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Commander Message

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Hello again - How are you this morning? What is the first thing you think about when you rise and shine?

“What clothes will I put on?” “What’s for breakfast?” (...okay, maybe the first thing is that morning visit to the bathroom)

Then what?

- 1.) Is it like yesterday outside?
- 2.) Rainy? Warm? Cold? Overcast?
- 3.) What about the wind? Is it a whitecaps kind of day?

What determines the weather? Do you only need to look out the window, or listen to the radio, or check the internet? Why not further develop your weather forecasting skills and acumen: the wind, with its speed and direction; barometric pressure; clouds’ formation should all be a part of your boating armory. Now is the perfect time to take a weather course from the Squadron. Contact SEO Donna S. Canestraro at (518) 372-7220 to order study materials. Imagine, you can even take the course from the comfort of your home, no need to get in your car and drive anywhere! Importantly, remember, there is always something new you can learn.

In closing, with autumn fast approaching, please enjoy the remainder of the summer weather everyone. Always practice boating safety on the water and stay safe!

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 MEETINGS

In-Person Meetings and Rendezvous continue to be on hold – if you have an idea for a virtual event you would like to host – please contact the Bridge.



Now Hear This...

Chart Rolling Assistance Still Needed

Volunteer and Earn a USPS Merit Mark for 2022! The Squadron is in need of members interested in volunteering to roll our Squadron navigation charts. Volunteering from home doesn't get any better! Contact Armand at (518) 372-7220 for details on how you too can get involved and arrange pickup of supplies. Remember - we cannot supply our vendors if we don't have charts rolled and ready for sale.

Who Needs to Winterize?

Of all 50 states, which would you guess had the most freeze-related insurance claims?? Alaska? Maine? Michigan? Guess again. An examination of the BoatUS Marine Insurance claim files found that balmy California had more winterizing claims than any other state, including any of the deep-freeze states. While winters may be much colder in the deep-freeze states, the bitter temperatures are a fact of life and preparations for winter are taken very seriously. But in the more temperate states, like California, Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia, winter tends to be relatively comfortable with only an occasional cold spell. As one Sacramento California skipper said in their claim "We don't think much about freezing weather because it never happens... well, almost never." Time to prepare for the long New York winter ahead.



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.

Have You Thought About An Elective Course This Winter?

Here is a sample of the USPS Elective Course offerings available at USPS. Elective courses available include Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electronics, Sail, and Weather. If you are interested in any of these elective courses – contact Donna, our Squadron Educational Officer. What better way to enjoy the winter and wait for the 2023 boating season to kick-off?? Contact SEO Donna at (518) 372-7220 to order any course to complete over the winter months.