

# **LGPS**

# **SOUNDINGS**

*March-April 2020*



**LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON, INC.**  
**OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS**  
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## ***Commander Message***

*By David Hawthorne*

I'm hoping everyone has been staying warm (as possible) these days and hanging in until spring finally arrives. The recent power failure hasn't made it any easier for some people in our area, but they are a fact of life for residents of the northeast. (Pretty cushy, though, for Armand who is recuperating in Florida. Nice planning!)

The Squadron Audit Committee has completed their task and our finances are in order. The Nominating Committee for 2020 had an easy task selecting the next group of squadron officers. The committee's recommendation are on page 2. Life should always be so easy!

We have worked out the details of our next Change of Watch and again will combine it with our Squadron Annual Meeting. We typically hold our ceremony on a Sunday in April, and this year will be no exception. Details of this year's Change of Watch – Annual Meeting can be found in this issue on page 3. **Worth Noting** With the recent developments regarding the coronavirus, Covid-19, we will stay in touch with the Squadron membership should the upcoming COW/meeting plans need to be adjusted and moved.

Lastly, daylight savings time has begun and the days will be brighter, that generally makes people feel better. Hang on everyone, we're getting there – it's almost boating season! In closing, I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their assistance this past year and look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Change of Watch on April 26th! Fair winds and following seas.

**LAKE GEORGE POWER  
SQUADRON  
ANNUAL MEETING and  
CHANGE OF WATCH  
Sunday, April 26, 2020  
1600 – 1730 (4:00pm – 5:30pm)**

**Stella Pasta Bar and Bakery  
at Fo'Castle Farm  
Details inside**

**LAKE GEORGE POWER  
SQUADRON  
BRIDGE/EXECUTIVE  
MEETINGS  
NEXT MEETING  
Wednesday April 15, 2020  
6:30pm  
Church of the Good Shepard  
Rt. 50 -  
Burnt Hills, NY**



# Now Hear This...

## **Report of the Nomination Committee**

In accordance with Section 5.5 and 6.8 of the By-Laws of the Lake George Power Squadron, the Nomination Committee is pleased to submit the following slate of officers for consideration by the membership at the election, which is to be held at the Annual Meeting. "All nominees have indicated a willingness to serve for 2020-21". The Squadron can always use your help – please join us by volunteering!

Commander	P/C David Hawthorne
Executive Officer	P/Lt/C John Wainwright, P
Education Officer Assistant SEO	P/C Donna S. Canestraro, S OPEN
Administrative Officer	Katherine C. Williams
Secretary	Lt. David J. Wilkinson, S
Treasurer	Lt/C Max Gollmer, AP
Members-at-Large	P/C George K. Williams, AP P/C Armand Canestraro, P Lt/C Charles M. (Don) Puckett, S
Audit Committee	David Stafford, Chair; George K. Williams; Charles M. (Don) Puckett
Rules Committee	George K. Williams, Chair; Charles M. (Don) Puckett
Nomination Committee	Armand Canestraro, P - Chair; George K. Williams, P; Donna S. Canestraro, S

In accordance with Section 11.1 of the By-Laws of the Lake George Power Squadron, additional nominations may be made by filing with the Squadron Secretary at least 15 days before the election a written petition signed by at least five (5) squadron members in good standing.

*Submitted by: P/C Armand Canestraro, P, Nomination Committee Chair*

## **2020-21 Change of Watch – Annual Meeting**

By unanimous vote of the Executive Committee the date of the Squadron “Annual Meeting” will coincide with the “Change of Watch” on April 26th. The Lake George Power Squadron Change of Watch and Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2020 from 1600-1730 (4:00pm – 5:30pm) at Stella Pasta Bar and Bakery at Fo’Castle Farm located at 166 Kingsley Rd, Burnt Hills, NY 12027. Squadron members attending this year will be the “GUEST” of Commander Hawthorne. Menu choices are varied and will be taken from a pre-selected menu. Please **RSVP** by calling Cmdr. David Hawthorne at 518-871-1331 for a restaurant head count **not later than** Monday, April 20th, 2020. For more information on this location and directions, go to <https://www.stellapastabar.com/>

## **Vessel Safety Check 2020**



**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 (518) 372-7220 to schedule your VSC. Our 2020 decals have arrived!

## **Upcoming Bridge May Meeting**

The May Bridge-Executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30pm at the Church of the Good Shepard - Rt. 50 - Burnt Hills, NY.

## **How One Mega-Yacht Captain Team Builds**

As the new season approaches and fresh crew members are recruited, mega-yacht captains sometime like to observe certain initiation rites. One such captain explained how he will instruct a novice deckhand to assist in “*tuning the radar*”. This involves wrapping the deckhand in aluminum foil, fashioning a matching conical foil hat and sending him or her out into port on a paddleboard with a paddle similarly wrapped in the silver foil. Using the VHF radio, the deckhand is asked to adopt a range of different poses and to brandish the paddle in various directions. While it doesn’t do much for the yacht’s radar system, the Captain finds it as being a wonderful team and moral building exercise each new season – the entire exercise is captured on video for the rest of the crew to enjoy with the new deckhand once back onboard.



## DO THE FIVE

Help stop coronavirus

- 1 **HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 **ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 **FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 **FEET** Stay more than 3ft apart
- 5 **FEEL** sick? Stay home



## DO THE FOUR

Help Stop Lake George Invasive

1. **Clean** off any mud, plants and animals from boats, trailers and equipment
2. **Drain** boat and equipment away from water.
3. **Dry** anything that comes into contact with water.
4. **Never** release plants, fish, or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

## Lake George 2020 Boat Inspection Sites

Boat inspectors will be present at each of the seven following locations:

### Lake George Inspection Station

Transfer Road - Lake George, NY 12845

### Million Dollar Beach Launch - Open 7am - 5pm

139 Beach Road - Lake George, NY

### Dunham's Bay Dock & Launch - Open 8am - 5pm

2036 Bay Road - Queensbury, NY 12845

### Hulett's Landing Marina Inspection - Call for hours at (518) 499-0801

6068 Lakeside Way - Hulett's Landing, NY 12841

### Mossy Point Public Boat Launch - Open 8am - 5pm

158 Black Point Road - Ticonderoga, NY 12883

### Roger's Rock Public Campground & Boat Launch - Open 8am - 5pm

9894 Lakeshore Drive - Hague, NY 12836

### Norowal Marina - Open 8am - 5pm

21 Sagamore Road - Bolton Landing, NY 12836



## 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](https://www.safeboatingcampaign.com) for **free** resources and information that you can use for your own Wear It! outreach efforts.