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## DRAGON

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WORD from the SKIPPER

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This time of the Sea Scout season is dedicated to introducing new members to take a closer look at what we have to offer. This is an ideal time for new members to join during our OPEN HOUSE because of our summer program is just about to start. First to get their sea legs, all new members and parents are encouraged to take the US Power Squadron Boating Course. Meanwhile the older youth and adults will be working on getting the boats ready for the season. I am looking forward to our best times to come.

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### The US Power Squadron

**Boating Course** is a course for all boaters including skippers of a family cruiser, sailing enthusiasts, personal watercraft (PWC) operators, hunters or fishermen operating an outboard utility boat, and canoe and kayak paddlers. It covers the basics you need to know to safely and legally operate your boat, such as basic boating terminology, boat handling, water sports safety, PWCs, legally required equipment and other boating laws and regulations, right-of-way rules between boats, and marine radio operation. The course is meant to be of interest to the whole family, and we encourage your family to attend as a group.

Join the Ship Dragon in support of the **Annual Earth Day Cleanup** scheduled for 10 AM Sunday, May 4. We will row over as a group to Pine Island (about a half mile out) and help spruce up the island. Our Ship' crew will be supporting the local **John Gardner Chapter** of the Traditional Small Craft Association. They are interested in working with our crew members. They have a Community Boathouse at Avery Point. They would like to provide an opportunity for us to visit their boathouse to learn about boatbuilding techniques, go for a row, and have a cookout.

[http://www.tsca.net/johngardner/pine\\_island2001.htm](http://www.tsca.net/johngardner/pine_island2001.htm)

DATE	MAJOR EVENTS
<b>April</b>	<b>Recruitment and Prepare Boats</b>
6	Sea Scout Ship Dragon New Member Invite
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<b>MAY</b>	<b>Prepare Boats</b>
4	John Gardner Row and Cleanup of Pine Island
12	US Power Squadron Boating Course
16	Adult May 16 Armed Forces Dinner Dance
19	US Power Squadron Boating Course
26	US Power Squadron Boating Course
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Summer Programs</b>
6-7	Mystic Seaport, John Gardner Small Boat Workshop
9	US Power Squadron Boating Course
7	US Power Squadron Boat Inspection Croaker's Boat Yard, New London
7-8	Pirates GAM – Capt Coves Marina – Bridgeport, CT
14	US Power Squadron Boat Inspection - Burrs Marina, London
16	US Power Squadron Boating Course
21	ARK – Friends of Mystic Aquarium
21	US Power Squadron Boat Inspection - Spicer's Marina, Noank
26	SUBVETs E-Board and Committee Chairs Meeting
27	Outstanding Leadership Award Reception
27-29	Mystic Seaport Wooden Boat Show
<b>JULY</b>	<b>Summer Programs</b>
11, 18, 25	Sailing Practice at UCONN, Avery Point