

# Lake George Power Squadron



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### Commander's Message

# LGPS to do all chart sales and distribution: Membership brochures roll off the press

A major change for the Squadron this year has been the management of our Lake George Chart sales. Buck Bryan, who supervised charts and chart sales for many years has retired, and this has caused the Squadron to look at the whole issue of charts and how we interact with our vendors.

As most of you know, the Squadron has never engaged in the sale of charts to the public. Instead, we have relied upon marinas around the Lake and other businesses to present them for sale. This has required considerable management by the Squadron as charts must be delivered, paid for by the vendors, and preparations need to be made for additional chart production when needed. The price paid to the Squadron by vendors is based upon our production and printing costs, and is set by the Executive Committee (the "Bridge"). The vendors are then free to add a mark-up to the price for their profit.

I decided to do an initial visit to the vendors in a "drive around" this spring, where vendors could buy any needed charts to get them started on sales for the season. Bruce Cantrambone and I did this ourselves, and it was quite interesting to visit the various marinas as they were busy preparing for the big Memorial Day weekend. Each vendor around the Lake was contacted by phone to see what their needs were, then Bruce and I grabbed a big box of charts from storage at LGA and delivered them.

I gave each vendor my name as the contact person for the Squadron for this season, and Buck has been telling any who call him that they need to contact me for arrangements this year. Considering that we and the vendors have had all this managed for us by Buck all these years, and that now we all have to get used to a new way of doing things, the chart sales have gone smoothly thus far.

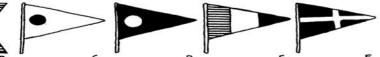
One of the concerns is our inventory. After the initial drive around, it appears that we will have enough charts for at least this season and possibly next. At some point next year however, we will need to prepare an updated chart and have a new issue printed. This won't be difficult thanks to the efforts of the Chart Committee, the LGA and Fountain spatial. The majority of the upgrades in the chart are completed, and the chart itself is now in a digital format, making revisions simple.

Thanks to the efforts of Dave Wilkinson. The Cantrambones, JD and Armand, the new membership brochure is complete and at the printers. Soon we should have 4000 brochures to distribute around the area to attract new members. This process has taken much longer than I expected and it appears the benefits of these brochures may not be fully realized until the next boating season. In any case, it's an effort we need to make.

In the meantime I've left some USPS business cards at the ranger station where people register to camp or picnic on the lake. Last weekend the ranger told me some people are taking a card, though I've yet to be contacted by anyone seeking information. When we get the new brochure it should help attract some people to inquire about joining! X





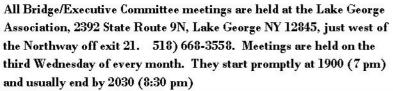








Below is this year's schedule as proposed by the Bridge with input from members. We have also included District 2 events and joint events with other squadrons for your





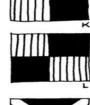


August 29: Rendezvous. Champlain Canal Tour, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Please reserve ASAP, Lt./C Bruce Catrambone, 885-4790, bcatra@hotmail.com, in order for us to purchase the required number of tickets in advance. There will be a tremendous num-

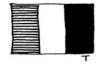


#October23-26: District 2 Fall Conference, hosted by Lake George Power Squadron, at Fort William Henry Resort and Conference Center, Lake George, NY

All events are subject to change. Check out events at nearby Power Squadrons On the D/2 Calendar Page on the LGPS website. Last updated 07/19/09.











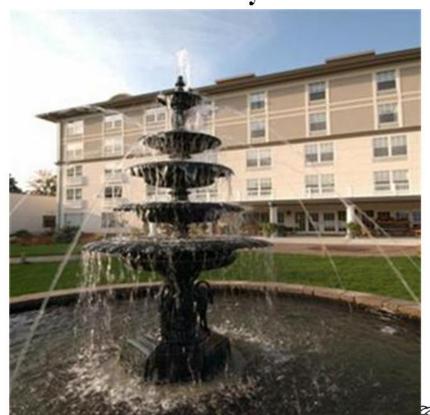








# Fort William Henry Resort & Conference Center



# Sightseeing: Guest Program Information

- Prime outlet shopping. Sign up for hotel shuttle at front lobby desk, at no cost.
- Shop Lake George Village's main street, Canada street, on your own. Enjoy its many fine restaurants.
- Other area attractions via hotel shuttle, at \$5 each direction. Ask at front desk.



Fort William Henry facility offers an enjoyable atmosphere as well as supporting the layout and logistical support rivaling most convention centers in New York State. It will provide a professional venue for our conference, one to remember. It's not hard to imagine oneself on an estate overlooking the southern basin of Lake George, one that still holds all the charm of a century ago.

# LGPS Volunteers needed at D/2 Fall Conference

The District 2 Fall Conference at the beautiful Fort William Henry Resort and Conference Center that the LGPS is hosting is shap-

ing up to be a truly memorable event, thanks in large part to the herculean efforts of P/C Armand Canestraro. However, we all have to pitch in to make this event a success. Volunteers are needed to assist in registration, the Hospitality Room and other tasks. And just attending, in uniform if possible, will go a long way to making us the host with the most. \*

### UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS® 2009 DISTRICT 2 FALL CONFERENCE



# October 23 & 24, 2009

Fort William Henry Resort & Conference Center Route 9 - Off Interstate 87 Lake George, NY Hosted by



Lake George Power Squadron Celebrating 62 Years of Boating Education

| Friday:         | 3:00 PM  | - 6:30 PM       | Registration Table Open (Hotel Check-In 4:00 PM)                 |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--|
|                 | 4:00 PM  | - 5:00 PM       | P/D/C Meeting  |
|                 | 4:00 PM  | - 6:00 PM       | Welcoming Reception hosted by the District Commander             |
|                 | 6:30 PM  | - 9:00 PM       | Dinner with C/C's Representative                                 |
| Saturday:       | 6:30 AM  | Run-Walk-Amble  | (self guided tour along L.G. Village South Basin beach walk-way) |
| a design of the | 8:00 AM  | - 5:00 PM       | Registration Table Open  |
|                 | 8:00 AM  | - 9:00 AM       | Breakfast  |
|                 | 9:00 AM  | -11:30 AM       | Meeting  |
|                 | 9:30 AM  | Guest Program D | eparts (Further Information on the back of this form)            |
| 1               | 11:30 AM | - 12:00 PM      | Social Hour (cash bar)   |
| 1               | 12:00 PM | - 1:00 PM       | Lunch  |
|                 | 1:30 PM  |                 | Meeting Reconvenes   |
|                 | 5:30 PM  | - 6:00 PM       | Board the Adirondac (Shoreline Cruise)                           |
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6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Directions: On the reverse side

**Grand Hotel Room** 

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| A District 2 Meeting? | Circle Yes or No |                                  |
| me                    | Grade            | Rank/Position                    |
|                       | City:_           | City:Email:City:Circle Yes or No |

Dinner Cruise and Dancing (cash bar)

### ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING Friday \_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_ Total Nights \_\_\_ @ \$109 = \$\_ Friday \_\_ Saturday \_\_ Total Nights \_\_ @ \$98 = \$

# ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

Note: Cut-off Date for Hotel Room Reservations is October 1, 2009.

| Friday Welcoming Reception:  | No. Attending Reception |                                      |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Friday Buffet Dinner:  | No. for Buffet          | @ \$35 = \$                          |
| Saturday Breakfast:  | No. for Breakfast       | @ \$15 = \$                          |
| Saturday Lunch:  | No. for Lunch           | @ \$18 = \$                          |
| Saturday Dinner Cruise & Dancing:  | No. for Dinner Cruise   | @ \$40 = \$                          |
|  |                         | Meal SUBTOTAL \$                     |
| [ ] Yes, I would like to order a LGPS comm                                 | memorative burgee:      | burgees @ \$25 = \$                  |
| [ ] Yes, I would like to order the "NEW" La<br>(Save \$5 with Pre-Order of |                         | charts @ \$40 = \$<br>GRAND TOTAL \$ |

I completely understand that a refund due to cancellation of any type must be <u>received</u> in writing at the address listed below not later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 8, 2009. Room refunds will be honored only if rooms are resold.

Return this form together with your check payable to Lake George Power Squadron not later than Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> to: LGP\$ c/o P/C Armand Canestraro 1680 Gower Road Gierville, NY 12302-6815 (518) 372-7220 Form: 22 J

# Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial

By John Jermano, P/C

In recent times we've learned about events that celebrate the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial. The year 2009 marks the 400th anniversary of Hudson and Champlain's voyages along the river and lake that bear their names - and the 200th anniversary of Fulton's successful steamboat voyage and establishment of steam commerce on the Hudson River. From Quebec to New York Harbor, a wealth of exciting events and activities have taken place and are being planned. Locally, the eastern gateway of our Canal System will be center-stage to the celebra-

Waterford, as the traditional tidal head of sloop navigation on the Hudson River, has a maritime history in which the exploration of Henry Hudson 400 years ago figures prominently. By small boat, with the Halfmoon anchored near Albany, Henry Hudson's crew explored the Hudson River in 1609 up to and including what would become Halfmoon Point, later Waterford. Today, Waterford is the gateway to the

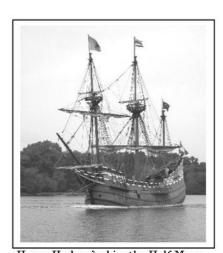


Champlain's ship, the Don de Dieu. This replica was built a century ago.

Champlain Canal, named after Samuel de Champlain who - also in 1609 - explored Lake Champlain and its environs. Waterford is also the entrance to the modern Erie Canal, the descendant of the original Erie Canal which counted Robert Fulton among its first commissioners, the same man whose contribution to steam maritime propulsion technology would help make the Erie Canal the revolutionary success

Local festivities got under way on June 28th when some twenty-five steamboats from as far away as South Carolina met on the Champlain Canal in Whitehall. It's the Great International Steamboat Flotilla, an annual meeting of steam aficionados showcasing their custom-built launches and wood-fired boilers!

The flotilla covered the 59mile length of the Champlain Canal over a three-day period accompanied by the historic tug-



Henry Hudson's ship, the Half Moon. Replica was built in 1989, in Albany.

boat Urger as a chase boat. The towns of Whitehall, Fort Edward, and Schuylerville supported the participants with firewood, docking and public events as the boats transited the canal. The boats overnighted in Fort Edward and Schuylerville on June 29th and 30th, respectively, and arrived in Waterford on Wednesday, July 1st, just in time to participate in the annual Steamboat Festival that runs from July 2nd to July 5th. The latter event, begun in 2003 as a way to celebrate the region's rich history of steam power, both maritime and otherwise, featured boat rides, exhibits, vendors, entertainment and a grand fireworks display.

For those who like the sweet smell of a wood-fired boiler, or the chugging of a steam engine, it was wonderful to experience these wonderful crafts of bygone days. 🖈



Steamboat flotilla on display in Schuylerville, after transiting canal.

# Our Champlain Canal cruise on the Caldwell Belle



Caldwell Belle on Champlain Canal

Champlain Canal Tour Boats, LLC is located on the historic Hudson River/ Champlain Canal waterway. This peaceful and scenic area is rich with natural beauty and wildlife, was central to the Battle of Saratoga - the "Turning Point" of the Revolutionary War. This year marks the 400th anniversary of the discovery of Lake Champlain by Samuel de Champlain, the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's exploration of the Hudson River, and the 200th anniversary of the maiden voyage Robert Fulton's steamboat - Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Celebration. Cruising on the Caldwell Belle, a stern paddle wheel diesel-fueled vessel, is memorable & relaxing.

# Lake George Power Squadron

Saturday, August 29, 2009 Rendezvous 2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

# **Champlain Canal Tour Lock 5 Towpath** Schuylerville, NY



Directions: On Routes 4 & 32 in Schuylerville - one mile north of intersection at Route 29 from Saratoga Springs.

Join us for a two-hour (3:00 pm - 5:00 pm) River Island Cruise on the M/V Caldwell Belle - Sternwheel Riverboat. Travel through Canal Lock 5 then down the Hudson and around two large river islands on remote back channels.

If interested, you can arrive early and enjoy the fifth annual HUDSON CROSSING 2009 FESTIVAL - a Quadricentennial event, featuring the Peckinpaugh, an historic 259' canal motorship on her Legacy Voyage and the Working on Water Tour - celebrating 400 years of maritime history. Other vessels will be open to the public-Lois McClure, the Golden Re'Al, the Urger, HMS Dark & Stormy.

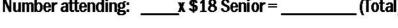
Cost for Champlain Canal tour is Adult \$19.00 per person and Senior (over 60) \$18.00 per person.

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

Please mail your check, payable to LGPS, with reservation form to: Lake George Power Squadron, c/o Lt./C Bruce Catrambone, 14 Deerfield Place, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 no later than Monday, August 10, 2009.

# **Champlain Canal Tours**

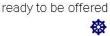
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# **ED. OFFICER'S REPORT** By Kevin McCarthy, P/C

Seven people signed up for the Basic Boating Course. dropped out due to illness; six remaining candidates passed with flying colors.

Four members are still taking the weather class. The Education Officer has received the final exam from National. A date has yet to be set to administer the test but it should take place soon. The Cruise Planning course is



# Experienced Squadron member/

WANTED

person to splice 3-strand anchor rode to a length of calibrated chain using a standard 3 or 4 tuck back splice for use with a anchor windlass. Please call Armand @ (518) 372-7220.

# The many boats of Lake George

Published: Monday, July 13, 2009 in The Post Star

Centuries before the white man saw Lake George, Native Americans traversed Lake George by canoe. They called the lake "An-di-a-ta-rocte", the "lake that shuts itself in." Here, they hunted and fished and raids were carried out between the Iroquois, the Algonquins and

Father Joques, a Jesuit missionary, came to the lake in 1642 and was held captive by the natives for two years and ransomed by the Dutch traders. By 1646, he returned and named the waters Lac du St. Sacrement or "Lake of the Blessed Sacrement." He was later killed by the Mohawks the same year.

As contact between the French and the English increased the struggle for control, the lake became "a highway of savage and civilized war, a bloody debatable ground linked to memories of momentous conflicts." By 1755, Sir William Johnson renamed the lake Lake George in honor of the King George II. Now the lake was traversed by bateaux wooden boats up to 36 feet long - with fixed masts to which was attached a square sail or blanket. The bateaux traveled at 3 miles per hour and were used extensively during the French and Indian War to haul soldiers and military goods. By the time of the Revolutionary War, General Burgoyne brought his supplies down the lake to Dome Island. Americans under Colonel Brown were repulsed by this and the bateaux retreated into Dunham's Bay and were burned.

In 1807, Robert Fulton's steamboat was launched but it would be another 10 years before steamboats came to Lake George. On April 15,  $1817,\ the\ Lake\ George$  The rest of this article may be read online at PostStar.com Steamboat Company

# What is a Vessel Safety Check (VSC)?

by: P/C Armand Canestraro Vessel Safety Examiner Chairperson

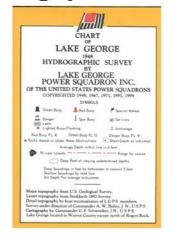
The Lake George Power Squadron has been involved with Vessel Safety Checks (VS.) for many years now. A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat (vessel) to verify the presence and condition of certain Safety Equipment required by State and the Federal regulations. The Vessel Examiners (VE) are trained members of our Squadron. While performing the safety check, we will also make certain recommendations and discuss certain safety issues that will make you a safer boater. It is suggested that you obtain or renew your VSC at the start of each boating season

These safety checks are by no means a boarding or law enforcement issue. No citations will be given as a result of our performing the check. Once the check is completed however, we will supply the vessel owner with a copy of our detailed evaluation so that they may follow some of the suggestions given. Vessels which pass the safety examination will be able to display a distinctive VSC decal. It

is important to know that this does not exempt you from law enforcement boarding, but you will prepare to make this a positive encounter should it occur. To arrange for a VSC, please contact VSC Chairperson

P/C Armand Canestraro at372-7220.

# Lake George chart makes big splash



The Squadron Lake George chart is apparently making quite a splash at local marinas. The The Executive Committee discussed pricing issues at its May 20 meeting at the Lake George Association. The current price of the charts is \$20. It was suggested that the price designated when the charts are first dropped off might be changed later in the season. Commander Traver proposed entering into agreement with marina operators that they do not charge more than a certain dollar amount for the charts. This stabilized price should enable more boaters to get access to our charts. Steve feels we offer the best charts of the Lake. Further discussion was postponed so that Max Gollmer can provide input.

On May 13th, about 200 charts were rolled and tubed by Commander Traver and members at the Lake George Association offices This probably gives us enough charts to last the rest of the boating season. We are now out of tubes.

We may want to make any necessary revisions over the winter months in anticipation of the next printing. Only about five errors have been reported to date

Barbara Catrambone noted that Fisher's Marina is now known as "Allwave" and we may want to make this change on the chart. The status of Fisher's was previously unavailable when we were preparing the new charts.

P/C Joan Londynsky asked if there were any area marinas that were not selling the charts. Commander Traver was not aware of any. All the marinas on our chart were contacted. Joan indicated she is willing to contact the Borders bookstore in Saratoga. This store sells a lot of maps and she thought they might be interested ⊀

# **Original Equipment Manufacturer Replacement Canvas Boat Enclosures**



**‡If your boat has the original** equipment enclosure and metal frames, and its time to update the worn canvas and eisengalss \* we can provide that replacement canvas and eisenglass at a fraction of the cost of a locally sewn enclosure.

For a no obligation free quote, contact Armand with your boats Hull ID number off the transom, together with the Make, Model and Year of the boat at

Tel: (518) 372-7220.

# Lt/C Wilkinson offered the following report from his attendance at the D2 Northern Trek:

It was suggested that squadrons network with local sheriffs departments who also offer boating courses.

The National Broadcasters Association is a good contact for squadron PSA's. Pay for an ad once and they will distribute it to local stations. PSA's are available for download from National.

It was Also suggested that squadrons prepare programs/interviews for local public access stations.

Replicas of the Nina and Pinta will be on display at the Maritime Mu-

seum in Kingston on June 5th. This would be a good opportunity to "piggyback" and get some free publicity for local squadrons.

Mohawk-Hudson Power Squadron is hosting boating events at the Schenectady and Albany Yacht Clubs. Dates to be announced. They are also hosting a boaters' garage sale and Vessel Safety Check examinations at West Marine in Latham.

For their recent conference, the Berkshire squadron planned on 60 people for meals and ended up with 61 folks for lunch and 72 (!) for the dinner dance. Discussion about how the \$1,000 incentive from D2

Voting for the Youth Poster Contest will take place at the D2 Summer Council. A link is available on the D2 website. P/D/C Susan Darcy can answer questions. \*

# Would you like a paperless Soundings?



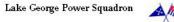
# I'm going green!

Please e-mail my copy of Soundings instead of mailing it, to reduce costs.

Member's name:

Member's e-mail address:

Cdr. S.W. Traver, 55 Hicks Rd., Queensbury, NY 12804





# Rendezvous Seal Wars!





Dr. Janice Henke //J. a local cultural anthropologist and author of Seal Wars addresses LGPS members. She was the featured presenter at the Squadron's June 6 brunch at Manna's Restaurant in Ballston Spa. Dr. Henke is a close friend of member Jane Story, who worked with Lt/C Bruce Catrambone and his wife Barbara to bring her to the rendezvous. Jane is shown above (//) speaking with Janice's husband Bob, who retired from the Dep't of Environmental Conservation 's enforcement unit as a lieutenant. Barbara Catrambone seems to be taking notes. Seal Wars is a first-hand account of seal hunting on the ice fields off Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, but, more important, it focuses on how society's perception of created "issues" and government policy are shaped by profitable "not-for-profit" charities.



Dig in folks. Seated are // -r) are Dr. Janice Henke, her husband Robert, Cmdr. Steve Traver and his wife Jane and Barbara & Lt/C Bruce Catrambone.



P/C George Williams and spouse Elizabeth thank Dr. Henke for an interesting and enlightening presentation.



Inuit carved seal seems to glide past Squadron members George & Elizabeth Williams. Alice & Tony Rozak on an ice field, actually a snow white Manna's tablecloth. Sealskin wallet was also part of Dr. Henke's collection.





Bob Henke was issued this beautiful sealskin hat with his uniform when he became a D.E.C. officer. Shortly after, the officers were told not to wear their winter hats because wearing sealskin had become politically incorrect. Bob in shown in the image at the left eyeing his hat. At right Max Gollmer holds onto the infamous hat.





"You must not keel zee babies," Dr. Henke intones in a French accent while showing the doctored image from her book of Bridgette Bardot holding a young seal.



Typical of anti-sealing propaganda, these cut outs that Dr. Henke brought to show us imply teary motherly concern on the part of seal "dams," who actually abandon their pups when they are ten days old, and whose eyes secrete mucus constantly as protection against salt.

Dr. Janice Henke grew up in Hudson Falls, and graduated from Hudson Falls High School. She earned her doctorate in Anthropology from the SUNY at Buffalo, in 2005, at the age of 65. Much of her work in the field of anthropology has been in examination of the adverse impacts of the animal rights/environmentalist movement on the use of science information of public policy. Seal Wars An American Viewpoint was her first book published in 1986. . It tells the story of fishermen who need to harvest harp seals in the spring, at a time before the ice has left their waters, and before they can go fishing. The protest against the taking of harp seals began in the 1970s, and Janice Henke began inquiring about it in 1981. She was given permission by the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans to go up to the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1982, and to accompany fisheries officers and a biologist as they checked sealers' procedures out on the ice. She found that Canadians were killing seals in a humane manner, contrary to the claims of protest groups which consistently head to the ice in the spring and take pictures

Janice observed the hunt for older seals in 1983 also, in the waters and on the ice floes off eastern Newfoundland. She did field work at sea, and in the communities where she learned of the cultural and economic importance of this hunt to those people. Her book has been used in many college classes in cultural ecology, and although it is now out of print, it is still available in limited quantities on Amazon.com

and video of the hunt.

Henke's work on protest against the use of harp seals led her to investigate the facts about modern whaling, and she travelled to Japan, Iceland, the Arctic, and 24 other countries, doing field work among whalers and attending meetings of the International Whaling Commission, in order to learn the basis for protest in that issue. Her conclusion is that many species of seals and whales thrive, and the use that people make of them today is not harmful, nor is it endangering them, contrary to historic use patterns and contrary to the claims of protest organizations such as Greenpeace, the Humane Society of the United States, and many others.

Dr. Henke's opinion is that national public policies on the environment, in this country and around the world, are now highly colored because protest organization websites misinform the general public in many countries, and provide a link so that citizens may contact their own governments and demand that their national policy shall be opposed to any resumption of commercial whaling for any reason, based on their own cultural preference. This protest tactic has been very effective, and may be expected to be used in the future on other issues. Henke feels that science is demeaned in this process, and that government officials are hesitant to abide by their obligations under treaties, because of this new political tactic. Dr. Henke's new book on the whaling issue is not yet published. It will be entitled Whales, Lies, and Videotape, and will cover 25 years of research on the goals and tactics of environmental protest organizations.

Lake George Power Squadron, Inc. P.O. Box 411 Burnt Hills, NY 12027

# LGPSoundings awarded

