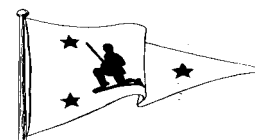


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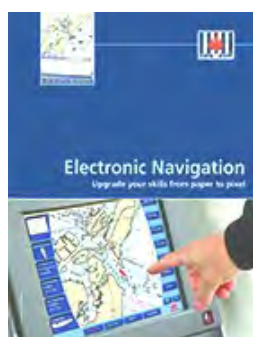
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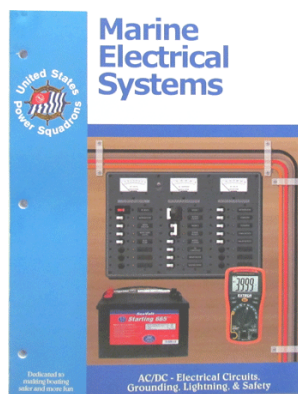
### AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



Electronic Navigation



Engine Maintenance



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Marine Navigation I

**Each of these courses are planned for early 2020.**

**Sign on to the National website <https://www.usps.org> to find a full description of each course under Curriculum Electives.**

**More details in the next issue of *Dredgings***

## Commander's Message



Another of season of boating is winding down. Our picnics have ended. Fall has just about arrived. Sailors can look forward to increasing and steadier winds. So put on an extra layer and go out for some of the best boating weather that us upon us now.

We are planning a full series of courses for the new year. Page 1 of this issue gives you an update of what is planned. USPS has revised many of their courses so take a close look and consider taking one. Even if you had previously taken a specific course, you might well consider taking the updated version.

Recently, the news of a tragic fire on a dive boat got national coverage. There was a large loss of many lives. All the victims were trapped below deck when the flames cut off their escape routes. This incident should remind us that having a plan for fire, man overboard and medical emergencies is a top need for all boat captains and crew.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

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## Do You Know the Answers?

1. Assuming a man over board victim is in sight, what is the first step you should take?
2. Why is it a good idea to put moth-balls in storage areas of boat stored for the winter?
3. What is the British term for gunk-holing?
4. What is pitchpoling?

### ANSWERS:

1. Keep the victim in sight. Then move toward him. Never lose sight of the victim..
2. To keep the vermin out. .
3. Ditchcrawling.
4. When a boat flips end for end with the bow going under first.



## Education Report

Page 1 of this issue give you a look of what is coming up soon in the way of courses. We expect to finalize the dates and locations by the next issue

Russ Levine, P SEO



BOSTON — Investigators from Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England issued two notices of violation last month with proposed penalties of \$2,500 each to two individuals for intentionally jumping over ferry railings in June and July.

The act of intentionally jumping into the water from a passenger vessel is considered interfering with the safe operation of the vessel, a violation of 46 United States Code, Section 2302.

The penalties for this violation can be up to \$35,000. These fines are the Coast Guard's response to action taken from investigative reports provided by the Falmouth Police Department, and New Shoreham Police Department who responded to the scene after being contacted by the masters of the ferries.

Luke Garrity, 18, is accused of jumping off the Island Queen in Falmouth on June 23, 2019. Andrew Myers, 19, is accused of jumping off the Anna C in Block Island, Rhode Island on July 28,

All Coast Guard certificated small passenger vessels undergo thorough safety inspections that include testing the crew's competence to recover a man overboard. In both of these cases the crews performed their man overboard emergency recovery in accordance with their procedures.

Commercial passenger vessel crews are responsible for the safety of all passengers aboard their vessels and, in this case, their attention was diverted away from the safe operation of the vessel in order to try and retrieve the jumper from the water.

## A Valid Weather Predictor?

Can you predict the weather based on sky color? "Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky at morning, sailors take warning." That is a popular saying. But is it true? The answer is "it depends".

Jeff Kapec passed along a recent article in the New York Times that addresses this. The article uses cute stick figures to clearly explain what is going on.

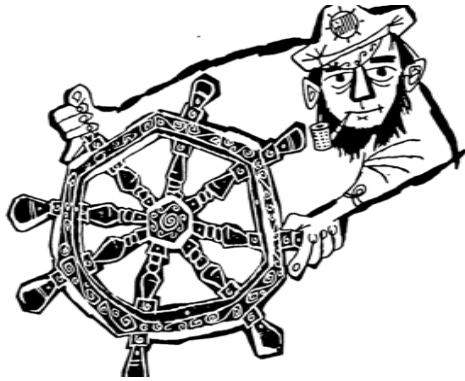
If you subscribe to the NYT, you can read the article online at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/13/science/what-makes-a-red-sky-at-night-and-at-morning.html>

If you don't subscribe, go the library and look it up in Science of the Times August 13.



**To young men contemplating a voyage  
I would say go.**

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**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Exec Meeting</b>	<b>Oct 2</b>
<b>Exec Meeting</b>	<b>Nov 5</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>Oct 2</b>	1:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
<b>Nov</b>	1:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall