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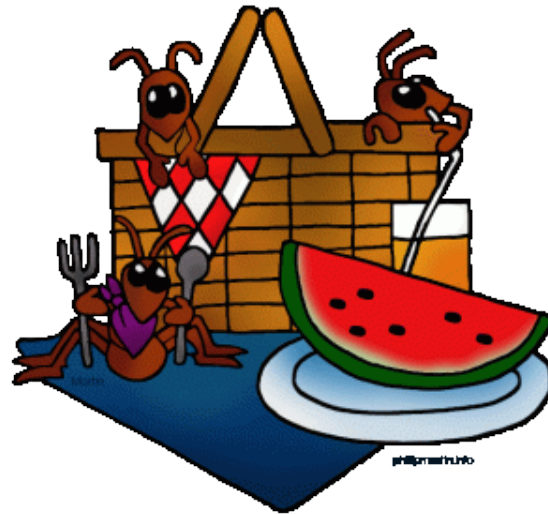
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Compo Beach June Picnics

Dates: June 15, 29

August 10, 24

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



Hugh Sebastian, SN, a 50+ year member of SRSPS died on June 8. The Squadron's sympathies go to his family. Hugh served SRSPS as SEO and Treasurer for many years.

The Pandemic is lifting, things are running normally again. One can be free and breathe without a mask. It's a good

thing too, as we are in the hottest heat wave for the start of the summer and a new season of fun and freedom is blossoming.

It's the start of healthier living. Boating is through the roof in sales from brokers. The sales are so high that inventory of boats and yachts are scarce. The traditional get together picnic for our Squadron has begun and the Ancient Mariners group has been cruising from club to club and ports both on the Connecticut side and Long Island side of beautiful Long Island Sound. Sunsets are plentiful with a spectrum of color bursting into the sky.

Many are vaccinated and now running, biking and walking hand in hand again. It's good to see the light, it's a brighter outlook now with hope and enlightenment of a new beginning. I'm very glad to see the up-swing of social interaction without the good ol' mask. May everyone become unified with the source of celebration of living once again.

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. Why should you use boat soap rather than dish washing liquid when cleaning your boat?
2. What is the best kind of rag to use when polishing a boat?
3. When is a sailboat said to "be in irons"?.
4. Where is the aftermast stepped on a yawl?

ANSWERS

1. Dish washing liquid can remove wax and polish.
2. Terry cloth
3. When it loses headway when *coming about*.
4. Aft the rudder post.

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*.



Photo courtesy Dan Woog 6880
Joe Schachter a member of SRSPS and a WW II vet is driven in the Memorial Day Parade by SRSPS member Commander Bill Caldwell USN retired.

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



The Coast Guard warns of cold-water hazards following five fatalities across the First Coast Guard District within the month of May.

The Northeast had 30 recreational boating fatalities in 2019, and 50 in 2020. There have been five fatalities within the first two weeks of May alone.

While the weather may be heating up, the water temperatures are dangerously low in the 50s and don't typically get warmer until mid-summer around July and August. Water this cold can physically incapacitate someone in less than 10 minutes, leaving them physically helpless in the water unable to use their arm, legs, and hands.

Water temperatures below 70 degrees will quickly lower body temperature resulting in hypothermia, resulting in a loss of dexterity, motor control, mental confusion, and unconsciousness

It takes as little as 30 minutes for an adult of average size to lose dexterity in waters of 60 to 70 degrees, and as little as two hours to become unconscious. Without a life jacket, this will likely result in drowning.

***Never a ship sails out of a bay,
But carries my heart as a stowaway***
Roselle Mercier Montgomery



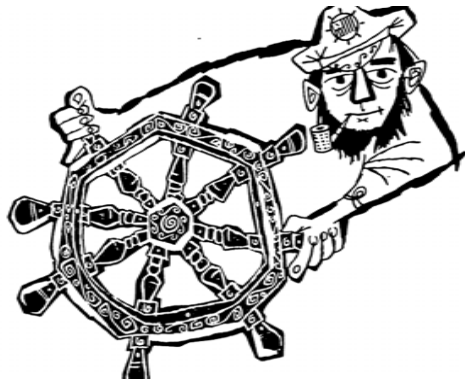
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**Member USPS 50+ Years
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DEO District 2
National Education Committee
WW II Vet**

**Mercedes Voldstad widow of
Art Voldstad died recently.
They were longtime members of
SRSPS. Here they were hon-
ored at their farewell party in
August 2011.**



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Dates to Remember:

Compo Picnic and Exec Meeting	June 15
Compo Beach Picnic	June 29
Compo Beach Picnic	Aug 10 and 24

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
June 15	5:30 pm	Compo Picnic/Ex Meeting	Compo Beach
June 29	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach
Aug 10 & 24	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach