓ March 30 and March 31
- ✓ The Best Western Inn Poughkeepsie NY 845-462-4600
- ✓ Reservation information: Alexandra Feldberg, 845-896-6644
- ✓ Saturday Continental Breakfast and Luncheon \$29

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### Answers

1. Set-degrees and drift-knots.
2. Skeg.
3. Mainsheet—white, jibsheet—blue, the spinnaker guys—red and green, vang/travelers—black.
4. A windlass operates on a horizontal axis; and a capstan on a vertical axis.

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**Dates to Remember:**

District 2 Spring Conference	Mar 30/31
Executive Committee Meeting	Apr 3
Change of Watch	April 15

## Schedule of Meetings and Events

SRSPS: [http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/saugatuck\\_river/index.html](http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/saugatuck_river/index.html)

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Mar 30/31	Various	District 2 Spring Conference	Poughkeepsie, NY *
Apr 3	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace*
Apr 15	1:30 pm	Change of Watch	Quattro Pazzi*

\* Details This Issue of *Dredgings*