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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB

Waiting for the Season to Begin



Photo: Craig Burry

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Vaccines, rapid testing, and perpetual snow seems to be the dominant themes for the start of the New Year.

Everyone finds the pleasures of boating as the escape from this treacherous virus. The boating industry is strong and vibrant with new and old boats selling like hot cakes. I heard that boat brokering is up. Getting loans or even mortgages for the very big boats is relatively easy. Low interest rates have greatly aided the sales.

In fact, boating is so strong now that even I am frostbite racing. In low visibility and pelting snow, the die-hard sailors go out.

I hope soon we will be able to meet in person so we can properly greeting each other. May you, your family, and friends all be healthy and happy as we start this year.

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 name of a knot used to shorten the length of a line?
2. What is found on a heaving line?.
3. If you quickly need a way to prevent a line from unraveling, what knot should you use?
4. The fisherman's bend is often used for what purpose?

ANSWERS:

1. A sheepshank.
2. A monkey fist.
3. A figure-eight.
4. To attach a line to the ring of an anchor on a small boat

Education Report

Safe Boating Class

Saturday March 13 9AM-5PM
Virtually via Web Express
\$80 per person (family discounted)

Ct Safe Boating Certificate
Awarded to those passing the
test

Register at

[Public Boating Course Information/Registration
\(usps.org\)](https://www.usps.org)

Or Call 203-998-1864

Topics to be covered include

General Boat Handling
Safe towing water skiing & tubing
Docking and Anchoring
Radio VHF/DSC
Lines, cleats, knots
CT safe boating regulations

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



The Coast Guard cutter Campbell during a recent cruise vectored toward a LPV whose crew jettisoned its contraband after being detected by aerial surveillance. Campbell deployed the Dolphin helicopter team. They stopped the LPV with disabling fire directed into the four outboard engines. Campbell's crew was able to locate and recover the discarded packages, yielding an at-sea weight of 4,415 pounds, and tested positive for cocaine.

Campbell's successful law enforcement operations totaled interdicted or disrupted over 11,600 pounds of cocaine worth an estimated \$215 million and apprehended six suspected international narcotics smugglers.

Getting Set For Winter



Photo Barbara Raffel

USPS Annual Meeting

2021 National Annual Meeting will be virtual (only on a computer) and held over two weeks February 15-25. There is no registration required, except for a single course offering.

Full details are available (after you sign in) below:

[United States Power Squadrons \(usps.org\)](https://usps.org)

Fact or Fiction?

Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning, red sky at night, sailors delight

There is some truth in this. High thin cirrus clouds usually precede large storms. They are so high they capture the light before sunrise and after sunse causing them to glow a fiery red and amber shades.

Aching bones predict a storm

Several medical surveys have confirmed that patients do report bad weather has increased their pain level. It seems to be more likely in women than men. The cause of this phenomenon is unknown.

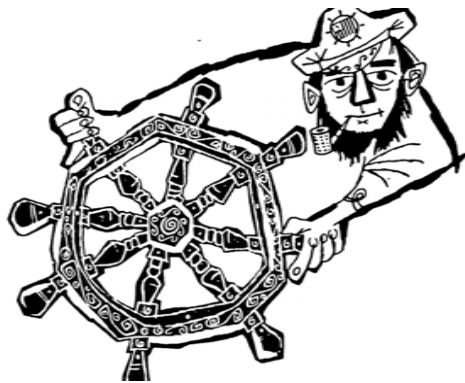
Source; *The Washington Post*

Contributed by Ann Raffel

A ship ought not to be held up by one anchor, nor life by a single hope

Epictetus

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Dates to Remember:

USPS Annual Meeting	Feb 15-25
Ex Meeting	March 2
Safe Boating Class	March 13

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
Feb 15-25	Various	USPS Annual Meeting	Virtual
Mar 2	3:00 pm	Ex Committee Tentative	Virtual
Mar 13	9am-5pm	Safe Boating Class	Virtual