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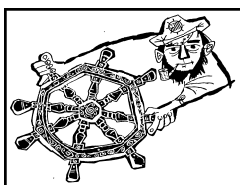
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Compo Beach Picnic Dates:

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



The recent death of P/C Budge Atterbury, AP, was a great loss to the Squadron. Budge was a tireless

worker who taught courses, was active in our picnic preparations, carried the banner in the Memorial Day Parade and was always available to help out when there was a need. We shall forever remember his kindness, hard work and teaching skills. We send our sincerest sympathies to his wife, Shirley, and to his wonderful family.

We need your help to contact the list of none renewing members. If you know someone on this list, call them and urge them to renew. We need the support of all members to insure that we can continue to bring boating safety education to our community.

There are still some picnics to attend. Check the calendar on the first page and enjoy an evening at our wonderful Compo Beach. The last picnic was attended by over 30 people.

September 9, September 14, October 5 and October 14 are the dates of Marie Walsh's next cooking classes at ShopRite. She put on an excellent demonstration for our last meeting and these classes promise to continue her fun filled evenings. Call ShopRite at 203-569-2559 to make a reservation.

The Fall D/2 Conference is October 23 and 24th at the William Henry Resort and Conference Center in Lake George, NY. Call P/C Armand Canestraro at (518) 372-7220 for all the information.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is a simple test for the quality of stainless steel?
2. In a tidal cycle when is the current strongest in the 1st, 2nd or last 2 hours of the cycle?
3. Large swells on a nice day with a calm sea usually indicates what ?
4. Why is it a good idea to have some line between an anchor locker and a chain rode?

ANSWERS:

1. Hold a magnet next to it. The less it attracts, the better is the quality
2. Tides rise or fall about half their range during the middle 2 hours of their cycle.
3. A distant storm
4. It can be cut if there is an emergency

2009 Non Renewals

The following members have not paid their 2009-2010 dues. We hope if your name is on this list you will renew. Your support is vital to the well being of our squadron and its efforts to promote safe boating in our community.

1. Vito J. Brancato
2. David K. Braun
3. Chris C Dewart
4. Richard E. Eldh
5. Stanley Losak
6. Eric C. Olsen
7. Nicholas and Laurie Polifroni
8. Mitchell J. Rosenfeld
9. Allen G. Schnapp

If you have any question about the status of your renewal, call Lt/C Hugh Sebastian, SN at 762-3938.



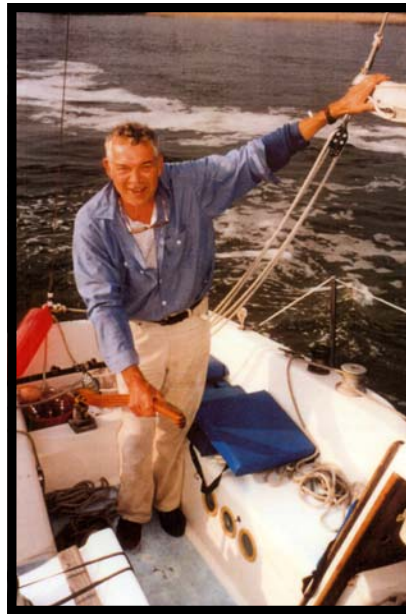
Following the tragic loss of five paddlers and a father and son on a jet ski in the past two weeks, the Coast Guard is issuing a safety advisory for all weekend boaters, paddlers, sailors and fishers in the Northeast.

“We’re asking boaters and paddlers to review their safety procedures and make sure they have the required and recommended safety equipment on board,” said Al Johnson, the recreational boating specialist for the First Coast Guard District. “The important thing is to assess the risk, be realistic about what can and will go wrong on the water and be prepared.”

Additionally, the Coast Guard highly recommends that boaters and paddlers adhere to the following guidelines: - Leave a float plan with a responsible individual who knows your intentions, location, and who to call if you fail to return as scheduled. If your intentions change, notify the person of your new plan. - Wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket and set the example for your passengers or paddling partners. - Be aware of and prepared for the shock of sudden immersion and incapacitating effects of cold water. - Maintain situational awareness on the water – be aware of boat traffic and activity around your vessel. - Boat safe and sober – save the alcohol for when you’ve safely returned. To date this year in the Northeast, there have been 30 recreational boating and paddling fatalities and, in most cases, wearing a life jacket could’ve made a difference, said Johnson.

“The best thing you can do to ensure your safety on the water is wearing your life jacket,” said Johnson. “Remember, when you need your life jacket, you need it on.”

IN MEMORIAM



It is with great sadness that we report the recent death of P/C Henry “Budge” Atterbury, AP. The Squadron extends its sympathy to his wife Shirley, their 4 sons and the rest of the family. A memorial service was held

on Saturday, August 8 at the Saugatuck Congregational Church. Donations in memory of Budge can be made to:

Saugatuck Congregational Church
245 Post Road East,
Westport CT 06880

Education Report

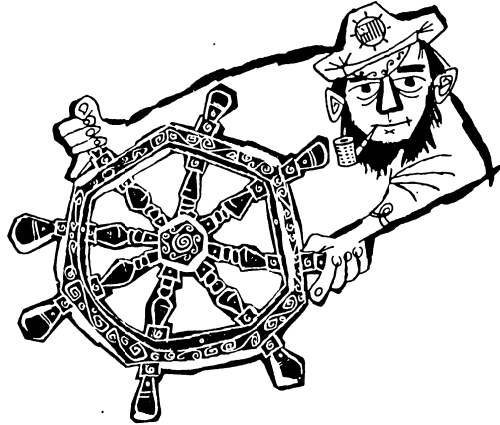
We are planning to offer some of the USPS courses at a convenient time. Please let me know what course you are considering 227-6184. We are also working on a course that would qualify our instructors to teach the public boating course. Students are welcome to join. Call me for details.

SEO Russ Levine, P

VESSEL SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Time is running out this season to get the benefits of a 2009 vessel safety check decal on your boat. Free courtesy vessel exams are still being given by the Squadron’s Certified Examiners: Jeff Kapec, Grant Kominek, Wayne Kohman, David Martin, Al Stauderman and Joyce Thompson. To schedule your safety check and qualify for the prized decal – and the invaluable peace of mind that goes with it -- contact one of the Squadron VEs. Or call Squadron VSC Chair Al Stauderman at 203 762-9527 for an appointment

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Dates to Remember:

Compo Beach Picnic	Aug 18, Sep 1, and 15
Executive Committee Meeting	Sept 8
D/2 Conference	Oct 23/24

Date	Time	Event	Location
Aug 18	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach*
Sep 1, 15	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach*
Sep 8	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Earthplace
Oct 23/24	Various	D/2 Conference	Lake George

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SRSFS: http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/saugatuck_river/index.html
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Schedule of Meetings and Events