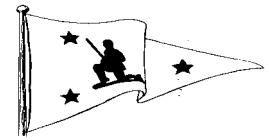




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HOLIDAY PARTY LUNCH Saturday, December 2, 2017



Bill Caldwell, U.S. Navy (Ret) recognized Ed Hyde for his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. Ed, the Squadron Law Officer, was presented with a plaque from the Squadron and a commemorative WWII medal.



Commander's Message

The Squadron is doing well both membership wise and We have won numerous awards, been honored by National USPS. Merit Marks bestowed upon our members and officers. A Merit Mark is awarded " "For having contributed substantially to

the promotion of the interests and objectives of United States Power Squadrons.

Merit Marks for 2016 were awarded to Craig Burry, Russ Levine, Jose Maria Castro, Russ Levine. Barbara Raffel, Stephen Raffel, Hugh Sebastian, Diane Valante, Harrison Valante.

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Hats off, champagne poured, fireworks aloft and celebrate the coming New Year.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

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 does the term "not under command" mean ?
2. When does Deviation on a magnetic compass change?
3. What are the prescribed lights for a sailboat at night under power?
4. How would you define "safe speed"?

ANSWERS:

1. Vessel is unable to maneuver as required by the rules due to an exceptional circumstance..
2. When the vessel changes heading..
- 3 Side and stern lights.
- 4 The speed at which you can take proper action to avoid collision.

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



**Coast Guard, port partners respond to
container ship breaking free from mooring in**

BOSTON — The Coast Guard, along with Massport Fire Department, Boston Police Department, Massachusetts State Police and port tugs responded to a containership that broke free from its mooring Wednesday (December 6) at around 12:45 a.m at the Paul W. Conley Container Terminal in Boston.

Terminal workers who were aboard the 1,065-foot container ship Helsinki Bridge were able to safely disembark, and no injuries or pollution from the container ship were reported.

A docking pilot boarded the vessel, and along with the container ship's crew, safely escorted the Helsinki Bridge to Broad Sound, where it remains anchored. The Helsinki Bridge was carrying general cargo. The cause of incident remains under investigation.



PDC Harrison Valante (left) was recognized by SRSPS for his 26 years of service and 26 Merit Marks. He served as District 2 Commander (2001-2002). He has been District Safety Officer since then. Joe Schachter (right) made the recognition and presented him with a gift from the Squadron.

*Gear that falls from aloft is usually harder
than the head it falls on* —Proverb



John Luscombe, Dorothy Hyde and Ed Hyde enjoying the Holiday Party at The Rowing Club.

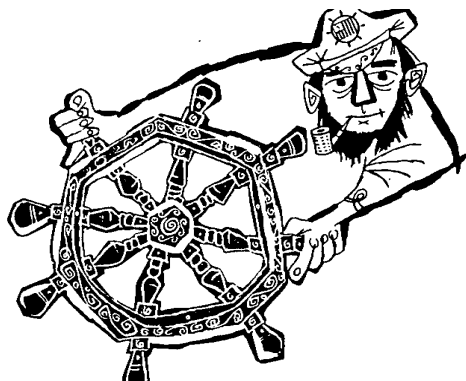


Diane Valante (left) Harrison Valante and Irma (right) Schachter celebrating at the Holiday Party.



Seated John Touhill, Elie Mihialides, Norma Gerwig (right) and standing Jeff Gerwig. They are long-time supporters of SRSPS.

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Dates to Remember:

Exec Meeting	Jan 2, 2018
Annual Meeting	Feb 6

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
Jan 2	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Westport Town Hall
Feb 6	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Westport Town Hall