

LGPS SOUNDINGS

JULY-AUGUST 2011



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OF UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS
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Commander Message

By Cmdr. Donna S. Canestraro, S

It is with much sadness that the Squadron reports the passing of yet another one of our long standing members, Chuck Everson. Our condolences go out to Dottie and his family. The past months have proven to be quite busy with the completion of several projects the Bridge had been working on. They included chart sales and deliveries, membership rendezvous, website redesign and the fire pedestal dedication at Lake George Village.

Chart sales continue to be brisk this boating season, with nearly 200 charts sold and delivered during the months of May and June alone. Vendor input received during the door-to-door visitation around the lake to many of the Squadron chart vendors has been nothing less than positive with regard to our chart quality, its new packaging tube, their immediate availability and wholesale pricing. During these visits each vendor was briefly made aware of the Squadrons future plan to automate chart orders using the soon to be redesigned e-commerce section of the website. When this is ready, each vendor will receive log-in information for chart ordering plus an attractive colorful decal (Bridge approved) to be placed on their storefront window identifying them as an "official vendor" of the Squadron charts. The feedback to date is that our vendors are looking forward to the one-stop ordering process the website will provide enabling them to place an order, make immediate payment and have charts shipped out the next day. As a final note on chart sales – should any of you receive calls from or know of vendors who are in need of charts, please be certain to forward that order information on to either myself or any other member of the Bridge. We want to fulfill orders as quickly as possible.

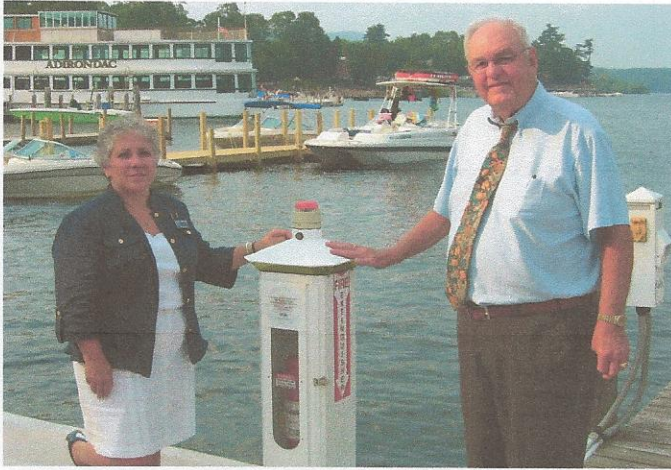
A membership rendezvous was held on June 30th at the Colonie Youth Bureau on Central Avenue with Past Commanders Milt and Barbara Boomer on their Great Loop cruise. This event was well attended by not only LGPS members but included members from both the Sacandaga as well as the Mohawk-Hudson Squadrons. The Great Loop, also called the American Loop or the Great Circle, is a long distance circumnavigation voyage that encompasses the entire eastern portion of the United States and parts of Canada, from the Atlantic Coast to the heartland rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. Depending on the route taken, the Great Loop may be from 5,000 to 7,500 miles long and is primarily in sheltered waters, making it one of the safest long distance cruises in the world. For those that could not make it, and those who were present looking for more information, check out the America's Great Loop Cruiser's Association website at www.greatloop.org. Thank you again to John Jermano for again hosting this terrific event and to Milt and Barb Bloomer for taking the time to share their experience with us all.

The redesign of the Squadron website continues and I am hopeful that this new design together with the chart ordering functionality will be completed shortly. We had a technical staff meeting in late July with the web design company owner and his site designer in order to finalize the website. We are pleased to report to the membership that the new website (the website address will remain the same) will have the latest version of web functionality, be easy to navigate and provide the ultimate in high level security encryption for every financial transaction processed on the site. Once the new site is rolled out, we will invite and encourage each of you to visit and view it in its entirety. We will also be happy to discuss the technical aspects of the site at one of our future rendezvous. In the meantime, you will be kept informed as best possible as the Bridge continue to make progress on the new website.

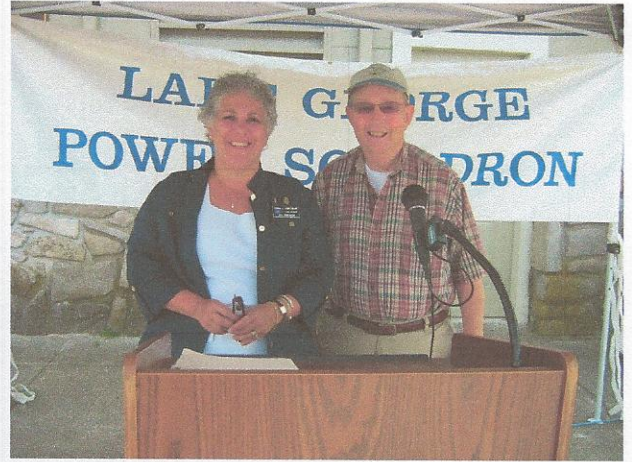
Lastly, I am pleased to finally report that the Squadron, represented by members of the Bridge and their spouses had the privilege to “officially present” to the Village of Lake George the Squadron’s gift of the six Firehouse Pedestals and to “officially dedicate” each to the membership of our Squadron. On a warm July 11th afternoon, we gathered at the public docks with the Village of Lake George Mayor, Robert Blais and Public Works Superintendent David Harrington for a brief ceremony. Mayor Blais said that “The public docks are an important part of the Village, providing hundreds of boaters the opportunity to dine, shop and visit our attractions. Because of these fire pedestals, the boating public will become very aware of the Squadron, if it isn’t already” he said. Mayor Blais added that “There have been only two fires at these docks that I am aware of... let’s hope we do not have to use these fire extinguishers, but if we do, they’re here... in the meantime, everybody can feel much more secure through the generosity of the Lake George Power Squadron – everyone thanks you for this generosity.” The ceremony was featured in the Lake George Mirror and Chronicle newspapers. WTEN Channel 10 news featured a short piece on the Squadron gift that same day. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Squadron members dined at The Boathouse Restaurant and enjoyed a splendid water's edge view from their dining room table. The boathouse was originally built in 1876 as part of the Abenin estate – once owned by New York Times Publisher, Adolph Ochs – The Boathouse Restaurant offered us fabulous dining directly on Lake George with an atmosphere steeped in Adirondack charm, history and unlimited Lake George views. In closing, the Bridge and I wish you all a wonderful boating season and we look forward to seeing you at the next rendezvous on August 24th at Mallozzi’s in Rotterdam which will also feature our educational meeting. Boat safe and enjoy the season – I hope to see you all on the lake.



FIRE PEDESTAL DEDICATION CEREMONY MONDAY, JULY 11th – LAKE GEORGE VILLAGE

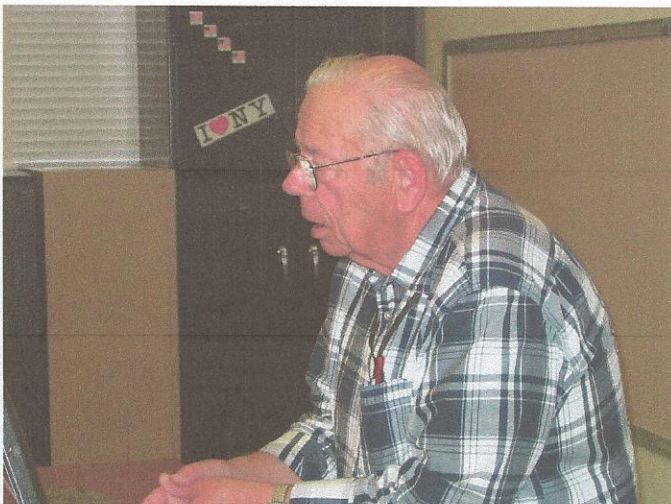


Village Mayor Bob Blais with Squadron Commander Donna Canestraro at dedication ceremony



Squadron Commander and Executive Officer John Jermano during the Fire Pedestal dedication ceremony at Village public docks

GREAT LOOP PRESENTATION RENDEZVOUS (P/C BARB and MILT BLOOMER)



P/C Milt Bloomer discusses the many facets of their Great Loop trip



Participants listen intently to Milt Bloomer's Great Loop presentation

**AUGUST 24, 2011 – 5:30 PM
EDUCATIONAL MEETING – RENDEZVOUS**



Enjoy
MALLOZZI'S
GRAND
ITALIAN
BUFFET
Every Wednesday \$17.95*
at Mallozzi's
Ballrooms & Catering

Dinner Buffet 5:00 pm-9:00 pm
An array of cold appetizers, soup, salad station, fresh fruit,
chef attended pasta station preparing a variety of
homemade sauces and pastas, hot Italian specialty dishes
& chef attended carving stations, plus delectable desserts.
Buon appetito!

Reservations:
518-355-0340

*Plus tax and gratuity.
Includes
non-alcoholic beverage

Join the Lake George Power Squadron on Wednesday, August 24th at 5:30 PM for a spectacular dinner buffet at Mallozzi's Restaurant located at 1930 Curry Road – Schenectady (Rotterdam). Don't miss this exciting outing - sign-up **NOW!** Mail your reservation and check payable to LGPS not later than Monday, August 15th to:

**Lake George Power Squadron
c/o P/C Armand Canestraro, P
1680 Gower Road
Glenville, NY 12302**

_____ Adult buffet dinner @ **\$23.00 per adult*** _____
Tickets Total remittance

_____ Child buffet dinner @ **\$16.00 per child*** _____
Tickets (children 10 and younger) Total remittance

**RSVP required – THIS IS AN RSVP, PAID IN ADVANCE ONLY EVENT
NO WALK-INS WILL BE PERMITTED**

*** Price includes tax and gratuity**

Future Rendezvous schedule 2011-12

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOSTED BY</u>
August	Educational Meeting – dinner	8/24	Armand Canestraro
September	Tug Boat Rally (Waterford) (see complete details below)	9/9-11	
October	Dutch Apple Cruise	TBD	Max Gollmer
November	Storyteller (to be held in late October)		Kevin McCarthy
Dec-Jan	Tri-Squadron Holiday Party	TBD	alternate squadron
Feb	No Rendezvous Required		
March	Commanders Brunch	TBD	
April	Change of Watch	TBD	

SEPTEMBER 9-10-11, 2011 LGPS RENDEZVOUS 2011 Tugboat Roundup Schedule

FRIDAY

12:30PM Tugs leave Waterford to head south to Albany
 2:45PM Tugboat parade begins in Albany
 3:45PM Tugboat parade passes Troy
 5-6PM Tugs arrive at the Port of Waterford
 7-9PM Live Music

SATURDAY

9AM-9PM Vendors, Exhibits, Family activities
 9-5PM Tugboat Tours, Boat Rides
 9AM-9PM Live music
 8:45 (Approx.) Fireworks by Alonzo's

SUNDAY

9AM-5PM Vendors, Exhibits, Family Activities
 10AM-4PM Tugboat Tours, Boat Rides, Historic Vessels
 Afternoon Line Throwing Competition at Battery, Tugboat Nose-to-Nose
 Competition, Awards Ceremony at Visitor Center

News Clips from Around the Region

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Boat sinks in Lake George, stranding parasailers in tree

LAKE GEORGE — A 30-foot parasailing boat overturned and sank Wednesday, July 13th in Lake George under a powerful gust of wind and two people riding above in the parasail became entangled in a tree on shore, but all seven people involved escaped serious injury. The Warren County Sheriff's Office said that the parasailing boat, owned by National Water Sports, was operating in the lake off the village about 5:30 p.m. when the wind gust came up. Arina Young, 16, and Bradshaw Carnaghan, 26, both of Nova Scotia, were riding in the parasail when the gust of wind hit the boat.

"They were still attached to the sail when the boat overturned near the east shore of Lake George," police said in a statement. Both ended up entangled in a tree just north of Ushers Park on Route 9L and were removed by the Lake George Fire Department using an aerial ladder. The five people on the boat when it capsized were all wearing life jackets and were able to swim to shore or be assisted to shore by other boaters.

"The parasail boat overturned and sunk to the bottom of Lake George," police said. The accident remains under investigation.

Drinking, boating a lethal mix **State safety improves despite recent cases**

CAPITAL REGION — The number of boating accidents and deaths in New York state has been steadily decreasing over the years, but experts say the two primary factors in incidents remain unchanged: alcohol use and not wearing a life vest. Blunt force trauma deaths — such as those of four Ulster County residents whose boat slammed into a concrete pier in the Hudson River early Sunday morning, July 10th — are rare. So too is a boat careening onto the shore and hitting a tree, as happened later Sunday, injuring four people on Lake Placid. Lt. John Watterson of the Ulster County Sheriff's Department said authorities have evidence that points to alcohol use on the boat that was torn apart when it hit the concrete footing near Red Hook. According to the U.S. Coast Guard's 2010 Recreational Boating Statistics report, there were more than 4,600 accidents and 672 deaths on U.S. waters last year — and alcohol use is cited as the leading contributing factor in those deaths. But the majority of boating accident victims, nearly 75 percent, died because of drowning, and 88 percent of the dead weren't wearing life jackets.

For the year 2010, inattention on the part of the operator, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed and alcohol ranked as the top five causes of accidents, according to the Coast Guard.

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NEW YORK RANKS 4

In terms of recreational boating accidents, New York state saw 27 fatalities last year, 23 in 2009 and 21 in 2008. Last year's numbers tied the state with Michigan and South Carolina for fourth-deadliest, topped by 69 boating deaths in Florida, 48 in California and 28 in Texas. Despite nearly 33,000 boats registered in Albany, Fulton, Montgomery, Saratoga, Schenectady and Schoharie counties, recreational boating fatalities are rare locally. According to 2010 statistics from the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, there was a total of seven reported accidents and one death. Those include two on Great Sacandaga Lake, one in Fulton County and the other in Saratoga County. There were two accidents on the Hudson River — one in Columbia County and the other in Rensselaer County — one in Stewart's Pond in Saratoga County and one in Schenectady County on the Mohawk River. The fatality occurred in April 2010 on the Mohawk River in Sprakers, Montgomery County, when two men were fishing and their boat capsized. One made it to shore, the other drowned.

SAFETY IMPROVES

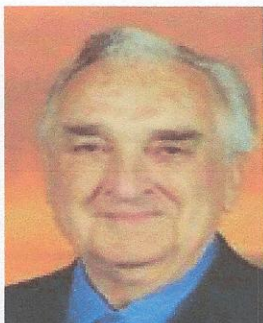
Compared with 20 years ago, recreational boating fatalities have been greatly reduced, according to Brian Kempf, director of marine services for the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. "Over 20 years ago, you were losing approximately 50 people in boating accidents a year," Kempf said. From 2006 to 2010, the average number of deaths was 21.8 — many of which could have been prevented with a flotation device. In New York, boaters are required to have one life jacket for each person in the boat, but wearing them is not mandatory from April 1 to Nov. 1.

"Most of our fatalities occur due to unexpected immersion in cold water. In every case, nobody was using a life jacket. In many cases there wasn't even one on the boat," Kempf said. The multi-fatal accident Sunday July 10th on the Hudson River is an anomaly.

The bulk of deaths have been attributed to unexpected falls overboard, Kempf said. "Clearly a life jacket would have made the difference." Such was the case last year, Montgomery County Undersheriff Jeff Smith said. Two men were fishing in April near Lock E-13 on the Mohawk River when their boat capsized. Neither was wearing a life jacket and one drowned. "The first and most important thing is wearing proper flotation devices. In that incident we had back in April, they did not have them on. A lot of times people will have them in the boat, but that's not always sufficient," he said.

Other important considerations are remembering not to mix recreational boating with alcohol and drugs and to watch the speed limit. And boating at night, Smith said, is somewhat dangerous unless boaters are familiar with the waterway. "If you're going to travel at night if you're not familiar with where you're traveling, that can certainly be a problem."

Our Condolences to the Family of Past Commander Chuck Everson, AP



Charles William "Chuck" Everson

Ballston Lake, NY

Charles William "Chuck" Everson went to be with his Lord on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at home with his family by his side. Chuck enjoyed boating and served as Commander of the Lake George Power Squadron from 1994 to 1995. Chuck served on several Squadron committees over the years including Marketing and Public Relations and was always ready to snap a photo at our many events. Chuck was a Charter Member of the Squadrons Past Commanders Club as well as a Senior Member of the Squadron having earned more than 18 Merit Marks during his membership.

Chuck and his wife Dorothy Hamner Everson, recently celebrated 56 years of marriage. Their children include Cynthia Everson Knox (Jeff) of Clifton Park, NY, and Gregory Carl Everson residing in Virginia Beach, VA. Grandchildren include Katharine Michaela Knox, Abigail Rose Knox and Andrew William Everson. Chuck's parents, Carl and Alice Everson, and sisters Audrey Jeanne Everson Reeves; Evangeline Mae Everson Hornaday and Margaret Alice Everson Swearingen all predeceased him. Memorial contributions may be made in Chuck's name to Community Hospice of Saratoga, 179 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. The Squadron extends their heartfelt sympathy to Dottie and her family. We will all miss him dearly.

The Weigh We Were

"Lets face it: We've put on a few pounds"

By Brad Dunn – PMYMAG.COM – July 2011

Over the last 50 years, the average Americans scale has tipped an additional 15 percent or more, a trend that's forced the U.S. Coast Guard to make some weighty decisions. It says that boats can no longer carry the same number of people they used to because we weigh more now than when standards were set. "People are significantly heavier today", explains Lisa Novak, a USCG spokesperson. "We need to update the regulations to ensure continued safety and stability on all passenger boats". Starting December 1st, all charter boat, ferry, and ship owners must assume that the average passenger weighs 185 pounds and recalculate vessel capacity accordingly – it's the first rule change since the Coast Guard set the weight standard in 1960, when the average American, male or female, weighed 160 pounds. Although the advisory doesn't pertain to recreational boaters, the message is clear: Keep an eye on your guest list. A commercial boat currently rated to carry, say 18 people will be allowed to carry 15 people after Thanksgiving. Some vessels have even larger corrections to make because they were rated before 1960, when the average American weighed 140 pounds. While fatter people mean fewer passengers, the problem isn't the overall weight they bring to boats, according to the USCG. The bigger concern especially on dinner cruises and water taxis, is when a heavier group of passengers move to one side of the boat at once, causing it to list. The growing girth problem appears to be uniquely American. In Great Britain, for example, the average passenger is expected to weigh 165 pounds – 20 less than those of us on this side of the Atlantic. "Over the decades Americans have gotten bigger and they weigh more, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention", Novak said. "So the USCG regulations were adjusted to reflect that".