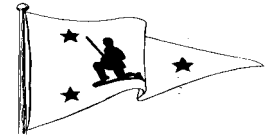




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Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons® and District 2.

Compo Beach Picnics

Our picnics begin at 5:30pm

Look for our burgee between the cannons and the launch ramp

Bring your dinner, a beverage and a snack to share.

If you don't have a beach pass, tell the guard you are attending the SRSPS picnic

Picnic Dates

May 15 and 29

June 12 and 26

July 10 and 24

Aug 7 and 21

Sep 4 and 11

Commander's Message



Yes, spring has finally arrived. The covers are coming off the boats and the boatyards are springing to life. Westport town marinas opened April 1. They are slowly filling up. It appears the much needed Compo channel dredging has been completed.

Our courses are continuing. There is a listing of our current offerings on the next page. Taking or retaking a course is time well spent. You will find the courses have all been rewritten since the last time you took any one.

Recently, Steve Raffel received a newsy letter from Betty Bavor. You will recall she moved to Maine several years ago. She reported among other things they had 18" of snow on March 14. If you ever get to LL Bean, Betty lives not too far away in Topsham. She welcomes all visitors.

Stay well.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB 



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 letter "F" next to a buoy symbol indicate?
2. On a weather map, what do closely spaced gradient lines indicate?
3. What should the stand-on vessel do if the give-way vessel appears to be on a collision path?
4. What do the following stand for: AIS, EPIRB, PLB ?

ANSWERS:

1. A fixed light.
2. Strong winds.
3. The stand-on vessel should take whatever action is necessary to avoid collision.
4. AIS Automatic Identification System, EPIRB Emergency Position Locator Beacon, PLB Personal Locator Beacon.

Education Report

We will soon be offering in conjunction with Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron the following courses. See the 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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The sea hates a coward.

—Eugene O' Neil
Mourning Becomes Electra



The Coast Guard is advising mariners to head caution on the water as multiple groups of right whales have been observed in the area of Boston Light to Marshfield. As per the Endangered Species Act, it is unlawful to approach within 500 yards of a North Atlantic right whale by a vessel, aircraft (including drones) or other means, or to fail to take required avoidance measures. Avoidance measures include steering a course away from the whale and immediately leaving the area at a slow, safe speed.

Right whales are surface feeders, which means they are often at the surface or just below the surface when feeding, which makes them hard to see and especially vulnerable to being hit by a vessel.

"North Atlantic right whales are endangered, with a population of only about 450 remaining. It is crucial for people on the water to help protect the whales by adhering to the 500 yard restriction area and vessel speed restrictions. Information about the North Atlantic right whales and vessel speed restriction zone graphics may be found at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/shipstrike.

Please report any possible distressed or entangled whales to the U.S. Coast Guard at 617-223-5757 or to NOAA at 866-755-6622.

Last year was devastating for North Atlantic whales, which suffered a loss of 17 right whales, about 4 percent of their population. This is an alarming number for such a critically endangered species.

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

Greenwich May 5 and June 9

Contact Susan Ryan
203-998-1864

Chesapeake Oysters

A single oyster can filter up to 50 gallons of water per day

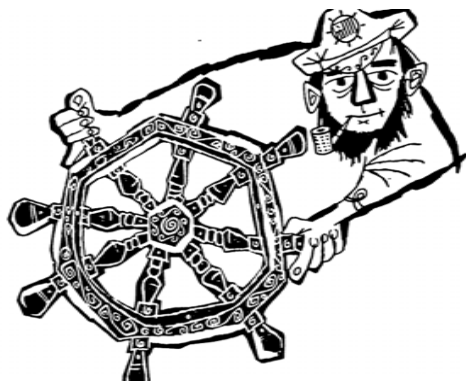
Roughly 6,000 baby oysters are produced with a bushel of recycled oyster shell

Oysters can live as long as 20 years

Oysters could once filter a volume of water equal to that of the entire Chesapeake Bay in a week. With their dwindled numbers today it would take more than a year.

www.chesapeakeoysteralliance.org/

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Dates to Remember:

Compo Beach Picnics	May 15 and 29
Ex Meeting	June 5
Compo Beach Picnics	June 12 and 26

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 15 & 29	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach
June 5	7:30 pm	Exec Meeting	Westport Town Hall
June 12 & 26	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach