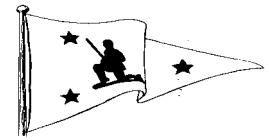




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HOLIDAY PARTY LUNCH

Saturday, December 2, 2017 1 P.M.

BOATHOUSE RESTAURANT At The SAUGATUCK ROWING CLUB 521 Riverside Ave Westport CT

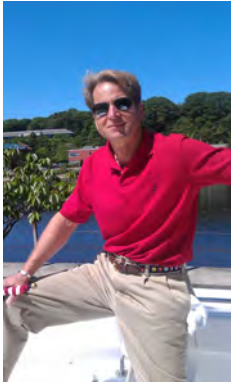
Cash Bar \$45.00 pp
Complimentary
Bloody Marys and Mimosas

RSVP by Saturday, November 25

Please note Lunch date of Saturday, December 2, 2017

Send check to: Lt/C Hugh Sebastian, SN
93 Pond Rd, Wilton, Ct 06897-3226

Do bring a "Grab-bag" gift from Santa (\$10-\$15)



Commander's Message

Our Merit Mark recommendations are due now. Please let me know who did work for the squadron and should be recommended for a Merit Mark. It is important that those members be recognized for their efforts.

Recently, the Norwalk chapter of Sea Scouts, Ship 6, held a fund raising dinner. This is an exceptional organization under the leadership of Kai Horan. If you were unable to attend the fund raiser and would like to make a donation, mail it to Sea Scout Ship 6, Post Office Box 148, Norwalk CT, 06856.

Our annual Holiday party this year is being held at a very special place— The Boathouse Restaurant at the beautiful Saugatuck Rowing Club on Riverside Avenue in Westport. This is an event that you don't want to miss. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Remember the reservations are due no later than Saturday November 25. Also, remember the luncheon is on Saturday this year.

Craig Burry, P
Commander



Why do you think my own racing yacht is named *Tenacious, dummy?*....

Because I never quit. I've got a bunch of flags on my boat, but there ain't no white flags.

——Ted Turner

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. What kind of rag is best to use when polishing a fiberglass boat?
2. If your boat smells after a long winter layup, what might be a way to clear the air?
3. How do you convert knots to miles per hour?
4. A single span bridge with red lights would indicate what?

ANSWERS:

1. A terry cloth rag.
2. A few drops of wintergreen oil put on cotton balls and placed around the boat.
3. Multiply the knots by 1.15.
4. The channel's boundaries..

Education Report

We will soon be offering in conjunction with Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron the following courses:

Piloting, Weather, Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Navigation Systems.

America's Boating Course and Practical on-the-Water lessons.

Please let me know which course is of interest or if you have any questions

SEO Russ Levine
203-227-6184



Kai Horan leader of the Norwalk Ship 6 Sea Scouts and the crew members.



BOSTON — Coast Guard Station Boston law enforcement teams provide security for the USS Constitution, Friday, Oct. 20, 2017 as it sails in Boston Harbor. The USS Constitution originally launched in 1797 and



is the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world. U.S. Coast Guard photos by Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew Barresi.

Westport Town Marinas

As of December 1st, all boats need to be removed from town marinas. Any boats remaining after November 30th are subject to a daily fee and/or loss of boating privileges.

For a limited time only, fuel, oil and ice sales will be available at Compo Marina Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM until our fuel supply is exhausted. For information on availability, please contact Compo Marina at 203-341-1063.

Please let us know if you have no intentions of keeping your assignment next season so that we may offer it to someone on the wait list. Please feel free to contact me at 203-341-5089 or Michael, our Dockmaster, at 203-341-1062 with any questions or concerns.



Sea Scout Ship 6 Pasta Dinner—Fall Fundraiser

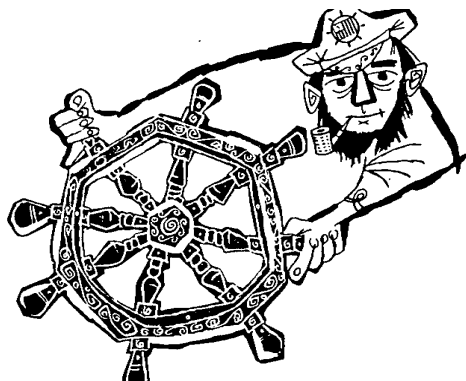
SRSPS table at the Ship 6 dinner. Jo and John Luscombe, Bobbie and Steve Raffel, Irma and Jo Schachter, Jean and Bill Caldwell (left to right.)

Walt Paul Note

There have been numerous instances where yachts went aground, sunk etc. due to total reliance on a chart plotter. In all probability, their plotter was not current or, they were ignoring it. For sure, it isn't as current as the booklet charts available free on line and current to the latest corrections.

The USCG has buoy tenders out there all the time and often have to move them a bit due to changing topography. Chart plotter programs don't get the changes until they are updated.

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Dates to Remember:

Holiday Party	Dec 2 (Saturday)
Exec Meeting	Dec 5

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

Dredgings: http://www.usps.org/d2/d2_squadron_news.html

Date	Time	Event	Location
Dec 2	1 pm	Holiday Party	Boathouse /Restaurant
Dec 5	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Westport Town Hall