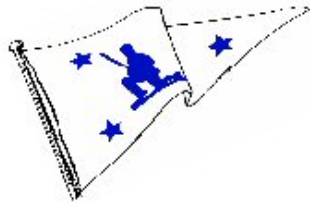


Saugatuck River Sail & Power Squadron



Annual Reports 2004-2005

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Audit Report



Commander's Report

Unlike our previous Bridge; this year, I served as Commander, XO, and Administrative Officers and Secretary. I truly don't know where to begin in telling you what I've done this year, other than to indicate that Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron hosted or participated in over 39 events throughout 2004; while our membership participation hovered around 20%. This is pretty much the same number of events, which our previous Bridge hosted. This report is not so much an "ata-boy" for the Commander; as much as it is a "Thank You" to all of our members who helped to put these activities together.

We started the year with 154 members and saw 11 non-renewals in May. We've picked up several new members from our Public Boating course, leaving our number at 147.

We held our Change of Watch on February 29th at the Fairfield Wheeler Gold Course which was attended by 28 SRSPS members and a District Representative and four area Squadron Commanders.

As Commander, I held my first Bridge and Executive Committee Meeting on March 2nd with 11 others to follow throughout the year (4/6, 5/1, 6/1, 9/7, 10/5, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, and in 2005: 1/4/05, 2/1/05 and 3/1/05). We have had a quorum for each of our Executive Committee Meetings with between 14 -25 members attending.

Past Commander Jose Castro and I participated in the "Quad Squad", working with several other Squadrons in Fairfield County to plan and promote USPS and its objectives through the Second Annual Speaker Series to be held at the Norwalk Maritime Association on November 11, 2004. Of our allotted tickets to sell, we had 17 unsold tickets.

In June, I dedicated our Executive and General Meetings to Operations Training of SRSPS membership. This course is open to new and senior members of the Squadron with no test required. We had 8 members attending, while only 2 received credit for taking it for the first time. P/C Bruce McDonald planned and prepared materials, facilities and instructional equipment to teach members about the functions of SRSPS. Bruce McDonald work diligently to pull past officers together to teach different sections and to give practical account of how SRSPS accomplishes this objective.

When the Nominating Committee was tasked in finding members for the 2005 Bridge, they reported that no one "stepped-up" to the responsibility. In reporting on the "State of the Squadron", we have a small group of members who not only work hard to set up our events and activities, but also want to participate in these activities. I sure that the new Bridge can exceed the number of SRSPS activities with the larger, incoming Bridge. I only hope that all of our membership will plan to get out and participate in many of these activities.

Commander Grant Kominek, P

Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Officer is responsible for handling the external affairs of the Squadron, for acting on behalf of the Commander in the event of his absence, and for carrying out any other special tasks that the Commander may assign.

As Commander serving as the Executive Officer, it wasn't hard for carrying out any other special tasks that the Commander might of assigned me. For Public Relations, PRO Mike Keen and I drafted three articles for the Westport News: One Proclaiming Safe Boating Week with a photograph of the First Select Women of Westport, one announcing our Safe Boating Week activities, and one for our Vessel Safety Examinations.

Again this year, we were asked by the Small Boat Shop to represent USPS at the Small Boat Show in Greenwich on Saturday and Sunday February 28 and 29, 2004. Chuck Tannen, our Squadron Safety Officer and myself went down to set up the booth and called around to Captain's Harbor, Stamford, Darien, Rowayton and Norwalk to help us in manning this booth; especially since Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron (SRSPS) had its Change of Watch on the 29th. For a small boat show, we had 120+ people attend the USPS Booth on Saturday February 28th and approximately 70 people attend the USPS Booth on Sunday February 29th, 2004. We had several 14 people sign up to be contacted by other Squadrons for more information regarding the Safe Boating Course and Vessel Safety Exam in their areas.

For Safe Boating week of May 22nd through May 28th, we combined our general meeting with a Memorial Day Celebration, meeting for brunch at Bogeys Restaurant in Westport, CT. Juli Weber was good enough to put this together. We had 28 members and their families join together for lunch after marching in the Memorial Day Parade for SRSPS.

Chuck Tannen and I got our Banner hung over the Post Road (RT.1) in downtown Westport to advertise Safe Boating Week during May 22nd through 29th, the week preceding Safe Boating Week. We gratefully acknowledge Hudson Union Bank for their help and support in allowing SRSPS to display our banner from their balcony overlooking the downtown Westport. With the increasing demand to display banners during Safe Boating Week, we have applied to the town of Westport to display our banner for the next two years.

Our Squadron Treasurer, Eric Olsen, Chuck Tannen, Safety Officer and myself received a proclamation by Diane Farrell, the 1st Selectwoman of Westport, proclaiming May 22nd through the 29th as Safe Boating Week in Westport, CT.

SRS&PS and USCGA Flotilla72 in Norwalk trained and passed several SRSPS members as Vessel Safety Examiners. Our VSE Coordinator changed from Charlie Jacobs to Bruce McDonald to Al Stauderman who did a great job of keeping this program going for SRSPS. All of them completed the required number of Vessel Examinations during the Memorial Day Weekend to become certified as Vessel Safety Examiners.

For the Westport Memorial Day Parade, Ted O'Neil at All Season Marine in Westport paraded his boat and trailer for us. John Luscombe did a fantastic job of coordinating the marchers in the group.

I felt that Betty Bavor, of SRSPS should be recognized for planning a Safe Boating Course for Kids called Salty Puppy during Safe Boating Week. This course was held at Rowayton Y.C. on July 24th. It was taught in conjunction with USCGA Flotilla 72 members and attended by 26 children ranging in age from 3 to 8 years old.

Betty Bavor also planned water safety demonstrations during Safe Boating Week for the Girls Scouts International Jamboree at Westport's Sheffield Island that was held on July 29, 2004. This program included boating activities and safety on the water. As a representative of USPS she was invited to present this material by the Housatonic Girls Scout Council along with Jean McCormick of USCG Auxiliary.

September was a busy month. On September 18, 2004 8:30 to 12:30, SRSPS participated in the international Coastal Cleanup (ICC) at Norwalk's CALF PASTURE BEACH. We had 39 members volunteer to participate in this worldwide event is organized by the OCEAN CONSERVANCY in Washington, D.C. and is coordinated in Connecticut by SAVE THE SOUND, INC. Volunteers worked together to remove debris from the shoreline, waterways and beaches recording the type of debris collected on data cards which are sent to Washington D.C. for tabulations.

SRSPS and USCGAux Flotilla 72 have been assigned Calf Pasture Beach. We met at the Norwalk Flotilla 72 base where directions and supplies will be provided. All were welcomed, family, friends, neighbors (children 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Also in September, we opted to allow our members to take advantage of working at the Norwalk Boat Show at Calf Pasture in Norwalk, CT, in lieu of having a general meeting. SRSPS was represented by 15 members who worked the D-2 booth during its allotted time shift from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday September 22nd.

My many thanks to all of you who worked in helping the Executive Department accomplish so much for our Squadron.

Commander Grant Kominek, P
Acting XO

ANNUAL EDUCATION OFFICER REPORT 2004
Russell B. Levine S-SEO

Saugatuck River Squadron, in its quest for excellence in teaching, has taken advantage of the many CDROM presentations provided by the USPS national education department. Along with our laptop computer and digital projector, we can now instruct classes in Basic Boating, Piloting, AP, JN, Weather, Engine Maintenance and Marine Electronics.. Maptech has developed a special Chart Navigator Training CD-ROM for those taking the U.S Power Squadrons' Smart Boating Program. The course and CD teach boaters how to navigate both with paper and digital charts integrated with GPS technology teaching boaters how to navigate with the equipment they want to use, and to do it safely. The fall 2004 classes presented were Basic Public Boating (11 students), Sailing (6 students) and Piloting (8 students).

As SEO, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to those members who have made Saugatuck River Squadron's educational programs possible to the general public and squadron members. Furthermore, I would like to personally commend Steve Raffel for his masterful ability to proctor and lead The Public Boating Course. Barbara Raffel and Bob Allen were excellent as weekly proctors. Mike Keen provided the much needed publicity in the local tabloids. Mort Mehr held his post as course chairman..

Course lecturers were Harrison Valante, Budge Atterbury, Neil Croarkin, Stephen Raffel, Duane Minard and Frank Dahm. These six lecturers have made Saugatuck Squadron's Public Boating Course possible over the last decade. With the new instructor certification starting in 2006, we are looking for more volunteers to help with the Boating Course lectures and the advanced course classes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Russell B. Levine

Squadron Education Officer

Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron

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SAUGATUCK RIVER SAIL AND POWER SQUADRON
Annual Report of the Administrative Officer March 2004-March 2005

The Administrative Officer is responsible for enhancing, overseeing and coordinatng the social, boating and membership activities for the Squadron. In the absence of an Administrative Officer this year, I as Member Involvement Chair present this report. With the support of the Bridge, Department Chairs and volunteers, the following success and enjoyable events occurred this year.

The Annual Meeting and Change of Watch were combined and took place on February 29th, 2004 at the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Club. It was chaired by Juli Ann Weber, S.

The annual Pot Luck supper and Auction was successful with P/C Craig Burry P as our auctioneer and took place at Earthplace on April 3, 2004. It was chaired by Bernadette Kominek.

A Texas Barbeque was the theme of this year's New Member Reception at Cedar Point Yacht Club on May 1, 2004. It was chaired by Juli Ann Weber. The Memorial Day parade, also a May event, had a boat on a trailer plus members marching with our colorful sign. It was perfect weather and following the service at the Memorial site, our group met at Bogeys for lunch.

The June Executive and General Meeting presented Operations Training for Squadron Members. P/C Bruce McDonald N was the instructor and used new Power Point instructor presentation for this class.

Starting at the end on June SRSPS held seven picnics at Compo Beach. 6/29, 7/13, 7/24, 7/27, 8/3, 8/17, 8/31. On 7/13, we had a little rain and only had 16 members come out for that picnic and it rained again on 8/3 with only 9 of us out there. Every other evening, we had between 33-42 members attending along with their children and grandchildren. Each picnic featured an invited neighboring Squadron. 6/29 at 6 pm Picnic at Compo Beach: 5 pm Firestarter was Harrison Valante/ Budge Atterbury. Invitation extended to Housatonic and Penfield Sail & Power Squadrons with 34 members attending. 7/13 at 6 pm Picnic at Compo Beach: 5 pm Firestarter was Rita Lund. Invitation extended to Norwalk Sail & Power Squadron with 16 members attending. 7/24 at 6 pm Picnic at Compo Beach: 5 pm Firestarter was Harrison Valante/ Budge Atterbury. Invitation extended to Captains Harbor with 33 members attending. 8/3 at 6 pm Picnic at Compo Beach: 5 pm Firestarter was Grant Kominek. Invitation extended to Darien Sail & Power Squadron with 9 members attending. 8/17 at 6 pm Picnic at Compo Beach: 5 pm Firestarter was John Luscombe. Invitation extended to Rowayton Sail & Power Squadron with 38 members attending. 8/31 at 6 pm Picnic at Compo Beach: 5 pm Firestarter was Harrison Valante/ Budge Atterbury. Invitation extended to Stamford Sail & Power Squadron with 42 members attending.

The September 14, 2004 General Meeting took place at Norwalk Shop Rite where Marie Walsh, once again prepared a sumptuous meal before our eyes and 27 members enjoyed sharing fellowship while eating the delicious food and visiting with Marie Walsh. Betty Bavor AP chaired this event.

October 12, 2004 was our Pizza Party with Don Burr, Sheffield Lighthouse Keeper for the 2004 summer, as our speaker. He told us some history and what it is like to be a Lighthouse Keeper with his family. Bernadette Kominek and Betty Bavor AP chaired this event.

The local Power Squadrons again joined together to sponsor an IMAX/Speaker event which took place November 11, 2004. Gary Jobson was the speaker/presenter with his films of spectacular sailing. The IMAX film "Forces of Nature" was shown followed by a cocktail party. P/C Jose Marie Castro was chair for this program.

December 3, 2004 found fifty seven members and guests at the Peppermill Restaurant in Westport for our Holiday Gala. The Doctors' DNR Band provided dance music, Santa stopped by and gifts were collected for the Women's Crises Center to make their Holiday brighter. Committee members were: Betty Bavor AP, Phyllis Gammons, LT/C Russell Levine P and Mercedes Voldstad.

2005 Happy New Year – January 11, 2005 General Meeting at EarthPlace, was in the form of a Pot Luck supper and speaker Shaun Pritchard. Shaun is owner and caretaker of Antique Katie, a 28 foot Pilot House Picnic Launch built in 19323. He told us some of their experiences with this boat. Susan Finestone was the chair for this evening.

Much appreciation to all who stepped up to fill the duties of the Administrative Officer. Cdr. Kominek P pursued members by phone, P/C Stephen Raffle SN did a fine job of getting information in Dredgings, and Lt/C Eric Olsen handled reservations/finances when necessary. Thank you to all who lent a hand setting up, cleaning up with those behind the scenes tasks and supporting Saugatuck River Squadron with your attendance. This is our Squadron and we all need to reach out to new members letting them know how valuable the Squadron is to our community, educationally, socially and in terms of service to the boating public.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Bavor AP Member Involvement Chair
Pro temp Administrative Officer.
February 8, 2005

Annual Secretary's Report

Because the Squadron lacked a permanent Secretary this past year, the duty of recording minutes of the Executive Committee meetings was shared by several committee members; namely Budge Atterbury, Betty Bavor, Rita Lund, Art Voldstad and Juli Ann Weber. They are to be commended for their generosity of time and effort on behalf of the Squadron. Ten committee meetings were held, with minutes being recorded for all but one. Commander Grant Kominek deserves a most robust round of applause for arranging for completion of all the other secretarial duties.

As a member of the Secretarial Department, P/C Steve Raffel has continued to do an outstanding job of writing and publishing our Squadron newsletter, DREDINGS, which has again earned an Excellence in Journalism Award. Peg Nesbitt continues to volunteer her time to expedite the monthly mailings.

P/C Bob Curtis, as Squadron Historian, has continued to add, sort, store, and maintain our historical records.

Finally, though the Squadron did not compile a new roster this year; however, an updated Directory of Members was published with the combined help of Commander Grant Kominek, P/C Steve Raffel and P/C Jose Castro who provided an updated membership list from National Headquarters.

Summary by Rita N. Lund, AP
February 3, 2005

Copies of the Treasurer's report may be obtained by members only. Email your request to Eric Olsen, AP, at erico7@optonline.net