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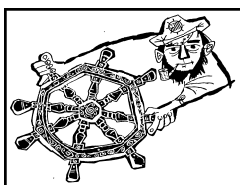
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Compo Picnics

Picnic Dates



June 24
July 8
July 22
August 5
August 19
September 2
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.

Commander's Message



Who besides me is fairly upset with the weather for May. Well the wind and rain is

going and the grass is growing, but not too many boats are in the water yet, including mine. I have found some problems this year, so the floor boards are to be re-done and strengthened. I will be in sometime, I hope Memorial Day but its doubtful.

Ok, enough with that, so those who are in, congratulations, to those who are shopping for a boat, enjoy and for those who have not made it in, join me with a party dedicated to not getting her ready in time for the season.

The Compo picnics are starting and fire starters are at the ready, so bring the food, cook well and enjoy the feast among fellow boaters. We also will have a good turn out for boat inspections.

According to our Chairman, Al Stauderman, it is running as planned. I have not heard yet about the traditional Sprite Island picnic, but in the past we have had a good turn out. Perhaps the next ex meeting we will venture forward with the idea, who knows, perhaps if not Sprite, then Shea.

Please remember, show up at the Memorial Day Parade, let's let them know we are here in town, let's let them know we don't fool around and let's let the town know we will win the best float on the ground.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

National Safe Boating Week May 17—23, 2008

As part of the celebration of National Safe Boating week, SRSPS had a banner hung over Main Street.



Westport's First Selectman, Gordon Joseloff also issued a Safe Boating Week Proclamation



**Gordon Joseloff, Cdr Craig Burry
and P/C Grant Kominek left to right**

Do You Know the Answers?

1. Which quarters of the moon do neap tides (lower highs; higher lows) occur?
2. Where does the pivot point move when you increase speed ahead?
3. When can you depart from the Navigation Rules?
4. Which boats can display a flashing blue light?

Answers

1. 1st and 3rd quarters
2. Forward
3. When there is an immediate danger
4. A law-enforcement boat

Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day Parade is May 26, meet at 8:30 am At Riverside Avenue. John Luscombe and Budge Atterbury will be carrying the banner. Ted O'Neil of All Season Marine is providing the boat which he will be trailering. We need people to march and be on the boat. Call P/C Grant Kominek to let him know you will be there 656-0388.

P/C Bob Curtis, SN, Party

Recently, P/C Bob Curtis, SN, celebrated what is called a *milestone birthday* - 90 years young.



Bob with his 2 sons and daughter. Photo by P/C Budge Atterbury.

Vessel Safety Check

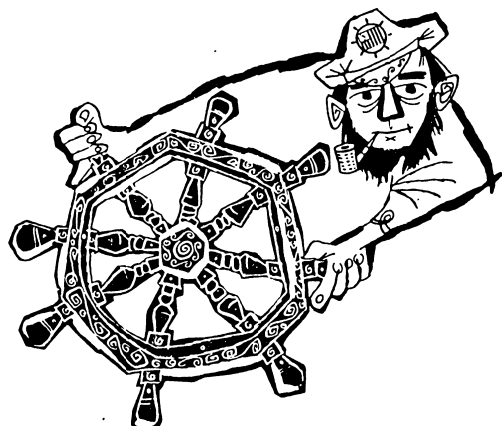


Under a Memorandum of Understanding The Squadron vessel safety check (VSC) program is looking for four candidates to join the present vessel examiner crew in conducting complementary exams throughout the Westport area. Those qualifying will join the present team, consisting off Lee Jordan, Wayne Kohman, 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	June 3
Compo Beach Picnic	June 24
Compo Beach Picnic	July 8

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
June 3	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
June 24	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach
July 8	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach

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