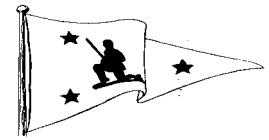




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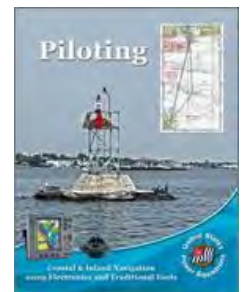
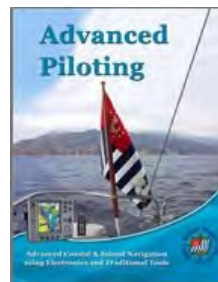
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2019 Courses



Course/Location	Dates	Time	Contact	Phone #
Marine Navigation /Darien (Piloting)	Feb 25 8 Sessions	7-9pm	Andy Cummings	203-698-0441
Advanced Marine Navigation /Norwalk (Advanced Piloting)	Mar 16 7 Sessions	9am-1pm	Karl Wagner	203-274-5550
Sail /Norwalk	Feb 16 6 Sessions	1-5pm	Karl Wagner	203-274-5550 001
On the Water Boat Handling /Norwalk	June 2, 16, 30 July 14	9am-4pm	Karl Wagner	203-274-5550

Commander's Message



Last month Mary Ellen Thompson died. She was a very close friend of SRSPS. We shall miss her at our picnics and at our social events. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her wonderful family.

My congratulations to the members who were so deserving and awarded a

Merit Mark.

All the candidates that were recommended for a Merit Mark were approved. The Squadron thanks each of you for your time and efforts on behalf of SRSPS.

A new boating season is quickly approaching. A few things on the front burner for our Squadron will soon be announced. They include the Annual Meeting and Change of Watch. Both are tentatively planned for May.

Our education department is busy. The upcoming courses are detailed on the first page of this *Dredgings*. We will also soon announce a schedule for the ABC Boating Course. It is required for all boaters to have a Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate.

May this year be one of safe boating and good health.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

An angry skipper makes an unhappy crew.

———Rudyard Kipling
Captains Courageous

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Do You Know the Answers?

1. If a state law allows smoking cannabis, why is it still illegal to do so in a marina or on the water?
2. If your Lexan or Plexiglass port holes or windows are getting cloudy why shouldn't you use household cleaners on them?
3. During which phase of the moon will it be south of you in the northern hemisphere at midnight?
4. If you are following a pair of range lights and find the upper light is to the right of the lower light, what should you do?

ANSWERS:

1. Federal jurisdiction and laws override state laws. (Page 12 Boat U.S. Magazine February/March 2019).
2. Ammonia is often found in household cleaners which harms plastics.
3. Full moon
4. Head left.

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
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D2 Spring Conference

The Spring Conference is April 5, 6 at the Hampton Inn in Elmsford, NY.

There is full information at: <http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District>

There's also information about the Winter Council Saturday March 2.



Several months ago the Coast Guard rescued four fishermen after abandoning their boat off the coast of Rockland, Maine.

The captain of the 76-foot fishing vessel Aaron & Melissa II radioed watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Northern New England at approximately 7:45 a.m., reporting the fishing boat was taking on water.

An HC-144 Ocean Sentry aircraft and MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter aircrews launched from Air Station Cape Cod and located the raft and fishermen. A rescue swimmer deployed from the helicopter and hoisted all four fishermen to the helicopter.

The aircrew landed in Brunswick, Maine, where they were met by emergency medical service personnel and transported to Mid Coast Hospital. The fishermen were reported to be in good condition. The weather was reported to have 20-foot seas, 30-knot winds, and the water temperature 50 degrees.



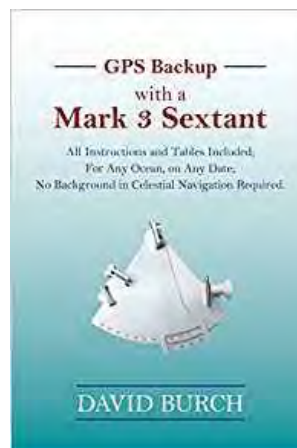
February Quiz Answers

Question #1 in last month's quiz asked about the affect a very large ship has on the wind vis-a-vis a small boat. Walter Paul a longtime SRSPS member pointed out that in addition to blanketing the wind causing loss of steerage, additional dangers are the the ship's lookout might not be able to see you. There might also be an increase in wind which would affect your ability to handle your boat.

Question #2 asked about boat speed and burying the rail on a hard chime boat. Walter points out that while it is indeed true a hard chime boat will tip easier, any sailboat with the rail in th water will be spilling wind and therefor go slower.



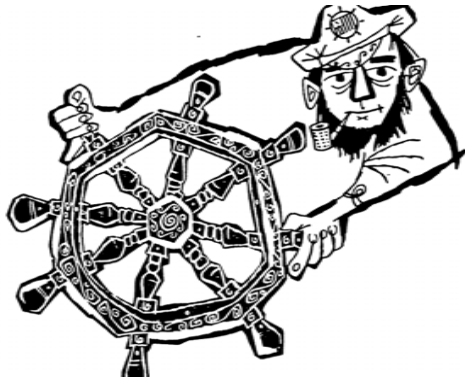
This boat washed ashore off Harbor Road in Westport. Picture reprinted with permission Dave Matlow/ WestportNow.com



Here is a little book that is an excellent refresher or introduction to celestial navigation. Add a Mark 3 sextant, an accurate time piece and you can determine your position on earth.

The book is available on Amazon and other bookstores for under \$25.

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Dates to Remember:

Ex Meeting	Mar 5
Ex Meeting	Apr 2
D2 Spring Conference	Apr 6

Schedule of Meetings and Events

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

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Date	Time	Event	Location
Mar 5	2:00 pm	Executive Meeting	Westport Town Hall
Apr 2	2:00 pm	Executive Meeting	Westport Town Hall
Apr 6	9:00 am	D2 Spring Confeence	Hampton Inn & Suites Elmsford, NY