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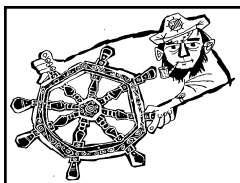
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**A good time was had by all at the Change of Watch buffet. Photo by P/C Budge Atterbury, AP.**



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## Commander's Message



For those members, who didn't make the Change Of Watch, you missed a great event.

We had four Squadrons participate with many various stories and fun conversations. One of the high lights was to be fit, get fit and stay fit for the average sailor. It was conducted by me and all those who attended the COW enjoyed standing on one leg. That is very much like the squadrons who have been standing on one leg and in order to balance they need to maintain and regenerate itself again and again. It is a constant process of reinventing themselves.

We need to find new ideas, ingenuity and a general introduction of who we are and what we do. It was an absolute pleasure to see a big turn out. It was even better to see many participate in a new concept and learn something new. As a Power Squadron, we also have to demonstrate new ideas and ways of marketing SRSPS. We are strong in our summer picnics and our participation in boat shows and parades, but we need some thing more. Any member, who has an idea, come forward. We'd love to hear it.

As for the ceremony for the COW, thank you Harrison and Dianne for putting it together. As for the new officers, welcome again to the bridge; let's see if we can't keep the spirit of our charter floating for another 50 years. A very special tribute was bestowed upon P/C Gordon Bavor, AP. Gordon was one of the original members of the birth of Saugatuck River Power Squadron, now known as Saugatuck Sail and Power Squadron. He has received fifty merit marks and was honored in California for his contributions and assistance with Power Squadron activities.

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## Commander's Message (Continued)

Gordon, no words can even come close to the devotion you have poured into our squadron, so I'll just sum it up, T H A N K Y O U!!! We all will say and continue to say, a job well, well, well done.

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. 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. The distance to the horizon can be computed by what formula?
2. Why should you let a helicopter rescue basket touch the water before touching it?
3. If your boat travels at 15 knots and you need to go 18 miles how long will it take you?
4. What is "flemishing" a line?

### ANSWERS:

1. 1.17 time the square root of the height of the eye e.g.  $HE = 9'$  the horizon distance is  $1.17 \times 3 = 3.51$  nautical miles.
2. The static electric charge could kill you.
3.  $60D = ST \quad T = 60 \times 18 / 15 = 72$  minutes.
4. Coiling a line on a dock with the bitter end in the center.

# CHANGE OF WATCH

MARCH 15, 2009

All Photos by P/C Budge Atterbury AP



The new Bridge left to right CDR Craig Burry, Exec Officer Harrison Valante, Administrative Officer Diane Valante, Secretary Julie Ann Weber, Assistant SEO Joan Burry. Missing from the photo are SEO Russ Levine and Treasurer Hugh Sebastian.



P/D/C Harrison Valante, SN, presented P/C Steve Raffel, SN and Bobbie Raffel, P, a beautiful bowl for their many years of service to SRSPS

## D/2 Conference March 27-28

Details for the March conference can be found at:

[http://www.darcy-systems.com/district/2009\\_03\\_27-29\\_Spring\\_Conference\\_Fill-In.pdf](http://www.darcy-systems.com/district/2009_03_27-29_Spring_Conference_Fill-In.pdf)



CDR Craig Burry, P is sworn in as next year's SRSPS Commander.

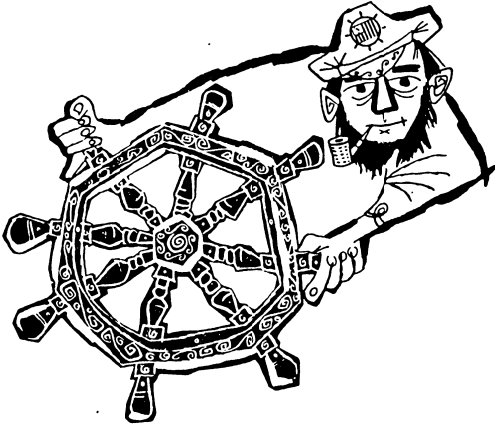
CDR Craig Burry demonstrating stretching exercises that can be done on a boat to keep your body limber. All in the audience participated. It was a good learning experience and fun.



## Education Report

We are to offer some of the USPS courses at a convenient time. Please let me know what course you are considering 227-6184.

SEO Russ Levine, P



**Dates to Remember:**

D/2 Conference	Mar 27/28
Executive Committee	April 7
Executive Committee	May 5

## 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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Date	Time	Event	Location
Mar 27/28	Various	D/2 Spring Conference	Plattsburgh, NY *
April 7	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
May 5	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace

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