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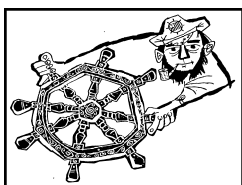
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HOLIDAY PARTY
Sunday December 14
1:30 pm The Red Barn
292 Wilton Rd
Westport CT (Exit 41)

Buffet Lunch



Complimentary

Bloody Mary
Mimosa
Screw Driver

Cash Bar RSVP by December 12th
\$32 per person

Checks to:

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Commander's Message



Look at the date on this issue of *Dredgings*. Here we are publishing our newsletter with a

2009 date. The days, months and years go by too fast. It is a reminder that that we must use our precious time to do the things that matter most and not waste the hours. What really matters is a very personal choice but one we should be mindful of as the minutes slip away. Be sure to allot some of those precious hours in 2009 for SRSPS. What better investment of your time than helping others to become safe boaters and having fun doing that needed task.

Our holiday party is very soon. If you haven't made your reservation, do it now. This is absolutely the last chance. Last year all who attended had a wonderful time. The year's party promises to be even better as we will be downstairs. You won't have to juggle your plate of food going up the steep stairway as we did last year.

This year of 2008 has had many challenges and many good times. We know 2009 will be one of economic and world unrest but we must be confident that with problems come opportunities for improving all peoples' lives.

Happy Holidays and let us all work for a year of safe boating and a year of world peace.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Vessel Safety Examiner



Any Squadron member who is interested in being certified as Vessel Examiner

(VE) for the 2009 Squadron Vessel Safety Check program is invited to express that interest to Al Stauderman, Vessel Safety Check chairman.

The preparation work includes study at your own pace and exams via email, with mentoring by one or two current Saugatuck River VE's. Contact Al by email at al@bbsdadpro.com or phone him daytimes at 454-8781.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. Sailing downwind can be dangerous if you accidentally jibe. What can be done to prevent that?
2. When you read a compass and get your course, how do you plot that on a chart?
3. When contacting a the bridge tender, which VHF channel should you use?
4. When you attach the anchor to the anchor-rode by a shackle, what should be your next step?

ANSWERS:

1. Rig a boom preventer—a line from the boom to a secure fitting.
2. Convert the magnetic compass reading to true by subtracting variation (West variation) and plot that reading.
3. Channel 13
4. Insert a copper wire or plastic wire tie through the shackle pin and attach it to the shackle to keep the pin from opening.

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

Coast Guard Finds Owner of Adrift Boat

BOSTON - The Coast Guard ended an extensive search that when the owner of an adrift paddle boat called Station Boothbay Harbor at 9:30 a.m. today and reported she was safe.

The owner said she suspected her paddle boat broke free from its mooring with nobody in it and did not realize the Coast Guard was searching for her.

Station Boothbay launched a 47-foot motor life boat and began searching 2 p.m. after a good Samaritan reported he found the paddle boat adrift near Seguin Island with the owner's backpack and two books aboard. The Coast Guard also issued repeated urgent marine information broadcasts to alert boaters of the possible missing person asking them to call Sector Northern New England if they had any information.

An Air Station Cape Cod Falcon jet also assisted in the search, which had to be suspended at night due to severe weather before beginning again at first light. The total area searched was 171 square miles.

"We are thrilled that she is safe and unharmed," said Chief Petty Officer Ray E. Mahannah of Sector Northern New England. "At the same time, we encourage mariners to report lost or missing vessels or people to the local police or nearest Coast Guard station as soon as possible. Getting information quickly can often result in the safe location of the property or individuals, which prevents the need to search further.

"Mariners can also help by double-checking their vessel's moorings when severe weather is approaching," said Mahannah. "Many vessels end up reported as unmanned and adrift after storms go through the area, and the Coast Guard responds to those reports just like other distress calls."

Source: Coast Guard July 2008

SRSPTS ROSTER

Members of SRSPTS recently received a 2008_2009 roster.

Please email any corrections to P/C Stephen Raffel, SN, at raffel@post.harvard.edu. All corrections will be published in the *Dredgings*.

Here are the first corrections

P/C John Luscombe's new email is jpluscom@att.net

Walter Paul should be listed as a 25 year member.

Also, note his new email address is nefertari@optonline.net

USPS[®] EDUCATION FUND

SRSPTS has once again achieved 100% contribution from its membership to the USPS Education fund. That is our 44th year of 100% participation. We are the only squadron to achieve that record. The squadron can be justly proud of that achievement.

Two Boats 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).

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.

Dates to Remember:

Holiday Party	December 14
Executive Committee	January 6
Executive Committee	February 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
Dec 14	1:30 pm	Holiday Party	The Red Barn*
Jan 6	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
Feb 3	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace

* Details This Issue of *Dredgings*