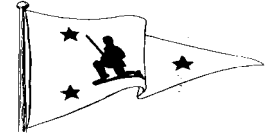




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What is Wrong?



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There is no prize just the satisfaction you know your stuff.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



I have recently noticed some boaters are trading in a small boat for a bigger boat. New boaters are buying boats and old salts are living on boats. It seems that besides the vaccine, it's the best strategy to conquer this pandemic and escape with a boat.

I just started dropping in moorings and I must say it was calm and peaceful feeling the sun and salt spray on my face. It seems as if it is a new start to a very dim Covid-19 lifestyle.

Our 2021-2022 Bridge looks to be Commander Craig Burry, Executive Officer Harrison Valante, Administrative Officer Diane Valante, SEO Russell Levine, Secretary Open, Treasurer Hugh Sebastian. We are still looking to fill the Secretary opening and hope a member will step up.

Craig Burry, P
Commander

Walter Paul, N, a longtime member of SRSPS died in December. He was an excellent sailor. He cruised for almost 14 years with his wife Evelyn. They explored the Caribbean then crossed the Atlantic going as far as Egypt. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife and three sons.

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. If you are on a moving vessel, which weather element can not be measured accurately?
2. When would you expect a land breeze to develop?
3. Which month is it most likely for a hurricane to develop in the North Atlantic region?
4. If you are leaving a fore and aft mooring, what should you do to the pendants to make it easier to retrieve them?

ANSWERS:

1. Visibility.
2. When the land is colder than nearby water.
3. September.
4. Tie them together.

Education Report

Safe Boating Class

Saturday March 13 9AM-5PM
Virtually via Web Express
Details next page

Prevention is, as in other aspects of seamanship, better than cure.

Sir Robin Knox Johnson

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



Recently, the U.S., and Canadian Coast Guards, and the Royal Canadian Air Force rescued 31 fishermen from a disabled, Canadian fishing vessel, The Atlantic Destiny, over 130 miles south of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

A Royal Canadian Air Force CH-149 Cormorant helicopter crew from 14 Wing Greenwood, in Nova Scotia, Canada, hoisted six crewmembers from the vessel.

The U.S. Coast Guard Jayhawk crew hoisted another 21 fishermen. All hoisted crewmembers were taken to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, where they were transferred for medical assessment.

The remaining four crewmembers, and the two SAR technicians, ceased dewatering efforts and were transferred to the Canadian Coast Guard Ship Cape Roger.

The Atlantic Destiny sank to the bottom. Wednesday morning. The weather on scene was 35 mph winds and 26-foot seas.



**Saturday March 13
9am-5pm via webex
Safe Boating Class**

District Educational Officer Andy Cummings JN will be giving his popular basic boating class just once this spring. It will be offered live - virtually via webex.

Price: \$80/student or \$130 for a couple sharing materials

Registration: .
Email GreenwichSquadron@gmail.com
Phone Susan Ryan 203-998-1864

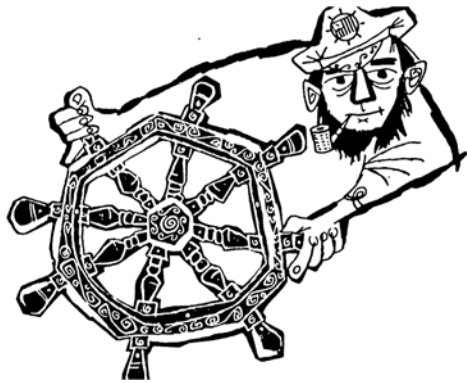
Upon registration, you will be sent information on how to obtain the materials and asked to pay the fee by PayPal, check or cash. The webex link will be sent before class.

This class qualifies graduating students for the Connecticut Boating Certificate plus Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Certificate. Topics included are:

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- General Boat handling
- Safe Towing (water skiing & tubing)
- Docking and Anchoring
- Radio NEW VHF/DSC
- Safe refueling practices
- State boating regulations
- Ropes, cleats, knots, all made easy



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Dates to Remember:

Safe Boating Class	March 13`
Exec Meeting	April 6

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
March 13	9am-5pm	Safe Boating Class	Virtual
April 6	3:00 pm	Ex Committee Tentative	Virtual