

# Dredgings

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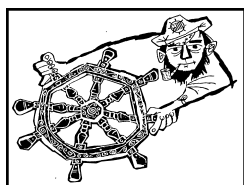
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## Fall Courses 2008

<u>Course</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Seamanship	Sept 17	Marine Center	gwlk@aol.com
Piloting	Sept 15	Middlesex High	dsps@optonline.net
Piloting	Sept 22	Greenwich High	ralphkravitz@sbcglobal.net
Jr Navigation	To Be	Determined	dsps@optonline.net
Navigation	Oct 15	Marine Center	gwlk@aol.com

### Electives

Cruise Planning	Seot 16	Middlesex High	dsps@optonline.net
Marine Electronics	Sept 17	Government Center	gwlk@aol.com



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**It is still not too late to get your boat inspected. Contact Al Stauderman at 762-9527 for an appointment.**

## Commander's Message



It is almost time to haul'em, wrap'em and call it for the season, but regardless of

the previous tropical storm Hanna, we had no mishaps at either marina. Sunday after the storm was gorgeous, I came down to see that most slips were vacated and to my surprise many boats came back. The air was crisp, the sun perfect and the wind delightful. Cockeoe harbor, "the Cove", was like grand central station, bar b ques, grills, bonfires were flowing and glowing, with a pungent mouth watering smell from the billowing breeze and wind. The water was perfect to swim in, ski and wind surf. Most boats I saw had doubled lines, extra fenders and some even hauled the boat out. I, myself went down around 3 pm and checked on many boats for friends and clients, using extra everything, including my boat. I was pleased to see that most boats were not full of water, smashed to smithereens and sunk. In fact with the storm signal flag waving and practically standing on end, it is amazing that these vessels survived. I checked on the boat every four to six hours and realized I was in the thick of it on the docks with torrential, powerful, relentless rain pouring, winds howling. However, after the evening of Saturday, the calm after the storm, the day was a picture perfect day, I hope everyone went to the boat, checked her out and said, let's go boating.

Ok, so now two more months of sailing, fishing and skiing, right. The Compo picnics have had a great turn-out. Budge Atterbury has been at the fire, starting it, supplying it and fueling it. Thanks Budge for tending and guarding a Bar - b- que for our squadron

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## Commanders Message (continued)

It is getting to be time to submit to me your contributions and assistance to the squadron, in time for merit marks. So those who did, those who continue to do, thank you. Please get the information to me, so that all of this can be compiled and ready to go to National for review. . It is the only way that a member gets recognition for helping our squadron along. So, keep your face to the wind and have a few more months of boating.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

## Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is the correct tire designation for boat trailer tires?
2. How should the colors be hoisted in the morning?
3. What is the best way to douse a propane fire?
4. If you see a yellow flare, what does that indicate?

### ANSWERS:

1. ST Special Trailer. Others are P for passenger and LT for light truck
2. Rapidly and before other flags.
3. Shut off the fuel supply
4. A submarine surfacing

## Education Report

We are preparing our fall course schedule. Please let me know what course you are considering 227-6184. We hope to offer courses in addition to those listed on page 1.

SEO Russ Levine, P

## THANK YOU

To all my friends at Saugatuck River Sail & Power Squadron, please accept my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all of your thoughtful expressions of sympathy upon the loss of your friend and my beloved husband, Lee Jordan. My family and I are so grateful for the beautiful flowers, the lovely card and the many calls and letters we received. Thank you so much for your love and friendship.

Most sincerely,  
Rose Jordan

## Clambake

Bravo to Swanson's that provided a yummy clambake for so many of us on Sunday August 24th. A sunny and bright day was a perfect tonic for the festivities.

I appreciate so very much all those that helped me put on the event. Bravo to Larry Brown, Betty Bavor, Mercedes Voldstad and Harrison Valante. Enthusiastic helpers were Bill Caldwell, Art Voldstad, Harry and Denise Atterbury and John Luscombe.

Delicious appetizers were provided by Thelma Allen, Val Keen, Diane Valante, Jean Caldwell and Mercedes Voldstad.

Thanks again. It was a fun affair.

Diane Valante, S  
Administrative Officer

## Norwalk International Boat Show

I'm looking for some folks to represent the Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron at the Norwalk Boat Show, which will run from Thursday, September 18th through Sunday the 21st at Cove Marina.

We need volunteers to man the USPS booth on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cove Marina in Norwalk. The show runs from 10a.m. until 6 p.m. each day, and we'd like to get people in for 2 to 4 hour shifts. One big perk is free admission to the boat show for the day you help man the booth. Helping out with the Boat Show is also a fun way to earn a USPS Merit Mark.

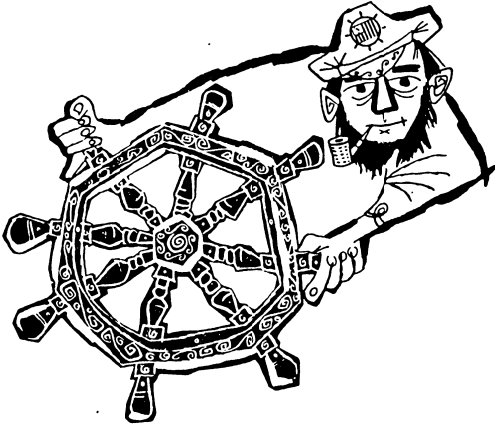
If you can help out, please contact Grant Kominick (203) 656-0386, or email gkominick@hotmail.com.

## VSC Team Scores 85 Exams Ranks Second in District 2

Saugatuck River Squadron Vessel Examiners have registered 85 vessel exams for the year, surpassing last year's record of 70 and ranking second in the District to perennial winner Lake Candlewood..

Wayne Kohman led the VEs with 20 exams, followed by Joyce Thompson, VSC chair Al Stauderman, Dave Martin and Jeff Kapec, all of whom scored 10 or more exams.. All seven Vessel Examiners maintained their certification by recording five or more exams.

The VE team promises to be back next year and is looking for more prospective Examiners. Training will be conducted at your own pace over the winter, with a certified VE mentoring you. Call Al Stauderman for further information 762-9527.



**Dates to Remember:**

Norwalk Boat Show	Sep 18/21
Executive Committee	October 7
General Membership Meeting	October 14

## 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>
Sept 18	Various	Norwalk Boat Show	Cove Marina*
Oct 7	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
Oct 14	7:30 pm	General Membership Meeting	Earthplace

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