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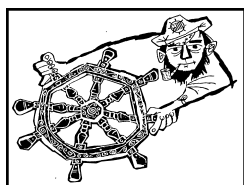
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The dates for our picnics are below. All dates are a Tuesday except July 7 which is a Wednesday.

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 and 22
July	7(Wed) and 20
August	3 17,31
Sept	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 Saugatuck 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.

**REMEMBER THE PARADE MAY 31  
DETAILS INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

## Commander's Message



Drums bang, feet pound, cheers and hurrahs are heard from one end of the street to the other. The Memorial Day pa-

rade will be coming and we need you to help, decorate and participate. We will meet at Bogeys after, as one of our usual doings.

I hope to see many of our members at the Compo Beach picnics, just look for the Power Squadron flag.

Also, we recently had a meeting at one of the Darien Power Squadron member's house and discussed in great detail education, courses and other squadron activities that will encompass Stamford, Darien, Norwalk, Saugatuck, Greenwich and Housatonic. All of these Squadrons will be offering many different courses of extended study in elective, BOC and core of Basic Boating, Seamanship, Piloting, etc...As a squadron member, you are free to contact the Education Officer of any squadron to find out further details of which course is offered where. Contact our SEO Russ Levine (227-6184) if you have any questions.

Have a good Memorial Day and a great kick-off to Summer.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander



## 2009 Memorial Day Parade

## Do You Know the Answers?

1. How can you stop bimini tie-downs from vibrating in the wind?
2. Which VHF channel should you use to declare a Mayday?
3. What does the nautical term *baggy wrinkle* refer to?
4. A common boat construction method called "carvel" had what characteristics?

### ANSWERS:

1. Use 3 twists as part of the tie-down.
2. Channel 16.
3. A device used to prevent sail chafe.
4. The side planks were butted together flush with the seams caulked to give a smooth finish.

## 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.

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

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

Russ Levine, P  
SEO



Personnel at Coast Guard Station Point Judith, R.I., were able to avoid needlessly searching for a person in the water Wednesday morning because a kayak owner had labeled his lifejacket with contact information.

The Station Point Judith crew received a report about 8:30 Wednesday morning of an overturned 15-foot boat surrounded by a debris field near Point Judith. Fearing someone was in distress, the station launched a boat crew to begin searching the area.

Among the debris, they found a life jacket labeled with its owner's contact information. They were able to quickly get a hold of the owner, who verified that the boat was his kayak and had drifted away, along with his entire private pier, due to high winds and heavy rain over the weekend.

"We're really glad the owner thought to label his lifejacket with his contact information," said Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Justin Berman, the officer of the day at Station Point Judith. "Without it, we wouldn't have known there wasn't a person in distress and we may have searched the area for hours."

## **PIN NUMBER FROM NATIONAL**

National has assigned everyone an 8 digit PIN number that appears on your bill. That PIN plus your certificate number will be required as of June 1 to logon to the USPS website. Go to [www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/tools/security/question.cgi](http://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/tools/security/question.cgi) to change your pin .

## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

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.

## **National Safe Boating Week**

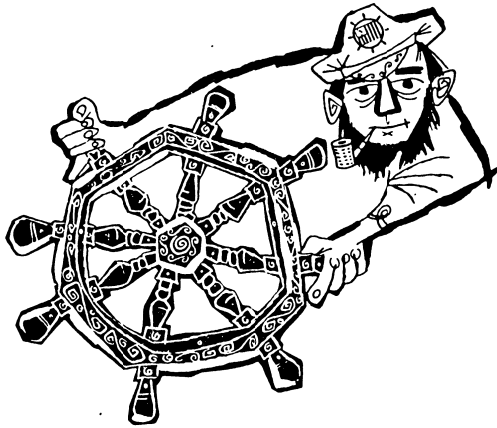
National Safe Boating Week is May 22-28. As part of that event the SRSPS Banner will wave over Main Street in downtown Westport starting Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> through Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>

## **Nautical Investing Advice**

Here is some sound nautical investing advice for these troubled times:

Stephen Cucchiaro of Windward Investment Management says "Sailing involves processing a tremendous amount of data continuously. You always need to separate the noise from the information that helps determine which way the wind is going to shift."

*Barron's 4/19/10*



**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Memorial Day Parade</b>	<b>May 31</b>
<b>Executive Meeting</b>	<b>June 1</b>
<b>Picnics start</b>	<b>June 8, 22</b>

## **Schedule of Meetings and Events**

SRSPS: [http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/saugatuck\\_river/index.html](http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/saugatuck_river/index.html)

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>May 31</b>	<b>9 am</b>	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b>	<b>Saugatuck School*</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Executive Meeting</b>	<b>Earthplace</b>
<b>June 8,22</b>	<b>5: pm</b>	<b>Picnics Begin</b>	<b>Compo Beach*</b>

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