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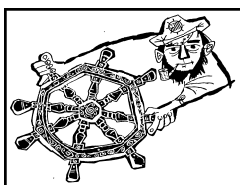
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HOLIDAY PARTY

**Sunday December 13
at 1:30 pm**

**The Red Barn
292 Wilton Road
Merritt Parkway, Exit 41
Westport Ct
222-9549**

Buffet Lunch with Cash Bar

**Complimentary
Bloody Mary
Mimosa
Screwdriver**

\$33 per person

RSVP by December 7

**Mail check payable to SRSPS to:
Lt/C Hugh Sebastian, SN
93 Pond Road
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Commander's Message



This has been a very difficult time for our Squadron.

We lost Past Commander Bob Bosch, AP and Past

Squadron Education Officer Orvis Yingling, SN. These were two dedicated members whose contributions enabled Saugatuck River to grow and provide boating education to our local communities. They will be greatly missed both as friends and as exceptional boaters.

Our recent General Membership Meeting was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Betty Bavor. We can always count on Betty to put on any event and do it well.

Finally I want to remind you to signup now for our Holiday Party. This was sold out last year and likely will reach capacity again very soon. Don't be disappointed, send your check in now.

Take a course, cover your boat and be well.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

IN MEMORIAM

Past Commander Bob Bosch, AP

Past SEO Orvis Yingling, SN

The Squadron extends its sincerest sympathies to their wives, children and family members.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. When towing another vessel, how long should the tow line be?
2. What word would you expect to hear on a VHF channel if the message concerned a dangerous weather condition?
3. What can you do to a trailer to reduce the chances of its lights burning out when launching a boat?
4. What is the difference between prop ventilation and prop cavitation?

ANSWERS:

1. The line should be long enough so that each boat reaches the wave crest or trough at the same time
2. Security
3. Unplug the lights before they hit the cold water
4. Ventilation is when the prop come out of the water. Cavitation is when the prop loses its grip on the water.

Bob Bosch Memorial Tile

The Bridge of SRSPS has once again voted to present to Earthplace a tile in memory of a past commander. Bob Bosch will be remembered on this tile.

The cost is \$450. Please consider the following donation opportunities to offset the tile-cost: \$10, \$20, \$25 \$50 or Other.

Send check made out to SRSPS and mail it to Lt/C Hugh Sebastian SN, Treasurer 93 Pond Road, Wilton, CT 06897.



The Coast Guard stresses that it is essential for anyone engaged in water activities this time of year to be cognizant of the risk of falling overboard or capsizing and the importance of being properly prepared for survival if the need occurs.

The best protection would be a full dry suit with life jacket, This would be followed by a wet suit under protective clothing with a life jacket and, finally and at the minimum, protective clothing and a life jacket.

Additionally, boaters should carry a hand-held VHF radio, a cell phone in a water-tight bag, a head lamp, a strobe light, a wool hat, neoprene gloves, signal flares and a signal mirror.

The waters of the Northeast are cold and getting colder. The debilitating shock of sudden immersion can be fatal for the average person. The important thing is simply to be prepared and to be properly attired for survival.

Education Report

We are planning to offer The Public Boating Course in approximately 3 weeks. Contact me if you would like to help with this community service.

We also would like 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.

Russ Levine, P
Squadron Education Officer

November General Membership Meeting

The November 10th General Membership Meeting featured a wonderful presentation by Michael and Vicki Kormos. They have spent more than 14 years building their dream sail-boat. It is currently at Captain's Cove Marina in Bridgeport getting the interior finished before they leave hopefully in September 2010 for their world cruise.

A near capacity crowd that listened intently as Michael gave his presentation. Here are some pictures submitted by Barbara Raffel:

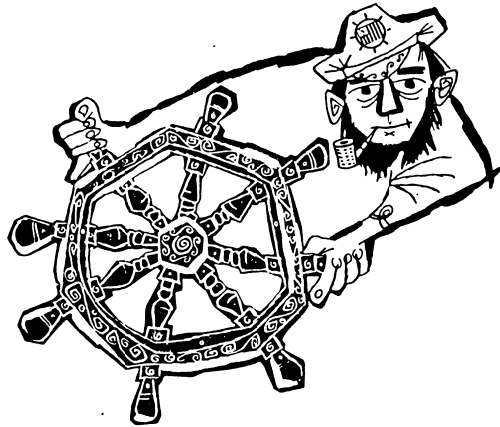


Michael Kormos the sole builder of the 40 foot steel hull boat that involved about 16,000 man hours of work.



Betty Bavor, who arranged this exceptional evening, presenting a Squadron gift to Michael and his wife Vicki.

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee Meeting	Dec 1
Holiday Party	Dec 13
Executive Committee Meeting	Jan 5,2010

** Details This Issue of Dredgings*

Date	Time	Event	Location
Dec 1	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Farthplace
Dec 13	1:30 pm	Holiday Party	Red Barn*
Jan 5	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Farthplace

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