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SRSPS Retention Award

During these difficult times, a District 2 award for membership “Retention” was given to SRSPS.

Our Squadron tied for 2nd place. About 92% of our members continue to support SRSPS.



SHIPPING OVER AWARD

SAUGATUCK RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON

2ND PLACE TIE— 91.9% RETENTION

17 OCTOBER 2020

DISTRICT 2 FALL CONFERENCE, VIRTUAL



D/C Andy Papademetriou, N
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District 2 Award Chair

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



This is the fastest boating season I have ever been through. Boatyards and marinas all had delayed openings.

That meant boats were worked-on late and this season started late mostly not until mid to late June.

Now the boating season sadly is coming to a close. We were extremely fortunate to have some summer like days to start November. But, that warmth seems to have passed. I have already begun pulling moorings and the first race of frostbiting has started.

Because much of the Squadron has been on Social Distancing, Merit Mark recommendations have been difficult to compile. The District 2 Recognition Award for 92% retention is testimony to the support our members have shown to SRSPS.

We all hope 2021 will be a year that the pandemic is extinguished. Then our lives including our boating activities will begin to take on semblance of the "good old days. The vaccine cannot come soon enough. May you all have a great Thanksgiving. We each have much to be thankful for even in time of great peril. Be well, be safe and be thankful for our many blessings.

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. What cloud formation might likely accompany the passage of a cold front in the Northern Hemisphere?
2. What is the standard atmospheric pressure (also known as barometric pressure) measured in inches of mercury?
3. A common sea fog is Advection fog. What causes it?
4. What advantage does a synthetic lubricant offer?

ANSWERS:

1. A line of cumulonimbus clouds.
2. 29.92 inches
3. Advection fog forms when warmer moist air flows over colder waters. The warmer air is cooled to saturation forming the fog.
4. They have a uniform molecular structure that results in lower friction as parts move past each other.

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?

SEO Russ Levine, P





Recently, the crews of Coast Guard Cutter Sitkinak and Coast Guard Station Gloucester, Mass., towed a disabled fishing vessel 65 nautical miles off of Kennebunk, Maine.

Coast Guard Sector Northern New England watchstanders received a call from the owner of the 77-foot fishing vessel Sea Farmer II, reporting the ship was disabled and crew was requesting assistance.

Sitkinak's crew arrived on scene and began to tow the Sea Farmer II. They then towed them 60 nautical miles over the course of 19 hours to rendezvous with a sister ship of the fishing vessel, and attempt repairs.

A Coast Guard Station Gloucester 47-foot Motor Life Boat crew then escorted the fishing vessel safely into Gloucester Harbor.

There were no injuries reported. Weather on scene was 2-3 foot seas and 10-15 knots of wind. The Sitkinak is a 110-foot Island Class Patrol Boat homeported in Portland, Maine.

*All of us have salt in our veins
the exact percentage of salt in
our blood that exists in the
ocean, and therefore, we have
salt in our blood, in our
sweat, in our tears. We are
tied to the ocean...from
whence we came.*

—John F. Kennedy

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

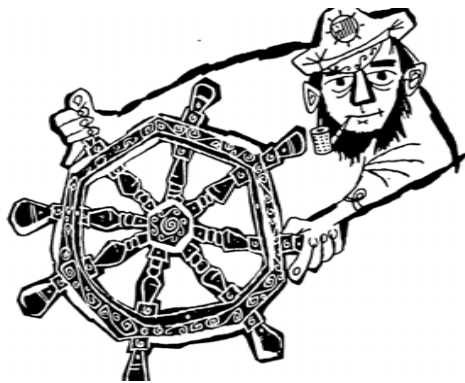
Starting in March 2021 the plan is to offer Marine Navigation, Weather and the ABC Boating Course. Hands-on Boat Handling On-the-Water will be offered in June 2021.



Photo Barbara Raffel

PDC Harrison Valante's boat was still in the marina on November 9.

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Dates to Remember:

Ex Meeting	Dec 1
Ex Meeting	Jan 5, 2021

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
Dec 1	3:00 pm	Exec Committee Meeting	Westport Town Hall
Jan 5	3:00 pm	Ex Committee Tentative	Westport Town Hall