



Press Release

The 5th Annual Essex Summer Solstice Gam sponsored by the Seven Seas Cruising Association is scheduled for June 16th – 18th. The event begins with a dingy raft-up and cocktail party on Friday the 16th and is followed by 2 days of speakers and demonstrations including a planned demonstration by a US Coast Guard search and rescue helicopter.

The event will be hosted at the Essex Yacht Club and the Connecticut River Museum and includes dinner speaker Michael Tougias author of The Finest Hours which chronicles a heroic rescue by the US Coast Guard off of Chatham, MA in 1952.

Other speaker's and workshops include:

A discussion of charts & chart development

Getting the most out of your time aboard

Preparing for an offshore passage

Exploring the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW)

Weather forecasting

Is your rigging up to the task?

Keeping the water out - Damage Control

Single Side Band (SSB) communications

Energy management on cruising boats

The USCG and you and staying safe

Get to know your Ditch Bag

Getting to know your Life Raft

Discussion of Safety Equipment

A live Life Raft deployment

Located just five miles up the Connecticut River from the Long Island Sound, Essex is the quintessential New England town on a beautiful river setting. Of course, you will want to make time to visit some of the local sights, including the Connecticut River Museum, The Essex Steam Train and the Griswold Inn which has been in continuous operation since 1776 for their Monday night Sea Shanties, a hugely popular weekly event with locals and visitors alike.

For more information and registration visit the Seven Seas Cruising Association website at www.ssca.org or call George Van Drasek @ 860-561-5274