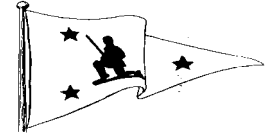




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Photo: Craig Burry

Off to Winter Storage Look Forward to 2021

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



The photo on page 1 might lead you to believe that the boating season has past.

While much of the boating season has indeed past, there is still activity on the water. Note the picture on page 3. The parasailers have taken full advantage of the December

winds and draw crowds watching their remarkable skills. Then we have the frost biters. Accompanied by a chase boat you can see them on the weekends enjoying the extended sailing season. Finally, I would mention the kayakers. Just today we followed a car with his kayak on top. He put the boat in the water. It was a balmy 55 December day and he was off.

Our local marinas are totally empty. The racks that hold the kayaks and other very small boats are also empty. It is some ways sad to see the vacant slips and racks. It is, however, good to know that the owners are safe at home and not foolishly venturing out on warm winter days.

I need not remind you that the March to December has been a challenging period. We do see a large ray of light at the end of this dismal tunnel. The vaccine has started to ship. Soon we hope enough people will have received it to make possible a normal 2021 boating season. Herd immunity is the goal to bring us out of the pandemic and into our normal lives.

Let us pray it will be so. All good wishes for the holidays and for 2021.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

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Do You Know the Answers?

1. What vessel would have no white lights visible when meeting head-on?
2. Navigation lights must be displayed from sunset to sunrise. When else may they be displayed?
3. What is the angle side lights, mast-head lights and stern lights should display?
4. WD-40 is a usefully addition to any toolkit. What does the name mean?

ANSWERS:

1. A vessel not under command.
2. During daylight.
3. Sidelights straight ahead to 22.5 degrees abaft the beam on both sides; white masthead lights 225 degrees forward; white stern light 135 degrees aft
4. Water Displacement -40th try.

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

From the Educational Department home page, select Curriculum. That will take you to:

[Classroom/Online Offerings](#) to see all courses and seminars or [Seminars](#) to see seminars only.

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Coast Guard**



“Our Coast Guard rescue crews thrive on taking risks for the sake of helping others in distress on the water,” said Capt. Brian LeFebvre, commanding officer of Coast Guard Sector Northern New England. Hoax distress calls unnecessarily put our rescue crews at risk, drain resources, and may limit our ability to respond to actual emergencies.” The Coast Guard pursues all distress calls, and when dealing with hoax cases, crews will search until the nature and legitimacy of the calls are resolved. Willfully communicating a false distress message to the Coast Guard is a felony offense under federal law and punishable by up to six years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, a \$10,000 civil penalty and reimbursement to agencies .



Parasailing at Compo Beach

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 2021	Boating Course Sea Scouts
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.

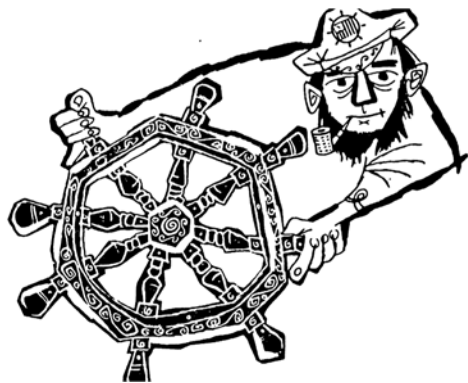
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*The boisterous sea of liberty
is never without a wave.*

Thomas Jefferson

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Dates to Remember:

Ex Meeting	Jan 5
Ex Meeting	Feb 2

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 5	3:00 pm	Exec Committee Meeting	Westport Town Hall
Feb 2	3:00 pm	Ex Committee Tentative	Westport Town Hall