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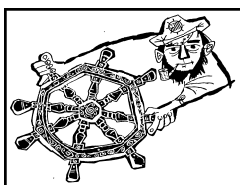
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ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday February 10

7:30 pm Earthplace

Westport CT

Election of new officers and
reports of the current
bridge officers

Winter Council Meeting

Saturday January 31

Best Western Inn

2170 South Rd

Poughkeepsie, NY

\$32 includes Continental Breakfast
and complete buffet lunch

Reservations to:

D/Lt Alexandra Digilio

25 Thomas Ave

Fishkill, NY 12524

Questions? Call 845-896-6644

Commander's Message



Well it is 2009 and Happy New year to everyone. I just recently went to Mohawk to ski Saturday

at night, when it was a cold 18 degrees with, get this, 30 mph winds as an updraft. Yes, as you ski, the wind gusts and stops you, dead in your tracks. I still did forty runs and froze, but a ton of fun for kicking off 2009. It's like frostbiting, but no other sailors around.

I hope you all had a good Holiday and are ready for another powerful, dynamic push with our Squadron. We won numerous awards, including Merit Marks and other note worthy commendations from National. We have had a few more members join, hur-ray and a few more dollars to our kitty.

I thank everyone for doing a part to keep us afloat. As for the COW, it is coming, as for Officers to be on it, they are, as for members to assist and help, please do. I look forward to us becoming more of a well known community event and boating educator in Westport; above all, to be on top of the list for National once again.

So, as the snow and ice continues and the wind howls, remember that boating and the season is fast approaching.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

In Memoriam

Elizabeth "Buff" McDonald, WC. Buff was the wife of P/C Bruce McDonald, N. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bruce and his children. Memorial contributions can be made to Respite Care Adult Day Service 45 Baribeau Drive Brunswick, ME 04011 or the Bruce McDonald '57 Scholarship Fund at Bowdoin College.

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. What is the radio signal you should make after making a distress call?
2. If you are sailing and your boom is on the starboard side what tack are you on?
3. When you are coiling three-stranded line, how can you avoid kinks?
4. What is a "monkey fist and what is it used for?"

ANSWERS:

1. Seelonce feenee.
2. Port.
3. Twist your wrist clockwise a quarter turn. Note no twist is necessary with braided line.
4. A monkey fist is a ball at the end of a heaving line that assists throwing the line.

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

Holiday Party

A wonderful time was had by all at the annual SRSPS Holiday Party at the Red Barn. These pictures were submitted by P/C Budge Atterbury, AP.



P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN, (right) presents P/C Budge Atterbury, AP with his 50 year Membership plaque



P/C Steve Raffel, SN, and Bobbie Raffel, P



P/C Diane Valante, S, (right) and Irma Schachter

Holiday Party

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P/C Budge Atterbury and Shirley Atterbury



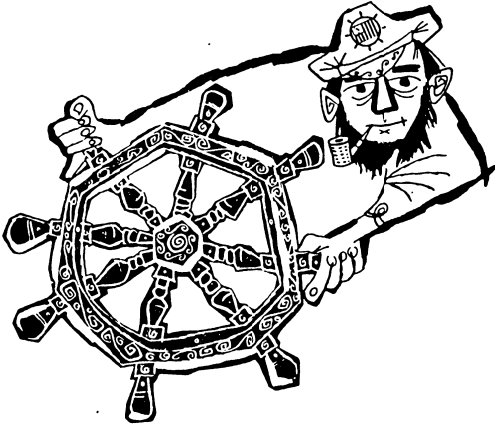
P/C John Luscombe, SN, and Jo Luscombe

SRSPS ROSTER

Members of SRSPS 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*.



Dates to Remember:

D/2 Council	January 31
Executive Committee	February 3
Annual Meeting	February 10

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Jan 31	8:00 am	D/2 Council	Poughkeepsie*
Feb 3	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
Feb 10	7:30 pm	Annual Meeting	Earthplace*

* Details This Issue of *Dredgings*