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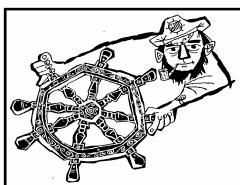
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Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Parade

Monday May 28

Lunch after Parade

Bogey's

Call Julie Ann Weber
831-8119 for reservations

Compo Beach Picnics

Picnics will start in June and run on alternate Tuesdays

Schedule of dates will be
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Commander's Message



Two local mountains are closed for the season - Butternut and Mohawk. Is this a sign that boating is

about to begin? Not to put a damper on things, but I have seen snow in late April form time to time. Enough of that. It is spring. The flowers are popping up all around. Even honeybees are flying making their usual buzzing sounds. The only sounds we would like are sails unfurling and propellers turning. Don't worry it will happen soon.

The new bridge is about to be installed. This is the first time three squadrons have joined together for Change of Watch. The Memorial Day parade will be here soon. I hope you will consider joining the line of march. After the parade we will meet for lunch at Bogey's. Call Julie Ann Weber 831 8119 to reserve a spot.

Al Stauderman is the Vessel Exam coordinator. Contact him if you would like to become a certified examiner—762-9527.

Officer Rich Frazer spoke at our last General membership meeting. He gave a fascinating talk on local security programs. Thank you, Harrison, for arranging this meeting.

We are about to celebrate our 50th anniversary as a squadron. Get involved with the squadron to help make this the best year.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Know Where You Are

Recently there was a story in *BoatU.S. Magazine* that underlines the importance of knowing where you are at all times. It seems a there was a boat sinking about 20 miles off St. Petersburg, FL with crew of 3 persons. They sent out a "mayday" which the Coast Guard received. They gave the Coast Guard their latitude and longitude. At the Coast Guard's request they read the position back twice more.

The problem was they were miles from the position they gave the Coast Guard. The latitude and longitude they gave turned out to be a waypoint and not their position. They were lucky because a passing boat pulled them from the water.

Vessel Safety Check Time

Once again our boats will soon be launched and it is time to have our annual Vessel Safety Check. You are responsible for operating a safe boat and they place to begin is to know your boat is properly equipped. There is no charge for this all important service. There is no report filed to any agency with the results of the inspection. You alone are the beneficiary of knowing whether you boat has the equipment necessary for safe operation.



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

Education Report

We had 15 students who took the Boat Samrt course at Staples on March 24. All who took the course passed with exceptionally high grades. It was a very good experience for both the students and the instructors. Thanks to all who contributed: Bob Allen, P, P/C Budge Atterbury, AP, SEO Russ Levine, P and P/C Steve Raffel, SN.

We will be planning the fall courses soon. If there is a course that you would like to take, please let me know. You can reach me at 227-6184.

SEO Russ Levine, P

Coast Guard Release

"The Coast Guard is stressing cold water warnings and the danger of sudden cold-water immersion to early spring boaters, paddlers, sailors and fishermen on the inland and

U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
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Coast Guard**



coastal waters
from Maine to
New Jersey.

Boaters, paddlers and others venturing out on any body of water at this time of year should have a definite plan of action in the event of sudden cold water immersion."

At the minimum, a life jacket should be equipped with neoprene gloves, a wool hat and a signaling kit that includes a mirror, flares, whistle, a light and, better yet, a VHF radio and cell phone. It might sound excessive, but if you give some serious thought to crisis management and the incapacitating effects of very cold water, this equipment can save your life.

Regrettably, so far this year, we've already lost a small boat fisherman and a canoeist. Neither was wearing a life jacket.

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Coast Guard Release continued

We lost an experienced and properly equipped whitewater kayaker in Maine, and this week we lost a boater and a sailor in Long Island Sound, tragically neither of whom was wearing a life jacket.

Remember, when you're on the water, you're in command. When you're in the water, you're at the mercy of the elements. And, if you're not properly prepared, the encounter will possibly be fatal. Plain and simple, cold water kills!

Do You Know the Answers?

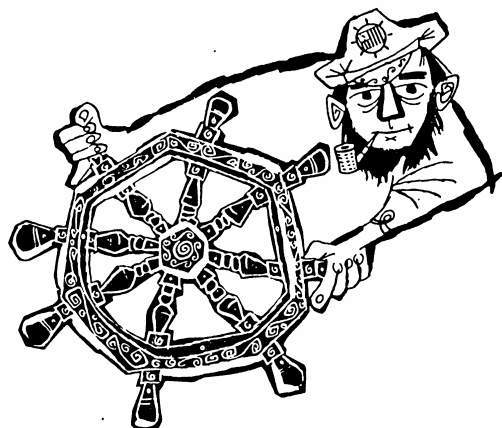
1. When should a splint be applied to a fracture?
2. When you are in a potential head-on situation, what should you do?
3. If a boat is on a True course of 30° and takes a True Bearing of 170° what is the Relative Bearing?
4. How would you increase the holding power of an anchor?

ANSWERS BELOW

Answers

1. Before moving the person
2. Turn to starboard
3. 140° because the Relative Bearing is the True Course Minus the True Bearing.
4. Decrease the angle between the anchor shaft and the rode—let out more rode to increase the scope.

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee Meeting	May 01
Memorial Day Parade	May 20
Executive Committee Meeting	June 5

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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Date	Time	Event	Location
May 1	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
May 28	Various	Memorial Day Parade and lunch	Bogey's*
June 5	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace

* Details This Issue of *Dredgings*