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LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON, INC.
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Commander Message

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As the boating season begins on beautiful Lake George, the Lake George Power Squadron welcomes both returning and new members to another exciting year on the water. There's nothing better than launching into a season filled with boating adventures, waterfront gatherings, cruises, and time spent with family and friends.

Safe boating remains at the heart of everything we do. Whether you are a seasoned captain or just getting started, our safe boating courses and educational programs help build confidence, sharpen skills, and keep everyone safe on the water. Topics such as navigation, boating rules, emergency preparedness, and vessel safety are more important than ever as our waterways become busier each season.

The Lake George Power Squadron is proud to offer opportunities for learning, fellowship, and fun throughout the year. From educational seminars to vessel safety checks, there's something for every boating enthusiast to enjoy.

I encourage all boaters to make safety a priority this season: wear life jackets, stay alert, respect weather conditions, and always operate responsibly. Together, we can help ensure Lake George remains one of the safest and most enjoyable boating destinations anywhere.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the water and sharing another memorable boating season filled with friendship, education, and fun. 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. 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 for **free** resources and information that you can use for your own Wear It! outreach efforts.

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.

Squadron Condolences



The Squadron extends our heartfelt condolences to the family of Thomas (Tom) Palmatier who passed away on January 19th, 2026. Tom served on the Squadron Bridge and together with his wife Kathy attended many of the Squadron functions over the years. Our condolences to Kathy and their extended family.

Squadron Welcomes Our Newest Member

Please welcome the Squadron member Paul W. Hare from Ballston Lake. We look forward to seeing him on the Lake out of Sandy Bay this summer season. Welcome aboard!

Boating Tip You Can Count On

Mastering close-quarter maneuvers is the secret to stress-free boating. Go slow, rely on your neutral gear and remember that a boat pivots from the rear!