

LGPS

SOUNDINGS

November-December 2018



Commander Message

By George K. Williams, AP

It's that time of year again where we turn back our clocks and replace the batteries in our home devices. How many boating devices and equipment do you have that are battery powered and may also need to be checked? Many items that are battery powered might do-well to have their batteries removed to prevent damage from leakage during winter storage. Have you changed the batteries in your home smoke and CO detectors?

I need to speak to you about a pressing issue that I know you are aware of. - attendance at our Squadron meetings, interest in our projects and our community service is down. I need to ask, have we embarked on the wrong course? Should we be doing something new or different? We need your help with creative input and Imagineering. I for one miss the past opportunities of the past of creating a better boating experience in our communities together with the fellowship of good friends. Please become involved – no matter how small a commitment - This is YOUR Squadron. Please contact me, I would like to hear from you or approach any of the officers to provide them with your feedback.

Elizabeth and I offer everyone our best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving and a joyous Christmas. Until next issue – Stay Warm!

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 – EXECUTIVE MEETING

Next meeting

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019
6:30pm at the home of**

**Commander George K. Williams –
(details inside for information)**

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER



Now Hear This...

Reminder – Winter Meeting Schedule

The Squadron Bridge/Executive will meet during the winter months at the home of Squadron Commander George Williams. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Williams home located at 715 John Paul Court – Niskayuna. For directions, please call George at (518) 393-6414.

No December Bridge/Executive Meeting

Due to the close proximity to the holidays, the Lake George Squadron will not hold its regular Bridge/Executive monthly meeting during December. See you all in the New Year 2019.

Make plans for upcoming NYC Boat Show

The New York National Boat Show returns to the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center located at 655 West 34th Street, New York City. Show dates are as follows: Wednesday - Friday, January 23rd – 25th from 12pm to 9pm, Saturday, January 26th from 10am to 9pm, and Sunday, January 27th from 10am to 6pm. Admission prices are Adults (13 and older): \$16 and 12 and younger: FREE when accompanied by an adult.

Congratulations to 2018-19 Merit Mark Recipients

The chief commander awards annually a “merit mark” to a member for substantial effort in personally furthering the interests, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award, and is by and large the only “official” recognition a member receives for his/her efforts. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year, no matter how extensive the contribution. A certificate is issued and a special insignia may be worn on the USPS uniform. Active, additional active and family members are all eligible. The Squadron Commander based on actual personal service performed by an LGPS member has made a recommendation for a merit mark this year for each of the following LGPS members and thank each of you for your dedicated service.

Armand Canestraro
Max Gollmer
Charles Puckette
Marvin P. Snyder
Katherine Williams

Donna S. Canestraro
David J. Hawthorne
Anthony J. Rozek
David T. Stafford
David J. Wilkinson

Be Smart – A Guide to Safer Paddling

Know Your Limits!

Be Honest with yourself – Good paddlers know their limits. If you don't feel comfortable in a given set of conditions, return to shore.

The Right Boat for the Conditions – Most kayaks, canoes and SUP's are designed for use on protected waters and moderate currents. Specialized boats are used for whitewater, surf and exposed lakes and oceans. Know the capabilities of your craft. These venues require additional training.

Explore Your Limits Safely – Improving your skills is one of the joys of paddling. Practice in safe conditions with instructors or expert paddlers to expand your personal comfort zone.

Impairment - Accidents – Do not go paddling if you should not be driving. Drinks and drugs are even more hazardous on the water. Coast Guard and NYS BUI laws apply to all vessels, which includes recreational canoes, kayaks and SUP's.

Boat Safety Facts - PFDs

- Buy your own life jacket, and wear it.
- Look at the label for size and weight limitations.
- Try it on and check the fit.
- Make sure the life jacket is Coast Guard approved.
- Replace your life jacket if you find air leakage, mildew or rot.
- Never alter a life jacket.
- Check your life jackets yearly for flotation and fit.

PFD Quiz

- 1) You can tell a PFD is Coast Guard approved because it:
 - a) Will have a Coast Guard approval number on it.
 - b) Will have a Coast Guard approved tag on it.
 - c) Both A and B are correct.
- 2) There must be one PFD on board for:
 - a) For every person in the boat.
 - b) Every person in the boat including a water skier.
 - c) Every person in the boat plus a spare or two.
- 3) All PFD's in the boat must be:
 - a) Kept neatly stowed so they cannot be damaged.
 - b) Kept in a plastic bag so they will not get wet.
 - c) Kept in an accessible location, so they are readily available.

Member Items “For Sale” or “Free”

Un-opened 1-gallon of Interlux brand bottom paint (color = #50 Red Hand)
FREE, must pick-up - Contact George at (518) 393-6414

250 ft. 3-strand 3/4-inch anchor rode with length marker tape, leader 15-ft of chain and large Danforth anchor. Asking \$150 - Contact Armand at (518) 372-7220

Quiz Answers:

- 1) Choice A and B are both correct, however C is the best answer choice for this question.
- 2) Choice B is the most correct answer. Although the skier is not in the boat, an approved PFD *must* be available for their use.
- 3) Choice C is the correct answer – if you won't put them on, at least have them easily available to everyone on board.