

LGPS

SOUNDINGS

January – February 2013



LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON, INC.
OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
PO BOX 411, BURNT HILLS, NY 12027

Commander Message

By Cmdr. George K. Williams, AP

Dear Fellow members of USPS

It was sad when the great ship Titanic went down in April 1912 off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. That same thing happens to me. Well - it wasn't exactly April, it was July. It wasn't exactly the Titanic - it was the "By George" our family 30 foot cruiser. It wasn't exactly the Atlantic Ocean, it was Lake Champlain. It wasn't exactly an iceberg it was a support leg of our swim ladder. Fortunately we didn't exactly go down - but we did get plenty wet.

Here is what happened. We anchored in Partridge cove with a Bermuda anchoring system. I placed our swim ladder over the side and went in for a swim. When I was ready to come out of the water, I placed my foot on the bottom rung of the ladder, the bottom stand-away of the ladder (below the water line) went thru the hull just as I put my complete weight on the bottom rung. Here's what I did. I quickly climbed up the ladder into the boat, started the bilge pump handed my daughter a small towel once she climbed down into the bilge placing the towel into the one and one-half inch hole to temporarily stop the leak. Next I located two smaller pieces of one quarter thick plywood about 6" by 10" inches and some one-inch screws. With the two pieces of wood I applied a thick bead of silicon all around edge of the wood to form a gasket type of seal. I preset the four screws in each corner of the wood patch. With a flat blade screw driver tied to me wrist, I went over the side of the boat. I gave instructions to remove the cloth and hold the first piece of wood against the hole, while I screwed the second piece of wood over the hole from the outside through the hull into the piece of wood my daughter was holding inside the hull. That was no small feat I'll tell you – unable to see the slots in the screws under just 6 inches of water. But we stopped the leak after some quick thinking. While it cut our vacation short we headed home for a permanent repair. You see we didn't know we had soft wood at that spot and we were lucky not to hit an iceberg and we were lucky to have my daughter on board. The lesson here is be prepared and a Squadron boating course is just what is needed before something like this happens to you. If you have had any harrowing experiences or near tragedies you would like to share with your fellow members, please let us know and we will print them in our soundings (anonymously if you wish).

On a more serious note - and I mean "*Dead Serious*" - attendance at our meetings, interest in our projects and our community service is down. Have we embarked on the wrong course? Should we be doing something new or different? We need your help with creative input and Imagineering. I for one miss the opportunities of the past of creating a better boating experience in our communities together with the fellowship of good friends. Please become involved – no matter how small a commitment - This is YOUR Squadron. Until next issue – Stay Warm!

**LAKE GEORGE POWER
SQUADRON
BRIDGE – EXECUTIVE MEETING
Third Wednesday of Each Month
Commander Williams home
(winter months only)
1830 hours (6:30pm)**

NOMINATION COMMITTEE
If you or someone you know
is interested in serving as our
Administrative Officer or Member-at-
Large for the 2013-14 Command Year
Please contact
Armand at 372-7220 or George at 393-6414

Happy New Year!
Lake George Polar Plunge



Once again, New Years day brought hundreds out for the annual Lake George Polar Plunge. One of the biggest winter events in the village was displaced this year because of the Asian clam eradication efforts taking place in the lake. Village officials received last minute approval to use the New York State operated Million Dollar Beach site for 2013 New Year's day Polar Plunge because mats meant to smother the invasive clams remain in place along Shepard Park Beach until spring. The mats are being left in the lake through the winter months this year in hopes of having a bigger impact said Mayor Blais. An overwhelming number of brave souls took to the frigid waters of Lake George on January 1st at the new location. So, do you recognize anyone in this photo?

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Change of Watch – Sunday, April 21st, 2013

Slate of Nominees - Lake George Power Squadron - Command Year 2013-2014

Bridge Officers

Commander – P/C George K. Williams, AP
Executive Officer – P/C Armand Canestraro, P
Administrative Officer – position open
Secretary – Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
Treasurer – Lt/C Max Gollmer, AP

Squadron Education Officer

P/C Donna S. Canestraro, S

Members at Large

Anthony J. Rozek, P
David J. Hawthorne
P/C John J. Jermano
one position open

Did You Know...

Power Failure Tip - Solar Lights

Did you ever think about using solar lights inside your home when the electric power is off? Well, here's an idea. Why not take them indoors, stick them in a jar or bottle, and you



have instant light. They are safer to use than candles, they give more light and are cheaper to run, they make the brightest lighting you could ever imagine, and they can be placed in various rooms. When daylight comes or the power is back on, you can return them to their place outside your home and they will instantly recharge and be ready for you to use again any time you need them.

Put on your thinking caps!

Name the boat featured in each of the following books:

1. Captain Hook's ship in the novel "Peter Pan"
2. Captain Ahab's Ship in the novel "Moby Dick"
3. Jason searched for the Golden Fleece in this ship
4. The "Narnia" books by C.S. Lewis
5. Submarine from "Ice Station Zebra"

Name the boat featured in each of the following TV shows:

6. "Mr. Lucky"
7. "McHale's Navy".
8. The houseboat that "Tammy" lived on
9. Burt Reynolds' series "Riverboat"
10. "Adventures in Paradise"

Name the boat featured in each of the following movies:

11. "The Caine Mutiny"
12. "Gray Lady Down"
13. "Run Silent, Run Deep"
14. Captain Quint's fishing boat in "Jaws"
15. Cruise ship in "The Poseidon Adventure"

See how smart you are and look for the answers in the next issue of Soundings
No fair Googling!!

Knot for You?

Brush Up On Knot Tying

Visit www.animatedknots.com

This site provides on-line users step-by-step photos of colored line being tied into various knots.

SAVE THE DATE
Lake George Power Squadron
Commanders Brunch
Change of Watch
and
Squadron Annual Meeting
Sunday – April 21, 2013
12:30pm to 4:00pm
Edison Room at The Edison Club
891 River Road
Rexford, NY 12148
(518) 399-2393

Mark your calendar for this combined event. Come and enjoy a delicious Brunch/Buffer and partake in the Squadron Annual Meeting and Change of Watch. An invitation will be sent during March under a separate mailing to all LGPS members. The Commanders Brunch again this year will be a FREE event for ALL active Squadron Members. Guests are welcomed at \$30.00 per person. Please follow the directions in the invitation you will receive during March as to how you can RSVP your seat



Upcoming District 2 Functions

District 2 - Winter Council March 16, 2013 Longonbardi's Restaurant Route 9 & New Hackensack Road Wappingers Falls, NY	District 2 – Spring Conference (Hosted by Westchester Sail & Power) April 19-21, 2013 Marriott Westchester 670 White Plains Road (NY119) Tarrytown, NY
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Area Change of Watch Schedules

Sacandaga Power Squadron
Sunday March 10, 2013 1100 -1500
Fortune's Restaurant at Saratoga Casino and Raceway
Questions call or email love2boatny@nycap.rr.com or (518) 649-6303