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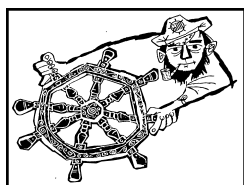
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Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons® and District 2.



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	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.

Commander's Message



The Memorial Day Parade was a big success. Thank you all for marching, waving and giving a great presentation at the

review stand. We sang *row row your boat safely down the stream!* That was the motto and it worked very well. We had a good concept to show safe boating with our grand finale at the end of the parade at the reviewing stand. Not only was our presentation very well executed, but the safe boating banner was held high above Main Street in downtown Westport during National Safe Boating Week.

After the parade we all met at Bogey's for lunch. We had a great turn-out. In fact one member suggested, let's have our meeting here. No meetings for the summer, instead the Compo Beach picnics are starting up. See the schedule on page 1 of this issue.



Our Vessel Safety Inspections are going forward.

Call Al Stauderman at 762-9527 to arrange your inspection.

Enjoy the boating season and have a great time out on the water. May we have warm rolling seas and clear nights. Happy Boating!

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Do You Know the Answers?

1. If you forget to take in your fenders while you're underway, what term is used to describe this?
2. When jump starting a battery, what is the order for connecting the cables?
3. What is hydrophobia?
4. How can you extend the shine on meta surfaces?

ANSWERS:

1. Having your laundry hanging out.
2. Connect the positive to positive first.
3. The fear of drowning or death in water.
4. Put a coat of paste wax on the polished surface

EDUCATION REPORT

Here is a list of courses that are likely to be offered in the fall.

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

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SEO

Course	Contact
Seamanship	Leah_beckman@mac.com ralphkravitz@sbcglobal.net
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In the past five years the First District, which stretches along the coast from Maine to northern New Jersey and eastern New York and also includes Lake Champlain, Vt., has suffered the loss of 592 swimmers and boaters. Thirty-two of those deaths have occurred since January 2010.

“Six maritime deaths in the past few days and 32 deaths already this year is unusually high,” said Patrick Petrarca, a search and rescue controller at the First District. “We can’t speculate on why the number is so high, but we do know it’s not a good pattern to see.”

Warm weather, inexperience, overconfidence, alcohol and cold water have historically combined to cause many people to ignore basic rules of sense and safety.

“We want everyone to enjoy spending time on the water, especially now that the weather is getting warmer,” said Al Johnson, the First Coast Guard District’s recreational boating safety specialist, “but the sudden shock of cold water can still instantly immobilize the most competent swimmer, making a life jacket essential for survival.”



First selectman, Gordon Joseloff center, holds a proclamation declaring Safe Boating Week as members of SRSPPS look on.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

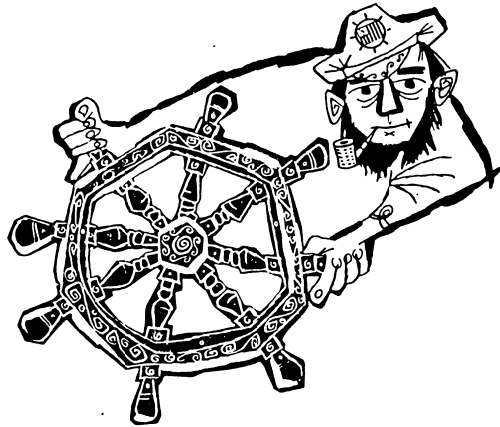


P/C John Luscombe, SN and Cdr Craig Burry, P (left to right) carry the SRSPS banner in the parade

SRPSP MEMORIAL DAY FLOAT



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Dates to Remember:

Compo Beach Picnics	See Schedule Page 1
Executive Meeting	No meeting in July
Executive Meeting	August 3

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Schedule Page 1	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach*
July		No Executive Meeting	
Aug 3	7:30 pm	Exec Committee Meeting	Earthplace

* Details This Issue of *Dredgings*