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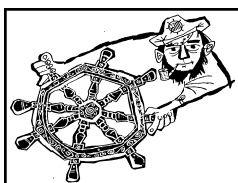
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Spring Fling Party

The Gaelic-American Club
74 Beach Road
Fairfield, CT 06824



Sunday, April 21
12 Noon to 4 pm

Details next *Dredgings*

Commander's Message



Happy New Year to everyone, 2012 is here and 2011 has disappeared.

We had some ups n' downs during 2011,

including the loss of members who have passed the bar and headed to another journey.

We also have had 14 merit marks issued for all the good work you have done to benefit our squadron and help it along to stay afloat.

Not much snow and a spectacular firework show for the coming/ launching of the New Year at Westport's First Night Celebration.

This year's calendar includes a very special Spring Fling party—see announcement on page 1. It also includes a Flare-Up event that will both teach how to properly use your flares. It will also give you an opportunity to safely dispose of them.

May this year bring health, wealth and new members to join our Squadron. Enjoy the new boating season.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Dredgings' Delivery

You can always view Dredgings on the Internet at http://www.usps.org/localusps/d2/d2_squadron_news.html.

You can receive an email with the link to the latest newsletter by letting me know your email address if you aren't already receiving that email—raffel@post.harvard.edu.

Finally if the Internet delivery is all you need, send me an email, and I'll drop you off the mailing label list.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. Maintaining a DR (Dead Reckoning plot) is important. When should a DR position be put on the chart?
2. What do "Lazy Jacks" refer to?
3. What is a pelorus?
4. What are the 2 properties of a lighthouse that determines on a clear day how far the light can be seen?

ANSWERS:

1. Enter a DR position when changing course, when changing speed and not less than once an hour.
2. They are lines that are rigged so when a mainsail is lowered the sail is gather on the boom.
3. It is an instrument like a compass but has no directive ability. It is use to take relative bearings.
4. The height of the lighthouse and the intensity of the light.

EDUCATION REPORT

Listed below are the courses available this spring. If you have any questions you can reach me at 227-6184.

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Seamanship	Lea_beckman@mac.com
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Navigation	gwlk@aol.com
Cruise Planning	Karl.wagner@us.pwc.com
Engine Maintenance	rhenry149@optonline.net
Marine Electrical	Karl.wagner@us.pwc.com
Marine Comm. Systems	Karl.wagner@us.pwc.com
Weather	rhenry149@optonline.net



BOSTON — A U.S. Coast Guard boat crew rescued two people around 5 p.m. from a sinking vessel approximately three miles northeast of Block Island, R.I., January 7. Watch standers from the 1st Coast Guard District Command Center in Boston received an alert from an EPIRB from the 55-foot fishing vessel Elizabeth Helen, home ported in West Kingston, R.I., at approximately 3:54 pm.

Station Port Judith, R.I., launched a 47-Foot Motor Life Boat. The rescue crew located the life raft after spotting a red flare and retrieved the men to safety at 4:48 p.m. The fishing vessel capsized with 900 gallons of diesel fuel on board in approximately 130-foot water during a haul back.

“We saw the red flare go off and were able to spot their life raft in the water,” said Petty Officer 3rd Class Matthew McKenzie, the coxswain from Station Point Judith. “It is extremely important to have functional safety equipment on board especially now as the temperature begins to drop.”

The crew met awaiting medical personnel at Station Point Judith. No injuries were reported.

"The success of this case is a real testament to the diligence and effort of the watch standers and crews involved," said Lt. Joe Klinker, First Coast Guard District public affairs officer. "With 20,000 fishing vessels operating in the Northeastern U.S., the Coast Guard is monitoring those waters, 24 hours a day, for exactly this reason."

FLARE-UP

Al Stauderman and Harrison Valante will co-chair a FLARE-UP on Saturday, May 19 at Compo Beach. The event will help you to learn how to properly use your flares. It will also be an opportunity to get rid of expired flares safely. Darien Power Squadron held a FLARE-UP. Here are 2 photos from their event:



Boat For Sale

1984 Cobia Odyssey 195 cuddy cabin, sleeps two and has a plush interior. She is rebuilt from the hull up. Barrier coated and bottom painted. She is powered with a 150 hp o/b Johnson with trim and tilt, recently installed and a new steering cable. She runs and planes nicely. She is gray and white, no bimini top. She is complete with a rebuilt trailer, galvanized rims and new tires. The trailer is re-wired with new lights and they work, trailer also has new leaf springs, hubs, axle and bearings. She is a great all around boat, to fish, water ski or hang around at Cockenoe. : Certified Bank check only, NO PAY PAL/ Credit Cards. Call at 203-226-8292 to find out more. Craig Burry of BBA. Master Mariner- USCG.

Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	Feb 7, 2012 NO MEETING
D2 Winter Council	Mar 3
Executive Committee	Mar 6

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Feb 7	NO MEETING	Executive Committee	Earthplace
Mar 6	7:30 pm	Executive Committee	Earthplace

* Details This Issue