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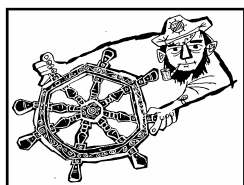
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Save the Date

Holiday Brunch Sunday December 2

The Red Barn

This is always a popular event. The holiday party will be a new venue this year with a wonderful brunch buffet

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Commander's Message



Unless we are having an Indian Summer soon, the frost and cool air will be arriving even earlier. All

picnics have been well attended. I thank everyone for participating and enjoying the social time we had. A very big thanks to Budge Atterbury for starting those fires. When he was not available, Lee Jordan and Larry Brown helped out. Thank you again, the Squadron really needs that boost of support.

Another word of thanks to our members who gave their time at the Norwalk Boat Show. The weather was right for fellow boaters and prospective Squadron members.

As we continue to celebrate the big 50th Anniversary of the founding of SRSPS, let us continue to push, promote and work on revitalizing this fine organization.

The leaves are beginning to turn and fall, the boats are being huled, don't forget we still have many interesting general meetings to come and a super Holiday party in the wings.

It is almost time for Merit Mark submissions. Good deeds are rewarded with an Merit Mark so please contact me and let me know who is deserving of this recognition.

Again, to those members who are active and continue to be part of Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron, keep it up. To those of you who are less involved, we need your support so make the effort to attend our next function.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Education Report

We would like to start some fall courses soon. If there is a course that you would like to take, please let me know.



Education is one of the very primary missions of the Power Squadron. It is important that you know what to do or how to plan for all that can happen on the water. Most of the courses have recently been completely rewritten and would be most helpful and enjoyable.

You can reach me at 227-6184.
SEO Russ Levine, P

Do You Know the Answers?

1. If 2 currents meet and cause short, steep waves they are called ____? If waves are the result of wind action they are called ____?
2. If someone falls overboard, which side is it generally best to approach the victim?
3. What is a "group flashing light"?
4. What is the origin of the word "knots" when referring to a boat's speed?

Answers

1. Rip and chop
2. To avoid being blown onto the victim it is usually better to approach the victim on the leeward side
3. This is one light flashing in groups of 2 or more flashes.
4. The number of knots that run out off a line dropped from the stern of a boat in a given time determined the speed of the boat in early days.

Roster Corrections:

There were several omissions in the 25 year member listing in the current roster. Here is the corrected listing:

Henry C. Atterbury, Jr.

Randall G. Baldwin

Robert E. Bosch

Walter V. Case

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Richard E. Eldh

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As Fall Sets In, Coast Guard Urges Safety at Sea

Fall and the changing weather bring the added danger of cold-water immersion for late-season recreational boaters, paddlers and fishermen. Inland and coastal water temperatures are rapidly cooling and will soon approach or dip below 50°F. Boaters and paddlers venturing out on the water at this time of year should have a definite plan of action and be prepared in the event of sudden cold water immersion.

Always wear a life jacket, have a float plan, and if possible, wear a wet or dry suit. Also be equipped with neoprene gloves, a wool hat, and a signaling kit that includes a mirror, flares, whistle, light, and VHF radio. It might sound excessive, but if you give some serious thought as to what can go wrong on the water, the better your chance for survival.

Search for Boat Launches

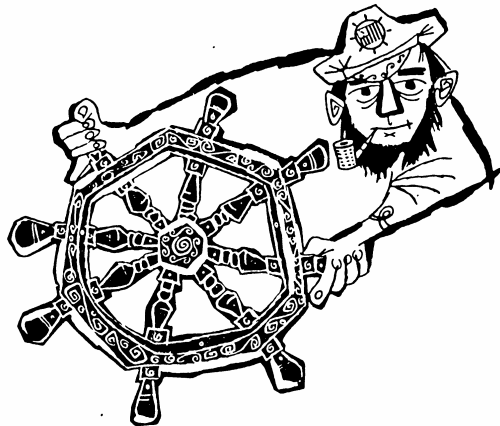
The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has announced a new feature available on their website that allows you to locate boat launches in the State. Each boat launch has a separate web page that includes photographs of the site and lists the facilities there including the parking locations.

To use the site go to their main webpage: www.ct.gov/dep/boating and select the "Where to go boating" link. Then select "Locate a Boat Launch."

The DEP owns and/or operates over 110 boat launches statewide on ponds, lakes, rivers and Long Island Sound. These launches are designed for trailered and/or cartop use.

If you have any questions, contact the Boating Division at 860-434-8638 or dep.boating.division@po.state.ct.us.

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	Nov 6
Holiday Party	Dec 2
Executive Committee	Dec 4

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

Dredgings: http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/d2_squadron_news.html

Date	Time	Event	Location
Nov 6	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	EarthPlace
Dec 2	1:30 pm	Holiday Party	Red Barn
Dec 4	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	EarthPlace

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