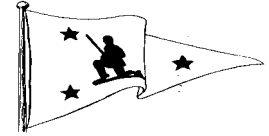




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**P/C Diane Valante, Chef Paul Scoran
P/D/C Harrison Valante at Saugatuck
Rowing Club SRSPS Holiday Party**

Commander's Message



We had 7 MM awarded to our members which were well earned. This year the requirements for awarding Merit Marks were made more exacting, so it is especially good that those who received them should be very proud.

Jose-Maria Castro deserves a very special "thank you" for his help in getting the Merit Marks submitted. He lives in California and was in peril during the fires in his area. Much of the time he had no power.

I want to again mention that the Squadron needs a person to fill the role of Secretary. Please contact me (203- 216-1301) for further information.

Friday December 13 was our Holiday Party. The site was the Boathouse Restaurant at the Saugatuck Rowing Club. All who attended had a wonderful time. Diane Valante was the person in charge. She did her usual wonderful job of making sure everyone had an enjoyable time. You cannot find a better hostess.

Happy and Healthy 2020.
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.

Do You Know the Answers?

1. Name the most common contaminants in our local fish?
2. Does size matter when considering fish contamination?
3. Where would you find the recreation boating statistics?
4. Norwalk hosts a wonderful boating program for teenagers. What is it called?

ANSWERS:

1. PCBs, Mercury, Chlordane, lead (CT Department of Public Health).
2. Yes, large fish usually have the highest levels of PCBs and mercury.
3. The Coast Guard's annual Recreational Boating Statistics Report.
4. Ship 6 under the leadership of Kai Horan is a model of successful teen programs. See www.norwalkship6.org.

Education Report

Engine Maintenance, Marine Navigation, Marine Electrical Systems and Electronic Navigation are courses that will be starting in the new year. A comprehensive 8-week sail course starts January 14. Contact Frank Palmieri (914) 424-2255 for details.

Russ Levine, P
SEO

*The best cruising yacht
is a conglomeration of
compromise.*

John Irving



HOLIDAY PARTY BOATHOUSE SAUGATUCK ROWING CLUB

BOSTON — Recently the U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search for three missing fishermen in the waters off Massachusetts.

Watchstanders at the Coast Guard District One command center initially received an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) alert from the fishing boat Leonardo, which capsized and sank 24 nautical miles southwest of Martha's Vineyard.

Crewmembers from Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod launched an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter and rescued one person, Ernesto Santos, from a life raft.

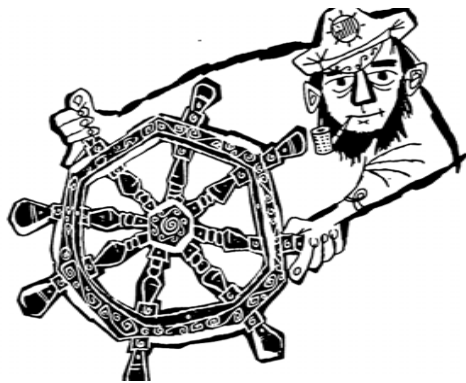
It was reported the missing were not wearing survival suits or life jackets.

After all leads are exhausted, the Coast Guard suspends a search pending new information.



**Holiday Party Boathouse
Saugatuck Rowing Club**

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Dates to Remember:

Ex Meeting	Feb 4, 2020
National Meeting	Feb 9-16

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 4, 2020	3:00	Ex Committee	Westport Town Hall
Feb 9-16	Various	National Meeting	Ponte Vedra Beach FL