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## Commander's Message

### Commander Joan Londynsky

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer, has finished their winterizing and is now looking ahead to a happy holiday season and a new year of new opportunities.

One advantage of membership in this organization is the opportunity to increase one's knowledge and boating skills. The monthly rendezvous is one way. Excellent speakers have broadened our base of knowledge in a framework of fellowship. Another avenue for learning is the supplemental courses available to us. We hope that you will take advantage of the proposed courses for this spring. (see p. 2) Make one of your New Year Resolutions to take advantage of the opportunities available in our squadron.

As more of us become acclimated to this electronic world, we plan to utilize these new technologies to a greater extent. Please consult our website for programs, photos of activities and minutes. Minutes can also be requested from the secretary via e-mail or for the few who still are without computers, by mail.

By now you should have received your membership roster. Omitted from this year's roster is the data on Power Squadron courses and history of the US Power Squadron. This information is now available on disc and can be requested by e-mail. This new brochure will be given automatically to new members but since nothing has changed in this section for years, any long time

member has this information already.

Soundings has a new production editor, Peter Weill. He & I heartily thank Donna Canestraro for the wonderful and time-consuming work she has done in this capacity over the last few years. She has set a high standard and established a model to build upon.



## Reflections on the 2008 Season

### Lt./C Stephen W. Traver, Executive Officer

Like all summers, this one passed too quickly! With snow flurries in the air and *Proteus* tucked away in her shrink wrap for the winter, I looked back at my log book from the season.

We clearly had more rain than usual. The log shows a total of only 45.65 engine hours and 442.63 miles traveled for the whole summer! I usually log more like 70 hours!

On the positive side, there were relatively few boating accidents this summer on the lake, and during my ventures out, folks seemed to be having a good time. The reservation system is getting very competitive

for camp sites, but I've managed to snag a few for next summer.

Looking ahead to next year, I've tried to book camp sites which have two-sided docks, so we can have visitors. I hope some of you will be out on the water and can stop by!

I hope everyone has winterized their boat by now! I did the oil change and winterization myself, but was lazy this year and had the boat shrink wrapped instead of struggling with my home-made tarp system. They really do a great job, and the shrink wrap will shed

the snow much better than my tarp system.

Have a great holiday season and I hope to see you all at the annual holiday party.



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## Proposed Spring Course Offerings

Anyone interested in these courses, please contact Education Officer Kevin McCarthy or Commander Londynsky. These courses do not involve major commitments of time and do not require homework.

**Seamanship:** This course takes the basic boating course one step further; Topics covered are required equipment, sail & power boat handling, marlinspike, docking, mooring, charts, compass and handling emergencies.



**Weather:** This course is designed to help boaters predict short-range weather patterns using cloud formations, wind, barometric pressure, relative humidity and temperature.

**Cruise Planning:** This course covers the basics of planning a cruise, either long or short, in any kind of water and irrespective of boat size or type.

## Help! Inventory Control

Commander Londynsky and Treasurer Max Gollmer have been working on a comprehensive inventory of squadron resources. If you have in your possession any equipment or materials belonging to the squadron, please call Commander Londynsky so we can list it on the inventory. Thanks.

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# Basic Boating Class

**March 23 is opening date for seven-week Basic Boating Children's Class to run for four weeks**

Niskayuna H.S. is site for both

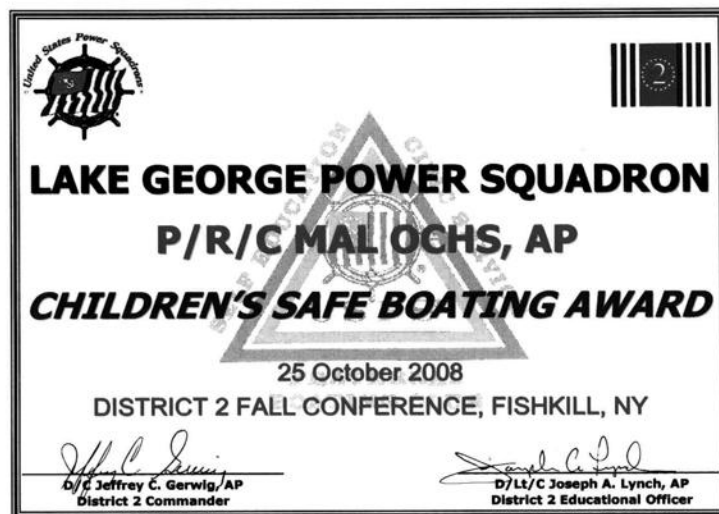
The Squadron Boating Course is a course for all boaters. It covers the basics you need to know to safely and legally operate your boat, such as basic boating terminology, boat handling, water sports safety, PWCs, legally required equipment and other boating laws and regulations, right-of-way rules between boats, and marine radio operation. The course is meant to be of interest to the whole family. Beyond the basic safety material, additional material covers the fundamentals of reading nautical charts, of using a chart to plot and follow a safe course. In addition to practice charts and plotting tools, the materials supplied with the course also include a CD-ROM containing Maptech's Chart Navigator computer program, allowing the student to learn about this exciting new electronic technology.

There will also be a children's course for students 10 to 17 years old. This course will run for four weeks. The course is held at the same time as the adult class.

The classes are taught on Wednesday nights from 7 until 9 pm at Niskayuna HS.

If you know of anyone interested in taking the class, have them contact the Continuing Education office of Niskayuna HS. There is a \$30 fee for supplies and a \$10 fee for residents who do not reside in the Niskayuna School district.

## LGPS wins award for Children's Safe Boating



# LEND A HELPING HAND

## *Report from the 2008 D2 Fall Conference*

**by Lt/C David Wilkinson - Secretary**

The 2008 D-2 Fall Conference took place at the Holiday Inn located in Fishkill, New York on October 25<sup>th</sup>. I felt it was important that our Squadron be represented at this district meeting and graciously offered to serve in this capacity. Although Commander Londynsky and I had talked about the possibility of going together, however, it turned out that Joan was unable to participate but this did not discourage me from going on my own.

Fishkill is about a two and a half hour drive from Schenectady so I left the Electric City at about 6:30 and arrived in Fishkill just shortly after nine a.m. The theme of the conference, hosted by the Peekskill Sail and Power Squadron, was "lend a helping hand," and the morning session was already underway when I arrived. After settling up with the powers that be, I made my entrance, grabbed some much needed caffeine, something to nibble on and made my way to one of the empty seats in the last row.

During the morning session, we learned about the publicity campaign one squadron had undertaken to increase participation in their education program. One of the highlights of their presentation was a poster board showing all of the articles that were published about their boating courses in local papers. It was noted that if there is a reporter who covers boating, that you will get better results from your P.R. efforts if you target your articles to him or her, as opposed to issuing a press release. Also, it was noted that all the publicity the Squadron used to tell the public about their courses did not cost the Squadron any money. Apparently, it worked. The Squadron observed a noticeable increase in course enrollment once word got out.

I have heard it said that Power Squadron boating courses are one our best kept secrets. The more people we can get to take courses, the safer our public waters will be. It truly is a win-win situation.

Next came the Squadron Workshops. I had a choice of attending one about education, DB2000, or one targeted at incoming treasurers and commanders. I opted for the treasurers and commanders program, where Lacey Williams touted the virtues of anniversary billing and spoke about the importance of maintaining the squadron's tax-



exempt status. For new commanders, an annual calendar was provided, which talked about what the squadron commander was responsible for, when things needed to be completed, and included some ideas about how to get started. I have since passed this information onto Commander Londynsky.

Following the conclusion of the morning workshop, I returned to the main hall to catch up with P/D/C Susan Darcy who conducted the DB2000 workshop, since she had indicated she had compact discs to distribute for commanders and secretaries (Sorry Joan, I forgot to give you yours at the Bridge meeting but I will get it to you!)

During lunch, the first set of 50/50 raffle tickets were drawn. Alas, I did not win. Attendees also had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a variety of elegant nautical prizes. I had equally good luck with those.

After lunch, the formal business meeting resumed with introductions of distinguished guests, distribution of reports, and a discussion of the D2 budget. I was pleasantly surprised when the Lake George Power Squadron was presented with the *Mal Ochs Children's Safe Boating Award*, for our efforts in educating younger boaters. This really made me glad I went!

After the colors had been retired, I met with Denise Terry, head of the D-2 Conferences and Councils Committee, along with P/D/C John Supple, from the Peekskill Squadron. Together they shared some historical data about conferences and offered some insight as to how today's conference was planned and arranged. This will be valuable information to use as we plan the 2009 Fall Conference, which we plan to host ourselves. We are considering a number of venues in the Lake George area and are working hard to plan this event.

The USPS slogan, which I heard several times during the day, is "Boating is fun; let USPS show you how." This was a fun and productive day (despite the difficult ride home) and I am glad I had the opportunity to participate.



## In Memoriam

**Kenneth T. Lally**, 94, of Niskayuna, died on Saturday, Nov. 7, at his home. Lally was a member of the Lake George Power Squadron until his passing. Born in Waterville, he was a graduate of Waterville Schools.

Mr. Lally began a manufacturing and engineering career with the General Electric Company in Schenectady. He left in 1964 and purchased the historic W. & L.E. Gurley Co., now called Gurley Precision Instruments in Troy, and took control of its operations. Mr. Lally's efforts are credited with saving the company and making it successful. He later sold the business and served as president of Coradian Corporation and also as an officer, director, financier and consultant to various privately owned manufacturing companies, including many Capital District "startup" companies.

He was an active member of the board of trustees of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for more than 30 years, and he also served as the secretary of the RPI board and founded and chaired the trustee committee on community relations. Mr. Lally was a member of The Stephen Van Rensselaer Society of Patrons, a recipient of the Rensselaer Alumni Association's 1986 Albert Fox Demers Medal, the 1989 Distinguished Service Award and also received an Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from RPI. In addition, Mr. Lally was one of the founders of the Capital Region Technology Development Council, a member of the Business Council of New York State, a president of Samaritan Hospital Board of Trustees, and a president of the Troy Chamber of Commerce. He served on the board of the Troy Savings Bank and was a member of the board of trustees of the College of Saint Rose, and a member of the board of trustees of the Ellis Hospital Foundation. Mr. Lally was a true self-made man and enjoyed challenging new fledgling businesses and their founders to achieve their dreams. However, Mr. Lally is perhaps best remembered for his financial contributions to area educational and health institutions.

In 1995, Mr. Lally gave what was then the largest gift ever received by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in order to help the School of Management gain national prominence."

**Montgomery C. "Bud" Scoville**, 86, of South Glens Falls and Edgewater, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, in Florida. Scoville was a Past Commander of the Lake George Power Squadron, serving as Commander in 1972 and 1973.

Bud was a World War II veteran and took part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy. He was a Second Lieutenant and Infantry Commander with a 5th Ranger Battalion until the war ended in Europe. He was wounded in battle and held the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, four Bronze Medal Stars, the Distinguished Unit Citation with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Combat Infantry Badge.

The founder and former owner of a jewelry store that has operated in Glens Falls for more than 50 years died on Tuesday. Montgomery C. "Bud" Scoville passed away in Florida at the age of 86.

He opened M.C. Scoville Jewelers on May 12, 1952, and retired in 1985, said his grandson, J o s h u a M u r p h y . . .

Murphy said his grandfather was passionate about jewelry and watchmaking, but also valued his relationship with customers. "That's what he was passionate about," Murphy said. "It was jewelry, but it was working with friends. His customers became f r i e n d s . . ."

A World War II veteran, Scoville was present at the invasion of Normandy. He was diagnosed with polio shortly after being discharged and marrying his wife of 63 years, Shirley Scoville.

He was placed in an iron lung and had to learn to walk and breathe on his own again, his grandson said. The illness also left Scoville paralyzed in his r i g h t a r m . . .

Scoville then attended the Bulova School of Watchmaking after seeing a picture of a one-armed watchmaker in some rehabilitation materials, according to *Post-Star* archives. Scoville graduated from the school in 16 months, despite taking a course that usually takes two years to complete.

In 1956, Scoville wrote an article for *Watch Repair Digest* called "They Never Thought I'd be a Watchmaker," which described how he overcame his handicap. "The polio did a number on him, but he didn't stop," Murphy said. "That's just amazing to me -- to have that type of bravery."

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WINTER LUNCHEON

**Saturday, January 17, 2009 Brunch Buffet 11:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

*The Inn at Saratoga, 231 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY*

***Directions:***

**From the South:** I-87 North, Exit 13N, onto Rte. 9 north 4 miles, at intersection of Rtes. 9 (Broadway) and 50. The Inn is the second building on the left with the entrance past the Inn across from the Holiday Inn.

**From the North:** I-87 South, Exit 15, make right turn off ramp and travel 3 miles to intersection (Broadway and Arterial) making a left turn onto Broadway, travel one mile south through downtown Saratoga. Inn will be on the right just before the stop light at the intersection of Routes 9 and 50.

Cost - \$25.00 per person

Menu: Coffee, Tea, Soda, Mixed Green Salad & Vegetables, Fresh Baked Rolls

Grilled Sirloin, Potato & Cheddar Encrusted Cod and Oven Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes

*THIS IS AN RSVP, PAID IN ADVANCE ONLY <sup>Dessert</sup>EVENT—NO WALK-INS WILL BE PERMITTED*

*Please mail your check, payable to LGPS and reservation form to: Lake George Power Squadron,*

*c/o Lt./C Bruce Catrambone, 14 Deerfield Place, Ballston Spa, NY 12020 before January 12, 2009*

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**The Inn at Saratoga**

Names attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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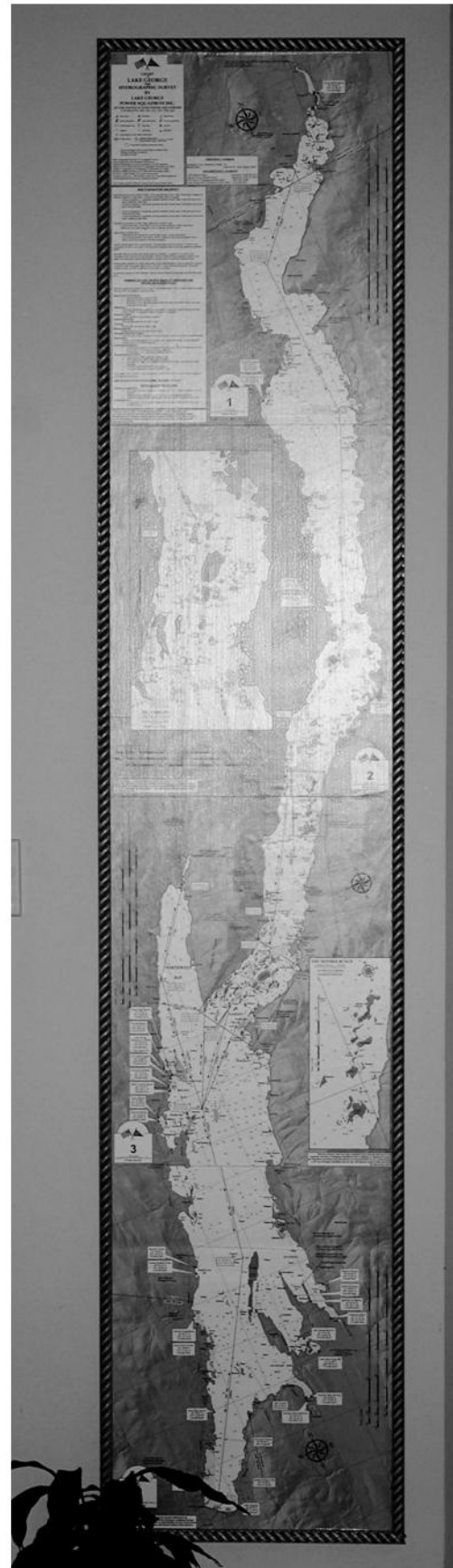
Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 per person = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total)

TOTAL ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**W**e recently stopped at a gift shop near Buckley Bryan's home to see the new Lake George Power Squadron chart mounted and framed. The squadron membership had been guests at Buck's beautiful home, Flyboy Lodge, on Lake George's Northwest Bay, where he told us about the framed chart. What he neglected to mention was the price tag, somewhere close to two thousand dollars. It was framed with birch boughs, but is this worth two grand?

A friend of Buck's, Harry Reichlen sent him a picture of the LGPS chart mounted and framed. It was a homemade job, but it rivaled the gift shop's professional version. It's now hanging in Reichlen's family room, in Boxboro, Mass. near Boston.

Mr. Reichlen sent directions along with the picture: For anyone else asking, wallpaper border paste works great. I also put two coats of water based urethane on the map. Board is 3/8 plywood with one smooth side (though I needed to fill some with spackle). Also put strips glued on the back for reinforcement.



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# Anaheim

USPS Annual Meeting 17-22 Feb. 2009

**ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION** (Please use your certificate number, as reservations are keyed to that number.)  
 >> Online form available at [www.usps.org/php/reservations](http://www.usps.org/php/reservations)

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**Wednesday, 18 Feb.**  
 0900-1500 Los Angeles, Hollywood & Beverly Hills  
 Travel by deluxe motor coach to experience the glamorous and unique sights of downtown Los Angeles, Little Tokyo, Chinatown, historic Olvera Street, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Hollywood Boulevard, Sunset Strip, Rodeo Drive and other popular points of interest. Lunch on your own at the Farmer's Market.  
 Quantity @ \$60 Total \$

**Thursday, 19 Feb.**  
 0900-1500 Mission San Juan Capistrano & Laguna Beach  
 Travel by deluxe motor coach to visit the famed Mission San Juan Capistrano. Founded in 1776 by Frar Junipero Serra, the mission is one of the most impressive examples of early California architecture. It's also home to the annual return of the swallows. On the return trip, we'll stop at the seaside community of Laguna Beach, an artist colony with unique antiques. Lunch on your own.  
 Quantity @ \$70 Total \$

1730-2230 Pirates Dinner Adventure  
 Ahoy USPS mates. Enjoy a plated feast and dining experience with swashbuckling swordplay, aerial artistry, action, romance and comedy. Coach transportation is included.  
 Quantity @ \$65 Total \$

**Friday, 20 Feb.**  
 0900-1500 J. Paul Getty Villa  
 Travel by deluxe motor coach to discover one of Southern California's most popular new attractions, the J. Paul Getty Villa in Malibu. On your self-guided tour, you'll experience breathtaking views of the city, tranquil gardens and the Getty collections. Lunch on your own.  
 Quantity @ \$60 Total \$

1000-1100 One-Pot Cooking on Your Boat Seminar  
 Join the fun as you learn unique methods of onboard cooking as well as great storage ideas. This in-hotel seminar is presented by Anthony Aquilato and Suzanne Nentwich.  
 Quantity @ \$10 Total \$

**Saturday, 21 Feb.**  
 1100-1400 Reception & Shipmates Social Luncheon  
 Celebrate USPS friendships, enjoy great entertainment and take home a gift to remember the special day.  
 Quantity @ \$90 Total \$

1200-1400 Members Luncheon (cash bar 1200-1230)  
 Names and certificate numbers not listed on this form are needed for each ticket.  
 Quantity @ \$30 Total \$

1830-2300 Reception & Change of Watch Banquet  
 Come welcome the 2009 Bridge, while enjoying a wonderful meal and fellowship with USPS members and guests. Dance to the music of Tommy Tassi and the Authentics.  
 Quantity @ \$57 Total \$

**Meeting CD**  
 Contains presentations, handouts and PowerPoint slides from all committee meetings. Pick up CDs at activities registration along with your tickets.  
 Quantity @ \$5 Total \$

**Total tickets & CDs: Total due: \$**

For RV information, visit [www.usps.org/highwaymariners](http://www.usps.org/highwaymariners)

Reserve tickets online at [www.usps.org/national/natmeetings](http://www.usps.org/national/natmeetings) using a credit card, or mail form and check made out to 2009 Annual Meeting to Marie Coons, P. 10185 Edgewood Lane, Prior Lake, MN 55372. Call 952-898-5850 or e-mail [coonsmm@aol.com](mailto:coonsmm@aol.com) for more information.

Activity reservations must be secured or postmarked by 2 Feb. 2009. After 7 Feb., call or e-mail for instructions. Refund requests made after 13 Feb. will be honored only if the tickets are resold. All tickets must be picked up at the member activities registration area no later than one hour before the event, except for Shipmates Social Luncheon, Members Luncheon and Banquet tickets, which must be picked up by 1000 Saturday, 21 Feb. Agenda and additional details can be found at [www.usps.org/national/natmeetings](http://www.usps.org/national/natmeetings).

**Hollywood & Beverly Hills**



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# Rendezvous!

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## Waterkeeper



The Ripe Tomato  
An American Grill  
Pasta • Seafood • Steaks



Dawn Keppler, Stream Assessment Project Director of the Lake George Waterkeeper program presented a riveting program at the Lake George Power Squadron's November 8th rendezvous at the Malta's Ripe Tomato restaurant. The Waterkeeper is a program of the Fund for Lake George and defends the Lake's natural resources. In 2006 the Stream Assessment Project was initiated to monitor streams in the Lake George Watershed. Extensive amounts of data have been collected on six major streams in the watershed: East Brook, English Brook, Finkle Brook, Hague Brook, Indian Brook, Northwest Bay Brook, Shelving Rock Brook and West Brook. In 2007 the Stream Assessment Project began collection of chemical, physical and biological data in 47 sample sites.

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## Dutch Apple Rendezvous

Perfect weather, a stable and seaworthy vessel, good planning and, above all, fine camaraderie, combined to make the October 18th Hudson River cruise on the Dutch Apple,



out of the Port of Albany, a success.



DUTCH APPLE is almost ready for our Squadron members to board. Lunch was served after we were underway.



GOING INCOGNITO behind aviator shades is Squadron Executive Officer Steve Traver.



YUK YUK Tony Rozek must have said something very funny to Commander Joan Londynsky.



BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE Commander Londynsky conducts Exec. Committee meeting while we're still docked. Secretary Dave Wilkinson takes notes as Administrative Officer Bruce Catrambone looks on.



DELEWARE & HUDSON BUILDING dominates Albany's beautiful skyline soon after we embark.



AUTUMN COLORS surround quaint river town on the east shore as we proceed down the Hudson.



THE SOPRANOS taught Cmdr. Joan how to talk with her hands. Dave Wilkinson seems impressed.

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*LGPSoundings* awarded

