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Commander Message

By Cmdr. George K. Williams, AP

Hello fellow squadron members - I hope you are all enjoying the summer and keeping cool in this unusual heat. It is the perfect time to begin thinking ahead to fall - we should start to plan now before other things intrude. How about taking a course - something fun like Cruise Planning? P/C Donna Canestraro, our Squadron Educational Officer, will gladly provide course information to any interested member – all you need to do is just ask.

We also should be thinking about what you can do to help the squadron with a bit of your free time - how about helping teach a course or serving on a committee (or even the Bridge)? And we should always be seeking out new members - talk it up, invite a friend to join us. P/C Canestraro while out rafted up this past weekend on the lake performing Vessel Safety Checks landed a new member for the Squadron. It's that easy, you too can bring in new members!

To update each of you, we continue with the comprehensive process of redesigning the Squadron website with the hope of having this complete by fall. Our new website will launch offering many opportunities to both the public and Squadron membership to view a photo gallery of past events, electronic issues of past LGPS newsletters and most importantly provide a “state-of-the-art” secure portal for our authorized chart vendors to place and pay for orders of navigation charts making it a “one-stop-secure” place for vendors.

In closing, enjoy the summer weather wherever your travels may take you. Stay safe and have a wonderful 2025 boating season



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](https://www.safeboatingcampaign.com) for **free** resources and information that you can use for your own Wear It! outreach efforts.

Vessel Safety Check 2025



Vessel Safety Check Vision: *Safe, Fun & Responsible Recreational Boating*

The VSC Program helps to achieve voluntary compliance with federal and state recreational boating safety laws, particularly with regard to the carriage of safety equipment while raising boater awareness about safety and environmental issues through voluntary contact by a Vessel Examiner (VE). Vessel Examiner discussions with recreational boaters is designed to motivate recreational boaters to maintain and operate their boats in a safe manner, taking boating safety courses to increase their knowledge and skills in boating and promoting overall safe boating. Call Armand at 518-372-7220 to schedule your VSC.

Mid-Season Maintenance

With boating season in full swing, you should regularly inspect your boat's systems. These mid-season maintenance checks will help ensure summertime outings remain smooth and trouble-free.

Engine venting:

Let the engine exhaust blowers run for 20 to 45 minutes as you pack up to leave the boat after a weekend on the water. Removing excess heat from the engine compartment will help prevent equipment damage.

Hose inspection:

Squeeze your hoses, feeling for soft, bulging or cracked spots. Check the clamps for corrosion as many stainless steel clamps have screws made of inferior grade stainless steel that will corrode. Using only 316 stainless steel hose clamps is recommended.

Pad placement:

Place oil absorption pads under your engine and transmission. Leaks will be easier to see, giving you an early warning of trouble. Absorbent pads also make keeping the engine room clean much easier.

AC tune-up:

Clean or replace air conditioner filters monthly and clean drain pans and remove debris that could clog the drain line. Watch for changes in water flow. Check sea strainers biweekly and clean as needed. Backflush raw water lines yearly according to manufacturer specifications.

Electrical look-see:

Depending on your battery type, check fluid weekly and replenish as needed. Also check battery chargers each week. Once a month, examine battery terminals for corrosion and tighten loose connections.

Bilge inspection:

Check the bilge for excess water on a daily basis. Remove oil using an oil absorber or sock. Each week, make sure bilge pump and float switches work as expected. Wash the bilge annually. –Larry Byrd - Reprint from *BoatingCompass.org*