

# LGPS SOUNDINGS

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## *Commander Message*

*Cmdr. David J. Hawthorne*

Let me begin this commander's message with congratulations to our own David Wilkinson on becoming the new District 2 Secretary. His superb service as our squadron secretary will certainly be an asset to district, as well. Our recent Change of Watch was held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Glenville Queen Diner. Our guests included District 2 Commander Susan Darcy and P/D/C Vince Evans. P/D/C Evans officiated at this year's Change of Watch ceremony. Also in attendance were Sacandaga P/C Robert Terry, several family members of our Bridge Officers and special guests Pat and Bob Gebo members of the Anna Maria Island Florida Sail and Power Squadron. I wish to congratulate outgoing D2 Secretary Susan Darcy on becoming our new District 2 Commander for 2017-18.

P/D/C Evans swore-in me and the other LGPS Bridge Officers and together we wish to thank him. As a token of our appreciation, LGPS presented P/D/C Evans with a set of the Squadron Lake George navigation charts as a gift. Thank you to everyone who attended.

It's finally time to begin the boating season and most people will be launching soon (if not already). Some people will have their vessels professionally launched by their marinas while weekenders and trailer-boaters will be getting things ready themselves. Here is another moment where I would like to bring up the value of our boating courses, which teach safe and efficient prepping of your boat as well as safe operation, on the water. Don't forget to put the drain plug in!

Have fun and boat safely this season!

### **WANTED**

**Administrative Officer  
2017-18**

**Come join the Squadron  
Bridge – your assistance is  
needed**

**LAKE GEORGE POWER  
SQUADRON  
BRIDGE – EXECUTIVE  
MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 17th  
to be held at the  
Church of the Good Shepard –  
Burnt Hills  
6:30pm**



**Now Hear This...**

## **Welcome New Transfer Members**

The Lake George Power Squadron welcomes new transfer-in members Bob and Pat Gebo. They recently completed the America's Boating Course offered by the Anna Maria Island Florida Sail and Power Squadron. Bob and Pat winter in Florida and maintaining a summer home both in Glenville and Lake George. Welcome!

## **Safe Boating Quiz**

**Question 1)** True or False: If my boat doesn't contain any fire hazards from the motor or fuel system, then according to Federal requirements, I don't need to bring a fire extinguisher along

**Answer:** This is true. A fire extinguisher is only required on boats where elements such as a motor or fuel system create a distinct fire hazard. However, general safe boating guidelines will always suggest that you stow a fire extinguisher on the boat just in case.

**Question 2)** True or False: Children younger than 13 years old should wear a Lifejacket while underway.

**Answer:** True. This is now a legal requirement for all federal waterways and many states have also passed legislation to make this a requirement for non-federal waterways. Showing your kids the ropes for safe boating involves ensuring they're adequately protected in the event of any emergency.

**Question 3)** True or False: If someone falls overboard, the first thing you should do is jump in right away to assist them.

**Answer:** False. Jumping overboard to rescue someone should only be used as a last resort. Safe boating requires that the first thing you do is to reach for the person, using either your arm or something nearby that they can grab onto. If you're more than an arm's length away, the next option is to throw them an inflatable, floatable device. If you aren't close enough to reach or throw something, the next step is to row closer until you are. Only go in after someone as a last resort, and only if you are a strong swimmer with experience in lifesaving. Otherwise, you could end up having two men overboard instead of just one.

**Question 4)** True or False: A dock or slip should be always approached at clutch speed.

**Answer:** True. A safe boater always operates at a reasonable speed at all times, especially in crowded waterways or near docks and slips. Safe boating requires you to always be in control of your watercraft, taking the time to perform all maneuvers with adequate precision.

**Question 5)** True or False: 25% of all boating accidents involve a personal watercraft that was borrowed.

**Answer:** False - the number is actually much higher, at over 50%. Before loaning your boat to anyone, make sure they are familiar with the all operational rules for safe handling of your boat in particular. You may even find it helpful to create a safe boating guide full of tips and instructions to keep onboard your watercraft.

## **Safe Boating Quiz (Continued)**

**Question 6)** True or False: Boats that are 16 feet and over must also carry one USCG-approved throw-able Lifejacket (Type IV).

**Answer:** True. Additionally, federal safe boating requirements maintain that all watercraft must contain at least one USCG (United States Coast Guard) approved, wearable Lifejacket (Types I-III) for every person onboard, but it's good to have a few extras on hand as well.

**Question 7)** True or False: If a boat is overturned or swamped, abandon the boat and use your Lifejacket for flotation.

**Answer:** False. If a boat is overturned or swamped, but not sinking, you can still use it to support your body and save energy. Removing as much of your body from the water as possible can also help prevent hypothermia.

**Question 8)** True or False: I have family visiting and we will be going over recommended capacity by just one person. This shouldn't be a problem for safe boating, right?

**Answer:** False. It can be a fatal mistake to overload your boat. To ensure boater safety for everyone on board, be sure to check your boat's capacity plate to see what the maximum number of people or carrying weight in pounds is.

**Question 9)** True or False: It's okay if others drink when onboard, as long as there is one responsible safe boater onboard to safely handle the watercraft.

**Answer:** False. Over half of all boating-related drowning incidents involve the use of alcohol, and many times the injured person is not the skipper or designated safe boater. Practice safe boating at all times by restricting use of alcohol to everyone on board- not just a few people.

**Question 10)** The S.A.F.E. Boating principles stand for: Sober Boating, Alertness, Fasten Lifejackets, and Education.

**Answer:** True. A handy safe boating guide to keep in mind at all times, the four S.A.F.E Boating principles above help to ensure boater safety on a variety of levels. Always be sober, always be alert, always use lifejackets when required, and last but not least, be sure to take the time to invest in an educational boater safety course.

## **Upcoming 2017 District 2 Meetings**

<b>District 2 Summer Council Date and Location to be announced</b>	<b>District 2 Fall Conference Date and Location to be Announced</b>
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## **It's Almost Time Again - Weekend Raft-up in Red Rock Bay**

A small group of Lake George Power Squadron members regularly raft-up on weekends in Red Rock Bay, North of the Narrows. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello!

## **Vessel Safety Check 2017**



**Vessel Safety Check Vision:** *Safe, Fun & Responsible Recreational Boating.* The VSC Program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, particularly with regard to the carriage of safety equipment while raising boater awareness about safety and environmental issues through voluntary contact by a Vessel Examiner (VE). Vessel Examiner discussions with recreational boaters is designed to motivate recreational boaters to maintain and operate their boats in a safe manner, taking boating safety courses to increase their knowledge and skills in boating and promoting overall safe boating. Call Armand at 372-7220 to schedule your VSC.

## **Lake George Boat Inspection Sites**

Boat inspectors will be present at each of the seven following locations:

### **[Lake George Inspection Station](#)**

Transfer Road - Lake George, NY 12845

### **[Million Dollar Beach Launch - Open 7am - 5pm](#)**

139 Beach Road - Lake George, NY

### **[Dunham's Bay Dock & Launch - Open 8am - 5pm](#)**

2036 Bay Road - Queensbury, NY 12845

### **[Hulett's Landing Marina Inspection - Call for hours at \(518\) 499-0801](#)**

6068 Lakeside Way - Huletts Landing, NY 12841

### **[Mossy Point Public Boat Launch - Open 8am - 5pm](#)**

158 Black Point Road - Ticonderoga, NY 12883

### **[Roger's Rock Public Campground & Boat Launch - Open 8am - 5pm](#)**

9894 Lakeshore Drive - Hague, NY 12836

### **[Norowal Marina - Open 8am - 5pm](#)**

21 Sagamore Road - Bolton Landing, NY 12836



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