

# LGPS

## SOUNDINGS

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### ***Commander Message***

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Wow, the weather has certainly been anything but mild lately with the past week of heavy snow followed by frigid temperatures and negative wind-chill having us hoping for an early spring launch. It appears at least for now winter has finally begun in earnest here in upstate New York. The snow and cold have made certain we know what time of year it really is. I trust each of you have had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year's.

Hopefully some of us were able to attend the New York National Boat Show hosted at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in NYC this past month. If you are looking for some closer to home outdoor winter activities – you may want to venture out to the annual Lake George Winter Carnival, running each weekend the entire month of February into the first weekend of March. Here is a sample of some of the scheduled 2026 highlights to enjoy:

Week 1 (Feb 7-8): Opening Weekend, Outhouse Races, ATV Poker Run.

Week 2 (Feb 14-15): Chili Cook-Off, BBQ Cook-Off.

Week 3 (Feb 21-22): Chowder Cook-Off, Ice Diving.

Week 4 (Feb 28-Mar 1): Chicken Wing Cook-Off, Polar Plunge.

Week 5 (Mar 7-8): Italian Feast, Closing ceremonies

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



**Now Hear This...**

### **Nomination Committee Needs Your Help**

The Squadron Nomination Committee is presently seeking LGPS members interested in serving on the upcoming 2026-27 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!

## Did You Know....

How do sailors say hello? It is derived from the Middle English cry, '**Hoy!**'. The word fell out of use at one time, but was revived when sailing became a popular sport. 'Ahoy' can also be used as a greeting, a warning, or a farewell.

A vessel made fast to the bottom is said to be "anchored." If two anchors are used, the boat is said to be "moored."

Waterspouts are tornadoes over water - consisting of a small-diameter column of rapidly swirling air in contact with a water surface. The Florida Keys are the greatest, natural vortex lab in the world. Waterspouts probably occur more frequently in the Florida Keys than anywhere in the world. Scientific work over the last 30 or so years has led to a more complicated picture with waterspouts differing in some ways from tornadoes over land, especially large ones.

The term "knot" for speed originates from 17th-century sailors who measured a ship's velocity by trailing a rope with evenly spaced knots behind the vessel for a set time. One knot equals one nautical mile per hour. Furthermore, the first gasoline-powered motorboat was developed in the late 1880s

Sailing has been an Olympic sport since 1900 and is one of the few, if not the only, mixed-gender sports.

The Three R's of boating, **Recognize**, **Respect**, **Respond**, are simple to remember, but incredibly effective. Boaters who follow these principles are more likely to have safe, smooth outings and avoid costly mistakes



## Wear It! Campaign

The Wear It! Campaign reminds boaters of the importance of boating safety, including always wearing a life jacket. The campaign is produced under a grant from the Sports Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. Visit [SafeBoatingCampaign.com](http://SafeBoatingCampaign.com) for **free** resources and information that you can use for your own Wear It! outreach efforts.