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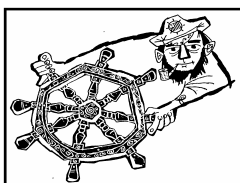
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**Note: There will be no General Membership Meeting in January.**

**There will be an Executive Committee Meeting on January 8, 2008 at 7:30 pm at EarthPlace. All members are invited to attend.**

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**The Squadron's Annual Meeting will be Tuesday February 12.**

## Commander's Message



The brunch at the Red Barn was a real hit, the food was scrumptious and too much of all flavors and delicacies.

I'm not sure how many showed, but it was a full loft. Santa arrived and found all the members of the Squadron to have been good. Harrison Valante said a few words about the D/2 Conference which was a joint venture of the other Squadrons. We had a great time with a holiday party brunch. Plenty of food, good champagne and of course desert. Thanks to all who brought toys for the Domestic Violence Crisis Center of Norwalk.

On the sadder note, the Squadron took a moment to remember Ted Jacques. He was a key to our Squadron for conducting vessel safety examinations and was past Commodore of Minute Man Yacht Club. He will be missed.

On a happier note, the new year is coming and with it another safe and fun boating season is waiting in the wings. For now enjoy the festivities, the Holiday season and have a very Happy New Year. Remember that in less than three months from January it will be time to dust off the snow, pull the tarps and get the boat ready to play with again. While your boats are winterized, don't forget to use these winter months by taking a Squadron Course, frostbiting, skating or just making a snow man.

Oh, by the way keep on the look out for the rewards of Merit Marks, soon to be in the mail to you.

Happy Holidays

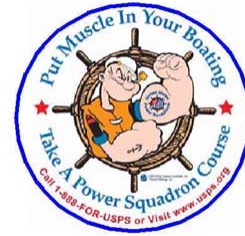
Craig Burry, P  
Commander

## Education Report

We will teach the Boating Course on Saturday, March 15 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. You are sailing 45°T going 6 knots. Three hours later you are still on your track line but 3 miles from your DR. What is the current's Set and Drift?
2. Very large racing sailboats have powerful sheet winches that are called?
3. What part of a fire should you aim a fire extinguisher?
4. How is it possible to use a depth sounder to navigate a course?

### Answers

1. Set 225 Drift is 1 knot—the current is going against your bow
2. Coffee Grinders
3. The base.
4. Follow a depth contour line on a chart

*Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm*

Publilius Syrus (from *Maxims*)

# **SRSPS Holiday Brunch**

## **The Red Barn, Westport CT**



**Santa (aka Betty Bavor) made an appearance with gifts and party favors for all.**

**Photo by P/C Budge Atterbury, AP**



**Shirley and Budge Atterbury enjoying the Holiday Brunch**

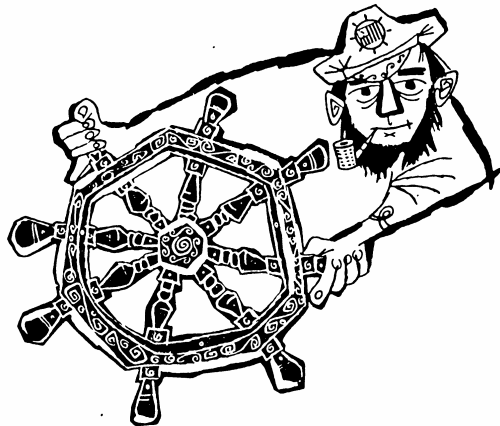
**Photo by P/C John Luscombe, SN**



**P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN making announcements at the Holiday Brunch as Barbara Kidney and Jean Bosch (left to right) listen.**

**Photo by P/C Budge Atterbury, AP**

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**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>Jan 8</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>Feb 5</b>
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Feb 12</b>

## **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>
<b>Jan 8</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Earthplace</b>
<b>Feb 5</b>	<b>730 pm</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Earthplace</b>
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