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Commander's Message

Cmdr. Kevin McCarthy, P

It is with great excitement and some trepidation that I take over as Commander of the Lake George Power Squadron. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Lake George Power Squadron for electing me Commander for the upcoming year. I appreciate your confidence and support. I also

want to especially thank the members of the Bridge and committees who have volunteered to serve with me.

SPECIAL THANKS

There are some members of the Squadron that I would like to publicly recognize for their hard work and dedication over the past years.

Dick Mathews has been the Squadron Education Officer and has taught the Squadron Basic Boating Course for a number of years. Over those years he has assisted in offering a number of advanced classes to the members. He has also offered and taught the Basic Boating Course to a large number of boaters and would be boaters. Many of these individuals have gone on to become members of the Power Squadron. He has done this without a great deal of fanfare or publicity. On behalf of the Squadron I want to thank Dick for the hard work and dedication that he has given to the Squadron.

At the same time I want to mention a project that is presently going on, again due to the hard work and dedication of members of our Squadron. As you all know, the Lake George Power Squadron has produced and sold charts of Lake George. These charts have been recognized as the finest navigational charts produced of the lake. Currently, under the leadership of **Buck Bryant** and with the help of **John Wainwright** and our new Administrative Officer, **Steve Traver** along with members of the Lake George Association, DEC, and other volunteers of the Squadron, these charts are being updated. The new charts will show the correct location of all buoys and hazards on the lake. It will also provide the location of all marinas on the lake along with other data that will make boating on the lake a safe and enjoyable experience. An untold number of volunteer hours have gone into completing this project. A very large thank you from all boaters on Lake George to this dedicated and committed group of individuals.

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IS THERE A COURSE YOU WOULD LIKE?

Jim Kelley, our Education Officer, would like to hear from anyone who is interested in taking a Power Squadron course. I would encourage all of us to continue our boating education and sign up for an advanced course. Not only is it a great way to better our boating skills but also it is a way to meet other members of the Squadron.

COMING SOON- 60th Anniversary

As some of you may know, this year is the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Lake George Power Squadron. Over the years the Squadron has provided numerous volunteer hours towards promoting and providing safe boating, boating education courses, and social events. It is my hope that we can continue together that tradition. Plans are underway to have a special rendezvous on Lake George to commemorate this happy occasion.

During the month of May, two activities are taking place that you are all invited to participate in. May 20 through May 26 is National Safe Boating Week. The theme for this year is "Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear it." The weekend of May 18, 19 and 20 is the District 2 rendezvous held at Melody Manor on Lake George. All of you are invited to attend the meeting on Saturday morning May 19 from 9:00 am until 11:30 am.

During the upcoming year I hope to set up a closer working relationship with both the Sacandaga and Mohawk Hudson Squadrons. I believe that it is in the best interest of all three Squadrons to participate in the rendezvous and class offerings that each Squadron has to offer.

MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Keep up the good work when your membership renewals arrive within the next week or two. The Lake George Power Squadron received the District 2 "shipping over award" for membership renewals in 2006.

Please take the time to fill out your renewal and send it in. The Squadron has again kept its dues at the same rate it has been.

As this boating season begins, please practice safe boating. Both for your sake and the sake of other boaters.

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BOATING SAFETY

Lt/C Paul Kenny, JN – Safety Officer

GET YOURSELF TIED UP IN KNOTS*

(*Good knots for your boat)

One sign of an accomplished boater is the ability to tie the appropriate knot for the task at hand. Whether securing a line to a cleat or dock post, joining two lines together or attaching an anchor line to an anchor, there is a knot well-suited for each function. As we begin a new boating season, now is a good time to refresh your ability to tie knots and to learn a new one or two.

"Knot" is a general term for securing a line to an object, another line or

itself. The main categories of knots are bends, hitches and splices. A bend is a knot to secure a line to another line or an object such as an anchor. A hitch is used to form a temporary noose in a line or to secure a line temporarily to an object. A splice unites two lines by interweaving the strands.

There are thousands of knots but you can do quite well with knowing just a handful. Some of the knots often used by mariners include:

- Cleat hitch – secure a line to a cleat.
- Round turn and two half hitches – attach a line to a dock post or a ring.
- Figure eight – stopper knot and used to tie off ends of lines.
- Bowline – forms a loop that can be placed over a cleat, pile or post; tie to an anchor ring or mooring ring; tie together lines of unequal size.
- Anchor bend – attach an anchor line to an anchor.
- Sheet bend – join two lines of unequal size together.
- Rolling hitch (Tautline hitch) – attach a line (usually smaller) to another (usually larger) when the pull is almost parallel.

There are books and websites that can help you learn how to tie knots. From the USPS website you can order the book "Knots, Bends and Hitches for Mariners" for the member price of \$9.90 or the "USPS Guide – Knot Tying: The Basic Knot CD" for the member price of \$12.95. Recent issues of *The Ensign* identified two websites: www.iwillknot.com and www.animatedknots.com. Another good website is www.uspowerboating.com/knots.htm. In addition, the local library and your own search of the web can identify other good training sources.

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Once you have your training material and chosen the knots to learn, you'll want to do some practicing. When learning to become proficient in tying a knot, try it in less than ideal conditions, such as tying it with your eyes closed or tying it behind your back.

Here is one last point about knots. When you tie a knot in a line, you weaken the line. The amount varies from knot to knot. For example, a line with a figure eight knot has only 45% of the original strength while a line with bowline has 60% and a line with an anchor bend has 75%. You should take this into account when determining the size of a line to use on your boat.

Boat Safe – Boat Smart!

NOTICE

Next Bridge / Executive Meeting

*Third Wednesday of the month,
7:00 pm,
(Good Shepard Church – Rt. 50
Burnt Hills)
-All are welcome!*

RENDEZVOUS NEWS

Lt/C Stephen W. Trevor

Greetings everyone from your new Administrative Officer! 2007 promises to be a major year for the Squadron with the 60th anniversary events and new members continuing to come aboard!

First, let me express my gratitude to the Squadron for giving me this opportunity to serve on the 2007 Bridge. I have a number of ideas for activities this season, and I hope to

obtain some suggestions from all of you for activities we've had in the past which you would like to see repeated, as well as new suggestions.

For the month of May, I've been able to arrange a tour of the Burlington Coast Guard Station for Sunday, May 20 at 1100. Following our tour, we can lunch at one of the nice lunch spots in the area if the group wishes. Near the Coast Guard Station is "The Breakwater", located adjacent to the ferry terminal, they serve sandwiches, burgers and the like, and are located right on the water.

For future Rendezvous, there is a tour of the Robert Fulton museum, canal boat tours, picnics both on Lake George as well as the Mohawk/Hudson waterways, and a proposed Predicted Log Contest.

In September we will be celebrating the 60th year of service of the Lake George Power Squadron, and discussions are already underway for locations and details for this important event. A very popular idea receiving support is a dinner at the historic Sagamore Hotel in Bolton Landing.

Recognizing that there are many members with a great deal of experience attending rendezvous activities in the past, I would very much appreciate suggestions for activities this season. You can reach me at home at 518-798-4684, or by email at traver@capital.net.

As an additional thought, my wife and I will be spending weekends on Lake George over the summer, especially the major holidays. I would be interested in knowing who else is planning boating on Lake George on weekends, camping on the islands, etc.. Perhaps if there are a few of us out on the same weekend we could hold a picnic or just raft up for a while and exchange tall tales! Our boat's name is *Proteus*, and is a 19' Glastron. I always monitor 16 while aboard, and with my handheld while ashore camping in the Mother

Bunch. Over Memorial Day, we will be camping on Duran Island in the Mother Bunch. If the Lake George boaters would send me their boat name and schedule, that would be great!

Please email me or call if you wish to attend the May rendezvous, and we'll arrange car pooling, etc.._____ ☞

June-July Soundings

Deadline for submission of articles is June 22nd. Send your articles to LGPSinfo@nycap.rr.com in MS Word format.

In Memory of Ted Watson

LGPS lost a longtime friend, and member on April 18th. Our condolences go out to his family and friends



Chuck Everson and Ted Watson enjoy a beautiful summer day chatting.

OUTGOING COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Past District Commander, Past Commanders of the Lake George Power Squadron, Current and New Squadron Members, and our honored guests. I would personally like to first take a moment to honor once again the efforts of those members that past away during my command year – Al Martinez, Jim Laferty and most recently Blanche Hart – they will all be missed.

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Where has the time gone... in keeping with my Soundings message, today I bid farewell to a terrific year spent as this Squadron's Commander from 43.1N – 73.8 W. I would like to begin by expressing my thanks once again to last years Squadron Nominating Committee, specifically, Past Commanders George Williams, John Jermano and Steve Heenan for the terrific job they did in selecting the Bridge Officers for the 2006-2007 year. I also wish to thank that committee for having selected me to serve as the Squadron Commander this past year. Your nomination and my swearing in just a year ago as Commander brought with it a sense of personal obligation and duty, which I promised at that time to do my very best to live up to as the Commander of the Lake George Power Squadron.

I trust that I, together with the 2006-2007 Bridge and the committees we appointed have not let this Squadron down. Together we worked hard, we all worked very, very hard. From the monthly meeting minutes recorded by our Secretary David, the interesting and exciting rendezvous' arranged by our Administrative Officer Joan, the day to day finances kept safe and sound under the watchful eye of our Treasurer Max, to our Squadron Education Officer, Dick, his tireless coordination of entry level courses, having instructors and materials available for each, made that important Squadron function an ongoing success. As a side note, most of us already know, Dick has moved to be close to his family in Pennsylvania, and will be missed.

Where would the Squadron be without communications – the hard work and dedication of the many Soundings reporters and writers, my co-editor John and our copy-layout coordinator, publisher and wife, Donna who without their efforts, Soundings would have not have made it to each of our mailboxes bi-monthly and kept us all informed.

My list could go on and on but most importantly I thank my Executive Officer, our next Commander, Kevin, whom we gather here today to swear at, I mean swear in... and who I owe much appreciation and gratitude for a successfully "smooth" 2006-2007 command year.

And lastly, certainly not least to each and every member of this organization – without you all, we could not have accomplished all we did – Thank You All! So, what exactly did we accomplish, well, that list too is long, and hopefully I will be able to get through it all by the time dinner is served later tonight, there will be dinner – correct? I guess there is no dinner planned, so that's the reason we had the delicious brunch before our ceremony. Here today with us you have had an a opportunity to see just a small part of the accomplishments of one such Squadron committee - Charting. Their work as seen here today represents many dedicated hours by Chart Committee members spent on that Squadron project over the past years. I hope you all had an opportunity to discuss the project with one of the committee members present today.

Of the challenges we set out on a year ago, and the goals we needed to accomplish while at first glance appeared beyond the horizon, they were very much attainable, as we have proven through all of your hard work and dedication this past year. I will touch on just a few this afternoon. I had proposed each Lake George member, make an effort to bring one new member to our squadron this past year. I thank those who took to that challenge and increased our membership by 10 new members with additional new members continuing to come in monthly to be processed. I had hopes of doubling our membership (we have to think high), but non-the-less, the increase in membership we saw, is highly commendable! Lets not stop here! I also proposed that

the Squadron create a Commanders Vessel Safety Club whereas each squadron member who owned a boat, could request a Vessel Safety Examination. It grew to a long – single handed task, which rose to the challenge, completing 24 Vessel Safety Examinations this past year. I further proposed that with the assistance of my new Administrative Officer Joan, that the Squadron continue to offer adventurous outings especially on and around the Queen of American Lakes from which this Squadron derived our name. The dinner-dance cruise on the Saint Sacramento, The Coast Guard Station tour, the Erie Canal presentation, the Canal fest boat parade, and the first of its kind Squadron holiday lunch and meeting are just a few of such outings she arranged. Joan certainly put her heart and soul into putting together these terrific gatherings. Unfortunately, she reports that there simply were not enough months in the year to conduct more of them.

I further proposed that our meetings, reports and activities became available to the membership, therefore Soundings became a bi-monthly staple in our mailboxes filled with exciting news, articles and meeting minutes. Most of all, I proposed we all continue to remain, and further promote an active membership roster. To reach out and come to a meeting or serve on a committee – I am happy to report that we saw an enormous increase in participation – and to you all I thank you on behalf of the 2006-07 bridge.

Finally, in closing here today, I wish to thank each and every one of you who have been a part of this past year. After all, it is the enthusiasm and participation of each of you, each member, who will continue to make this Squadron the great organization it was yesterday, is today and will be tomorrow as we enter our 60th year. Thank you again.

MINUTES FOR LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON MEETING & CHANGE OF WATCH
HELD SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007 – GIDEON PUTNAM HOTEL, SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY
(Next Meeting – Thursday, April 19th – 1900 – Church of the Good Shepherd, Glenville, NY)

The meeting was called to order by Commander Armand Canestraro at The Gideon Putnam, Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs, NY at 1405 after an enjoyable Sunday Brunch.

PRESENT

- Cdr. Armand Canestraro
- Lt/C Kevin McCarthy, Executive Officer
- James H. Kelley, SEO
- Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer
- Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary
- Lt/C Joan Londynsky, Admin. Officer
- Peter Weil and Marvin Snyder, Members at Large
- Other Squadron members

GUESTS

- P/D/C Susan Darcy
- Cdr. Kathy Somogyi, Sacandaga P.S.
- Exec. Officer. Nancy Keilmann, Sacandaga P.S.
- Cdr. Tom Day, Mohawk-Hudson P.S.
- P/C Robert & Denise Terry, Sacandaga P.S.
- Other Distinguished Guests

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

- A memorial service for Squadron members who have passed away this past year was conducted by P/C George Williams, P/C Chuck Everson, and P/C Jim Kelly. Remembered were **James Lafferty, N**, a former National Education Officer and proud earner of 30 merit marks; **Al Martinez, AP**, who earned six merit marks, and **Blanche Hart**, a twenty-five year member and past Squadron Education Officer, who earned twenty-three merit marks.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

- Lt/C David Wilkinson presented the Secretary’s report for 2006.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Overall, the Squadron is in very good shape. P/C George Williams noted that the Audit Committee had met, examined the Squadron’s books, and found them to be in order.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S REPORT:

- Recognition was made of our four Squadron call persons, Marcia Snyder, Max Gollmer, Tom Palmatier, and Blanche Hart. Each received certificates of appreciation with our thanks.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Two members were recognized for having achieved twenty-five years of membership in the Squadron: Stan Goodwin and Blanche Hart.

NATIONAL AND DISTRICT RECOGNITION (P/D/C Susan Darcy):

- P/D/C Susan Darcy presented the Squadron with the Shipping Over award for achievement in having a significant number of members to renew their memberships. In fact, the Squadron won first place for 94% member retention, which is the best in District 2. Susan also noted that everyone in the room had earned at least five merit marks. This is “cool” she quipped, because it gets you a bar, which can be added to your uniform. Twenty-five merit marks means that your dues are taken care of for the rest of your life.
- Susan also noted that National is trying an experiment, in which the requirement of successful completion of the boating course (or equivalent) for membership would be waived for three years to assist in recruitment. Members can also invite experienced boaters to a Squadron party. This might also help recruitment efforts.

EDUCATION OFFICER’S REPORT:

- P/C George Williams noted that everyone should take the Operations Training course, which is offered without charge and without the pressure of an exam. The course is necessary for Bridge members and new members who will find it helpful as they seek to orient themselves with the Squadron.

COMMANDER’S MESSAGE:

- Outgoing Commander Armand Canestraro took some time to reflect on his experience as our Commander. The complete text of his message appears on page 3 of this issue of *Soundings*. Some highlights are:
 1. Where does time go?
 2. Thanks to those that served. We all worked hard and accomplished a lot.
 3. Thanks to the Nominating Committee for providing this leadership opportunity.
 4. Thanks to the folks who help me put *Soundings* together, especially Co-Editor P/C John Jermano and his wife Donna who assisted with the layout.
 5. Thanks to Executive Officer Kevin McCarthy. I wish him luck in his new position as LGPS Commander.
 6. We completed 24 Vessel Safety Checks this year.
 7. Thanks to all of you. Without you, we would not have accomplished all that we did nor had as much fun.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:

1. P/C Chuck Everson reviewed the proposed slate for 2007-2008, which had been previously published in the *Soundings*. Nominations were as follows:

Commander:	Kevin McCarthy
Executive Officer	Lt/C Joan Londynsky
Education Officer	P/C James Kelley
Administrative Officer	Steven Traver
Secretary	Lt/David Wilkinson
Treasurer	Lt/C Max Gollmer
Members at Large	P/C Armand Canestraro P/C Steve Heenan Marvin Snyder Peter Weil Frank Beyer
Local Board for Boating:	Colman Kusick, Chairperson
Advanced Grades	Dick Hosterman, Chairperson
Elective Courses	P/C George Williams

2. P/D/C Susan Darcy inquired as to whether the Secretary had received any other nominations. Lt/C Wilkinson indicated that he had not. Susan also asked if anyone cared to make a nomination from the floor. No response. Susan also confirmed that the ED-80 report had been filed with National.
3. A motion was made and passed, which directed the Secretary to cast one ballot in support of the above slate. The Secretary then did so cast.
4. New Commander Kevin McCarthy introduced his family, following which P/D/C Susan Darcy administered the oath of office for Commander McCarthy as well as other officers and committee chairs.
5. Commander McCarthy shared his goals for the coming year. He would like us to continue to promote safe boating and the Vessel Safety Check program. He wants to get members more involved in courses as either students or instructors. Kevin would like us to continue our previous pattern of fun and interesting rendezvous. Hopefully these things will lead to growth and retention of membership. Kevin would like to plan a “really big party” to celebrate our 60th anniversary. Finally, Kevin thanked John Wainwright, whom he met at a Squadron dinner at Joe Collins restaurant in Saratoga Springs, and who encouraged Kevin in his efforts. Susan then presented Kevin with a lapel pin and Commander’s Kit from National, and administered the Oath of Office. Flags were also presented to other officers.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- P/D/C Susan Darcy observed that, in general, we don't seem to do a good job of telling people how much we appreciate what they do, and proceeded to share a story of her experience with Blanche Hart, fellow squadron members, and a dead car battery. Susan really appreciated the camaraderie and was encouraged to stay in the Squadron.
 - a. A special gift was presented to Donna Canestraro for all her had work on behalf of the Squadron.
 - b. Flags were pretend to Bridge Officers.
 - c. P/C James Kelly, new Education Officer, shared some Irish humor. Susan reminded Vessel Safety Examiners not to drool, or leave fingerprints on, other folks' boats.
 - d. Kevin rose to open the room door to "let in some fresh air," to which P/D/C Darcy asked if he thought she was "stale."
 - e. Motion to adjourn made by Kevin McCarthy. 2nd by Armand Canestraro. Meeting adjourned at 2100
 - f. P/D/C Susan Darcy thanked the local Squadron for their hospitality.
 - g. Finally, new Commander Kevin McCarthy called upon P/C James Kelly, who in turn called on to join him for adult refreshment at the bar.
 - h. P/C Chuck Everson made a motion to adjourn, which passed at 3:05 p.m., thereby adjourning the meeting.

NEXT MEETING - THURSDAY, APRIL 19- 1900HRS
 CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHER, GLENVILLE, NY

*Respectfully submitted,
 Lt./C David J. Wilkinson, Secretary*

Top International and National Swimmers to Swim in Lake George Marathon

By A. Graham Bailey, Race Chairman
 Swim Lake George, LLC

Twelve world class marathon swimmers (2 from Argentina, 1 from South Africa and others from throughout the U.S.) have registered to date for the 41 k (25-mile) open water swim in Lake George, N.Y. on June 30, 2007.

Up to twenty top professional swimmers will compete for a total prize purse of \$25,000. The starting gun will be fired at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning at Shepherds Park in Lake George Village. The swimmers will proceed along the western shore of the lake to the finish at The Hague Town Beach, approximately 8 to 10 hours later. This marquis event will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the original Lake George Swim Marathon that was held in 1927.

Shorter open water swim events will be held for amateur swimmers on Saturday in Lake George Village on Sunday in Bolton Landing and Hague. Medals will be awarded to the first 3 finishers in each age group. There has been much interest already in these shorter water swim events from both local and national swimmers.

The Lake George Open Water Swim, planned by Swim Lake George Association, will be hosted by the Glens Falls YMCA Gators and sanctioned by USA Swimming and U.S. Masters Swimming. During the next few months, the Association will be seeking sponsors and volunteers to help make this a truly spectacular event which will be repeated on an annual basis.

The Swim Lake George Association would appreciate volunteers from the Lake George Power Squadron to serve as drivers for escort boats which will accompany each of the marathon swimmers from Lake George Village to Hague, a distance which is estimated to take 8-11 hours.

For more information visit www.swimlakegeorge.org website or contact Graham Bailey, Chairman at gbailey6@nycap.rr.com. or by telephone at 518-543-6811.



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LGPSoundings awarded

