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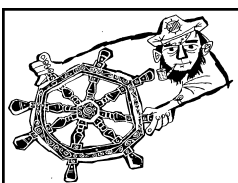
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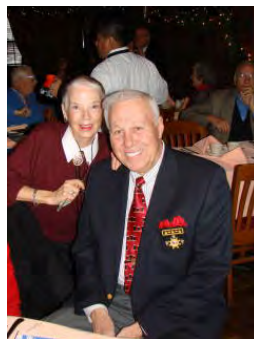
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HOLIDAY PARTY



More Holiday Party pictures on the next 2 pages

Commander's Message



Are the boats wrapped yet?

I bet not, don't blame you a bit, too nice out still. In fact I'm

still not locked tight with a tarp yet, however, some boats may already be winterized and power washed, but for those die-hard avid fisherman, catch a big one, enjoy what the sound can bring in this fall with the calm waters and mild weather. For those boaters, who want to sail or cruise, enjoy it while you can and as for the rest, like me, well let's just say the boat is out and blocked.

Soon, the play time of boating will be finished and under snow and forgotten until spring. Eighteen 18 Merit Marks are awarded to those members who did a little more and helped our Squadron, Thank you. For those who started fires, attended meetings, assisted in take downs and arrangements of social events thank you as well.

So, as to a good dose of snow that covers the road and icicles form in the trees, relax, soon flowers and grass will blossom and the boats will be wet again, until then may you all have a joyous , wonderful and safe Holiday Take a course, cover your boat and be well.

Craig Burry, P
Commander



Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is the difference between a pier and a wharf?
2. What determines the size of a chain?
3. Why is it important to know which side a slip neighbors generator exhaust exits?
4. Coastal charts have parallels of latitude and meridians of longitude that cross at right angles. What is this type of projection called?

ANSWERS:

1. A pier extends out perpendicular from the shore, whereas, a wharf is parallel to the shore.
2. The diameter of the links determines the chain size.
3. The exhaust from a generator has carbon monoxide which can be fatal.
4. Mercator projection.

EDUCATION REPORT

Here is a list of courses that we are offering starting in January. I have listed the email contact for each course. If you have any additional questions, you can reach me at 227-6184.

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The U.S. Coast Guard has responded to an increased number of security zone violations around bridge abutments within the past month in New York Harbor.

Coast Guard Sector New York and Station New York watch-standers have deployed several boarding teams in recent weeks to interdict boaters who were inside the 25-yard security zone around bridge abutments.

The Coast Guard would like to remind boaters in New York Harbor that the 25-yard area around bridge abutments remains a restricted part of the waterway. If a boat violates the security zone, the Coast Guard will first notify them via marine band radio and may possibly board the boat to ensure compliance.

“The purpose of having rules like this in effect are for the safety and security of the bridges,” said Senior Chief Petty Officer John Fowler, Command Center Supervisor at Coast Guard Sector New York. “More often than not we run into these cases where fishermen are trying to fish a different spot; however the safety of the bridges and the people transiting them are a top priority for us.”



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Local Kayaker Saved

On Friday December 4 a local kayaker was rescued by a former Norwalk police officer. He happened to be traveling on a small barge where he was working as a marine contractor.

He and his crew member went into a work-boat that they were towing behind the barge. They were able to pull the woman out of the water. The location was between Saugatuck Shores and Cockenoe.

The 68 year old woman was extremely fortunate that she was spotted. Her craft that capsized. She claims to have been in the water about an hour without a wetsuit.

The retired officer spotted her because he was a very experienced boat operator. It took him about 15 minutes to reach her after he spotted her. She suffered hypothermia.

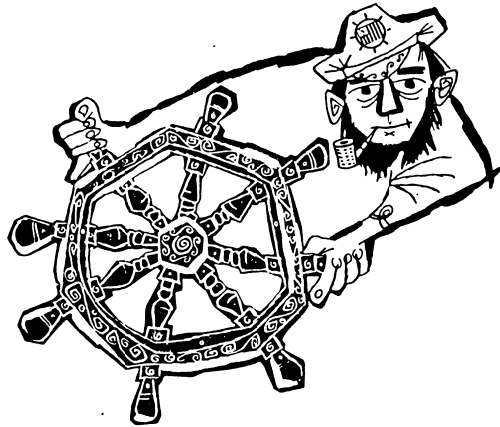
What did she do wrong? Among the things that come to mind are the following:

- ✓ She was boating alone in very cold waters
- ✓ She had no means of communication. She should have had a waterproof VHF radio attached to her body.
- ✓ She should have known how to get herself back into the kayak.
- ✓ She should have been wearing a wetsuit.
- ✓ She should have had a handheld signaling mirror or a whistle to be able to attract the attention of a nearby boater.

When the rescuer ask the woman how old she was she responded that she was 68. It is reported that his response to her was she was very lucky that she will see 69.



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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee Meeting	Jan 5
Executive Committee Meeting	Feb 2
Change of Watch	Mar 14

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Jan 5	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Earthplace
Feb 2	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Earthplace
Mar 14	TBA	Change of Watch	TBA

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