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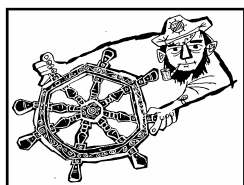
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Upcoming Events

Memorial Day Parade

Monday May 28

Lunch after Parade Bogey's

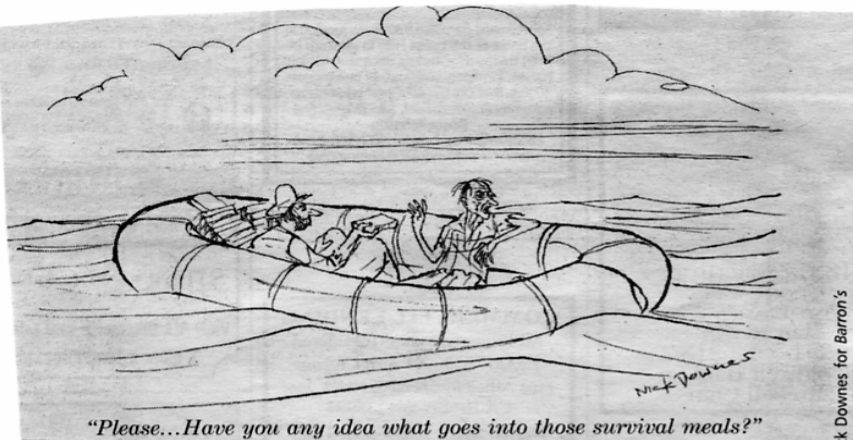
Call Julie Ann Weber 831-8119 for reservations

Compo Beach Picnics

Note all dates are Tuesday except
July 17 is a Thursday; Details Page 2

June 19	July 5	July 17	July 31
Aug 14	Aug 28	Sep 4	

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"Please...Have you any idea what goes into those survival meals?"

Nick Downes for Barron's

Commander's Message



The new bridge of officers is now official, we had a most interesting Change of Watch, three

Squadrons, yes, three. It went very well and all those who attended enjoyed the food, the awards and keeping dry. Ha, may I say dry again, a tsunami, pounding rain, whipping winds and relentless flooding. It still was a good turn out. We gathered around a slide-show of a tug boat to be delivered from Italy across the Atlantic. Instead of cars, we should have had water taxis to the golf course. A very big hand for P/C Diane Valante, for orchestrating the ensemble of the Change of Watch, another hand to P/D/C Harrison Valante for running the show and coordinating with the other participating squadrons, Rowayton and Norwalk.

Congratulations to the new bridge and may this Squadron become even better known in the wonderful town of Westport. The Memorial Day parade is once again forthcoming. The Squadron asks you for your participation. P/C Commander Grant Kominek has taken care of the boat, float, paperwork and the banner for Safe Boating Week. Now it's your turn to come down and show support of our organization. March, ride or tag along.

Attend the meetings, visit at the Compo Beach picnics or just take a course in our Squadron. We need you and you really should not miss so many gatherings. Again a very big thanks to all who ran, conducted and followed through with the flooded gathering of a joint Change of Watch.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

SUMMER PICNICS

Our summer picnics will start on June 19 at Compo Beach. The dates after that will be July 5, July 17, July 31, August 14, August 28 and September 4.



The picnics start at 5:30 pm. Look for the Squadron flag in the picnic area of the south beach. The Squadron provides the fire; you bring your food and beverages.

Here are some of the regulations that need to be followed:

1. No containers of beer in excess of one liter
2. No glass containers; cans, paper or plastic containers only are allowed.

If you don't have a beach sticker, tell the gate guard you are attending the Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron Picnic. We have waivers for 15 cars in our permit. Lt/C Diane Valante, P, will be happy to answer any questions—226-6424.

Vessel Safety Check Time

It is important that you have your boat inspected. You alone are the beneficiary of knowing whether your 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 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

Safe Boating Week

May 19—25 marks the dates for Safe Boating Week. Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron received a proclamation from First Selectman Gordon Joseloff proclaiming this event.



Above from left to right are P/C Grant Kominick, First Selectman Gordon Joseloff, Cdr Craig Burry and P/D/C Harrison Valante

Our banner will fly across Main Street starting May 21 to call the public's attention to safe boating.

Remember all children under the age of 12 must wear a PFD. From October 1 through May 31st, all persons on board a manually propelled vessel must wear a PFD.



Your Dues Are Due

This is a reminder that your dues are due. You now have the option of paying by credit card at the website www.usps.org/dues or by mailing in the bill. SRSPS needs your support to continue its efforts to educate our community about safe boating. Please pay promptly. Contact our Treasurer Lt/C John Luscombe, SN, at 227-0393 with any questions.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. If you are following the Rules of the Road but are about to have a collision what should you do?
2. A tropical storm with winds of 64 knots or more is called a hurricane in the USA. What is it called in Australia?
3. According to the National Safe Boating Council drowning is the cause of death in in ____ % of all fatal boating accidents.
4. Of the people who drown in a fatal boating accident (see #3 above) ____ % were not wearing a PFD?

ANSWERS BELOW

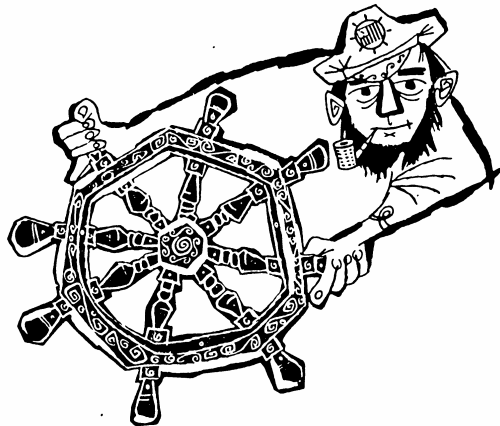
Answers

1. Avoid the collision even if it means breaking the Rules of the Road
 2. A willy willy
 3. 80 %.
 4. 90%
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SRSPS 50th ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of SRSPS we will co-host the Fall D/2 Conference. The dates are October 12-14. A special spouse program will include visiting the Wilton Historical Society and Cannon Crossing for lunch. More information will be available soon.

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Dates to Remember:

Safe Boating Week	May 19/25
Memorial Day Parade	May 28
Executive Committee Meeting	June 5

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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Date	Time	Event	Location
May 19/25	Various	Safe Boating Week	Various*
May 28	Various	Memorial Day Parade and lunch	Bogey's*
June 5	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
June 19	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach*

* Details This Issue of *Dredgings*