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Commander Message

By Cmdr. David Hawthorne

It's hard to think about boating with temperatures like we're having lately! I'd like to take this time to congratulate one of our members attaining Life Membership after earning his 25th Merit Mark. David Stafford received his 25th merit mark in 2021 and officially reached this prestigious level in our organization. National will be acknowledging David along with other recipients who obtained their 25th merit-mark status.

Here is a public service reminder I received recently being circulated by the Department of Motor Vehicles:

Dear Boaters - Carbon monoxide from boat engines can build up in an enclosed or semi-enclosed spaces and create poisoning hazards resulting in death. If your boat has an enclosed compartment, the State of New York strongly encourages you to install a carbon monoxide detector.

I recently talked with District Commander Darcy and discussed a current proposal from National to replace all USPS districts with six "Regional" panels. (Each panel is comprised of four National Rear and Staff commanders). The idea is to address the failing membership, leadership, and interest in the 332 USPS squadrons. A detailed proposal on proposed "Regionalization" was put together by a committee led by National Executive Officer C. Fraser. Those of you who would like to read the proposal in detail can locate it on the USPS National website.



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



Now Hear This...

Our Condolences

The membership of the Lake George Squadron convey our heartfelt condolences with the recent passing of Life Member Charles “Don” Puckette. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Gail and their family.

Winter Months Are Here - Stay at Home Activity

Several elective courses are available at a nominal cost through headquarters for self-study including Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electronics, Sail, and Weather. If you are interested in any of these elective courses – contact Squadron Educational Officer P/C Donna Canestraro at (518) 372-7220 to arrange an order of the necessary textbooks.

Nomination Committee Needs Your Help

The Squadron Nomination Committee is presently seeking LGPS members interested in serving on the upcoming 2022-23 Bridge/Executive Committee. If interested, please call P/C George Williams at 518-393-6414 to discuss your interest. Without you – there is NO Squadron!

Boat Engine Cut-Off Switch (ECOS): Understanding How They Protect Us

A standard engine cut-off switch is a small C-shaped clip attached to a spring-loaded button at the helm station, usually located in very close proximity to the ignition switch.

The clip is attached to a lanyard, and the lanyard has a hook-clip on its far end. The captain of the boat uses this locking hook to secure the lanyard to his or herself. It can be clipped onto a stout ring on a life jacket or foul weather gear, a belt loop, or another secure article of clothing.

If for some reason the person operating the boat leaves the helm, the lanyard pulls the C-clip out from under the spring-loaded button, which then triggers the cut-off switch and immediately shuts the engine down. That way, if the captain falls or moves away from the helm station for any reason, pulling the lanyard until it jerks out the C-clip, the boat immediately stops all by itself.

Social distancing is the best way to stay safe.

