

LGPS

SOUNDINGS

March – April 2014



LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON, INC.
OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
PO BOX 411, BURNT HILLS, NY 12027

Commander Message

By Cmdr. George K. Williams, AP

Did you know Groundhog Day has its origins in an ancient celebration of Candlemas, a point midway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, according to the NOAA climate center. Superstition has it that fair weather was seen as a prediction of a stormy and cold second half to winter, as noted in this Old English saying: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, Winter has another flight. If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Winter will not come again." On February 2nd, well over a month ago now, Punxsutawney Phil, the world's most famous fuzzy forecaster, popped out of his burrow that Sunday morning and predicted six more weeks of winter. So everyone, get ready to unwrap those vessels, as by now, spring surely is around the corner.

What also is around the corner is my swan song so to speak. I have enjoyed our little newsletter conversations over the past year. I hope I have at least motivated you a little to become more active in the Squadron. While this may be my last newsletter message as Commander, I am not letting you off that easy. I will pass on the motivational writing to our next Commander, in the meantime, I have another story to tell you. This was not my own experience but one I did witness. We saw a man one day with what he called an "outboard grill". It resembled a Hibachi with insulation on the near side to protect the boat and a sturdy pair of brackets attached to the side of the boat which would hold the grill away from the boat. This worked very well for a few weeks tied up to his dock but then he decided to go out onto the open water to prepare a meal. He pulled out of the channel and anchored in a quiet cove. Everything went well until a big 40 footer flew by leaving a large wake -large enough to rock his boat having the steaks that were on the grill slide off and into the water, providing some medium rare fish food. We commiserated with him and shared our dinner and a short visit. He said he planned to modify his grill with additional hardware in order to raise it to turn the grilled items and lower it to keep things on the grill while cooking. I guess we live and learn. For those of you who utilize grills aboard, please be careful.

Lastly, I leave you in good hands – the incoming Commander for 2014-15 is a dedicated and enthusiastic leader. He will need your participation at the membership level – participation in educational courses as well as fellowship which the Lake George Power Squadron has been known. Let us all begin the new command year off together on Sunday, April 27th. I trust that I will see you at the Annual Meeting - Commanders Brunch - Change of Watch to be again held at the Edison Club in Rexford. RSVP invitations will be mailed to each member along with this newsletter – please consider attending this year and complete the RSVP form and mail it back today! As I pass the helm to our next Commander and bridge/executive committee, I close this final message with both Elizabeth and I wishing you a successful and knowledgeable boating experience in the months and years to come. Thank you all for your support over the past year!

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

Wednesday, March 19th

NOTE: This is the last winter meetings to be held at Cmdr. Williams home at 715 John Paul Court Niskayuna at 1830 Hours (6:30 PM) (No meeting in April) The May 21st meeting will be held at the Church of the Good Shepard Rt. 50 - Burnt Hills.

NOTICE TO SQUADRON BOAT OWNERS

Since the Lake George Power Squadron is primarily a safety and education organization, it is incumbent upon us to be an example to the boating community. Therefore, we are asking all members to have their boats inspected and to display the Power Squadron Vessel Safety Check sticker. Each boat-owning member should contact our Vessel Safety Examiner to arrange a Vessel Inspection. Your participation is appreciated. For additional information please contact P/C Armand Canestraro at (518) 372-7220.

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UPCOMING DISTRICT 2 CELEBRATION & C.O.W.

Come join and celebrate the 75th anniversary of District 2 on the weekend of April 11-13 in Saratoga Springs. Enclosed in this newsletter (pages 5 and 6) is the meeting agenda and registration form which is due no later than Wednesday, March 19th. Several LGPS members are making plans to attend the scheduled Saturday, April 12th meetings and Change of Watch only. If you are considering attending, please contact Armand at 372-7220 before mailing your registration materials for a head count and to coordinate our Squadron participation.

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THE GREAT NORTHEAST BOAT SHOW – QUEENSBURY DOME

The Great Northeast Boat show will again be at the Adirondack Sports Complex located at 326 Sherman Ave in Queensbury for two weekends - March 28-30 and April 4-6, 2014. If you would like free passes and are available to help man the Tri-Squadron booth, please contact Robert Terry at (518) 842-1102 or 649-6303. Show information is available at <http://www.thegreatupstateboatshow.com/>

Park Commission Approves Boat Inspection Rules for Lake George - January 28, 2014 • Jamie Munks – Post Star

LAKE GEORGE -- The Lake George Park Commission unanimously approved on Tuesday mandatory boat inspection regulations for Lake George, the final approval needed to get the program, designed to stop the march of invasive species into the lake, in place for the upcoming boating season. Starting May 15, eight boat-washing stations will be placed at six boat launch sites around Lake George, and all trailered boats will be inspected, and if necessary decontaminated, prior to launching in “The Queen of American Lakes.” “The key to solving the problem is closing the doors,” said Eric Siy, executive director of the Fund for Lake George, who called it a “historic” day. The regulations call for placing inspectors at six key sites around Lake George, generally from sun-up to sundown during the boating season, to prevent invasive species from entering the lake. The mandatory inspection program is planned to run this year from May 15 to Dec. 1.

The program pushes a mantra of “clean, drained, dry,” and will have inspectors at the launch points around the lake checking boats entering Lake George for any invasive species. If any evidence is found on boats or trailers, the boaters will be required to have their boat decontaminated at a boat-washing station to remove the material before they can launch. At the southern end, one boat inspection and boat-washing station is planned for Transfer Road in Lake George, near the Lake George transfer station site by Northway Exit 21, though officials are considering potential alternate sites in the southern basin near the Lake George Association property and at Million Dollar Beach. Norowal Marina in Bolton and the state Department of Environmental Conservation’s Mossy Point launch will each get two boat-washing stations because of how busy both of those launch locations are during the summer months.

One wash station will be at Rogers Rock, also a state-owned launch, Huletts Landing Marina, and near the intersection of Bay Road and Route 9L in Queensbury, close to Dunham’s Bay. There will also be one back-up boat-washing station, for a total of nine. The Park Commission has four boat-washing stations now, and Warren County recently was awarded a roughly \$482,000 state grant to fund up to five more stations for the program.

Officials are looking at purchasing electric-powered stations in the future for some of the sites that may be near residential areas, because they’re quieter, said Park Commission Executive Director Dave Wick. An estimated 45 people will need to be hired to implement the program this season. Staffing levels will ramp up to the peak boating season in the summer and will then ramp back down through the fall. The people the Park Commission hire will go through training before the May 15 start date.

The state has dedicated \$350,000 to implementation of the effort, with a local match coming from lakeside municipalities and environmental nonprofit organizations, which is expected to cover the staffing cost. Funding has been committed for the first two years of the program, but is unknown beyond that, Wick said. Generally, inspectors will work from sunrise to sunset during the boating season, with varying hours depending on the location. At Norowal Marina, for instance, as a private marina, the inspection and boat-washing station located there will be open when the marina is open. At the DEC-owned launches, the plan is to staff those with inspectors from 6 a.m. to 8 or 9 p.m., with the potential to open as early as 3 a.m. at the height of the season to accommodate anglers, Wick said. The hours of operation have been a point of debate throughout the process, with local leaders citing the “after-hours loophole,” or the concern that boats containing

invasive species would be launched during the night or early morning when inspectors weren't in place. "It's a must-do. We have to have it. We still don't know enough about who is launching onto the lake and when, particularly during those after-hours periods," Siy said. "If we don't do that, we'd continue to leave the door open to that next invasive getting in."

The local S.A.V.E. Lake George Partnership, chaired by Lake George Mayor Robert Blais, announced late last year it would commit thousands of dollars to fund "night monitors," or people who would staff the launch sites for the times during the boating season when inspectors aren't working, to provide around-the-clock coverage at the key launch sites. That's still the intention of the S.A.V.E. partnership, but some details still must be worked out, Blais said Tuesday. The monitors won't have the same qualifications and training as the inspectors hired by the Park Commission, but will be able to check whether the boat already has an inspection seal, or inform the boaters they need to go through the inspection process before launching. The main goal of the monitors is to compile data about launches to determine what level of staffing is necessary moving forward in future years.

"We will not get a second chance to get this right," Bolton Supervisor Ron Conover said. Before the program launches, the commission will begin to meet with the owners of the various private launches around the lake. They'll be collecting boat registration information from the owners of driveway launches, boat launches owned by homeowners associations around the lake and launches at motels and marinas, to get those launch owners informed of their obligations under the program. There's also a public outreach effort that will be undertaken to make people aware of the program, particularly those who are from out of the local area who may be visiting Lake George during the summer.

Information technology staff is currently developing a website solely for the Lake George mandatory boat-washing and inspection program, which will feature an interactive map of the sites around the lake. The www.lakegeorgeboatinspections.com website is expected to launch in the spring, Wick said. "We want to make sure as many people know as possible," Wick said.

Boat Inspection Sites

Boat inspectors will be present at each of the six following locations: (1) Norowal Marina in Bolton; (2) The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Mossy Point launch; (3) The NYS DEC's Rogers Rock launch; (4) A site near Northway Exit 21 in the town of Lake George. Officials are considering a place on Transfer Road, and an alternate site adjacent to the Lake George Association property; (5) Huletts Landing Marina; and (6) A Queensbury site near the intersection of Bay Road and Route 9L in Queensbury, close to Dunham's Bay.



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***D2 Spring Conference
And 75th Anniversary
Celebration of District 2
April 11-13, 2014***



**The Holiday Inn of Saratoga Springs, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs NY 12866
(518) 584-4550**

Hosted by Sacandaga Power Squadron

Day	Time	Event
Friday	1500-1800	Registration is open
	1530-1700	Meet & Greet hosted by the District Commander
	1800-2200	Dinner Buffet at Fortune's at Saratoga Raceway
Saturday	0730-0900	Registration is open/Full Breakfast Buffet
	1000	Guest Program participants meet in Lobby
	0900-1130	General Meeting/officer training/breakouts
	1130-1330	Cocktails/Lunch in Bookmakers Restaurant
	1330-1600	General Meeting/Awards/Change of Watch
	1600-1730	Meet & Greet hosted by Sacandaga Power Squadron
	1800-1830	Cocktail Hour
	1830-2300	Dinner/Dancing (Uniform A or appropriate attire)

Guest Program: You will be escorted to the National Museum of Dance for a tour followed by lunch with conference attendees (sign up on the registration form) and then out again to the Beautiful Historic Canfield Casino and the Saratoga Springs History Museum. You can also spend time at the Saratoga Casino or shop on your own.

Friday Dinner: This will be offsite at the Saratoga Casino and Raceway at Fortune's Restaurant. Dinner features all you can eat Prime Rib Buffet while sitting at the trackside dining room. Watch the famous Harness Racing featuring a race named for District 2. Dinner includes a racing program and \$10 voucher for gambling in the Casino downstairs. There is also dancing to a live band at Vapor Nightclub beginning at 9:00pm within the Casino. Transportation can be provided or drive yourself. There is ample parking on site. Directions from the hotel will be provided at check in.

Directions: **From North:** Take I-87 (Northway) to exit 15; bear right onto Route 50 and follow through downtown. The hotel will be on the left. **From East:** Take I-90 west to I-87 north (Northway) to exit 13N; Take US-9 North 4.2mi. The hotel will be on your right. **From South:** Take NYS Thruway to exit 24 to I-87 north (Northway) to exit 13N; Take US-9 north 4.2mi. Hotel is on the right. **From West:** Take NYS Thruway (I90) to exit 24 and follow south directions. Or take NYS Route 29 east to Broadway (Route 50). Turn right and follow to hotel on the left.



District 2 Spring Conference 2014

11-13 April, 2014

Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn

REGISTRATION FORM



1ST REGISTRANT _____ GR _____ RANK/POSITION _____

2ND REGISTRANT _____ GR _____ RANK/POSITION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIPCODE _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE # (____) _____

SQUADRON _____ FIRST TIME @ DISTRICT 2 MEETING? _____

Friday Dinner at Fortune's # ATTENDING _____ X \$40 TOTAL \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast Buffet # ATTENDING _____ X \$15 TOTAL \$ _____

Saturday AM Coffee/Lunch # ATTENDING _____ X \$20 TOTAL \$ _____

LUNCH CHOICE: _____ Baked Sole (GLUTEN FREE) _____ 3-Cheese Lasagna (VEGETARIAN)

Guest Program # ATTENDING _____ X \$12 TOTAL \$ _____

Saturday Dinner # ATTENDING _____

Spinach Salad, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots and Mini Dessert Confection Platter

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

Tomato Basil Penne tossed with Seasonal vegetables & Feta Cheese (VEGETARIAN) _____ X \$25 = \$ _____

Sliced London Broil with Roasted Shallot au jus (GLUTEN FREE) _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

Cornbread-stuffed Chicken Breast with Supreme Sauce _____ X \$35 = \$ _____

DINNER TOTAL \$ _____

\$15 LATE FEE WILL BE CHARGED AFTER MARCH 26TH \$ _____

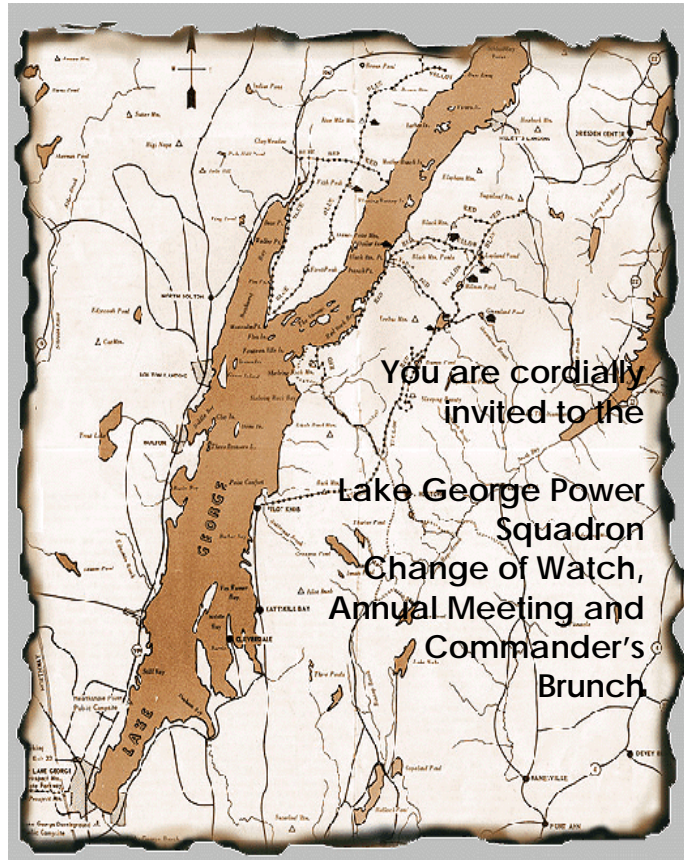
ROOM BLOCK WILL BE RELEASED ON MARCH 21, 2014

HOTEL ROOMS (ALL NON-SMOKING):

_____ Friday Night _____ Saturday Night # NIGHTS _____ X \$129 \$ _____

_____ KING BED _____ 2 DOUBLE BEDS GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to Sacandaga Power Squadron and mail to: P/C Robert Terry, P
217 Calderwood Rd, Amsterdam, NY 12010-6103 **before March 19, 2014.** Any questions,
please email to sacandaga@nycap.rr.com or call (518) 842-1102 or (518) 649-6303.



Buffet Brunch

Assorted Danish, Muffins, Bagels and
Condiments
Fruit Salad, Tossed Salad, and
Waffles with Strawberry Sauce
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage,
and Home Fried Potatoes
Juices, Coffee and Teas

Baked Ziti Marinara and Stuffed Fillet
of Sole

Dessert
Crispy Banana Crepes with Caramel
Sauce & Vanilla Ice Cream

*Join us for the Lake George Power
Squadron Change of Watch, Annual
Meeting and Commander's Brunch*

on Sunday **April 27, 2014, 1 - 4 P.M.**
at the Edison Club
891 Riverview Road,
Rexford, NY

**LGPS members with an active LGPS
membership status will be asked to
pay \$15 per person.**

All guests and non-Lake George
members will be asked to pay \$30.00
per person.

Please RSVP by completing the
enclosed form and return it **no later
than** Friday, April 11, 2014.

*Sponsored by the Lake George Power
Squadron*

RSVP ~ LGPS Commander's Brunch/ COW/Annual Meeting

\$15.00 per LGPS Member To reserve your seat as a member
\$30.00 per Guest For all non LGPS Members / Guests

Member _____ LGPS Certificate # _____

Member _____ LGPS Certificate # _____

Non-member / Guest: _____

Non-member / Guest: _____

of Members _____ Amount in enclosed \$ _____

of Non Members / Guest _____ Amount in enclosed \$ _____

Makes checks payable to the *Lake George Power Squadron*
Mail RSVP card and check(s) **no later than Friday, April 11, 2014** to:
P/C Armand Canestraro, P
1680 Gower Road
Glenville, NY 12302
to reserve your seat