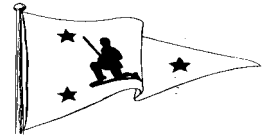




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Compo Beach Picnics

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

Aug 21

Sep 4 and 11

Commander's Message



Early this month a Greenwich boater in a Chris-Craft was full bore across the channel which is acceptable but on a direct collision with a sailboat. It was a brand new Oceanis 37.4 with owners aboard who feared for life and limb.

Nothing happened, however, a call to the police resulted in the boater being stopped. Lines were thrown around cleats, and he was towed in. An escort of the USCG in a rib-craft with lights flashing followed behind.

I watched with other yacht club members as this unfolded. I followed with the club's launch to Grass Island town dock where they were towed. Waiting were 2 squad cars, a breathalyzer and handcuffs. He was arrested, and the boat impounded. The charge was driving under the influence.

So, my fellow boaters and newbies, take our ABC course, understand the rules of the road and omit intake of drugs or alcohol.

Craig Burry, P
Commander



*So we beat on, boats against the
current,
borne back ceaselessly
into the past.*

—F Scott Fitzgerald
The Great Gatsby

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Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is an occluded weather front?
2. What designation can be put on a spherical buoy?
3. What does the term "spring tides" mean?
4. When a boat is being overtaken, what is its responsibility?

ANSWERS:

1. It is when one front overtakes another front.
2. Spherical buoys may be lettered.
3. Spring tides have lower low tides and higher high tides than normal.
4. It must maintain course and speed and also to avoid collision.

Education Report

Please let me know which course is of interest as we plan our fall schedule of courses. .

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Nice Crew



COLREGS Rule 5

Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision.

A recent article in *Sounding* (August 2018) discussed this very important regulation in detail.

The author pointed out that “all appropriate means” includes but not limited to the following which could be found on boats depending on size: radar, AIS, a radar plotting aid, vessel traffic services, certainly essential a VHF radio and binoculars.

2 Knots that need to be reviewed

BOWLIN:

Easy to tie and untie, won't jam, and increases, as tension is applied.

SHEET BEND:

Use to join 2 lines together—never use a square knot which can separate.

Internet knot tying instructions:

<http://www.2020site.org/knots/bowlines.html>

EPIRBs

The September issue of *Soundings* had an excellent article on EPIRBs by Maio Vittone. Among the points he discussed are:

1. EIRBs are a communication device and do not save lives. Rescuers save lives.
2. You must practice activating the EPIRB using the testing guidelines. During an emergency is not the time to learn to use it.



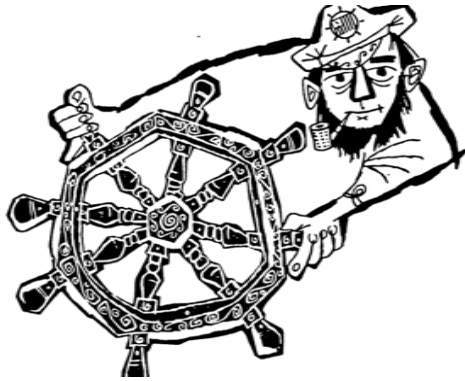
New Westport Police Boat

Sailboat Rules for those who Sail

1. A boat being overtaken has the right-of-way.
2. A starboard tack boat has the right-of-way over a port tack boat.
3. A leeward boat has the right-of-way when boats are on the same tack.

Remember you must break the rules if necessary to avoid a collision. Also, the give-way boat should make the course change early and clearly.

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Dates to Remember:

Compo Beach Picnics	Aug 21
Ex Meeting at Compo Beach Picnics	Sep 4
Compo Beach Picnics	Sep 4 and 11

Schedule of Meetings and Events

SRSPS: http://www.usps.org/d2/saugatuck_river/index.html

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Aug 21	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach
Sep 4	7:30	Executive Meeting	Compo Beach Picnic
Sep 4, 11	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach