



# Saugatuck River Sail And Power Squadron



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**Penfield Sail and Power Squadron  
Hosts a Zoom Presentation**

### *Sustainability in Shipping The Decade Ahead*

**Carleen Lynn Walker  
Executive Director  
North American Marine  
Environment Protection Association**

**Preserving the marine environment  
by promoting sustainable marine  
industry best practices and educating  
the public to Save our Seas**

**Reservations are Required**

**Contact Don Peterson,  
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**Event is October 21st at 7 PM**

**After RSVP, you will receive the Log In Information.**

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



The boating season is drawing to a close. It has gone by in lightning speed. A few things from this pandemic are very evident. Safe practices are necessary in all we do not only for ourselves and other people but also in boats and around boats. Recently thirteen

boats caught fire in Stamford causing fuel tanks to rupture and spread to Ponus YC.

Every year Indian Harbor Yacht Club (Greenwich) sponsors the Gearbuster race. It has been run for the last 64 years. The name came from usually boisterous weather we enjoy in October. It is a 46nm race from Greenwich to Stratford Shoal and back. There were 86 boats in the race this year. Three boats broached with spinnakers and one named Smoke Screen had her spinnaker tangled, planed up and out of the water.

Take note of the course schedules planned for 2020—2021 on page 3. The tentative plan for the 2021 classes is to have some sessions in class some online with Go To Meeting. This will all be decided as we get closer to the start dates.

May everyone enjoy the balance of this short boating season.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

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## Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is the spoken emergency signal for "man overboard" on the VHF radio?"
2. What problems can occur using stainless steel fasteners on an aluminum mast?
3. Why are "direct-injection" outboards better than carburetor engines?
4. What purpose do spring lines serve and how are they attached?

### ANSWERS:

1. Pan-Pan indicates that the calling station has a very urgent message to transmit concerning the safety of a ship, aircraft. (Coast Guard *Proceedings* Fall 2020).
2. Corrosion of the aluminum can cause the fasteners to become frozen in place and eventually the fasteners can become loose from the aluminum deteriorating.
3. They are quieter, cleaner and much more fuel efficient.
4. Properly set spring lines keep a moored boat from surging back and forth. They should run for and aft from amidships. They can also be helpful when maneuvering in close quarters.

## Education Report

The SRSPS courses are being planned now. The next page has a tentative schedule.

Look at the National Education page. There are many worthwhile offerings and how better to fill the dark days of winter?

The next issue of *Dredgings* will have a more final version of our upcoming classes.

SEO Russ Levine, P



The Coast Guard is conducting a Waterways Analysis and Management System Study on the Shallow Draft System, which applies to waters less than 12 feet deep, to update its policies and make navigable waterways of the United States safer and more efficient.

Waterway users, interested parties, and stakeholders are invited to provide comments or feedback via the tool posted at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShallowWaterWAMS>. This link will remain available until Nov. 1.



Our waterways have become increasingly congested and complex. While the number and size of the vessels traveling through the U.S. Marine Transportation System has increased, the number and in some cases size of U.S. navigation corridors has not.

The recreational boating industry has also seen steady growth over the last decade further congesting the waterways. To address these changes and determine navigation requirements for the Shallow Draft Waterway System, the Coast Guard will consider feedback from local maritime partners and stakeholders operating on the affected waterways.

The study's purpose is to determine the navigational needs and requirements of vessels operating in shallow draft navigable waterways.

## Education Schedule

### 2020 - 2021

Date	Course
5 Dec	Boating Course Sea Scouts
12 Dec	Boating Course Sea Scouts
19 Dec	Boating Course Sea Scouts
9 Jan	Boating Course Sea Scouts
2021	
23 Jan	Engine Maintenance 1&2
30 Jan	Engine Maintenance 3&4
6 Feb	Engine Maintenance 5&6
13 Feb	Engine Maintenance 7&8
20 Feb	Engine Maintenance 9&10
27 Feb	Engine Maintenance Exam
23Jan	Cruise Planning 1&2
30 Jan	Cruise Planning 3&4
6 Feb	Cruise Planning 5&6
13 Feb	Cruise Planning 7&8
20 Feb	Cruise Planning Exam

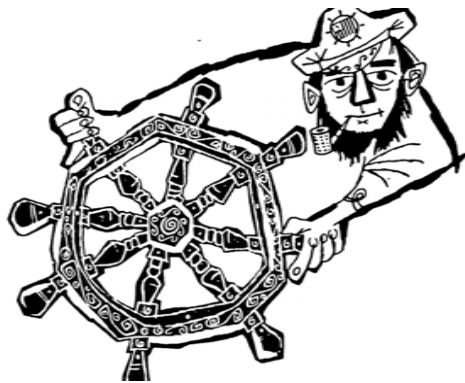
Starting in March 2021 the plan is to offer Marine Navigation, Weather and the ABC Boating Course. Hands-on Boat Handling On-the-Water will be offered in June 2021.

The the 2012 classes likely will have some sessions in class some online with Go To Meeting. This will all be decided as we get closer to the start dates.

**Some years ago—never mind how long precisely— having little of no money in my purse and nothing particular to interest me on shore, I thought I would sail about a little and see the watery part of the world.**

*Moby Dick*  
Herman Melville

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**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Ex Meeting</b>	<b>Nov 3</b>
<b>Ex Meeting</b>	<b>Dec 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>Nov 3</b>	3:00 pm	Exec Committee Meeting	Westport Town Hall
<b>Dec 1</b>	3:00 pm	Ex Committee Tentative	Westport Town Hall