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Commander Message

By David J. Hawthorne

As we begin our peak boating months, I wonder just how many people will have the time to read this when I'm competing with the call of the water. It's OK – I understand. Lake George's beauty and excitement are a tough act to follow, let alone compete with. Everyone is rushing to get over the restrictions of COVID-19 and get back to normal. Being outdoors, having fun and just enjoying good weather is what everyone wants.

The Lake: The Jefferson Project on Lake George is one of those important research studies investigating the cause of yet another attack on the quality of Lake George's water. Algae blooms were taking place on the lake and people were worried about the impact that they would have on the water. Then COVID shut the project down. I'm happy to hear that they are once again testing the water and continuing the research. Aquatic life, boating and the area economy are dependent on the lake. This just adds to the list of plant & insects - hopefully, they will discover what conditions cause the blooms and how dangerous the effects are.

Enjoy the summer everyone, and practice boating safety, on the water.

WANTED

Quality - high resolution digital
photographs for the
Squadron Website Photo Gallery Page

All photo's should be submitted in
landscape - digital jpeg format
Mail a CD or e-mail your photo's
to Armand at
lgpsinfo@nycap.rr.com

LAKE GEORGE POWER
SQUADRON
BRIDGE/EXECUTIVE
MEETINGS

**CANCELED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Chart Rolling Assistance Still Needed

Volunteer and Earn a USPS Merit Mark for 2021! The Squadron is in need of members interested in volunteering to roll our Squadron navigation charts. Volunteering from home doesn't get any better! Contact Armand at (518) 372-7220 for details on how you too can get involved to arrange pickup of supplies.

Vessel Safety Check 2021

Vessel Safety Check Vision: Safe, Fun & Responsible Recreational Boating. Call Armand at (518) 372-7220 to schedule your VSC for 2021. He is available for at home or marina vessel inspection visits or at Lake George. Decals are here - what are you waiting for – call today!

Memories – Alan Jackson, Drive (we can all relate)

It's painted red, the stripe was white - It was eighteen feet, from the bow to stern light - Secondhand, from a dealer in Atlanta - I rode up with daddy, when he went there to get'er - Put on a shine, put on a motor - Built out of love, made for the water - Ran her for years, 'til the transom got rotten - A piece of my childhood, will never be forgotten - It was, just an old plywood boat - A '75 Johnson with electric choke - A young boy two hands on the wheel - I can't replace the way it made me feel - And I would turn her sharp And I would make it whine - He'd say, You can't beat the way an old wood boat rides - Just a little lake across the Alabama line - But I was king of the ocean - When daddy let me – Drive
Complete lyrics with video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mntNwKKNFu4>

Educational Opportunities Abound – Sign-up Today!

August brings about the annual Squadron Educational Meeting. Once again, due to COVID-19 and the new Delta variant strain, we will remain safe and distanced by **NOT** meeting in person. Below is a list of the courses offered that can be requested for at-home study. If you would like to order any of the following coursework, please contact SEO Donna S. Canestraro, S at (518) 372-7220.

America's Boating Course III- [ABC-3]: This course is open to the public - The America's Boating Course is designed to familiarize the student with the fundamentals of safe boating and qualifies for certification in most states that require a boating education before operating a boat or personal watercraft. The course is structured for one night a week at two hours each session or over a weekend. A course study guide and supporting materials are available.

Subjects covered include * Boat – PWC operation under normal conditions

- * Types of boats and boating terminology
- * Required and recommended equipment
- * Boating regulations and navigation rules
- * Lines and knots
- * Adverse conditions and emergencies
- * Weather
- * Charts and aids to navigation
- * Regional boating
- * Piloting techniques
- * Engine troubleshooting
- * Fundamentals of sailing
- * Marine radiotelephone usage

Seamanship [S]: Building on the basics taught in the ABC Boating course, Seamanship is the recommended first course for new members, both power boaters and sailors. The student learns practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water. This course provides an introduction to the USPS educational program and a strong foundation for the other Advanced Grades courses listed on the reverse side of this handout.

Piloting [P]: Piloting introduces the fundamentals of piloting and positioning – the study of marine charts, aids to navigation, adjustment and use of the mariner's compass, dead reckoning, planning and plotting courses, and taking bearings to determine on-the- water position.

Advanced Piloting [AP]: Advanced Piloting builds on the knowledge gained in Piloting to teach how to navigate safely in coastal waters predict tides and tidal currents and their impact on boat position, advanced positioning techniques, and the use of electronic navigation systems for positioning and course planning.

Junior Navigation [JN]: Junior Navigation begins the study of offshore (open-ocean) navigation-integrated electronic positioning systems, sight taking with a mariner's sextant on the sun, moon, planets, and stars, how to reduce sights using the nautical almanac to determine position, and passage planning with special open ocean charts.

Navigation [N]: Navigation further develops the understanding of celestial navigation theory and the skills in sight taking and reduction-- additional sight reduction techniques and the orderly methods of carrying on the day's work of a navigator at sea. Of particular interest and importance is the study of offshore navigation using minimal data and/or equipment, such as when on a disabled vessel or lifeboat.

Elective Courses: Several elective courses are also available including Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electronics, Sail, and Weather. If you are interested in any of these elective courses – contact the Squadron Educational Officer.

Social distancing is the best way to stay safe.

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Lake George 2021 Boat Inspection Sites

It's that time of year again - boat inspectors will be present at the following locations beginning April 15th, 2021 at the following launch sites.

Million Dollar Beach Launch

Open 5:30am - 8pm

139 Beach Road - Lake George, NY 12845

518-832-8631

Dunham's Bay Dock & Launch

Open 8am - 6pm

2036 Bay Road - Queensbury, NY 12804

518-793-2162

Hulett's Landing Marina Inspection

Call for hours

6068 Lakeside Way - Hulett's Landing, NY 12841

518-499-0801

Mossy Point Public Boat Launch

Open 5:30am - 8pm

158 Black Point - Ticonderoga, NY 12883

518-585-6724

Roger's Rock Public Campground & Boat Launch

Open 5:30am - 8pm

9894 Lakeshore Drive - Hague, NY 12836

518-585-6168

Norowal Marina

Open 8am - 6pm

21 Sagamore Road Bolton Landing, NY 12814

518-223-3095

Adirondacks Welcome Center

Interstate 87 (Northway) just south of Northbound Exit 18