

SOUNDINGS



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Commander's Message

'Fair winds and following seas'

My Dear Friends and Fellow Squadron Members....

Welcome to the first Soundings of the 2010 - 2011 boating season. We have an exciting year ahead of us and I look forward to being with you on this journey.

In this newsletter, Peter Weill has done an excellent job of pulling together interesting articles, information and Squadron news. As always, he has done a wonderful job of capturing memorable squadron moments we have shared through his photos and articles. We thank him for his dedication in making this an outstanding newsletter that we can proudly share with fellow boaters and potential members. I know you will enjoy this months as much as you have past newsletters.



Donna and her faithful companion Comet

In this issue, p. 2 and p. 4, we have a wonderful recount of the Change of Watch. We again thank P/C Steve Traver for his service as commander this past year. We also want to thank Bruce Catrambone for his many years of service as a member of the LGPS Bridge and as Commander. Together, Bruce and his wife Barbara have contributed greatly to the Squadron and we look forward to their continued support throughout the years ahead. I also extend special thanks to P/C John Jermano in accepting

our offer to serve as Executive Officer for this coming term as I take on the duties of Acting Commander. I look forward to an exciting year and working closely with our Bridge to bring new value to all our members.

We have a fascinating article on p. 6 that National sent us on the 'Use of Old Charts'. It serves as a great warning for all of us to not be complacent in our boating, especially for those of our members who boat on waterways that are forever changing. Even Lake George, the Queen of American Lakes, there may be changes that we need to be

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Dan Berggren to appear at Saratoga Night Spot

Dan Berggren, unofficial poet laureate and folk singer of Lake George Power Squadron, will appear at Caffé Lena, 47 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs, August 6, 2010, at 7pm. He will perform with the group, Jamcrackers, named for the river-drivers who broke up logjams and "got things rolling again." Besides Berggren, the band features the voice and songs of Peggy Lynn and national champion hammered dulcimer player Dan Duggan. This will be a night of sweet, old-fashioned sounding new folk songs that celebrate the people and culture of the Adirondacks. ✂

Acting Commander Donna Conestraro's letter to members

June 9, 2010

Dear Fellow Squadron Members, I am writing today to inform you that on Monday, June 7th, the Squadron received a letter of resignation of Squadron Commander Bruce Catrambone along with a resignation of his wife Barbara who has been acting as our Administrative Officer. We are saddened by this news for Bruce and Barbara have contributed greatly to the Bridge over the past three terms they have served and we thank them for their contributions and

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Change of Watch 2010



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constantly watching out for. Anytime you have 'flowing water' there exists an opportunity for change. I know you will enjoy the article and the pictures and it will make for a lively discussion around our campfires this summer recounting our own navigational adventures.

Speaking of Charts – do you have a copy of the new (2008) Lake George chart? They are indispensable for navigating on the lake and they make great gifts. They are for sale at a number of marinas around the lake as

well as in the Capital District. In addition, you can contact anyone on the Bridge to purchase a chart directly from the Squadron. In honor of Safe Boating Week, May 21 – 27th, P/C Armand Canestraro provided a letter to the editor which appeared in the Glens Falls Post Star regarding the importance of Vessel Safety Checks. We have reprinted the article in this newsletter for your enjoyment. If you are interested in scheduling a vessel safety check for this boating season, please contact

Armand and he will be happy to meet with you. Continue to check the Glens Falls Post Star for future articles as the newspaper editor has indicated they will be more than interested in articles related to our Squadron and safe boating activities we promote throughout the region.

In subsequent messages, I will introduce you to my faithful companion Comet and his own campaign on Lake George to promote safe boating! I will close for now and wish you all "fair winds and following seas".

2010-2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 26, 2010, Saturday, 2:00pm, SQUADRON PICNIC GATHERING/MIXER at the home of Donna & Armand Conestrazzo, 1680 Gower Road, Glenville, NY.

August 21, 2010, Saturday, 2:30 - 5:30pm: CALDWELL BELLE, River Island Cruise

September 18, 2010, 12:30 - 3:30pm Saturday Brunch -- Inn at Saratoga, Slide Show Presentation -- CANOEING ON THE CANAL - Alan & Marlene Bissell

January 16, 2011, Brunch 1:00 - 4:00 P. M. 2010-2011 TRI-SQUADRON HOLIDAY PARTY Place- Saratoga Area

Officers to be on Lake this summer

By DON LEHMAN
dlehman@poststar.com | Posted:
Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Warren County Sheriff's Office patrol boats will ply the waters of Lake George this year, after all.

County supervisors cut funding for the boat patrol last year, but Sheriff Bud York on Wednesday convinced supervisors on the county board's Public Safety Committee to use money freed up when the department's third-in-command retired to fund the boat patrol.

York said boat patrols will be on the lake this weekend for Memorial Day, a busy tourism weekend.

The committee voted unanimously to use some of the \$125,000 in salary and benefits freed up when Chief Deputy Shane Ross retired earlier this month to pay the costs of the boats, which historically have been the only full-time police boats on the lake.

York said he planned to scale back the patrol boats' hours by about half, from 1,584 to 800.

The State Police, York said, will increase its boat patrol hours this summer after not putting a boat on the lake last year. Together, the two agencies should be able to cover the lake adequately, he said.

The Lake George Park Commission also puts boat patrols on the lake, but its officers are peace officers and not police officers.

Last year, with state reimbursement of 75 percent of boat patrol costs and reimbursement from the town of Schroon for a Schroon Lake York said.

He said he believes the county should take advantage of the reimbursement, which often provides funding for a road patrol officer who will be working anyway.



Did You Know?

The origin of the quote "Fair Winds and Following Seas" is unknown. It is often said to have been lifted from a poem, phrase, or literary work, but to the best of this researcher's knowledge, it wasn't. Over the last century at least, the two quotes "Fair Winds" and "Following Seas" have evolved, by usage, into a single phrase which is often used as a nautical blessing.

"Fair Winds": The Dictionary of American Regional English defines "Fair Wind" as "safe journey; good fortune." An early example of the phrase's use is in Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*, published in 1851, where it says near the end "Let me square the yards, while we may, old man, and make a fair wind of it homeward." In other words, let me square the yards (add on all sail) and make a safe journey home.

"Following Seas": Defined by Bowditch's *American Practical Navigator* as "A sea in which the waves move in the general direction of the heading." It further defines "Tide" as "the periodic rise and fall of the water resulting from gravitational interactions between the sun, moon, and earth. . . . the accompanying horizontal movement of the water is part of the same phenomenon." In simple terms: the movement of the water, the waves, and the surface, correspond with the movement of the tide.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas" is really two quotes originating from different sources. The two quotes are a nautical phrase of good luck--a blessing as it were--as the person, group, or thing it is said to depart on a voyage in life. It is often used at a "beginning" ceremony such as a commissioning ceremony of a ship or people, as well as in retirement, change of command, or farewell ceremonies.

Source: Researched by Samuel Loring Morison.

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They have indicated to me directly and to the Bridge that while they both are stepping down, they will continue to be an active member and support the Squadron anyway they can.

While this news came unexpectedly, I am writing to assure you of three important transition items: (1) The Squadron has completed a smooth transition, continuing to move forward as is customary; (2) I will serve as acting Commander for the duration of Bruce's term and (3) Past Commander John Jermano has accepted our offer to serve as the Executive Officer.

I have called the Bridge to meet on Thursday, June 24th at 7:00pm (1900hrs) in the meeting room at the Church of the Good Shepherd located on Route 50 in Burnt Hills. Furthermore, I would like to invite you join us at this meeting.

I am also planning a Squadron picnic gathering/mixer of*) Saturday, June 26th at 2pm (1400hrs) to be held at our home located at 1680 Gower Road in Glenville. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet the entire Bridge, rekindle old friendships and make new acquaintances. I will personally provide the hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. All I ask is that you bring a dish to share, and perhaps a friend or two that you believe will enjoy membership in our Squadron.

Please join us for an afternoon of fun, conversation and delicious food and drink - RSVP by calling my home number at 372-7220 no later than June 23rd so that I may order the necessary food and drink items that we will be supplying.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me directly either by phone or e-mail. I look forward to seeing you at the picnic on June 26th.

Warm Regards,
Donna S. Canestraro
Acting Commander - LGPS

Bruce Catrambone cites ties to Lake George

Welcome and good afternoon to Staff
Commander Susan Darcy, past
commanders of the Lake George Power

New officers sworn in at April 18 Change of Watch



(from left to right) Max Gollmer, Treasurer; Joan Londynsky, Educational Officer; David Wilkinson, Treasurer; Donna Canestraro, Executive Officer; Bruce Catrambone, Commander.



Squadron, current and new squadron members, and guests.

I would first like to thank Past Commander Stephen Traver for his outstanding leadership this past year. I would also like to thank the rest of the bridge members for their continued support of the squadron.

As the 58th Commander of the Lake George Power Squadron, I will try very hard to follow in the footsteps of the many talented and experienced power and sail boating members. We all share a common enjoyment for recreational boating. Our members have

volunteered countless hours and contributed to our communities by promoting safe boating through education and example. The lake welcomes me back each year to spend time camping through the spring, summer, and fall.

I would like to thank all the members for their continued support and participation which makes this squadron a great organization to be a part of.

This coming year 2010-2011 should be a most exciting year at Lake George.

Thank you and enjoy safe boating.
Cmdr. Bruce Catrambone



June Rendezvous

Come meet the 2010 - 2011 Bridge

Where - at a LGPS Squadron Picnic

Saturday, June 26th at 2pm (1400hrs)

Location - The home of Armand and Donna Canestraro



*1680 Gower Road
Glenville, NY*

Come meet the 2010 - 2011 LGPS Bridge! This will be an excellent opportunity to meet the entire Bridge, rekindle old friendships and make new acquaintances.

The Canestraro's will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks.

All you have to do is bring a dish to share, lawn chairs to sit on, and perhaps a friend or two that you believe will enjoy membership in our Squadron.

*RSVP by calling Armand or Donna
at 372-7220 no later than June 23rd.*

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying good food, drink and camaraderie!



The letter below, by Armand Canestraro, appeared in the May 28th issue of the Glens Falls *Post-Star*.

Obama recognizes boat safety week

Editor:

In a presidential proclamation of Safe Boating Week, President Obama proclaimed May 22 to 28 as National Safe Boating Week. President Obama encouraged all Americans who participate in boating activities to observe this occasion by learning more about safe boating practices and to take advantage of boating education.

To help commemorate Safe Boating Week in New York, the Lake George Power Squadron, whose members reside throughout the capital and Lake George regions have once again been providing free vessel safety checks during this weeklong event.

A vessel safety check is a courtesy examination of your boat (vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by state and federal regulations. Vessel examiners are trained volunteers who are members of a power squadron.

While performing the safety check, they make safety recommendations and discuss issues that will make you a safer boater.

It is suggested that you obtain or renew your VSC at the start of each boating season.

These safety checks are by no means a boarding or law enforcement issue.

No citations are issued as a result of the vessel examiners performing the safety check. Once the check is completed, the examiner provides the boat owner with a detailed evaluation so the boat owner may be better informed and follow some of the safety suggestions given.

Each vessel that passes the examination is awarded a distinctive VSC decal to display on its windshield.

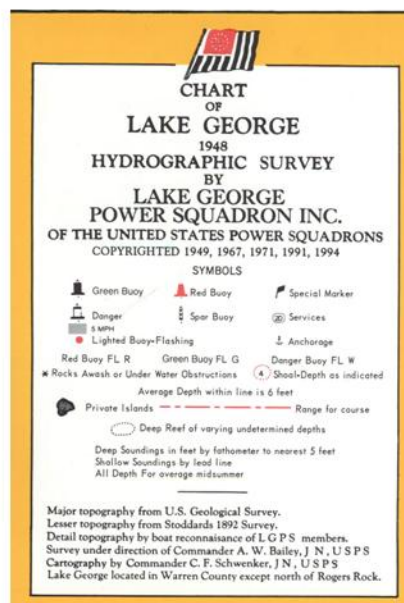
It is important to note that this safety check does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding. However will it help to prepare you to make my future encounter a positive one should it occur.

To arrange for a free vessel safety examination anytime during the boating season,

contact the squadron's safety chairperson, Armand Canestraro at 372-7220 or by e-mail at 1gpsinfo@nycap.rr.com.

ARMAND CANESTRARO Past Commander and
Vessel Safety Examiner Lake George

Old Charts=Danger



Skilled boaters know that old charts can become dangerously out of date and inaccurate. Unfortunately, many of those same boaters feel perfectly secure with their GPS's electronic charts, believing its data will never age. Even a newly purchased GPS unit may contain a chip that is already obsolete. You also need to recognize that the printed chart you just purchased may have been on the shelf for quite a while not to mention how long it sat on your boat before you used it.

To address this problem, the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS), the nation's largest boating education organization, has

has joined with government and leading organizations and companies in forming the Alliance for Safe Navigation. This Alliance is co-sponsored by the Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the US Department of Commerce, Jeppesen Marine, OceanGrafix, BoatUS, and SeaTow. Its goal is to make boaters aware of unsafe navigation tools and practices.

Bob Sweet, the National Education Officer of USPS, remarked: "Ask a recreation boater the date on his or her charts. Typically their chart information is three to five years out of date." The concern is that while such boaters are not required to maintain current navigational tools, the size of their vessels allows them to move into places where they are vulnerable to shifting shoals and alterations to channel markers. Hundreds of changes may have occurred since their navigation charts were prepared.

NOAA reports that in the United States there are around 6400 recreational boating accidents each year. In the past five years, there were 2500 accidents resulting from striking fixed objects and 1400 resulting from going aground. It is clear that boaters must learn to leave their home ports with accurate cruising data.

While the United State Coast Guard's weekly "Local Notice To Mariners" is regularly available with the latest chart changes, few boaters take advantage of this service. To meet this important situation the Alliance has set up a website where boaters can easily check the accuracy of their local charts at www.allianceforsafenavigation.org. You also can participate in a brief survey that will help all boaters by going to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/PDGX3MK.

To become more proficient in cruising and navigating with charts and GPS units, select a course offered through of the United States Power Squadrons' USPS University. There, you can find also find seminars about charting and GPS. For more information, contact www.usps.org.

As its members remind us: "Boating is fun... We'll show you how

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If you can't come by boat, then walk, fly or travel by car, but please join us for the Summer Council on Saturday morning, followed by The Games, hospitality and dinner with show

East End Yacht Club is just off I-95 Exit 30 Lordship then 4 left turns 104 Bay St. Bridgeport, CT

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday Evening: Restaurant available for dinner.
Saturday Morning: 0900 -- D/2 Council private room
Lunch available on deck special hot/cold buffet \$9.00 incl. tax & tip
Saturday Afternoon: Let the Games Begin: Kite-flying, Yo-Yos, Hula Hoops, Frisbees, Airplanes, On the Water Events including sail boat race, canoe tour, kayak race, blindfolded dinghy race. (Boating events are dependent on weather)
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RSVP -- Reservations and payments for dinners are required by 25 July 2010.

Please make all reservations with check payable to USPS D/2 and mailed to:

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Stratford, CT 06614
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Slip required? Yes _____ No _____ Boat name: _____ LOA _____

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COMING TO THE MORNING COUNCIL?	Yes/No	No. staying for lunch?	@\$9 TOTAL
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No. of Chicken Florentine Dinners	_____	@ \$30 TOTAL	_____
No. of Prime Rib Dinners	_____	@ \$35 TOTAL	_____
No. of Vegetarian Dinners	_____	@ \$30 TOTAL	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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**From C.O.W. Minutes by
Secretary David Wilkinson**

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE SUSAN
DARCY'S REMARKS AT CHANGE OF
WATCH:**

Susan noted that she always finds it fun to come to Lake George. Indeed, at one holiday party she found herself very interested in the effort the representatives from the Marine Corps were putting forth for their Toys for Tots program. She also recalled an experience involving P/C Chuck Everson, a locked car door, and a dead car battery. It was at that moment that she learned just how valuable our Engine Maintenance course is and important friends are. Additional observations included a local fisherman whose venture into a local fishing spot apparently did not include a set of waders nor the knowledge available from our Public Boating Course. Susan went on to say how much she enjoyed the D2 conference that we hosted and, furthermore, that D2 should be grateful for our efforts in this endeavor. She also gave a pitch for the upcoming Northern Trek next month at Melody Manor in Lake George.

Susan also encouraged us to take advantage of the resources and expertise that is available to us from District and National, and recommended that we submit history reports. We can also be proud of the fact that we offer one of the best charts of the Lake. It is so well received, it has been reported, that State officials use our chart to set out navigational aids on Lake George in the spring. Additional items to be proud of include the fact that Lake George Power Squadron received 18 merit marks this year and our membership numbers are strong. Susan also noted she will be offering a class for Squadron officers on October 2nd at the Mercury Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie. The class will last from 0900 to 1600 and includes a "working lunch." The cost to attend is \$50, but there is a chance this fee will be rebated. The featured subject is leadership training. In addition, a teaching recertification program will be offered on April 21, 2010 at the office of the Lake George Association, where our monthly meetings have been held. The LGA offices are located just off Exit 21 of the Adirondack Northway. Susan also called to our attention a smaller program, aimed at helping us to recruit, motivate, and retain volunteers. The title of the program is "Why won't they do what I want them to?"



Northern Trek

The annual get together of the higher latitude D/2 squadrons D/2 was a good time from beginning to end. Taking place from May 21 to 23, the event was held again at beautiful Melody Manor Resort overlooking Lake George in Bolton. The hotel's Villa Napoli Restaurant provided excellent food and a spacious venue.

Highlight of the final day's festivities was a fund raising auction of objects donated by squadron members.



Lake George Power Squadron

Secretary's Annual Report 2010

Membership

Total Members	62
Active members	54
Additional Family Members	8
Women Certificate Holders	4
Deceased Members	0
Received Merit Marks	9

Courses Taught

Basic Boating
Operations Training
Weather

Activities

April - Change of Watch, Long-fellow's Restaurant, Saratoga Springs
May - Northern Trek, Melody Manor - Lake George.

Basic Boating & Children's Courses, Niskayuna High School

Aug - Champlain Canal cruise aboard the *Caldwell Bell*, part of Hudson Crossing Festival

Sept - No rendezvous. Plans finalized for D2 fall conference

Oct - D2 Fall Conference, Fort William Henry and aboard the *Adirondac*. This event was wonderfully successful.

Nov - No rendezvous.

Dec - Tri-Squadron Holiday Party, Crystal Ristorante, Amsterdam
Jan 2010 - Winter Party at Manna's Restaurant in Ballston Spa, featuring folksinger Dan Berggren (his second appearance with us). Nice turnout, good time.

Frostbite cruise aboard the *Adirondac* on Lake George (January 1)

Feb 2010 - No rendezvous.

Mar 2010 - No rendezvous

Apr 2010 - D2 Spring Conference in Williamstown, MA, hosted by Berkshire, attended by Lt/C David Wilkinson, Squadron Secretary

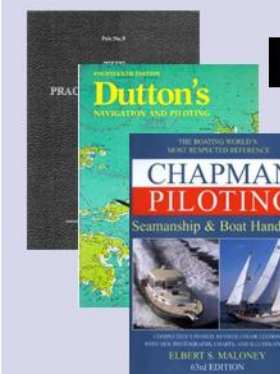
Thanks to Susan Darcy for updating and maintaining our web site.

We updated Chart of Lake George and will be distributing it to Lake George Marinas soon.

LGPS received the Education Award

Respectfully Submitted
Lt/C David Wilkinson Secretary

Book Bonanza



P/C Joan Londynsky asks if anyone would like to have the following classic boating texts?
Call Joan at
(518) 793-6852.

- Chapman, Charles, *Piloting, Seamanship & Small Boat Handling*, 1966-67 ed.
- Chapman, Charles, *Piloting, Seamanship & Small Boat Handling*, 50th anniversary ed., 1972
- Dunlap G.D. & Shufeldt, H.H., *Dutton's Navigation & Piloting*, 1972
- Latham, Robert, *Marine Engines & Equipment*, 3rd ed., 1969, USPS publication
- Bowditch, Nathaniel, *American Practical Navigator*, 1966, corrected print ed.

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