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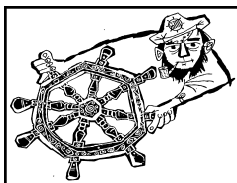
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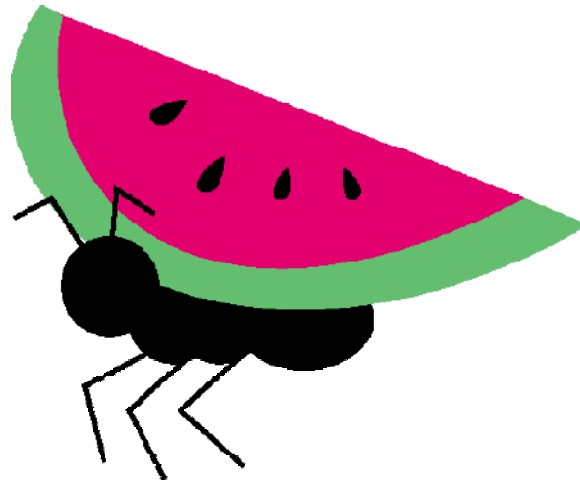


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**Compo Beach Picnics
Alternate Tuesdays
Start Time 5:30 pm
Bring your own dinner
A fire provided for cooking**

**Next Picnic June 21,
July 6 (WEDNESDAY),
July 19, August 2 August 16,
August 30, September 13**

Commander's Message



Our Compo Beach Picnics have been very well attended. The summer is short and goes by too fast. Mark your calendar for the

next picnic on June 21. You'll enjoy a very pleasant evening with good friends in a lovely setting.

Bad weather cancelled our Memorial Day Parade. Thanks to P/C Grant Kominek for getting our float ready and arranging the banner over Main Street.

The next big event on our calendar is the D/2 Rendezvous. It will be held at the East End Yacht Club in Bridgeport on Friday July 29 and Saturday July 30. Details are in this issue of *Dredgings*.

Now is the time to get your Vessel Safety Check. SRSPS has an excellent crew of inspectors. A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. The examiner will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater. You alone will get a copy of the evaluation so that you may follow some of the suggestions given. There is no reporting of the exam to any authority. Contact Al Stauderman at (203) 762-9527 or email him at al@bbsadpro.com to arrange for your examination.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

*You can't control the wind, but you
can adjust your sails.*

Yiddish proverb

Do You Know the Answers?

1. Lettering on a nautical chart is either straight or slanted. What determines which type of lettering is used.?
2. A card placed next to the helm with instructions on what to do if the captain is incapacitated is a good safety practice. What should the card include?
3. At night if you see an approaching white light and a green light, which side is it going to pass you on?
4. If an approaching light at night is white above a green and red light, what would that indicate?

ANSWERS:

1. Slanted lettering indicates the object is affected by tide and or current.
2. How to: call for help, stop the boat, locate boat's position and where to find the first aid kit.
3. Starboard side.
4. You are on a collision course with the approaching boat.

EDUCATION REPORT

We are laying our plans for the fall boating courses. 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. Mer-cruiser 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

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



With warm, sunny weather being forecasted for the upcoming weekend, the U.S. Coast Guard is reminding mariners that even though the air temperature feels warm, the water temperature is still cold and unforgiving.

The spring can be particularly dangerous as many boaters in their haste to get underway only consider the weather report and overlook water temperatures. A good guideline to follow is to always dress for the water, not the air.

“With water temperatures still in the mid-40s, hypothermia can set in quickly regardless of the air’s warmth,” said Lt. Garrett Meyer, the incident management division chief at Coast Guard Sector Boston. “Taking necessary precautions and preparing beforehand can make a huge difference in how your first trip on the water goes.”

“Spending time on the water can be an extremely enjoyable experience,” Meyer said, “but remembering to take the time to properly prepare will help ensure it remains enjoyable!”

In the event of an emergency while on the water, the Coast Guard can be reached anytime via VHF channel 16.

USPS Member Discounts

USPS members are eligible for discounts on marine products, insurance, travel discounts, health benefits and more. For a complete listing of member benefits visit http://www.usps.org/national/admn_dept/membenefits.htm.



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.

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

D/2 Rendezvous

Dates: July 29 and 30

Place: East End YC Bridgeport

Dockage: Free Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Sat 9 AM D/2 Council

Lunch available on deck

Sat Afternoon 2-4 pm Sail, Fishing, Kite-flying, kayak race and blind-folded dinghy race

Sat Evening

6 PM Cash bar

7 PM Dinner in private dining room choice lobster, Chicken Florentine, Prime Rib or Vegetarian Special.

Reservations and further information:

P/C Eugene Boone, Jr., AP

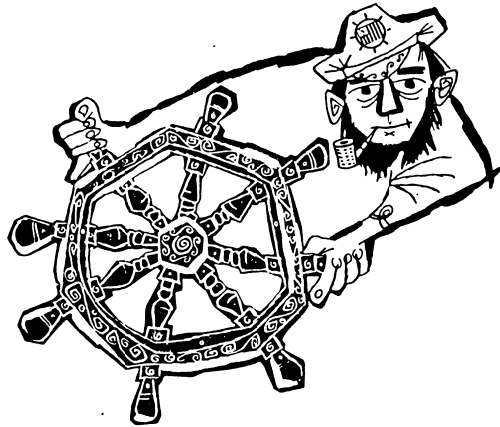
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HARBOR GUIDE 2011

Flotilla 72 has published a waterproof harbor guide for Norwalk, Darien and Westport. It is folded into a convenient size and contains a chart covering the local waters excerpted from NOAA Chart 12368. Included with the chart are local emergency phone numbers, a list of common marine enforcement citations and the fine for each and tide tables. West Marine has free copies or call the flotilla at 203-838-1200.

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Dates to Remember:

Compo Beach Picnic	June 21
Compo Beach Picnic	July 6 and 19
D/2 Rendezvous	July 29/30

* Details This Issue

Date	Time	Event	Location
June 21	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach*
Jul 6&19	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach*
Jul 29/30	Various	D/2 Rendezvous	East End YC*

Schedule of Meetings and Events

SRSFS: http://www.usps.org/d2/saugatuck_river/index.html
 Dredgings: http://www.usps.org/d2/d2_squadron_news.html