

# ***LGPS SOUNDINGS***

***MAY-JUNE 2011***

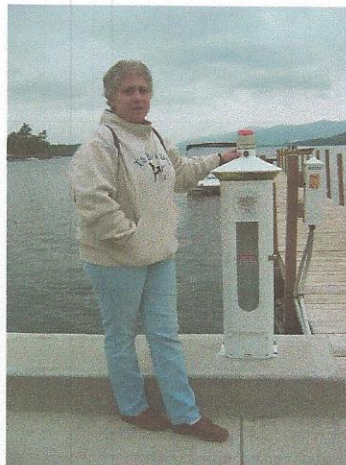


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## *Commander Message*

I write you all today from my "official" capacity as Squadron Commander, having been sworn in by P/D/C Frank DeBaggis on April 10th. While I served the Squadron the previous year as your acting commander, that time provided me several opportunities to learn more about both the Squadron and USPS overall. This year will prove to be another exciting year, focused on increased membership, educational offerings and gatherings. This will all be made possible by the help of a dedicated 2011-12 Bridge and Executive Committee. Hang on to your hats, its time to have fun.



Cmdr. Canestraro at Village  
Public Docks with Fire Pedestal

Finally, the snow has gone, the shrink wrap removed and we are all excited to begin yet another season on our boats. The heavy rainfall of the past weeks has placed a significant delay at many of our favorite launch ramps and throughout the country. While the parking lot at our club on Harris Bay was under water for nearly two weeks, it hardly dampened the spirits of either our members or the efforts of the launch crew to stay on schedule.

The annual Change of Watch this year was held at the Vista Restaurant in Jonesville, and while not well attended by our membership, we had several guests from neighboring squadrons attending. District 2 Commander Lacey Williams and his wife Janet attended together with Tena DeBaggis and P/D/C Frank DeBaggis who performed the ceremonial swearing in of the new Bridge for the upcoming command year. A photo moment section is enclosed with this issue.

As you will read in this issue, the Fire Pedestal Project with the Village of Lake George that the Squadron membership overwhelmingly supported is well underway. Installation has begun and will be completed by the Memorial Day weekend if not sooner. I had the opportunity to be present (see picture above) during the installation of the first unit. If you did not make it to the Change of Watch where one of the pedestals was on display, please stop by the public docks located along the Beach Road in the Village to see them first hand. We are awaiting notification of an exact date in which they will be officially presented and dedicated on behalf of the Squadron membership.

I am also very pleased to acknowledge Peter Weill for his outstanding accomplishment as Editor of Soundings. Peter's efforts have been recognized in being awarded at the Spring District Conference in Saratoga Springs of the Past District Commanders 2010 Award for Journalism. Congratulations to Peter! The Squadron continues to search for a new Soundings editor in that Peter has decided to officially retire – any volunteers???

In closing this message, I would like to ask members to volunteer to assist with committee assignments, the position of Member-at-Large and fill the need of an Administrative Officer. Each takes little time and we meet once a month in Burnt Hills for an hour or less. Remember boat safe and enjoy the season.



## **Change of Watch 2011-12**

**By P/C Armand Canestraro, P**

The Squadron's annual Change of Watch year was conducted noon on April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Vista Restaurant located on the grounds of the Van Patten Golf Course in Jonesville. The attendees enjoyed a scrumptious brunch consisting of Bloody Mary's, Mimosas, assorted juices, a variety of baked goods and fresh fruits, pancakes and sausage, with lunch items including sautéed beef tips and chicken breast piccata. Dessert featured fudge brownies and canola.

While we had a small but representative showing by LGPS members who faithfully attend our functions, also in attendance were District Two Commander Lacey Williams and his wife Janet, Past District Two Commander Frank DeBaggis (officiating) and his wife Tena, Sacandaga Squadron Commander Virginia Andersen as well as P/C Robert and Denise Terry.

Upon discharging the 2010-11 Squadron Committees and Bridge, P/D/C DeBaggis swore in the new Commander together with Bridge Officers for the 2011-12 command. They are as follows: Commander, Donna S. Canestraro, S; Executive Officer, John R. Jermano, AP; Educational Officer Kevin McCarthy; S; Secretary David J. Wilkinson; S and Treasurer, Max Gollmer, AP. Members-at-Large for 2011-12 are: P/C Armand Canestraro, P; Anthony J. Rozek, P and David J. Hawthorne.

Commander Canestraro presented both P/D/C DeBaggis and D/C Lacey Williams with an "official" LGPS burgee as a way to thank each for their continued support and assistance in the upcoming command year. Max Gollmer representing the 2010-11 Bridge made a presentation of a LGPS burgee to Donna in recognition of the many hours she had expended over the past year. As a thank you to and in appreciation of the hard work and dedication of the outgoing 2010-11 Bridge, Donna presented each Bridge member an official Squadron name badge with the LGPS burgee. Those members who were not present to receive their name badge in person have received them in the mail. After brief remarks to put the past year behind us and providing brief highlights of the upcoming 2011-12 year, Donna presented each Bridge member with a unique "compass pin". After presenting one to each, she then asked (required) that they wear the pin to all Bridge meetings or expect a \$1.00 fine to be levied. The "compass pin" she said was chosen as a symbol of the Bridges task for 2011-12 - "leading the way and keeping the Squadron viable". There still exists an opening for an Administrative Officer and one Member-at-Large. Anyone interested in filling either position should contact Donna or attend the upcoming Bridge-Executive meeting in May. Donna closed the Change of Watch by thanking everyone for attending and saying "*Boating is Fun, Let Us Show You How!*"



## Photo Moments - Change of Watch 2011



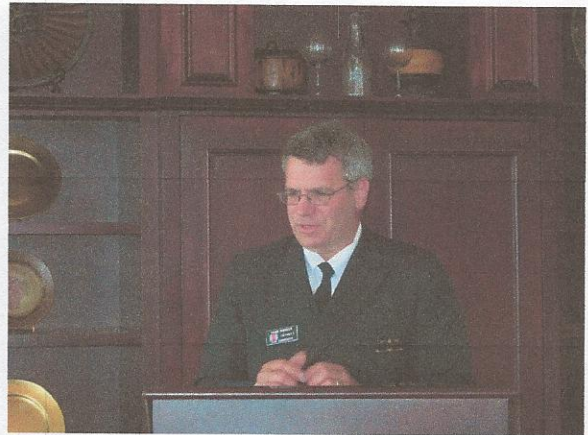
Guests Left to Right Tena DeBaggis, Denise Terry, Janet Williams and District Commander Lacey Williams.



Commander Donna Canestraro speaks with 2011-12 Member-at-Large David Hawthorne and his wife Tracey.



Donna Canestraro sharing a laugh with P/D/C Frank DeBaggis during her swearing in as the 2011-12 Squadron Commander.



P/D/C Frank DeBaggis adding a remark while swearing in the 2011-12 Bridge.



Cmdr Canestraro presents the "official" LGPS burgee to D/C Lacey Williams.



L to R - Tracey Hawthorne, Arlene Gollmer and Alice Rozek are sworn in as new members.



## Firehouse Pedestals delivered to Village of Lake George

By P/C Armand Canestraro



installation and will provide future upkeep and maintenance of the extinguishers housed therein.

The Squadron has equipped each of the six pedestals with a 10 pound ABC fire extinguisher and an alarm strobe light and siren option to assist in thwarting vandalism to the units. In recognition of the donation, the Squadron has affixed to each a small weather resistant plaque honoring the dedication of Lake George Power Squadron members. A picture of the plaque is shown to the right. "This gift provides an immeasurable safety benefit to both the Village of Lake George and the boating community" said Commander Donna Canestraro in

presenting the gift on behalf of the Squadron membership. An official dedication ceremony is being planned with Village officials and Squadron members.

The Squadron gift of six Firehouse Pedestals were delivered to the Village of Lake George Department of Public Works. The installation along the Beach Road public docks will hopefully be completed by the Memorial Day weekend. Despite the recent high water conditions brought on by the spring rain and ice and snow melt, the installation has begun. By the time you read this, they should all be installed at the public docks. The Squadron funded, purchased and delivered to the Village six Firehouse Pedestals. These units were purchased from Dock Boxes Unlimited of Irving Texas. In return of the Squadron's generous gift, the Village will provide all the necessary labor to complete the initial

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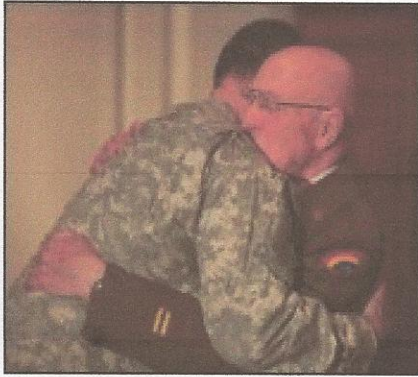
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## Veterans share memories of concentration camp liberation

By David Lombardo - Gazette Reporter  
(reprinted from Daily Gazette – Saturday, April 30, 2011)



Schenectady native and World War II veteran Pfc. George Williams, right, is comforted by Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg of Schuylerville during a commemoration of the 66th anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp at the New York State Military History Museum and Veterans Research Center in Saratoga Springs Friday.

Photographer: Barry Sloan

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — Memories of the Dachau concentration camp from World War II choked up George Williams on Friday afternoon as he shared his recollections of the camp at the state Military History Museum and Veterans Research Center in Saratoga Springs. Williams, 85, a Niskayuna resident, was one of three local survivors from the Army's 42 Infantry "Rainbow" Division who took part in a commemoration of the 66th anniversary of the liberation of Dachau. He said that as the only licensed driver for a Jeep, he was assigned to a chaplain who was visiting the concentration camp after it had been liberated by the allied forces. Williams paused and started to tear up as he stood in his duty uniform and tried to describe what he witnessed to a crowd of mostly senior citizens and current members of the 42 Infantry Division.

"When I went there we saw the bones of former prisoners," he said. Describing the ovens of death used by the Nazis, Williams remembered, "[Bodies] were up to the ceilings in the corners." Before taking his seat, a visibly shaken Williams embraced with the event's emcee, Lt. Col. Richard Goldenberg of the 42 Infantry Division.

After sitting down he was comforted by his wife, Elizabeth, 83, who grasped his hand in support.

"I'm so proud of him," Elizabeth said after the event was over. The couple was addressed by a continuous string of well wishers, including current members of Williams' division. Regarding the current members, Williams said, "It's nice to see the legacy live on." The idea of a living history was also a major theme for Friday's event, with Goldenberg explaining that everyone who heard the stories of the three veterans would remember the approximately 30,000 prisoners who survived their experiences at Dachau.



The importance of remembering was stressed by the veterans, as two of them made a conscious effort to highlight the fact that their experiences refuted the beliefs of Holocaust deniers.

Also providing their accounts of the liberation were Albany residents Richard Marowitz and Anthony Harden, who both talked about the smell of the concentration camp.

“The closer we got to Dachau, the more we got that awful smell,” Marowitz said. He had assumed the odor was from dead animals, because at that time the existence of concentration camps hadn’t become well known by the rank-and-file soldiers. “They didn’t tell us what was there, so we assumed it was a village,” he said.

Harden added, “Now when I look at these pictures that I have ... you can almost smell the situation.”

The veterans also offered some colorful stories from the war, including Marowitz revealing that he had helped himself to one of Adolf Hitler’s hats when allied forces went through one of his properties in Munich, Germany.

Friday’s event also highlighted the Names Instead of Numbers project, which is a traveling exhibit that tries to remind people that the horror of the Holocaust isn’t about the number of casualties. “Names instead of numbers,” said Goldenberg, “reminds us that they were individual people.”

More information about the traveling exhibit can be found at <http://www.gedaechtnisbuch.de/namen-statt-nummern/english/index-engl.html>.



## Recap of the Squadron Secretary's Annual Report 2010-11 Command Year

### Membership

Total Members -	59	Senior Members	24
New Members	8	New Senior Members	1
Active members	48	Junior Family Members	0
Additional Active	7	Deceased Members	2
Life Members	5	Transferred to LGPS	0
Additional Family Members	12	Achieved 50 Years of Membership	0
Women Certificate Holders	4	Received Merit Marks	16

### Course(s) Taught

Operations Training  
Basic Boating

### Activities 2010

- April** Change of Watch, Longfellow's Restaurant, Saratoga Springs
- May** Northern Trek, Melody Manor – Lake George.
- June** Boating classes held at Lake George Association; Rendezvous at the Ripe Tomato in Ballston Spa; Picnic at Commander Canestraro's residence in Glenville.
- July** Dinner cruise on the *Adirondac*, Lake George.
- August** Champlain Canal cruise aboard the *Caldwell Bell*, part of Hudson Crossing Festival.
- September** Cruise aboard the *Dutch Apple* on the Hudson River, dinner/refreshments at the Pump House in Albany.
- October** Rendezvous at Harris Bay Yacht Club, Lake George.  
Topic: Great Loop trip by P/C's Milt and Barb Bloomer.  
D2 Fall Conference, hosted by Sacandaga Power Squadron in Albany.

### Activities 2011

- January** Frostbite cruise aboard the *Adirondac* - Lake George (New Years).  
Tri-Squadron Holiday Party at Petta's Restaurant in Schenectady.  
Mohawk-Hudson Squadron's COW – The Edison Club, Rexford.
- February** D2 Winter Council in Poughkeepsie.
- March** Commander's Brunch at The Edison Club, Rexford.  
Sacandaga Squadron COW, Olympia Diner, Amsterdam  
Great Upstate Boat Show, Queensbury
- April** D2 Spring Conference hosted by Mohawk-Hudson Power Squadron in Saratoga Springs.  
Boating class GHH Fish & Game Club, Glenville  
Annual LGPS COW, The Vista Restaurant at the Van Patten Golf Course, Jonesville



**NYS Legislative Update**  
**Bill S-02073**

**Summary: Bill No. S02073**

SAME AS        No same as  
SPONSOR       KRUGER  
COSPNSR       N/A  
MLTSPNSR      N/A

Amd S49-a, Nav L; amd S1193, V & T L

Provides for the suspension of a driver's license upon a conviction of boating while intoxicated and for the suspension of the privilege to operate a vessel upon the waters of this state upon a conviction of driving while ability impaired or driving while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.

**S02073 Actual Text:**

S T A T E   O F   N E W   Y O R K

S02073

2011-2012 Regular Sessions  
I N   S E N A T E  
January 18, 2011

Introduced by Sen.KRUGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation.

AN ACT to amend the navigation law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the suspension of privileges to operate a vessel and driver's licenses for certain alcohol related offenses

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 and paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 49-a of the navigation law, subdivision 3 as added by chapter 805 of the laws of 1992, subparagraph 1 of paragraph (a) of subdivision as amended by chapter 599 of the laws of 2008 and paragraph (a) of subdivision as amended by chapter 391 of the laws of 1998, are amended to read as follows:

Privilege to operate a vessel AND DRIVER'S LICENSE; suspensions.  
a) The court shall suspend a person's privilege to operate a vessel AND DRIVER'S LICENSE and may suspend a vessel registration OR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION for:

1) a period of at least six but less than twelve months where an operator is convicted of a violation of paragraph (a) of subdivision two of this section. In determining the length of such suspension or suspensions, the court may take into consideration the seriousness of the offense and may impose a period of suspension whereby such suspension may be in effect during a portion of the current or



subsequent boating season; (2) a period of twelve months where an operator is convicted of a violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of subdivision two of this section; (3) a period of twenty-four months where a person is convicted of a violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of subdivision two of this section after having been convicted of a violation of paragraph (b), (c), (d) or (e) of subdivision two of this section or of operating a vessel or public vessel while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs within the preceding ten years. (b) The court shall report each conviction recorded pursuant to this section to the commissioner of motor vehicles and the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation on forms provided by the department of motor vehicles. Such reports shall include the length of any suspension imposed on the privilege to operate a vessel AND DRIVER'S LICENSE and any suspension imposed against a vessel registration OR MOTOR VEHICLE. The department of motor vehicles shall maintain a record of all convictions and suspensions in order to effectuate the provisions of this section.

a) Operation of vessel OR MOTOR VEHICLE while operating privileges [have] OR DRIVER'S LICENSE HAS been suspended. No person shall operate a vessel upon the waters of the state OR OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE while operating privileges [have] OR DRIVER'S LICENSE HAS been suspended pursuant to this section or section forty-nine-b of this [article] PART. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be a violation and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than three hundred fifty dollars nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars or by imprisonment for a period of not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 1193 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (b-1) to read as follows:

B-1) IN ADDITION TO ANY DRIVER'S LICENSE SANCTION SET FORTH IN THIS SUBDIVISION, THE COURT MAY, UPON CONVICTION OF A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A VESSEL UPON THE WATERS OF THIS STATE OF ANY PERSON SO CONVICTED, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO SUCH SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION SHALL EXCEED IN DURATION THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF SUCH PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE. S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

**S02073 Actions:**

Bill No S02073

01/18/2011 Referred to Transportation.

**S02073 Votes:**

There are no votes for this bill in the current legislative session.

**S02073 NOTES:**

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





**The Lake George Power Squadron  
welcome the following new members**

Alice Rozek – Scotia, NY  
Tracey Hawthorne – Saratoga Springs, NY  
Arlene Gollmer - Glenville, NY  
Jay and Tina Russell Family - Jonesville, NY

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## **2011-2012 TENTATIVE RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE**

<b>2011</b>	
JUNE/JULY	Picnic/Great Loop Presentation
AUGUST	Adirondac Dinner Cruise
SEPTEMBER	Waterford Tug Boat Rally
OCTOBER	Dutch Apple River Cruise
NOVEMBER	Nautical Storyteller
DECEMBER	Tri-Squadron Holiday Party
<b>2012</b>	
JANUARY-FEBRUARY	No rendezvous
MARCH	Commanders Brunch
APRIL	Change of Watch

**Please watch Soundings and future mailings for more details  
and reservation materials for the above events**