

# Saugatuck River Sail And Power Squadron

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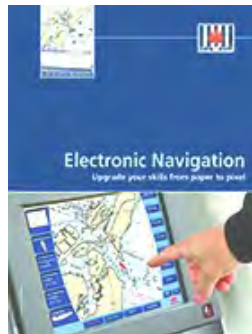
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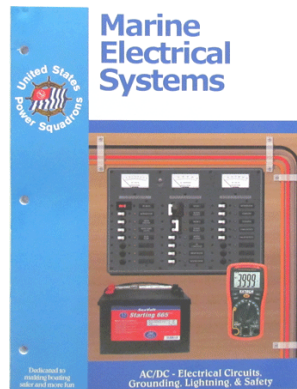
AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



Electronic Navigation



Engine Maintenance



Marine Electrical Systems

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



Our Merit Mark report to National is due. Please let me know of anyone who has contributed to our Squadron during the past year. Tell me how many hours they worked.

The Squadron is in need of a person to fill the role of Secretary. We must have some member take this position. We are a volunteer organization that must have people willing to share the Squadron's duties. Please contact me (203- 216-1301) for further information.

Recently, several of us attended Penfield Power Squadron's 50th anniversary dinner. It was an evening of reminiscing and talk about the future.

Power Squadrons around the country perform a vital civic duty educating the public in safe boating. Where else can new boat owners go to learn about all aspects of boating from navigation to weather to engine maintenance and so on all at one location.

Keep your lookout sharp as we enter the end of this year's boating season.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

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. Which knot should you use to join 2 lines of unequal diameter together?
2. What sound should a power driven vessel make when leaving a berth of dock?
3. What do you call the projection most commonly used in charts?
4. What causes a gong to sound on a gong bouy?

### ANSWERS:

1. The Becket bend (sheet bend) which remains easy to until even under strain.
2. One prolonged blast.
3. Mercator projection.
4. Wave action.

## Education Report

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

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**Listing Car Carrier**



First Coast Guard District response crews, from Maine to the Jersey shore, responded to 31 separate reports of unmanned and adrift paddlecraft during July 4 weekend.

Sector Northern New England crews responded to eight cases; six of the cases were suspended due to lack of information and two were resolved because the owner was found.

Sector Boston crews responded to 12 cases; seven of the cases were suspended due to lack of information and five were resolved because the owner was found.

Sector Southeastern New England crews responded to five cases; one was suspended due to lack of information and four were resolved because the owner was found.

Sector Long Island Sound crews responded to six cases and all were suspended due to lack of information.

"We search every time there is an unmanned and adrift paddlecraft found because we just don't know if someone is missing or not," said Brian Fleming, a search and rescue watchstander at Sector Boston. "Help us confirm your loved ones are not in distress by labeling and securing your paddlecraft."

Approximately, \$428,300 and about 450 man-hours were spent searching for unconfirmed persons in the water.

Label your paddlecraft with contact information. You don't need a sticker, just a permanent marker and some clear tape

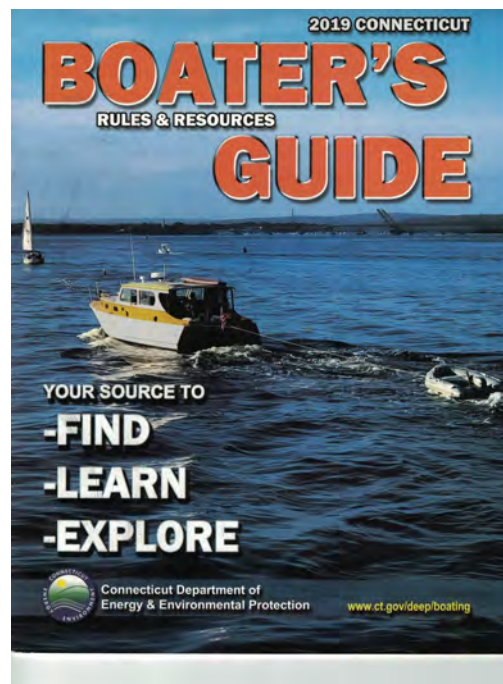
## SRSPS Needs a Secretary

We need a secretary to serve our Squadron. This is an opportunity to work with our excellent Bridge Officers in a non-demanding position. We must fill this position due to a relocation out of town.



Contact CDR Craig Burry (203-216-1301) to discuss what is involved. We need members to step up to fill positions as they become available.

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*Boater's Guide* is an annual publication that is an excellent resource. It is a digest of boating laws and regulations.



It discusses Safety Regulations, Local Regulations, Access & Pumpout Info, Environmental Awareness, Rules & Regulations.

The guide can be downloaded in whole or in part at: [www.ct.gov/deep/boating](http://www.ct.gov/deep/boating).

It is also generally available at our local mari-

nas and boating stores.

*We must free ourselves of the hope that the sea will ever rest. We must learn to sail in high winds.*  
—Aristotle Onassis

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**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Exec Meeting</b>	<b>Nov 5</b>
<b>Exec Meeting</b>	<b>Dec 3</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 5</b>	1:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
<b>Dec 3</b>	1:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall