



# Commander's Message

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On Sunday October 19, 2007 a rendezvous was held at the Queensbury Hotel. A guest speaker from the Lake George association provided information on the history of Lake George.

We are also planning the holiday party. This year it is LGPS responsibility to plan the Tri-Squadron event. It is yet another chance for members of the three local Squadrons to get together socially. You will find the announcement in this newsletter. Hopefully, you will be able to attend.

The chart committee continues to work diligently on updating the Lake George chart. A great deal of time and energy has gone into this project. The final details are being taken care of and the chart will soon be at the printers. Again a special thanks to Buck Bryan, Steve Traver and John Wainwright for all the work they have put into this project.

The Squadron has also received a new supply of burgees. These are a little different than past burgees. Now that the Squadron has been in existence for more than 50 years the trim around the edge of the burgee is gold. Anyone interested in purchasing a burgee should contact P/C Armand Canestraro. The cost is twenty dollars.

Hopefully we will have our boats winterized and covered before the cold weather arrives.

## *Condolences*

*LGPS notes the passing of long time member Robert Story, We extend our condolences to his family.*

## *Next Bridge / Executive Meeting*

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Due to the holidays – it is this month on the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm,  
(Good Shepard Church – Rt. 50 Burnt Hills)  
*-All are welcome!*

## BOATING SAFETY

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

### CARBON MONOXIDE – A TOXIC GAS

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is produced by the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels. It is also toxic which makes it a boating safety issue. Sources on your boat may include engines, gas generators, cooking ranges, and space and water heaters.

Carbon monoxide (CO) enters your body through the lungs and interferes with the distribution of oxygen in the blood to the rest of the body. Symptoms of CO poisoning include headache, nausea, weakness, confusion, disorientation, and dizziness. Early symptoms can be confused with seasickness or alcohol intoxication. Inhaling very high levels or inhaling low levels for a long time can cause death.

Some of the situations in and around your boat that can allow CO to accumulate include:

- Inadequately ventilated enclosures. This can occur in canvas enclosures or in other compartments on board.
- Slow speeds or idling. Exhaust fumes may not dissipate in the same manner as when you are cruising or at fast speed. Also, CO will remain around your boat after the

engine is stopped. It takes time to dissipate.

- Back-drafting or the “station wagon effect”
- Exhaust from another vessel. When tied up at a dock or when rafting, exhaust from another boat may drift toward your boat and into your cabins.
- Swimming near or under the back deck or swim platform when the engine is idling and shortly after it has stopped.

Steps you can take to reduce the risk of CO poisoning include:

- Make sure you and your passengers know where and how CO may accumulate in and around your boat and that they are aware of what early poisoning signs are.
- Maintain fresh air circulation throughout the boat at all times.
- Although CO can be present without the smell of exhaust fumes, if you smell exhaust fumes, CO is also present. Take immediate action to dissipate these fumes.
- Ensure that your engine, generators and exhaust system are well maintained.
- When towing someone, make sure they are at least 20 feet back. Testing has shown that CO remains at dangerous levels near the water surface through this distance.
- “Teak Surfing” is especially dangerous. When an individual holds on to the swim platform, they can inhale carbon monoxide and are dangerously close to the boat’s propeller, which is compounded by failing to wear a life jacket.

## Boat Safe – Boat Smart!

*LGPS BURGEES  
Make wonderful gifts.  
\$20.00*

*Call P/C Armand Canestraro to order yours today – limited quantities available so call today!*

## CONGRATULATIONS Robert Marshall!

It is with great pleasure that LGPS announce a special distinction by one of our members. Robert Marshall has received a special gold-wreathed 25-year pin for renewing his membership in the Lake George Power Squadron for the 25<sup>th</sup> time.

Robert deserves our sincere appreciation and thanks.

Save the Date!  
January 12, 2008  
Tri-Squadron Holiday Party  
Malozzi  
Cost \$20.00

## RENDEZVOUS NEWS *Lt/C Stephen W. Traver*

*July 21, 2007 Rendezvous*

On Saturday, July 21, 2007, members of the Squadron met at the Steel Pier in Lake George to enjoy a special ride aboard the PV *Mohican*. The weather was perfect, with beautiful sunny skies, temperatures in the 70's, and twenty mile visibility and calm winds.

Each Squadron member was given a metal medallion commissioned by the Lake George Steamboat Company to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Mohican*'s service on Lake George. Built in 1907, she has been steaming the lake since 1908.

Greeting us aboard, Captain Edward Stanilka thanked the Squadron for our service to the boating community, and related how he still refers to a dated Lake George Power Squadron chart of Lake George which he retained after years of service aboard the old

*Ticonderoga*. He also requested (and the Commander quickly offered!) a copy of the soon-to-be released new chart of the lake, currently being worked on in committee.

Having fun with our being aboard, Captain Stanilka varied the *Mohican*'s route on the Paradise Bay Cruise, making frequent course and speed changes to negotiate a sailboat regatta off the lake George Club, passing close by the Sagamore Hotel, running the big boat through the narrow Turtle Island passage north into the Narrows, then southeast past Oahu Island.

During the entire voyage, I had my laptop running Maptech's Terrain Navigator software displaying real-time GPS position data as we sailed. Perhaps one day we might make available our new chart in this increasingly popular electronic format (for a profit, of course!). My thanks to William Dow, who graciously arranged for me to have AC power for my computer.

All in all, my data shows we cruised 29.58 miles on our trip, and great fun was had by all hands.

*October 21, 2007 Rendezvous*

On Sunday, October 21, members of the Squadron gathered at the Queensbury Hotel for a brunch and presentation by the Lake George Association.

In keeping with our recognition of sixty years' service to boating in the Lake George area, and the Squadron's anticipated introduction of a major revision to its navigational chart of Lake George, Randy Rath of the LGA gave us a presentation covering a wide range of historical and current activities carried out by the LGA and the LGPS.

Randy has been serving as a member of the Squadron's Chart Committee and has also been named an Honorary Member of the Squadron for his service. Randy reviewed the long

history of aids to navigation on Lake George, first installed and maintained by the LGA over 100 years ago. The buoy system later came under the jurisdiction of the DEC, who maintains the system through today.

Randy went on to explain how the various agencies and organizations interested in safe navigation of the lake have contributed resources and data to the committee which enabled this new, much improved chart. He was also able to explain to the members how the Committee has used satellite photos, aerial photography and GPS data to vastly improve the accuracy of the chart.

The Lake George Association is also very actively involved in lake saving projects, and Randy discussed several significant projects aimed at reducing storm water runoff sedimentation of the lake in both the northern and southern basins. Randy pointed out that educating people on the importance of protecting the lake's future is vital, and discussed the many educational and participatory programs for both young and old supported by the LGA.

Squadron members interested in helping the LGA with its many efforts are urged to visit the LGA web site at [LakeGeorgeAssociation.Org](http://LakeGeorgeAssociation.Org).

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## WANTED

*LGPS is in need of a Squadron Member at Large for 2008*

Requirements: A love for boating.

For more information contact P/C John Jermano at 518-377-1679

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MINUTES FOR LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON  
HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2007 – CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPARD, GLENVILLE, NY  
*(Next Meeting – Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Sagamore Hotel, Lake George, NY)*  
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**PRESENT**

Cdr. Kevin McCarthy  
Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary  
Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer  
Marvin Snyder, Member at Large  
Frank Beyer, Member at Large  
P/C Armand Canestraro, Member at Large  
Lt/C Stephen Traver, Administrative Officer

**ABSENT**

**EXCUSED**

Lt/C John Londynsky, Executive Officer  
Lt/C James Kelly, Education Officer

**GUESTS**

Anthony Rozek

Commander McCarthy called the meeting to order at 19:11.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- Lt/C Londynsky has apparently spoken with the media about our anniversary. A photographer from the Glens Falls Post Star is available to cover the meeting; however, it is being requested that he be provided with a meal. Discussion ensued and a motion was made to affect same. Motion passed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

1. The minutes from the July 18, 2007 meeting were approved as presented. Commander McCarthy indicated that they "looked good."
2. The Secretary offered to prepare an article for the *Soundings* about his experiences aboard a Maine windjammer cruise, if the editors thought it would be of interest. The editors encouraged the secretary to do so.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. A second payment has been made to the Sagamore Hotel
2. Generally, our finances are in good shape.
3. The Treasurer distributed a report of our finances for review and discussion. Motion was made by P/C Canestraro to submit the report for audit. Second by Commander McCarthy. Motion passed.
4. The treasurer indicated he would follow up with Buckley Bryant relative to income from recent chart sales.
5. A new copy of our insurance policy is available for review by the Audit Committee.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

1. Pictures were presented from our Lake George cruise.
2. To date - 22 reservations have been made for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala at the Sagamore.
3. Menu choices for our October 21<sup>st</sup> rendezvous were presented for discussion. This is a Sunday brunch.
4. Representatives are available from the Lake George Association to make a presentation at our October 21 educational meeting/rendezvous about the history of the lake, our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the new charts.
5. The Administrative Officer plans to mail a reminder, indicating that reservations for our September 15th anniversary party are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Steve indicated he would provide a current reservation list so that efforts are not duplicated.

**EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT:**

1. No formal report was presented, as the Education Officer was boating in Maine at the time of the meeting.
2. It was noted that the ABC class was conducted on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Although there were 6 students, only 2 showed up to complete the examination, due to unforeseen circumstances. Answer sheets were forwarded to National.

**COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

1. Commander McCarthy presented a new brochure available from National, which spoke about best environmental practices for boaters. Discussion followed about potential distribution of the brochure to area marinas.
  2. Received a note from Fred Mangelsdorf about the demise of the co-op charting program. Apparently, the folks in Washington, D.C. are not interested in utilizing the results of these efforts. Two related notes: An on-the-water training exercise is being conducted on August 19<sup>th</sup> in the Kingston area. Contact the Commander if you are interested in participating. Furthermore, the security surrounding the NOAA website will apparently be tightened.
  3. The Albany Institute of History and Art, where we enjoyed an earlier meeting and tour of the current steamboat exhibit, is offering a lecture tomorrow about steamboats.
  4. A Tri-Squadron rendezvous takes place on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at a pavilion along the Great Sacandaga Lake from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. There is a cost of \$6 to enter the park. Please bring a dish to pass. Boat rides will be available. Contact Commander McCarthy for more information.
  5. The D-2 fall conference takes place in Danbury, Connecticut on October 12-13.
  6. Get your reservations in now for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary party and talk it up.
  7. Thanks to Admin. Officer Stephen Traver for a very nice cruise on the Mohegan, which took a different route than usual, affording Squadron travelers a glance at unusual Lake George sights. Watch for an article in the *Soundings*.
  8. Thanks to Anthony Rozek for taking such great pictures.
  9. The winter council meeting takes place at the Best Western hotel in Poughkeepsie on February 2, 2008. Please let the Commander know if you would like to attend and represent the Squadron.

## PAST COMMANDER:

1. An order has been placed for Squadron burgees and they should be available for our 60<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Our new PC is loaded with the software we also purchased, thanks to Donna Canestraro.
  3. We have performed 7 vessel safety checks so far. Need to certify Commander McCarthy and several other LGPS examiners.
  4. The Anniversary Gala will be covered in Soundings.
  5. Have spoken with Webmaster Colman Kusick and is pleased to report that update have been made to our website. Going forward, we have decided to accept P/D/C Susan Darcy's generous offer to maintain the site. Coleman and Susan will coordinate this effort.
  6. Our Historian has, regrettably, resigned from the Squadron. We should retrieve the archival materials from her and deposit them in a suitable location. John Jermano has agreed to become the new historian. (*Secretary's note: I have some additional items, which I retrieved from Dottie Mikelson before she passed away.*)
  7. Our storage locker is in need of organization. There are still some unused training manuals, which date back to 2001. Perhaps we can return them to National for a refund.
  8. Buckley Bryant was able to represent us at the Safety Meeting following the recent Lake George swim, which will likely occur again next year. Some of the points that were raised included:
    - No two-way radio communication was available.
    - No on-the-water restroom facilities were available, despite plans for them
    - Issues arose in general in terms of coordination. Not sure where folks were or what their assignments were.

## **CHARTS:**

- No formal report.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- **None to report.**

*Motion to adjourn made by P/C Canestraro, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lt/C Gollmer. Passed and meeting adjourned at 20:02.*

NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – THE SAGAMORE – LAKE GEORGE



## ***60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***

***Beautiful Sagamore Resort***

***Commander McCarthy and his wife Mary receive District pins from D2 Commander Martin Feldberg***



***Commander McCarthy honors member Anthony "Tony" Rosak at the 60th Anniversary Celebration on September 15, 2007***



***Commander McCarthy recognize P/C Richard  
"Dick" Mathews as our Squadron Education  
Officer.***

**P/C Armand Canestraro discusses LGPS Burgee sales with Squadron members left to right – Janet and P/C Al Delgado, P/C Armand Canestraro, and Bruce and Barbara Catrambone.**



*LGPS past Commanders left to right:*

*P/C James W. Greybowski, AP, P/C Richard L. Mathews, AP, Cmdr Kevin McCarthy, P, D/C Martin Feldberg, AP, P/C Eladio Delago, AP, P/C Charles W. Everson, AP, P/C Armand Canestraro, P, and P/C James H. Kelley, JN*

MINUTES FOR LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON  
HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007 – CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPARD, GLENVILLE, NY  
*(Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Church of the Good Shepard, Glenville)*  
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## PRESENT

Cdr. Kevin McCarthy  
Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary  
P/C Armand Canestraro, Member at Large  
Lt/C Stephen Traver, Administrative Officer

## GUESTS

None

Commander McCarthy called the meeting to order at 19:11.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- No report.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

- The minutes from the August 2007 meeting were approved, subject to the modification that P/C Armand Canestraro should be listed as “present.”

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- No report.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

1. Brunch rendezvous takes place this Sunday in Queensbury, starting at 11:30 a.m. Since we only have twelve confirmed reservations, we will order off the menu rather than have a large brunch set up. Members of the Lake George Association will speak about this history of cooperation between the Association and the Lake George Power Squadron, including historical information about the Lake.
  2. Steve has spoken with Woman Certificate Holder Jane Story, who may be interested in attending the brunch. Suggested we may want to periodically offer the Certificate Holders an opportunity to join the Squadron and become fully active members.
  3. It is LGPS turn to host the annual Tri-Squadron holiday party. Commander McCarthy proposed having it in January to avoid the holiday “crunch.” Executive Officer Traver suggested the party be held before Thanksgiving; however, concern was expressed that we would not have time to advertise it to the membership. No featured entertainment will help keep costs in check.
  4. P/C Canestraro asked about the upcoming New York City boat show. Perhaps our members can participate in the trip usually organized by the Schenectady Yacht Club.
  5. Our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary party went well. We received several positive comments.

## **EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- No report.

## **COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

1. P/C Canestraro suggested that Commander McCarthy begin working on Merit Mark submissions for 2007.
  2. Some comments have been received about the draft Roster, which was distributed for review prior to the meeting. P/C Canestraro was particularly diligent in this effort.
  3. P/D/C Susan Darcy has taken over as Webmaster from member Coleman.
  4. Congratulations are due Squadron member Robert Marshall, who has received a 25-year pin
  5. Commander McCarthy has received forms to be completed and submitted to National relative to our education program.
  6. Commander McCarthy plans to attend the D2 meeting in Poughkeepsie on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Secretary Wilkinson expressed interest in attending the meeting as well.
  7. J. Buckley Bryant has been re-appointed as Chairman of the Chart Committee. P/C John Jermano has been officially appointed Squadron Historian.
  8. The Chart Committee has been working hard. We expect to receive the proposed final product from Fountain Spacial of Schenectady soon. The only remaining process in the project is to locate a printer, and Buck is looking at candidates. It was noted that the new chart would make an excellent door prize for the Holiday Party, if it is ready by that time.

## **CHARTS:**

- See “Commander’s Report” for an update.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

- Lt/C Jim Kelly, Squadron Education Officer, was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital in Amsterdam. We hope he feels better soon.

*Motion to adjourn made by Commander McCarthy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P/C Canestraro. Passed and meeting adjourned at 20:00.*

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – GOOD SHEPARD CHURCH, GLENVILLE

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

*Happy Holidays and a Happy 2008 New Year!*



# **UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**

## D/2 Winter Council

*Saturday 2 February 2008*



Held at the **Best Western**  
**2170 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York**

**The cost for the day is \$ 28 - includes Continental Breakfast and complete Buffet Lunch.**

**From:** South. Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North. Take Exit 17 (Stewart Airport, Route 300, Route 17K, Interstate 84 Newburgh). Take Route 300 North to Interstate 84 East. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

**From:** North. Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South, Exit 18 (New Paltz, Route 299, Poughkeepsie). At end of ramp, turn right onto Route 299 East, to end turn right onto Route 9W South. Take 9W South about 2 miles, follow Route 44/55 East to Mid Hudson Bridge (toll). After crossing the bridge, take first exit on right to Route 9 South. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 4 miles on the left.

**From:** East. Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

**From:** West. Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

Registration will begin at 0900

Reservations must be received by 18 January 2008 - Late Registration fee: \$5.00

Mail reservations to:

D/Lt Alexandra Digilio

25 Thomas Ave

Fishkill, New York 12524

Questions? Call (845) 896-6644

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## District 2 Winter Council

2 FEB. 2008

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