



Saugatuck River Sail And Power Squadron

Dredgings Monthly Newsletter



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The women at a recent Compo Picnic left to right: Jo Luscombe, Bobbie Raffel, Julie Ann Weber, Diane Valante, Jean Cauldwell and Irma Schachter.

The last Compo Picnic was held Sept 12. It was another good year with mostly good weather

Unfortunately the Penfield Power Squadron Clambake had to be cancelled. There was a serious illness in their squadron that caused the cancellation. All those who had paid had their checks returned.

Commander's Message



Hurricane Irma took its toll on my friends in Puerto Rico. They lost power had screwed windows blow apart and many high winds. However today they are enjoying a most gorgeous day in the island. Preparation is most critical. You can't be too prepared for a hurricane. Have

enough provisions and when your asked to evacuate GO! Don't stay Merit Mark recommendations are due soon. Please get me the information of what when and where who did work for our Squadron. The boating season is soon ending. Now is the time to clean out the boat's contents, wax the hull and cover the boat. If you sand the

bottom now, you will be a happier person in the spring. Winterizing the motor is essential to the motor's well being.



Craig Burry, P
Commander

To Desire nothing beyond what you have is surely happiness.

Aboard a boat, it is frequently possible to achieve just that.

- Carleton Mitchell

If you aren't getting notice of *Dredgings* and other Squadron information by email, it is because we don't have your current email address. Send it to raffel@post.harvard.edu.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. "In step" is a term often used when towing a boat. What does it mean?
2. If a vessel is in a following sea which of the following is it likely to do roll, slow down, yaw or pitch?
3. In a high pressure weather system in the Northern hemisphere, its rotation would be what?
4. Name 3 instances where a power-driven should give way?

ANSWERS:

1. The tow boat and the boat being towed reach a wave's trough and crest at the same time.
2. Yaw .
- 3 Clockwise and outward.
- 4 A vessel with restricted maneuverable, a sailing vessel and a boat engaged in fishing.

Education Report

This fall we will be offering several courses. If there is one you are especially interested in taking, please let me know.

SEO Russ Levine
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Last week a sailboat went aground off Westport in open water. Few details were available about the grounding. But it does raise some questions. How did they contact the police-VHF radio or cell phone, what they hit is on the charts so why did they hit it, is this small boat is overloaded, were PFDs available?



Since April 2017, the Coast Guard has conducted more than 370 paddlecraft boardings and terminated 110 voyages. Voyages were terminated due to not having a life jacket or a sound producing device.



According to the National Safe Boating Council, in 2016, the Northeast had 28 paddler deaths, more than double the national average. To date, there have been about 33 recreational boating fatalities, with 20 of those deaths happening in inland waters. Sixteen out of the 33 deaths were paddlecraft related.

Paddlesports continue to be the fastest growing segment of recreational boating, with more than 300,000 paddle crafts (canoes, kayaks and paddle boards) being sold annually.

However, just like boating, there is a skill level to the sport.

“Paddlers should know their skill level and not go beyond it,” said Walt Taylor, First Coast Guard District’s recreational boating safety specialist.

Sound Sailing Center Rescue.



Recently WindCheck magazine reported the Sound Sailing Center vessel *Disco Valante* a Hanse 400 was on its way to Portland ME with a group of students and 2 instructors.

Off the coast of Wareham, MA they spotted an overturned powerboat and many people in the water. The boat was carrying 3 adults and 9 children.

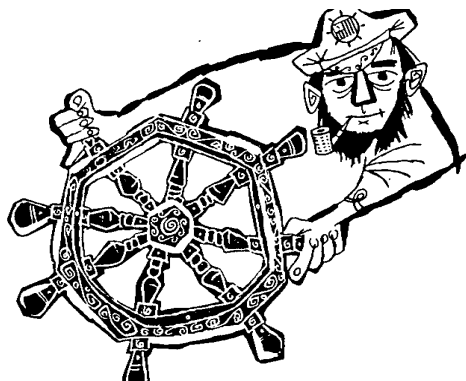
Martain van Breems, president of the sailing school, directed the rescue. Having recently practiced MOB drills they were current on the process.

They were able to rescue all the people in the water except an 8 year child who was later found under the boat and unfortunately would not survive.

The Coast Guard, police and harbormaster boats arrived later and assisted in the rescue efforts.



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Dates to Remember:

Ex Meeting	Oct 3
Ex Meeting	Nov 7

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Oct 3	7:30 pm	Ex Meeting	Town Hall
Nov 7	7:30	Ex Meeting	Town Hall