

LGPS SOUNDINGS

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Commander Message

Cmdr. Armand Canestraro, P

Wow, the winter has just begun in earnest, lake effect snow squalls and biting wind chills together with an arctic cold front compliment of our Canadian friends to the North. I trust each of you have had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year's.

It is with heartfelt sorrow that I report the recent passing of four Squadron Past Commanders and longtime members. Passing were P/C Richard N. Hosterman, N on December 1st - P/C Richard L. Matthews. AP on December 11th - P/C John R. Jermano, AP on December 19th.and today January 3rd, I learned of the passing of P/C Frank H. Alessandrini, AP. Our condolences go out to the families of these extraordinary men who touched all our lives in one manner or another. The Squadron has chosen to individually honor each of these Past Commanders through a small contribution in their name to the USPS Education Fund.

Spring is around the corner – the New York National Boat Show is again being hosted this year at the Jacob Javits Convention Center located at 11th Avenue and West 34th Street in New York City on January 21st through 25th. If you are interested in volunteering to man the USPS booth for a time slot and receive FREE admission to the show, please volunteer by selecting a time slot - visit the District 4 website at <http://www.usps-d4.org> and navigate to NY Boat Show on the right hand side of the page. Volunteers will pick up entry badges at the sign-in booth in the convention center lobby. The USPS booth is #2002 located across from the Scarab display. Complete details will be sent to anyone willing to assist who signs up at the website. Is New York City too far to travel – well, to help us through the winter, something to set our sights on closer to home is the 2015 Great Upstate Boat Show. The show will again be held at the Adirondack Sports Complex - 326 Sherman Ave.- Queensbury, NY 12804. This year's dates are March 27-29, 2015. P/C Robert Terry is coordinating the Tri-Squadron booth and as always is looking for assistance. Please contact Robert at home on 518-842-1102 or his cell on 518-649-6190. Robert needs our help and would love to have you assist him this year.

Until our next newsletter - stay safe and warm – think SPRING!

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 MEETING

**Wednesday, January 21st
to be held at the
home of George Williams
715 John Paul Ct. Niskayuna
6:30pm**



Now Hear This...

The upcoming January Lake George Bridge/Executive meetings will take place at the home of P/C George Williams, 715 John Paul Court, Niskayuna at 1830 Hours (6:30 PM) and **NOT** at the Church of the Good Shepard. For directions, please call George at (518) 393-6414

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Nomination Committee Needs Your Help

The Squadron Nomination Committee is presently seeking LGPS members interested in serving on the upcoming 2015-16 Bridge/Executive Committee. If interested, please call P/C George Williams at 393-6414 to discuss your interest. Without you – there is NO Squadron!

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Upcoming District 2 Functions

<p>District 2 – Winter Council March 14, 2015 I-84 Diner – 853 Route 52 Fishkill, NY Questions – Call Denise Terry at (518) 842-1102 or (518) 649-6303</p>	<p>District 2 – Spring Conference April 17-19, 2015 Spring Conference Hosted by Stamford Sail & Power Squadron Questions – Call Denise Terry at (518) 842-1102 or (518) 649-6303</p>
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Boating Virtual Trainer to Be Featured at Queensbury Show

Introducing the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer (BSVT) the industry’s premier interactive simulation based boating safety program and powerful instructor tool. The Boating Skills VT is a USPS training unit funded by a grant from the US Coast Guard with advanced water physics developed by Virtual Driver Interactive (VDI). Supporting partners include Brunswick Marine Corporation, BoatUS Foundation, Mercury Marine, Boston Whaler and the National Safe Boating Council. The BSVT allows students to maneuver a “Boston Whaler” on a lake of 3.5 miles x 4 miles in a virtual mode where there are no other boats, no water and no risks. The helm seat sits next to a regular conference table. Exercises are built-in to allow an instructor to direct maneuvers from basic to advance by adjusting wind and current direction and strength. The Boat Skills VT includes three 20” monitors, boating console including a wheel and Mercury Marine throttle with trim buttons, navigation lights and horn. There is the ability to change wind and current conditions, as well choosing day or night scenes. Come, see and experience this training tool first hand at GUBS on March 27th through the 29th at the Dome!