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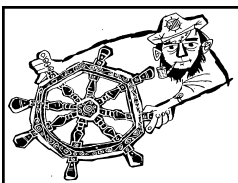
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Spring Fling Sunday, March 14, 2010

Quattro Pazzi Restaurant
Oak Hills Park, 165 Fallow Street
Norwalk, CT (203) 855-1800

BRUNCH BUFFET 1:30 PM

1 Mimosa/Champagne

Domestic Cheeses, Seasonal Fruits, Salads
Omelet Station Pancakes, Eggs Benedict,
Sausage etc

Assorted Desserts, Coffee and Tea

\$30 per person Cash Bar
Reservations due by March 8th

Make your check payable to:
SRSPS and Mail to:

Lt/C Hugh Sebastian, SN
93 Pond Rd
Wilton, CT. 06897-3226

Commander's Message



Happy New Year everyone and goodbye to 2009. The new slate of Officers must be prepared

and I'm looking for a Bridge. We have the forms from National to compile and these must be sent in soon. For the Bridge that served last year, I say thank you again and to those members who put in energy and time for our Squadron, thank you as well. For those who received Merit Mark certificates, you deserve them, take pride in them and keep doing "it" for our Squadron. I thank you again and again for doing our organization better, better then and then some.

We had a brief meeting with a few Squadrons at Frank Kemp's house, in Darien. He spearheaded the consolidation of the squadrons to teach various courses that will be coming in the New Year. Russ Levine attended this meeting and I thank him for his input and guidance.

We are all looking forward to 2010. We plan to have an Instructors Qualification course soon, more interesting speakers at our general meetings and much more interaction with boating organizations and developing new marketing to keep our Squadron afloat.

Have a great winter and stay warm, soon, the boats will be ready for another boating season.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Do You Know the Answers?

1. What do you call the compass error caused by materials and equipment on the boat?
2. When storing an outboard motor for winter why is it not a good idea to wrap it in plastic and seal it tight?
3. A fire extinguisher should be aimed at which part of the fire's flame?
4. What is the difference between a white meteor flare and a red one?

ANSWERS:

1. Deviation.
2. The electrical system can be corroded by condensation.
3. The base.
4. The white flare is for non-emergency use and the red one is for emergency signaling.

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.

Russ Levine, P
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Course	Contact
Seamanship	Leah_beckman@mac.com ralphkravitz@sbcglobal.net
Piloting	gwlk@aol.com
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Weather	Leah_beckman@mac.com



Recreational boating and paddling fatalities on waters of the Northeast's First Coast Guard District have decreased for the second year in a row.

The First Coast Guard District recorded a preliminary total of 50 deaths during 2009. There were 55 fatalities in 2008 and 58 fatalities in 2007. Capsizing or falling overboard while not wearing a life jacket was the main factor.

Similar to past years, fatalities were evenly divided between motorized and non-motorized vessels with 25 deaths in each category. Twelve canoe and five kayak fatalities accounted for 34 percent of total fatalities.

Due to the tremendous growth in kayaking over the past decade and the long-standing interest in canoeing, Northeast paddlesport fatalities are typically double the national average.

"Looking back to last year and as we do every year, our primary message is simply wear your life jacket," said Al Johnson, the recreational boating specialist for First Coast Guard District. "Whether you listen to the Coast Guard, our state partners, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadrons or other boating and paddling safety organizations, the message is the same – wear your life jacket."

"Cold water kills," Johnson said. "Regardless of the activity, with water temperatures between 40-degrees and frozen, it is imperative to dress to get wet. If you're not wearing a dry suit or a wet suit and a Coast Guard approved life jacket, you shouldn't be on the water."

Items for Sale

The following items are being offered for sale by Julie Ann Weber:

- ✓ ICOM model IC-M402 VHF radio originally \$219.99 offered at \$100. It is new and never used
- ✓ Shakespeare VHF antenna style 5225 XT. It is 8 feet high and has a galaxy coating. The current price is \$209.95. It is offered at \$100. It is new and never used. A bracket is available for the antenna—make an offer.
- ✓ GARMIN GPS Map 165 GPS + chart-plotter. Originally it sold for over \$550. It is offered at \$350. It is new and never used.
- ✓ Two regular Type II adult life jackets and one inflatable life jacket—make an offer.

Contact Julie Ann at 203-216-1956

Earthplace Tiles

Recently the Squadron purchase tiles at Earthplace to honor P/C Budge Atterbury, AP and P/C Bob Bosch, AP.

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

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

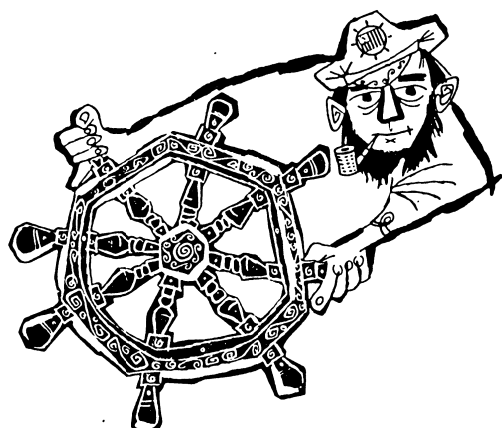
District 2 Spring Conference

The dates for the District 2 Spring Conference are April 9-11. It will be held at the Williams Inn in Williamstown, MA.

For a PDF conference flyer contact "Richard Stidger" <grstidger@verizon.net> or email your editor for the PDF at

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee Meeting	None in Feb
Exe and Annual Meeting	March 2
Spring Fling	March 14

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Feb 2	7:30 pm	NO Executive Committee	Earthplace
Mar 2	7:30 pm	Ex and Annual Meeting	Earthplace
Mar 14	1:30 pm	Spring Fling	Quattro Pazzi*

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