



# Saugatuck River Sail And Power Squadron



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## Commander's Message



The season is changing, with most squadrons' change of watch ceremonies happening now.

I just attended Greenwich America's Boating Club's ceremony. That is the name they use most of the time. The GSPS is not used much in introducing or concluding a meeting.

I am stressing do your part to combat and contain the spread of Coronavirus. Most importantly let's get to reality and try to come to grips with this surreal terror that is at our back door. Take a breath and try to lessen the panic. let's hope it passes soon, so that we can castoff and enjoy a safe fun filled boating season.

We hope to schedule our Change of Watch ceremony as soon as the virus has passed. Notice of the ceremony will be emailed and published in the next issue of *Dredgings*.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander



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## Do You Know the Answers?

1. According to the Inland Rules name 2 vessels that are restricted in their ability to maneuver?
2. If you think another vessel is not taking sufficient action to avoid a collision, which signal should you sound?
3. What would be a major factor in "determining a safe speed"?
4. What maneuver(s) should you take if you think you are on a collision course with a vessel ahead?

### ANSWERS:

1. A vessel servicing a navigation mark and a vessel dredging.
2. Five or more short rapid blasts on a sound producing device..
3. The vessel's draft in relation to the available depth of water.
4. Make a substantial course and/or speed change.

## Education Report

Marine Electrical Systems and Electronic Navigation are courses will likely begin soon.

Karl Wagner can be reached at 203-274-5550. He will answer any questions.

SEO Russ Levine, P

**U.S. Department of  
Homeland Security  
United States  
Coast Guard**



Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod will celebrate its 50th anniversary at Joint Base Cape Cod and more than a 100 years of Coast Guard aviation in Massachusetts, Sept. 19, 2020.

Air Station Cape Cod is scheduled to hold a free, public open house with tours of the unit, food, entertainment, and static displays of historic and current aircraft.

As the oldest continuously operating air station, the roots of Air Station Cape Cod can be traced back to 1925 when the first formal unit was established on Ten Pound Island in Gloucester.

The air station supports every Coast Guard mission in the Northeast and across the county, but its primary missions are search and rescue, law enforcement, and maritime pollution response. The men and women of Air Station Cape Cod are responsible for all Coast Guard aviation operations from the Canadian border to New York.

The air station is home to two aircraft, the HC-144 Ocean Sentry airplane and the MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter and has a crew complement of 180 personnel.



## Ship 6 Norwalk

Sea Scout Ship 6 is a co-ed program for teenagers 14 and up. Prior sailing experience is recommended but not required. Beginners are welcome. The program goal is to develop able sailors capable of handling the boat and crew as if it were their own. Individual development and team work sail side by side in Ship 6.

Make no mistake about it, Ship 6 is an active sailing program and sails frequently from April to November each year, including Tuesday nights and weekends. This much sailing exposes the ship and crew to the broad spectrum of the boating environment. Ship 6 teaches the skills necessary to not merely survive in this environment but to thrive and excel in it.

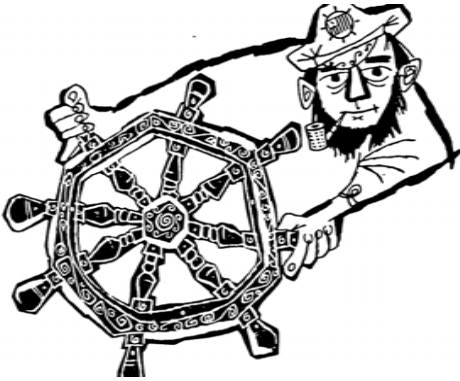
<http://www.norwalkship6.org/index.html>



***Celebration*** the Ship 6 boat

*It's hard to eat,  
You're wet most of the time  
Going to the bathroom is a chore*  
-Ted Turner  
sailing a 38' boat  
to Europe

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**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Ex Meeting</b>	<b>April 7, 2020</b>
<b>Ex Meeting</b>	<b>May 5, 2020</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>April 7</b>	3:00 pm	Ex Committee	Westport Town Hall
<b>May 5</b>	3:00 pm	Ex Committee	Westport Town Hall