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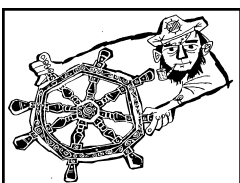
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Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons® and District 2.



The dates for our picnics are below. All dates are a Tuesday except July 7 which is a Wednesday.

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.

June	8
June	22
July	7 (WED)
July	20
August	3
August	17
August	31
September	14

Here are some of the regulations that need to be followed:

No containers of beer in excess of one liter
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 Sauga-

tuck 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



This month our Safety Officer, P/C Grant Kominek, will provide the Commander's Message.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Safety Officer's Report

The Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday May 31, 2010 at 9:00 am. It will begin at Saugatuck Elementary School (formerly Bedford Middle School) on Riverside Avenue. All participants are encouraged to be at the staging area by 8:00 am to help get the boat ready for the parade. Let John Luscombe know if you're going to be there.

The theme of the parade is "a salute to our defenders of freedom". The parade will proceed to Post Road West to Myrtle Avenue past Town Hall to Parker-Harding Plaza. Again we have All Season Marine providing a boat to trailer in the Memorial Day Parade.

Be sure to join us after the parade at Bogey's for a festive lunch.

Photo Opportunity with Westport 1st Selectman Gordon Joseloff at 3:00 pm on Wednesday May 12th at his office on the 3rd Floor in Town Hall. Everyone is invited to come on out to get in the photo

The SRSPS Banner will wave over Main Street in downtown Westport starting Monday May 24th through Saturday May 30th

P/C Grant Kominek P
Safety Officer

Do You Know the Answers?

1. A common item found on many boats is WD-40. What is the origin of that name?
2. What is the best thing to wash your hands with if you get bottom paint on them?
3. When walking forward on a boat, which side of the boat should you use—the windward or the leeward?
4. What keeps the end of a line from unraveling?

ANSWERS:

1. Water Displacement 40th try.
2. Use a hand clean. Acetone, Denatured alcohol or a solvent will drive the paint into your skin.
3. The windward—if the boom snaps, you want to be on the windward side.
4. .Whipping

EDUCATION REPORT

Here is a list of courses that are in progress. I have listed the email contact for each course should you be interested in taking one of them in the fall.

Course	Contact
Seamanship	Leah_beckman@mac.com ralphkravitz@sbcglobal.net
Piloting	gwlk@aol.com
Advance Piloting	Leah_beckman@mac.com ralphkravitz@sbcglobal.net
Engine Maintenance	ralphkravitz@sbcglobal.net
Sail	ralphkravitz@sbcglobal.net reddog_captain@yahoo.com
Weather	Leah_beckman@mac.com

You can reach me at 227-6184, if you wish additional information.

Russ Levine, P
SEO



SRSPS BRIDGE 2010-2011

The Coast Guard wants to remind recreational boaters to be safe on the water with temperatures in the 70's, the water temperature will still remain around 50 degrees, which can cause hypothermia even after short durations of exposure.

Life jackets save lives, it's the most important item to have aboard and children younger than 12 should wear their life jackets at all times.

An important recommendation is to ensure your boat is mechanically sound and watertight. It has probably been months since you last had your boat in the water, and having a mechanical failure in the middle of the New York harbor or Long Island Sound is not the place to find out that there's a problem.

You need to be able to call for help in an emergency; the Coast Guard recommends your boat be equipped with VHF marine radio, a cell phone and a GPS unit. You can contact the Coast Guard's command center with an emergency at 718-354-4353, or hail us on channel 16 from your VHF radio.

Also, be sure you have enough fuel, water and food to get you where you want to go and back with a margin for safety.

Fishing boats, all sailboats and all small boats (any that are less than 65 feet in length) may not impede the passage of a larger ship that can only safely navigate within the channel.

Additional Safe Boating Information can be found at <http://www.uscgboating.org>

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Loran-C

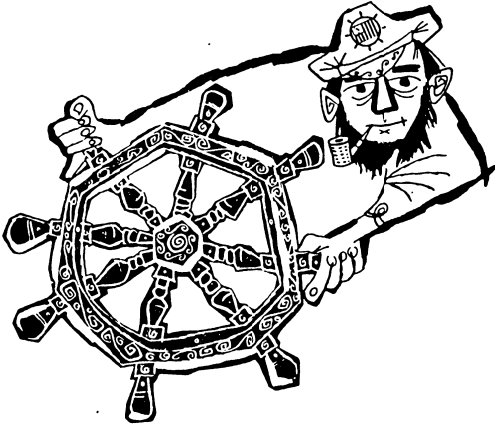
Effective February 8th the Coast Guard has decommissioned Loran-C. The Canadian Coast Guard will decommission Loran-C by October.

GPS has replace Loran-C so as a cost cutting measure this called for in the government's budget.

NOAA'S BOOKLET CHARTS

NOAA's website <http://ocsddata.noaa.gov/bookletchart> has NOAA charts listed by number.

You can chose a chart and a small scale PDF will open with all the updates. The nice feature is the chart can be printed. If you need more detail you can enlarge a section. You can also save the chart as a PDF file. Finally, you can share the file with others using Acrobat.com.



Dates to Remember:

Executive Meeting	NO May Meeting
Executive Meeting	June 1
Picnics start	June 8, 22

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
MAY		NO Executive Meeting	
June 1	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Earthplace
June 8,22	5: pm	Picnics Beging	Compo Beach*

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