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Compo Gas Dock



The Compo Marina channel buoys are being stored on the gas dock.

Photo Barbara Raffel, P

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



As the picture on page one shows, Spring has not yet quite arrived. But Spring is getting close. You can feel it in the air. The sun is higher and there is just the feeling in the air that everything is going the right way. Spring cannot come soon enough so we can start sanding and polishing.

It was just at the beginning of February that we learned of the passing of our longtime member Al Stauderman. He was the head of our Vessel Examiner program for many years. He successfully recruited several members to get involved. It was largely because of his efforts,



SRSPS was for many years among the District 2 leaders in vessel safety reports. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Helen, and to his entire family.

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. What is the unwritten rule of "tonnage" (in polite words)?
2. If you encounter a tug or any large ship, what is the common sense thing to do?
3. What is "wheel wash"?
4. What is the danger signal?

ANSWERS

1. Stay the hell out of the way of big ships.
2. Get out of the way ASAP and leave no doubt what you intend to do.
3. It is the severe turbulence that is of-ten generated by a large ship. Usually, it is hundreds of yards behind the ship.
4. Five or more short blasts.

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



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NEW LONDON, Conn. — A ribbon cutting ceremony was held February 10 to open a new exhibit in the Connecticut State Capitol to honor the Coast Guard through February 24, 2022.

The three-week long exhibit consists of 24 panels and historical artifacts on display in the concourse between the Legislative Office Building and the Capitol Building and will honor and highlight the rich history of the Coast Guard with an emphasis on Connecticut based Coast Guard units.

The opening event included remarks by Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz; and Rear Adm. Bill Kelly, Coast Guard Academy .

The Coast Guard in Connecticut is comprised of various ashore and afloat units, while the Coast Guard Academy, Coast Guard Band, Coast Guard Cutter Barque Eagle, Coast Guard Cutter Coho, and Coast Guard Station New London all call New London home.

The exhibit is located in the concourse of the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT, 06106. The exhibit is free, open to the public, and can be viewed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Dredgings won the National publication award. Only 2 squadrons in D2 were so recognized.

Safe Boating Class

- * Saturday, March 12
- * Am—5PM
- * Greenwich Police HQ
- * 11 Bruce Place, Greenwich CT
- * \$80 Per Person or \$130 couple sharing book
- * Bring your own lunch
- * Snacks and water provided

Register online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/abc3122>

Email:

GreenwichSquadron@gmail.com

Course qualifies you for the State Boating Certificate and includes certification for PWC/DSC

Launch Operator Needed

Old Greenwich YC needs a launch operator. The applicant must hold a USCG Limited Launch License, First Aid/CPR certification or be willing to take these courses. Also required is a pre-employment drug screen and participation in a random drug test. The applicant must be available to work until the end of the season.

If you or you know of someone who might be interested, contact;
Captain Craig Burry
Water Front Director for OGYC

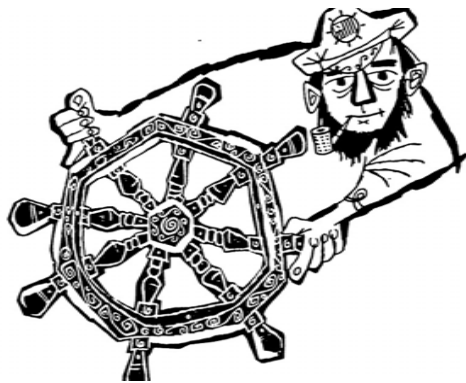
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***Captains go down with their ships;
not the owners***

Anon

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	March 2, 2022
Executive Committee	April 6, 2022
Compo Beach Picnics	May TBA

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
March 2	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
April 6	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
May TBA	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach