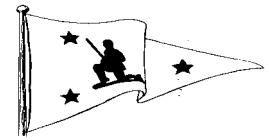




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Change of Watch



D/C Susan Darcy swearing in the new commanders and officers of Saugatuck River, Norwalk and Penfield.

Compo Beach Picnic Dates:

May 15, May 29, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21, September 4. Septembr 11.
Details next issue of *Dredgings*

Commander's Message



I attended the D2 spring conference in Fishkill. It was a success.

Our Squadron won several awards. We were awarded the outstanding fraternal Squadron of D2. We also won an award for continuous contribution to the Educational Fund. Dredgings won a national award.

Thank you for all you do to develop such a well edited and designed news letter.

The biggest surprise for Saugatuck River was a distinguished service award given to Steve Raffel. He was recognized for 40 years of service to USPS. Thank you and congratulations.

Stay well.

Craig Burry, P
Commander



Maxine Hinkle, P/C Neil Croarkin's companion died March 17, 2018.

The Squadron sends its deepest sympathy to their families.



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 is the difference between ebb and flood tidal currents?
2. What type of boat might not show up on radar?
3. Why should storage batteries be charged in a well-ventilated area?
4. As a boat heels, what compensates compass errors?

ANSWERS:

1. Ebb tide is when the current moves away from land.
2. A small wooden boat.
3. Batteries being charged emit hydrogen which is a highly flammable and potentially explosive gas.
4. A single permanent vertical magnet placed in a tube under the center of the compass.

Education Report

We will soon be offering in conjunction with Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron the following courses. See schedule next page.

Seamanship.

America's Boating Course,

On-the-Water Boat Handling

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

SEO Russ Levine, P
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Not to have control over the senses is like sailing in a rudderless ship, bound to break to pieces on coming in contact with the very first rock.

Mahatma Gandhi



If a storm is approaching, do not go out to sea.

Double-check lines when securing your boat. Take precautions for items stored loosely aboard.

Please secure all paddle craft and ensure they are not located in or near the tidal surge zone.

Contact local marinas for advice on how best to secure your vessel.

If you must get underway, create a float plan and send it to your friends and families before getting underway. Ensure that you have the proper signaling devices onboard your vessel and the correct amount of life jackets onboard.

Always wear a proper life jacket when on a boat or personal watercraft.

Paddle craft owners are urged to pull and secure vessels well above high water levels to avoid craft being pulled off the shore.

Once at sea, unmanned craft often result in complex, unnecessary searches thereby reducing Coast Guard's capability to respond to actual distress at sea. Also, please clearly mark all paddle craft with owner's name and contact information.



Bill Caldwell, Navy Commander, (Retired) and PDC Harrison R. Valante attended the Navy League,

The event was held at the Stamford YC.

Pictured is Cdr. Bill Caldwell and

Rear Admiral John Mustin Deputy Commander, Naval Surface Force U.S. Pacific Fleet, who was the guest speaker.

Course Schedule

On-the-Water-Boat-Handling Norwalk June 16th 9am-5pm

Contact Karl Wagner
203-274-5550

Seamanship

Date TBA

Contact George Hallenbeck
203-348-7121.

America's Boating Course

**Qualify for required CT or NY
Safe Boating Certificate**

Norwalk/Westport Apr 14 and 28

Contact Karl Wagner
203-274-5550

Fairfield April 21

Contact Carol Heller
203-259-4870

Greenwich May 5 and June 9

Contact Susan Ryan
203-998-1864

Anchoring 101 and Beyond Westchester

Sail and Power Squaderon

Thursday April 26

7:00 to 9:30pm

**Guest Speaker Rick Delfosse
Rex and Cove Business Mgr.**

McMichael Yacht Brokers

447 East Boston Post Rd

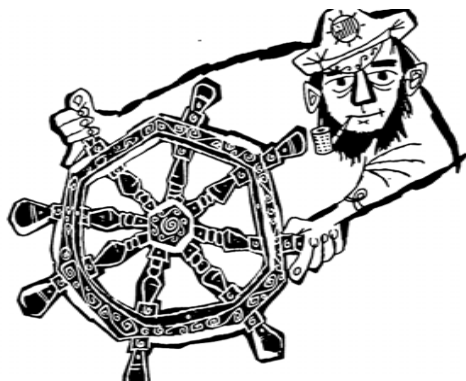
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Dates to Remember:

Exec Meeting	May 1
Compo Beach Picnic	May 15

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
May 1	3:00pm	Exec Meeting	Westport Town Hall
May 15	5:00 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach