



# Saugatuck River Sail And Power Squadron



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## Compo Beach June Picnics

**Dates: June 1, 15, 29**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**Place: Compo South Beach**

**Bring your dinner and drinks**

**Beach pass required for entry**

**No glass on the beach**

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Recently I had some surgery. It was a slow painful recovery but, I am finally back on my sea legs.

The Westport marinas officially opened on April 1. After a slow start they are now filling up fast. There is a real feeling in the air that the boating season is off and running.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, we were unable to hold the May 8 scheduled America's Boating Course class. We hope to reschedule it at a later date.

The Memorial Day parade will not have the usual SRSPS float. A combination of illness and travel made it impossible to get the float ready on time.

You will note we are starting our Compo Beach picnics on June 1. We will again meet on South Beach at Compo starting at 5:30pm.

Finally, congratulations to *Dredgings*. Once again it won a national award for squadron newsletters.

Remember to have a VHF radio when you leave the dock. Also wear your PFDs and no alcohol until the hook is down for the day.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

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## Do You know the Answers?

1. What do you call lowering the sail part way down when the wind pipes up?
2. If a boat is "documented" what is the appropriate flag to fly?
3. Name 2 types of fabrics that are used to make racing sails.
4. What is a "monkey fist" and when is it used?

## ANSWERS

1. Reefing
2. The yacht ensign
3. Kevlar and Mylar
4. A "monkey fist" is a large knot put at the end of a heaving line to improve the accuracy and distance when you throw it.

## Education Report

Later in the summer we hope to schedule a Hands-on-the-Water Boat Handling class.

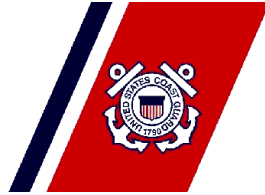
When the date is firm, we will email it to you and update the date in the next issue of *Dredgings*.

## Knot Tying

Try this website for an excellent animated display of many knots. You choose the knot you want to see and up comes a quick video demonstrating how to tie it.

[www.animatedknots.com/  
boating-knots](http://www.animatedknots.com/boating-knots)

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



The Coast Guard rescued five mariners from a vessel fire 85 miles east of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Friday April 30

At approximately 5 p.m. Coast Guard First District watchstanders received an EPIRB notification from the 100-foot trawler Nobska.

Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod crews were launched and when they arrived on-scene the bow and wheelhouse of the vessel were engulfed in flames and all five Nobska crew members were on the stern.

The air crew directed them into the water where they were safely hoisted and transported back to shore. No injuries were reported.

A Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts, MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew, and HC-144 Hercules crew responded. Weather on scene was 25 mph winds with six-foot seas.

Video of a portion of the actual rescue can be seen by copying this URL into your browser:

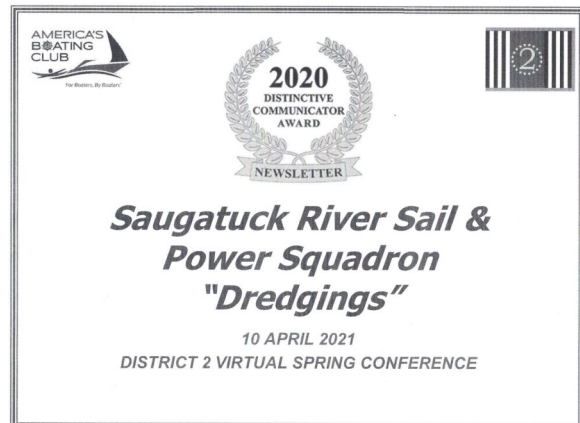
[DVIDS - Video - Coast Guard rescues 5 fishermen from burning vessel 85 miles east of Cape Cod \(dvidshub.net\)](https://dvidshub.net/video/58111)

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*A man is never alone with the wind—  
and the boat make three.*

Hilaire Belloc  
*Hills and the Sea*

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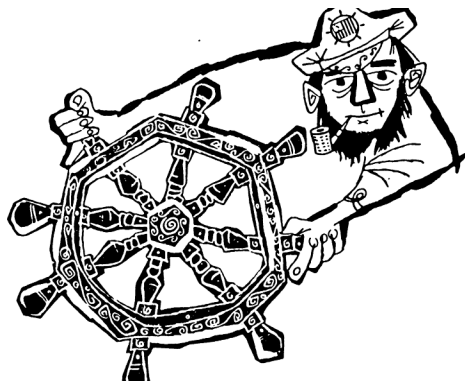
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**An early Evinrude outboard**

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**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Compo Picnic and Exec Meeting</b>	<b>June 1</b>
<b>Compo Beach Picnic</b>	<b>June 15</b>
<b>Compo Beach Picnic</b>	<b>June 29</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>June 1</b>	5:30 pm	Compo Picnic/Ex Meeting	Compo Beach
<b>June 15</b>	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach
<b>June 29</b>	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach