



# Dredgings

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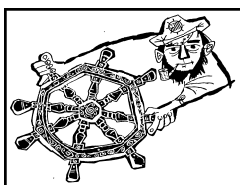
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## **CHANGE OF WATCH SAUGATUCK RIVER And Including NORWALK, PENFIELD, ROWAYTON Sunday, March 15, 2009**

**Quattro Pazzi Restaurant  
Oak Hills Park, 165 Fallow Street  
Norwalk, CT (203) 855-1800**

### **BRUNCH BUFFET 1:30 PM 1 Mimosa/Champagne**

**Domestic Cheeses, Seasonal Fruits, Salads  
Roasts Carved to order, Omelet Station  
Pancakes, Eggs Benedict, Sausage etc  
Assorted Desserts, Coffee and Tea**

**\$28 per person                      Cash Bar  
Reservations due by March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Make your check payable to:  
SRSPS**

**Mail to Lt/C Hugh Sebastian, SN  
93 Pond Rd  
Wilton, CT. 06897-3226**

## Commander's Message



In just a few months, it's boating season. Well you can dream, right. The covers, tarps and

shrink wrap come off and the boats get inspected for re-commissioning. The New Year has come and we are under way again for another line up of fun, education and friendship for fellow boaters. The COW is soon, please join and cheer our new Bridge as they take the stage to be sworn in again.

The annual meeting will have the new slate of bridge officers and the past bridge officers will say a little something. I thank all past commanders, bridge officers and instructors for a job well done. Please don't hesitate to jump in and assist, implement and help again. The new year has much to do and with it a new economy and a new President.

We will have our Compo picnics on Tuesdays as we usually do and a barbeque at the ready. The snow is on the trees and ice and slush are everywhere. But don't despair spring will be in the air and the boats will soon be launched.

Until then attend our meetings and if you have any input on an idea or activity, come forward and say something or do something. We are over fifty years of the founding of a chartered Squadron, here's to another fifty.

Have a wondrous winter and enjoy the snow.

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](mailto:al@bbsdadpro.com) or phone him daytimes at 454-8781.

## Do You Know the Answers?

1. In *marine talk* what is the difference between a bumper and a fender?
2. If you are approaching a harbor at night, what would a mid-channel buoy flash?
3. Some chain links are open and some have a stud across the center. What is the advantage of the stud?
4. What formula should you use to calculate the time needed to travel a given distance at a known speed?

### ANSWERS:

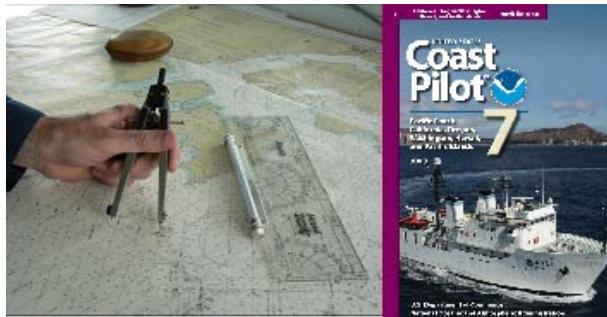
1. A bumper protects your car; a fender protects your boat.
2. Morse code "A" - 1 short followed by 1-long
3. Help reduce kinking and adds strength
4.  $60D = ST$ .

## 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

# NOAA CHARTS



NOAA's National Ocean Service is evaluating specific features on nautical charts for their importance to marine navigation. The goal is to improve clarity and ease of use. To achieve this, NOAA's National Ocean Service is proposing the removal of:

- Tide tables
- Tables of small craft facilities

A list of the specific charts that this potentially will impact can be found at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/staff/headline-important.html>

Up-to-date tide information will continue to be available via NOAA's Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services (CO-OPS) <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>. NOAA's National Ocean Service is also proposing the removal of State Plane grid intersection tick marks from all nautical charts.

The State Plane coordinate system was established by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1933 to provide a common reference system for surveyors and cartographers. State plane ticks marks are not necessary for marine navigation.

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey (OCS) is requesting all comments about these changes be sent via OCS' inquiry page <<http://ocsdata.ncd.noaa.gov/idrs/inquiry.aspx>> before February 20, 2009

## ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday February 10 7:30 pm Earthplace Westport CT

### Election of new officers and reports of the current Bridge officers

### Plan to attend and show your support for the new bridge and for SRSPS

### SRSPS ROSTER

Members of SRSPS recently received a 2008\_2009 roster. Please email any corrections to P/C Stephen Raffel, SN, at [raf-fel@post.harvard.edu](mailto:raf-fel@post.harvard.edu).

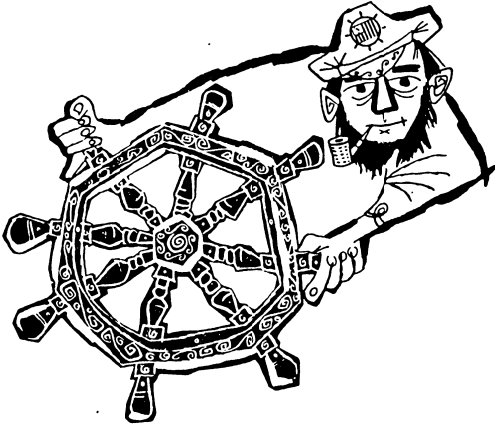
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The correct email for Walter Paul is:  
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## The Ensign

The Ensign magazine is now available online. Your new iMag member benefit is *in addition* to your printed copy of The Ensign, which will continue to be delivered bimonthly. [The Ensign iMag](#) contains searchable articles with hotlinks that connect you to USPS members, staff and vendors and other important information to help you get the most out of USPS. Go to: [http://www.usps.org/national/ensign/imgs/Ens\\_NovDec08/pageflip.htm](http://www.usps.org/national/ensign/imgs/Ens_NovDec08/pageflip.htm)



**Dates to Remember:**

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Annual Meeting</b>      | <b>February 10</b> |
| <b>Executive Committee</b> | <b>March 3</b>     |
| <b>Change of Watch</b>     | <b>March 15</b>    |

## **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>      |
|---------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Feb 10</b> | <b>7:30 pm</b> | <b>Annual Meeting</b>              | <b>Earthplace</b>    |
| <b>Mar 3</b>  | <b>7:30 pm</b> | <b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> | <b>Earthplace</b>    |
| <b>Mar 15</b> | <b>1:30</b>    | <b>Change of Watch</b>             | <b>Quattro Pazzi</b> |

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