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LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON, INC.
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Commander Message

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Hello again, Happy New Year, and I do hope that 2023 will be better for everyone.

Why not sit back in your easy chair and have some fun... (k)not out in your boat in the snow and cold...but practicing with line? (you know, it's rope on the reel until you cut it, then it becomes line).

How about we tying a bowline? Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts learn this knot, so can you.

Make a loop, up through the hole, around the top line through the hole, pull it tight, and you have a bowline. Now, for a more advanced challenge: Can you tie a bowline behind your back?

Another good exercise is to splice two lines together (when one line is wearing through), and although the internet will certainly have demonstration videos, I can recommend an excellent reliable source for step by step guidance: *The Ashley Book of Knots - Every Practical Knot – What It Looks Like, Who Uses It, Where It Comes From, And How to Tie It*, by Clifford W. Ashley.

Good news... in the Northern Hemisphere, Spring begins on Monday, March 20th - Think Spring!

Have Fun - stay well.

WANTED

Quality - high resolution digital photographs for the Squadron Website Photo Gallery Page

All photo's should be submitted in landscape - digital jpeg format

Mail a CD or e-mail your photo's to Armand at lgpsinfo@nycap.rr.com

LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Now Hear This...

Squadron Nomination Committee Needs Your Help

The Squadron Nomination Committee is presently seeking LGPS members interested in serving on the upcoming 2023-24 Bridge/Executive Committee. If interested, please call P/C Armand Canestraro at (518) 372-7220 or P/C George K. Williams at (518) 393-6414 to discuss your interest. Without you – there is **NO** Squadron!

The Great Northeast Boat Show – Queensbury Dome Is Back!!!

The Great Northeast Boat show will again be at the Adirondack Sports Complex located at 326 Sherman Ave in Queensbury for the weekend of March 31st through April 3rd, 2023. For more details please visit <http://www.thegreatupstateboatshow.com/>

TIPS FOR SAFE & EFFECTIVE USE OF DE-ICERS

1. One size doesn't fit all.

A ice-eater with a :

- 1/2 HP motor opens a 50' area
- 3/4 HP motor opens a 75' area
- 1 HP motor opens a 90' area

These numbers can vary with temperature and water depth, but don't just get the 1 hp model when the 1/4 HP will do.



2. Keep it to yourself.

Set up your de-icer to form a narrow open water area around your dock. A Bubbler works best. If using a circulator de-icer, point it in a vertical direction—not out toward the middle of the lake. Angling your ice-eater allows it to open elongated areas of water which are dangerous.



3. Use as directed.

De-icers are designed to protect shoreline structures and docks. They are not designed to impede public access to the lake. A de-icer is not the answer to trespassing concerns.

5. Timing is everything.

Turn off your de-icer before the ice starts to melt (early March). This allows a thin sheet of ice to connect your dock with the rest of the ice on the lake. Don't worry—the ice is too thin to do any damage and the connection helps stabilize the ice cake and keep your dock safe. Open water acts a runway for thick ice sheets to blow across and crash into your dock. If you keep your de-icer going as the ice breaks up, your dock will be a sitting duck.

4. Save electricity and money.

Use a thermostat and timer to run the de-icer only for 2-4 hours a day. Also, there is no need to run the device when air temperature is above freezing, since ice can't form.

6. Always use caution around open water.



Even when following all the guidelines for safe and effective use of de-icers, safety is important since an open area of water is still being created. Consider the use of caution signs at the end of your dock to alert the public to safety risk, as well as to lower the risk of possible insurance issues on your property.

Compass Quiz – Test Your Navigation Skills

(all values in table are in degrees)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
True	193			149	102	095			352	
Variation	16E	10E	17W	3W	6W	2W	5E	7E		8E
Magnetic			193					191	001	359
Deviation	3W	2E	1E	2E		3W	3E	2W		3W
Compass		258			099		100		358	

Tips: Westerly Variation/Deviation – Add Down / Subtract Up
 Easterly Variation/Deviation – Subtract Down / Add Up

‘True Virtue Makes Dull Company – Add ‘W’hiskey”

NOTE: Answers to the quiz will be provided in the March-April 2023 Soundings issue