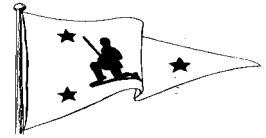




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## Change of Watch

**Sunday March 18, 2018  
3:00-6:30 pm**



**Saugatuck  
Harbor YC  
6 Great Marsh Rd  
Westport, CT**

**Buffet: Tutti's Restaurant**  
**Beer, soda and water provided**  
**Bring your own wine and spirits**

**Rick Delfosse business manager of Rex and Cove  
Marinas and experienced cruiser and instructor will  
talk about the Norwalk Islands.**

**Come discover their history, along with navigation and  
anchorage, tips and tricks around the 25+ Islands.**

**Your check is your reservation. Mail to:**

**Hugh Sebastian, SN  
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**93 Pond Rd**

**Wilton, CT 06897**

**\$25 per person check payable to SRSPS**

## Commander's Message



The weather has been frigid for or the start of the new year. But nonetheless it is time to think about getting back on the water and what needs to be done to get the boat ready for the coming season.

Its time for us to have a change to watch of the bridge officers. A wonderful Change of Watch event is planned at Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club. Details are on page 1. Be sure to reserve now as space is limited there.

If you are participating in the local frost biting activities be sure to be mindful of hypothermia. It has the potential to be deadly. It took the life of one of my friends.

There are many new classes about to begin. Be sure to take a look at the listing on the next page. Safe boating involves knowing what you are doing and these courses will keep you up to date on all the latest information you need to know.

Stay well.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander



*...when we go back to the sea  
-whether it is to sail or watch  
it-we are going back from  
whence we came.*  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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](mailto:raffel@post.harvard.edu).

## Do You Know the Answers?

1. Name 3 situations in which a sailing vessel is required to keep out of the way.
2. What does the rate at which a barometer falls indicate?
3. Guess how many drinking straws and their tonnage that are used in the US every year that wind up in the oceans.
4. A hard-chimed sailboat will go faster or slower with the chimes buried?

### ANSWERS:

1. A vessel restricted in ability to maneuver; A vessel not under command and A vessel engaged in fishing.
2. The approach and intensity of a storm.
- 3 500 million straws and 8 million tons of plastic ([thelastplasticstraw.org](http://thelastplasticstraw.org)).
- 4 Slower but it is less macho.

## Education Report

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

Engine Maintenance, Coastal Navigation, Electronic Navigation . See schedule next page.

America's Boating Course, Practical-on-the-Water lessons and Seamanship will be offered at a later date.

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**



A Coast Guard Station Sandy Hook heavy weather boatcrew rescued four men who were stranded aboard a 22-foot vessel near Keansburg, New Jersey.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector New York received a report around noon by Perth Amboy 911 dispatch of a disabled 22-foot lake pleasure craft in Raritan Bay, New Jersey with four people aboard, and launched the Sandy Hook heavy weather boatcrew. The boatcrew arrived on scene and rescued the four boaters off of the unseaworthy vessel. The on scene weather was 30-knot winds and three to five-foot seas.

Due to safety concerns, the boatcrew was not able to tow the vessel and left the 22-foot pleasure craft at anchor. The owner has arranged for commercial salvage to tow the vessel when the weather permits. The boatcrew safely transferred the four men ashore to Atlantic Highlands Marina with no reported medical concerns.

“This type of boat was designed to be operated on lakes, not the ocean,” said Petty Officer 3rd Class Jennifer Smith, a crewmember at Station Sandy Hook. “Before leaving the dock, you should always check the weather, file a float plan, check your lifesaving equipment and ensure your vessel is safe to be out on the water.”



## Course Schedule

### **Coastal Navigation 1**

March 17th Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm. Contact Karl Wagner 203-274-5550

### **Marine Engine Maintenance**

**Feb 24 Saturday 9am—1pm**  
Contact Karl Wagner 203-274-5550

### **Electronic Navigation Mar 3rd 1:30pm– 5:00pm**

Contact Karl Wagner 203-274-5550

### **On-the-Water-Boat-Handling Norwalk June 9th 9am-5pm**

Contact Karl Wagner 203-274-5550

### **Seamanship**

#### **Date to be determined**

Contact Geoffrey Axt 203-968-8952.

### **America's Boating Course Qualify for required CT or NY Safe Boating Certificate**

#### **Norwalk/Westport Apr 14**

Contact Karl Wagner 203-274-5550

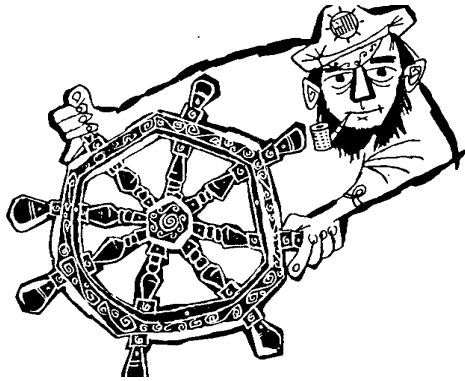
#### **Fairfield April 21**

Contact Carol Heller 203-259-4870

#### **Darien April 30**

Contact Frank Kemp 203-656-1129

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**Dates to Remember:**

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Exec Meeting</b>    | <b>March 6</b>  |
| <b>Change of Watch</b> | <b>March 18</b> |
| <b>Exec Meeting</b>    | <b>April 3</b>  |

## **Schedule of Meetings and Events**

**SRSPS:** [http://www.usps.org/d2/saugatuck\\_river/index.html](http://www.usps.org/d2/saugatuck_river/index.html)

**Dredgings:** [http://www.usps.org/d2/d2\\_squadron\\_news.html](http://www.usps.org/d2/d2_squadron_news.html)

| <b>Date</b>    | <b>Time</b>                  | <b>Event</b>    | <b>Location</b>     |
|----------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| <b>March 6</b> | 3:00pm<br>Note New<br>Time   | Exec Committee  | Westport Town Hall  |
| <b>Mar 18</b>  | 3:00pm                       | Change of Watch | Saugatuck Harbor YC |
| <b>April 3</b> | TB3:00pm<br>Note New<br>Time | Exec Committee  | Westport Town Hall  |