

LGPS SOUNDINGS



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Commander Message

By Cmdr. George K. Williams, AP

Dear fellow members of the Lake George Power Squadron, it was a pleasure to see a large number of you at our Annual Meeting, Commanders Brunch and Change of Watch which was held on Sunday, April 22nd at the Edison Club. My thanks go out to all the members who made this event a wonderful success, to those members who attended and a very special thank you to P/D/C Lacey Williams for officiating in our Change of Watch ceremony. It has been nearly 28 years since I last served as Commander of our Squadron back in 1983-84. Thank you for nominating me to be Commander once again. We are entering yet another busy boating season and I am looking forward to a new year with USPS and our local Squadron. Our main goal for the upcoming 2012-13 year will be increased membership and member services.

As for membership, we hope to increase our membership as we have just this past year. I am please to report that we were awarded an increased membership award congratulating us on achieving a 4% increase over the previous year. How can you help with membership? If you know someone who has an interest in boating, they do not need to own a boat, please tell them about our Squadron and USPS. Invite them to join us at an upcoming rendezvous. Tell them how members receive insurance reductions as just one of the many benefits membership will afford them.

Regarding member services, instead of talking to one another about what the Squadron should and should not be doing, or how we should do things differently, please feel free to contact either me or one of the Bridge members with your thoughts and ideas. If you know of a good place to hold a rendezvous at a reasonable price or have in mind an interesting speaker for a rendezvous, that too would be helpful and appreciated. It also does not require a lot of time commitment, the members of the bridge can help.

If you would be willing to do something to help the Squadron grow, please do not be afraid to offer your assistance. Trust me when I say it, "We do not bite!" If you could spare an hour or so of your time once a month if possible, that would be terrific. The Squadron Bridge meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month – see the announcement in this newsletter for details. Believe me, it is more fun if you are involved in the Squadron. Give it a try – I guarantee you will like it.

LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE – EXECUTIVE MEETING

**Wednesday, June 20th, 2012
Route 50
Church of The Good Shepard
Burnt Hills
1830 Hours (6:30 PM)**

Rendezvous schedule 2012-13

MONTH	EVENT	DATE	HOSTED BY
June/July	Fire Pedestal Dedication Town of Bolton Landing	TBD	Armand Canestraro
August	Dinner buffet (Mallozzi's) Educational Meeting	TBD	Armand Canestraro
September	Tug Boat Rally (Waterford)		John Jermano
October	Dutch Apple Cruise And Albany Pump-House dinner	TBD	Max Gollmer
November	Open		
December	Tri-Squadron Holiday Party	TBD	Alternate Host Squadron
January	No rendezvous scheduled		
February	No rendezvous scheduled		
March	No rendezvous scheduled		
April	Commanders Brunch Change of Watch and Annual Meeting	TBD	Lake George Squadron

UPCOMING DISTRICT 2 EVENTS and MEETINGS

August	Summer Council	08/04/12	East End Yacht Club 104 Bay Street Bridgeport, CT
October	Fall Conference	10/12-14/12	Doubletree Hilton Tarrytown 455 South Broadway Tarrytown, NY

LGPS Members Attend Great Upstate Boat Show

The last full weekend of March saw the Great Upstate Boat Show come to life at "The Dome" off Exit 18 in Queensbury. Several members of the Sacandaga Squadron were seen browsing the excellent selection of watercraft as well as enjoying the food and beverage offered by some of the dealers. While Friday evening proved slow for foot traffic at the Dome, LGPS however managed to sign up several student participants for the boating course scheduled at the Harris Bay Yacht Club on nearby Lake George. Squadron secretary David Wilkinson manned the booth on Saturday along with other Tri-Squadron members. David signed up an additional six boating course students for the HBYC class. Spending their Friday evening manning the Tri-Squadron exhibit booth were LGPS members Jay and Tina Russell accompanied by Commander Donna Canestraro and Armand.



**Cmdr Donna and member Tina Russell
at The Great Upstate Boat Show booth**

Change of Watch, Annual Meeting, Commander Brunch a Success

The Squadron's Change of Watch, Annual Meeting and Commanders Brunch was held at 1300hrs (1:00pm) on April 22nd at The Edison Club in Rexford. The attendees enjoyed a scrumptious brunch consisting of assorted juices, a variety of baked goods and fresh fruits, French toast, bacon and sausage, with lunch items including Baked Ziti Marinara and Stuffed Fillet of Sole. Dessert featured Crispy Banana Crepes with Caramel and vanilla ice cream. What more could you ask for - this was a FREE Brunch for members – how much better does that get!

Once again we had a small but representative showing by LGPS members who faithfully attend our functions. Also in attendance were Past District Two Commander Lacey Williams who officiated at our Change of Watch and his wife Janet. Sacandaga Squadron were represented by P/C's Robert and Denise Terry.

During the State of the Squadron portion of the day's program, outgoing Commander Canestraro reviewed the Bridges accomplishments over the last 22 months of her command. She concluded her remarks by presenting each of her outgoing Bridge Officers with an insulated travel mug depicting a chart scene and inscribed with "Leading by Example – Thanks for Pointing Us in The Right Direction" as her personal thank you to and in appreciation of all their hard work and dedication. Donna also turned over to the Treasurer \$8.00 in cash that was collected from Bridge members attending Squadron functions and meetings without wearing the pin she challenged them to wear from the 2011-12 Change of Watch or to be fined \$1.00.

Change of Watch, Annual Meeting, Commander Brunch (Continued)

After hearing the Secretary's Report presented by David Wilkinson (copy reprinted in this newsletter) the group heard from Squadron Treasurer Lt/C Max Gollmer reporting that the Squadrons finances had been successfully audited and it was on a solid financial ground.

P/D/C Lacey Williams next discharged the 2011-12 Squadron Committees and Bridge, and swore in the new Commander together with his Bridge Officers for the 2012-13 command year. Those officers are as follows: Commander, George K. Williams, AP; Executive Officer, Armand Canestraro, P; Squadron Educational Officer Donna S. Canestraro, S; Secretary David J. Wilkinson; S and Treasurer, Max Gollmer, AP. Members-at-Large for 2012-13 are: P/C John Jermano, AP; Anthony J. Rozek, P and David J. Hawthorne.

As a matter of old business, the Squadron opened a total of 36 ballot envelopes received for the membership vote on the authorization to fund the purchase and to donate three fire pedestals to the Town of Bolton Landing for installation at the public docks at Rogers Memorial Park this boating season. The outcome of the vote was as follows: 34 ballots in favor, 1 ballot opposed, and 1 ballot returned without either box being checked. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details on the fire pedestal gift to Town of Bolton.

Before closing the meeting, Commander George Williams representing the outgoing 2011-12 Bridge made a presentation of an auto-inflating life jacket to Donna in recognition of the many hours she had expended over the past twenty two months as Squadron Commander. He reminded everyone that there still exists an opening for an Administrative Officer and one Member-at-Large. Anyone interested in filling either position should contact Commander Williams or attend the upcoming Bridge-Executive meeting on May 16th.

Safe Boating Course – PWC Course a Success



In partnership with the Guan-Ho-Ha Fish and Game Club, the Lake George Power Squadron once again conducted a Boating-PWC certification course at their facilities. The class was clearly a success. The twenty eight students who attended the day long training ranged in age from as young as ten to retired adults, each achieving a passing grade on the final examination. We have already received several inquiries when a follow-up class might be held and the club has indicated they will again partner with our Squadron.

Recap of the Squadron Secretary's Annual Report 2011-12 Command Year

Membership

Total Members -	59	Senior Members	24
New Members	5	New Senior Members	1
Active members	55	Junior Family Members	0
Additional Active	12	Deceased Members	3
Life Members	5	Transferred to LGPS	0
Additional Family Members	12	Achieved 50 Years of Membership	0
Women Certificate Holders	4	Received Merit Marks	10

Course(s) Taught

Operations Training
Basic Boating

Activities 2011

March	Annual Meeting and Squadron Commander's Brunch: 12 – 3pm Edison Club 891 Riverview Road Rexford, NY. Reservations a must by March 4 th . Cost per person is \$25.00 (LGPS members in good standing will get refund)
April	Change of Watch April 10 – Vista Restaurant at The Van Pattern Golf Course, Jonesville, NY - Brunch 12-3pm
June	Great Loop Presentation June 30 hosted by John Jermano Enjoy a summer evening with P/C Milt and Barb Bloomer as they discuss their Great Loop trip. This slide show/discussion highlights the Bloomers Great Circle adventure. Event location: Colonie Youth Bureau Meeting Room - Central Ave, Colonie. Refreshments will be provided.
July	Fire Pedestal Dedication July 11 Squadron Squadron gift ceremony with Village of Lake George Mayor Robert Blais - Village Docks - Beach Rd - 5:30pm - Dinner at The Boathouse Restaurant (parking available along Beach Rd for ceremony)
August	Education Meeting - dinner 8/24 hosted by Armand Canestraro Join the Lake George Power Squadron on Wednesday, August 24th at 5:30 PM for a spectacular dinner buffet at Mallozzi's Restaurant located at 1930 Curry Road = Schenectady (Rotterdam). Don't miss this exciting out - sign-ip NOW! Mail your reservation and check payable to LGPS not later than Monday, August 15th. Adult buffet dinner \$23.00 per adult.
September	Tugboat Rally (Waterford) 9/9 thru 11 hosted by John Jermano (NOTE: Event canceled due to storm flooding from Hurricane Irene/Lee)

- October Dutch Apple Cruise – Hosted by Max Gollmer Join your host Max Gollmer and fellow Squadron members on a repeat sailing aboard the Dutch Apple as it cruises from the City Albany snow dock located off I-787. Come enjoy the splendid autumn colors of our area on a 1 1/2 hour cruise on the Hudson River - Dinner and libations to follow cruise (Dutch treat).
- November Storyteller Mary Murphy (held at Sch' dy County Library, Rotterdam Branch) in late October – hosted by Kevin McCarthy
- December Tri-Squadron Holiday Party – Vista Restaurant – The Van Patten Golf Course, December 18th - hosted by Sacandaga Power Squadron

Activities 2012

- January Frostbite cruise aboard the Shoreline Adirondac on Lake George - New Years Day – 2pm sailing.
- February No Rendezvous Required
- March No Rendezvous scheduled (Squadron Annual Meeting and Commanders Brunch to be held with Change of Watch during April)
- April Commanders Brunch, Annual Meeting and Change of Watch at Edison Club, 891 Riverview Road, Rexford, NY, Sunday, April 22nd. Cost per person is \$25.00 (LGPS members in good standing will get refund).

DID YOU KNOW...How was the nautical mile arrived at?

A nautical mile is a distance on the earth's surface of 6,080 feet, which is equal to one minute of latitude at the earth's equator. Since there are 360 degrees around the earth, and each degree equals 60 minutes, the distance around the earth, at the equator or any other great circle, is 21,600 nautical miles. (A great circle is like a circumference.)

The origin of the nautical mile started with the realization that the earth was spherical and not flat. It was Pythagoras who first put forward the theory in 580 BC.

FIRE PEDESTAL GIFT PURCHASE APPROVED



The Fire Pedestal Project with the Town of Bolton Landing received overwhelming support of the membership at our Annual meeting held at the Edison Club in Rexford on April 22nd. With thirty-six total ballots received, it was once again with overwhelming support of the membership, that this second gift from the Squadron will be funded for presentation to the boating public and the Town of Bolton Landing. The project is well underway at this writing, with the equipment ordered, and once they are received, the installation of the three units should begin and hopefully completed by the July 4th holiday.

If you had not made down to the Lake George Village docks along the Beach Road during the 2011 boating season, please stop by either at those public docks in the Village or at the Town of Bolton Landing park public docks this summer to view these generous gifts. Once installed, we will announce an exact date in which this latest gift will be officially presented to the Town of Bolton and dedicated on behalf of the Squadron membership. The membership is again encouraged to attend the ceremony.



Fire Pedestal 2011 Dedication Plaque

MEMBER ITEMS FOR SALE

6 fenders 20"x6" asking \$5 each – take all 6 fenders for \$25

Bilge pump (Guzzler) 1" with 10ft of hose \$30

Boat Hook 8' (mahogany pole with chromed brass hook) \$ 75

Anchors Away - Danforth style

17 pound \$25

13 pound \$14

6 pound \$12

For more information please call George Williams at 393-6414

**To Advertise your member
“FOR SALE” items here
contact
Armand at 372-7220
or e-mail at
LGPSinfo@nycap.rr.com**

DISTRICT HONORS SQUADRON WITH FOUR AWARDS

The Lake George Power Squadron was awarded four award honors at the recent District 2 Spring Conference and Change of Watch held in Greenwich, CT on the weekend of April 20-22, 2012.

The Squadron was presented with the following awards:

The 2011 Doing It Right Award – Awarded to LGPS in recognition of our dedication to USPS.

The 2011 Educational Fund Certificate of Merit – LGPS's 41st consecutive year as recipient of this award in appreciation of the Squadron's continued support of education in the field of navigation and small boat handling.

The 2011 Growth Award – Awarded for our Squadron achieving a 4% increase in membership. Awarded by the USPS Membership Committee.

The National Communications Award - Awarded in recognition of Distinctive Performance for USPS Websites for 2011 by the Lake George Power Squadron.

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