

LGPS SOUNDINGS

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Commander Message

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As we enjoy another great boating season, please make safety your top priority every time you head out on the water especially during the summer heat. Here are five important tips to remember.

Wear Your Life Jacket. A properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket is the single most effective piece of safety equipment on your boat. Accidents can happen without warning, and wearing your life jacket not just having it onboard can save your life.

Continue Your Boating Education. Even experienced boaters benefit from refresher courses and staying current on boating safety practices. Knowledge of navigation, weather awareness, emergency procedures, and safe boat handling makes our waterways safer for everyone.

Know and Follow the Rules of the Road. Understanding navigation rules, maintaining a proper lookout, operating at safe speeds, and respecting no-wake zones help prevent accidents and ensure everyone enjoys a safe day on the water. Courtesy and patience go a long way in reducing risks.

Stay Hydrated During the Summer Heat. High temperatures and prolonged sun exposure can lead to dehydration and heat-related illness before you realize it. Bring plenty of water, drink water regularly throughout the day, and avoid waiting until you feel thirsty.

Protect Yourself from the Sun. Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher before heading out and reapply every two hours—or more often if you're swimming or sweating. Wear a wide-brimmed hat, UV-protective sunglasses, and lightweight protective clothing whenever possible.

Together, we can make this a safe and enjoyable 2026 boating season. By wearing your life jacket, continuing your boating education, following the Rules of the Road, staying hydrated, and protecting yourself from the sun, you'll help ensure every trip ends with everyone returning safely to the dock.

Have a safe, fun, and memorable summer on the water! Safe boating and smooth sailing to all!



Wear It! Campaign

The Wear It! Campaign reminds boaters of the importance of boating safety, including always wearing a life jacket.

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Change of Watch

The Squadron will be conducting a remote Change of Watch on Thursday, July 30th 2026 at 10:00am via ZOOM. The following members have “again” volunteered to serve on the Bridge for 2026-2027 and will be sworn in by District Commander Susan Darcy as follows:

Commander – George K. Williams

Executive Officer – John Wainwright

Administrative Office – Katie Williams

Secretary – Armand Canestraro

Treasurer / Squadron Education Officer – Donna S. Canestraro

Members at Large – *open positions*

Audit Committee – *open positions*

To obtain a ZOOM link please call Armand at (518) 372-7220 with your e-mail address.

Vessel Safety Check 2026



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 (519) 372-7220 to schedule your VSC.