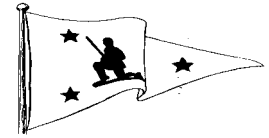




# Saugatuck River Sail And Power Squadron



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Topics in the Coast Pilot include channel descriptions, anchorages, bridge and cable clearances, currents, tide and water levels, prominent features, pilotage, towage, weather, ice conditions, wharf descriptions, dangers, routes, traffic separation schemes, small-craft facilities, and Federal regulations applicable to navigation.

Appendix C contains the United States Coast Guard's combined International and Inland Navigation Rules, their Annexes and associated Federal rules and regulations.

To download a Coast Pilot go to: [Bit.ly/coastpilot](http://Bit.ly/coastpilot)

## Commander's Message



Merit Marks are due in October. Let me know if someone who worked for you deserves one.

Last Saturday was the Stratford Shoals race. More than 90 sailboats raced.

The photo below is one of the spectator boats from Watch Hill. It is a 1934 commuter totally reconditioned boat with a power plant of twin CATS 1,000 hp each. An elegant lady trimmed with ornate detail. It has a sleek appearance and curved transom. She does forty knots.

Enjoy the rest of October sailing. This is one of the best times to be sailing.

Craig Burry, P

Commander



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## Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is required of every vessel at all times?
2. When towing alongside, where should the towboat's stern be relative to the boat being towed?
3. What would be a good definition of "safe speed"?
4. What is the proper length of a tow rope?

### ANSWERS:

1. To maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing.
2. Aft of the boat being towed.
3. A speed at which you can take corrective action to avoid a collision
4. The length at which the vessels are "in step".

## Education Report

Here is a list of courses that are being offered:

### Coastal Navigation (Piloting) 8 Sessions

Jan 8 call Peter Adler 203-962-8568

Or

Jan 9 call George Hallenbeck 203-348-7121

### Sail

Date and time TBA call Susan Ryan 203-698-0441 or Karl Wagner 203-274-5550 for more information

### Coastal Navigation II (Advanced Piloting)

Date and time TBA call Frank Palmieri 914-424-2255 203-698-0441 or Karl Wagner 203-274-5550 for more information

### Marine Engine Maintenance

Date and time TBA call Karl Wagner 203-274-5550 for more information

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BOSTON— Coast Guard Station Burlington crewmembers rescued a woman recently in the evening after her 17-foot boat capsized on Lake Champlain near Schuyler Island.

Local emergency dispatchers relayed the distress call to watchstanders at the station at approximately 7:27 p.m. The woman had used her cell phone to call 911 and provide her location.

A 29-foot response boat crew launched and arrived on scene at approximately 7:56 p.m. The woman signaled to the crew by waving her phone's flashlight.

"She helped aid in her own rescue by wearing a life jacket and storing her phone in a waterproof case," said Kenneth Stuart, the command duty officer at Coast Guard Sector Northern New England's command center.

A plan for salvaging the boat is pending.

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## Memorial Service for Ed Hyde

**November 17 at 11am**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church**

**229 Danbury Road (Route 7)**

**Wilton, CT**



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A lot of people ask me if I were shipwrecked and could only have one book, what would it be? I always say *How to Build A Boat?*

- Stephen Wright



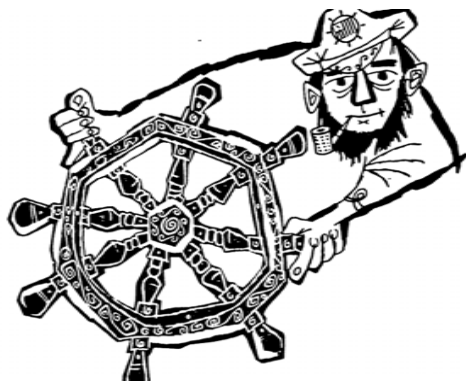
## LED Lights Safety Alert

A recent article in *WindCheck* called attention to a Coast Guard alert about LED lights. These lights may cause VHF poor reception, as well as, poor Automatic Identification System (AIS) reception. It would be helpful to increase the distance between LED light and the antenna for these devices.



Power cords are notorious for getting very dirty. A recent article in *Good Old Boat* magazine suggested the following. Using industrial strength gloves, rub the cord with an acetone soaked rag(s). Then apply a good paste wax, buff it off when it is dry to protect it.

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**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Ex Meeting</b>	<b>Nov 6</b>
<b>Ex Meeting</b>	<b>Dec 4</b>
<b>Holiday Party</b>	<b>TBA</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>Nov 6</b>	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Westport Town Hall
<b>Dec 4</b>	7:30 pm	Executive Meeting	Westport Town Hall
<b>Dec TBA</b>	TBA	Holiday Party	TBA