

LGPS SOUNDINGS

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Commander Message

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Ahoy Mates Heave-to and Trice Up.

Whoopee Our long awaited summer season is finally here! (Don't blink - July is almost gone) It's time to be on the water.

Not too much to report from National. A few E-mails came in, reporting the closing and opening of National headquarters. On the educational front, the 2018 ABC3 basic boating knowledge program has been approved by NASBLA for classroom-only (which surprised me.) I believe this may be a New York State mandate and not one from USPS. I thought most courses would be headed for on-line availability. It seems to be the way everything is going. With social distancing and group gatherings as they are, classroom training doesn't seem to have much of a chance, right now.

Let's hope for hot weather and clear weekends for the remainder of our boating season. Do your best to "social distance" on the water.

Safe boating everyone and have fun on the water!

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

Canceled Until Further Notice

**SQUADRON ANNUAL
AUGUST
EDUCATIONAL
MEETING**

CANCELED

Social distancing is the best way to stay safe.

SEA TOW



Now Hear This...

Reminder – Squadron Meetings are Canceled

The Squadron Bridge/Executive meetings have been placed **on hold** due to the COVID pandemic. We will keep everyone posted should this change. Stay safe and healthy.

Annual Educational Meeting Canceled

The annual Squadron Educational Meeting typically is conducted during August and while we would like to conduct this meeting, due to COVID restrictions on group gatherings and venue restrictions in place, this event will **NOT** be held this August. It is hopeful, and highly unlikely to be able to conduct this meeting in the near future – COVID is still real - stay tuned. If you are interested in self-study of advanced grade classes, please contact SEO Donna Canestraro at (518) 372-7220.

Is Boating a Safe Social Distancing Activity?

The short answer is yes, but the long answer is a bit more involved.

First and foremost, all the usual rules apply:

- You need to **limit the people aboard** to those family members you share your home with, period — no guests.
- You also **cannot raft up with other boats or pull up onto a beach close to another boat**, as that could put you in close proximity with the occupants.
- You also have to be careful to **maintain a safe distance from others** when doing things like loading up at the marina or fueling the boat.
- After doing anything that requires touching an item someone else may have touched, like a marina gate lock or a fuel pump, **disinfect by washing your hands or using a hand sanitizer** as soon as possible.
- Finally, to maintain the highest level of safety pack your gear and supplies ahead of time and don't plan to stop at a store on the way to the marina or launch ramp, as you usually might.

The Bottom Line on Boating During Coronavirus

We boaters love getting out on the water, and part of that love comes from bonding with family, and spending quality time with a loved one, or just enjoying the solitude. Thankfully, in areas where short-distance travel hasn't been entirely eliminated we can still do all of these things safely on our boats. So check on the regulations affecting your locality. Be careful to maintain social distancing practices. And then cast off those lines and feel the wind in your hair — because boating is still the hands-down best way to enjoy living on planet Earth.

Vessel Safety Check 2020

Vessel Safety Check Vision: Safe, Fun & Responsible Recreational Boating. Call Armand at (518) 372-7220 to schedule your VSC for 2020. He is available for at home or marina vessel inspection visits or at Lake George. Owners are to provide and prepare their vessel using NYS Health/CDC approved disinfection sprays/wipes, maintain social distancing and use a facial covering or mask **ALL** are mandatory before/during/after the VSC – **NO EXCEPTIONS**. What are you waiting for – call today!