



# Dredgings

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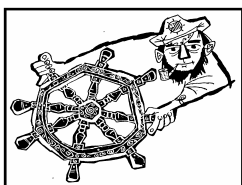
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## Compo Beach Picnics Details on Page 3

<b>July 5</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>July 31</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>August 28</b>	<b>September 4</b>

## SRSPS 50th ANNIVERSARY MEMBERS' CLAMBAKE

Free to SRSPS Members—One guest \$40

**Date:** Sunday, August 26 @ 4:00 pm

**Place:** Compo Marina Clubhouse

**Lobster or Rib Eye Steak  
or Grilled Swordfish or Chicken**

**Corn on the cob  
Red Potatoes and Cole Slaw  
Dinner Rolls  
Watermelon, Cookies, Coffee**

***Reservations and menu selection  
accepted starting July 2  
Due to clubhouse size, reservations are limited***

***Remember after July 2  
Call P/C John Luscombe, SN @ 227-0393  
Or fill out the form on the enclosed detail sheet***

## Commander's Message



If your boats are not in, they should be, well in theory; mine hasn't hit the water yet. We did have one

boat, clean, waxed and dry. In fact it even had a crew and no fuel required to run. Just our unusual float in the parade: The Memorial day parade was a big turn out.

Thank you to all the members that marched, rode and tagged along. Our squadron had many members participate. I thank you as the Commander of our wondrous squadron.

The weather held out nice and the parade was a very powerful success. The Compo Beach picnics are starting soon, don't miss them. The Squadron has been established for fifty years and we will be celebrating it in a big way.

I commend all of the past and present members in your continued support, effort and dedication towards our squadron, Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron. Keep up the good work.

The boating season has begun and before you know it, the sky will be bursting with fireworks, so move on and get the boat ready and if it is, congratulations, you beat the Commander. May all of you enjoy this summer's festivities, weather and warm rolling seas.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

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In Memoriam  
Kaye Schlott  
Memorial Mass at St Luke's Church  
July 7 at 8 am

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## 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.

# 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

## Memorial Day Parade



Left to right P/C John Luscombe, SN and P/C Budge Atterbury, AP, carry the SRSPS banner during the Memorial Day Parade.



Cdr Craig Burry, P, sits high up on the float as Bob Allen watches the crowd.

## 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](http://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. What percent of people who drown in a boating accident were not wearing a life jacket?
2. In 2006 54 people died in boating and paddling accidents. How many were not wearing a life jacket?
3. Why is it not a good idea to name your auxiliary craft with the same name as your boat?
4. If another vessel is approaching you and its bearing is constant, what is likely to happen?

### ANSWERS BELOW

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#### Answers

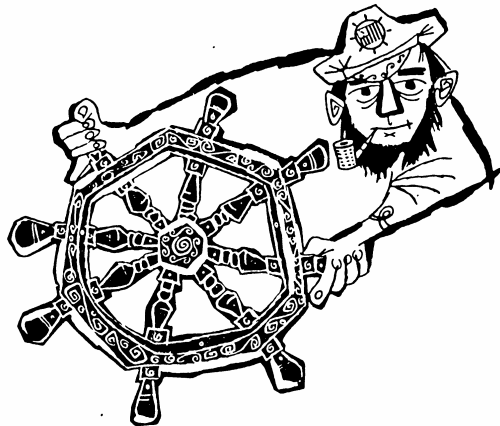
1. 85 %
2. 49
3. Thieves will know which boat is empty when you are ashore.
4. There is a danger of a collision.

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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:**

Compo Beach Picnics	Various
Executive Committee Meeting	August 7
Clambake	August 26

**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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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Various	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic Dates: 7/17, 7/31, 8/14,8/28, 9/4	Compo Beach*
Aug 7	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	EarthPlace
Aug 26	4:00 pm	50th Anniversary Clambake	Compo Marina Clubhouse *

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