

St. Patrick's Day Parade

... all time record of 8,372 Life Saver™ candies handed out

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The weather was cold, cloudy and windy but no rain. The temperature was 40°, south wind at 13 mph with gusts 26 mph and thick clouds. The warm bright sun came out briefly after the parade was finished and we were derigging the display. **Ren and Craig** of Allen Harbor Marine provided the truck and **Matt Wake** of Sturgis Boat Works, West Yarmouth provided the trailer carrying a new Vanguard 420 racing sailboat.

The weather did not seem to deter the spectators. They were estimated to be more than 60,000 that lined the two mile route from West Dennis to South Yarmouth along Route 28.

The Squadron and Harwich Sea Scout Ship 76 presence was terrific. Scout leaders **Tim Millar** and **Nathan Bach** brought **MacKenzie, Dylan and Nicholas Bach, Jacob Silva, Trevor Radke, Jeff** and **Jon Mercer**.

Squadron marchers were: **Gail Burke, Larry, Cole, Lee Johnson, Tim Millar, Jim** and **Maryanne Morse, Hal Petersen** and **Terry Wilcox**. **Peg Johnson** drove the truck.

CCSPS white caps and the USCG red Type V inflatable life jackets over foul weather gear were worn by all Squadron marchers. The Scouts wore their uniforms and life jackets also. **Jim Leonard's** special Irish flag was part of our display. **Fred White** bought out BJ's supply of life savers and a second purchase by **Peg** was needed.

We ran out of candy about a block or two before the parade end. There was an all time record 8,372 Life Saver™ candies handed out. This was no doubt attributed to the large presence of Squadron members and Sea Scouts. This personal spreading of Power Squadron good will eclipsed the 6,734 candies handed out in last summer's Chatham 4th of July parade.

Our marchers were treated to delightful traditional Irish bag pipe music by the band that marched immediately after us. We all had fun.

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