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# L.G.P. Soundings



## Commanders Message

*Cmdr. Armand Canestraro, P*

Where has all the time gone? I ask myself that very question every day. For this issues Commanders message, my last, I decided it should be from a nearby lake, one many of us navigate each summer as Power Squadron members. So I headed out, and while I made an attempt at a pre-season cruise, unfortunately, the weather had turned winter-like, the water turned hard, forcing me to take yet another of my crafts out for a short ride, making sure to heed the warning of the “no wake zone” buoy I encountered as I headed out of the bay. This months venture kept me close to home at Dominick’s Sand Bar Restaurant on the Great Sacandaga Reservoir at 43.3N and 73.9W.

Spring is once again upon us, our clocks have sprung ahead, the crocuses have begun to show through the flower beds warmed by a March sun, and returning robins are everywhere despite the remnant snow banks of the Valentines Day blizzard here in the Northeast. Just as spring brings with it renewed life in each of us with thoughts of yet another boating season fast approaching, it brings us to the Squadron’s annual meeting and Change of Watch ceremony to be held on March 25th. Where has the time gone?

There are so many people I need to thank who made the job of Commander of LGPS an easy and most enjoyable one for me. I especially thank each of my Bridge officers for their continued efforts and brilliant contribution each day

# Commander's Message

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during this past year; The numerous committees that served tirelessly, especially the members of the Chart Committee; Those members who unselfishly spent hours of their free time teaching the many safe boating classes throughout our area; All the new members who joined us here at LGPS; The new honorary members for their hard work and dedication toward the Squadron's goals; and each and every member with renewed interest who attended our exciting events. I further thank those who took to the challenge of my command recruiting new members to join our ranks and to those who have had vessel safety examinations performed on their vessels.

A special thanks goes out to the many Soundings reporters and writers, my co-editor John Jermano and our copy-layout coordinator, publisher and wife, Donna Canestraro who without their efforts, Soundings would have not have made it to each of our mailboxes bi-monthly and most importantly awarded the USPS 2006 Distinction in Journalism Award. I also wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank posthumously the past efforts of deceased members Jim Lafferty, Al Martinez and Blanche Hart who past away during my Command and who will all be sorely missed. Last but not least, thank you to all the LGPS members for the trust you placed in me to serve as your Commander for 2006-07.

This 59th year of our Squadron was truly a successful year. Lets keep the momentum moving forward, continue to recruit new members, teach entry and advance grade classes and most importantly make the waters of our region safe and enjoyable for everyone through our on-going efforts. Thank you all again – it was a most enjoyable year.

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## BOATING SAFETY

*Lt/C Paul Kenny, JN – Safety Officer*

### **BOATING SAFETY FATALITY STATISTICS FOR 2005**

In the last issue of Soundings, I summarized the results of a study that addressed the issue of under-reporting boating accidents. Boating accident data is collected in the Boating Accident Report Database (BARD) and published by the United State Coast Guard (USCG). Among the three reported categories of (1) fatal injuries, (2) non-fatal, hospital-admitted injuries;

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## LGPS Rendezvous

*Contact Exec. Officer Kevin McCarthy  
at 474-7898 for details*

### **MARCH 2007**

Lake George Change of Watch and  
Annual Meeting  
March 25 – Gideon Putnam Hotel  
Saratoga State Park



Show your colors by flying a Lake George Power Squadron Member Burgee. We have been contacted by Prestige Flag Company who are willing to provide LGPS Burgees at a cost of \$19.00 each provided we order a minimum of 20 burgees. Whether this is your first, or you are replacing one that has seen better days, please contact Armand either by e-mail at [lgpsinfo@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lgpsinfo@nycap.rr.com) (subject line: burgee order) or calling him at his home at (518) 372-7220 to place your order. We will coordinate an order from those interested in purchasing a burgee, and report back on how to make payment when we reach the minimum number needed. At present we only have six orders.



### ***April - May Soundings***

*Deadline for submission of  
articles is April 22nd. Send  
your articles to  
[LGPSinfo@nycap.rr.com](mailto:LGPSinfo@nycap.rr.com) in  
MS Word format.*

The Lake George Power Squadron welcomes the following new honorary members.

Randy Rath

(Lake George Association)

Sara Frankenfeld

(Fountains Spatial, Inc.)

***Have you asked your friends to  
join?***

# BOATING SAFETY

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and (3) non-fatal, non-admitted injuries, the most accurate category by far was the fatal injuries with only a 1% under-reporting. In this issue of Soundings, the fatal accident data for 2005 are summarized.

Boating Statistics - 2005, issued by the USCG, contains statistics on registered boats and recreational boating accidents along with information on boating safety activities for calendar year 2005. The report is about 50 pages in length and contains numerous tables and graphs that look at boating accident data in many different ways. There are data for fatalities, injuries, and accidents. These data are sorted and categorized by different characteristics such as type of vessel, factors contributing to the accident, whether a personnel flotation device (PFD) was worn or not, and the level of boating instruction, just to name a few. The following is a small sample of the information presented in the report.

Excerpts from the Executive Summary

These results, dealing mainly with boating fatalities, were part of the Executive Summary:

- In 2005, States and jurisdictions reported a total of 12,942,414, registered recreational boats. The 4,969 boating accidents reported in 2005 resulted in 697 fatalities.
- Approximately 70% of all fatal boating accident victims drowned (491 out of 697). Moreover, 87% percent of the victims who drowned were not wearing their personal flotation device (PFD or lifejacket). Overall, fatal accident data show approximately 426 lives could have been saved last year if boaters had worn their lifejackets.
- The most reported type of accident was a collision with another vessel. However, capsizing and falls overboard are the most reported types of fatal accidents and accounted for the vast majority (59%) of all boating fatalities. Boat operators need to pay attention to the capacity label on their

boat and be careful not to overload small boats (less than 16 feet) with passengers and/or gear.

- Over all, careless/reckless operation, operator inattention, excessive speed and operator inexperience are the leading contributing factors of all reported accidents.
- Twenty-one (21) children age 12 and under lost their lives while boating in 2005 compared to 14 children in 2004.
- Approximately 70% of all reported fatalities occurred on boats where the operator had not received boating safety instruction.
- Alcohol use was either a direct or indirect contributing factor in approximately one-quarter of all boating fatalities in 2005.
- The Executive Summary also contained the following tables.

| TOP TEN CONTRIBUTING FACTORS |                             |                     |                      |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| ACCIDENT RANK                | CONTRIBUTING FACTOR         | NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS | NUMBER OF FATALITIES |
| 1                            | CARELESS/RECKLESS OPERATION | 639                 | 40                   |
| 2                            | OPERATOR INATTENTION        | 568                 | 44                   |
| 3                            | EXCESSIVE SPEED             | 432                 | 39                   |
| 4                            | OPERATOR INEXPERIENCE       | 429                 | 65                   |
| 5                            | PASSENGER/SKIER BEHAVIOR    | 384                 | 28                   |
| 6                            | ALCOHOL USE                 | 366                 | 143                  |
| 7                            | HAZARDOUS WATERS            | 327                 | 40                   |
| 8                            | NO PROPER LOOKOUT           | 314                 | 12                   |
| 9                            | MACHINERY SYSTEM FAILURE    | 273                 | 23                   |
| 10                           | WEATHER                     | 143                 | 46                   |

| TOP FIVE TYPES OF ACCIDENTS |                             |                     |                      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| ACCIDENT RANK               | ACCIDENT TYPE               | NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS | NUMBER OF FATALITIES |
| 1                           | COLLISION WITH VESSEL       | 1,378               | 79                   |
| 2                           | FALLS OVERBOARD             | 498                 | 213                  |
| 3                           | COLLISION WITH FIXED OBJECT | 497                 | 41                   |
| 4                           | SKIER MISHAP                | 464                 | 10                   |
| 5                           | CAPSIZING                   | 442                 | 199                  |

Overall Fatality Rate from 1991 to Present

The report also contained a table showing the overall fatality rate per 100,000 registered boats from 1991 to present. The fatality rate has significantly declined from 8.3 in 1991 to 5.4 in 2005. Most of the decline occurred in the first 8 or 9 years of this period. There has been little change in the rate over the last few years.

| YEAR | FATALITIES | NUMBER OF REGISTERED BOATS | NUMBER OF FATALITIES PER 100,000 REGISTERED BOATS |
|------|------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1991 | 924        | 11,068,440                 | 8.3   |
| 1992 | 816        | 11,132,386                 | 7.3   |
| 1993 | 800        | 11,282,736                 | 7.1   |
| 1994 | 784        | 11,429,585                 | 6.9   |
| 1995 | 829        | 11,734,710                 | 7.1   |
| 1996 | 709        | 11,877,938                 | 5.9   |
| 1997 | 821        | 12,312,982                 | 6.7   |
| 1998 | 815        | 12,565,930                 | 6.5   |
| 1999 | 734        | 12,738,271                 | 5.8   |
| 2000 | 701        | 12,782,143                 | 5.5   |
| 2001 | 681        | 12,876,346                 | 5.3   |
| 2002 | 750        | 12,854,054                 | 5.8   |
| 2003 | 703        | 12,794,616                 | 5.5   |
| 2004 | 676        | 12,781,476                 | 5.3   |
| 2005 | 697        | 12,942,414                 | 5.4   |

To view the entire 2005 report, go to [www.uscgboating.org/statistics/Boating\\_Statistics\\_2005.pdf](http://www.uscgboating.org/statistics/Boating_Statistics_2005.pdf). The reports from earlier years are also available at the [uscgboating.org/statistics](http://www.uscgboating.org/statistics) website.

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***Boat Safe – Boat Smart!***

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**Top International and National Swimmers to Swim in Lake George Marathon**

By A. Graham Bailey, Race Chairman  
Swim Lake George, LLC

Three marathon swimmers from Argentina and several top marathon swimmers from the U.S. have contacted Race Chairman, Graham Bailey, indicating their intent to compete in the 41 k (25-mile) open water swim in Lake George, N.Y. on June 30, 2007.

Twenty top professional swimmers will compete for a total prize purse of \$25,000. The starting gun will be fired at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning at Shepherds Park in Lake George Village, the swimmers will proceed along the western shore of the lake to the finish at The Hague Town Beach, approximately 8 – 10 hours later. This marquis event will commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original Lake George Swim Marathon that was held in 1927.

Shorter open water swim events will be held on Saturday in Lake George Village and on Sunday in Bolton Landing and Hague. Medals will be awarded to the first 3 finishers in each age group. There has been much interest already in these shorter water swim events from both local and national swimmers.

The Lake George Open Water Swim, planned by Swim Lake George Association, will be hosted by the Glens Falls YMCA Gators and Sanctioned by USA Swimming and U.S. Masters Swimming. During the next few months, the Association will be seeking sponsors and volunteers to help make this a truly spectacular event which will be repeated on an annual basis.

For more information visit the [www.swimlakegeorge.org](http://www.swimlakegeorge.org) website or contact Graham Bailey, Chairman at [gbailey6@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gbailey6@nycap.rr.com).

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The Swim Lake George committee will be seeking small crafts, under 24 feet, to serve as escort vessels – more information will follow and be posted in future editions of LGPSoundings.

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MEETING MINUTES January 2006  
MINUTES FOR MEETING OF LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE/EXEC. COMMITTEE  
HELD WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007 – CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, GLENVILLE, NY  
(Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – Church of the Good Shepherd - 1900.)  
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The meeting was called to order by Commander Armand Canestraro at The Good Shepherd Church, Route 50, Glenville, NY at 1910 hours.

**PRESENT**

- Cdr. Armand Canestraro
- Lt/C Kevin McCarthy, Executive Officer
- Lt/C Richard Mathews, Education Officer
- Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer
- Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary
- Lt/C Joan Londynsky, Admin. Officer
- P/C Chuck Everson, Nominating Committee

**GUESTS**

- Frank Beyer
- Marvin Snyder

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT:**

1. Everything is running smoothly.
2. Did further research with the Gideon Putnam Hotel about setting up our Change of Watch as a brunch. Can do for \$25 per person plus \$100 for a separate room for our business portion of the event. Will also check with the Glen Sanders Mansion to see what they can offer. It was noted that the Gideon could only accommodate 32 people, which may be too small. They may have a bigger room available. Will attempt to book 25<sup>th</sup> of March.
3. It would be nice if we helped out at the upcoming boat shows: (a) Alpin Haus (Saratoga City Center February 9-11) and (b) Eastern New York Marine Trades Association (Adirondack Sports Complex, Queensbury March 15-18). Bob Terry, of the Sacandaga Power Squadron is recruiting volunteers and would like a response by March 11<sup>th</sup>. Free admission is provided to those who staff our information booth. It was noted that we have not been able to locate the photos that we used on the display. Armand to check with John Jermano to see if they could help recreate them if needed. Discussion also took place about providing brochures about our Squadron to boat show attendees.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

1. Latest financial report distributed for review. Overall, we’re in good shape. Motion made to file the Treasurer’s report for audit made by Chuck Everson. Second by Joan Londynsky. Motion passed.
2. Unfortunately, our insurance agent was unable to attend this evening as had been previously arranged. Max will follow up for a future meeting.

**ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT:**

1. The December rendezvous was a success. Everyone had a good time. A big thank you goes out to Lt/C David Wilkinson, who provided disc jockey services, and also to Commander Canestraro who made the arrangements.
2. Next event is the Change of Watch. Joan said she can help put this together; however, she will not be available and C.O.W. reservations should go directly to Kevin.

**EDUCATION OFFICER’S REPORT:**

1. Dick was pleased to report that First Mate Polly was doing better after taking a fall and thanked the Squadron for their care and concern. Dick noted that they have been encouraged by their children and have agreed to move to Pennsylvania at the end of the month in order to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Dick and Polly’s new address will be: *172 Oak Ridge Drive, York, PA 17402*. They hope to return to Lake George during summer months at their camp.
2. Dick raised the question of whether or not we wish to continue to offer the Basic Boating Course and kids’ course at Niskayuna High School. P/C Jim Kelly usually teaches the kids’ course. The course(s) are offered as part of the District’s Adult Education program. Consensus: We will continue to offer the course. Dick would contact *Vicky Holley* at Niskayuna to let her know of our plans and provide a new contact for the classes.

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3. Brief discussion took place about the possibility of selling the ABC course materials at a boat show and offering on-line exams.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT:**

1. Chuck Everson, Chair, indicated he needed to fill positions for 2007-08.
2. Chuck noted that the Education Officer is a very important Squadron position. P/C Dick Mathews will be greatly missed after his 8 years of dedicated service and was presented an elegant scroll to recognize his service and dedication.
3. The 2007-08 nomination slate needs to be published in the *Soundings* – it will appear in the December-January issue.
4. It was noted that the deadline for submission of the slate to National is February 1<sup>st</sup>. The main concern is the Education Officer position because, unlike the others, approval by National is required.

**COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

1. Commander Canestraro has exchanged correspondence with the Albany Marriott, thanking them for their efforts at our December rendezvous. They thanked us for our business and would be glad to have us back.
2. Information about the annual meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, is available if anyone is interested.
3. Donna Canestraro has spoken with Kevin about purchasing a PC or notebook computer that can go from one Commander to the next. More information and cost quotation to follow at next meeting.
4. Looking for help at the upcoming boat shows. Contact Bob Terry to let him know your availability.
5. Armand has received a Certificate of Membership for Lawrence Miller. The certificate was signed and presented to Mr. Miller via the mail.

**CHARTS:**

1. Armand has spoken with Buck. Final revisions to the new chart are taking place. Other modifications were suggested. It is most likely an update will be made at the February 21st meeting by a member(s) of the Chart Committee on their progress. Buck Bryant has suggested offering honorary LGPS memberships to two non-LGPS members who have worked tirelessly on our re-charting project. It was agreed to offer honorary membership to Randy Rath of Lake George Association and Sarah Frankenfeld of Fountain Spatial, Inc..

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

1. Correction made to the December meetings regarding the name of the Queensbury country club. Should be spelled "Hiland" as opposed to "Hyland." Motion was made (Kevin/2<sup>nd</sup> – Joan) to accept the minutes from the November & December meetings. Motion passed.
2. Since the Secretary received, as a Christmas gift, an HP PhotoSmart all-in-one printer/fax/copier, and offered the Squadron's Canon BJC-4000 color inkjet printer to anyone member who might have a use for it. The printer is still in good working order. P/C Chuck Everson indicated he could possibly find a home for it.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Next scheduled meeting date is February 21<sup>st</sup>, which is Ash Wednesday. Max confirmed that the church is available despite this religious day. After brief discussion, it was decided to keep the meeting date of February 21<sup>st</sup> as scheduled.

**Motion to adjourn made by Chuck Everson. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick Mathews. Meeting adjourned at 2009**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lt./C David J. Wilkinson, Secretary*

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## FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

At press time, the meeting minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup> Bridge/Executive meeting were not available. They will be included in the next edition of Soundings.

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### *In Memory of P/Lt.C Blanche M. Hart, AP*

*LGPS lost a longtime friend, member and call person on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Blanche was a 25 year member of LGPS and earned 23 merit marks. Our condolences go out to her family and friends*

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## NOTICE

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### *Next Bridge / Executive Meeting*

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*Third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm,  
(Good Shepard Church – Rt. 50 Burnt Hills)*

*-All are welcome!*

*– NOTE*

**No monthly meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Annual meeting is Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>  
together with Change of Watch**

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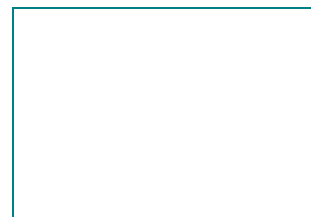
## RENDEZVOUS NEWS

*Lt/C Joan Lonodynsky*

**A note to those who have not attended any of our rendezvous**  
*We miss you. Plan to attend as many of our events as possible. If each of you makes a commitment to attend 2 rendezvous' a year, you will have learned something new, made a new friend, enjoyed yourself and helped the Squadron. How can you lose?*

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Lake George Power Squadron, Inc.  
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