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Commander Message

By George K. Williams, AP

I wish to first thank members of the Squadron, especially those that arranged for and those available to attend the luncheon in honor of my 100th birthday in October. I am humbled, appreciative and very honored to have enjoyed everyone's company while enjoying a delightful lunch, less I forget to mention the wonderful strawberry and cream Villa Italia birthday cake! From the bottom of my heart – Thank You All!

This is also a sad time of year when the boating season and the fun has officially ended and the work of winterizing and laying-up of our vessels begins. Hopefully, years of experience (and a little USPS training) will make this chore a little easier. It goes without saying, how well we prepare our boats for winter directly affects our launch, next season.

Its Merit Mark Time once again. Merit Marks are awarded yearly to members for significant personal service and contributions to the organization. A member can earn one merit mark per year for their volunteer efforts. I wish to congratulate the following longtime members on being awarded their 2025 year Merit Marks: Executive Officer, John Wainwright | Squadron Education Officer & Acting Treasurer, Donna Canestraro | Administrative Officer, Katie Williams and Member-at-Large, Armand Canestraro.

Lastly, as the holidays approach, I wish all our members a happy and healthy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's celebrations. Please stay safe and well. Hope to see you all soon!

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New York National Boat Show – January 2026

The Discover Boating New York Boat Show™ will return to the Javits Center in NYC January 21-25, 2026, with new model boats, accessories, and more. For details, show times and ticket information please visit

<https://www.nyboatshow.com/>

The 2026 Lake George Winter Carnival

This coming year (2026) the winter carnival will take place over five weekends, from February 6th to March 8th, 2026. The events will be held on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during this period. The full schedule of events, including cook-off dates, is still being finalized but the weekends are confirmed.

Still Not Ready to Give Up Your 2025 Boating Season? Cold Weather Boating Requires Caution and Preparation

Source: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – While many boaters in colder parts of the country have winterized their boats or put them into storage until spring, many still use their vessels for hunting, fishing or transportation. Unfortunately, the risk of a deadly accident is increased with cold weather. Extra caution and preparation should be taken before heading out on the water in winter.

The importance of wearing a life jacket becomes even more critical when the danger for hypothermia is added to other concerns. Sudden immersion in cold water can have severe physiological consequences, including cardiac arrest, quick loss of body heat (the body loses heat 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air) and involuntary inhalation of water (gaspings) that results in drowning. Wearing a life jacket can keep the boaters head above water, keep the person warm, and provide a chance for rescue.

Wearing the right clothing also contributes to more enjoyable and safer cold weather boating. Consider layering clothing, and including a wet suit or dry suit, to help ward off hypothermia.

Here are some additional tips for safe winter boating:

- 1) Assess the risks – think what can go wrong and be fully equipped and prepared.
- 2) Leave a float plan with a responsible individual who knows your intentions, location, and who to call if you fail to return as scheduled.
- 3) Carry a VHF radio and an EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon), signal flares and other means to draw attention to your location.
- 4) Be aware of and prepared for the shock of sudden immersion and incapacitating effects of cold water – dress to get wet and carry a change of clothing in a waterproof container.
- 5) Be aware of activity around your vessel and potential for fast-changing weather.
- 6) Boat safe and sober – save the alcohol for when you've safely returned.
- 7) Be sure your vessel is in good operating condition and has the necessary safety equipment on board before you leave the dock.
- 8) Refresh your seamanship skills - take a boating safety course offered by your local Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla.