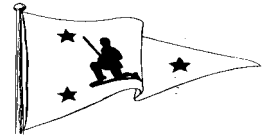




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Compo Beach Picnics

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

June 12 and 26

July 10 and 24

Aug 7 and 21

Sep 4 and 11

Commander's Message



May started with the sad news that WWII vet and longtime SRSPS member, Ed Hyde, died. Ed was honored at our holiday party for his service to our country. He will be greatly missed.

Rain, fog, and cold air are just part of the adventures of boating. Regardless of the forecast and the cool end of May, it is still summer and we as a boating squadron are still enjoying each other's fellowship.

We gathered in the cold Memorial Day parade to illustrate our commitment of promoting safe boating and education. We marched with a dressed boat and banner. After the parade, members gathered at 323 restaurant for a luncheon.

Thank you to those members who participated.

Craig Burry, P
Commander



Ed Hyde died May 12. He was a longtime member of SRSPS and a WWII vet.

The members of SRSPS extend their deepest sympathies to Dorothy Hyde and the Hyde family.

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. A dye marker used as a distress signal must be what color(s)?
2. What does the abbreviation "hrd" on a chart indicate?
3. What should you do to help protect your roller furler if you are expecting a major storm?
4. What can tapping on the hull help identify?

ANSWERS:

1. It can be any color.
2. The bottom is hard.
3. Remove the sail to reduce the windage.
4. Helps to locate delamination, cracks, or separation of the hull sandwich core.

Education Report

Cdr Craig Burry and P/D/C Harrison Valante taught the ABC course in Norwalk. There were 12 students in the class and all passed. We will soon be offering in conjunction with Norwalk Sail and Power Squadron the following courses. See the schedule next page.

Seamanship

On-the-Water Boat Handling

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

SEO Russ Levine, P
203-227-6184

A small sailing craft is not only beautiful, it is seductive and full of strange promise and the hint of trouble.

—E. B. White

The Sea and the Wind that Blows



2017 Boating Statistics

Accident Types

Accident Type	Number	# Deaths	# Injuries
Collision with recreational vessel	1145	49	721
Collision with fixed object	470	63	327
Flooding/swamping	435	76	132
Grounding	368	17	224
Falls overboard	306	179	126

Vessel Types

Type of Boat	Deaths	Injuries	Total Casualties
Open Motor-boat	305	1367	1672
Personal Watercraft	46	624	670
Cabin Motor boat	36	220	256
Canoe/Kayak	138	107	245
Pontoon	33	133	166

Primary Contributing Factors of Accidents

Contributing Factor	# Accidents	#Deaths	# Injuries
Operator inattention	620	45	381
Improper look-out	471	23	337
Operator inexperience	436	63	249
Machinery failure	305	9	80
Alcohol use	275	102	227

Course Schedule

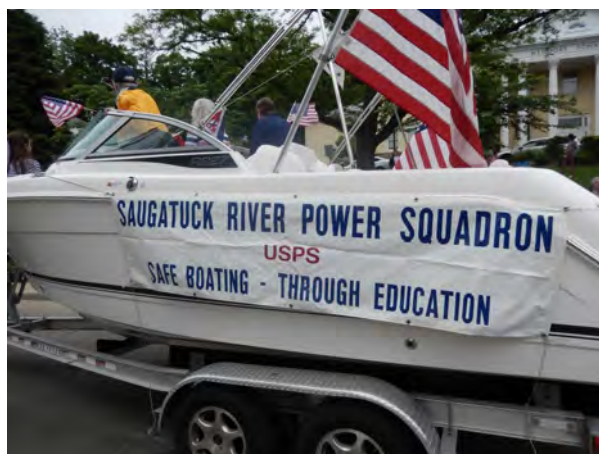
On-the-Water-Boat-Handling Norwalk June 24th 9am-5pm

Contact Karl Wagner
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Seamanship

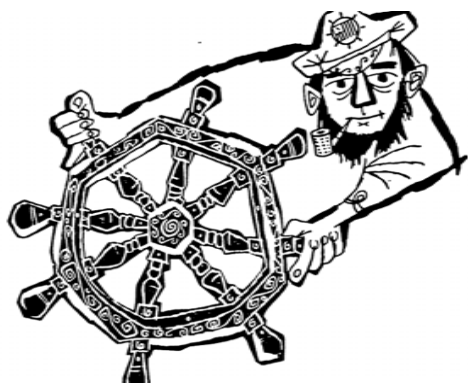
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Contact Dave Geoffrey
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Memorial Day Parade



P/C Neil Croarkin (front left) and his family. Neil lead the WWII Vet section of the parade.

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Dates to Remember:

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Compo Beach Picnics	Aug 7 and 21

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
June 12 & 26	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach
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Aug 7 & 21	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach