



WORCESTER COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE

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Greetings: William C. Latimer Founder and Editor WCSART:

WCSART is a current Member of NASAR
National Association for Search & Rescue

The sole purpose of this News Letter is to inform members and Associates of current and upcoming events, activities, and News items of interest. Worcester County Search and Rescue is a non-profit, volunteer Search & Rescue organization serving the Worcester County area in central Massachusetts. All our members are Volunteers, and are dedicated to the welfare and promotion of all SAR events and Education.

UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES:

EDITORS COMMENTS AND REVIEW OF WCSART ACTIVITIES:

The WRSP season this year 'officially' has come to a close at the end of Labor Day weekend; however, the Skippers/Crews will be patrolling on weekends until the Buoys are taken out at the end of October on a volunteer status. We had another good year with 100% safety record. Stats for season: Total Tows (from vessel logs) 45 Tows, 52 Jump Starts, 4 Sail Boat flip assists, 1 swimmer assist, 3 mud-bog markings in Bliss Bay, 2 assist for boats falling off trailers at ramp, and special thanks goes to Glenn Wians for his constant assistance down at the Corazzini Ramp in Shrewsbury. I want to thank all the Skippers/Crews that help out this season. This program could not exist without the effortless volunteer help our Team provides to the boating public out on Lake Quinsigamond.

This year we also added two more Buoys. One was placed where the old Bridge was to Plum Island where the old Canoe Club (Tatassit Beach) burnt down and one at a low spot on the west side of Blake Island about 200 feet off shore.

I am also happy to say there were no serious boating accidents out on the Lake this year resulting in any deaths or injuries. Jet Ski traffic was not bad this year; however, there was the occasional issues down at the Ramp with improper registration and reckless operations...but the Environmental and Shrewsbury Police were quick to ratify any potential problems...and all-in-all, it seemed to be a nice 'safe' boating season this summer on the Lake.

Many boaters were complaining about the excessive weeds and grass in the Lake this year, and these issues are currently being addressed by the LQC (Lake Quinsigamond Commission) and LQWA (Lake Quinsigamond Watershed Association). The drawdown of the Lake this year will start in mid-November. So ends another season out on the Lake.



Our sincere thanks to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and their efforts to do Boating Safety Checks (VE's) down at the Corazzini Ramp this year. Safe Boating is everyone's concern and the majority of boats we witnessed out on the Lake this year had a 2010 Vessel Safety Check Sticker.



For a free Vessel Safety Check anytime, please go to:
<http://safetyseal.net/>

FIREWORKS PATROL 4th JULY:



4th of July weekend Fireworks Patrol on Friday evening was done on our WR3 Vessel with Joe, Gail (left) and Larry Wiles as Crew. The Fireworks were great and only one Tow assist to Corazzini Ramp.

DONATED MAP OF LAKE QUINSIGAMOND



On July 18th our organization & US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 10-01 donated one of our large mural Maps of Lake Quinsigamond to the Marine Corps League to be hung down in the Lounge. The MCL has been very supportive of our water rescue program. Pictured left to right are Mike Mulryan, Jon Zwirblia, Joe Apicella and Bill Latimer.

MUD BOGS IN BLISS BAY ARE MARKED



Bill and Joe on WR2 heading into Bliss Bay/Flint Pond to mark Mud Bogs that floats just beneath the surface. These mud bogs are a serious hazard to boaters because they cannot be seen if you are speeding in the area and 'hit' one of these bogs. Bogs are marked with a wooden stake & reflective tape.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

The Communications Net was not operational on our 60 meter Frequency during July and August due to Antenna problems. A new Vertical quarter-wave Antenna is currently being installed and our Net will resume in October. Net meets the 1st Monday of the month on 5403.50KHZ/USB at 1930 EST and the Net Control operator is [WA4DDH](http://www.wa4ddh.com). If the Frequency is busy, we will move to the next frequency slot on 60 meters. 5371.5, 5366.5, 5346.5, 5330.5.

NEW BUOY ADDED TO LAKE



Picture from Google Earth

Over the past few years it was reported to us that there was a low spot just off Blake Island causing some damage to boats when the Lake levels are low. Back in June our vessel actually hit this spot taking a 'chunk' out of our prop. We approached the LQC (Lake Quinsigamond Commission) and got permission to place another Buoy at this location just west of Blake Island about 200 feet offshore. Buoy is Marked #3.

REGATTA POINT SAILING CLUB 50th



Joe Apicella on our WR3 Vessel



Cookout on the beach draws a crowd

On Saturday, July 17th, Regatta Point Community Sailing has its 50th Anniversary Gala celebration. We were honored to be invited to this event, and we donate some Maps of Lake Quinsigamond to be raffled off. All the proceeds of the Fund-Raiser went to support the RPSC and its youth programs.

OTHER NEWS AND HAPPENINGS:

Marine USA in Worcester has now changed its name to **USA Marine** at the same location. You may contact them at 800-270-BOAT or visit their Web Site at:

<http://www.usamarineinc.com/>

MRSP Team (Mountain Rescue Safety Patrol) will start operations sometime in December or January when the first heavy snow covers Mt. Wachusetts. Jim Schakenback will be heading up the Team this year.

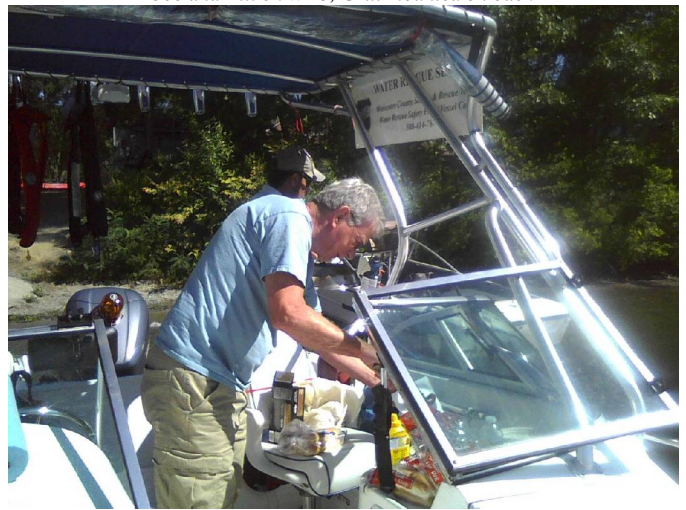
NEWS LETTER printing change. Our News Letter has changed publishing dates and will only now be published three times a year. January, May, and September.

NEXT NEWS LETTER WILL BE IN JANUARY 2011

LABOR DAY WEEKEND COOKOUT ON WR3



Joe and Bill on WR3, Grill mounted on back



Mike Mulryan grabbing a 'dog'



Crews stopping by for our year-end cookout

This year on our Labor Day cookout we decided to have the grill on our WR3 Vessel at the Corazzini Boat Ramp in Shrewsbury. It was a great turnout by our Crewmembers and friends that support our program. Labor Day weekend is our last official day of schedule water rescue patrols out on Lake Quinsigamond for the summer season. It was a great weekend weather-wise and Joe Apicella did another great job as our chief chef and no 'dogs' rolled off the grill into the Lake...

See everyone next year and remember to be boat safe!!!