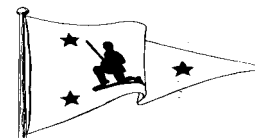




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Photo by Craig Burry

## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



This year will mark 65 years since SRSP was founded. While our years are many and we have existed longer than many members are alive, it is our history that we can celebrate. SRSPS has been the boating education resource for Westport and the greater Westport area. Let us continue to

work to make it so.

It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of Joel Hallas. He was a longtime member of SRSPS and a constant presence at many of our functions. Joel was an accomplished sailor. And most anytime you saw him on his Erickson 25 he had his beloved golden-retriever onboard. Our deepest sympathy to his wife, Nancy and his entire family.



**Joel and Nancy Hallas**

Photo Barbara Raffel, P

May 2022 be a year of peace.  
Craig Burry, S

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. What must you consider to keep stainless steel corrosion resistant?
2. When buying PFDs and foul-weather gear, what are some considerations you should think about?
3. Why should you use a route rather than going waypoint to waypoint?
4. What does the word SOLAS mean?

### ANSWERS

1. It must be exposed to oxygen regularly.
2. Color (international orange for daytime and yellow for dim light), reflective tape, and a strobe light for the PFD.
3. You can reverse the route in your GPS to get home and by using a route you can verify your position as you see objects as you proceed.
4. SOLAS (Safety of Life at Sea) is the standard by which safety equipment is rated.

## Education Report

The pandemic continues to cause class courses to be put on hold. As vaccination and booster 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

## Merit Marks

Special thanks is due to Jose-Maria Castro. He provided invaluable assistance to our commander in submitting Merit Mark recommendations. There is much work involved in this submission, and he spent many hours to this task.



PORTLAND, Maine – The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle (WIX-327), “America’s Tall Ship,” visited Portland, ME for the Maine Bicentennial with cadets and crew as part of its summer training program. It hosted free public tours.

At 295 feet in length, Eagle is the largest tall ship flying the stars and stripes and the only active square-rigger in United States government service.

Eagle has served as a classroom at sea to future Coast Guard officers since 1946, offering an at-sea leadership and professional development experience as part of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy curriculum. This summer, Coast Guard Academy cadets completed a transatlantic voyage and experienced port calls in Azores, Iceland, and Bermuda! Eagle is commanded by Captain Mike Turdo.

Eagle is a three-masted barque with more than 22,300 square feet of sail and 6 miles of rigging. She was constructed in 1936 by the Blohm and Voss Shipyard in Hamburg, Germany. Originally commissioned as the Horst Wessel by the German navy, Eagle was a war reparation for the United States following World War II. Eagle is homeported in New London, Connecticut.

For more information about Eagle, including port cities, tour schedules, and current events, follow the "United States Coast Guard Barque EAGLE" Facebook page or on Instagram @barqueeagle.

## Propane Safety

Small bottles of propane can be deadly to your boat. Two ounces can cause an explosion.



Propane is significantly heavier than air. That means it is likely to collect in the lower parts of your boat. The storage area must contain ventilation. Also, avoid storing your tanks in direct sunlight. They should not be subject to temperatures above 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Tanks should not be stored on their side or upside down.

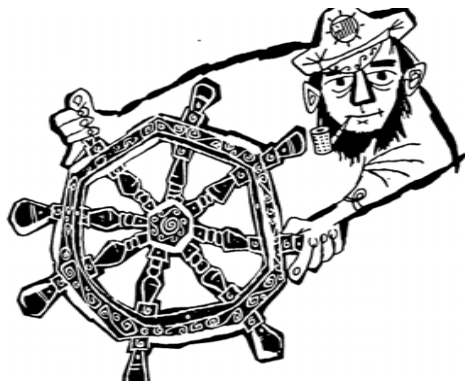
Refilling disposable bottles is prohibited. Most retailers will dispose of empty bottles you bought from them. Empty bottles should be handled with the same precautions as if they were full.

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**It has been said that Thoreau on his deathbed made the following comment:**

*Now comes the good sailing*

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**Dates to Remember:**

Executive Committee	January 4, 2022
Executive Committee	February 1, 2022
Executive Committee	March 1, 2022

## 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
January 4	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
February 1	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
March 1	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall