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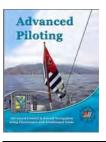
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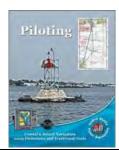
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2019 Courses









Course/Location	Dates	Time	Contact	Phone #
Marine Engine Mainte- nance /Norwalk	Jan 12 6 Sessions	9am- 1pm	Karl Wagner	203-274-5550
Marine Navigation /Darien (Piloting)	Feb 25 8 Sessions	7-9pm	Andy Cum- mings	203-698-0441
Advanced Marine Navigation /Norwalk (Advanced Piloting)	Mar 16 7 Sessions	9am- 1pm	Karl Wagner	203-274-5550
Cruising and Cruise Planning /New Rochelle	Jan 28 8 Sessions	7:30- 9:30pm	Frank Palmieri	914-424-2255
Sail /Greenwich	Feb 5 8 Sessions	7-9pm	Susan Ryan	203-698-0441
Sail /Norwalk	Feb 16 6 Sessions	1-5pm	Karl Wagner	203-274-5550
On the Water Boat Handling /Norwalk	June 2, 16, 30 July 14	9am- 4pm	Karl Wagner	203-274-5550

Commander's Message



Ahoy, Bon Voyage and Have a good season!

Yes, we did and here's to the New Year 2019. May be more productive than 2018; which was full of environment occurrences and disasters on the water throughout the boating community.

I must stress that drinking on the water can detrimental to your life and others with very serious consequences.

The education of safe boating is imperative to gaining and understanding how fun and at the same time potentially dangerous the sport can be.

It's a pleasure to work with such a dedicated organization to help remedy these perils that occur throughout the years.

Thank you for showing, doing and assisting new and veteran members.

May this year be safe and joyous. 2019.

Craig Burry, P Commander

No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit.

Do You Know the Answers?

- 1. What affect does a very large ship have on the wind that makes sailing near them dangerous?
- 2. If you bury the rail on a hard chime sailboat, what will it do to your speed?
- 3. If you are boarding a sailboat from a dock, where should your foot go and what should you grab?
- 4. Will two 6V 100 amp batteries configured in series provide more or less cranking power than one12V 100 amp battry?

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- 1. Large ships can blanket the wind which will leave a sailor without steerage
- 2. It will slow you down because as you heel, you are spilling the wind.
- 3. Put one foot ao the gunwale as close to the maximum beam and grab a shroud. Typically stations are not through-bolted.
- 4. The 2 6V batteries in series will provide more cranking power. Perhaps, one of our readers can explain why.

Education Report

The first page of this issue provides a complete list of upcoming courses.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Russ Levine, P SEO 203-227-6184

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security **United States Coast Guard**



The Coast Guard launched its ice breaking season in mid-December.

Operation Reliable Energy for Northeast Winters (OpRENEW) is the Coast Guard's region-wide effort to ensure Northeast communities have the security, supplies, energy, and emergency resources they need throughout the winter.

Of the heating oil used in the country, more than 85 percent is consumed in the Northeast, and 90 percent of that is delivered on a Coast Guard maintained waterway by ship.

The Coast Guard's domestic icebreaking operations are intended to facilitate navigation within reasonable demands of commerce and minimize waterways closures during the winter, while enabling commercial vessels to transit through ice-covered critical channels.

Coast Guard crews are also replacing aids to navigation with special ice buoys designed to ride underneath ice and remain on location.

A coordinated effort with the maritime industry ensures the vital ports of the Northeast remain open year-round.



USCG Ice Breaker SHACKLE

Westport Boaters

Boating season is just around the corner! Invoices are in the mail...NEW this year, you are now able to pay for your boat slip assignment using our online services.

Log into your online account for Parks and Recreation. On the "Account Options" page click "Pay on Account" under "Account Payments." This is the "Outstanding Balances" page. This will show all the pertinent information with regards to your boat slip invoice. You may make multiple payments on your boat slip until the actual due date or you may pay it in full.

Important to note: once the invoice has reached its due date, you will be required to pay the balance/full amount due. The amount due will automatically be put into your cart.

If full payment is not made, the system will not allow you to renew/purchase handpasses, parking emblems or register for programs.

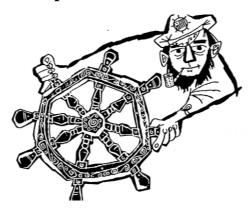


Marina at Compo Basin



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Dates to Remember:

Ex Meeting	Feb 5
Ex Meeting	Mar 5
D2 Spring Conference	Apr 6

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
Feb 5, 2019	2:00 pm	Executive Meeting	Westport Town Hall
Mar 5, 2019	2:00 pm	Executive Meeting	Westport Town Hall
Apr 6, 2019	9:00 am	D2 Spring Conference	Hampton Inn & Suites Elmsford, NY