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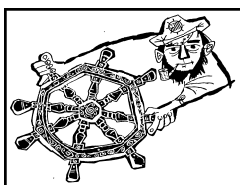
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Compo Beach Picnic Dates:

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.

Remember the following rules:

- 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.

Commander's Message



Marie Walsh's super barbeque presentation at ShopRite turned out 18 members. She had great

ideas, delicious food and a good time was had by all. Marie gives free cooking classes at ShopRite. The dates and times for the classes will be in the next *Dredgings*. Al Stauderman's wife has attended these classes and found them to be very worthwhile.

The Memorial Day parade was another big success. It was great to see P/C Budge Atterbury, AP, among the spectators. Budge has had some health problems recently and we were glad he was able to be there. Many thanks to P/C Grant Kominek, P, for arranging the float and the banner that was over Main Street announcing National Safe Boating week.

You will find the definitions of heavy weather in this issue. It is very important to recognize these warnings. You can never be too prepared for storm conditions.

Remember are Compo Beach picnics continue alternate Tuesdays. Details are in this issue too.

Have a safe enjoyable summer on the water. Remember to reef early, wear your PFD and assist your fellow boaters when they need help.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Do You Know the Answers?

1. What percent should the tongue weight be of Gross Trailer Weight (GTW) i.e. the boat, fuel, trailer and cargo?
2. Why should you not hold the horn of a carbon dioxide extinguisher when using it?
3. If you encounter a current on your beam, what would you expect it to affect?
4. What is the advantage of using a towing bridle?

ANSWERS:

1. 5 to 10%
2. The horn becomes extremely cold.
3. Your course over the ground.
4. It distributes the strain over 2 points rather than one..



If you're a long time member of SRSPPS, you'll remember this owner of *Cold Duck* in the background—Dan Spina.

Thanks to P/C Lou Lemond, SN, who visited Dan in Florida this winter for providing this picture.



Coast Guard recently issued the following reminder definitions for heavy weather.

SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY

To alert mariners to sustained (more than two hours) weather or sea conditions, either present or forecast, that might be hazardous to small boats. The threshold conditions for the Small Craft Advisory are usually 18 knots of wind (less than 18 knots in some dangerous waters) or hazardous wave conditions. At night One Red light will be above One White light

GALE WARNING

A warning of winds within the range of 39 – 54 mph (34 – 47 knots). Gale warnings may precede or accompany a hurricane watch. At night One White light will be over One Red light

STORM WARNING

A warning of winds within the range of 55 – 73 mph (48 – 63 knots). At night One Red light will be over One Red light

HURRICANE WARNING

A warning that indicates that hurricane winds of 74 mph (64 knots) and higher, or a combination of dangerously high water and rough seas. At night One Red light will be above and below One White light.

Education Report

We are planning 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

Memorial Day Parade



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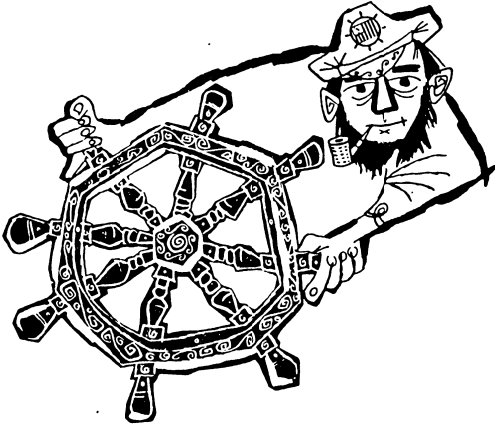
John Luscombe, SN and Cdr Craig Burry, P, carry our banner in the parade



SRSPS float in the parade with P/C Gordon Bavor, AP at the helm.



Among the parade spectators are from left to right Barbara Rafael, P, P/C Budge Atterbury, AP, his son Henry and Rose Jordan, S.



Dates to Remember:

Compo Beach Picnic	June 23
Compo Beach Picnic	July 7, 21,
Compo Beach Picnics	Aug 4, 18, Sep 1, and 15

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
June 23	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach*
Jul 7, 21	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach*
Aug 4, 18	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach*
Sep 1, 15	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach*

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