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Commander Message

By George K. Williams, AP

Our boating season is underway - this month I will provide some practical summer boating tips to make everyone safe, comfortable, and make the most of your time on the water:

Safety First

- Wear Life Jackets – Ensure everyone onboard wears a properly fitted life jacket.
- Check the Weather – Always look at the forecast before heading out. Summer storms can come up fast.
- Emergency Gear – Carry flares, a whistle, fire extinguisher, first aid kit.
- Float Plan – Let someone on land know your route and expected return time and be sure to check-in when back to shore.

Boat Maintenance

- Inspect the Boat – Check fuel, oil, bilge, and battery before every trip.
- Keep It Cool – Engine overheating is common in summer. Monitor temperature gauges regularly.
- Clean After Use – Especially when boating in saltwater—rinse and flush thoroughly.
- Maintain adequate fuel – utilize the 1/3 out, 1/3 return, 1/3 reserve.

Comfort & Hydration

- Bring Plenty of Water – Heat and sun can dehydrate you fast.
- Sun Protection – Use SPF, wear a hat, polarized sunglasses, and lightweight UV clothing.
- Shade Matters – If your boat doesn't have a Bimini top, consider a sunshade or umbrella.

Navigation & Etiquette

- Know the Rules – Review boating right-of-way and local regulations.
- Avoid Overcrowding – Don't exceed your boat's capacity for passengers or gear – review your boat's capacity plate for details.
- Respect Others – Slow down near other vessels, swimmers, and in no-wake zones.

Fun Tips

- Water Toys & Gear – Tubes, wakeboards, paddleboards—don't forget the fun stuff.
- Playlist Ready – Preload your music so you're not relying on a radio signal.
- Stay Charged – Bring a waterproof power bank for phones or marine electronics.

Stay safe and I hope to see you on the water!



Now Hear This...

Our Condolences to the Family of Squadron Secretary Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, P



Squadron and D2 Secretary Lt/C David J. Wilkinson passed away of natural causes on Friday, March 7, 2025. David has been a dedicated member of the Lake George Power Squadron for several decades serving as Squadron Secretary from 2017 to 2025. A Life Member of USPS, David, also served the District 2 Bridge as District Secretary for many years. David had on many occasions entertained us by providing his disc jockey services at Squadron Rendezvous. A celebration of David's life will be held Saturday, May 31st at 11:00 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Schenectady, 1221 Wendell Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12308.

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 P/C Armand at (518) 372-7220 to schedule your VSC.



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.