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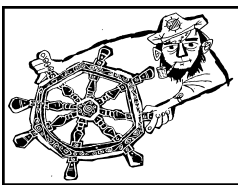
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Spring Fling Sunday, March 14, 2010

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

\$32 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



A new bridge will be inducted soon. Please come to the Spring Fling to enjoy our festivities and our wel-

coming of new Bridge Officers. Show your support for SRSPS and have a very good time at this event. See the details on page one of this issue of *Dredgings*.

Most recently sledding is on the burner, not boats. It has been blowing, swirling, and heavy goose feathers outside. I have been plowing and standing up to our recent powerful storm.

Are you ready to dip the boats again? Throw on new bottom paint? I predict another five months, to thaw and melt. OK, in two months as normal, we will pull off the covers, cut the shrink wrap and prep, sand and ready our boats for another season.

We have a few new members, please say howdy and introduce yourselves at the Spring Fling.

Have a good February and do some winter sports and activities and above all enjoy yourselves.

Craig Burry, P



How Not To Launch A Boat

Do You Know the Answers?

1. We refer to ropes on a boat as "lines". Which rope is called a rope on a boat?
2. Where would you likely see a Quick Flashing buoy?
3. If you are sailing downwind and the true wind is from the stern, when will the apparent wind be zero?
4. Where does the term "head" come from?

ANSWERS:

1. The rope used to ring a bell. It is called a "bellrope".
2. Quick Flashing buoys are often used to warn of the need to pay special attention.
3. When the boat speed and the true wind are equal. If you don't understand that, take the Sail Course.
4. Early naval vessels had their toilet facilities in the bow of the boat.

EDUCATION REPORT

Here is a list of courses that are in progress. I have listed the email contact for each course should you want to join them. 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
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P/C Diane Valante, National Sea Scout Boatswain Connor Rieve and P/C Harrison Valante. Connor is a member of SRSPS and has received the United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award for academic achievement.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT Regulations to Remember

Law enforcement vessels engaged in enforcement activities may display a flashing blue light or audible signal.

If approached by a law enforcement or fire rescue vessel using its lights and audible signal, a vessel operator is required to (1) immediately slow to a speed just sufficient to maintain steerage only; (2) alter course within its ability to not inhibit or interfere with the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel; and (3) unless otherwise directed by an officer onboard such vessels, proceed at a reduced speed until beyond the area of operation of the law enforcement or fire rescue vessel.



How Not To Tow A Boat

Dredgings Wins Award

Dredgings has been awarded the Distinction in Journalism award for 2009 by the USPS Publications Committee.



District 2 Spring Conference

The dates for the District 2 Spring Conference are April 9-11.



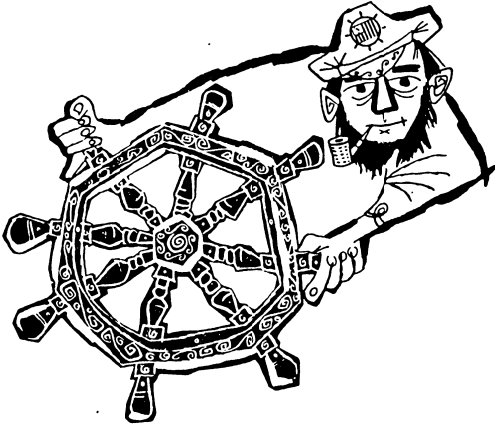
It will be held at the Williams Inn

Williams-town, MA.

The guest program is a tour of the Clark Art Institute. There you will find European and American painting, sculpture, works on paper and decorative art from then Renaissance to the early twentieth century.



Reservation information for the conference can be made by contacting Lt/C Cari Filios, AP, at cefilios@verizon.net or by calling 413-442-8984.



Dates to Remember:

Exe and Annual Meeting	March 2
Spring Fling	March 14
D/2 Conference	April 9/11

* Details This Issue of *Dredgings*

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mar 2	7:30 pm	Ex and Annual Meeting	Earthplace
Mar 14	1:30 pm	Spring Fling	Quattro Pazzi*
Apr 9/11	Various	D/2 Spring Conference	Williamstown*

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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