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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



Compo Channel May 26, 2020

Photo: Barbara Raffel, P



A quick trip to any marina or yacht club will show you that the boating season is well underway. Almost all the slips at Compo are filled, an indication that people have been hard at work sanding, polishing and cleaning up the teak.

I for one have been very busy these days working on many boats. There is a price to pay for getting a boat ready for sailing. Here is a picture of my work area getting a boat ready to splash down.

I am sure this is a scene most if not all of you are very familiar with.

So on to the good times out on the water. Let us never forget that USPS teaches us the joy of boating comes with the obligation to put safety first at all times. You as captain of your vessel must always practice responsible safe boating so that you and your crew will always be safe while having fun.



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. With reference to a diesel engine,, what does the term "hunting" mean and what causes it?"
2. What device can be used to check the calibration of a circuit breaker?
3. Which type of cloud is among the most dependable for giving an indication of an approaching weather system?
4. What should you sound for the danger signal?

ANSWERS:

1. Hunting is the continuous fluctuation (slowing down and speeding up) of engine speed from the desired speed. Hunting is caused by over control by the governor..
2. Portable self-contained breaker testing units complete with a high current power source, ammeter and timer are available and are very useful in maintenance programs.
3. Altostratus Their appearance means approaching rain with poor visibility, large waves and heavy swell.
4. Five or more short rapid blasts on a whistle.

Education Report

The SRSPS courses are all on hold as we go through this pandemic. As soon as we emerge from it, and it is safe to gather, we will announce the courses, their location and times.

Remember there are many books especially Chapman *Piloting and Seamanship* and Bowditch *American Practical Navigator* which can be bought on Amazon.

The Fall Governing Board meeting is scheduled for September 8-13.



SEO Russ Levine, P

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



Boston — The Coast Guard in late May suspended its search for a missing man off Provincetown pending new information.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England received a call at approximately 11 p.m. reporting an overdue kayaker, 50-year old Carol Madru. Madru was reportedly last seen with 51-year-old Marc-Oliver Czarnecki.

Madru was found unresponsive 6:30 a.m., the next day on the eastern shore of Provincetown Harbor and later declared deceased.

Czarnecki is still missing at this time. Search crews include:

- 45-foot response boat medium, Station Provincetown
 - MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter, Air Station Cape Cod
 - Provincetown Harbormaster
Provincetown Police Department
- Crews searched 180 square miles for 16 hours

***THE ART OF SAILING IS TO
LEAVE NOTHING TO CHANCE***

—Annie van de Wiele

The Story of Gloria

I you live in or around Westport, there is a good chance you have seen GLORIA.



Photo Barbara Raffel, P

Gloria belonged to a hard-working Westport Staples High School graduate. His name was Alan Sterling.

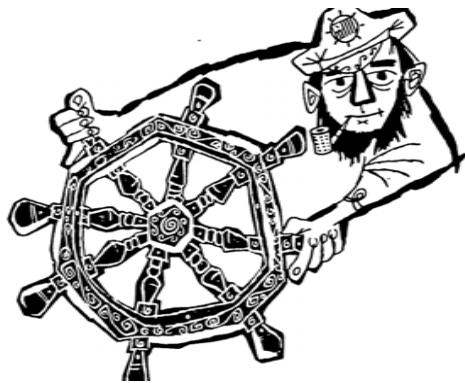
Alan built the boat himself. He named it Gloria after his life long companion, Gloria. He built the boat in her front yard near Gilberties Herb Farm.

His oyster beds were 150 acres which he leased from the State of Connecticut.. His business was named Saugatuck Oyster. It was a difficult life and very hard for him to support himself doing it.

Alan died July 4, 2014 after leaving the VA hospital from a massive heart attack.

Today you can see his boat in Gray's Creek as you drive out of Longshore. It is tied to a dock owned by a local resident who watches after it.

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Dates to Remember:

Ex Meeting	July 7 Tentative
Ex Meeting	August 4

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
July 7	3:00 pm	Ex Committee Tentative	Westport Town Hall
August 4	3:00 pm	Ex Committee Tentative	Westport Town Hall