

LGPS

SOUNDINGS

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Commander Message

By David J. Hawthorne

It's been a rainy summer for boaters this year. This makes planning your boating weekends even more difficult. It's a necessary step though, as anyone caught out on the water during a surprise storm, will attest to. It's why weather is part of the USPS Boater Safety training course.

Two weeks ago we brought a young niece to Lake George village to see the sights and wade in the water at Shepard Park Beach. She was a little hesitant to get started in the water but once accustomed – we couldn't leave.

While passing the public docks we noticed some of the invasive species control vessels tied up. They're hired to perform water protection tasks. The Lake George Association has joined with other water protection groups to form one organization to, even more effectively, address the growing number of harmful species that are threatening the lake.



The “Jefferson Project” is one of the groups to join the ranks of the association. The “Project” has an amazing network of scientific monitoring probes and stations up and down the lake that provide instant data. That data is used to record the weather & water conditions around the lake. Click on this link to see actual locations of the probes and monitors: <https://jeffersonproject.live/sensors>

Until next time - stay safe and enjoy what remains of the 2021 boating season!



Now Hear This...

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 MEETINGS ARE CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID AND DELTA VARIANT

Welcome New "Cyber" Squadron Member

The Officers and membership of the Lake George Power Squadron welcomes new "cyber squadron member" Jeff Myers of Lake George.

LG Village in Crackdown on Boats That Dock Too Long:

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Fines; penalties, no more Mr. Nice Guy from Lake George Village in regard to boats that monopolize its public docks. This year, the village said in a press release, "the Village's six public docks have seen a marked increase in boaters using the docks for extended periods of time both day and night." Some vessels have been docked for weeks at a time, cutting down on available spaces for those wishing to visit the Village to shop and dine. Now, "the Village Board has increased the fines and penalties for violations." Mayor Bob Blais was quoted: "With the lack of available dock space and the increase in dock fees at marinas on the lake, some boaters have used our docks as a marina." Yet, "Village fines for overtime and over-night parking are much less than docking at a marina." Mayor Blais reported, "One boat owner paid \$1,100 in fines and a towing charge while living on his boat for three weeks." The village "increased overtime parking fines to \$50 and overnight parking to \$100 in an attempt to curb the abuse." Among other changes, "the Village can now prohibit certain boats from using the docks or face a \$500 fine." "Once again a few ruined it for the majority," Mayor Blais was quoted. "One boat, 46 feet long, stayed two weeks taking one whole dock before they finally moved at the threat of being towed." "We want as many boaters as possible to enjoy our docks and the Village. Not just a few who refuse to obey the rules" Mayor Blais said. "The public docks are available from 9am to 5am daily. Parking is \$3 per hour for any size boat." Info: 518-668-5771.

Bill Passed During The 2021 Legislative Session

S1270/A5565: To amend the navigation law as follows: No "New Vessel" that has an enclosed accommodation compartment or a vessel that undergoes substantial renovations may be sold or offered for sale unless such vessel is equipped with a new functioning marine carbon monoxide detection system. Bills passed both houses - awaiting delivery to the NYS Governor.

Link to complete Senate bill: <https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2021/S1270>

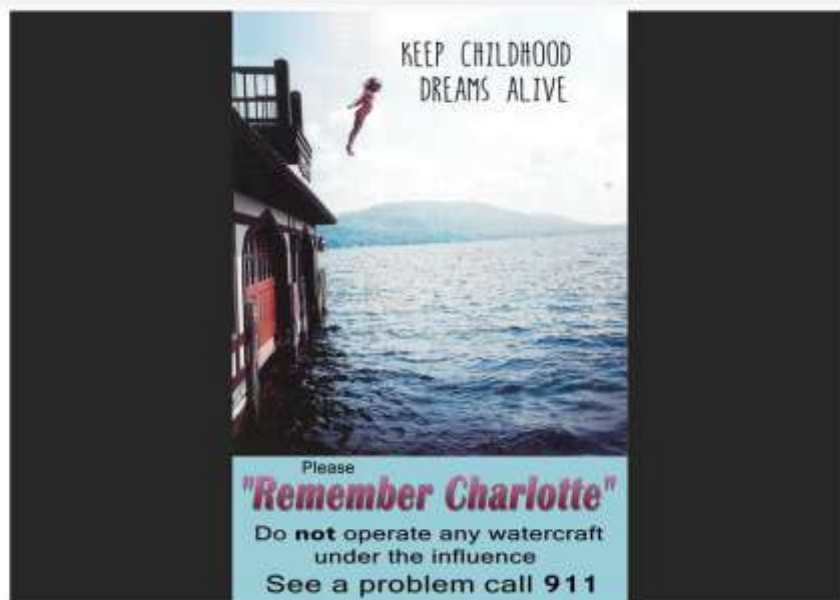
If You Are Going to Drink – Don't Operate a Boat or Other Watercraft!

New York law prohibits operating a boat or other watercraft "propelled in whole or in part by mechanical power" while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. New York has several classifications of boating under the influence (BUI):

- **Boating while ability impaired by alcohol (alcohol-BWAI).** An alcohol-BWAI involves boating while impaired to "any extent" by alcohol.
- **Boating while ability impaired by drugs (drug-BWAI).** A drug-BWAI involves boating while impaired to "any extent" by drugs.
- **Boating while intoxicated by drugs or alcohol (BWI).** A BWI involves boating while impaired to a "substantial extent" by drugs or alcohol.
- **Boating with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08% or more ("per se" BUI).** Generally, a per se BUI is defined as boating with a BAC of .08% or more. But for someone operating a "public vessel"—a boat being used for commercial purposes—it's possible to get a per se BUI with a BAC of .04% or greater.

POST STAR

Changed by Charlotte: Lake George fatal boat crash's effects are felt five years later



A poster featuring Charlotte McCue, who died July 25, 2016, on Lake George, is seen. An awareness campaign has been started to remember her and encourage safe boating.

The complete Post Star article can be found at the following link:

https://poststar.com/news/local/changed-by-charlotte-lake-george-fatal-boat-crash-s-effects-are-felt-five-years-later/article_b189a781-8542-5e2b-b242-09ffb750db09.html

Our Condolences...

The Lake George Power Squadron sadly reports the passing of longtime Squadron member – Marvin Snyder on November 4, 2020. Our sympathy goes out to both Marcia and their family. Marvin was a member of the American Patent Law Association, the American Bar Association, and the New York State Bar, serving as the Squadron Legal Officer for many years. Rest in Peace!