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LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON, INC.
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Commander Message

By David J. Hawthorne

Another boating season is finished. Our seasons pass so quickly! Many have finished winterizing and storing their vessels by now. (There's always a few who put it off as long as possible.) I tried going-long one year and learned my lesson. Winterizing the engine and plumbing system in freezing cold and spitting snow was enough to teach me it wasn't worth the couple extra days of boating.

Another Fall District Conference is completed. I especially want to thank D2 Secretary Susan Darcy, JN for sending me the Fall Conference CD. The wealth of information on the CD is incredible and the time and effort taken to compile all of it shows a great dedication. It's wonderful having this handy reference of USPS information, and I intend to supply any desiring squadron members with a copy. Thanks again, Susan, for your hard work! It is really appreciated.

I hope everyone has a joyous Holiday Season and I also hope we have a chance to get together during the winter for a little libation!

WANTED

Quality - high resolution digital photographs for the Squadron Website Photo Gallery Page

All photo's should be submitted in landscape - digital jpeg format

Mail a CD or e-mail your photo's to Armand at lgpsinfo@nycap.rr.com

**LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON
BRIDGE/EDUCATIONAL MEETING
Wednesday, Nov. 16th
Home of P/C George Williams
715 John Paul Court
Niskayuna, NY
6:30pm (1830)**



Now Hear This...

From the Desk of the Squadron Administrative Officer

Lt/C Tina Russell

Our October 16th, gathering at the Boathouse Restaurant, was a success! It was an honor to have Dave Wick, Executive Director of Lake George Park Commission as our quest speaker. He presented us with a very informative PowerPoint slideshow on the "State of Lake George". Although many of us have been on the lake most of our lives, we were intrigued by some of the information he reported, regarding the lake itself. Among many things he reported, the Park Commission registered over 16,000 boats this year, the highest amount since 1999. With that being said, the inspection sites passed through over 30,000 boats, finding 69 of those boats having an invasive species, down from last year when 129 were found to have carried invasive onboard. He took the time to answer many questions at the end regarding different bays, buoys, (PWC) jet-ski's and safety. Wick was asked how long can NYS continue these inspection sites. His answer was "as long as the state can continue to fund them". Kudos to the great efforts for keeping our lake beautiful! We have soared to the top of the list for the cleanest lake in the US. Wick did insure us as always the most important thing on the lake is safety. The Park Commission is currently working with rental marinas to establish new safety regulations for the 2017 season. In closing he stated, the Park Commission is always open for ideas.

Lastly, we want to thank the Boathouse Restaurant who did a wonderful job accommodating us and our speaker and as always, we all enjoyed a great meal with a view. I personally would like to thank everyone that participated; it is "your participation" that made this afternoon a success and it was greatly appreciated! We want the holidays to be enjoyable with family & friends, they are very important! Therefore as of now we are planning our next gathering mid-January and will keep you posted.

Upcoming District 2/Squadron Events

Find more details at <http://www.usps.org/d2/d2event.html#District>

Tri-Squadron Holiday Party Announced

Please consider joining other Squadron members in celebrating the Holidays On Saturday, December 10, 2016 from Noon—3:00pm at The Saratoga Casino Hotel (New hotel at the Harness track) and enjoy a Hot and Cold Luncheon Buffet – cost is \$26 per person - cash bar. The event will be in the Riley's Meeting Room. Enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon while making new friends and reconnecting with those you may not have seen in a while. This year's event is sponsored by the Sacandaga Squadron - Please make check payable to Sacandaga Power Squadron and mail to: Robert Terry, 217 Calderwood Rd, Amsterdam, NY 12010-6103 - Please R.S.V.P. on or before December 1, 2016. For details contact Robert at (518) 842-1102 or (518) 649-6190



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.

Reminder: Winter Bridge Meetings will be held at the home of P/C George Williams

Beginning with the November 16th meeting, due to fall/winter months of early darkness, the Bridge/Executive meetings will be held at the home of P/C George and Elizabeth Williams at 715 John Paul Ct. – Niskayuna. If you need directions, please contact George at 393-6414. Hope to see you there!

Terrific Weather for Self-Study...

SEO P/C Donna S. Canestraro, S

As the days get shorter, the nights colder, our attention turns to the holiday season fast approaching. Take time to enjoy the season and to enjoy quiet time in front of the fire. While sitting in front of that crackling fire, why not begin planning for the upcoming boating season. Think about that self-study course or one of the many interesting electives you couldn't find time for this past summer. Put together a group; take a course or an elective together! Lastly, Happy Holidays to all our fellow Squadron members and their families – Armand and I wish you all a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

It's Almost Here!



The New York National Boat Show is coming to the Jacob Javits Convention Center on January 25th thru 29th, 2017. Be certain to stop by USPS Booth 2002 and say hello . For details and show hours visit <http://www.nyboatshow.com/>



Saratoga Holiday Art Fair

Nov. 12 – 13, 2016

Sat. 10:00 – 5:00pm, Sun. Noon - 4:00pm

National Museum of Dance:

For exquisite gifts, this Fine Arts Fair has it all. By some of New England's top artists and craftspeople. Free. 518-852-6478.

So. Glens Falls - Post Star Holiday Parade

Nov. 20, 2016

Sunday 1:00-3:00pm

Rt. 9 Glens Falls

The theme of this year is "All That Glitters"! Now in its 37th consecutive year, the event attracts thousands of spectators from across the region.

Lite Up The Village in Lake George

Nov. 26, 2016

Saturday 4:00pm

Tree lighting ceremony, holiday music, visit with Santa, Fireworks & more!

Shepard Park & Fire House, Lake George Village

(518) 668-5771

Saratoga and North Creek Railway

Enjoy unique scenic excursion train rides to experience the Adirondack Region!

Also during the winter months, don't miss out on "The Polar Express" – select departures November through January, and the "Snow Train" – offering scenic winter excursions as a direct link to ski slopes and North Creek Village's activities, shops and restaurants.

877-726-7245 <http://www.sncrr.com>

Victorian Street Walk with the Saratoga Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Dec. 1, 2016

Thursday 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

It is the 30th Annual Victorian Street walk with the Saratoga Tree Lighting Ceremony! Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance, arriving by horse drawn carriage, free hot chocolate and cookies. But don't forget the most important part -- the tree lighting! In front of Putnam Market, 435 Broadway.

There's music, magic, gingerbread house display, Festival of Trees, choral groups, Victorian Costumes, Santa & Mrs. Claus, live reindeer, lots of venues with entertainment, all free. <http://www.saratogadowntown.com>

Glacier Ice Bar

January 20-22 and January 27-29, 2016

The Sagamore's Glacier Ice Bar

See 18,000 pounds of crystal-clear ice into one of the "hottest and coolest lounges" in the Adirondacks. Exquisite ice carvings and sub-zero temperatures make this swanky lounge an unforgettable experience. After sipping cocktails at the Ice Bar, step inside and warm up next to the cozy fireplace.

<http://www.thesagamore.com/ice-bar-lounge/>