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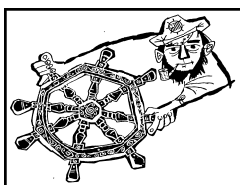
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Marie Walsh Will Demonstrate How to Prepare a Beach Barbeque

Date: June 9 2009

Place: ShopRite Community Room
360 Connecticut Ave
Norwalk. CT

Reservations by June 3

**Contact: Betty Bavor, AP
847-9723 or gfbavor@juno.com**

We must have a head count for this presentation because after Marie demonstrates how to prepare the meal, we all get to eat it.

Commander's Message



Well, I am sure of one thing, the boats are still under cover, possible sun maybe, some time this

weekend. We can only hope. The ski slopes are closed, isn't it about time to un-wrap the boats?

Our Squadron is ready for picnics, meetings and ideas; we welcome yours. We will have a Boating course coming in the near future and we will continue to promote our squadron to the general public and to the possible boaters.

The Change of Watch has happened and is history. Now with a new bridge and new ideas we will get underway for the coming boating season. We plan to have a few meetings as well and please try to attend. It is fun and it is educational. You will get to meet and greet fellow members and boaters.

On June 6 we will have a demonstration by Marie Walsh at the Norwalk ShopRite of how to prepare a barbeque at the beach. Our summer picnics start on Tuesday May 26. They are held biweekly at Compo Beach. Details of both events are in this issue of *Dredgings*.

We will be marching again in the Memorial Day Parade. Call P/C Grant Kominek, P at 656-0386 if you can participate as a marcher or to ride on our float. Lunch follows at Bogeys for all squadron members.

In the next few weeks, when the rain and winds settle, think about our Squadron and how we can roll along calm seas for another fifty years.

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 or phone him daytimes at 454-8781.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is the unit of measure for distance on the Great Lakes?
2. What is the difference between a gudgeon and a pintle?
3. The 3 corners of a sail are referred to as the Head the _____ and the _____?
4. On the Great Lakes "returning from seaward" generally is considered to be from the north and west except on which of the lakes?

ANSWERS:

1. Statute Miles.
2. A rudder hinge is formed by a gudgeon which is attached to the transom and the pintle which is attached to the rudder..Generally 2 pintles fit into 2 gudgeons to form the hinge.
3. The Tack (outer most corner of the sail on the boom) and the Clew (corner next to the mast).
4. Lake Michigan.

Loran-C to be Discontinued

Effective September 30, 2009 the Coast Guard will shut down the 24 Loran-C stations. Details on the closing can be found at

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/fy2010_new_era/Department_of_Homeland_Security.pdf



The United States Coast Guard is launching Operation Paddle Smart to bring greater awareness to paddle sport safety in the North-east First Coast Guard District.

The district suffered the loss of 58 recreational boaters and paddlers in 2007, of which 15 canoe and eight kayak fatalities accounted for 40 percent of the total. Northeast paddle sport fatalities are more than double the national average.

Power Squadron members, over the next few months, will distribute paddle sport safety packets throughout the Northeast. Data will also be collected to determine what efforts worked best and to solicit response, questions and information from paddlers on how the operation can be improved or how it has benefited them.

Coast Guard March 31 Press Release

Editor's note:

P/C John Luscombe, SN, submitted a local news article that 2 Darien teenagers were rescued when their kayak drifted out very late one afternoon. They had no PFD's, no radio and no cell phone. They were saved only because a local boater called the marine police to inform them of his concern for the paddlers safety. A copy of the full article is available by request from your editor at raf-fel@post.harvard.edu.

Boat For Sale

Viking 35-foot, twin 350 HP Crusaders, 18-knot cruising at 3000 RPM. New roof on bridge, new Westerbeke 7.5 KW generator, TV radar, air conditioning, heater refrigerator microwave, 2-100 gallon fuel tanks, 2-100 gallon water tanks and much more. Call R.F. Gammons 203-292-6163 (home) or 203-216-6685 (cell).

Our summer picnics will start on Tuesday, May 26 at Compo Beach. All the picnic dates are a Tuesday.

The picnic dates are **May 26, June 2, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18, September 1 and September 15.**

The picnics start at 5:30 pm. Look for the Squadron flag in the picnic area of the south beach. The Squadron provides the fire; you bring your food and beverages.

Here are some of the regulations that need to be followed:

1. No containers of beer in excess of one liter
2. No glass containers; cans, paper or plastic containers only are allowed.

If you don't have a beach sticker, tell the gate guard you are attending the Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron picnic. We have waivers for 15 cars in our permit. Lt/C Diane Valante, P, will be happy to answer any questions—226-6424.

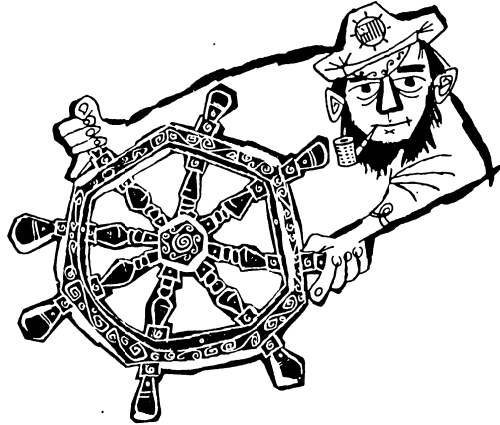
Education Report

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

We are also working on a course that would qualify our instructors to teach the public boating course. Students are welcome to join. Call me for details.

SEO Russ Levine, P

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	May 5
Compo Beach Picnic	May 26
Marie Wash Demo	June 9

* Details This Issue of *Dredgings*

Date	Time	Event	Location
May 5	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
May 26	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach*
June 2	7:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Earthplace
June 9	6:30 pm	Marie Walsh Demonstration	ShopRite*

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Schedule of Meetings and Events