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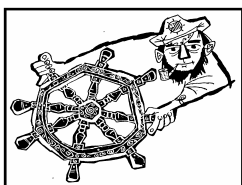
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Holiday Party

Sunday Dec 2nd 1:30 pm

The Red Barn

292 Wilton Rd Exit 41 Merritt Pkwy

Bounteous Sunday Brunch \$29 per person
Cash Bar and Complimentary Cocktails
Champagne, Bloody Marys
Mimosas and Screwdrivers

Bring modest gift and receive one from Santa
Bring unwrapped toy for child 3-16 for DVCC

Reservations by November 26

Send check payable to SRSPS to:

Lt/C John Luscombe, SN
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November 13 Program

Harbor Watch/River Watch

Earthplace 7:30 pm

Learn the health of our local watershed and why we all should be concerned. Our speakers will be Dick Harris along with Peter Fraboni who supervise the Harbor Watch/River Watch water-testing program out of Earthplace. These are exceptional speakers. Refreshments will be served before the meeting.

Commander's Message



It's official we are 50 years in the making. We need another 50 years and the Squadron will be a hundred.

Since it's founding, the members have contributed, assisted and participated.

Merit marks are due soon. I have received a few suggestions, I am closing submissions by Halloween. That's it. Top deadline. Past Commander Jose Castro will be in town to assist me with tabulation, data entry and final selections to go to National. I thank everyone for help and coordination to achieve his or her goals. The Merit mark is the only recognition that the Squadron can offer, so you should look forward to receiving them.

I would extend a hand, for the coordination, lift off and follow up with this year's fall Conference at The Danbury Ethan Allan Inn. Thank you Harrison Valante, Diane Valante for MC and orchestration of this extravaganza. John Luscombe for paying the bills, Steve Raffel for the lunch raffle, Mercedes and Art Voldstad for doing many tasks as well as Betty and Gordon Bavor for helping with just about everything. Thanks also to Bob Curtis for re-writing, directing and updating the History of the Squadron. Thank you also to National for the presentation that was bestowed upon our Squadron through the Chief Commander himself. A very big hand for those other members who made it work. You did well and let us continue this wonderment of what we give to the squadron and its members.

Have a wonderful decommissioning of your boats and don't miss us for the Holiday brunch.

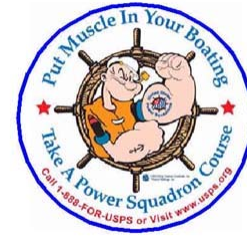
Craig Burry, P
Commander

Education Report

We will teach the Boating Course on Saturday, November 17 at Staples High School.

The class starts at 8:30 am. Successful students will receive their Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate.

This Certificate is required to operate any recreational vessel with a motor or a sailboat 19 1/2 feet or longer except a personal watercraft (Jet Ski type vessel) on Connecticut's waters. Operation of a personal watercraft requires a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. The personal watercraft certificate will also be awarded to anyone passing that portion of the test.



If you would like to help with this class please contact me at 227-6184.

SEO Russ Levine, P

Do You Know the Answers?

1. What danger signal should be sounded when there is danger or doubt?
2. When a sailing vessel overtakes a powerboat, which is the "give way" vessel?
3. When two sailing vessels are in danger of collision and both are on the same tack, which is the "stand-on vessel"?
4. A green parachute flare indicates ____ ?
5. Bonus question from *Car Talk*: What one cargo could sink an ancient ship immediately?

Answers

1. 5 blasts
2. The sailing vessel
3. The vessel farthest from the wind.
4. A submarine conducting a torpedo test
5. Rice—if it gets wet.

SRSPS Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary at the D/2 Conference



Chief Commander Earnest Marshburn, SN, and his wife, Dianne, enjoying the dinner dance at the D/2 Conference.

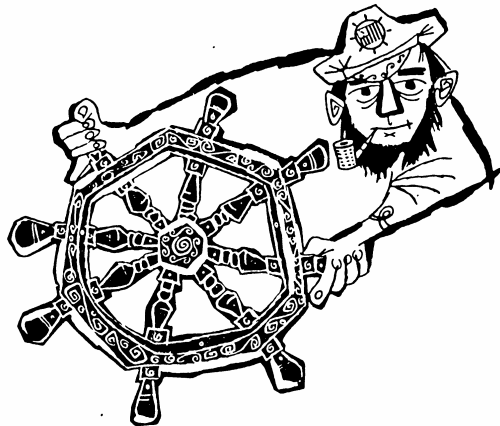
C/C Marshburn presents the 50th Anniversary burgee to P/C Arthur Voldstad, SN, and P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN (from left to right.)



Enjoying the evening dinner dance were from left to right P/C Gordon Bavor, Betty Bavor, Mercedes Voldstad and P/C Arthur Voldstad.

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	Nov 6
General Membership Meeting	Nov 13
Holiday Party	Dec 2

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Nov 6	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
Nov 13	7:30 pm	Harbor Watch/River Watch	Earthplace
Dec 2	1:30 pm	Holiday Party	Red Barn
Dec 4	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	EarthPlace

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