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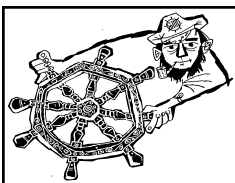
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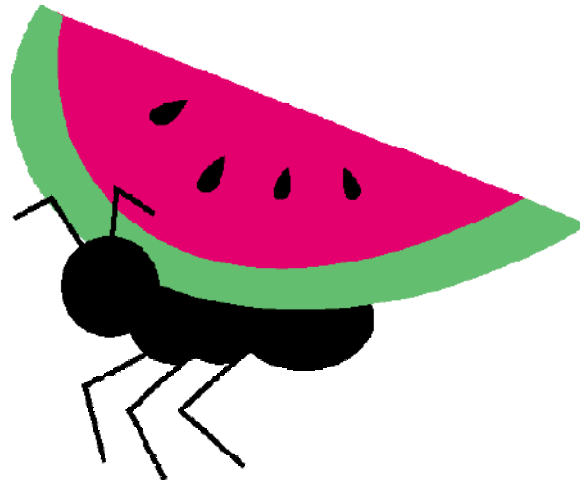


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**Compo Beach Picnics
Alternate Tuesdays
Start Time 5:30 pm
Bring your own dinner
A fire provided for cooking**

**May 24, June 7, June 21
July 6 (WEDNESDAY),
July 19, August 2 August 16,
August 30, September 13**

Commander's Message



The boating season is upon us. We have the week blocked and slated to hang the banner for safe boating week in downtown Westport.

We are ready with the prep work to once again have a float for the parade. The Squadron will again become a safety beacon on the parade route and we plan to have many members join us in marching, riding and yelling ahoy to the standing crowd. Don't forget everyone will meet at Bogey's after the parade.

The COW was very well done and all of our Bridge Officers are installed and ready at the command to continue the growth and strength of our squadron. I have just received an email that the Northern Trek has been canceled. Sorry that it fell through, I have yet to go, but sure plan to one of these days.

On the other hand, the Compo Beach is sifted of sand, rocks raked and new sand in place, so we shall see you at the BAR B QUE! right!. Our Squadron Compo Beach picnics, please come. You may even get to retry the art of newspaper, ice, salt and cream. Just wrap it, throw it and eat it later., Yep, the scientific way of creating ICE CREAM, Thanks to Betty Bavor. It was a smash to do this project, literally with torn, taped and thrown around, but the outcome was oohhh, yeah! Taste good ICE CREAM.

I will be at the Town Hall next week to receive the proclamation from The First selectman for the cast-off of another great boating season.

May fair winds and following seas comfort you when you are underway!

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Do You Know the Answers?

1. When jib telltales are flying parallel to the sail, what does that indicate?
2. Why should you hook the winch cable to the back of a trailer?
3. What is the biggest advantage of an alcohol stove?
4. If your anchor rode is vibrating, what does that indicate?

ANSWERS:

1. The sail is properly trimmed.
2. You can easily reach it.
3. Water will put out a fire.
4. It is likely the anchor is dragging.

EDUCATION REPORT

We would like to offer some courses to fill out your boating education. Let me know what courses you are interested in taking. You can reach me at 227-6184.

Russ Levine, P
SEO

BOAT FOR SALE

Sea Ray 255 1981, classic weekender. Mercruiser thunderbolt ignition 285 completely rebuilt engine. Propeller needs work. Teak swim platform. Bow rail damaged, needs to be replaced. Hull is sound and in good condition. Comes w/ a tandem trailer. Contact Captain Craig Burry of Burry Boating Associates to see her. Owner will also part out if offered. 203-226-8292 or 203-216-1301

A NOTE FROM P/C RICK BECK, AP

Your editor received the following note from P/C Rick Beck. He and his father Dick Beck were charter members of SRSPS:

My father would really be proud as I am of what SRSPS has become today and the great spirit our commander has to continue as the head of SRSPS.

U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
**United States
Coast Guard**



The Saugatuck River Vessel Safety Check (VSC) team is looking for a few good men (and women) to aid in the exam of the hundreds of boats in the area that need to have safety checks.

Here are five easy ways to stay safe on the water:

- 1. Wear a lifejacket:** properly wearing a Coast Guard-approved lifejacket is the single easiest way to improve your survival chances after an accident.
- 2. File a float plan:** filing this simply consists of telling someone where you are going and when you plan to return, so in the event you don't come back, rescuers have a better idea of where to look for you.
- 3. Mark your gear:** this is often overlooked by new boaters, but if you use indelible ink to put down an address and phone number on paddles, sails, canoe and kayak hulls.
- 4. Bring safety equipment with you:** bringing flares, a sound-producing device, signaling mirror, marine band radio or cell phone can all help you get our attention and get to you as fast as possible.
- 5. Take a boating safety course:** Often boaters and paddle sport enthusiasts get excited to get their new vessel on the water before they've learned how to properly use it and avoid dangerous situations.



P/D/C Harrison Valante, Diane Valante and Bill Caldwell on the cruise ship The Surkov in St Petersburg, Russia.

If interested, call Al Stauderman at (203) 762-9527 or email him at al@bbsadpro.com

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

We will gather on Riverside Avenue 8:30 for step off at 9 am on May 30 for the Memorial Day Parade. Wear USPS shirts, if you have them, comfortable shoes. Several can ride on the boat. Everyone is invited to Bogey's for lunch following the ceremony at Town Hall green.

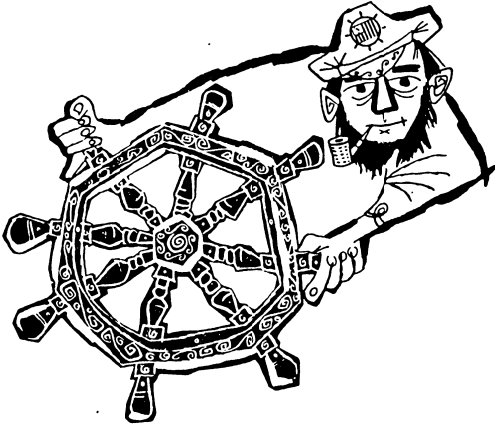
NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK May 21-27



First Selectman Gordon Joseloff holding Safe Boating Proclamation with Cdr Craig Burry. Photo includes left to right Gordon Bavor, John Luscombe, Grant Kominek, and Joe Schachter.



SRSPS banner over Main St for Safe Boating Week. Photos by Betty Bavor



Dates to Remember:

National Safe Boating Week	May 21-27
Compo Beach Picnic	May 24, June 7
Memorial Day Parade	May 30

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
May 21-27		National Safe Boating Week	
May 24	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach*
May 30	9:00 am	Memorial Day Parade	Westport*

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