

LGPS SOUNDINGS

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Commander Message

By David J. Hawthorne

Well, our season has arrived - the boating weather we long-awaited is finally here. The only thing that can bother us is rain. Actually, it's true of any outdoor sport or activity. Especially if you're a true sailor, sail boating just doesn't quite make-it in the rain. Those power-boaters with cruisers can always hit the waves, rain or shine. It's not as much fun as a sun-filled day on the decks, but hey, maybe you're just heading out in early morning rain to get a spot in that "really good" bay before everyone else gets there! Then the sun comes out. It's one of the advantages of knowing in advance what the day's weather will bring. That is a perfect reason alone to taking the USPS weather training course - knowing how to predict and deal with various weather conditions while on the water.

Trailer-boaters should keep in mind that not all bad-weather troubles happen on the water. Everyone should know how to properly trailer a boat safely. Bad weather can make-or-break any boating experience. US Power Squadron training courses can benefit any level of boaters and at as many levels as someone cares to advance to. I noticed one of our "competitors" is offering a 20% off summer special on their on-line training courses. BOATUS Foundation has Modern Marine Navigation, GPS, Marine Radio, and Sail Boating courses all at reduced cost. This adds one more offering to the public that can reduce the attendance of USPS courses. Before the availability of online courses, the norm was classroom-style training, like those provided by USPS. Sign-up to self-study, teach or simply participate in a USPS course or seminar this summer.

In closing, we wish to extend best wishes to P/C George Williams who is recovering from an injury. We all hope his debilitation is a short one and wish him a speedy recovery. We all have missed you at the executive meetings and hope you are back with us soon. Lastly, everyone enjoy a safe boating summer!

**LAKE GEORGE POWER
SQUADRON
BRIDGE-EXECUTIVE
MEETING**

**NO
JULY OR AUGUST
MEETING**

**SQUADRON ANNUAL
EDUCATIONAL
MEETING
RENDEVOUS**

**AUGUST 13th at 2:00pm
Lanzi's-on-the-Lake**

(RSVP DETAILS THIS ISSUE)



Now Hear This...

Welcome New Members

The Lake George Power Squadron welcomes new members George Leckonby and Thania Fernandez. They join us from Averill Park and we look forward to meeting you both.

Educational Meeting and Rendezvous Planned

The annual Squadron Educational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 13th** at 2:00pm at Lanzi's on the Lake – 1751 State Route 30, Mayfield, NY 12117. Come hear what exciting USPS courses and seminars are available for 2017-18. We will be ordering from the menu and have arranged for separate checks. Please **RSVP not later than Friday, August 11th** to Lt. David Wilkinson at (518) 393-5394. For menu and directions visit <http://www.lanzisonthelake.net> or call the restaurant directly on (518)-661-7711. We hope to see you all there!



Wear It! Campaign

The Wear It! Campaign reminds boaters of the importance of boating safety, including always wearing a life jacket. The campaign is produced under a grant from the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Visit SafeBoatingCampaign.com for **free** resources and information that you can use for your own Wear It! outreach efforts.

Reminder – Meetings at Church – September 20th

The Squadron Bridge/Executive meetings will re-convene after the summer to our regular meeting place. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30pm in the Church of the Good Shepard on Rt. 50 in Burnt Hills. The church has requested we NOT arrive prior to 6:15pm due to the church hosting of after school programs in the building and security issues.

Vessel Safety Check 2017

Vessel Safety Check Vision: *Safe, Fun & Responsible Recreational Boating.*
Call Armand at 372-7220 to schedule your VSC. What are you waiting for?