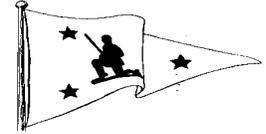




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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

Time to Haul the Boat



Commander Burry piloting a sailboat to a hydraulic lift to be hauled for winter storage.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year to all and may this year be safe and very enjoyable for boating. This season will start on time, as most yards and marinas are not closed to the public to get to your boat. I want to thank our Bridge of Officers for the work they keep doing to keeping

SRSPS alive and kicking. A very special grati-tude runs all the way over to California Jose Maria Castor helping and compiling Merit Mark production. Thank You again. All Merit marks were submitted and those who were to receive them did. Congratulations!

The Annual meeting will be coming up to select new Bridge Officers and to give reports of what the Squadron has done, even in a down year. 2022 is kicking off with good news for our Squadron. It still takes elbow grease and ingenuity to keep us going. We are still in the running as a well known Squadron/ Boating Organization, let's keep up the good work.

Let us take a moment and reflect on the members who are no longer with us and remember the great times this Squadron has had. I hope, as I'm sure all of you do, that this Omicron variant of Covid fades away soon, so that we can get back together "live, in person" and enjoy boating with stupendous sunsets, in which Renaissance of life will blossom 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. If your sailboat has run aground on a falling tide, what might be something you should do about an anchor?
2. If you accidentally have a small fuel spill, is it a good idea to spray a dispersant e.g. on the spill?
3. What is the purpose of lazy jacks on a sailboat?
4. A type 4 throwable seat cushion should not be worn on the back – why?

ANSWERS

1. Set out a kedge anchor.
2. No. Most dispersant will harm sea life. It is better to use an oil absorbent pad.
3. When the sail is lowered, the sail will fall onto the boom.
4. It will force the victim face down in the water.

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



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



There are seven uniformed services in United States. The USCG or United States Coast Guard is one of them. The mission of the Coast Guard is to enforce the maritime law. It is included as one of the branches in the United States Military for it has the multi mission maritime function.

The original name of United States Coast Guard was Revenue Marine when it was established on August 4th, 1790 by the congress. But it was based on the request of Alexander Hamilton.

On 28th January 1915, the merger between the United States Life Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service formed the modern Coast Guard. The United States Department of the Treasury supervised it.



It was estimated that 42,000 men and women were in active duty in the Coast Guard as of 2012. It also had 8,070 full time civilian employees, 32,000 auxiliarists and 7,900 reservists. It takes the 12th place of the largest naval forces in the world based on its size.

There are various equipment or tools operated by the Coast Guard such as the pole icebreaker, high endurance cutter, national security cutter, Coastal Buoy Tender, Sea-going Buoy Tender and many more.

Candlewood Lake Accident

This article is based on a report that appeared in **The Hour**

On June 19, 2018 there was a fatal boating accident on Candlewood Lake.

A 38 year old woman, Wanda Tirado, the mother of 2 girls was thrown off a pontoon boat captained by 69-year old Gary Morrow. She died after being taken to Danbury Hospital.



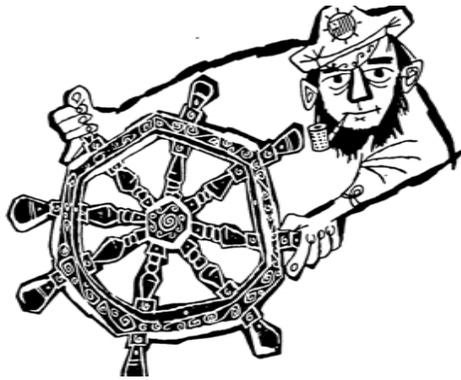
A good Samaritan pulled both of them from the water. Morrow is reported to have then left the scene. Tirado's injuries were consistent with having been hit by a propeller.

At his sentencing in 2021 he pled nolo contendere to a class A misdemeanor charge of negligent homicide. He was sentenced to 364 days in jail.

Taking the bad with the good is not only part of passage making, but what makes it so special.

**Yvon Chouinard
Patagonia founder**

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	February 2, 2022
Executive Committee	March 2, 2022
Executive Committee	April 6, 2022

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
February 2	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
March 2	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
April 6	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall