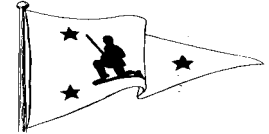


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# 2019 Courses



<u>Course/Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
On the Water Boat Handling This is a one day seminar of class room and 4 hours of hands On The Water training.	June 30, July 14	9am- 4pm	Karl Wagner	203-274-5550
Weather	September	TBA	Karl Wagner	203-274-5550

## Commander's Message



Our Compo Beach picnics got off to a slow start because of foul weather and some construction in the picnic area. All that has finally changed so we hope you will join us for these most pleasant evening gatherings. It is very informal and a chance to enjoy the lovely Compo Beach this town is so fortunate to

have.

Special thanks to All Seasons Marine Works Westport. Once again this year they provided the boat, trailer and tow vehicle for our Memorial Day float. Thanks also to Jack Fitzgibbons for making all the arrangements and for driving it.

Note on the next page some basic but important Coast Guard points that will help insure a season of safe boating. No alcohol on the water, wear a PFD, have a VHF radio at all times and keeping a lookout are fundamental to a safe boating experience.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

*One of the best temporary cures for pride and affectation that I have ever seen tried is seasickness; a man who wants to vomit never puts on airs.*

Josh Billing's Wit and Humor

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](mailto:raffel@post.harvard.edu).

## Do You Know the Answers?

1. If you are in 4 fathoms of water and want to anchor with 7:1 scope, how many feet of line do you need?
2. If you sense you are dragging your anchor, what action should you take?
3. If the sea is fairly calm and you are about to anchor, what should you do as you lower the anchor?
4. Why is galvanized rope not suitable for running through blocks?

### ANSWERS:

1. 168 feet (1 Fathom = ~6 feet).
2. Increase the scope of the anchor line.
3. Slowly back down to help set the anchor..
4. It will lose its zinc coating if constantly run through blocks.

## Education Report

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

On May 18th Harrison Valante and Craig Burry taught 18 students American' Boating Course. All the students passed.

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

Russ Levine, P SEO  
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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



**Cold water awareness:** Ensure you are dressing for the water temperature, not the air temperature.

**Wear a life jacket:** Life jackets save lives. Accidents can leave a strong swimmer injured, unconscious, or exhausted in the water.

**Never boat under the influence (BUI):** It is illegal to operate a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents.

**File a float plan:** If you are going on the water, tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you should return.

**Have a VHF marine radio:** Cells phones are not reliable on the water, you should also have a radio to access VHF-channel 16.

**Monitor weather broadcasts:** The National Weather Service broadcasts marine weather forecasts that can be heard by tuning in to channels 1 through 5 on a VHF marine radio.

**Harrison Valante far left and Craig Burry far right with 3 students form America's Boating Course. There were 18 total students; all passed.**



# Compo Beach Picnics

## Our picnics begin at 5:30pm

**Look for our burgee between the cannons and the launch ramp**

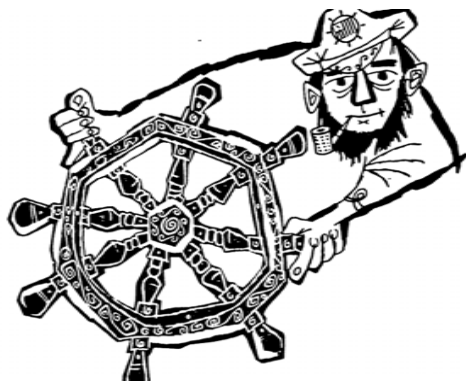
**Bring your dinner, a beverage and a snack to share.**

**Picnic Dates:  
July 9 Aug 6 Sep 3**

## Memorial Day Parade



**Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron  
6 Janson Drive  
Westport, CT 06880**



**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Compo Beach Picnic</b>	<b>June 11</b>
<b>Exec Meeting</b>	<b>July 2</b>
<b>Compo Beach Picnic</b>	<b>July 9</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>June 11</b>	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach
<b>July 2</b>	2:00 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
<b>July 9</b>	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach