



# Power



Cruising power boat

The mainstay vessel of the squadron is a cruising powerboat capable of a weekend sleep over. Length varies from 30 to 40 feet, but there are many boats under and over this range. On the low end, members have taken a 20 foot Cuddy across Long Island Sound for a weekend at Greenport, while other boats on the longer end travel to Florida and back via the Intra-Coastal. The Squadron and District on-water rendezvous are usually held within the waters of Long Island Sound and are easily navigated to by boats in this range.

Most rendezvous will find the boats in slips at a marina where power and water are readily available. This is very convenient, and makes formal and informal get-togethers possible. While the District trips usually have a definite daily agenda, the squadron trips tend to follow a more flexible schedule and it is not unusual to find the Commander watching the weather radar for a break in a storm and fitting a quick cookout in that slot! Some trips are even less organized and these might be a weekend at anchor in a protected harbor such as Three Mile Harbor on Long Island. Here a get-together requires a dinghy (or a friend with one) to get to the beach or other gathering place.

For the fishermen, nothing beats a fast center console or walk around. Larger four-stroke outboards and improved two-stroke outboards have made these boats more attractive than ever. Fishing is popular all over the Sound and currently a Ct Marine fishing license is valid in CT, RI and NY waters of Long Island Sound. (Local waters of Long Island require a NY License.) Fast, trailerable, these boats have flexibility and range that the cruisers only dream of.



Walk Around



Dink ready for a trip.

Cruisers usually have a dinghy (or “Dink” as they are sometimes called) to provide transportation from an anchored or moored boat to the shore. Dinghies can be simple to very fancy, but they are all fun. In a pinch they provide a bit of safety as a life raft.

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