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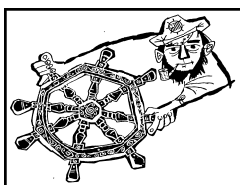
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GPS SEMINAR

May 13, 2008

Earthplace 7:30 pm

Presented by

George Hallenbeck, AP, Stamford PS

GPS has become a common tool for navigation. However using GPS on the

water is distinctly different from a moving map display in your car. This seminar explains the principles of way-point navigation which you will use.



It then shows you how to relate the GPS to your charts which provide essential information about what is around you.

Note there is no General Membership Meeting in April.

Commander's Message



Well the Squadron has just had another successful Change Of watch. We are 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. 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.

I am proud to say that we are again structurally sound with a strong backbone of officers and with members who contribute to further our organization. We now will venture forward. Thank you, our Bridge of Officers and our fellow members. "The Lifeline of Boating", is once again coming to life and we will become an even better known educational boating organization in Westport.

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 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 taught h the Boating Course on Saturday, March 15, at Staples High School. The class had 23 students. I am happy to report that every student was successful in passing the course. All the grades were very high.



Thanks to everyone who helped me in staging this course: Bob Allen, Budge Atterbury, Bobbie Raffel, Steve Raffel and Harrison Valante.

SEO Russ Levine, P

Do You Know the Answers?

1. A telltale on a shroud of a vessel underway would tell the true or apparent wind?
2. What do the following ship name prefixes mean: USS, MS, HMS, FV and HMCS?
3. A towboat's stern when towing alongside should be where relative to the other boat's transom?
4. What is an easy way to remove barnacles from a prop?

Answers

1. Apparent
2. United States Ship, Merchant Ship, Her Majesty's Ship, Fishing Vessel and Her Majesty's Canadian Ship
3. Aft of
4. Dissolve them in muriatic acid but be very cautious handling it

Larry Brown's Daughter

Long time SRSPS member, Larry Brown, P, has a daughter named Leslie. She has recently published a book called *Escape from Hermit Island: Two Women's Struggle to Save Their Sunken Sailboat in Remote Papua New Guinea*.

In October 2002, *Banshee*, a 34-foot sailboat owned by Joy Smith and Leslie Brown hit a reef and sank in five minutes. Joy was trapped in the flooded cabin. A village fisherman pulled her to safety. Four days later, with both help and hindrance from the primitive villagers, they managed to patch and kedge their boat off the reef and refloat her.

They were then marooned on the island for over three months before they could sail to safety on the north coast of Papua New Guinea.

They sailed their boat from Papua to Hermit Island to seek the island's friendly people. Their stay was enjoyable until disaster struck when they hit a reef. The boat sank immediately. Their survival ordeal took place in very difficult circumstances, in a primitive part of the third world, where strangers are not always welcomed.

In Late January 2003 they were able to sail away from Hermit Island using only wind and sails. They made a 300-mile voyage to safety in stormy conditions with no engine, no autopilot, no navigation lights, limited food and water and one tiny chart.

To read the full exciting tale go to www.bansheeboat.com and order a copy of this extraordinary book.

Vessel Safety Check



Under a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary dated 29 January 2000, the U.S. Power Squadrons became partners with the USCGAux. in a national program to provide safety checks to recreational boaters. The VSC Program replaces the Courtesy Marine Examination Program. It is designed to assist boaters in complying with federal and state recreational boating laws and regulations. The VSC Program will help minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage and environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats in order to maximize the safe use and enjoyment of United States waterways by the public.

Contact Al Stauderman to see how you can become part of this program—762-9527.

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

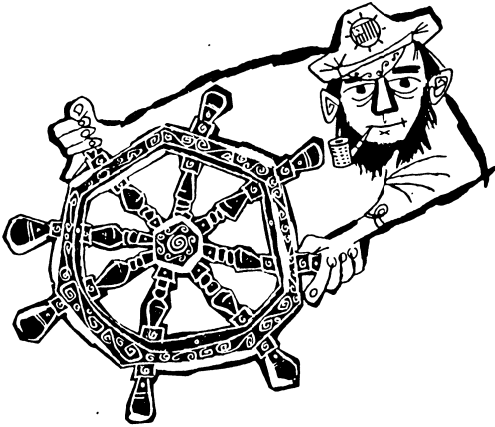
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm Meet & Greet (cash bar)

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>



Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	April 1
District 2 Conference	April 4/5
Executive Committee	May 6

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
Apr 1	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
Apr 4/5	Various	D/2 Conference	Norwalk Inn*
May 6	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
May 13	7:30pm	GPS Seminar	Earthplace

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