

LGPS SOUNDINGS

May – June 2015



LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON, INC.
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Commander Message

By Cmdr. Armand Canestraro, P

Spring, well it looks like it has finally arrived, with summer like temperatures finally upon us. Our boat has been unwrapped, polished and just this past week our club launched it for the coming boating season.

The Squadron conducted its annual meeting and Change of Watch on Wednesday, April 29th at the regular meeting venue of The Church of The Good Shepard in Burnt Hills. The 2015-16 Bridge brings with it recycled Squadron officers – thank you for all who have signed up for yet another year. The Change of Watch was attended by 7 members along with P/D/C Denise Terry, who officiated in swearing in the officers for 2015-16. If you would like to become (we really need your help) a bit more active in the operation of the Squadron, the position of Administrative Officer as well as a Member-at-Large position remain unfilled. Please consider either of these positions and give me a call to discuss your involvement. The commitment can be for as little or as much of your time that you can devote.

Remember, it's that time of year again to check your safety equipment and to renew your Vessel Safety Check – please call me on 372-7220 and I will be happy to inspect either your boat, PWC's or both.

Until next newsletter, Donna and I both wishing you a safe and enjoyable boating season!

WANTED

Your help in serving on the
2015-16 Squadron Bridge!
Open positions are

Administrative Officer

Member-at-Large

**LAKE GEORGE POWER
SQUADRON
MEETING
Wednesday, May 20th
to be held at the
Church of the Good Shepard
Route 50
Burnt Hills, NY
6:30pm**

Bridge Officers for the 2015-16 Command Year

Commander	P/C Armand Canestraro, P
Executive Officer	Lt/C Anthony J. Rozek, P
Education Officer	P/C Donna S. Canestraro, S
Assistant SEO	P/C Kevin McCarthy, P
Administrative Office	Open Position
Secretary	Lt. David J. Wilkinson, S
Treasurer	Lt/C Max Gollmer, AP
Members-at-Large	David J. Hawthorne P/C George K. Williams, AP Open Position

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Upcoming Boating Events

New York State Safe Boating Week May 16-22, 2015	NY Rivers Boat Festival Henry Hudson Park Hudson, NY May 16-17, 2015 (10am till 6pm each day) see details inside this issue
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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.

New York Rivers Boating Festival 2015

Mark your calendar, May 16-17 – from 10am to 6pm. The Mohawk Hudson Council of Yacht Clubs presents the New York Rivers Boating Festival located at the Henry Hudson Waterfront Park in the Historic Whaling Port City of Hudson, NY. With the many activities and vendors at this exciting weekend event, this will be a one of a kind event for all in the region with the focus on rediscovering boating and recreation on the Hudson River. The Mohawk Hudson Council is comprised of 20 member clubs from Schenectady to Poughkeepsie. We'll have a Meet & Greet with the Clubs to introduce the public to the opportunities and benefits of joining a boat club. Various Boat dealers will have new boats on display for sale on along with council members pre-owned boats. This will be a unique opportunity to purchase a boat, explore the rivers and become part of the "Boating Community. This all happens during "*National Safe Boating Week*". This **FREE EVENT** is open to the public, so come join us and bring your family, to kick off summer with this fun, spectacular event! USPS will be represented at the festival and will have available to try out the boating simulator/trainer together with a fire extinguisher training device.

Here is a partial list of exhibitors and what you can expect to see and do:

- * **U.S. Power Squadrons** demonstrations booth
- * **NYS Parks Marine Division** with Boating Safety Educational
- * **Boater Safety Week** Equipment and Live Flare demonstrations
- * **NYS Police Scuba Unit** with equipment and live demonstrations
- * **Rensselaer County Search & Rescue Dog Team** with demonstrations
- * **Antique Outboard Motor Museum** Displays and information
- * **Hudson River Ecology** information and displays
- * **Hudson River Historic Boat** with displays and information
- * **Many Food & Vendor Booths** located at the Festival
- * **Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts** activities for all
- * **Hudson Sloop Club** Kids and Adult activities on boat building
- * **Sea Tow** with their tow vessel and information
- * **New & Preowned Boat Sales** from regional dealers
- * **Hudson Cruises Boat Tours and Hudson-Athens Ferry Service**
- * **Live Music** by the "*Macerators*" and DJ Music
- * **And Much More!**

How to Get to the NY Rivers Boating Festival

Access is easy if traveling by Car, Festival location is at the *Henry Hudson Waterfront Park* located on Water St in Hudson NY near Broad and Ferry Streets in downtown Hudson. We are only 35 minutes from downtown Albany and 45 minutes north of Poughkeepsie on the east side of the Hudson River.

If traveling by Boat, you will find us near the **Green Navigation Can #133** // **N42.15.250 - W73.48.000** just north of the Hudson-Athens lighthouse. Contact on **Channel 68** for docking and mooring information.

Easy steps to a Safe and Clean 2015 Boating season

It's almost the 'official' start of the 2015 summer boating season. Here is a check list to ensure you're ready for a safe and environmentally clean season



If you're a boater, you should be ready to go before you actually launch.

1. Wear It! Make sure all passengers are wearing a US Coast-Guard approved life jacket. A throw-able floatation device is also required for boats more than 16 feet long.
2. Conduct a Clean, Drain, Dry inspection of your watercraft, trailer and gear to remove aquatic invasive species and debris each time you enter and leave new water.
3. Check that the safety features of your boat trailer are in proper working order before use in the spring and throughout the boating season.
4. Depending upon your age, be sure you have the proper boating safety certification. New regulations took effect in New York State May 1, 2014.
5. Check expiration date/s of onboard fire extinguisher/s and flares. Be sure you have the correct number of extinguishers aboard per US Coast Guard regulations. Store flares and distress signals in a dry compartment.
6. Use a fuel nozzle bib and bilge sock to keep fuel from spilling into the water.
7. Make sure all vessel lights are working and flashlights have fresh batteries.
8. Have a proper device onboard to receive weather alerts.
9. Check to be sure you have the proper navigational charts onboard.
10. Check that the boat horn, whistles, and other means of sounding distress are in working order.

**This page devoted in memory of the
2014-15 deceased
Lake George Power Squadron Members**



As is customary at each Squadron Change of Watch, a memorial service honoring departed LGPS members during the past command year was conducted. P/C George K. Williams is seen reading the names. Assisting George is Member-at-Large David Hawthorne. One purple candle is lit for each departed member from the main (white) candle - the ships bell is sounded as each name is read.

IN MEMORY OF

P/C Frank H. Alessandrini, JN
P/C Richard N. Hosterman, SN
P/C John R. Jermano, AP (Member-at-Large)
P/C Joan Weill Londynsky
Sandra Martinez, P
P/C Richard L. Mathews, AP
Lt/C Alice Ellen Rozek (Administrative Officer)

Vessel Safety Check 2015



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 372-7220 to schedule your VSC during Safe Boating Week (May 16-22, 2015).

