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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



**The tropical storm Isaias caused significant damage to both local boats and yacht clubs. Here is a quick summary :**

**Larchmont YC lost 3 docks**

**American YC lost 20 boats and had dock damage**

**Indian Harbor YC lost 3 boats**

**Black Rock YC has significant damage to the sea-wall, lost 2 RIBS and 3 boats.**

**Picture and data from Craig Burry**

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Tropical storm Isaias caused not only major power outages but also significant property damage to many locations. Especially the damage a many local yacht clubs as listed on page one. In some cases moorings out resulting in the vessels blowing down onto other boats.

A waterspout touched down in Westport and traveled onto land as a tiny tornado in Westport. It severely damaged a 4,500 square foot house before dissipating.



Thanks to the good efforts of Diane and Harrison Valante, our summer Compo Beach picnics have resumed.

You must have a Compo Beach sticker on your car to access the beach. Bring your dinner and a beverage (no glass containers). The next picnic is Tuesday August 25 at 5:30 PM. We gather on the beach between the cannons and the new restroom building. Social distancing is in full practice.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

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## Do You Know the Answers?

1. If a weather forecast in the Northern Hemisphere says that the wind will be backing, what will that tell you about the wind direction?"
2. What might you expect of see if a cold front passes in the Northern Hemisphere?
3. If you see a line of clouds accompanied by a sharp change in wind direction and squalls generally are part of what?
4. What VHF channel would you expect to hear a marine storm warning on?

### ANSWERS:

1. The wind will be shifting to a counter clockwise direction.
2. A line of cumulonimbus clouds.
3. A cold front.
4. VHF channel 22A.

## 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.

Recently NOAA announced that starting next year the annual Tide Tables and Tidal Current Tables will no longer be printed. They will only be available electronically on line.

Download the BoatU.S. app to view the information ([BoatUS.com/App](https://BoatUS.com/App)).

SEO Russ Levine, P

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



Operation Dry Water was a national campaign aimed at preventing boating accidents resulting from boating under the influence.

The campaign, ran from July 3 – 5, which noted an increase in boats on the water and boating accidents.

As of June 26, 2020, fatal boating accidents in the Northeast have doubled compared to this time last year. The Coast Guard has seen a nationwide increase of over 19 percent in fatal boating accidents this year when compared to the same time frame in 2019.

If you're heading out on the water have fun and always take appropriate safety precautions. Wear a life jacket, never drink if you plan to operate a boat, check the weather before departing, and tell a family member or friend where you're going and when you will return.

Alcohol continues to be a common factor in fatal boating accidents. Boaters should never operate a vessel or paddle craft under the influence of drugs or alcohol and should always wear a life jacket.



## **A True Local Hero**

A recent story in *Soundings* tells the story of a man who suffered a heart attack in the cabin of his boat.

Dennis Dillon and his wife, Tricia were anchored in Port Jefferson when the man went into cardiac arrest. Nearby was Jeff Stein and his fiancé Dr. Elizabeth Nadal. They were there for a Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club event.

They hear the Tricia's cry for help as she was giving him CPR. Stein and Nadal got into their dingy and took over the treatment. Stein called Kevin and Kathleen Rooney who were also members of SHYC and were there for the party. He knew they had an AED ( automatic electronic defibrillator) on their boat. They got it to him and Dr. Rooney administered it.

The Coast Guard and marine police were a no show so Stein, who had never operated a Sea Ray, decided to drive it to shore at 30 knots.

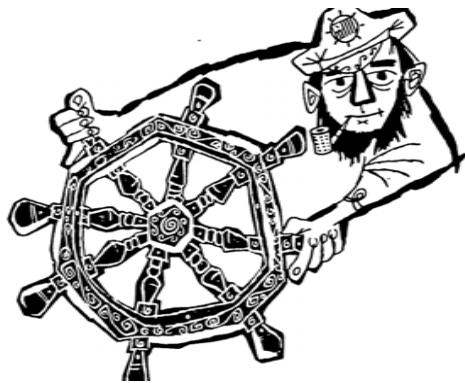
An ambulance was called on the radio and met them. The patient was rushed to the hospital. Doctors discovered he had a 100% blockage of a coronary artery that is almost always fatal especially on the water. Fortunately, the patient did survive.

Stein and Nadal are now married. They are proud of the group effort to save the patient. He reminds everyone of the importance of monitoring Channel 16.

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***One way of honoring a sailor who has passed away is to put in the obituary the comment "8 bells". That means the watch is finished.***

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**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Compo Beach Picnic</b>	<b>August 25</b>
<b>Ex Meeting</b>	<b>Sept 1</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>August 5</b>	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach
<b>Sept 1</b>	3:00 pm	Ex Committee Tentative	Westport Town Hall