

LGPS

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July-August 2016



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Commander Message

Cmdr. David J. Hawthorne

Three sailors, an Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman go into a bar. The bartender comes over and says, "Is this some kind of a joke?" The sailors would probably reply - No, give us a drink and let us get back outside, boating weather is finally here! We had to wait for it, folks, but we do live in the northeast!

Precious-few are the weeks of summer weather, for us. No extended seasons of boating (like Florida, for example) in the Adirondacks. We wait the majority of each year to justify the investments we have in boating. Hopefully July will bring up the water temperature in Lake George as well. I remember someone saying "the ice never melts in Lake George. It just sinks." Brrrr! It's the renowned quality of the water that makes it such a "destination" body. And it's the efforts of the DEC and the Darrin Fresh Water Institute and other caretakers that strive to maintain that pristine quality. The "Jefferson Project at Lake George" was established in 2013 as a strategic partnership between IBM, Rensselaer and the FUND for Lake George, to study and manage its complex ecosystem. Every year, more and more development threatens Lake George. Everyone wants to own a piece of paradise. The ever increasing usage intensifies the pressure on the ecosystem and increases the difficulty to repair itself. A new business that has appeared at the lake is a flying-drone photography service that will provide aerial views of property for sale.

Retired Florida attorney Fred Pflaum gave up furniture making due to health reasons but is now using a childhood hobby to provide this new service. He noted, in Florida, all the high-end estate properties came with aerial photographs. With properties around Lake George going for millions, this new business should be a sure-thing for Fred.

Enjoy the precious summer and boat safely!

Dave

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 MEETING**

No Meeting in July

**Next meeting is August 17th
“Educational Meeting”
See details inside this issue for complete details**



Now Hear This...

From the Desk of the Squadron Administrative Officer

Lt/C Tina Russell

August 17th: The annual Educational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17th, 6:30pm at the Rusty Anchor,(floating restaurant) Lower Hudson Ave, Green Island, NY – Attendees will order off menu, separate checks. Meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Please RSVP not later than August 10th for a restaurant head count to: jrusse1@nycap.rr.com or call Tina directly at 877-8494. For more information on this exciting location, go to therustyanchorbar.com

October 16th: An informative and exciting LGPS October rendezvous is scheduled for 1:00pm on Sunday, October 16th at the Boathouse Restaurant located at 3210 Lake Shore Dr., Lake George. The location is accessible by boat or by automobile from Route 9-N. Our guest speaker will be from the Lake George Park Commission. Attendees will order off the menu, separate checks, each responsible for their own meal/beverages. Join us for an afternoon of conversation and relaxation overlooking the most beautiful lake in the United States. Mark your calendars now! Please RSVP not later than October 7th for a restaurant head count to: jrusse1@nycap.rr.com or call Tina directly at 877-8494. For more information on this exciting location, go to lakegeorgeboathouse.com/lunch

Sacandaga Squadron Announces Summer Picnic...

July 17th (10am till dusk): Everyone is invited to the Sacandaga Power Squadron's 2nd Annual Picnic and Geocaching on the Hudson River at the beautiful Schodack Landing Park (Latitude 42.517994 - Longitude -73.759697). Come by boat or by car. Car admission is \$6 for the Day Use area. Sacandaga Power Squadron will provide Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soda, Water and Rolls. Please bring a dish to share such as a salad or dessert. Cost is \$15 per person. If you have a handheld GPS and want to participate in the geocaching activity, please bring it with you. Some loaner GPS units will also be available. See you there! For questions and RSVP contact Denise Terry at celticfun2@gmail.com

Upcoming 2016 District 2 Meetings

<p>District 2 Summer Council Saturday, 23 July 2016 Held at the Red Barn Environmental Center in Tarrywile Park 70 Southern Blvd, Danbury, CT 06810 RSVP Questions? Call (203) 743-9046 or email <u>vegedney@aol.com</u></p>	<p>District 2 Fall Conference Friday/Saturday 7-8 October 2016 Hosted by District 2 The Maron Hotel & Suites 42 Lake Avenue Extension Mill Plain Road, Danbury, CT 06811</p>
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Squadron Educational Officer Report

Educational Meeting Scheduled for August 17th

SEO P/C Donna S. Canestraro, S

I have a conundrum that I hope you will help me solve. As the Squadron Education Officer, my job is to provide educational classes for the public and for our squadron membership but I find this challenging. Not for the lack of material but more so maybe from the lack of awareness of what is available from USPS and LGPS regarding our Educational offering.

One main goal of USPS is “boating safety through education” — we believe that an educated boater is a safer boater. There are a variety of classes from advanced grades to seminar series to self-study guides that can be provided in a variety of ways – instructor led, self-taught or on-line instruction. Join us on August 17th at 6:30pm to hear more about USPS course offerings, enjoy fellowship and good food at the Rusty Anchor Bar and Restaurant – I hope to see you all in August. Boat safe!

Underwater Hotel Coming To Lake George

Have you been looking for a brand new way to experience summer in Lake George? Interested in unique accommodations that are rarely found in this part of the country? If so, mark your calendars for summer 2018, because that's when Lake George's first underwater hotel will be open for business! Poseidon's Palace will consist of 35 suites and will be modeled after undersea resorts in tropical locations, like the Caribbean and Fiji. Guests will be able to enjoy all the amenities of rooms on the land, while experiencing Lake George from beneath the surface like never before.



Poseidon's Palace will be located approximately one mile north of Lake George Village on the east side of the lake near the site of the Sunken Fleet of 1758. As part of their stay, each guest will have the opportunity to go on a guided exploration of the seven bateaux that were sunk there during the French and Indian War. Guests of the hotel will park in a lot on the shore and will walk across a bridge to the Palace's on-water lobby. From the lobby, a spiral staircase brings guests below the surface to the sprawling network of pressurized suites. Poseidon's Palace is in the final stages of planning, and construction will begin once all phases are approved. Reservations at the Palace are sure to be snatched up quickly, so keep a close watch on the project as it progresses!

*Lake George is actually not getting an underwater hotel, but I'd be the first to book a reservation if one was built! April Fools Early!
Re-Printed with permission: <http://www.lakegeorge.com/whatsnew/2016/04/underwater-hotel/>*

Weekend Raft-up in Red Rock Bay

A small group of Lake George Power Squadron members regularly raft-up on weekends in Red Rock Bay, North of the Narrows. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello!

Vessel Safety Check 2016



Vessel Safety Check Vision: *Safe, Fun & Responsible Recreational Boating.* The VSC Program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, particularly with regard to the carriage of safety equipment while raising boater awareness about safety and environmental issues through voluntary contact by a Vessel Examiner (VE). Vessel Examiner discussions with recreational boaters is designed to motivate recreational boaters to maintain and operate their boats in a safe manner, taking boating safety courses to increase their knowledge and skills in boating and promoting overall safe boating. Call Armand at 372-7220 to schedule your VSC.

Booze and boating a deadly mix

Risky drinking can put a chill on your summer fun. Summer is a time for outdoor activities with family and friends that could include drinking alcohol, but excessive drinking and summer activities don't mix. Drinking impairs physical and mental abilities and decreases inhibitions, which can have tragic consequences on the water. Research shows that up to 70 percent of water recreation deaths of teens and adults involve the use of alcohol.

Swimmers can get in over their heads

Alcohol impairs judgment and increases risk-taking, a dangerous combination for swimmers. Even experienced swimmers may venture out farther than they should and not be able to make it back to shore, or they may not notice how chilled they're getting and develop hypothermia.

Boaters can lose their bearings

According to the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators alcohol can impair a boater's judgment, balance, vision and reaction time. It can also increase fatigue and susceptibility to the effects of cold-water immersion. If problems arise, intoxicated boaters are ill-equipped to find solutions. For passengers, intoxication can lead to slips on deck, falls overboard or accidents at the dock.

