



# Saugatuck River Sail And Power Squadron



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## Frostbiting on a Cold Winter Day



Photo: Craig Burry

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



The photo on page 1 reminds us that the boating season has continued for dedicated sailors. You can often see the local boats frostbiting near Cockenoe Island on the weekends. Frostbiting is a social distancing sport by its very nature. Participants ignore the cold and have a safe day on the

water. What could be better in the middle of a bleak winter?

May this be a better and safer New Year. The hindrances of 2020 have been challenging, at times even somewhat oppressive but necessary given the severity of the pandemic. The moments we were able to our boats were especially precious. Although it had been a very curtailed boating season; it was none the less a pleasure to see and hear boats on the water.

Now the season is largely wrapped-up, we can look forward to a longer and better boating times. Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron is strong and afloat. These have been challenging times not only for time spent on the water, but also for our education and social programs. But the time is soon approaching when we can resume all the activities we have been force to put on hold.

May you all prosper and be healthy this year.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

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## Do You Know the Answers?

1. What is the name on a boat's compass from which you read the boat's heading?
2. Name 2 popular non-mechanical systems for controlling a sail.
3. How can a hand-bearing compass help to determine if a thunderstorm is heading toward you?
4. What boating garments will help you to be seen at night ?

### ANSWERS:

1. Lubber's line.
2. The Dutchman and lazyjacks.
3. Take a bearing on the storm. If the bearing doesn't change, assume it is headed toward you.
4. Reflective tape on your foulies and PFDs. A strobe light attached to your PFD is also a must.

## 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

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**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.**

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



The Coast Guard has launched its ice breaking season, as winter’s cold temperatures are anticipated to impact every port, waterway, and harbor in the Northeast throughout the coming months.

Of all the heating oil used in the United States, more than 85 percent is consumed in the Northeast, and 90 percent of that is delivered by ship on a Coast Guard maintained waterway.

Our strong relationships and coordinated effort with the maritime industry ensures the vital ports of the Northeast remain open year-round.

### **Compo Marina in January**



Photo Barbara Raffel

## **Education Schedule**

### **2020 - 2021**

Date	Course
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.

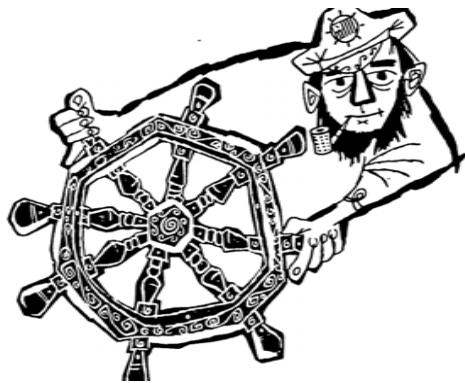
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*We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship.*

Omar Bradley

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**Dates to Remember:**

Ex Meeting	Feb 2
Ex Meeting	Mar 2

## 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>Feb 2</b>	3:00 pm	Exec Committee Meeting	Westport Town Hall
<b>Mar 2</b>	3:00 pm	Ex Committee Tentative	Westport Town Hall