

LGPS

SOUNDINGS

November-December 2022



Commander Message

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Hello again!

For us here the northeast, fall is here. I hope that you have not fallen down on your engine maintenance, because this is a good time to check that the water is out of all the places where water could freeze and cause damage. Now is also the best time to order those filters you will need in the spring. These are a few of the things you can do... but the USPS engine maintenance course will provide even more information of the many other items to think about. We may be preparing for winter survival right now-- but give yourself permission to think about a vacation on the boat next summer and, what better way to do so by taking the USPS cruise planning course to give you a broad view of all the many things to think about before you head out.

Stay warm, don't let your guard down as we are still in a pandemic, with the brand new flu season upon us – stay safe and healthy.

Elizabeth and I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving and upcoming holiday season.

Chart Demand Returning to Pre-Pandemic Levels

Chart demand had picked up this past boating season compared to 2020-21. We have an urgent need during the upcoming winter months for charts to be rolled and ready for the 2023 boating season. Volunteer and earn a USPS Merit Mark for 2023! The Squadron is in need of your assistance 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, arrange pickup of supplies and help with charts. Remember - we cannot supply our vendors if we don't have charts rolled and ready for sale.

Educational Opportunities Abound – Sign-up Today!

For a list of the available courses visit the Squadron website or National USPS website and request course materials from the Squadron Educational Officer, SEO Donna S. Canestraro, S at (518) 372-7220. Winter is the best time to self-study a USPS course.

Have you winterized your vessel?

The following winterization checklist will aid in you putting your boat and PWC's away for the winter season.

ENGINES & DRIVE TRAIN	Inspect pump impellers for wear and lightly lubricate with Teflon based grease
Add fuel stabilizer to fuel and run engine for a few minutes to circulate stabilized fuel	Inspect water system hoses for signs of softening, cracks and bulges
Spray fogging oil into carburetor intake while engine is running	Inspect hose clamps
Top off fuel tank to reduce condensation	Fill plumbing with non-toxic propylene glycol-based antifreeze
Drain water from inboard and I/O engines and risers	Prior to re-commissioning in the spring – add freshener/purifier tablets to water system
Replace water with engine antifreeze	MARINE SANITATION SYSTEMS
Drain and replace engine oil and stabilize	Empty all waste water tanks at pump out facility
Replace fuel and oil filters	Rise holding tank to remove residual waster and re-pump
Remove and inspect spark plugs – spray fogging oil in cylinders	Add antifreeze to bowl – check hoses for calcification and signs of wear
Inspect ignition wires and system components – replace as necessary	Wash out vented loops
Inspect all hoses for signs of softening, cracks and bulges	Add antifreeze to discharge hoses and holding tanks
Use engine flusher to remove silt, sediment from engine lower unit	INTERIOR/CABIN
Drain and replace lower unit lube oil	Clean and drain bilge completely
Lubricate all grease points: Trim/Tilt, steering, control cables, etc.	Inspect and lubricate all seacocks
Clean and degrease engine if necessary	Clean out refrigerator, ice box – block open all doors
Apply touch-up paint to drive units	Remove al cushions and curtains and store ashore
Spray corrosion inhibitor on engine exterior	Check and clean all storage compartments
Remove prop and inspect for damage – grease prop shaft, store prop indoors	Place dehumidification devices aboard along with dryer sheets to ward of mice
WATER SYSTEMS	Make sure vents are open to allow air flow
Drain water from freshwater system lines and pumps	

The above list was compiled from several boating sources and not considered to be complete in any way – The list may be used only as a reference. LGPS assumes no responsibility for any damage resulting from improper winterization or storage. Consult with your marine dealer for exact winterization procedures, specifications and techniques.



Now Hear This...

Squadron Members Earn 2022 Merit Marks

The Chief Commander awards annually a “merit mark” to a member for substantial effort in personally furthering the interests, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award, and is by and large the only “official” recognition a member receives for his/her efforts. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year, no matter how extensive the contribution. A certificate is issued and a special insignia may be worn on the USPS uniform. Active, additional active and family members are all eligible. The Squadron Commander based on actual personal service performed by an LGPS member has made a recommendation for a merit mark this year for each of the following LGPS members:

Armand Canestraro
David Hawthorne

Donna Canestraro
David Wilkinson

Max Gollmer
Katie Williams

If your name does not appear above, please consider volunteering a small portion of your free time to further the mission of your Squadron and USPS.

New York National Boat Show – January 25–29, 2023

Show Dates:

Wednesday, January 25	12:00pm to 9:00pm
Thursday, January 26	12:00pm to 9:00pm
Friday, January 27	12:00pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, January 28	10:00am to 9:00pm
Sunday, January 29	10:00am to 6:00pm

Admission Prices:

Adults (16 and older): \$16.00
12 and younger: FREE when accompanied by an adult paid admission
Save \$2.00 with advance on-line ticket purchase

Location:

Jacob K. Javits Convention Center
655 West 34th Street, New York, NY 10001.
Main Entrance: Eleventh Avenue at 35th Street.
Telephone: 212- 216-2000

Social distancing is the best way to stay safe.

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