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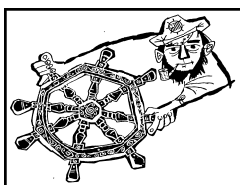
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GPS SEMINAR

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.

To register for the seminar see Page 3 this issue of Dredgings.

Commander's Message



The boats are ready for the water, right - no not with this strange weather, but be

hopeful, because in less than a week the 70 degree mark will come back. We had a good turnout with the one day course Boating with the Continuing Education of Westport at Staples High School. Everyone pass, hurray.

We are having a GPS seminar in May and soon the Compo Picnics will begin again. Our Squadron is doing well both in a financial realm and has many members assisting when needed. The dues will be due soon and the Memorial day parade will be with us again. Please participate and let them know we exist, let them know we have the best show in town, let them know that we are around.

I would like to thank everyone again for becoming bridge officers and helping to keep the glue of the Squadron together— with out em', we would be history. Speaking of history, thank you again to Bob Curtis for staying on as Historian and keeping our Squadrons archives.

So may all of our members enjoy this boating season and may all our members have fun on the water, enjoy it, 'cause before you know it, it's time for snow to fly.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

SUMMER PICNICS



Our summer picnics will start on June 10 at Compo Beach.

The dates after that will be June 24, July 8, July 22, August 5, August 19, September 2 and September 16.

The picnics start at 5:30 pm. Look for the Squadron flag in the picnic area of the south beach. The Squadron provides the fire; you bring your food and beverages.

Here are some of the regulations that need to be followed:

1. No containers of beer in excess of one liter
2. No glass containers; cans, paper or plastic containers only are allowed.

If you don't have a beach sticker, tell the gate guard you are attending the Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron Picnic. We have waivers for 15 cars in our permit. Lt/C Diane Valante, P, will be happy to answer any questions—226-6424.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is the signal to get a drawbridge to open?
2. What is the approximate wind speed when white caps form?
3. One revolution of a prop moves a boat a certain distance. What is distance called?
4. What is the best way to prevent an anchor from becoming stuck to the seabed?

Answers

1. 1 prolong and 2 short blasts
2. Depending on the conditions 13-18 knots
3. Pitch of the prop
4. Rig a trip line

**GPS SEMINAR
Tuesday May 13
Earthplace
7:30pm to 9:30pm**

Questions?

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Vessel Safety Check

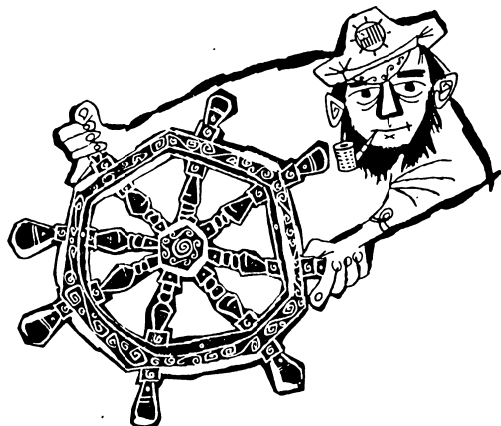


Under a Memorandum of Understanding The Squadron vessel safety check (VSC) program is looking for four candidates to join the present vessel examiner crew in conducting complementary exams throughout the Westport area. Those qualifying will join the present team, consisting off Wayne Kohman, Grant Kominek, Dave Martin, Frank Richards, Al Stauderman and Joyce Thompson, which performed 70 exams last year.

Vessels passing the free and voluntary safety checks are presented with certificates and decals by the vessel examiner. The decals are to be displayed on the vessel where they may be observed by Coast Guard and other enforcement personnel. Vessel Examiners themselves have no law enforcement authority and are instructed to reveal their *findings to only the vessel owner or operator.*

Qualification as a Vessel Examiner is accomplished by studying the VE manual posted on the USPS website at the candidate's convenience, passing a comprehensive test, and performing five exams under the supervision of a certified examiner. Homework and any questions during the training stage will be reviewed with a mentor from the present VE team, and certification for qualification as a Vessel Examiner will be granted by the USPS to those who pass an exam via email. Further information on the qualifying program is available from Al Stauderman at 762-9527 or al@bbsadpro.com.

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	May 6
GPS Seminar	May 13
Executive Committee	June 3

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
May 6	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
May 13	7:30 pm	GPS Seminar	Earthplace*
June 3	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace

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