

TAUNTON RIVER NEWS



TAUNTON RIVER SAIL & POWER SQUADRON NEWS LETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ABC BOATING COURSE

Just \$40 including Book!

Wed., May 3 - June 14 - 7:00- 9:00 PM

NO CLASS MAY 31

Bristol-Plymouth

Regional Technical School

940 County St., Rt. 140, Taunton MA 02780

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SQUADRON MEETING

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

The Arbors Assisted Living

763 County St, Taunton, MA 02780

103rd FOUNDERS' DAY

Saturday, May 20 - 1130 (11:30 AM)

Fireside Grille, Middleboro, MA

Luncheon and Speaker: Author Michael J. Tougias

Contact LCLoonPond@aol.com for details

PADDLING EVENT

Sunday, May 21 - 1000 (10:00 AM)

Dighton Rock, Berkley, MA

Contact KEAmaral@aol.com for details

SPRING COOKOUT

Thursday, June 15 - 1730 (5:30 PM)

Taunton Yacht Club

2125 Water St, Dighton, MA 02715

PADDLING EVENT

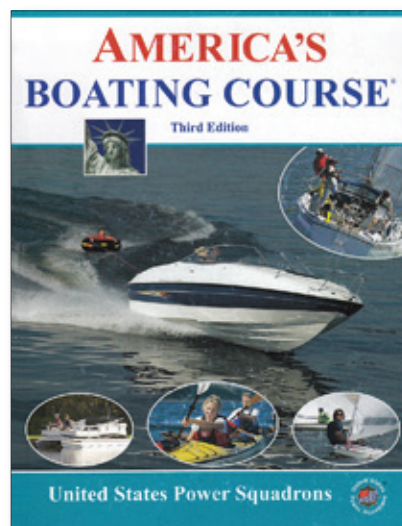
Saturday, June 24 - 1000 (10:00 AM)

Snake River, Westport, MA

Contact KEAmaral@aol.com for details

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

TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS! BOATING COURSE Starts May 3rd



Keep your family and friends safe on the water by encouraging them to take America's Boating Course! This course is designed to be useful to all boaters, from the fisherman in an outboard to the skipper of a large cruiser or sailboat. All boaters are subject to nautical rules and regulations. Skippers should learn and respect traditional boating courtesies. The courses are meant to be of interest to the entire family; older children are welcome. We encourage your family to attend as a group. Students will receive a certificate upon passing an exam. This course exceeds educational requirements in all states. Also, many boat insurance companies will offer discounts to certificate holders. And it's just \$40 each!

DON'T MISS OUT • SIGN UP TODAY!

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or contact waynellie@aol.com for details

**Why wait until
you are stopped?**
...enjoy a boating season
that's interruption-free



Get Your Free 2017 Vessel Safety Check!

What is a Vessel Safety Check? A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (Vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. The following topics are all covered in a Vessel Safety Check: Vessel Registration, Personal Flotation Devices, Fire Extinguishers, Ventilation, Backfire Flame Control, Sound Producing Devices, Navigation Lights, Pollution Placard, MARPOL Trash Placard, Marine Sanitation Devices, Overall Vessel condition, and State and/or Local Requirements.

The Vessel Examiner is a trained specialist and is a member of United States Power Squadrons. The examiner will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater. If your boat passes the examination, you will receive a VSC decal for your boat.

While others are being stopped by the Harbor Master, Environmental Police or Coast Guard, you'll be on your way to your favorite boating destination.

Is your boat in the water or on a trailer?

It doesn't matter! We come to you, whether it's on a trailer or in the water! You can't ask for better service!

**Get a Free Vessel Safety Check or
Become a Vessel Examiner Yourself.**

For more information,
Contact Lee Blackburn at LCLoonPond@aol.com



**National Safe
Boating Week is
May 20-26, 2017**

**But Practicing Safe
Boating Should Last
All Season Long!**

It's tempting not to wear a life jacket while on the water, especially on nice days. You want to get some sun, you think you'll get too hot, or you think you're a strong swimmer. But whether you're going fishing or just enjoying a ride on the boat, there's never an excuse not to wear a life jacket. You can have a great time, while choosing to always wear a life jacket and boating responsibly.

The National Safe Boating Council believes life jacket wear is the simplest strategy to stay safe while enjoying your favorite recreational water activity. According to recent U.S. Coast Guard statistics, drowning was the reported cause of death in three-fourths of all boating fatalities in 2015. Of those, 85 percent were reported as not wearing their life jackets.

The North American Safe Boating Campaign is a yearlong effort in the U.S. and Canada focused on spreading the message of boating safety and the critical importance of always wearing a life jacket each and every time on the water. In addition, the campaign also reminds boaters of the importance of boating safely, such as taking a boating safety course, never boating under the influence, and knowing navigational rules. The annual campaign kicks off the weekend before Memorial Day with National Safe Boating Week and continues throughout the year.

The North American Safe Boating Campaign is produced under a grant from the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

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:

Logos and portions of the information in this newsletter are taken directly from on-line sources such as:

safeboatingcampaign.com

[United States Sail & Power Squadrons websites](http://UnitedStatesSail.com)

It is my sincere belief that the sharing of their information is furthering the goals of those organizations.