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**Cmdr Londynsky**

## Commander's Message

*Cmdr. Joan Londynsky*

First of all, I want to thank P/C Kevin McCarthy and the members of the 2007-08 bridge for their achievements in our 60<sup>th</sup> year; most notably, the revision of the Lake George chart. Thanks also goes to Buck Bryan and the Chart Revision committee. The new chart is a meticulous and thorough revision and updating of the former edition, the culmination of five years of work. The committee, chaired by P/Lt/C Buck Bryan have done an outstanding job.

Through the efforts of committee chairman Bryan, our new chart received front page coverage in the May 8-14 2008 edition of "The Chronicle", a weekly newspaper covering Warren and much of Washington Counties. I was privileged to be part of a photo shoot on May 3 in Lake George along with members of the committee, Buck Bryan, Steve Traver, and John Wainwright along with Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward, Sara Frankenfeld our Geographic Information Services (GIS) specialist for Fountains Spatial, the chart's producer, Walt Lender, Executive Director of Lake George Association, Rob Miner, supervisor of Lake George buoyage system for the Department of Environmental Conservation and Randy Rath, GIS project manager.

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# Commander's Message

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At the Change of Watch luncheon at Longfellows, attendees heard Stf/C Susan Darcy speak of membership initiatives. In essence, she asked how many of us were talking to our friends and family about our organization and inviting them to become involved. It is a thought for all of us, one that I hope will challenge each of us to examine our own involvement as well. I urge every member to attend the rendezvous which have been planned for the coming months and to be proactive in making the Lake George Power Squadron and its services to the public more widely known.

I thank members of the Squadron for your show of support in selecting me to by the Squadron Commander and I will do my best to make this another great year.

## Condolences

*LGPS notes the passing of member Richard Provost We extend our condolences to his family.*

## Canal-Fest 2008

**LGPS – First Place Winner**  
*By John Jermano*

The Lake George Power Squadron participated in the Lock 7-12 Canal-fest boat parade on Saturday, July 12th aboard P/C John Jermano's vessel *Caprice*, a Pilgrim 40 trawler. The multi-event Canal-fest is presented annually by the Schenectady and Montgomery Chambers of Commerce.

Approximately 25 decorated boats paraded from the Schenectady Yacht Club in Rexford, Saratoga County to Jumpin' Jack's in Scotia, Schenectady County.

The *Caprice*, proudly flying the banner of the Squadron, won first prize for best decorated boat in the category of 39' or greater in length. P/C Jermano presented the \$150 cash prize to Commander Joan Londynsky at a recent Bridge meeting. Accompanying John during the parade from the squadron were his daughter, Sarah Schmitz, P/C Kevin McCarthy and his wife Mary, and Treasurer Max Gollmer.

## Next Bridge / Executive Meeting

Third Wednesday of month, 7:00pm,  
Commander Londynsky Home  
14 Chelsea Place – Queensbury, NY-  
*August 20th*  
**All are welcome!**

## A New Kind of National Park

*By John Jermano*  
As you drive along the New York State Thruway (I-90) and the Northway (I-87), you may have noticed occasional ground mounted signs indicating: "Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor".

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor is one of nearly 30 federally designated national heritage areas. Its purpose is to help preserve and interpret the historical, natural, scenic, and recreational resources reflecting its national significance and to help foster revitalization of canal-side communities.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor includes the waterways that make up the New York State Canal System. It includes the Erie, Cayuga-Seneca, Oswego, and Champlain canals, as well as their historic alignments and the

numerous cities, towns and villages that connect to the canal system.

The Canalway Corridor encompasses over 4800 square miles in 23 counties and includes upstate New York's largest population centers – Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and the state capital Albany.

The federal government does not own or manage national heritage area lands as it does with traditional national parks. Instead, people, businesses, non-profit historical and environmental organizations, towns, cities, counties, and the State of New York work together to protect the Canalway Corridor and prepare for its future. This partnership helps ensure that canals, towpaths, structures and other historical and natural features remain preserved and accessible to you and to thousands of others who visit every year.

For up-to-date Canalway Corridor information and links to related sites, visit the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor websites: [www.nps.gov/erie](http://www.nps.gov/erie) and [www.eriecanalway.org](http://www.eriecanalway.org). A downloadable PDF copy of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor brochure is available (963 kb).

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Visitor Center is located at Peebles Island State Park in Waterford, N.Y. Peebles Island State park is open 7:30 a.m. to dusk daily.

## Wanted

*LGPS Soundings PC Layout Person*

*Experience with MS Word using columns and template a plus. Create bi-monthly Soundings newsletter and act as LGPS liaison with printer.*

# CHARTING LAKE GEORGE, A MINI HISTORY

By Captain Buck Bryan

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Chairman, LGPS Chart Committee

The original inhabitants of the Lake George region were Mohawk Indians, guardians of the eastern gate of the Iroquois nation. The Indian braves knew the woods and waters very well, but left no written records of the countryside.

The white people started to arrive in the early to mid 1700s, and the wars for possession of the new world commenced. Maps and charts were needed to guide the armies. Note: maps are for land areas, while charts are for water and airways in the sky.

The first published chart of Lake George was dated 1756, and was the result of a survey conducted by one Captain Jackson, I assume of the British Army. It was amazingly accurate with the exceptions of the water depths, which were measured in fathoms. A fathom is six feet. Latitude is shown, but not longitude.

The publishing date of this chart is 1776, so I am going to guess that it was used in both the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War.

From approximately 1785 to 1890, Lake George saw a lot of commercial boat traffic, mostly in the form of large boats powered by steam. The boat captains were local people who were very proud of their skills, some bragging that they knew where all of the dangerous rocks were. I doubt seriously that they used any charts, and I am not knowledgeable of any charts being published during this period of time. Captain William Gates, another writer for *The Chronicle* could comment better, as he has written many books about the steamboats on Lake George.

And then along came Seneca Ray Stoddard, a very talented fellow who lived in Glens Falls. One of his many talents was that of land surveying, and he practiced this trade all over the Adirondacks, and of course on and alongside Lake George.

I have four charts made by Stoddard. The first three are similar, but the last one is quite different, and very important in the charting history we are discussing here.

The first one is dated and copyrighted in 1889, and is noted as being a Revised Edition, so there must have been at least one that preceded it. It is a full length chart surrounded by eight chartlets, or small larger scale charts describing individual specific portions of the large chart. The water depths are in fathoms, and not very accurate, unlike the rest of the chart.

The next in my series is noted as being the third revised edition, is dated 1893, and is copyrighted in 1892. The full length chart is actually of Lake Champlain, and the Lake George portion is one of eleven chartlets surrounding the larger chart. There are no depths on the Lake George chartlet.

The last of the three is dated 1897, is copyrighted in 1895, and is noted as being the seventh revised edition. This is a full length chart surrounded by eight chartlets. All of the first three measure 36 by 10 inches.

Now the next Stoddard is truly different. It measures 94 inches high, or long, by 16 inches wide. I purchased my first one of these from the Chapman Museum in the mid 60s, when they were for sale for \$15. I believe that the Chapman has the original.

It is very, very accurate, and has water depth soundings in feet, not fathoms. I believe that I read somewhere in the past that Stoddard took the depth soundings through the ice in wintertime, using a lead line. A

lead line is exactly that: a line with a lead weight on one end. It is a very accurate way of measuring water depth, because the lead weight goes through any weeds and muck on the bottom. The line is marked off in feet.

The title of the chart states that it is a Hydrographic survey of Lake George, made in 1906-7-8. Stoddard gives credit to Captain Lee Harris of East Lake George, Alex Taylor of Bolton, Gillette W. Bartlett of Sabbath day Point, and George Cook of Bolton, for assisting in the deep water soundings. It was reprinted in 1951.

Now we need to shift gears a little bit. The Lake George Association (LGA), founded in 1885 for the protection of Lake George, started marking the navigational hazards in the Lake in 1909. The markers were actually beacons, nomenclature used to describe markers that are attached to solid ground, like clumps of rocks. If the markers float, they are called buoys. The beacons were placed in the spring, and removed in the fall, all at no cost to the taxpayer. It was a service of the LGA. The job was turned over to the Conservation Department (now DEC) in the early 60s.

The next chart I am aware of was prepared by the Conservation Department in 1935. It is a fair rendition of the shoreline, but an excellent tally of the islands, complete with all kinds of names, some no longer in use. Judging from the folds in the paper, it was used as a handout. My copy is framed. I found it in an antique store on the main street in Lake Placid, and of course had to have it. The cost was a princely \$150. Oh yes, this is the first chart I am aware of that showed the routes of the steam boats.

Now we are approaching the present. The time is 1947, and the Lake George Power Squadron (LGPS) has been formed. It was a spin-off of the Mohawk Hudson Power Squadron, one of hundreds of Power Squadrons

nation wide. There are now 450 local squadrons, each affiliated with the United States Power Squadron, founded in 1913, after spinning off of the Boston Yacht Club. The squadron was a major assist in keeping the US safe from German U boats in WWII. Civilian boats spied on U Boats, and the Germans never knew it. Pretty neat, don't you think? Power Squadrons offer boating courses, courtesy boat inspections, and other public service ventures.

Members of the LGPS noted that there was no navigational chart of Lake George, so decided to make one. The two people who were most instrumental in producing this chart, which is still in use today, were Commander A. W. Bailey, and Commander C. F. Schwenker. It is 88 inches long (remember the Stoddard Hydrographic Survey?), and 17 inches wide. The entire chart is based on Stoddard's 1892 Survey, the marker system of the LGA, and water depths taken by fathometer (depth meter) used by LGPS members.

It was produced in four panels, each 22 by 17 inches. It was first copyrighted in 1947. Subsequent copyrighting were 1967, 1971, 1991, and 1994. There were numerous printings, some containing minor changes like speed and wake zones, which are of recent origin. Thousands have been sold over the years.

I first started using the LGPS chart in the early 50s, and took a copy with me wherever I went in life. It was a standard wall decoration in any room I lived in, like Navy quarters from Bolton to Cuba. I know that I am not alone, as I have seen numerous walls decorated with the chart, as well as many countertops.

All of the foregoing history brings us up to about eight years ago, when I realized that the chart needed a substantial upgrading. Good as it was, it had no latitude and longitude lines, no reference to Global Positioning Systems (GPS), no

listing of marinas, no current telephone numbers of officials, no updated navigational rules, no current marine radio frequencies to be used for emergencies. In other words, it needed a substantial overhaul.

It took me a couple of years to convince the top brass in the LGPS to upgrade the chart, and I really saw no real movement until I said that I would contribute some dollars to fund most of the project. Then agreement was reached, but I was told that I had to do it.

So I organized some troops and went to work. That was five years ago. It turned out to be a really major undertaking. John Wainwright and I, both of the LGPS and the LGA, went to work. The first thing we did was to start surveying all of the markers on the Lake, and assign GPS coordinates (latitude and longitude) to all of them. What we discovered right off the bat was that the marker system was in a major state of disrepair. It was basically a colossal mess. *The Chronicle* consistently ran articles about our project. That was a great assist, because it advertised the facts about the marker system mess.

We talked with NYS DEC people. We learned that all funding for the marker system had been drastically cut several years prior. Then the horrible Ethan Allen accident took place, and the focus all over the place was on safety.

We decided to contact our political representatives to see what could be done about restoring the funding for the marker system. Walt Lender, the LGA Executive Director, set up a meeting with Teresa Sayward, member of the NYS Assembly. She went right to work, contacted Governor Pataki, and miracles of miracles, \$150,000 was assigned to fix the marker system.

John Wainwright and I made sure that the upgraded marker system would contain provisions to locate all of the buoys and spars by GPS.

What then happened was that we contacted a local Global Information System office in Schenectady to see what those folks could do to upgrade the chart itself. Sara Frankenfeld, of the GIS office, went right to work. She advised us to first put the LGPS chart, based on the Stoddard chart, in her computer, and to overlay an aerial flyover photo sequence on top of it. This way, we got a very accurate shoreline presentation, the marker system, and the depths of the water, all on one chart. That was about four years ago.

By this stage of the game, the marker system was being made as good as it could be by DEC employees operating out of Green Island in the Town of Bolton. Rob Miner, who was placed in charge of the buoyage system by his supervisor, Tim Hendricks, did an outstanding job, but it took him two years to do it because of the sorry shape the system was in. Eventually, Rob knew exactly where every marker was, because he had the latitude and longitude numbers in his GPS operating electronics on board his buoy boat.

After a long time, we reached agreement with DEC Region Five people in Ray Brook regarding a hold harmless clause to be placed on each panel of the chart. Now we were in a position to get all of the marker locations to Sara to accurately place them on the recently-upgraded chart. Sara prepared a number of charts in her GIS-enabled computer, and emailed them to all of the Chart Committee members. By this time Steve Traver had joined our happy band of charters, and Randy Rath of the LGA was running off prints of upgraded charts for all to see.

The tweaking started. The emails flew all over the place. A complete set of navigational course lines were added, each containing headings and reciprocal headings, with distances. We changed the icons of the markers to agree with Federal Standards. We

added data boxes for all of the navigational course lines. We added data boxes for all of the marinas on the Lake, with arrows pointing at the exact locations of the marinas. We added a large scale chartlet for the Mother Bunch group of islands. We made the latitude and longitude lines darker. We added historic wreck sites with data from Bateaux Below.

We substantially upgraded the navigation rules. We upgraded all of the speed and wake zones, adhering to Town and village ordinances. Randy helped locate the speed zones with LGA GIS equipment.

About six months ago, the end was in sight, and I began to act like a top sergeant to “get ‘er done”. We received three competitive bids for the printing. Benchmark Printing of Schenectady won. Joe Prock, of Benchmark, helped us enormously. He gave us lots of advice, including two tours of his big printing operation.

Last minute glitches started to appear all over the place, but we muddled on. Fix this; fix that. Change that color. Add a flag over there. Put the Tow Boat name on the data box. Check the magnetic variation. Get it right. Nit picker dueled with nit picker. Rotate marker E5. Rotate Marker E6 the other way. Move the 35 foot depth indication. Change the end of the navigation course from marker 35 to marker 36. What compass rose should we use? Which one will come out right? On and on it went, until we had only two more corrections to be made. These were made last Friday, and John Wainwright signed off on the final proofs (we had three sets of proofs), and the charts were cleared for printing, which is happening as we speak.

Last Saturday, 03 MAY 08, Gordon Woodworth of *The Chronicle* arrived on the Beech Road in Lake George Village, and took pictures of all of the people who materially helped with this five-year project. We invited Teresa Sayward because she

had been so helpful with the State funding, without which this project could never have been accomplished. The LGA was there. The LGPS was there. DEC was there. Everybody who counted was there.

Brief overview? I think that this charting project is a resplendent example of how private citizens can successfully work with various not-for-profits, governmental agencies and elected officials to accomplish progress for the public good.

Oh yes, the charts will be for sale at all of the marinas around the Lake, and many of the craft stores in the towns and villages. We hope that this will happen by Memorial Day.

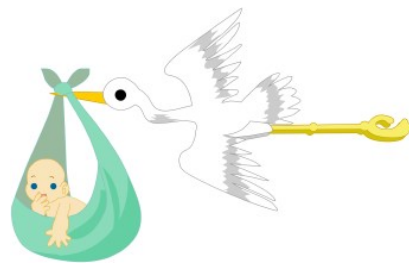
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### LGPS congratulates

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*John and Margaret Wainwright on the birth of the newest potential member of LGPS – “Baby Wainwright”!*

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## Final Words

*By P/C Kevin McCarthy*

It has been my pleasure to have served as the Commander of the Lake George Power Squadron this past year. It would not have been possible without the help of many individuals. First and foremost I want to thank my wife Mary. She has always been very supportive of me

and this past year was no exception. When I needed some ideas or suggestions Mary was always there to help me. Thank you.

Also, the members of the Bridge have been a huge help. Without your assistance none of the activities we have had would have taken place.

Thanks to John Jermano and Armand and Donna Canestraro for publishing the Soundings. As Susan noted, it again won an award this year.

Along with the Squadron teaching classes, and promoting safe boating there were two events that I am most proud of that took place this past year. As you know, this past year was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lake George Power Squadron being founded. It was an honor for me to be the Commanding Officer during the year and to help set up and organize the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary party to recognize this accomplishment.

The second event which is still taking place but will soon be finished is the complete overhaul of the Lake George Charts. As you know, one of the main ways that the Lake George Power Squadron practices and supports safe boating is by publishing charts of Lake George. This past year the chart committee, headed by Buck Bryan and with Squadron members Steve Traver and John Wainwright, members of the Lake George Association and other individuals that they have dragged into this project to assist them have been working to bring this project to closure.

This project actually started a couple of years ago when Buck came to a Bridge meeting and offered his time, energy, boat, electronic equipment, financial support, enthusiasm and, most important, his ability to get individuals to spend hours upon hours helping him gather the data to update the charts. Once the data was collected, it was processed and became the information for the charts. This work is almost complete.

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The charts are just about ready, a printer has been picked and the charts are about to be produced. A huge thanks to all those, members and non-members, who are making this project a success. I am glad that I was able to see it take place.

There is one more step that needs to be taken with this project and I am asking all of you here to help. Once the charts are printed it will be necessary to roll them and place them in tubes. I hope we can count on all of you for your help.

Once again I want to say thank you to all of you, to all the members of the Squadron, and to all of the officers of National and District 2 for your assistance in making this past year a success. Don't forget, practice and help others practice safe boating.

## EDITORS NOTE

By P/C Armand Canestraro

Over the past several years, the award winning LGPS Soundings has faithfully been delivered to your mailbox bi-monthly as a result of many volunteer hours provided by Donna Canestraro, our PC layout master. Due to an increase in both her family and work commitments, Donna will no longer be able to devote the time necessary to create the newsletter. We are presently looking into a source to begin taking over the duties that Donna has been performing for us. This issue will be the last that she will be working on.

The LGPS editors and the Squadron wish to thank her for her years of assistance.

## A handy tool to try



Have you ever been lost without a compass to guide you? Here is a handy tool P/C Canestraro learned while visiting friends on the Island of Malta in the Mediterranean Sea.

- 1) Get a blade of grass, or a short straight twig, or a match to use as a pointer.
- 2) Hold your watch horizontally, with the **hour hand** pointing in the direction of the sun.
- 3) Lay the blade of grass or match across the middle of your watch, **halfway between the hour hand and the 12.**

The grass blade or match will be pointing South and you will soon be on your way again.

**Save the Dates!**  
 Saturday - September 6<sup>th</sup>  
 @ 1:00 PM (1300 hrs)  
**Flyboy Lodge Picnic**  
 (see page 18 this issue)

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Saturday – October 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Sightseeing Cruise  
 The Dutch Apple  
 (details to follow)

## Lawsuit Charges That Ethanol Damages Boats

A recent class action lawsuit filed in the Central District of California alleges that multiple major oil companies are manufacturing and selling ethanol blended gasoline that harms marine fuel tanks, engines and other components. BP, Shell, Valero, ConocoPhillips and ExxonMobil are a few of the large oil companies targeted by the suit.

The suit alleges that the named companies were aware that ethanol blended fuel was corrosive and damaging to boat tanks, but continued to sell this product in order to acquire greater profits. According to a managing partner at the firm filing the suit, the use of ethanol blend fuel can result in thousands of dollars of repairs for marine consumers.

While additives in gasoline have existed for years, the firm states that consumers were not informed about the differences between traditional additives and the newer ethanol additive. They allege ethanol destroys the resin of fiberglass, which is widely used to construct the fuel tanks on boats. They further state that the destroyed resin can enter the fuel system where it causes damage to the engine and other components.

If true, these allegations could have serious consequences for boaters. In previous years, several states have passed bills mandating the use of E10, a gasoline that contains 10 percent ethanol. While the truth of these allegations remain to be seen, this is definitely an issue boaters should follow with a watchful eye.

**MINUTES FOR LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON  
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2008 – CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPARD, GLENVILLE, NY**  
*(Next Meeting – April 13 2008 – Annual Meeting & Change of Watch, Longfellow’s Restaurant, Saratoga Springs)*  
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**PRESENT**

Cdr. Kevin McCarthy  
Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary  
Lt/C Stephen Traver, Administrative Officer  
Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer  
P/C Armand Canestraro, Past Commander  
Lt/C James Kelley, Education Officer  
Lt/C Joan Londynsky, Executive Officer  
P/C George Williams

**ABSENT**

**EXCUSED**

**GUESTS**

Anthony Rozek

Commander McCarthy called the meeting to order at 1905, following which there occurred a power outage in the area, which lasted until approximately 1950.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT:**

- Joan is working on ideas for next year.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

1. The minutes from the February 2008 meeting were presented. Some minor revisions were suggested, following which Executive Officer Traver made a motion they be approved as corrected; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gollmer, motion passed.
2. The secretary proposed that arrangements be made to conduct Vessel Safety Checks at the Mayfield Yacht Club, located on the Great Sacandaga Lake. The proposed date is June 28<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that Armand and Kevin coordinate this project.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

1. We have received a bill from Fountain Spatial. The Treasurer sought approval to pay the invoice.
2. A check has been issued to the Church of the Good Shepard for use of their facilities.
3. Updated chart inventory was distributed and discussed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT:**

1. More reservations have come in for the April 13<sup>th</sup> Change of Watch event. Incoming Commander Londynsky is finalizing the menu. Discussion took place about potential guests, in addition to P/D/C Susan Darcy who has indicated she would be delighted to swear in the new Bridge. Discussed inviting a Tom Cufa, a Law Enforcement Director for the Lake George Park Commission. Also discussed a Walt Lender, Executive Director of the Lake George Association. Walt has offered us the use of their facilities for future meetings and functions, and is apparently very adept at building membership in organizations. It was felt that both gentlemen could prove to be valuable resources.
2. Max suggested we examine how we are doing relative to our budget.
3. Our laptop should already be loaded with last year’s change of watch program. Steve noted that the Secretary had supplied him with an electronic copy of the 2002 program, which is helpful in terms of structure.
4. Commander McCarthy noted that we still need a Lt. Commander’s flag.
5. P/C Canestraro offered to conduct the pledge of allegiance.
6. P/C Kelley noted that last year’s election failed to include the Rules, Nominating, and Audit Committees and we need to make sure they are included this time.
7. Joan Londynsky will contact P/C John Jermano to confirm he will attend COW and present the slate. Joan requested directions from the Northway to Longfellow’s be provided to Squadron members.

8. **From the South, take the Northway to Exit 14, turn left at the end of the ramp. Longfellow's will be on the right hand side.**

9. Anthony Rozek asked it be considered that future Sunday rendezvous could be held at 1400 (2:00 PM) instead of 1300 (1:00 PM), since it would be easier for churchgoers if they have to travel long distances.

**EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- 1. National is encouraging boating safety instructors to wear PFD's while teaching to set a good example. Discussion about practicality ensued.
- 2. Jim noted that he will be traveling to Florida starting tomorrow but expects to return in time to teach the boating class. Joan said she could stand in if his travel plans go astray.

**COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

Commander McCarthy indicated that Susan Darcy requested future rendezvous dates for the website. Joan indicated that she has spoken with Susan regarding this.

Kevin asked that members send in reservations for the Change of Watch if they have not already done so, so that we may provide the restaurant with an accurate count.

**CHARTS:**

The search has begun for a printer to help us complete this chart project. The new chart will be printed in 4 sections, waterproof, and should prove superior to previously produced charts.

**HISTORIAN:**

- No report. Secretary Wilkinson will need to pass on items from the archives he received from Dorothea Mikelson prior to her death.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- No one from our Squadron was able to participate in the recent boat show in Queensbury. Treasurer Gollmer indicated that he had anticipated being contacted by Sacandaga's Robert Terry to arrange to pick up the backdrop and photos; however, this did not come to pass. Furthermore, Commander McCarthy had hoped to provide Bob with some additional pictures to use but was not able to.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None to report.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Due to loss of power at this meeting - thanks to Max for gathering candles for the sanctuary and to folks who shared flashlights tonight so the meeting could continue.

*Motion to adjourn made by P/C Canestraro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lt/C Traver. Passed and meeting adjourned at 2014.*

NEXT MEETING – APRIL 13, 2008, AT LONGFELLOW'S RESTAURANT IN SARATOGA AT 1300



**MINUTES FOR LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON CHANGE OF WATCH  
HELD APRIL 13, 2008 – LONGFELLOW’S RESTAURANT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY**

The meeting/COW was called to order by Commander Kevin McCarthy at 1435.

**PRESENT**

Cdr. Kevin McCarthy  
Lt/C Joan Londynsky, Executive Officer  
P/C James H. Kelley  
P/C John Jermano  
P/C Armand Canestraro  
P/C Chuck Everson  
P/C George Williams  
Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer  
Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary  
Lt/C Stephen Traver, Admin. Officer  
Peter Weil, Member at Large  
Other Squadron members

**GUESTS**

P/D/C Susan Darcy  
Robert & Denise Terry, Sacandaga P.S.  
Tom Day, Mohawk-Hudson P.S.  
Other Distinguished Guests

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:**

- A memorial service, for Squadron members who have passed away this past year, was conducted by P/C George Williams. Remembered was P/C Stephen Heenan, AP.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

- Lt/C David Wilkinson presented the Secretary’s report for 2007-08, which was included as an attachment.
- LGPS Editors Note - (see page 11 of this issue of Soundings for Secretary’s report)

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

- Overall, the Squadron is in very good shape. P/C George Williams noted that the Audit Committee had met, examined the Squadron’s books, and found them to be in order.

**NATIONAL AND DISTRICT RECOGNITION (SUSAN DARCY):**

- P/D/C Susan Darcy presented the Squadron with a 37-year education award. This prompted Commander McCarthy to share a personal story concerning an award, which had been sent to Florida by mistake.
- Susan also presented the Squadron with the 2008 Award for Excellence in Journalism for the *Soundings*.

**EDUCATION OFFICER’S REPORT:**

- P/C George Williams noted that everyone should take the Operations Training course, which is offered without charge and without the pressure of an exam. The course is necessary for Bridge members and new members will find it helpful as they seek to orient themselves with the Squadron. Due to the turnover among Bridge members, it was announced that this course will be offered soon.

**OUTGOING COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

- Outgoing Commander Kevin McCarthy took some time to reflect on his experience as our Commander. Some highlights:
  1. He thanked his wife Mary and the members of the Bridge for their support the past year.
  2. There were several events that he noted which he was especially proud of namely the LGPS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the overhaul of the charts of Lake George which would be completed soon.

**INCOMING COMMANDER'S REMARKS:**

1. Joan thanked all those who came to COW.
2. Joan also thanked last year's Bridge for their dedication. During P/C McCarthy office he had the privilege to organize our Squadron's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and bringing the proposed new Lake George charts to fruition. Joan said that it couldn't have happened to a nicer commander.
3. Joan hopes we can make LGPS more visible, especially to the boating public. May need to look into alternative ways to communicate our message with our new charts providing an excellent introduction.
4. Joan is happy to learn from the wisdom and counsel of longer-term members.

**DISTRICT OFFICER'S MESSAGE:**

- P/D/C Darcy encouraged everyone to remit the 2008-09 membership dues promptly after receiving the invoice. The LG Squadron is one of the best-kept secrets around and we need to attract new members, other than "Q-tips." she continued. We all need to look to our future. Think about what you can do to entice more folks to join LGPS.

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:**

1. P/C Armand Canestraro reviewed the proposed slate for 2008-2009, which had been previously published in the *Soundings*. Nominations were as follows:
 

Commander:	Lt/C Joan Londynsky
Executive Officer	Lt/C Stephen Traver
Education Officer	P/C Kevin McCarthy
Administrative Officer	Lt/C Bruce Catrambone
Secretary	Lt/C/David Wilkinson
Treasurer	Lt/C Max Gollmer
2. P/D/C Susan Darcy inquired as to whether the Secretary had received any other nominations. Lt/C Wilkinson indicated that he had not. Susan also asked if anyone cared to make a nomination from the floor. No response. Susan also confirmed that the EDI-80 report had been filed with National.
3. A motion was made and passed, which directed the Secretary to cast one ballot in support of the above slate. The Secretary then did so cast. Bridge officers were sworn in for 2008-09 by P/D/C Darcy/

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. P/C Kevin McCarthy presented Joan Londynsky with her Commander's flag.
  2. Commander Joan Londynsky presented P/C Kevin McCarthy with his Past Commander's
  3. Commander Joan Londynsky presented Lt/C Bruce Catrambone, the new Administrative Officer's his first Lt/C flag.
  4. P/C McCarthy was introduced and accepted to the Past Commanders Club by P/C Williams, P/C Everson, P/C Jermano, P/C Canestraro
- New Administrative Officer Lt/C Bruce Catrambone offered a draft schedule of events for year.

*(Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 21st – 1900 – 14 Chelsea Place, Queensbury, NY)*

Motion to adjourn made by P/C Chuck Everson, Second by P/C George Williams. Meeting adjourned at 1520.

## 2008-09 CHANGE OF WATCH Secretary's Annual Report 2008

### Membership

Total Members -	70
New Members	0
Active members	47
Additional Active	6
Life Members	6
Additional Family Members	8
Women Certificate Holders	4
Senior Members -	20
New Senior Members	0
Junior Family Members	1
Deceased Members	1
Transferred to LGPS	0
Achieved 50 Years of Membership	0
Received Merit Marks	25 members

### Course(s) Taught

- Basic Boating
- America's Boating Course (ABC)

### Activities

- March - Change of Watch
- April - Area boat shows
- May - Northern Trek, Melody Manor - Lake George.
- June - Tour of the steamboat exhibit at the Albany Institute of History & Art
- July - Cruise aboard the steamship *Mohican* on Lake George
  - Canal Fest Boat Parade and related activities
  - Lake George Swim
- Aug - Tugboat Roundup
- Sept - 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party - Sagamore Hotel, Lake George
- Oct - Presentation by the Lake George Association at Highland Golf Club
- Jan - Tri-Squadron Holiday party at Malozzi's Restaurant, Schenectady, NY.  
Entertainment provided by a storyteller.
- Feb - D2 Winter Council meeting in Poughkeepsie
- March - Queensbury boat show (in spirit)

- Thanks to Susan Darcy for updating and maintaining our web site.
- In the final stages of preparing to publish an updated Chart of Lake George.
- The squadron received the Education Award.
- *Soundings* received 2008 Award for Excellence in Journalism.

**MINUTES FOR LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON  
HELD MAY 21, 2008 – RESIDENCE OF COMMANDER LONDYNKY – 14 CHELSEA PLACE,  
QUEENSBURY, NEW YORK**

(Next Meeting – Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> – 1900 – 14 Chelsea Place, Queensbury, NY)

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Commander Joan Londynsky called the meeting to order at 1910.

**PRESENT**

Cdr. Joan Londynsky  
Lt/C Stephen Traver, Executive Officer  
Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary  
Lt/C Bruce Catrambone, Admin. Officer  
Peter Weil, Member at Large

**EXCUSED**

Lt/C Kevin McCarthy, SEO  
Lt/C James Kelly, Safety Officer  
Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer  
P/C Armand Canestraro, Member-at-Large

**GUESTS**

Denise Terry, D2 Conf. Committee Chair  
P/C George Williams

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT:**

- Although Stephen has not taken any official action since being sworn in on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Change of Watch, he reported things appear to be running smoothly so far.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

1. The report was distributed electronically just prior to this evening’s meeting. Unfortunately, this meant that several folks did not get the opportunity to review it for discussion purposes prior to the meeting.
2. Commander Londynsky would like to further discuss the report and budget but would like more folks to be able to participate. Executive Officer Traver suggested the formation of an *ad-hoc* finance committee, as it is difficult to discuss detailed items such as this during regular Bridge meetings. Some of our financial directives are contained in our by-laws. Treasurer Gollmer and Commander Londynsky should serve on this Committee. George Williams could offer a historical perspective, while Stephen Traver can offer significant management experience. Exec. Officer Traver observed that changes can be made to practices and procedures, which may not necessarily require modifications to the by-laws.

**EDUCATION OFFICER’S REPORT:**

1. Thirteen adults in the present Basic Boating course being taught by P/C Kevin McCarthy; tonight is the last night.
2. Six of the seven kids passed the kids’ course, which was taught by P/C Jim Kelly.
3. Working to arrange an AP course for the fall.
4. Lt/C Stephen Traver inquired about the possibility of the offering of a boating course in the Lake George area.
5. Bruce Catrambone, Stephen Traver, and others recently completed the Operations Training course.

**COMMANDER’S REPORT:**

1. We received a “thank you” letter from Kevin McCarthy for his Past Commander’s gift.
2. Commander Londynsky presented a copy of a picture from the Lake George *Chronicle*, which featured Bridge Members with a prototype of the new chart, and distinguished guests.
3. Commander Londynsky went to dinner as part of the Northern Trek D2 rendezvous. Dates for Northern Trek 2009 are May 15-17.
4. We have received a certificate of merit for our contribution to the USPS Education Fund. This will be forwarded to Historian P/C John Jermano.
5. P/C McCarthy has suggested we acknowledge the birth of a baby to a Squadron couple, which apparently took place about a month ago. It was noted that we do not have a “precedent” for such an acknowledgement. Brief discussion ensued about policy vs. practice. Perhaps we should simply send a card? It was decided that, going forward, that should the Bridge learn about family related events, within a “reasonable time frame,” the Commander may direct the Secretary to send an acknowledgement to the family.

6. It was noted that our Charts, which we elect to store at the offices of the Lake George Association are covered by the Association's insurance. Executive Officer suggested we send a Transmittal Letter to acknowledge their offer of storage facilities and that on May 17, 2008, items were placed in storage.
7. Commander Londynsky shared pictures taken at the 2008 Change of Watch.

**CHARTS:**

1. Commander Londynsky presented a sample of the new chart for review. After a competitive bidding process, Benchmark Printing was selected to produce the new charts. Committee members were provided a tour of their facility and were suitably impressed. The chart has been submitted to Benchmark electronically and an initial run of 1,000 charts was printed. Stephen Traver has pictures from the tour of the facility.
2. Pictures were also taken at a recent chart rolling party, which took place earlier this month at the offices of the Lake George Association. Thanks to Buck Bryant, who picked up charts and tubes and brought them to the LGA office so they could be rolled. They are being distributed to vendors now.
3. A tri-fold Squadron brochure may be included with the new charts and a draft will be distributed for review. Exec. Officer Traver proposes to engage Staples to print the brochures (in color) and has utilized contacts he has to get a set of brochures ready to go out with the 1st batch of charts. A stand-up rack can be used to display the brochures at boat shows, similar events, and vendor facilities.
4. The estimated per-chart cost for vendors has been set at \$20.
5. For security, Stephen Traver has burned the master files for the charts onto a C.D., which has been placed in a fire-safe facility. Stephen also suggested Commander Londynsky secure a copy.
6. P/C George Williams presented a navigation rules card, which had been distributed with previous charts.
7. Stephen Traver noted that we probably do not want to wait ten years before we update the charts. When we print more charts, we can revisit ideas about what to include with them and the sale price.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

1. Lt/C Bruce Catrambone reported that Myron Rappaport is available as a speaker. He is an experienced Naval Architect, specializing in hulls.
2. Bruce asked if someone, (P/C Kevin McCarthy) could provide him with mailing labels for rendezvous announcements and presented a sample announcement for review.
3. Commander Londynsky indicated that meals for speakers, such as Mr. Rappaport, would be covered by the Squadron.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- Commander Londynsky presented copies of the Lake George *Chronicle*, which featured an article about the Squadron.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

1. Proposed revisions to the minutes for the March 2008 meeting of the Bridge/Executive Committee, as presented by Anthony Rozek were discussed. Motion to approve made by Traver; Second by Catrambone. Passed.
2. Vessel Safety Checks will be conducted at Mayfield Yacht Club, located on the Great Sacandaga Lake, on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Checks will be performed by a combined team from the Lake George & Sacandaga Power Squadrons. Following the conclusion of their work at MYC, Sacandaga personnel will proceed on to nearby Gordon's Lakeside Marine to perform checks there. The secretary noted that posters and a sign-up sheet were placed at the Club, and an announcement was placed in the monthly newsletter.
3. Motion to accept the minutes from the 2008 Change of Watch made by Stephen Traver; second by Bruce Catrambone. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Guest Denise Terry (Sacandaga Squadron) noted that the Vessel Safety Examiner forms contain incorrect information on the back, which need to be redacted.
2. Denise further noted the upcoming D2 Summer Council, which takes place July 25-27 in Bridgeport, CT. On July 19, the Champlain Power Squadron is hosting a clambake in the Plattsburgh area.
3. Denise also noted that D2 suggests that squadrons consider increasing the prices they charge for courses to increase the perceived value to the public of our educational offerings. Secretary Wilkinson noted that he has seen organizations outside the Capital District, which are offering free boating safety courses, possibly in Dutchess County. It was suggested that these courses are being taught by County Sheriff's and other law enforcement personnel.
4. This week is "Safe Boating Week."

5. The D2 Fall Conference will take place October 24-25 in Poughkeepsie, hosted by the Poughkeepsie Power Squadron. The D2 Spring Conference will be held in Plattsburgh in March. A multi-District Conference for the New England area districts will take place in November.
6. New passwords DB2000 take effect in June. Contact P/D/C Susan Darcy with any questions.
7. As the D2 Conference & Council Committee Chairperson, Denise asked us to consider hosting the Fall 2009 D2 Conference. She noted that up to \$1,000 is available to defray the Squadron's cost of reserving meeting space. At least one room set up in "classroom style" is needed. A continental breakfast, luncheon (perhaps a hot & cold buffet), and Saturday night dinner dance are traditionally included. Registration typically begins on Friday evening and continues on Saturday morning. Participants are on their own for meals on Sunday, as the council business concludes on Saturday afternoon. An alternative activity for guests not participating in the business meetings is typically arranged. Denise noted that she had recently provided, via electronic mail, a "how to" manual for organizing a conference/council. Commander Londynsky asked, on average, how many folks reserve rooms. Denise observed that the average rate for a room is \$99/night and that more rooms are typically reserved for Saturday night, as opposed to Friday night. Because of our tax exempt status, the host squadron must pay the hotel directly and be sure to give the hotel an accurate head count within a sufficient time period to avoid charges for "no-shows." Consensus: It would be better to decide sooner, rather than later, if we wish to proceed. Lt/C Traver suggested setting up an *ad-hoc* committee to explore this further, since it is difficult to discuss in detail during a regular Bridge meeting, along with all the other Squadron business that typically needs to be addressed. The committee would then make a recommendation to the Bridge. Denise also went on to note that D2 *might* cover any unexpected losses. Discussion ensued, with The Georgian and Ft. William Henry suggested as possible venues. Lt/C Traver opined that the event should be held near to Lake George, which would encourage Squadron members from the area to participate. It was further suggested that we avoid a holiday weekend and the Water Park hotel, due to its reputation of late and due to Squadron members' experience with its inordinately high noise level. Lt/C Traver offered to chair the committee.
8. Guest Denise Terry asked the Secretary to send a copy of the poster for the upcoming Vessel Safety Check program to her attention.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Sadly, Richard Provost passed away in August of last year; however, the Bridge was not aware of it at the time. We are currently seeking permission from his family to publish his name in the *Ensign*.

*Motion to adjourn made by Londynsky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Traver. Passed and meeting adjourned at 2055.*

NEXT MEETING – JUNE 18, 2008, AT THE HOME OF COMMANDER LONDYNSKY

**MINUTES FOR LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE/EXEC. COMMITTEE  
HELD JUNE 18, 2008 – RESIDENCE OF COMMANDER LONDYNSKY – 14 CHELSEA PLACE,  
QUEENSBURY, NEW YORK**

*(Next Meeting – Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> – 1900 – 14 Chelsea Place, Queensbury, NY)*

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Commander Joan Londynsky called the meeting to order at 1910.

**PRESENT**

Cdr. Joan Londynsky  
Lt/C Stephen Traver, Executive Officer  
Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary  
Peter Weil, Member at Large  
Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer

**EXCUSED**

Lt/C Kevin McCarthy, SEO  
Lt/C James Kelly, Safety Officer  
Lt/C Bruce Catrambone, Admin. Officer  
P/C Armand Canestraro, Member-at-Large

**GUESTS**

P/C George Williams  
Anthony Rozek

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT:**

- 1. Executive Officer Traver reported that he has given the Squadron’s laptop computer to Commander Londynsky and also that he managed to download DB2000 onto his personal laptop.
- 2. Exec. Officer Traver also noted that he is interested in “any training he can get his hands on.”

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

- 6. All dues notices have been mailed and all but four have responded. The absolute deadline established by National is June 30<sup>th</sup>. We experienced more losses than gains this year. Any change of address info should be sent to Membership Chair Stephen Traver, going forward.
- 7. Has been keeping an inventory regarding the old charts, which are presently housed at the offices of the Lake George Association. We can really only track inventory when we received a record that a check was received or by being provided information about chart sales.
- 8. Distributed four reports for discussion. Cmdr. Londynsky agreed to verify the location of the software which was purchased for our donated laptop and whether or not a wireless internet link is available in the area.
- 9. Treasure Gollmer presented a cost analysis of our chart efforts and expressed concern that we may be undervaluing the final product and letting too much product go at little or no cost. Cmdr. Londynsky suggested a committee be formed, consisting of Treasurer Max Gollmer, P/C George Williams, Stephen Traver, and herself to take a closer look at this issue. Concern is the amount of work and investment in the chart project vs. the yield relative to the consumer price index benchmarks contained in our by-laws.
- 10. Thanks was expressed to Mr. Gollmer for presenting such a comprehensive review of these issues for discussion.
- 11. Treasurer Gollmer suggested we make concerted effort to minimize our expenditures, going forward, and encouraged us to arrange rendezvous that pay for themselves.

**COMMANDER’S REPORT:**

- 1. Commander Londynsky appointed Stephen Traver to the position of Membership Chair.
- 2. Commander Londynsky noted that a Past Commander’s hat is available.
- 3. Ms. Londynsky has received an inquiry from D2 regarding whether or not the Squadron owns a digital projector for use in our educational courses. Also, D2 needs to know if a projector that we own is obsolete. Treasurer Gollmer responded that we *do* have such equipment, along with a spare bulb. P/C Kevin McCarthy may be the current possessor of this item. This led to a brief discussion regarding Squadron equipment and present whereabouts. Treasurer Gollmer noted that he has a fairly current list, which would be a good place to start from. The bulk of our equipment is under control of the Education Department. It was suggested that Commander Londynsky, P/C Canestraro, and Treasurer
- 4. Gollmer could take an inventory of our equipment. Commander Londynsky expressed concern that we appear to be a little lax in our responsibility in this regard. Mr. Gollmer also suggested that P/C Richard Mathews might also be a good source of information. Commander Londynsky proposed establishing a committee of herself, Max Gollmer, Armand Canestraro, Richard Mathews, and Jim Kelly to sort things out.
- 5. Apparently, grant funds may be available to provide squadrons with projectors which could be lent out,
- 6. Commander Londynsky shared information about Operation Paddle Smart, which provides information at launch facilities which cater especially to paddlers, i.e. canoeists, kayakers, etc., and presented some literature for our review.
- 7. The Commander shared an article from the *Post-Star*, which featured information on a Lake George Association program designed to offer the ability to check boats and vehicles for invasive species of animals.
- 8. In speaking further with D2 representative Denise Terry, Commander Londynsky has confirmed that the incentives, offered to Squadrons concerned about hosting D2 meetings, may not yet be approved; however, there is a reasonable chance they will be approved by the summer. Stephen Traver suggested we speak with hosts of previous conferences to gauge their experiences. Commander Londynsky offered to contact other squadrons for this information. Consensus was that if they made or did not lose money, it was a positive experience, and P/C Canestraro would be willing to chair the Committee, than we should seriously consider hosting the fall conference. Dunham’s Bay resort seems to be a favorite suggestion. Commander noted that we would need a block of about twenty rooms available for attendees to reserve. Commander Londynsky noted that we need to give Ms. Terry an answer fairly soon regarding our willingness to host. (P/C Canestraro later confirmed his willingness to chair a D2 Fall Conference committee.)

**CHARTS:**

- 1. Exec. Officer Stephen Traver reports that the new charts have been selling like hotcakes. About 800 of the new charts have been rolled and tubed this far.

2. Stephen presented a prototype of a display stand designed to hold informational brochures about the Squadron; which will be distributed to chart vendors. P/Lt/C Buck Bryant had suggested that something be included in the charts to promote the Lake George Association and the Lake George Power Squadron. Exec. Officer Traver presented a draft brochure, which features his contact information. Stephen confirmed his willingness to respond to inquiries for the time being. His first mate, JD, who put it together based on our previous brochure, would like the Squadron (Bridge) to review it. Steve Traver noted that it can be sent out electronically for folks to review prior to our next meeting and offered to arrange for this.
3. Commander Londynsky likes the brochure idea and feels it could be a great asset to the Squadron; however, it needs to be proofread and reviewed carefully for content. Commander Londynsky also proposed that we shop the copying and printing of the brochure to see what it would cost to print a quantity. Treasurer Gollmer observed that we might want to copy it in black & white, since our display sign is in color and would already attract attention. Secretary Wilkinson also suggested the idea of printing it in black & white, but on colored paper to help it stand out.
4. Exec. Officer Traver noted that two “typos” on the new chart have already been brought to his attention. Specifically, longitude coordinates were transposed. Mr. Traver further indicated a willingness to serve as our “go to” guy for chart issues, which Commander Londynsky thought would be fine, however, she cautioned that he might need some help. She further suggested that a “notice to mariners” be published in the local papers, i.e. the Lake George *Chronicle* and Glens Falls *Post-Star*, to talk about the new charts and future possible *errata*. It was noted that Buck has expressed interest in assuming some responsibility for maintaining a repository of chart corrections in anticipation of future editions. It would be beneficial to share such updates with the public and appropriate authorities, along the lines of a “notice to mariners” program. Steve Traver agreed to consult with treasurer Max Gollmer about procedures for addressing the issue of corrections to the chart going forward. Stephen also indicated willingness to assist, since he has the data on which the new chart was based.
5. Commander Londynsky noted that P/C Armand Canestraro has been exploring potential new venues for the charts and that West Marine has apparently expressed interest.
6. Discussion regarding disposition of old charts, which Commander Londynsky and P/C McCarthy may want to discuss. If we are not going to sell them, perhaps they should be destroyed. Joan said she would be willing to assist with chart counting.
7. Buck does not want our old charts sold in the Lake George area and noted that he does not have a strong interest in selling our old charts.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT:**

- Admin Officers report was distributed prior to tonight’s meeting, as Bruce was unable to attend.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Prospective members are not automatically accepted following their submission of an application. Stephen Traver noted that LGPS would need to be able to justify denying admission to a member candidate.
2. Secretary Wilkinson asked if there were provisions for removing a member who is no longer “in good standing.” Apparently, there are. Mr. Wilkinson also questioned whether membership is still open only to successful graduates of the Basic Boating course. It was noted that this previous requirement has been deemed “discriminatory” in recent times and is being phased out.
3. P/C Williams noted that the only cost to a former member in good standing, to be re-instated, is two dollars (\$2).
4. Anthony Rozek questioned whether or not new members had to be formally voted into the Squadron, as opposed to being automatically admitted upon submitting an application. Stephen Traver observed that we would need to be able to justify denying membership, should that ever be necessary.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

1. Executive Officer Traver made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting, following a brief discussion regarding some minor revisions. Second by Peter Weil (one “I”). Motion passed.
2. It was noted that P/C Armand Canestraro would be unable to participate in the upcoming vessel safety checks at Mayfield Yacht Club, due to a recent injury. Unfortunately, P/C Kevin McCarthy also cannot participate due to other commitments; however, the event will go on as planned with assistance from the Sacandaga Power Squadron.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**



- Stephen Traver presented information about the Lake George Association’s Summer Gala, which takes place at the Sagamore hotel on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. P/Lt/C Buckley Bryant is a featured speaker. Discussion about the Association’s solicitation for sponsors for the event, or for donations for a silent auction. Treasurer Max Gollmer opined that we should sponsor at the minimum level and also donate something to the auction. For one hundred dollars (\$100), we will be listed in the program and published in the *Post-Star*. Motion to support the event at the \$100 level and to donate two charts by Gollmer. Second by Traver, motion passed.
- Anthony Rozek noted a potentially new EPA permit required for recreational boaters, though apparently not likely to be passed, would be required to satisfy an EPA requirement. Cost could be as high as eight hundred dollars (\$800) and more information is available from BOAT-US.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Executive Officer Stephen Traver noted that the Lake George Association has offered to provide insurance coverage, for the charts housed at their offices, at no charge. Brief discussion about the Squadron’s existing *liability* insurance, which protects us from liability for chart publication. Anthony Rozek noted that National might require that the Squadron maintain liability insurance.

*Motion to adjourn made by Anthony Rozek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Max Gollmer. Passed and meeting adjourned at 2115.*

NEXT MEETING – JULY 16, 2008, AT THE HOME OF COMMANDER LONDYNSKY



## Lake George Power Squadron

Saturday, September 6, 2008 Rendezvous 1:00 PM (1300)

P/Lt/C Buckley Bryan's Fly Boy Lodge  
Bell Point Road  
Bolton Landing, New York

Directions: **North I-87 - Exit 24 east**, turn right onto County Route 11, go 6 miles, at the bottom of hill, take left onto 9N (Lake Shore Drive), continue 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile, take right into Bell Point Shores, left onto Bell Point Road, at end of Bell Point Road turn right, take left to Fly Boy Lodge.

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided by P/Lt/C Buck Bryan.

Each person/couple is asked to bring a dish to pass around. BYOB (Bring your own bottle)--your choice—whatever you like.

**Return form to: Lake George Power Squadron, c/o Lt./C Bruce Catrambone, 14 Deerfield Place, Ballston Spa, NY 12020**  
no later than Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

**P/C Kevin McCarthy will present an Education Meeting at the rendezvous.**

Next event – Sightseeing Luncheon Cruise – The Dutch Apple – Saturday, October 18, 2008

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### Fly Boy Lodge Picnic

**Names attending** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_

**Covered Dish:** \_\_\_\_\_

*P/D/C Darcy awards P/C Canestraro and P/C Jermamo Journalism award for Soundings*



*Cmdr Londynsky address squadron at COW*



*P/D/C Darcy presents education award to P/C McCarthy*

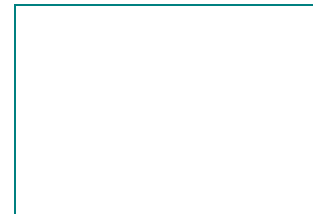


*Chart Committee unveils new 2008 LGPS Chart*



*New 2008 Charts ready for distribution*

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