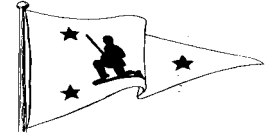




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Compo Beach Picnics

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



Compo Marina is open and boats are starting to fill the slips. There has been a very noticeable increase in the number of boats now occupying their slips. Even the storage racks are starting to fill up. While the water is still very cold extra caution is necessary not only for the big boats but

especially for the kayaks, sunfish and standup paddlers.

The Compo Beach picnic dates are listed on page 1. Note that the first picnic is June 7. 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. Only when the hook goes down is it time to enjoy an adult beverage.

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. Will a boat float higher or lower in fresh water?
2. Why is it possible that heading into a very heavy sea you can harm the power train?
3. Synthetic sails can be adversely affected by what two major things?
4. To determine the distance you would cover, what simple formula would you use?

ANSWERS

1. Higher in fresh water - salt water will add support.
2. If the propellers come out of the water, That puts a strain on the system .
3. Letting the sails flap and ultraviolet light.
4. 60DST (Distance = Speed x Time).

Education Report

We hope to offer an on-the-water boat handling course in June. Details are still being finalized. We hope to have the full details in the next issue of *Dredgings*.

Russell Levine, P
SRSPS SEO

Mill Pond Westport, CT



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It was recently announced that there will be a large Coast Guard investment in the Northeast with a \$35 million recapitalization of current Coast Guard facilities at Base Boston and acquisition of six new Fast Response Cutters at a cost of \$380 million.



The FRCs are the Coast Guard's newest cutter class replacing the Legacy Island Class Patrol Boats and will operate throughout the Coast Guard's First District from New York, to the Canadian border. These cutters are designed for missions including:

- search and rescue
- fisheries law enforcement
- drug and migrant interdiction
- port, waterways, and coastal security national defense

In addition, the Coast Guard will increase personnel presence in the area with 222 new Coast Guard members to crew and maintain the cutters. These new crews are expected to have an annual economic impact of \$45 million on the local economy.

Sea Tow Survey

Here are the results of a recent survey of its members. There were 7,800 respondents to the survey.

66% Do not plan to make any upgrades or overhauls to their boats this year

53% Say they will not spend less time boating even with the high price of fuel.

52% Say will vacation by boat this summer or are seriously considering it.

How the respondents use their boats:

49% Recreational fishing

36% Lunching, Cruising locally, Boating close to home.

8% Water recreation, Water sports, swimming.

5% Destination travel, Lodging by boat

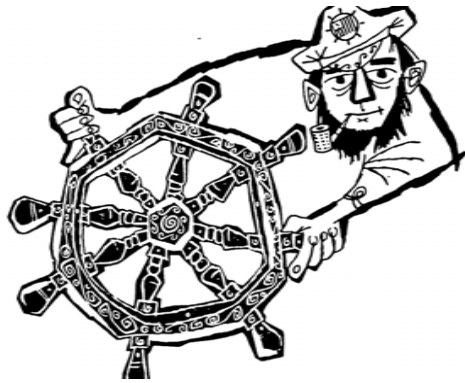
Swim Across the Sound

Each Summer, swimmers cross the Long Island Sound from Port Jefferson to Captain's Cove Seaport in Bridgeport. The 2021 Swim raised approximately \$250,000 to support oncology programs and provide financial assistance to cancer patients and their families so they can focus on their health and healing. Contact Captain's Cove to register as a swimmer, a boat captain or a general overall volunteer.

There are no atheists at sea. Even the most stoic of seaman become most prayerful.

Linda Greenlaw *Seaworthy*

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Dates to Remember:

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Executive Committee | June 7 2022 |
| Compo 1st Picnic | 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 |
|----------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| June 7 | 2:30 pm | Executive Committee | Westport Town Hall |
| June 7 | 5:30 pm | Compo 1st Picnic | Compo Beach |
| Various | 5:30 pm | Page1 Picnic Dates | Compo Beach |