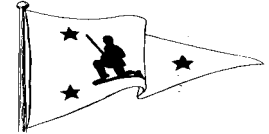




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## Seen at Compo Beach



Photo Barbara Raffel, P



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



The boating season is beginning to get near the finish line. However, it is nice to see that most boats are still in the local marinas.

That is how it should be. September and October usually offer many days of the best time to be on the water. The humidity is down and the winds are more likely to favor the sailors than the summer's lulls.

Covid restrictions have definitely impacted our educational offerings and our social events. Precautions are the first order of the day. Following the prescribed protocols and common sense hopefully will keep us safe. We need to monitor our surroundings at all times. The goal is obvious: get the vaccination rate high enough to defeat his pandemic.

Our local beaches offer a wonderful opportunity for cool breezes and an ideal setting for picnics and walks along the water. Now is the best time of the year to enjoy these activities.

Craig Burry, P  
Commander

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## Do You know the Answers?

1. What is most often cited as the leading cause of diesel engine service issues?
2. What would be among the very first things to check, if an engine does't crank?
3. Name the primary uses that spring-lines can perform?
4. Why must stainless steel be exposed to oxygen on a regular basis?

### ANSWERS

1. Contaminated fuel.
2. The engine's shift lever must be in neutral.
3. When moored to a dock they prevent the boat from surging fore and aft. An active spring line can assist in close-quarter maneuvering.
4. Oxygen allows the stainless to develop a protective chromium oxide film.

## Education Report

The pandemic has caused in class courses to be put on hold. We hope as vaccination rates rise, the return to the classroom will be possible. As things develop, we will keep you posted.

Russell Levine, P  
SRSPS SEO

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Coast Guard**



On September 8 watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England Command Center were notified by the fishing vessel, Donny C, that they were taking on water approximately 110 nautical miles southeast of Nantucket.

The vessel's two dewatering pumps onboard were not keeping up with the flooding and the crew were making preparations to abandon ship.

A Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter aircrew and HC-144A Ocean Sentry aircrew launched to assist and rescue the mariners. Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba (WMEC 907) was operating nearby and diverted to assist, along with fishing vessels Blue Wave, and Temptress.

The fishing vessel Donny C was able to get the flooding under control with an additional dewatering pump provided by the fishing vessel Temptress and began transiting to New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba escorted the Donny C until they secured the source of flooding. Sector Southeastern New England Command Center then maintained a one-hour communications schedule with the vessel until they safely moored in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

***Its not the ship so much as the skillful sailing that assures the prosperous voyage.***  
—George William Curtis

## Boating Statistics

Recreational boating, which easily enables social distancing, has surged during the pandemic.

New boat sales reached a 13-year high in 2020

Water skiing boats were up 20%

There were 767 boating fatalities in 2020 a 25% increase from 2019.

July through August of 2020 had the most accidents for the 23 years the Coast Guard has records.

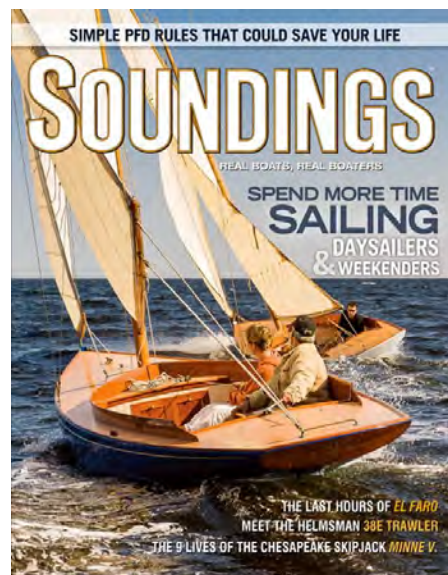
Calls to Sea Tow were up 34% between Memorial Day and Labor Day in 2020.

Source New York Times August 2021

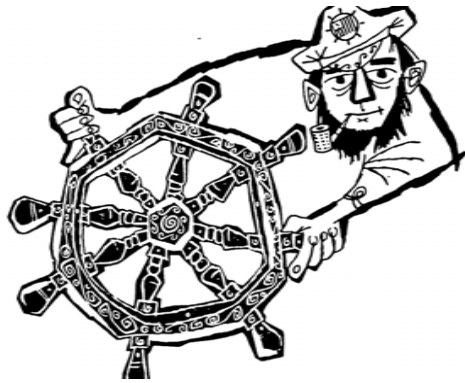
## MMSI Information

Here is a good suggestion from the September issue of *Soundings*.

In the “boat description” section of the MMSI form include the boat's bottom paint color and the topsides color.



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**Dates to Remember:**

<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>October 5</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>November 2</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>December 7</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>October 5</b>	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
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