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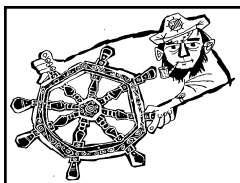
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## TRI-SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH



**Saugatuck River\*\*\*Norwalk\*\*\*Rowayton  
Sunday, March 9, 2008 at 1:30 PM**

**Quattro Pazzi Restaurant  
Oak Hills Park, 165 Fallow Street  
Norwalk, CT (203) 855-1800**

**LUNCH BUFFET 1:30 PM  
\$28.00 per person      Cash Bar  
Reservations due by February 29**

**Make check made payable to:  
Rowayton Power Squadron**

**Mail To:  
Lt/C Dennis L. Castiglia, AP  
192 North Taylor Ave, Norwalk, CT 06854**

## Commander's Message



Well the Squadron is up for a Change Of Watch again, hopefully this time no

downpours and torrid floods. For those members who attended, you may remember the pools of water, the high winds and the dripping ice. We will be once again armed with Bridge Officers and volunteers who help the Squadron along.

In a few months we will have started to uncover the boats and ready them for yet another season of fun and adventure on the water. In the meantime, the national and local elections for 2008 will begin and we, The Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron will begin our campaign again with further promotion and marketing of a Boating Squadron that gives so much to it's community and just keeps on going.

So for now, as the winter slowly winds it's way through the changing season and we get ready for spring, please keep in mind that The Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron is always making way through the environmental obstacles that it encounters and trudges through membership retention for another fifty years. Until then "Happy Boating".

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

## Boat for Sale

1986 Bayliner 19½ foot, capri cuddy cabin, 125hp Force outboard, full canvas, all required electronics, Calkin trailer, well maintained, \$3.500.

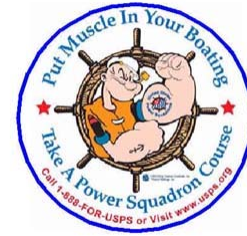
Call Harry Hannaway 227-3962.

## 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. What do you call a pile of stones used as a lighted navigational aid?
2. What is the #1 cause of nylon line deterioration?
3. When would you enter a change in your DR?
4. Generally rule for changing belts is how often?

### Answers

1. A cain
2. Sun exposure
3. At least once an hour, changing course and/or changing speed.
4. As needed or every 2 years. Worn belts can be uses as spares for emergencies.

## **Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron—A Short History**

On May 29, 1957, a group of Westport yachtsmen and boating enthusiasts received approval of their newly written bylaws for the Saugatuck River Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, and proceeded to go to work. Their objectives as declared in Article II of the new by-laws were as follows:

*“The objects of the Saugatuck River Power Squadron shall be to establish a high standard of skill in the handling and navigation of yachts, power and sail, to encourage study of the science of navigation, to cooperate with agencies of the United States Government charged with enforcement of the law and regulations relating to navigation, and to stimulate interest in activities which will tend to the up building of our Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.”*

Although the word “sail” appears in the above declaration and there are many sailboats in the squadron, the group was known both informally and officially until 1998 as the Power Squadron. The word “Power” dates back to 1912 when Roger Upton and other yacht club officials formed a power boat division of the Boston Yacht Club. At that time, yachting had been confined largely to sailing craft which held races and cruises without much thought for the increasing number of power boats which were considered play-boats by the out-and-out sailors. Other yacht clubs felt the need to organize a separate division, not only to dignify non-sailors, but to educate them, test them, and train them to standards acceptable to the U.S. Navy and the merchant marine, which later accepted many of them for active duty. In 1914, delegates from some twenty yacht clubs held a conference at the New York Yacht Club and launched a national organization called the United States Power Squadrons.

## **Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron—A Short History (cont)**

USPS allowed fleets throughout the nation and its possessions to receive and give uniform instruction in anything concerning power boating. Before long, sailboat owners recognized the value in joining such an organization to add to their knowledge of sailing, but felt uncomfortable with the name, and after many years took steps to obtain approval from USPS to include “Sail” in the name of some of the individual squadrons. USPS itself refused to change its name. The Westport squadron obtained approval finally, and on October 10, 1998, a Certificate of Amendment was approved by the State of Connecticut to add “SAIL AND” to the corporate name. Of the 450 or so USPS squadrons, Saugatuck River Power Squadron was one the first to take that step, and in doing so corrected a custom that had concerned them for the 41 years since Saugatuck River Power Squadron had been formed in 1957.

*To Be Continued*

Submitted by P/C Bob Curtis, SN

## **District 2 Conference April 4 & 5, 2008**

**The Norwalk Inn & Conference Center  
99 East Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851**

### **Saturday**

**8:00 am – 11:00 am Registration**

**8:00 am – 9:15 am Continental Breakfast**

**9:15 am – 12:00 pm Business Meeting**

**Call to Order**

**12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Meet & Greet (cash bar)**

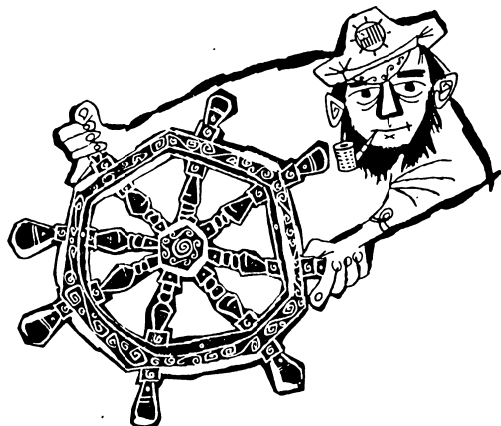
**12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Luncheon Buffet**

**2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Business Meeting**

**Details and registration form at:**

**<http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/d2event.html#District>**

**Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron  
6 Janson Drive  
Westport, CT 06880**



**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>March 4</b>
<b>Change of Watch</b>	<b>March 9</b>
<b>District 2 Conference</b>	<b>April 5/6</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>Mar 4</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Earthplace</b>
<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>130 pm</b>	<b>Change of Watch</b>	<b>Quattro Pazzi*</b>
<b>Apr 5/6</b>	<b>Various</b>	<b>D/2 Conference</b>	<b>Norwalk Inn*</b>

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