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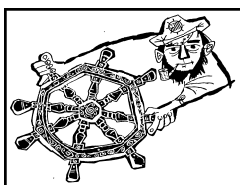
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**Marie Walsh Will Demonstrate
How to Prepare a Beach Barbeque**

**June 9 2009 at 6 pm
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



The June general membership meeting will be held at ShopRite in Norwalk, a very special cooking les-

son just to make your mouth water. I am happy to say, we have another new member who just recently joined. Joel Hallas, welcome aboard. Joel is a member of the Minutemen YC and was also a member of our Squadron. He recently called me and decided to re-up his membership.

I hope to see every one at the Compo Beach picnics soon. We start May 26. The full schedule is in this issue. It is a great time. The fire will be hot for you to cook whatever you wish.

The vessel examinations will soon start and we hope to beat our last year's record. With a new bridge and new ideas, we plan to become stronger and better known to the town of Westport.

Come show support and aid us in marketing our existence in the Memorial Day Parade and our Bogey's lunch immediately following the parade.

Enjoy this upcoming boating season. Always remember that things happen very fast on the water so keep a watchful eye on the weather, the boats around you and anything else that might endanger you, your crew and your vessel. Remember that you as the boat's captain are responsible for everyone and that requires 100% attention to everything.

Craig Burry, P
Commander



National Safe Boating Week

National Safe Boating week is May 16-22.

The ongoing theme continues to be "Wear It!" Most boating victims are not wearing a

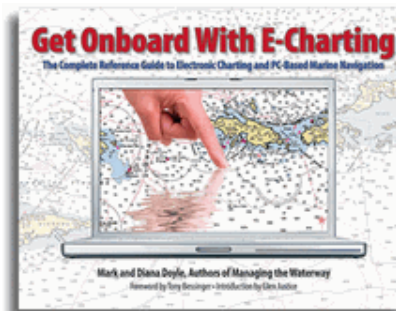
PFD. Once the victim is in the water, it is too late to put on the life jacket in most cases.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is the limitation of a bowline?
2. If you see a spherical buoy, what marking would you expect to see on it — a number, a letter, a light or all of these?
3. If there is someone in the water near your boat, what should you do immediately?
4. What is a lazarette?

ANSWERS:

1. It can't be undone under stress.
2. Only a letter.
3. Stop the engine and put it in gear to stop the prop from rotating.
4. Small boats often have a storage at the stern of the boat where an auxiliary engine can be located. That storage area is call the "lazarette".



This book has been highly recommended to give you an in-depth explanation of electronic charting. It

is available from many sources on line and at your local bookstores. Mark & Diana Doyle are the authors. The list price is \$34.95.



The Coast Guard is urging the public to remain vigilant and cautious around the waters of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut despite warming weather trends.

“Even though there have been a few days of warmer weather, the water is still extremely cold,” said Capt. Dan Ronan, Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound’s Commanding Officer. “The water temp is still below 50 degrees and can induce hypothermia very quickly. We also have periods of high winds around this time of year which can pose a hazard to recreational vessels and beachgoers alike.”

On an average day, the Coast Guard will save 15 lives, assist 114 in distress and conduct 82 search and rescue operations. More than 76 million recreational boaters share the water with commercial traffic throughout the United States.

The Coast Guard strongly urges the public to wear lifejackets anytime while out on the water and to check weather conditions before heading out. Having proper survival gear while underway and filing a float plan with the Coast Guard, as well as friends and family is also strongly recommended

Coast Guard April 10 Press Release

Roster Updates:

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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.

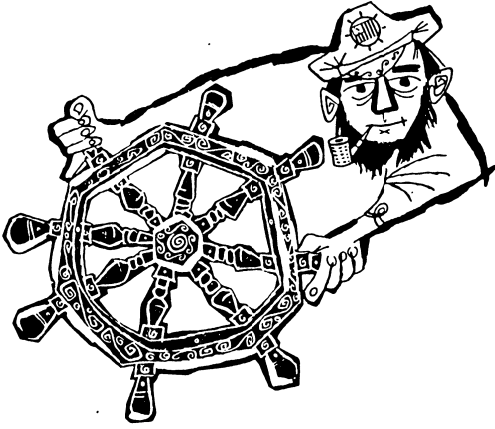
If you don’t have a beach sticker, tell the gate guard you are attending the Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron picnic. We have waivers for 15 cars in our permit. Lt/C Diane Valante, P, will be happy to answer any questions—226-6424.

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



Dates to Remember:

Compo Beach Picnic	May 26
Ex Meeting/Compo Picnic	June 2
Marie Wash Demo	June 9

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
May 26	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach*
June 2	5:30 pm	Ex Meeting and Compo Picnic	Compo Beach*
June 9	6:00 pm	Marie Walsh Demonstration	ShopRite*
June 23	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach*

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