

# **LGPS**

## **SOUNDINGS**

*May-June 2023*



### ***Commander Message***

*By George K. Williams, AP*

Spring is finally here, and the weather is just perfect for preparing our vessels for the 2023 boating season.

This month I will address safety - LIFEJACKETS. LIFEJACKETS. LIFEJACKETS. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or veteran swimmer, wearing a lifejacket (or at the very least, having them nearby) should always be at the top of your safety list. The USPS recommends having life jackets on children under the age of 13 while swimming or during other activities on open water. This also holds true for adults while boating.

As our lake and river water temperatures begin to climb and become inviting, we will all want to be in the water swimming - BE AWARE OF CARBON MONOXIDE EXPOSURE. Most people don't associate boats with producing carbon monoxide, but they certainly do. Because it's an odorless and colorless gas, you likely won't know if it's being emitted. The best thing to do to remain safe on the water is to avoid swimming anywhere near the rear of a motorized vessel, or sitting along the swim deck/platform while the boat motor is running.

Lastly, a quick reminder - Our Vessel Examiner, Armand Canestraro is a trained USPS specialist and has been a member of our Squadron for decades. He will make recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater during his visit to your dock or home. All vessels that pass will be able to display the distinctive 2023 VSC decal. Armand is only a phone call away at (518) 372-7220 - schedule your spring VSC today!

Enjoy spring and have fun getting your boat ready for the season - stay well.

<p><b>WANTED</b></p> <p><b>Quality - high resolution digital photographs for the Squadron Website Photo Gallery Page</b></p> <p><b>All photo's should be submitted in landscape - digital jpeg format</b></p> <p><b>Mail a CD or e-mail your photo's to Armand at <a href="mailto:lgpsinfo@nycap.rr.com">lgpsinfo@nycap.rr.com</a></b></p>	<p><b>CHART ROLLERS NEEDED</b></p> <p><b>There is a "CRITICAL" need for volunteers to assist in packaging lake charts.</b></p> <p><b>Any assistance you can provide is especially Appreciated</b></p> <p><b>Contact Armand at (518) 372-7220</b></p>
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**Now Hear This...**

## **Squadron Nomination Committee Needs Your Help**

The Squadron Nomination Committee continues to seek LGPS members interested in serving on the upcoming 2023-24 Bridge/Executive Committee. If interested, please call P/C Armand Canestraro at (518) 372-7220 or P/C George K. Williams at (518) 393-6414 to discuss your interest. Without you – there is **NO** Squadron! You may have noticed; we have NOT had a Change of Watch yet this year as we have had no volunteers to permit a change in the bridge.

## **Our Condolences...**



**ELIZABETH C. WILLIAMS**

The Lake George Power Squadron sadly reports the passing of 50-year Women Certificate Holder, Elizabeth Crewe Williams who passed away on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at Ellis Hospital after a brief illness. Wife of 72 years to Squadron Commander George K. Williams and mother of Squadron Administrative Assistant Katherine C. "Katie" Williams.

She was an exceptional nurse and also authored articles in nursing journals, and was a non-credited contributor to books. Her wisdom and friendship will be sorely missed by all who had an opportunity to get to know her. Rest in Peace Elizabeth!

The Lake George Power Squadron wishes to also acknowledge the passing of former longtime Squadron Member J. Buckley "Buck" Bryan, Jr., who passed away on April 16, 2023. Through his generosity and service to the Squadron he has touched many. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Denise and his extended family. Rest in Peace Buck!

## **Don't Booze and Boat**

Yes, a BUI is most definitely a real thing! So, do not "Boat Under The Influence." BUIs account for one-third of all recreational boating fatalities. We all want to have fun on the water, but just like with a car, getting behind the wheel while under the influence is a big no-no. Alcohol impacts vision, balance, coordination, and judgment. Increasing the likelihood of accidents. Know that it's illegal to operate a watercraft under the influence of both drugs and alcohol in every state. The Coast Guard enforces a federal law that provides BUIs, too. Including all boats: canoes, rowboats and ships.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR SQUADRON MEMBERSHIP**