

LGPS

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May – June 2013



LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON, INC.
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Commander Message

By Cmdr. George K. Williams, AP

Dear Squadron Members,

A warm "Thank You" goes out to all who attended the recent Change of Watch, Commanders Brunch and Annual Meeting held on April 21st. Most importantly, thank you to the Squadron for the beautiful commanders gift of a nautical desk clock presented to me – it was a total surprise and very much appreciated – Thank you again!

In view of the proposed New York State Legislatures attempt to control our boating life, it seems we need to be self educated in all boating matters. Here is a brief short quiz to test our knowledge:

1. Which direction do you turn the rudder in a man overboard situation?
2. How do you repair the frayed end of a line?
3. What color light do you show on the port side?
4. How does a canal lock operate?
5. What is a bowsprit?
6. What is St. Elmo's fire?
7. What do you do when you see a fishing boat anchored directly ahead of you?

So, you had all the answers did you? I'll tell you there are many more questions still unanswered. Let us all get ready for a hundred-percent score on any boating question! If the class you just completed didn't answer all your questions – consider taking another USPS class. We have many to choose from. How about setting a goal of reaching for a "FULL USPS CERTIFICATE"? Also, we can always use instructors for classes – tell us what you would like and we will work with you. The boating season is fast approaching – please stay alert and have fun on the water. Till our next newsletter – I wish you all a safe summer season aboard your vessels.

Upcoming Rendezvous

May 18th – 4pm

**"Introduction and Evolution of Submarines
in the United States Navy from a Historical
and Personal Perspective"**

By Tom Donohue

Brauhaus Restaurant

200 East High Street

Ballston Spa, NY 12020

**Contact George Williams for details
393-6414**

**LAKE GEORGE POWER
SQUADRON**

**BRIDGE – EXECUTIVE
MEETING**

Wednesday, May 15th, 2013

Route 50

Church of The Good Shepard

Burnt Hills

1830 Hours (6:30 PM)

2013 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 21st 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 also officiated at our Change of Watch and his wife Janet. Sacandaga Squadron was represented by P/C Robert Terry.

After hearing the Secretary's Report presented by Lt. 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 2012-13 Squadron Committees and Bridge, and swore in the new Commander together with the Bridge Officers for the 2013-14 command year. Those officers are as follows: Commander, George K. Williams, AP; Executive Officer, P/C Armand Canestraro, P; Squadron Educational Officer P/C Donna S. Canestraro, S; Secretary Lt David J. Wilkinson; S and Treasurer, Lt/C Max Gollmer, AP. Members-at-Large for 2013-14 are: P/C John Jermano, AP; Anthony J. Rozek, P and David J. Hawthorne.

At the closing of the meeting, P/C Armand Canestraro representing the outgoing 2012-13 Bridge presented Commander George Williams with a nautical desk clock in appreciation of his year of service to the Squadron. He also reminded those present that there exists an opening for an Administrative Officer and to attend a Squadron event which are posted both on the Squadron website and in the newsletter. Anyone interested in filling the position should either contact Commander Williams or attend the upcoming Bridge-Executive meeting to be held on May 15th.

Recap of the Squadron Secretary's Annual Report 2012-13 Command Year

Membership

Total Members -	56	Senior Members	24
New Members	5	New Senior Members	0
Active members	42	Junior Family Members	0
Additional Active	14	Deceased Members	0
Life Members	5	Transferred to LGPS	0
Additional Family Members	14	Achieved 50 Years of Membership	0
Women Certificate Holders	4	Received Merit Marks	12

Course(s) Taught

Operations Training
ABC Basic Boating

Activities 2012-13

- March Great Upstate Boat Show, Adirondack Sports Complex, Queensbury, NY
- April Annual Meeting & Commander's Brunch/Change of Watch, Edison Club.
- June Meeting of the Bridge & Executive Committee.
- Aug Presentation and Gift Ceremony of Fire Pedestals, Town of Bolton Landing.
Education meeting featuring an Italian Buffet at Mallozzi's Restaurant in Schenectady.
- Sept Tugboat Rally in Waterford, NY which featured a cruise aboard P/C John Jermano's vessel the *Caprice*
- Oct A cruise on Albany's Dutch Apple, hosted by Max Gollmer, followed by dining and libations at the Albany Pump Station.
- Dec Tri-Squadron Holiday Party at the Vista Restaurant - Van Patten Golf Club.
- Jan 2013 Monthly meeting of Bridge and Executive Committee
- Feb Monthly meeting of Bridge and Executive Committee
- March Great Upstate Boat Show, Queensbury, New York
Monthly meeting of Bridge and Executive Committee
- April Annual Meeting, Change of Watch and Commander's Brunch at the Edison Club - Rexford, New York.

Rendezvous Presentation by Tom Donohue
Lake George Power Squadron
Saturday, May 18th – 4:00PM

Brauhaus Restaurant
200 East High Street
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(518) 885-4311

Come listen to Tom as he presents "Introduction and Evolution of Submarines in the United States Navy from a Historical and Personal Perspective. Please call Cmdr. George Williams to let him know if you plan on attending at 393-6414. We will order off the menu – separate checks will be provided.

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Boating Safety Legislation Press Conference to be held

A press conference will be held on May 20th at 12:00 pm noon in the "Legislative Office Building" The LOB is located adjacent to the NYS Capitol Building, and accessible through the Capitol. This event will be held in LOB Room 130 which is also commonly known as the LCA room. The topic of this press conference is in reference to an ACT to amend the NYS navigation law, in relation to requiring all persons operating a mechanically propelled vessel to be a holder of a boating safety certificate; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto. Complete text of NYS Assembly Bill 3471 has been re-printed below and subsequent three pages. PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY REFERENCES: A. 3550 and S. 6633 of 2011/2012 – A. 5889-E and S. 5752-D of 2009/2010 – A. 11284 and S. 8073 of 2007/2008

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January 25, 2013

EXPLANATION--Matter in CAPS/ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

Introduced by M. of A. GALEF, PAULIN, JAFFEE -- Multi-Sponsored by M. of A. HOOPER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the navigation law, in relation to requiring all persons operating a mechanically propelled vessel to be a holder of a boating safety certificate; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 49 of the navigation law, as amended by chapter 805 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:

1. No person [under the age of eighteen years] BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE shall operate a mechanically propelled vessel on the navigable waters of the state or any tidewaters bordering on or lying within the boundaries of Nassau and Suffolk counties, unless:

a. [the operator is accompanied therein by a person who is eighteen years of age or older, or,

b. the operator is ten years of age or older and is the holder of a boating safety certificate issued to him by the commissioner, the United States Power Squadrons or the United States coast guard auxiliary.] THE OPERATOR IS AT LEAST TEN YEARS OLD AND IS THE HOLDER OF A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO HIM OR HER BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS OR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY; OR

B. THE OPERATOR IS YOUNGER THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND IS ACCOMPANIED ON THE MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSEL BY AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND IS

(I) THE HOLDER OF A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO HIM OR HER BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS OR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, OR

(II) NOT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION TO HOLD A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE IN ORDER TO OPERATE A MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSEL; OR

C. THE OPERATOR IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, IS A PERSON REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION TO HOLD A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE IN ORDER TO OPERATE A MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSEL, AND IS ACCOMPANIED ON THE MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSEL BY AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE HOLDER OF A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE; OR

D. THE OPERATOR IS THE OWNER OF A RECENTLY PURCHASED VESSEL AND MAY OPERATE SUCH VESSEL WITHOUT THE OTHERWISE REQUIRED BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED NINETY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PURCHASE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO ARE:

CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER AS BOATING SAFETY INSTRUCTORS; MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS; MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY; HOLDERS OF PUBLIC VESSEL LICENSES PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE; POLICE OFFICERS, PEACE OFFICERS, FIRE PERSONNEL, RESCUE PERSONNEL OR LIFEGUARDS, WHEN ANY SUCH PERSON IS ACTING PURSUANT TO ASSIGNED DUTIES; OR LICENSED TO OPERATE VESSELS BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD OR THE CANADIAN COAST GUARD. THE COMMISSIONER, BY RULE OR REGULATION, MAY PROVIDE FOR THE EXEMPTION OF ADDITIONAL PERSONS NOT LISTED IN THIS PARAGRAPH FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. Paragraphs a, b, and c of subdivision 3 of section 49 of the navigation law are REPEALED and four new paragraphs a, b, c and d are added to read as follows:

A. THE OPERATOR IS BORN ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR; OR,

B. THE OPERATOR IS BORN ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE, IS AT LEAST TEN YEARS OF AGE AND IS THE HOLDER OF A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO HIM OR HER BY THE COMMISSIONER,

THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS OR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, OR

C. THE OPERATOR IS YOUNGER THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND IS ACCOMPANIED ON THE MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSEL BY AT LEAST ONE PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND IS:

(I) THE HOLDER OF A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO HIM OR HER BY THE COMMISSIONER, THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS OR THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY, OR

II) NOT REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION TO HOLD A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE IN ORDER TO OPERATE A MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSEL; OR

D. THE OPERATOR IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, IS A PERSON REQUIRED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION TO HOLD A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE IN ORDER TO OPERATE A MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSEL, AND IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND IS THE HOLDER OF A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE.

S 3. Section 75 of the navigation law, as amended by chapter 138 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

S 75. Educational program. In order to protect the public interest in the prudent and equitable use of the waters of the state and enhance the enjoyment of pleasure boating and other sports thereon, the commissioner shall initiate and put into effect a comprehensive educational program designed to advance boating safety [including], WHICH PROVIDES FOR the training of [youthful] ALL boat operators [and an adult education program for] IN the safe operation of vessels including personal water-craft and specialty prop-craft.

Subdivision 1 of section 78 of the navigation law, as amended by chapter 138 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

1. "Boating safety certificate" shall mean a certificate issued by the commissioner evidencing that the holder thereof has successfully completed a course of instruction in boating safety as [herein after] provided IN THIS SECTION. The commissioner shall put into effect a plan for the training of [youthful] ALL boat operators and the issuance of such boating safety certificates. For the purposes of this section, the term "boating safety" shall include instruction in the safe operation of personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft.

S 5. Section 79 of the navigation law, as amended by chapter 169 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

S 79. Courses of instruction. For the purpose of giving such courses of instruction and awarding boating safety certificates, [including those issued to adults for the safe operation of vessels including personal watercraft or specialty prop-craft] the commissioner may designate as his or her agent any person the commissioner deems qualified to act in such capacity, including, but not limited to, certified instructors of the United States coast guard auxiliary, United States power squadrons, American power boat association, boy scouts of America, Red Cross and other organizations. No charge whatsoever shall be made to any person less than eighteen years of age for the issuance of a boating safety certificate. Persons less than eighteen years of age may be charged a fee for instruction in boating safety, except that the office may not charge a fee when providing such instruction to persons less than eighteen years of age.

S 6. Section 71-d of the navigation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-A. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION FORTY-NINE OF THIS

ARTICLE, A LIVERY MAY LEASE, HIRE OR RENT A MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSEL, EXCEPT A PERSONAL WATER CRAFT OR SPECIALTY PROP CRAFT, TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT THE HOLDER OF A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE IF:

- (A) THE PERSON IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OR OLDER;
- (B) THE OPERATOR OF SUCH LIVERY OR HIS OR HER DESIGNATED AGENT, IS THE HOLDER OF A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE, AND PRIOR TO PERMITTING THE USE BY SUCH PERSON OF THE VESSEL EXPLAINS AND DEMONSTRATES TO SUCH PERSON BY VIDEO OR ACTUAL IN WATER DEMONSTRATION THE OPERATION OF SUCH VESSEL, AND THE USE AND LOCATION OF SUCH VESSEL'S SAFETY EQUIPMENT;
- (C) SUCH PERSON, AFTER RECEIVING THE EXPLANATION AND DEMONSTRATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, DEMONSTRATES TO THE LIVERY OPERATOR OR THE LIVERY OPERATOR'S DESIGNATED AGENT THE ABILITY TO OPERATE SUCH VESSEL AND USE THE APPLICABLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT;
- (D) THE LIVERY OPERATOR PROVIDES A MAP AND/OR NAVIGATIONAL CHARTS FOR THE LOCAL AREA;
- (E) SUCH PERSON PRESENTS GENUINE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND AGE TO THE LIVERY OPERATOR;
- (F) THE LIVERY OPERATOR OR THE LIVERY OPERATOR'S DESIGNATED AGENT, AT THE TIME OF THE LEASING, HIRING, OR RENTING, RECORDS THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND AGE OF THE OPERATOR OF THE LEASED, HIRED OR RENTED VESSEL, AND THE MODEL, YEAR, NAME OF MANUFACTURER, AND THE STATE REGISTRATION OR FEDERAL DOCUMENTATION NUMBERS OF THE LEASED, HIRED, OR RENTED VESSEL. SUCH RECORDS SHALL BE MAINTAINED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR; AND
- (G) THE VESSEL IS NOT LEASED, HIRED OR RENTED TO THE SAME PERSON FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING SIXTY DAYS.

S 7. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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DISTRICT 2 HONORS SQUADRON WITH TWO AWARDS

The Lake George Power Squadron was awarded two award honors at the recent District 2 Spring Conference and Change of Watch held in Tarrytown, NY on the weekend of April 19-21, 2013. The Squadron was presented with the following awards:

The 2012 Educational Fund Certificate of Merit – LGPS's 42nd 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 2012 Vessel Safety Award - Award to Vessel Examiner P/C Armand Canestraro, P in completing twenty Vessel Safety Checks during the 2012 boating season on behalf of LGPS. Our Squadron placed 2nd overall in the District with this achievement.

Boat Inspections in works to block invasive species in Lake George

Reprinted from Daily Gazette - Wednesday, April 24, 2013

By Stephen Williams, Gazette Reporter

LAKE GEORGE — The Lake George Park Commission has begun laying the groundwork for mandatory boat inspections to prevent the introduction of invasive plant and animal species into the lake, which is used by thousands of boaters each year. The commission approved a draft invasive species prevention plan and environmental impact statement Tuesday that declares mandatory inspections of boats being trailered to the lake the “preferred alternative” for preventing more invaders.

The draft plan is available for public review and comment through June 25. Officials for lake advocacy groups said a mandatory inspection program wouldn’t start until 2014, at the earliest. There will, however, be an increased number of voluntary inspection and boat wash stations this year. “Keeping new invasive species out of Lake George is a top priority action for the commission,” said commission Chairman Bruce Young.

Groups such as the Lake George Association and Fund for Lake George support the idea of mandatory inspections. “There is tremendous consensus among the state, Lake George’s surrounding communities, chambers of commerce and many other groups that the lake needs strong and comprehensive protection from new invasive species,” Young said. “This draft plan identifies potential options to protect the lake, and now we want to hear from the public.”

A public hearing will be held May 21 at a location yet to be determined, commission officials said. Invasive species are non-native plants and animals that, when introduced in an ecosystem, can rapidly reproduce and overwhelm the environment. Lake George has had Eurasian watermilfoil since 1986, and millions of dollars have been spent fighting it.

More recently, the lake also has developed problems with the Asian clam, spiny water flea and zebra mussel. More than \$1.5 million has been spent in just the last two years to try to eradicate Asian clams. The “preferred alternative” identified by the LA Group of Saratoga Springs, the plan’s consultant, is a mandatory inspection program for all trailered boats entering Lake George, and decontaminating boats that don’t pass inspection with hot water power wash. To implement such a program, officials said, boat registration fees would have to rise.

The draft plan and impact statement is available on the commission website, www.lgpc.state.ny.us.