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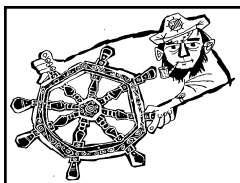
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HOLIDAY PARTY
Sunday December 14
1:30 pm The Red Barn
292 Wilton Rd
Westport CT (Exit 41)

Buffet Lunch



Complimentary

Bloody Mary
Mimosa
Screw Driver

Cash Bar RSVP by December 10th
\$32 per person

Checks to:

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Commander's Message



Despite the weather and the leaves sticking to the trees, it is now time to say goodbye to the boating

season. I recently discovered that if you run an outboard engine with fuel injection, have the injectors pulled and inspected at the close of the season. Why? Because if the fuel was a bit stale from not using a boat for a week or so, it could cause rust. Yes, rust, the gasoline that we purchase could have contamination in it. Be sure to have injectors cleaned and checked at the end of the season. Most engines are injected. If it was the old carb, no problem, break open, clean out fuel bowl and reassemble. Well, it only takes a pen tip full of rust, dirt, ect.... to cause a hindrance. This would effect your performance on the water and become a very troublesome start for the beginning season

Enough with that, as for some news for our members, the merit mark proposals have been accounted for and have been reviewed by the merit mark advisor. I am happy to say, hurray, all have been accepted and a very special one has been issued to our late great good friend and outstanding member Lee Jordan. His contribution led to this awarded merit mark for working on vessel inspections while he was still so stricken with illness. Lee was able to perform many vessel exams. Our Squadron ranked second in the District for the number of safety exams. Candlewood was the first.

The balance of what I have to say in this message is, have fun at the Holiday Brunch at the Red Barn. Have a very nice Thanksgiving.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is the range of wind speed for small craft warnings to be posted?
2. What are documented boats are required to fly in U.S. waters?
3. Tides and Currents go in which directions?
4. How can you tell when a RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) is properly inflated?

ANSWERS:

1. 18 to 33 knots
2. The yacht ensign
3. Tides go up and down; currents go in and out
4. Your foot is lifted off the pump by the back pressure

Education Report

We are preparing our fall/winter course schedule. Please let me know what course you are considering 227-6184.

SEO Russ Levine, P

District Award

The Shipping Over Award is given to the squadron for members renewing to the Squadron. This year SRSPS proudly ranked number #1 in the District for renewals.

The award was presented at the Fall Conference.

Here are the retention numbers for the top 5 squadrons:

Saugatuck River	95.7%
Lake Candlewood	94.4
Champlain	94.4
Peekskill	91.7
Penfield	91.2

P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN

Congratulations

SRSPS is very proud that two of our members have achieved significant milestones in USPS®

Gordon Bavor, AP, has earned his 50th Merit Mark. He will be receiving a special plaque at the annual National Meeting.

P/C Budge Atterbury, AP, has completed his 50th year of membership. He will be awarded a special certificate at the next Squadron general membership meeting.

Again, our congratulations and appreciation for all that these two outstanding members contribute to SRSPS.



Recently, USPS announced a new program called the Boat Operator's Certification Program. USPS will certify USPS members at various levels of recreational boating proficiency. These certifications will be recognized across the boating community, both domestically and internationally.

The District is putting together all the details of how to implement this program. We expect to have it available for members in the spring of 2009.

Boat for Sale

Classic fisherman style 20' Aquasport, powered with a complete rebuilt 115 hp Yamaha w/ a new Galvanized EZ Loader trailer. The boat is redone from the bottom up. The engine has been revamped with new fuel pump, VST tank, injectors and water pump. Craig Burry \$9,500 (226-8292.); will consider break up of engine only.

New Connecticut Boating Laws

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has announced new regulations regarding boating safety:

All persons aboard any manually propelled vessel are now required to wear life jackets from October 1st to May 31st. Previously, the requirement to wear life jackets only applied to persons aboard canoes. Now, kayakers and persons in rowboats must comply with this requirement as well.

Additional changes to the Connecticut regulations are:

Children under the age of 16 will be permitted to operate a boat other than a PWC without a boating certificate if they are under the supervision of a person at least 18 years of age who has a boating certificate for at least 2 years.

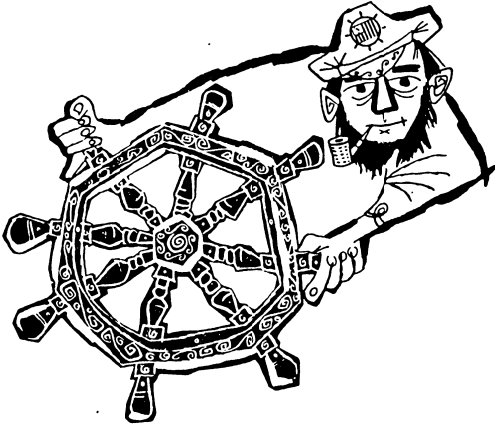
The required on-board safety equipment and light requirements will be the same for boaters on both coastal and inland waters as referenced to the U.S. Coast guard equipment carriage and navigation lighting requirements.

All these changes will be reflected in the new 2009 Connecticut Boater's Guide. That publication is usually available in late January and is must reading for every Connecticut boater.

Thanks to P/C Budge Atterbury, AP, for providing this information.

Boat for Sale

Cobia Odyssey 195, powered with 150hp Johnson w/ Loadrite Galvanized trailer, maintained commissioned, decommissioned every season. New Fuel tank, new TNT assembly. Redone carpeting and plush cuddy cabin. Craig Burry \$6,000(226-8292).



Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	December 2
Holiday Party	December 14

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Dec 2	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
Dec 14	1:30 pm	Holiday Party	The Red Barn*
Jan 6	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace

* Details This Issue of *Dredgings*