

L.G.P. Soundings

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Commanders Message

Cmdr. Armand Canestraro, P



Today I write my message from 36.0 North – 114.44 West latitude in search of where our summer has gone, only to find the 80-plus degree air temperatures and the clear blue waters of Lake Mead. Lake Mead is fast recovering from a four-year draught, its depth reduced by nearly 100 feet at this time. And we thought our area lakes and rivers varied in depth throughout a dry summer! At the Boulder Dam, later designated the Hoover Dam after the 31st President of the United States, the Colorado River was harnessed as it flowed through the Black Canyon between Arizona and Nevada. The result of that project created what we now know as the Lake Mead Recreational Area, an approximate 1.5 million acre park that includes nearly 25 miles of the Colorado River. The scenery is absolutely amazing, clear blue 75 degree water beneath gaunt rocky cliffs, innumerable sheltered coves and flooded canyons everywhere. I may have found where our summer has gone.

By now, our boats are in storage, PFD's stored, fuel stabilized, and shrink wrap and tarps secured for the winter. With all the winterization tasks complete, what better time to begin thinking of the months ahead.

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Waterford Tugboat Roundup

*By P/C John R. Jermano, AP
Former Director, New York State Canal System*

The Lake George Power Squadron was represented at the Waterford Tugboat Roundup 2006. Commander Armand Canestraro joined Executive Officer Lt/C Kevin McCarthy aboard P/C John Jermano's pleasure tug, *Caprice*, for the opening event, a parade of approximately 30 tugboats from the Port of Albany up the Hudson River to Waterford, New York. Barbara and Milt Bloomer, both Past Commanders of Lake George Power Squadron, also joined the parade aboard their Nordic Tug, *Aloha*.

The parade featured a wonderful variety of historic tugboats headed by the tug *Urger*, the flagship of the New York State Canal System, and included the *W.O. Decker*, a 76 year old wooden tugboat which saw service for years on that system and adjoining waterways.

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Commander's Message

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But before we set a course for the NY National Boat Show in NYC between December 30th and January 7th; begin contemplating the area shopping mall boat shows, attend a Squadron Bridge/Executive meeting (we would love to have you join us), or more importantly, begin planning the safe boating classes we will need to schedule, its first time to relax!

What better way to relax than to join fellow Lake George Squadron members at the "Holiday Luncheon" to be hosted at the Marriott Hotel located on Wolf Road - Saturday, December 16th from 12 noon to 4pm. Mark your calendar now and send the enclosed reservation form to Joan immediately along with your \$20 per person check to hold your seat. This is a FREE LGPS Squadron member event. Your check will be returned to you at the door when you arrive. However, should you make a reservation and not attend, the check will be cashed and applied to cover your lunch. Bring your appetite, your favorite boating story, and most importantly your dancing shoes (Dave Wilkinson will be playing all your favorite tunes and teaching us the Macarena). You couldn't ask for a better deal - I look forward to seeing you all on December 16th. Happy Holidays and have a wonderful New Year!



Exploring the Coast

By Lt/C David Wilkinson - Secretary

It was a wet and gray Saturday when Squadron members recently got into a car for a day trip to Burlington, Vermont. Their goal was to explore the Coast Guard station on the shore of beautiful Lake Champlain and, afterwards, to explore the natural wonders of the ECHO museum and aquarium located just a hop, skip, and a jump down the shore.

The passengers on this "cruise" were none other than Stephen Traver, his First Mate Jane Traver, and, yours truly, Lt/C David Wilkinson, Squadron Secretary. After they met up at the Log Jam restaurant in Queensbury, and consolidated their vehicles, they were off.

Despite the gray, wet weather, the drive was quite pleasant. The fall foliage was in full bloom and there were plenty of interesting things to see along the way. Along the way to Burlington, we passed through Vergennes, which turns out to be a quaint, charming area with a real small town feel. Further on, we passed by several farms, fields, ponds, and streams. Later on, we noticed that several of the streams seemed to have grown while we were puttering around Burlington.

The Coast Guard station in Burlington was quite interesting. Once we got inside the secure building, our tour included the communications center, mess hall, maintenance areas, where equipment and navigational aids are maintained, and their boats. Steve was especially impressed with the pair of 200 horsepower outboards that stood at the ready. At the time of our visit, they only had two boats in the water since it was late fall: A rigid inflatable and a rescue boat. Our guide also pointed out their ice rescue gear, which they were preparing for the winter season. The rigid boat, capable of reaching speeds of nearly 60 knots, was surprisingly roomy. The larger boat, which offers the resources for a weeklong cruise, was well

equipped, although a bit cozier. Our "Coastie," who was providing the tour, noted that the present Commander prefers that personnel are qualified on all vessels. This is a change in that he previously had only been qualified on the smaller boat. If the weather had been more favorable, we could probably have arranged a water tour but were forced to postpone it to our next visit.

Typical calls for the Coast Guard include lost mariners, vessels in distress, and even lost people. The Guard quite often works with other emergency service agencies for combined land and water searches and rescues. Their call volume is high, although they do experience some occasional quiet time.

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Waterford Tugboat Roundup

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For sixty-four years (1922-1986) the *Urger* was a working tugboat on the New York State Canal System used in dredging operations and general canal maintenance. Built in 1901, steam-driven until 1948, the tug *Urger* ranks among the oldest vessels of her era still afloat and operational. Today, she is an educational vehicle, operated by the New York State Canal Corporation and perpetuating the living history of New York State's Inland Waterways.

In its heyday, the *W. O. Decker*, and its like were familiar sights on the Erie Canal, which was a major commercial trade that drove the economic engine of the communities, such as Waterford, that dotted its banks. Originally steam powered, she was sold to the Decker family in the 50's, when she acquired her current name. Currently, she is owned and operated by the South Street Seaport Museum in New York, NY.

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The Waterford Tugboat Roundup began in 1999 as a way to preserve and promote the maritime industrial heritage of the New York State Canal System and other adjoining inland waterways. The tugboat history of the region, and particularly Waterford, is especially rich. For most of the 20th century, tugboats lined the shores here, whether waiting to lock up 169 feet through the magnificent flight of five locks or competing for some day work with a local company.

For one weekend each year, Waterford's historic waterfront is transformed back into a rendering of its commercial heyday during which names like Godfrey, Coyne, Bushey, Matton, Kehoe, and Cowles figured so prominently. Tugs new and old moor stem to stern for adulation and education, enchanting the young and reminding the young at heart of days gone by.

The event is sponsored annually by the Town of Waterford and the Waterford Maritime Historical Society, in addition to many generous corporate sponsors. Usually held the weekend after Labor Day, the festival has grown steadily and attracts approximately 25,000 people to this sleepy canal town in the heart of upstate New York's Capital Region. In addition to tours of the vessels, and other displays, there is an ample supply of music, food, children's activities, vendors, boat rides, fireworks, and family fun.

Exploring The Coast

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The ECHO museum was an interesting and delightful place to visit. A wonderful combination of educational and hands on activities was awaiting us once we went inside. We learned a lot about Lake Champlain and about the wildlife that can be found in and around the lake. While Jane browsed in the gift shop, Steve and I checked out a snake demonstration. Our afternoon concluded with a presentation in the style of the TV

show "CSI," offered by a detective from the Burlington Police Department. There we learned strategies to help prevent ourselves from becoming crime victims and we learned about our powers of observation and how different witnesses to an event may see it in different ways.

We stopped in town for some lunch then it was back on the road for our trip home to Queensbury. Steve had hoped to pick up some supplies since he wanted to finish winterizing his boat the next day. Unfortunately, the store had just closed by the time we got there. On the bright side, though, as we got closer to home, the rain slowed to a drizzle and finally stopped by the time we got back to the Log Jam.

This was a delightful trip which we all felt would definitely be worth doing, perhaps earlier in the year (late Spring, perhaps), when the weather is warmer but before the boating season gets into full bloom, so that the Coast Guard might have some time available to really show us what their boats can do.



BOATING SAFETY

Lt/C Paul Kenny, JN – Safety Officer

TOUGHER PENALTIES FOR BWI

Man has been mixing alcohol and boating ever since he learned how to build boats and prepare intoxicating beverages. When they are misused, the combination can result in damage to and loss of boats as well as injury and loss of life.

Here are two reported instances; one from many years ago and one from this year:

About 100 years ago, the iron-clad sailing vessel *Glennesslin* was sailing off the coast of Oregon. She suddenly turned toward starboard and headed straight for shore. She struck a rock ledge and tore a hole in her bottom plates. The subsequent inquiry found that most of the sailors

were drunk at the time of the wreck. Luckily no lives were lost. (SOUNDINGS, February 2005)

This past summer, a deadly boating accident occurred on Fourth Lake in Herkimer County. A young man and five friends were in a 19-foot speed boat when it went airborne, struck an island, hit some trees and a lean-to before stopping nearly 150 feet inland. One young lady was killed and four other passengers were injured. The driver was unhurt. The accident occurred after they left a restaurant and bar. The driver has been charged with manslaughter and boating while intoxicated. (The Daily Gazette, July 26, 2006)

New York State has had a Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) law in place for a number of years. Three years ago the blood alcohol content threshold was lowered from 0.10 to 0.08 percent. This year New York State has increased the penalties for BWI.

In August 2006, New York State passed a law that increases the penalties for those convicted of BWI to make them match the penalties for driving while intoxicated. The first offense can now bring up to a year in jail and a fine of \$1000 for the misdemeanor. A second offense within 10 years can bring up to 4 years in prison and a fine between \$1000 and \$5000 and it is a Class E felony. A third offense can bring up to 7 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Boating While Intoxicated was always a bad idea and now with increased penalties it is even worse.

Boat Safe – Boat Smart!

Lake George Power Squadron Burgee

Show your colors by flying a Lake George Power Squadron

Member Burgee. We have been contacted by Prestige Flag



Company who are willing to provide LGPS Burgees at a cost of \$19.00 each provided we order a minimum of 20 burgees. Whether this is your first, or you are replacing one that has seen better days, please contact Armand either by e-mail at lgpsinfo@nycap.rr.com (subject line: burgee order) or calling him at his home at (518) 372-7220 to place your order. We will coordinate an order from those interested in purchasing a burgee, and report back on how to make payment when we reach the minimum number needed. At present we only have five orders.



December - January Soundings

Deadline for submission for articles is December 22nd. Send your articles to

LGPSinfo@nycap.rr.com in MS Word format.

The Lake George Power Squadron welcomes the following new member.

Michael S. Rapaport

Have you asked your friends to join?



NOTICE

Next Bridge / Executive Meeting

– Third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm, (Good Shepard Church – Rt. 50 Burnt Hills)

All are welcome!

Tri Squadron Holiday Party

*Saturday - December 9th
Schenectady Holiday Inn
1830 cocktails, 1930 Dinner*

*Grilled Salmon - \$29.00
Prime Rib - \$34.00
Orange Herb Chicken - \$27.00*

*RSVP by November 30th
P/C Nancy Kielmann
518-895-2066*

Water-based Recreation Study Plan

*Lake George Park Commission
Holmes and Associates - Researchers*

The purpose of the project is to provide a factual basis for the Park Commission to fulfill its legislative mission in regard to managing lake recreation and providing reasonable public access and safety. This project determined the first qualitative measures of Lake George water-based recreation providing a wealth of information on use and user perceptions. The recommendations contained in the report are the opinion of the researcher, Holmes and Associates.

The Lake George Park Commission is expected to consider the recommendations and any management actions at a later date. The revised draft report of the ***Water-based Recreation Study Plan*** is now available for review on-line at: <http://adirondackresearch.com/projects/lakegeorge>. Public comments in the form of a letter or e-mail will be accepted at the Lake George Park Commission (www.lgpc.state.ny.us) office until December 15th. At the next Park Commission meeting scheduled for November 28th, to be held at the Holiday Inn on Rt. 9, Lake George, a presentation and final opportunity for public comment on the draft will commence at the end of the Commission regular meeting, which is expected to be approximately 10:30 – 11:00 am on the 28th.

For more information, the Commission may be contacted at 518-668-9347.



RENDEZVOUS NEWS

Lt/C Joan Lonodynsky

On September 30, the Lac Du Saint Sacrament left the Lake George Village Pier with a boisterous group from our squadron for an evening of fine dining, cruising and dancing. The pre-sailing buffet gave us ample time to enjoy an evening of good music and dancing. All of us aboard, inspired by Dave Wilkinson, who does a mean Macarena, were on the dance floor in a night to remember. It proved to be a highlight of this years events and a good value. For those who didn't make it to the party, you really missed the boat.-Be sure to make it next year. You won't be sorry.



LGPS
Rendezvous

Contact Admin Officer Joan Londynsky at 793-6852 for details

NOVEMBER
 Brunch with guest speaker

DECEMBER
 Tri-Squadron Holiday Party – 12/9
 LGPS Holiday Luncheon – 12/16
 See Insert
 Details to follow



A note to those who have not attended any of our rendezvous

We miss you. Plan to attend as many of our events as possible. If each of you makes a commitment to attend 2 rendezvous' a year, you will have learned something new, made a new friend, enjoyed yourself and helped the Squadron.
How can you lose?



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UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®

D/2 Winter Council

Saturday 27 January 2007

Held at the **Best Western**

2170 South Road, Poughkeepsie, New York

The cost for the day is \$ 28 - includes Continental Breakfast and complete Buffet Lunch.

General Directions

From: South. Take the NY State Thruway (Interstate 87) North. Take Exit 17 (Stewart Airport, Route 300, Route 17K, Interstate 84 Newburgh). Take Route 300 North to Interstate 84 East. Take Interstate 84 East to Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

From: North. Take the New York Thruway (Interstate 87) South, Exit 18 (New Paltz, Route 299, Poughkeepsie). At end of ramp, turn right onto Route 299 East, to end turn right onto Route 9W South. Take 9W South about 2 miles, follow Route 44/55 East to Mid Hudson Bridge (toll). After crossing the bridge, take first exit on right to Route 9 South. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 4 miles on the left.

From: East. Take Interstate 84 West. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

From: West. Take Interstate 84 East. Take Exit 13 (Fishkill, Poughkeepsie, Route 9, Peekskill). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 9 North. The Best Western Inn & Conference Center is approximately 9 miles on the right just past the Olive Garden.

Registration will begin at 0900

Reservations must be received by 12 January 2007 - Late Registration fee: **\$5.00**

Mail reservations to:

D/Lt Alexandra Digilio

25 Thomas Ave

Fishkill, New York 12524

Questions? Call (845) 896-6644

CUT & MAIL

District 2 Winter Council 27 JAN. 2007

NAME _____ SQUADRON _____

ADDRESS _____ RANK/GRADE _____

_____ SPOUSE/GUEST _____

PHONE _____ SQUADRON _____

RANK/GRADE _____

BREAKFAST/LUNCH \$28.00 PER PERSON

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **USPS DISTRICT 2**

MEETING MINUTES

LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE/EXEC. COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Commander Armand Canestraro at The Good Shepherds Church, Route 50, Glenville, NY at 1915 hours.

PRESENT

- Cdr. Armand Canestraro
- P/C Richard Mathews, SEO
- Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer
- Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary
- Lt/C Joan Londynsky, Admin. Officer
- Peter Weill, Member at Large
- Marvin Snyder, S

ABSENT

GUESTS

- Anthony J. Rozek, P
- P/C George Williams, Rules Committee
- P/C John Jermano

EXCUSED

- Lt/C Kevin McCarthy Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

(delivered by Cmdr Canestraro)

1. Nothing specific to report. Everything is running smoothly.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Finances are in good shape (report distributed).
2. Updated chart inventory was distributed.
3. More information has come in about Squadron equipment. Paul Kenny has a sextant, overhead projector and a starfinder. Chuck Everson has a digital camera and Garmin GPS. (David Wilkinson has the computer and will provide model and serial numbers – ed.)
4. Discussion took place about pro-rating dues, which has not been previously done. New members will be appropriately billed for Squadron & District dues when new National dues invoices go out in May 2007. Only National dues will be charged to new members in the interim.
5. The Treasurer's report will be submitted for audit.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Thinks she can push the "drop dead" date for cruise headcount to Monday. Is less than thrilled with the response to date for this event. Have 21 paid reservations in hand; two more are expected. Hope more responses trickle in.
2. Not rushing to complete arrangements for a trip to the Coast Guard station in Burlington, Vermont, due to the level of participation in events. Combine the CG station with the ECHO museum in Burlington and a local maritime museum to make a nice day trip. Carpools could be arranged if needed. Joan agreed to check on available dates
3. Considering a brunch style event with a featured speaker for November.
4. Sacandaga or Mohawk-Hudson is responsible for hosting the Tri-Squadron holiday party this year. Note that there was no party last year. Armand confirmed that we have received no commitment or communication about this event so far from Mohawk-Hudson or Sacandaga.
5. Armand noted that Joan has great ideas for events but participation overall is down and wonders why

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. P/C Dick Mathews noted that several boxes of education materials have been relocated to the lock-up.
2. The boating course will be offered in the spring. Not sure what interest would be in the course next spring.
3. P/C John Jermano asked if we are teaching any courses currently. We are not. John is concerned. Armand noted that the response to the letter the Squadron sent out about interest in courses was minimal.
4. Education meeting took place in August on the Canal (Little Falls). Information about the meeting was published in *Soundings*. It was a wonderful day
5. Assuming attendance is good, would like to "push" courses at the next rendezvous and holiday luncheon.

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COMMANDER’S REPORT:

1. Commander Canestraro reminded us about the upcoming D2 fall conference, hosted by Mohawk-Hudson, at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Albany. He further noted that he and others plan to attend the Friday night dinner and asked if anyone else was interested in participating
2. Letters have been sent to Blanche Hart and Stan Goodwin to congratulate them for renewing their membership for a 25th consecutive year. Armand has special Squadron pins, which he would like to present to them at a future rendezvous.
3. Ten new members have joined since the last Change of Watch.
4. Working on the next edition of the Roster. A draft has been sent to George Williams and Tony Rozek for their review. After this evenings review, a final draft will be mailed to all bridge officers.
5. As of today, Merit Marks have been submitted by Cmdr. Canestraro for the 2005-06 year based on input provided by P/C Peter Balint at the Change of Watch. Cmdr. Canestraro’s Merit Mark recommendations have been approved electronically and hard copy has been sent.
6. Merit Marks for the 2006-07 year have been prepared by Cmdr. Canestraro and will be submitted at the appropriate time.
7. Have made several attempts to speak with Webmaster Colman Kusick about updating our site. No response as of yet. P/C John Jermano observed that, instead of being a useful tool, our web site is presently something of a detriment to our organization.
8. Armand has received certificates from National for new members Sarah Jermano and the Shakeshafts.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

1. It was noted that recent editions of meeting minutes should be changed to include Peter Weill and Marvin Snyder as simply “present” as opposed to being listed as “guests.” The secretary will make the change to the minutes filed and also going forward.
2. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the August meeting, which took place on the Erie Canal. This was our annual education meeting and it was noted that a report about it was contained in the latest *Soundings*.

CHARTS:

1. Dick asked about our current situation. Armand is working with Buckley Bryant to verify our progress to date. Buck has indicated that he will only attend a meeting held in Lake George.
2. P/C John Wainwright reports that things are going well and hopes to provide a written report to the Bridge soon.
3. Looks like we will achieve our goal of publishing a new chart by next summer.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Armand reminded us that we offer new members 1 rendezvous as a “freebie.”
2. Armand wondered how P/C Ron Hunt was so successful in “selling” the Squadron to prospective members. What can we do to generate interest in activities? Joan indicated that, at the last Change of Watch, members were asked what they wanted for activities. Cruises were overwhelmingly the favorite, yet few people signed up for this month’s cruise on Lake George. Joan is not sure how to explain this.
3. Mike Rapaport wants to transfer to the Lake George squadron. Joan indicated that there is paperwork to be exchanged between the two squadrons. We will also send Mike information about Squadron activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dick Mathews asked about flags needed for the upcoming Change of Watch. Armand indicated that these are purchased from National. Dick noted that, when the order is placed, he is overdue a Past Commander’s flag
2. Commander Canestraro suggested the Squadron establish a “Public Relations” committee.
3. Armand also noted that 2007 will be our 60th anniversary. Perhaps we could do some thing(s) to commemorate it.
4. Anthony Rozek asked about Squadron burgees.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- None.

Motion to adjourn made by Max Gollmer. Second by Joan Londynsky. Meeting adjourned at 2040 hours.

HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Commander Armand Canestraro at The Good Shepherd Church, Route 50, Glenville, NY at 1910 hours.

PRESENT

- Cdr. Armand Canestraro
- Lt/C Kevin McCarthy, Executive Officer
- P/C Richard Mathews, SEO
- Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer
- Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary
- Lt/C Joan Londynsky, Admin. Officer
- P/C Stephen J. Heenan, Member at Large

ABSENT

- Peter Weill, Member at Large

GUESTS

- Anthony J. Rozek, P
- P/C James Kelley, Rules Committee
- P/C John Jermano

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Everything is running smoothly. Kevin brought to our attention an article in the newsletter of the Mohawk-Hudson Power Squadron, *Scuttlebut*, wherein it states that the National Governing Board is thinking about allowing people to join USPS without having to take a boating course. This would be on an experimental basis, with a three-year trial period. Joan noted that the Coast Guard Auxiliary pursued a similar course of action and, as a result, created a new membership category. The article indicates that the Mohawk-Hudson squadron is opposed to this proposed change. P/C Kelly asked if we are still perceived as a "private" organization. More information may be found by consulting the historical information in our Roster. Armand questioned why anyone would *want* to join without taking a boating course. For social reasons? To save money on insurance?
2. Lt/C McCarthy noted another article in *Scuttlebut* advertising the Tri-Squadron Holiday Party, which takes place on December 9th at the Holiday Inn in Schenectady. Armand noted that we were not previously contacted about participating in or scheduling this event. Armand said he would send a message to Mohawk-Hudson and Sacandaga seeking further information. It was agreed that an advertisement for the event could be placed in the October -November *Soundings*.
3. Tri-Squadron Holiday event details include a social hour beginning at 1830, with dinner served at 1930. Entrée choices include prime rib (\$34); salmon (\$29); or herb chicken (\$27). Music for dancing will be provided by the Norm Stoddard trio.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Very little change since last meeting. A few bills and some income. Some money has been spent on memorial gifts. Overall we are in good shape.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. The Coast Guard folks at Burlington can't accommodate us this Saturday. Offered us a weekday or next Saturday as alternatives. Chose Saturday as the new date. The station is about 2½ hours from Queensbury. The tour will take about an hour and the ECHO museum, which we can do in the afternoon, is located about ¼ mile from the station
2. Armand and Joan would follow up with member Bruce Catrambone regarding our planned Sunday brunch at Hyland Meadows Country Club in Queensbury. \$20.00 per person for a gourmet buffet. Bruce is a Lake George diver and will be the featured after-dinner speaker if he is available.
3. LGPS Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 16th from 12pm-4pm at the Albany Marriott on Wolf Road. An invitation will go out to members in *Soundings*. Each member is entitled to bring one guest. Armand and Joan will handle getting reservations which, it was suggested, be due by the end of November. It was proposed that a \$20 per person deposit be required, which will be returned at the door. The check must accompany the reservation. The deposit will be cashed if reservations are made and the party fails to appear.
4. P/C Richard Mathews suggested that Susan Darcy be invited to the holiday luncheon as our guest.

EDUCATION OFFICER’S REPORT:

1. Things are progressing. The boating course will be offered in the spring. P/C James Kelley will be the instructor. Looking for someone to teach the New York State kids course simultaneously at Niskayuna High School. Joan noted that she is certified and that she needs to teach to maintain her certification Joan further expressed a desire to be involved in the course. P/C Kelley to confirm current certification requirements, which may have recently changed. Plan to offer the kids’ course in April, alongside the adult course. Adult course consists of four two-hour sessions for a total of eight hours.
2. Students must be at least ten years old to take the kids’ course. Education Officer Richard Mathews will prepare an article for *Soundings*.
3. Richard will also speak with folks to gauge their interest in courses during the holiday luncheon in December.

COMMANDER’S REPORT:

1. The new Roster has been printed and distributed to all members. All new 2006 members have been included
2. Sent a note to Steve Traver, who expressed interest in our Chart Committee, appointing him to the vacancy created by the recent resignation of P/C Balint from that committee. Steve grew up on the lake. Armand will ask John Wainwright and Buckley Bryant to welcome Mr. Traver to their committee. Buck was “ecstatic,” to learn of Steve’s appointment as he knew Steve’s father, and feels Steve will be a great asset to the Committee. Buck dis not want to chair the chart committee due to time constraints. Discussion ensued, following which it was suggested that P/C John Wainwright be offered to chair the chart committee
3. Merit Marks for 2006-2007 have been successfully submitted by Commander Canestraro.
4. No info received to date about the Tri-Squadron Holiday Party. LGPS luncheon is scheduled for December 16th from 12 – 4 p.m. at the Wolf Road Marriott. D.J. David Wilkinson will be the featured entertainment. David has graciously offered to donate his services to the Squadron for this event.
5. Only five people have requested burgees so far. Need a minimum of twenty to place an order with Prestige Flags. We have none in stock at present. Members looking to place an order should contact Commander Canestraro.
6. Potential new member (transfer) Mike Rapaport has been invited to our next rendezvous by Joan.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

3. Safety Officer Paul Kenny requested a minor revision to the section in last month’s minutes which spoke about who has custody of Squadron equipment. The changes were made and revised minutes will be distributed.
4. D2 Officer John Supple contacted Dave Wilkinson seeking contact information for Eleanor Lafferty, which he will provide to him. Commander Armand noted that a special effort was being made to invite Past Commanders’ surviving spouses to a special event on Friday evening at the D2 conference.
5. Motion was made by Joan to accept the minutes from the September meeting, as revised. Second by Richard. Motion passed.

CHARTS:

1. Max has received e-mails from several people looking to purchase charts on-line. Suggestion made that charts be sold for \$19 plus postage and handling. P/C Jim Kelley suggested charts be sold for \$30, including these costs. Consensus reached on sales price of \$30 for on-line purchases, all-inclusive. Armand will package and ship the chart to the on-line customer when assured by the Squadron Treasurer that the payment has been received and the check has cleared.
2. Buck indicates in his e-mail updates that it is anticipated that the new charts will be ready for distribution by next summer. The new charts will feature four panels of illustrations.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- P/C James Kelley has a new e-mail address, namely: kelleyjamesh@verizon.net

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- None.

Motion to adjourn made by Joan Londynsky. Second by Stephen Heenan. Meeting adjourned at 2028 hours.

Lake George Power Squadron Member Holiday Luncheon

This year join fellow Lake George Squadron members at the Albany Marriott Hotel on Wolf Road for a Holiday Luncheon

Date: December 16, 2006

Time: 12:00 noon till 4:00pm

Cost: Free to LGPS members including one guest.

Deposit: \$20.00 per person payable to LGPS with this reservation form.

RSVP No Later than December 1, 2006

Music: Provided by David Wilkinson

Menu

Garden Salad

Beverages: Cash Bar

A choice of:

Harvest Chicken

Breast of Chicken filled with Apples, Cranberries and bread stuffing.

Beef

Braised Steak with roasted root vegetables and a Merlot Demi Glaze Sauce

Baked Boston Scrod

Herb crusted scrod with Beurre blanc sauce

Italian Cookies and Pastries (one plate per table)

-----Reservation Form-----

Member Name: _____(select one) [] Chicken [] Beef [] Fish

Guest Name: _____(select one) [] Chicken [] Beef [] Fish

Additional Guest(s) at \$20 each: _____(select one) [] Chicken [] Beef [] Fish

___ Member + ___ Guest = ___ person(s) at \$20.00 per person = \$_____

I have enclosed my check payable to LGPS as deposit for the LGPS Holiday Luncheon on December 16th. Upon my/our arrival at the luncheon, my/our deposit check will be returned. I further understand that if I/we fail to attend the luncheon, my check will be cashed by the Squadron Treasurer to cover the cost of my/our lunch.

Return this page with your check to:

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