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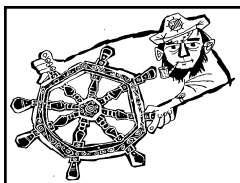
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Compo Beach Picnic:

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 end of summer is near, but don't despair. Keep those boats wet, we still have October and

maybe an Indian summer coming and we certainly deserve it, we got the short end of the stick and out done by Mother Nature.

The Compo Beach picnics were a delight and we had a great turn-out, thank you for all coming. The almighty merit mark is getting ready to be awarded soon. Please call or e mail as to what is what, who and when.

I have some fantastic results for the continued effort and work put in for vessel safety exams. We have become number one in safety inspections for the entire District 2. - hats off and applause to our inspectors and volunteers for making it happen. Al Stauderman had spearheaded this as our chairman, keep it going and thank you, Al.

As for a few other notable mentions, we have again received 100 % education fund and are hot on the list as the first Squadron to submit those illustrious merit mark recommendations to National. The end of boating is near, but we still have a lot planned out for the coming months.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

2009 FALL CONFERENCE

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.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. Where should you anchor with regards to a shore?
2. When you are returning from seaward for navigation purposes is it clockwise or counterclockwise going from the Atlantic to the Pacific?
3. When the wind veers, it goes clockwise or counterclockwise?
4. Where would you place an oil filter wrench to avoid crushing the filter?

ANSWERS:

1. Always anchor to leeward
2. Clockwise
3. Clockwise
4. At the bottom of the filter

2009 Non Renewals

If you have not renewed your Squadron membership, this is the last *Dredgings* that you will receive.

SRSPS is a unique organization in that it promotes safe boating through education. We need all our members to renew so that we can continue this vital work.

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

LOCAL BOATERS RESCUED

Recently there was a Letter to the Editor of the Norwalk Hour describing a rescue of 4 boaters. It seems their boat had an explosion and subsequent fire near Manresa Island. The four people on the boat got into the water and rescued by a charter fishing boat.

What this event shows is the need for any boater who sees people in distress to immediately respond and help the victims.



The Coast Guard recently reported that the majority of this year's fatal accidents involved capsizing or falling overboard, while many of the non-fatal accidents involved collisions with another vessel or fixed object.

Greater situational awareness could have prevented most of these collisions, which is why it's so important to be aware of all activity around your vessel at all times. When it comes to fatal accidents, for most of the victims, simply wearing a life jacket would have been the deciding factor that could have prevented the loss of their life. When you need your life jacket, you need it on. Non-motorized vessels have accounted for 64 percent of fatalities in the Northeast this year. Of those fatalities, canoes and kayaks account for 39 percent.

FOUR SQUADRON CLAMBAKE

Saturday, September 26 12 Noon
Penfield One, Penfield Beach Fairfield

Lobster, Swordfish, Steak or Chicken
Beer, Soft drinks, Tea, Coffee and Dessert.

Call Rita Waterman (203)254-1181 by
Tuesday September 22 for reservations.
Each meal is \$30. Make Checks payable to Penfield Sail and Power Squadron.

*But the sweetest was to me is a ship's
upon the sea...*

Rudyard Kipling from *The Long Trail*

Norwalk International Boat Show

I'm looking for some folks to represent the Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron at the Norwalk Boat Show, which will run from Thursday, September 24th through Sunday September 27 at Cove Marina.

We need volunteers to man the USPS booth on Friday the 25th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Cove Marina in Norwalk. The show runs from 10a.m. until 6 p.m. each day, and we'd like to get people in for 2 to 4 hour shifts. One big perk is free admission to the boat show for the day you help man the booth. Helping out with the Boat Show is also a fun way to earn a USPS Merit Mark.

If you can help out, please contact Grant Kominek (203) 656-0386, or email gkominek@hotmail.com.

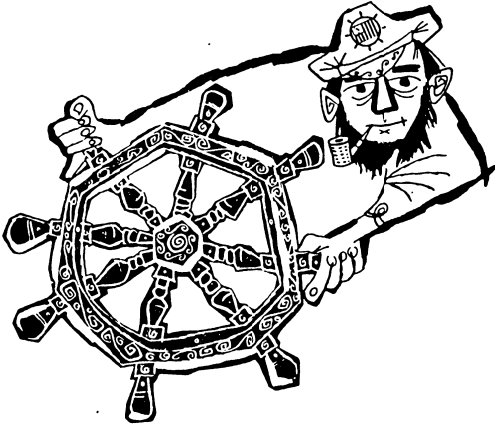
Education Report

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

The good news is that as of this writing, Saugatuck River leads the entire District in Vessel Safety Checks having done an exhilarating 85! Second is Candlewood with 49 and third is Sacandaga with 47. The District total is 317 VSCs, completed by a total of 46 active vessel examiners. Our Squadron accomplished this year's record with only five vessel examiners taking part. These are Joyce Thompson who leads the list with 14 exams; David Martin with 12, Grant Kominek with 11, Al Stauderman with 9 and Wayne Kohman with 6.



Dates to Remember:

Compo Beach Picnic	Sep 15
Clambake at Penfield One	Sep 26
Executive Committee Meeting	Oct 6
D/2 Conference	Oct 23/24

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Sep 15	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach*
Sep 26	12 Noon	Clambake at Penfield One	Penfield Beach
Oct 6	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Earthplace
Oct 23/24	Various	D/2 Conference	Lake George

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