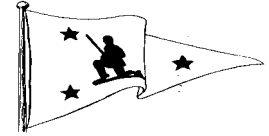




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Compo Beach Picnics

5:30pm South Beach

Bring food, drink, chair

June: 7, 21

July: 5, 19

August 2, 16, 30

Questions:

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No glass on the beach



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Great news! Compo Marina is open and boats are starting to fill the slips. The time has come to get to the boatyard, breakout the polish, bottom paint and all that goes with getting ready for the launch date.

Note on page one a listing for the Compo Beach picnics. These are a very informal gathering of members to sit around, chat and enjoy the cool evening breezes at our beautiful Compo Beach. Grills are available if you want to cook your dinner. Beach stickers are required to get into the beach. If you don't have one, tell the guard you are attending the SRSPS picnic. We have made arrangements for guest cars.

Remember you are responsible for the safety of all onboard your vessel. When the day is done, that is the time to enjoy an adult beverage – never before.

Craig Burry, P
Commander



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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 boat's paint brushes become solidified over the winter, what might you try to restore them?
2. When departing from a dock, what are two critical factors to consider?
3. When your vessel is moving, the strength of the apparent wind is determined by what?
4. What is a simple way to test the quality of stainless steel?

ANSWERS

1. Try putting them in hot vinegar. Then rinse them in soapy water.
2. The wind and the current.
3. The speed of the boat and the boat's direction relative to the wind.
4. Hold a magnet next to it. The less it sticks, the better the quality.

Education Report

We hope to offer an on-the-water boat handling course in June. Details will be given in the June issue of *Dredgings*

Russell Levine, P
SRSPS SEO

Recently, I came across this photo of one of SRSPS's earliest members, **Bob Curtis**. He was an exceptional sailor, life member and full certificate holder. He made countless contributions to SRSPS.



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



BOSTON — The Coast Guard medically evacuated an injured fisherman 90 miles east of Cape Ann, Massachusetts.

Coast Guard Sector Boston watchstanders received a notification from the fishing vessel Sea Rambler, reporting that a crew-member had severely injured his arm in a hatch, and were requesting assistance.

A Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew, and HC-144 Ocean Sentry fixed wing aircraft crew launched, and safely hoisted, and transferred the fisherman to Mass General Hospital, in Boston, for treatment.



The Sea Rambler is homeported in Portland, Maine.

Click the link below to watch exceptional video of the rescue.

[DVIDS - Video - Coast Guard MEDEVACs injured fisherman 90 miles east of Cape Ann, Massachusetts \(dvidshub.net\)](https://www.dvidshub.net/video/130/130)

FLARE/UP

Saturday, April 30, 2022

9:30am to 11.30am

**Location: Weed Beach
155 Nearwater Lane, Darien**

An opportunity to fire marine safety flares and fire extinguishers under expert supervision.

Bring expired flares and fire extinguishers to Weed Beach, or you will be provided with donated flares.

Attendees will have the opportunity to compare different types of signaling devices.

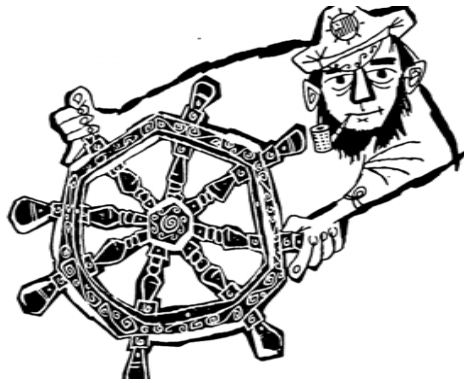


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*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.
—Lord Alfred Tennyson
Crossing the Bar*

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Dates to Remember:

Executive Committee	May 3 2022
Executive Committee	June 7, 2022
Compo Beach Picnics	See Dates Pg 1

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
May 3	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
June 7	2:30 pm	Executive Committee	Westport Town Hall
June See #1	5:30 pm	Compo Beach Picnics	Compo Beach