

LGPS

SOUNDINGS

March-April 2021



Commander Message

By Cmdr. David Hawthorne

As I write this we are anticipating warmer days in the next week and I'm sure everyone is thinking "it's about time"! Once the snow melts, it will look more like spring and gradually we will begin thinking of being on the water, once again.

I like to believe that courses provided by USPS help us in all phases of boating. Readyng our vessels, each season, is one example of the benefits of training the Squadron offers in proper care and preparation. Virtual seminars, courses and meetings are being offered throughout America's Boating Club now, as an adjustment to the limitations imposed due to COVID. National has suggested that more efforts should be made to create new strategies for increasing memberships in our organization. A difficult thing to do even during normal social circumstances.

District 2 is currently looking for volunteers for several of their bridge positions. Should any of us be interested in serving as District Commander, Executive Officer or Administrative Officer position for District 2, you should contact P/D/C Susan Darcy (or any D2 officer) for more information. Our own David Wilkinson will continue in his capacity as District 2 Secretary.

As more vaccinations are administered, society hopes to return to a greater degree of normalcy (boating will certainly be an example).

Hang in there everyone, we're moving in the right direction! Please remain socially distanced, wear a mask, wash your hands and stay safe and well. Hope to see you all soon!

WANTED

Asst. Education Officer
2021-22 Squadron Bridge!

Contact

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**LAKE GEORGE POWER
SQUADRON
BRIDGE MEETINGS**

**CANCELED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Did you Know?

The 2021-22 Bridge Officers

The following nominees have indicated a willingness to serve for 2021-22. 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	P/C Donna S. Canestraro, S
Assistant SEO	OPEN POSITION – <place your name here>
Administrative Officer	Lt./C 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

As COVID continues, once again we will not be permitted to conduct our usual Change of Watch ceremony. We will however continue to keep everyone informed of where we stand as a Squadron and are all very hopeful as you are to return to past practices soon.

Check your boat (and trailer) for the 2021 season

To avoid penalties, take care of the legal requirements first; you don't want to miss out on the summer fun due to missing paper work. Your registration and decal for the boat should all be up-to-date – don't forget your boating certificate.

Once the paper work is out of the way, inspect the hull and all other parts of the boat for damage that may have occurred since last season. Ensure that the engine is in good working condition, by turning it on and checking that the battery is fully charged. The navigation lights and all the other electronics on the boat should also be thoroughly inspected. After confirming that the boat is in good shape and all its systems are in working order, check all the safety equipment on board to help ensure a safe trip for you and your passengers. Thoroughly inspect all life jackets twice over or more; in particular, look for holes or tears in the jackets. Be sure to check that your life jackets still fit, especially if you have any children who will be on the boat, as children grow fast. And remember, you need a life jacket for each passenger! Your safety gear should also include fire extinguishers, and you should check to make sure each one is fully charged and in good working condition.

How you get your boat to the water is just as important as making sure it works. You should check the trailer if you are using one to transport your boat, as well as the tires to make sure everything is safe and in working condition.

Ready to go – **NOT SO QUICK!** How about scheduling your 2021 Vessel Safety Check – Call Armand at (518) 372-7220 to make VSE arrangements. All COVID precautions will be in place during the inspection - keeping everyone safe!