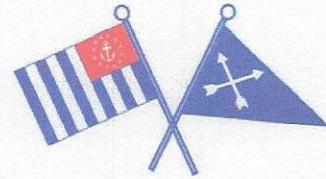


LGPS SOUNDINGS

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER
2011



LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON, INC.
OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
PO BOX 411, BURNT HILLS, NY 12027

Commander Message

By Cmdr. Donna S. Canestraro, S

I trust everyone had a wonderful boating season, and by the time this newsletter is delivered to your mailbox, the fall colors will again have arrived and the winterization process of our boats hopefully well underway if not completed. I have a just a few items to report in this edition of Soundings. I would like to first offer the Squadron's condolences to P/C Richard (Dick) Matthews on his recent loss of his wife Polly. Polly and Dick enjoyed many summers on Lake George in Silver Bay – our heartfelt sympathy goes out to both Dick and his family.

Next I would like to briefly touch upon the devastation throughout our region resulting from both Hurricanes Irene and Lee. The best way to report on the affects of this historical storm was in photographs. Inside this issue, you will find a pictorial report on the storm. I am pleased to report to the membership that our fire pedestal gift to the Village of Lake George stood up extremely well against Hurricane Irene's wrath. I had heard from Village Mayor Blais that each of the six units made it through the storm without any damage. Due to the significant destruction that took place at the public docks, two of the six units have since been removed in the clean-up by public works department workers to prevent any vandalism to the units while they stood mounted alongside the walkway leading to the two destroyed and now non-existing docks. I hope that each of you and your neighbors did not sustain any damage as a result from either of these storms. A "Flood Relief Dinner" to benefit the residents of Rotterdam Junction is planed for Saturday, October 15th from 4 to 8pm at the Guan-Ho-Ha Fish and Game Club on Rector Road in the Town of Glenville. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance at the club or on the day of the event. Take-outs will be available. For more information or to donate please call the club at 382-1254.

The August rendezvous and educational meeting was held on August 24th at Malozzi's Restaurant in Rotterdam. The Squadron enjoyed a wonderful buffet diner and desserts while sharing conversations and hearing from the Squadron Educational Officer, Kevin McCarthy of the many course offerings available. A copy of the evenings educational handout has been included in this Soundings for those that could not attend.

The next scheduled rendezvous will be on Saturday, October 22 at 3:00pm at the Rotterdam Branch of the Schenectady County Library located at 1100 Westcott Road (off Curry Rd). Kevin McCarthy will be our host. A complete rendezvous description and announcement is enclosed in this issue. Kevin suggests that attendees bring a munchies type snack or perhaps baked goods to share. To help coordinate refreshments, please call

Kevin at 465-6706. This rendezvous will also be the date of the next Bridge Meeting. The Bridge/Executive meeting will take place immediately after the story telling event and everyone is invited to attend.

See you on October 22nd - Boat safe!

**LAKE GEORGE POWER
SQUADRON
BRIDGE – EXECUTIVE
MEETING**

**Saturday, October 22nd
Rotterdam Branch
Schenectady Public Library
1100 Westcott Road (off Curry Road)
Rotterdam**

**Meeting immediately following
Story Teller
“Tales of the Sea and Land” Rendezvous
see insert**

CONGRATULATIONS

P/C Richard Hosterman, SN
on his achieving 50 years of
membership in the Lake George Power
Squadron – Richard will be honored at
the upcoming District 2 conference in
Danbury, CT on October 29th.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Squadron Nomination Committee
is presently seeking LGPS members
interested in serving on the upcoming
2012-13 Bridge/Executive Committee.
If interested, please call P/C Armand
Canestraro at 372-7220 to discuss your
interest.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Lake George Power Squadron
wish to welcome new members
Doug and Donna Williams

Hurricane Irene and Lee

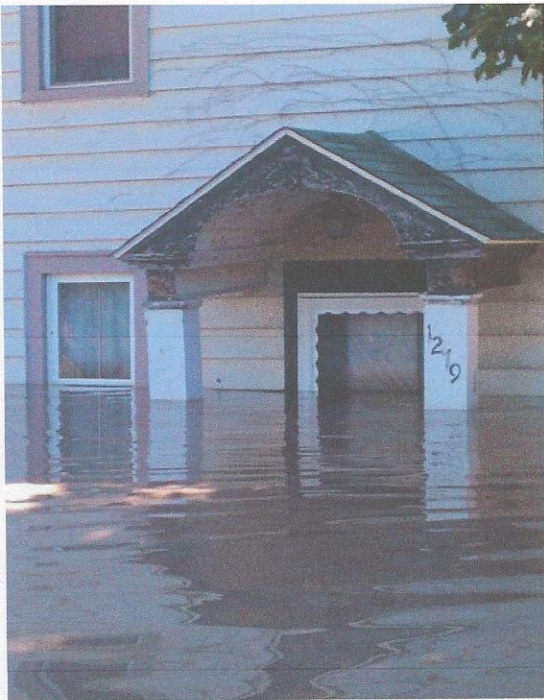
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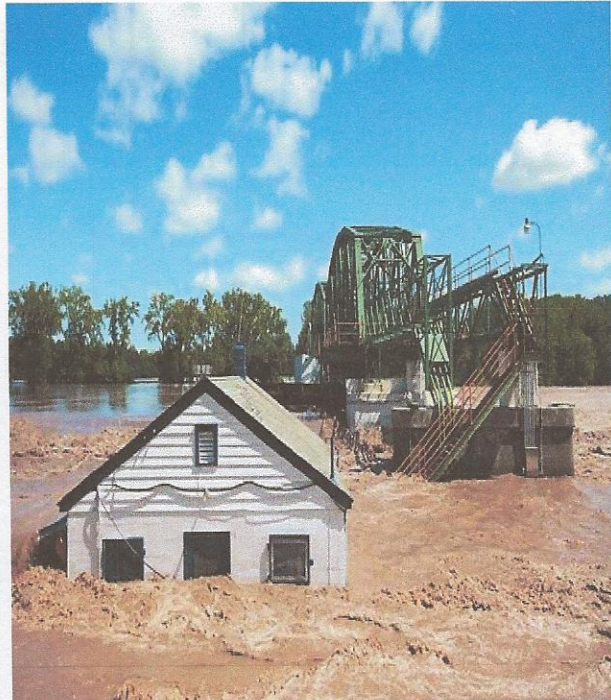
Lock 9 – Mohawk River



**Beached boats – Mohawk River
between Lock 8 and 9**



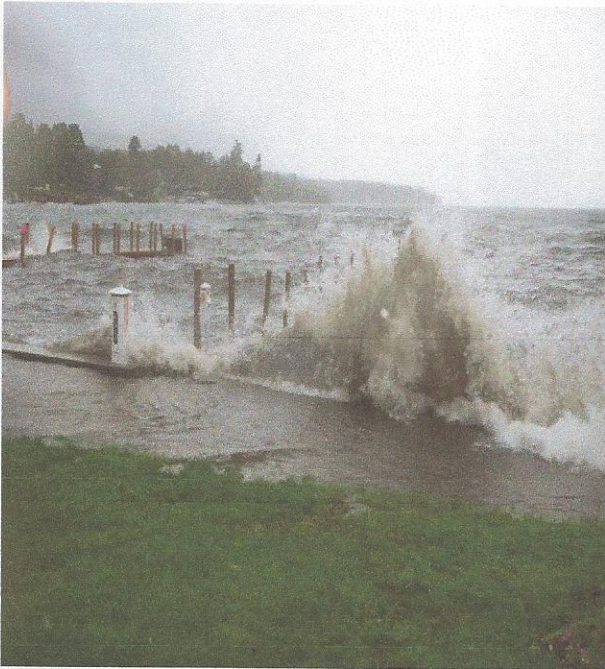
**Unprecedented flooding in
Rotterdam Junction**



Lock 8 – Mohawk River

Hurricane Irene and Lee

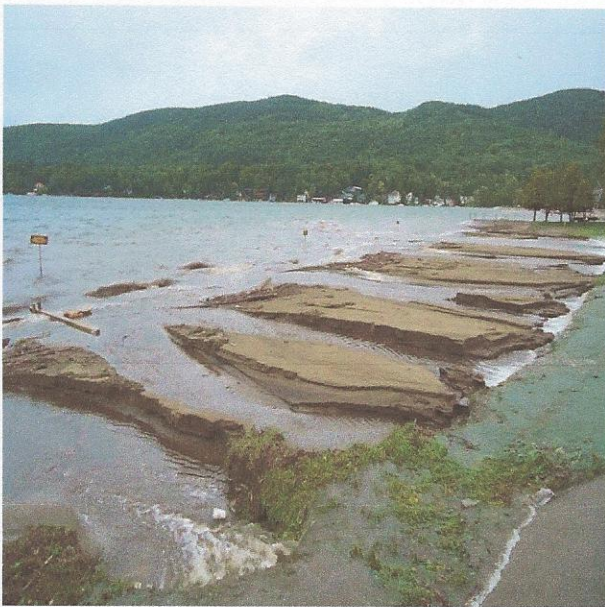
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Fire pedestals stand up to Hurricane Irene at public docks during storm surge



Public dock devastation after Hurricane Irene

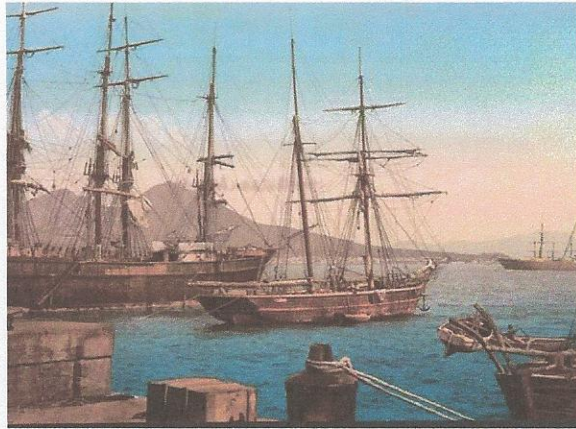


Lake George Village beach erosion



Fire Pedestal still standing after Hurricane Irene

Tales of the Sea and Land



This is a FREE event and open to the public

Two gifted area storytellers will entertain you.

Refreshments will be served.

**Rotterdam Branch Library of Schenectady County Public
Library - 1100 No. Westcott Road, Schenectady, NY
Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 at 3 pm**

Mary Murphy - Writer and Storyteller Mary Murphy will tell Tales of the Sea and the Land. Mary tells stories to people of all ages, teaches students to tell stories and is currently helping participants with a Memoir Writing Project through a grant administered by the Upper Hudson Library Association.

Nancy Gifford - Storyteller and librarian for the Schenectady County Public Library joins us at her home library to share her storytelling skills.

**For additional information and to coordinate refreshments,
please contact Kevin McCarthy at 465-6706**

Hosted by the Lake George Power Squadron

The Lake George Power Squadron is a fellowship organization, promoting camaraderie and educational opportunities among boaters on a local, regional, and national basis. Boating safety is a primary goal. Social activities, both on and off water, take place throughout the year. Contact www.lgps.org to find out more!

Lake George Power Squadron
Educational Meeting – August 24, 2011
Course Offerings for 2011-12

America's Boating Course [ABC]: This course is open to the public - The America's Boating Course is designed to familiarize the student with the fundamentals of safe boating and qualifies for certification in most states that require a boating education before operating a boat or personal watercraft. The course is structured for one night a week at two hours each session or over a weekend. A course study guide and supporting materials are available.

Subjects covered include -

- * Boat handling under normal conditions
- * Types of boats and boating terminology
- * Required and recommended equipment
- * Boating regulations and navigation rules
- * Lines and knots
- * Adverse conditions and emergencies
- * Weather
- * Charts and aids to navigation
- * Regional boating
- * Piloting techniques
- * Engine troubleshooting
- * Fundamentals of sailing
- * Marine radiotelephone usage
- * Trailer boating
- * PWC Operation

Seamanship [S]: Building on the basics taught in the ABC Boating course, Seamanship is the recommended first course for new members, both power boaters and sailors. The student learns practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water. This course provides an introduction to the USPS educational program and a strong foundation for the other Advanced Grades courses listed on the reverse side of this handout.

Piloting [P]: Piloting introduces the fundamentals of piloting and positioning – the study of marine charts, aids to navigation, adjustment and use of the mariner's compass, dead reckoning, planning and plotting courses, and taking bearings to determine on-the- water position.

Advanced Piloting [AP]: Advanced Piloting builds on the knowledge gained in Piloting to teach how to navigate safely in coastal waters predict tides and tidal currents and their impact on boat position, advanced positioning techniques, and the use of electronic navigation systems for positioning and course planning.

Junior Navigation [JN]: Junior Navigation begins the study of offshore (open-ocean) navigation-integrated electronic positioning systems, sight taking with a mariner's sextant on the sun, moon, planets, and stars, how to reduce sights using the nautical almanac to determine position, and passage planning with special open ocean charts.

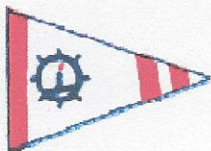
Navigation [N]: Navigation further develops the understanding of celestial navigation theory and the skills in sight taking and reduction-- additional sight reduction techniques and the orderly methods of carrying on the day's work of a navigator at sea. Of particular interest and importance is the study of offshore navigation using minimal data and/or equipment, such as when on a disabled vessel or lifeboat.

Elective Courses: Several elective courses are also available including Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electronics, Sail, and Weather. If you are interested in any of these elective courses – contact the Squadron Educational Officer.

Winterization Checklist

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.



United States Power Squadrons®
DISTRICT 2 FALL CONFERENCE 2011



Hosted by
Lake Candlewood Power Squadron
Friday and Saturday, October 28-29, 2011

The Ethan Allen Inn
21 Lake Avenue Extension
Danbury, CT 06810
203-744-1776

Friday: 3:00 pm Registration begins
5:00 pm Social Gathering
7:00 pm Dinner with the Chief Commander's Representative

Saturday: 8:00 am Registration/ Coffee
9:00 am Morning Session begins
12:00 Lunch Break
1:30 pm Afternoon Session begins
6:00 pm to 7:00 Cocktail hour
7:00 pm to 11:00 pm Dinner and Dancing

Social Program Update

Dress: Fri. Dinner – Blazers, Sat. Meeting - Uniform G or appropriate attire, Sat Dinner – Uniform A or appropriate evening attire.

REGISTRATION FORM

1 st Registrant Name	Grade	Rank	Position
Address	Phone	Squadron	
City, State & Zip	Email:		
2 nd Registrant Name	Grade	Rank	Position
Room (double or single) with Full Buffet Breakfast	Fri _____ Sat _____ Total No. of Nights	@ \$ 114 =	\$ _____
Friday Dinner	No. of Dinners _____	@ \$ 42 =	\$ _____
Sat. Coffee & Luncheon:	No. of Coffee/Lunch _____	@ \$ 23 =	\$ _____
Saturday hors d'oeuvres & Dinner Choices	No. of Dinners _____	@ \$ 70 =	\$ _____
Filet Mignon _____ Chicken Saltimbocca _____ Eggplant Rollatini (Vegetarian) _____			
Social Program & Lunch- Gardening with Colleen Plimpton		@ \$ 30 =	\$ _____
Social Program Only- Gardening with Colleen Plimpton		@ \$ 10 =	\$ _____
Late fee if postmarked after Oct 15 th for meals		\$ 10.00 =	\$ _____
First timer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE	\$ _____

Please note the introduction of the Social Program information

Please make checks payable to Lake Candlewood Power Squadron and mail with this registration form to:

Room Reservations must be made by: September 15, 2011

Meal Reservations must be made by: October 4 15, 2011

Marie Starnes Address: 1407 Eaton Ct, Danbury, CT 06811

Phone: 203-730-0805

email: starnesm57@gmail.com

Form Date 26 September 2011

COMPASS QUIZ

Fill in the blanks in the table below

Helpful Hints: Westerly Variation/Deviation – ADD Down – SUBTRACT Up
 Easterly Variation/Deviation – SUBTRACT Down – ADD Up
 “True Virtue Makes Dull Company – ADD Wiskey”

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