

LGPS SOUNDINGS

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Commander Message

By David J. Hawthorne

I always remark about the relatively short boating season that the northeast has and it might sound envious of Florida with their endless boating season. Given the reports of the storms that are/will hit the entire state of Florida, I want to send our wishes for the best of luck to our 25 brethren squadrons throughout Florida. Training for navigation and safety on the water is one of the power squadrons' biggest attributes, but especially now, the training regarding boat maintenance and protection is at its greatest value.

Boats at rest in their slips are now at risk of destruction when a hurricane turns the water from friend to foe. Only proper advance preparation can minimize the damage to all of those investments in boating. Our prayers go to those in Texas, around the Gulf, and now Florida.

At one of our previous rendezvous we had the pleasure of a presentation by David Wick, the executive director of the LG Park Commission. I was going to comment on the eight month process between his office, DEC and law enforcement officials in putting an end to Log Bay Day on Lake George, this year. While it is by no means an end to boating accidents on Lake George, it was a needed response to the tragedies of last summer. The magnitude of the current weather and its destruction in the south make the problems on our Lake George, pale by comparison. As our season draws to an end, I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe season on the water.

Next we can prepare for the beautiful fall foliage and prepping our vessels for their long winter naps. Stay safe.

WANTED

Quality - high resolution digital photographs for the Squadron Website Photo Gallery Page

All photo's should be submitted in landscape - digital jpeg format

Mail a CD or e-mail your photo's to Armand at lgpsinfo@nycap.rr.com

LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE - EXECUTIVE MEETING

**Wednesday, Sept 20th
to be held at the
Church of the Good Shepard -
Burnt Hills
6:30pm**



Now Hear This...

Reminder – Meetings at Church – September 20th

The Squadron Bridge/Executive meetings will re-convene to our regular meeting place. The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30pm in the Church of the Good Shepard on Rt. 50 in Burnt Hills. The church has requested we NOT arrive prior to 6:15pm due to the church hosting after school programs in the building and security issues.

New Telephone Area Code

Telephone numbers in the capital region now have a 518 and 838 area code. An overlay is the addition of another area code to the same geographic area as an existing area code. In New York, the 838 area code is being added to the area served by the 518 area code to ensure a continuing supply of phone numbers.

Good news is you won't have to change your existing area code or phone number. However, because more than one area code will now serve the same geographic area, it does require you to dial or enter the area code and the 7-digit number for all calls, including calls within the same area code. 518 was established as one of the original area codes in 1947. The original 518 area code covered 24 New York upstate counties and 1,200 ZIP codes. Remember, you must **now** dial the area code when dialing any phone number. Be sure to update any pre-programmed numbers in your cellphone or speed dial list.



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.

Educational Meeting

The annual Squadron Educational Meeting was held on **Sunday, August 13th** at Lanzi's on the Lake in Mayfield. It was a beautiful summer day and many of our members came out to enjoy one another's company and learn about the many courses USPS offers. SEO Donna Canestraro presented everyone attending a list (included with this newsletter issue) outlining courses, electives and seminars offered through USPS. Also attending the lunch/rendezvous/educational meeting were D2 Commander Susan Darcy along with Martin & Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg (D2/Storm King Squadron) who are now residing in Florida.

Lake George Power Squadron
Squadron Educational Meeting – August 13, 2017
Course Offerings for 2017-18

SEO P/C Donna Canestraro, S - Telephone (518) 372-7220
ASEO P/C Kevin McCarthy, P - Telephone (518) 465-6706

America's Boating Course III- [ABC-3]: This course is open to the public - The America's Boating Course is designed to familiarize the student with the fundamentals of safe boating and qualifies for certification in most states that require a boating education before operating a boat or personal watercraft. The course is structured for one night a week at two hours each session or over a weekend. A course study guide and supporting materials are available.

Subjects covered include -

- * Boat handling under normal conditions
- * Types of boats and boating terminology
- * Required and recommended equipment
- * Boating regulations and navigation rules
- * Lines and knots
- * Adverse conditions and emergencies
- * Weather
- * Charts and aids to navigation
- * Regional boating
- * Piloting techniques
- * Engine troubleshooting
- * Fundamentals of sailing
- * Marine radiotelephone usage
- * Trailer boating
- * PWC Operation

Seamanship [S]: Building on the basics taught in the ABC Boating course, Seamanship is the recommended first course for new members, both power boaters and sailors. The student learns practical marlinespike, navigation rules, hull design and performance, responsibilities of the skipper, boat care, operating a boat under normal and abnormal conditions, what to do in various emergencies and weather conditions, nautical customs and common courtesy on the water. This course provides an introduction to the USPS educational program and a strong foundation for the other Advanced Grades courses listed on the reverse side of this handout.

Piloting [P]: Piloting introduces the fundamentals of piloting and positioning – the study of marine charts, aids to navigation, adjustment and use of the mariner's compass, dead reckoning, planning and plotting courses, and taking bearings to determine on-the- water position.

Advanced Piloting [AP]: Advanced Piloting builds on the knowledge gained in Piloting to teach how to navigate safely in coastal waters predict tides and tidal currents and their impact on boat position, advanced positioning techniques, and the use of electronic navigation systems for positioning and course planning.

Junior Navigation [JN]: Junior Navigation begins the study of offshore (open-ocean) navigation-integrated electronic positioning systems, sight taking with a mariner's sextant on the sun, moon, planets, and stars, how to reduce sights using the nautical almanac to determine position, and passage planning with special open ocean charts.

Navigation [N]: Navigation further develops the understanding of celestial navigation theory and the skills in sight taking and reduction-- additional sight reduction techniques and the orderly methods of carrying on the day's work of a navigator at sea. Of particular interest and importance is the study of offshore navigation using minimal data and/or equipment, such as when on a disabled vessel or lifeboat.

Elective Courses: Several elective courses are also available including Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electronics, Sail, and Weather. If you are interested in any of these elective courses – contact the Squadron Educational Officer.

USPS University – Seminar Series

USPS University is here with new programs targeted to a range of boaters and types of boating. The hallmark of this concept is the *Seminar Series*. These short seminars are targeted to specific topics and needs, and include valuable take-away guides. Each seminar provides credits toward the *Boat Operator Certification* program, and credit toward elective courses.

These seminars are available now.

- [Advanced Powerboat Handling](#)
- [Anchoring](#)
- [Basic Coastal Navigation](#)
- [Basic Weather and Forecasting](#)
- [Boat Handling under Power](#)
- [Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes](#)
- [Crossing Borders](#)
- [Emergencies on Board](#)
- [Fuel and Boating](#)
- [How to Use a Chart](#)
- [Hurricane Preparation for Boaters](#)
- [Knots, Bends and Hitches](#)
- [Man Overboard](#)
- [Marine RADAR](#)
- [Mariner's Compass](#)
- [Mastering the Rules of the Road](#)
- [Paddle Smart](#)
- [Partner in Command](#)
- [Practical On The Water Training](#)
- [Sail Trim and Rig Tuning](#)
- [Tides and Currents](#)
- [Trailering Your Boat](#)
- [Using GPS](#)
- [Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio](#)