

# **LGPS**

## **SOUNDINGS**

*July-August 2019*



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### ***Commander Message***

*By David Hawthorne*

Ahoy mates! Heave-out & trice up.

Here's hoping your boating season is not just off to a start, but off to a good one! The hot topic is, of course, the new boater safety training requirements proposed by NYS legislators. Normally I would see this as a great opportunity for USPS and our Squadron to provide the training to all those "new boaters", born-on-the-water boaters and everyone in between where the legislation will require a boater safety certificate of everyone. But it's not working out, that way! I've had conversations with several boaters I work with extolling the benefits (and depth of training) that a USPS boater safety course provides. To a person, all have said they're taking a free on-line course from (here-or-there) instead of attending a bonafide sit-down course. Everyone wants the "shortcut". Society has changed (to the internet way of doing things). Younger generations don't want to be a member of an organization, anymore. No one wants to spend the time (or the money) attending several hours at a sit-down course. What started out looking to be great opportunity for USPS has only demonstrated how very different people want to do things today. New memberships I fear will also be affected.

On another note, on behalf of the Squadron, I would like to congratulate members P/Lt/C David Stafford and Lt/C David Wilkinson who both will soon become our next "Life Members" – Congratulations to each of them.

The annual Squadron Educational Meeting will again be held in August and we would like to combine the meeting with a rendezvous lunch on Lake George (details are inside this issue). I know we are all so busy during the summer months but come join fellow Squadron members for an afternoon of great food, conversation lake side.

Safe boating everyone and have fun on the water!

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

**Wednesday, July 17 at 6:30pm  
Church of the Good Shepard  
Rt. 50 Burnt Hills**

**SQUADRON ANNUAL  
EDUCATIONAL  
MEETING**

**AUGUST 11 at 2pm  
Boathouse Restaurant  
3210 Lake Shore Drive  
Route 9-N  
Lake George, NY 12845**



**Now Hear This...**

## **Annual Educational Meeting Planned**

The annual Squadron Educational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00pm at the **Boathouse Restaurant - 3210 Lake Shore Drive (Route 9-N) - Lake George, NY 12845**. Come hear Squadron Educational Officer P/C Donna Canestraro discuss what exciting USPS courses and seminars are available for 2019-2020. We will also have a returning guest speaker, David Wicks, Executive Director, Lake George Park Commission addressing our group with an update from the Commission. Please RSVP to Commander Hawthorne at (518) 871-1331 no later than Monday, August 5th. Come by water, Come by land - 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 <http://www.SafeBoatingCampaign.com> for **free** resources and information that you can use for your own Wear It! outreach effort. Previously only offered on select dates throughout the summer, "Ready, Set, Wear It" is now implemented by campaign partners on various dates throughout the summer boating season. This family-friendly event teaches boaters about the importance of always wearing a life jacket, along with helpful care and maintenance information. With a bit of fun along the way! For an event near you, check your local newspapers.

## **Reminder – Meetings at Church**

The Squadron Bridge/Executive meetings will be held at our regular meeting place until further notice. The July meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and the September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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 after-school programs in the building and security issues.

## **Vessel Safety Check 2019**

**Vessel Safety Check Vision:** *Safe, Fun & Responsible Recreational Boating.* Call Armand at (518) 372-7220 to schedule your VSC for 2019. He is available for at home or marina vessel inspection visits or at Lake George. What are you waiting for – call today!

## **Interested in Lake George?**

Join the Lake George Association crew from Shepard Park in the Village for a two-hour eco-adventure every Wednesday in July and August. Each trip on their custom boat from Lake George Village offers both fun and a fascinating in-depth look at how the lake was formed, its aquatic life and measuring the lake clarity. To reserve a seat call (518) 668-3558 or register online at [www.LGAFloatingClassroom.org](http://www.LGAFloatingClassroom.org). Cost is \$18 per person; \$17 for seniors and \$10 for children.