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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



Compo Beach June Picnics

Dates: 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



Here we are in August. We must be having fun, because the summer seems to be flying by.

We hope more members will start to attend our Tuesday night biweekly picnics. Compo Beach is a town treasure and especially special as the sun goes down.

We very much hope that this fall we can start a full course program. The virus has put a hold on our classroom gatherings. Our fingers are crossed that things will markedly improve come late September.

Remember you as the boat's captain are responsible for everything that happens under your command. The goal is for good fun and constant safety checks. Alcohol comes out only when the hook is down for the day.

Craig Burry, P
Commander



Eagle's Bow

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 determine your boat's position using only the course and speed, what would you call that position?
2. One nautical mile on a Mercator chart is equal to what?
3. Is it OK to use a compressor at a gas station to inflate a dinghy?
4. Replacing a 2-stroke outboard on a dinghy with a 4-stroke outboard could cause what kind of problem?

ANSWERS

1. A dead reckoning position (DR)
2. 1 minute of latitude
3. No, they will likely over-inflate the boat.
4. The added weight of the 4-stroke could be too much for the transom or could cause the scuppers to submerge.

Education Report

In a few weeks 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*.

Plaque on Eagle



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



BATH, Maine – The Coast Guard responded to a report of a capsized schooner in the Kennebec River, Friday evening.

Coast Guard Sector Northern New England watchstanders received a report that the historic schooner Mary E capsized near Doubling Point with 18 people onboard.

The Coast Guard dispatched a Station Boothbay Harbor boat crew. The Bath Fire Department and Sea Tow arrived on scene first and rescued all 18 people from the water and transported them to awaiting Emergency Medical Services personnel.



"We commend our partners in the Bath community for their prompt and effective response which saved the lives of 18 people," said Capt. Amy E. Florentine, Coast Guard Sector Northern New England Commander. "We will ensure a full and thorough investigation is conducted in order to determine what caused the incident."

Sea Tow towed the partially submerged vessel to shallow water near the Maine Maritime Museum. The vessel no longer represents a hazard to navigation in the area.

The USCG Eagle Facts

- 295 Feet Long
- 23 Sails area 22,227 sq feet
- Working crew 55
- Speed under sail 17 knots

**Eagle was in New London
July 29-August 1 2021**



Deck Wheels

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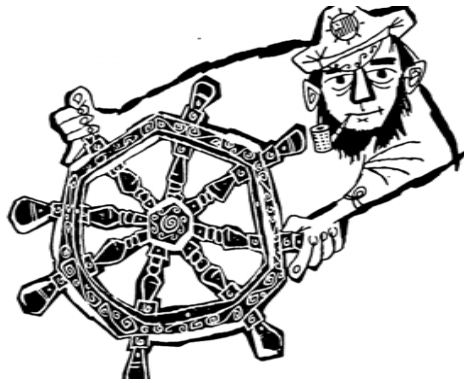


All Eagle photos by Barbara Raffel, P

The gods do not subtract from man's allotted time the hours spent sailing.

Anon

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Dates to Remember:

Compo Picnic and Exec Meeting	August 10
Compo Beach Picnic	August 24
Executive Committee	Sept 7

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
August 10	5:30 pm	Compo Picnic/Ex Meeting	Compo Beach
August 24	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnic	Compo Beach
Sept 7	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall