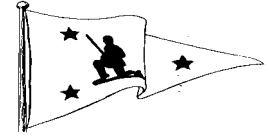




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**When the club's launch is being shrink-wrapped, you know the season is over.**

**Photo Craig Burry**

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Reminder: Please take note. I have a new email address. It is:

**Capt.Burphy@gmail.com**

Merit Mark recommendations are due now. Please email any information about a member that I can use to submit their name for possible Merit Mark consideration.

I stopped by Compo Marina today. The slips are slowly emptying out. True, there still many boats there, but each weekend brings a diminishing number. Next week I would expect to see many fewer boats still in their slips.

I will remind you now more than ever it is essential to always wear your PFD when on the water. That is also true for everyone onboard. The winds are stronger in November, the water is colder, the waves are higher and there are fewer boats around to render aid.

We continue to be restricted in our activities because of Covid-19. We have every reason to believe that as vaccination rates continue to rise, we will soon be back to full courses and social gatherings.

Stay safe,  
Craig Burry, S  
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](mailto:raffel@post.harvard.edu).

## Do You know the Answers?

1. When 2 objects on a chart are in a line what do you call that line?
2. What is the common term that is used to describe that line?
3. If you have a range plotted on your chart, and take a bearing that intersects with that line, what does that give you?
4. By Keeping time between 2 successive ranges along your course line, what can you determine?

## ANSWERS

1. A range.
2. A Line of Position (LOP)
3. A "fix"
4. Your boat's speed over ground
5. (60 DSTREET)

## Education Report

The pandemic continues to cause class courses to be put on hold. As vaccination rates continue to rise, we hope the return to the classroom will soon be possible. As things develop, we will keep you posted. Hopefully, that will be sooner rather than later.

Russell Levine, P  
SRSPS SEO

**Remember to send your Merit Mark recommendations to Craig Burry at:  
[Capt.burphy@gmail.com](mailto:Capt.burphy@gmail.com)**

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Homeland Security  
United States  
Coast Guard**



The USRC Bear was built in Scotland in 1874 as a steamer ship and purchased by the U.S. government in 1884 for service in the U.S. Navy as part of the rescue fleet for the Greely Expedition to the Arctic, which gave world-wide acclaim as the vessel that rescued the few survivors of that disastrous expedition.

In 1885, the Bear was transferred from the Treasury Department for service in the Arctic as a Revenue Cutter and for 41 years it patrolled the Arctic performing search and rescue, law enforcement operations, conducting censuses of people and ships, recording geological and astronomical information, recording tides and escort whaling ships. Between 1886-1895, the captain of Bear was "Hell Roaring Mike" Healy. The USCGC Healy was commissioned in 1999 and named in his honor. During World War II, the Bear served during the Greenland Patrols and participated in the capture of a German spy vessel, the trawler Buskoe. It was decommissioned in 1944 and was lost at sea while being towed in 1963.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy crew, following in the Bear's tradition of Arctic service, recently completed a transit of the Arctic Northwest Passage. Healy is one of the Coast Guard's polar-capable icebreakers and operates as a multi-mission vessel to protect American interests in the Arctic region.

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## **USCG Bear continued...**

For nearly two decades, NOAA Ocean Exploration, the NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries' Maritime Heritage Program, the U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development center, and a number of academic research partners have been engaged in a search for the final resting place of U.S. Revenue Cutter Bear.

## **Lunch at Compo Beach**

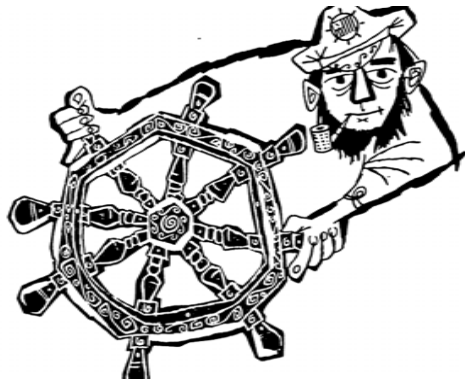


**Photo Daniel Vener  
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***Optimism is going after Moby  
Dick in a rowboat and taking the  
tarter sauce with you***

**-Woody Allen**

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**Dates to Remember:**

Executive Committee	December 7
Executive Committee	January 4, 2022
Executive Committee	February 1

## 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)

Date	Time	Event	Location
December 7	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
January 4	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
February 1	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall