

TAUNTON RIVER NEWS



TAUNTON RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON NEWS LETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT WEEK!

SPRING COOKOUT

Thursday, June 16 - 1730 (5:30 PM)

Taunton Yacht Club

2125 Water St, Dighton, MA 02715

PADDLING EVENT

Saturday, June 18 - 1000 (10:00 AM)

Assonet River, Berkley, MA

Contact KEAmaral@aol.com for details

PADDLING EVENT

Saturday, July 16 - 1000 (10:00 AM)

Westport River, Westport, MA

Contact KEAmaral@aol.com for details

CLAM BOIL

Sunday, July 17 - 1300 (1:00 PM)

Volunteers 10:30 AM

Taunton Yacht Club

2125 Water St, Dighton, MA 02715

RESERVATIONS: Stacia Tokarz 508-824-6066

ACT NOW: ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED

SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS

SQUADRON MEETING

Thursday, August 18 - 1930 (7:30 PM)

The Arbors Assisted Living

763 County St, Taunton, MA 02780

PADDLING EVENT

Saturday, August 20 - 1000 (10:00 AM)

Snake River, Westport, MA

Contact KEAmaral@aol.com for details

Come for the Boating Education... Stay for the FriendsSM

Lt. James Cullen Awarded Honorary TRSPS Membership



Lt. James Cullen of the Massachusetts Environmental Police has been a reliable partner with TRSPS for over ten years. As a guest speaker for our ABC Course at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School, he has generously given of his time to explain fundamental safety concepts, emphasizing the operator's legal and ethical responsibilities according to Massachusetts law. When he arrived at class that evening he apologized that he might smell a little fishy having just come from his duties enforcing catch limits. After class he would still have hours of reports to write. Now, that's dedication!

So when he finished his talk on May 18th, Commander Ken Amaral presented him with a letter of gratitude, a certificate of Honorary Membership and a TRSPS mug. This well deserved honor entitles him and his family to participate in all squadron events & activities.

TRSPS Paddlers Share Friendship and Fun on Lake Rico



On May 21st, members of Taunton River Sail & Power Squadron met for their first paddling event of the season. Ken Amaral, Michele, Rick Lewis along with Paul and Eric Messier arrived at the launch site 10:00 AM. Two canoes and two kayaks entered the water at 10:30. After checking that everyone had the proper safety equipment the paddlers headed leisurely south into the main area of the lake. Lake Rico is one of several bodies of water in Massasoit State Park in Taunton, MA.



A popular fishing and hiking area the Park has a varied assortment of wildlife. Paddling west along the shoreline a great blue heron was suddenly flew out of a cove northwest of Stall Hill Island. Later an osprey flew over to check things out. It is unlikely that the paddlers were of any particular interest to the osprey. With clear water and light weed cover the bass, pickerel were visible from the boats. The nests of blue gills were hollowed out of the gravel bottom. Michele tried her hand at a little fishing and managed to catch a couple of small bass.

After cruising along the shoreline for a while exploring the many inlets the group decided that it was time for lunch. Crossing the lake to the eastern shore they found a small vacant beach that suited the purpose perfectly. After a short break we continued

southeast along the shore. The wind, while not uncomfortable, was sufficient propulsion to make paddling almost unnecessary. There would of course be a price to pay on the return trip. Once again the blue heron took flight.



It was at this point that Commander Ken's dog Harris decided it was time to take a swim. He had been riding comfortably in the front of Ken's kayak up to this point. After a brief down into Kings Pond the paddlers returned to the launch site wrapping things up by 2:00. A nice first outing that was enjoyed by all.

SOUND LIKE FUN?

Why not join us on the next Paddling Event?
SEE PAGE 1 FOR THE DATES

*** BREAKING NEWS ***

New Paddling Event: this Sunday, June 12th
Contact KEAmaral@aol.com for details

Taunton River Sail & Power Squadron 36th Annual CLAM BOIL

Sunday, July 17 - 1300 (1:00 PM)

Taunton Yacht Club

2125 Water St, Dighton, MA 02715

Bring your family. Bring your friends.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT MENU:

Steamer Clams, Potatoes,
Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Sausages,
Hot Dogs, Linguica, Onions,
Watermelon, Butter, Broth,
Soft Drinks

\$20.00 per Person

\$10.00 6-12 yrs. • Under 6 yrs. FREE

Taunton Yacht Club - Cash Bar
for alcoholic beverages

ACT NOW

RESERVATIONS no later than July 10

Call Stacia Tokarz

508-824-6066

Attendance is limited to 75 people

Scuttlebutt

1. **cask on a ship that contains freshwater for a day's use**

2. **nautical slang, from the sailors' custom of gathering around the scuttlebutt to gossip.**

Editors Note:

I hope that you like the new Taunton River Sail & Power Squadron News Letter. The purpose of this new format is to keep our members and friends up to date on the latest goings-on. Keeping it short & sweet and in a format that can be read quickly and easily will hopefully spark your interest. We look forward to providing you with information you can actually use. Have ideas? Let us know.