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**Commander's Message
July 2005**

Enjoy a beautiful day on Lake George! Spend the day aboard the 27' motor vessel "Final Approach" courtesy of Capt. Buck Bryan! Crew requirements: Willing to work for the glory and gratitude that come from participating in updating data for the new Lake George Power Squadron Chart. Buck drives the boat; you watch readings on the depth sounder and GPS, and mark the results on a worksheet. It's simple, it's fun and what could be better than spending a day on the most beautiful lake in New York, some say the country. And as bonus, you'll be doing something positive for the safety of the boating public by helping us publish the best, most accurate chart of the lake. There is no specific schedule. For those among us who have time during the week, it's even better as the lake is less crowded than on the weekend. If you want to volunteer, please contact Buck directly at 664-9815. He'll make sure that you get slotted in at an appropriate day and time.

Please help out. It's important. AND IT WILL BE FUN!

Earlier this month the LGPS sponsored a boat for the Canal Fest boat parade. Past Commander John Jermano's boat, the Pilgrim Tug "Caprice" received honorable mention. Canal Fest was a great time for those who came. Some members helped decorate the boat. Special kudos to Donna Canestraro and Sarah Jermano who came up with the decorating concept and decorations. We had our LGPS banner proudly displayed on the starboard side of "Caprice", and after we had passed the reviewing stand, some of the crew made sure that the banner was immediately moved to the port side so that the hundreds of people watching from the banks of the Mohawk near the reviewing stand could not miss that this was the LGPS boat. In fact host Jack Arnecke, I believe, made a comment about it as we passed by again. In keeping with our theme of boating safety, we also had a banner on each side advertising free vessel safety checks.

Max Gollmer and his entire family (I believe there were about 20 grandchildren on his boat - only a slight exaggeration) cheered us on as we went by.

At Canal Fest at the Schenectady Yacht Club, P/C Jermano conducted well-attended and fascinating tours of the works, the old canal store with plenty of enlarged old photographs depicting the history and development of the canal. In spite of the variable weather, everyone had a great time.

Please look at our schedule of exciting events and participate. **ALSO, ONE MORE TIME – THE CHART COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH THE DEPTH SOUNDING, DELTA IDENTIFICATION AND ACCURATE REGISTRATION OF THE AIDS TO NAVIGATION ON LAKE GEORGE. CONTACT BUCK DIRECTLY FOR A SLOT TO SPEND SOME TIME DOING THIS USEFUL WORK ON THE LAKE at 664-9815.**

Have a safe and fun-filled rest of the summer.

Commander Peter G. Balint, P

BOATING SAFETY – COMMUNICATION

Lt/C Paul Kenny – Safety Officer

KEEP IN TOUCH

Communication is one of the important elements of boating safety. If you need assistance, how will you summon it? If you are going to render assistance to others, how will you communicate with them and how will you seek additional assistance if needed?

Forms of communication can be electronic, audible, visual, or written. Electronic includes VHF radio, cell phones and EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon). Visual include flares, orange smoke for day or red for day or night, flags, arm signals (be sure to use a bright cloth), orange distress flag (day), electric distress light (night) and fires. Audible include whistles, bells, horns, and your voice. Written includes your float plan.

I had an opportunity to read the Coast Guard reports as well as other articles on boating rescues in several past issues of SOUNDINGS (The Nation's Boating Newspaper, not our Squadron newsletter). The following summaries give examples of communication during rescues.

1. A fishing boat heard a distress signal over the radio and altered course to provide assistance. Visibility was poor; a storm was raging, and waves were high. Once in the vicinity of the stricken boat, the rescue boat sounded its horn. The crew of the stricken boat, now in a life raft, set off a flare to indicate their position. The rescue was successful.
2. A local 911 agency received a phone call from three hunters on a cellular phone to report their boat was disabled. Coordination between several marine and state agencies led to a successful rescue.
3. A duck hunter's boat had become stuck in ice. Initial communications with the man over the cell phone were broken, making it difficult to determine his position more quickly. The Coast Guard recommends that all boaters carry a VHF radio.
4. Coast Guard received a phone call of a 19-year old woman struggling in 48-degree water and 8-foot surf. Rescuers reported to Coast Guard units that they had lost visual contact of the woman, but could still hear her. Using night vision goggles, the crew of the helicopter was

able to spot the woman, who had been pulled out by the current more than 600 yards from the shore.

5. In one instance, a boater used gas to light a signal fire. He did not have a radio or cellular phone on board to notify anyone of his situation. He had prepared a float plan so people new where to look for him. Having a radio on his vessel could have reduced the amount of time he had to wait before being rescued.

New York State requires that every mechanically propelled vessel 16 feet and greater in length carry United States Coast Guard approved visual distress equipment. Most boats can meet this requirement by carrying three USCG approved day/night hand held flares. Boats are also required to carry a whistle or horn. What additional communication devices you carry depends on the type of boating you plan to do. Think ahead and be prepared to keep in touch.

Boat Safe – Boat Smart!

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CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER

On Saturday July 9 an enthusiastic group of Lake George Power Squadron members participated in the Lock 7 – 12 Canal Fest held on the Erie Canal. Former Commander John Jermano gave historical tours of the old canal locks that are near the Schenectady Yacht Club. Former Commander Chuck Everson was instrumental in organizing the boat parade that went from the Schenectady Yacht Club to Jumpin' Jacks. Over 15 decorated boats participated in the parade, including the *Caprice*, captained by John Jermano and crewed by Commander Peter Balint and his wife Sandra, Executive Officer Armand Canestraro and his wife Donna and Donna's mother Rose, Admin. Officer Kevin McCarthy and his wife Mary, John's daughter Sarah and

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grandson Chris. Donna and Sarah provided accessories for a 1930's boating theme. The boat was beautifully decorated in patriotic red, white and blue. Also in the parade was the *Aloha*, Captained by Milt Bloomer and crewed by his wife Barbara and *Soundings* Editor David Wilkinson. The boats passed by the viewing stand at Jumpin' Jacks where the judges had a difficult time deciding which boats were the best decorated. The *Caprice* was awarded third prize. It was a beautiful day of boating and history.



**Richard's Classroom
SEO Richard Mathews**

Course descriptions can be found in your roster. If you see something that interests you, or if you have a suggestion, please contact me at 377-4140 or by e-mail at rmathews@nycap.rr.com.

LAST HORIZON

We regret to inform you that several members of District 2 have recently passed away. Edna Fink, from Cross County Power Squadron, passed away on July 19th. Condolences may be forwarded to her First Mate, Harvey Fink at 128 Bretton Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Edna held a woman's certificate in Cross County since 1965.

Chuck Clark, Past Commander of Stamford Power Squadron passed away on July 16th.

Finally, Vic Newton, Past Commander of Housatonic River Power Squadron passed away on July 14th. Condolences may be offered to his wife Lisa at 4042 Congress Street, Fairfield, CT 06430.

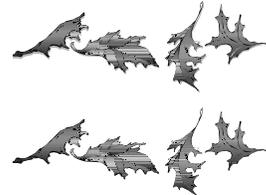
We extend our sympathies to their families and fellow Squadron members.



NOTICE TO MARINERS

The Lake George Power Squadron will hold their second annual Lake George Dinner Cruise on **Saturday, August 27th**. We will be boarding the *Adirondac* (adjacent to the Shoreline Restaurant) at 5:15 p.m.,

departing at 6:30 p.m., and returning at 8:30. Those who went last year will remember what a great evening we had. The cost is only \$29 per person, which includes dinner, a scenic cruise, and live entertainment! Reservations need to be made in advance and will be accepted until Tuesday, August 23rd. Don't get left at the dock! Last year's cruise was the largest attended rendezvous in many years. Check out the reservation form here in the *Soundings*, complete with directions, and reserve your spot today!



D2 FALL CONFERENCE COMING SOON

1st Lt. David Wilkinson, S - Editor

The Fall conference for District 2 ("D2") is being hosted this year by the Sacandaga Power Squadron (see enclosed flyer) from October 7-9, 2005, at the Amsterdam Best Western Hotel. On Friday, registration opens at 1500 followed by a cash bar at 1800 and welcoming dinner at 1900. Saturday's activities begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 0800. The business meeting begins at 0900 followed by cocktails at 1130 and luncheon from 1200 - 1300. The business meeting resumes at 1300 and is chased by a cocktail hour at 1800 and dinner at 1900. Although no formal guest program has been arranged, several local attractions will be featured at registration.

Registration forms should be returned to Gary Law by September 26th. Each Squadron in the District is permitted to send a certain number of delegates. If you have the opportunity to attend, I highly recommend it. I have been to several District meetings and it's a great way to meet Squadron members from other D2 Squadrons, get new ideas, and have some fun at the same time. If you are going as a delegate, the Squadron will pay for your lunch and registration, with the exception of cocktails. Why not make a go of it?



Lake George Power Squadron has its own telephone number! You can call the Squadron at **(518) 446-6373** and leave a message. The appropriate Bridge member will respond.



ALL ABOARD!

Join us for our second annual Lake George Dinner Cruise

Saturday, August 27th – The Steamship Adirondac
Boarding – 5:15 p.m. (Park at the Shoreline Restaurant)
Departure – 6:15 p.m.
Return – 8:30 p.m.

\$29 per person includes hot entrees and carving stations
(Cash Bar)

The cruise will take us from the Shoreline past historic mansions and the many islands to the Sagamore Resort and then return to the Village. Reservations can be made up to August 23rd. Please call Kevin McCarthy to reserve your seat at 518-465-6706 and mail your check payable to LGPS and send it to Kevin at 18 Aspinwall Road, Loudonville, New York 12211.

This is an RSVP, paid in advance only event. No walk-ins will be permitted. Reservations and payment in full are required by August 23rd.



Name: _____

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E-mail: _____

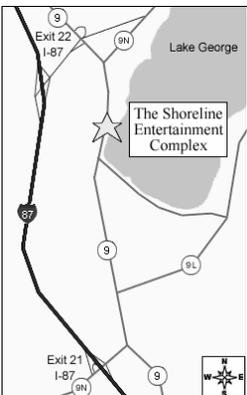
Total number of persons @ \$29 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Kevin McCarthy and send them to him at 18 Aspinwall Road, Loudonville, NY 12211. If you have any questions, contact Kevin at 518-465-6706 or at kmccart2@nycap.rr.com

Directions: At Exit 21, I-87:

- **Right at exit (Rt.9 heading east) to traffic light**
- **At light make left heading north on Rt. 9**
- **After 2nd traffic light, make right at Kurosaka lane on right (just before the post Office)**
- **Down the hill and on the right is The Shoreline Entertainment Complex, directly on the boardwalk.**



Insert fall conference flyer here – black & white please

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Coming Attractions (All are Saturdays unless noted otherwise)

☞ These dates, times, and prices are subject to change. Details to follow as they become available. ☞

August 1	<i>Soundings</i> submission deadline for articles, topics, and ideas
August 10	<i>Soundings</i> publication deadline
August 17	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting* (Education meeting date TBA. May coincide)
August 27	Summer Dinner Cruise on Lake George
Through August	Vessel Exams continue at local marinas/by request
Throughout August	Chart work on Lake George. Contact Buck Bryan to participate (Boat Ride!) ☺
September 1	<i>Soundings</i> submission deadline for articles, topics, and ideas
September 10	<i>Soundings</i> publication deadline
Throughout September	Vessel Exams continue at local marinas/by request
September 18	Picnic on Diamond Island, Lake George
September 21	Bridge/Executive Committee Meeting*
September TBA	Seamanship Course. This is the first of the advanced grades for all those wanting to advance in grade, knowledge, and skill. Send an e-mail to education@lgps.org to sign-up.

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2004 Adirondac dinner cruise, Lake George

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