



January - March 2009

Lake George Power Squadron



# Soundings

## COMMANDER

Cmdr. Stephen Traver 798-4684

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lt/C Bruce Catrambone  
885-4790

## SECRETARY

Lt/C David Wilkinson, S  
393-5394

## ASST. TREASURER

Lt/C Max Gollmer, AP  
399-2479

## EDUCATION OFFICER

P/C Kevin McCarthy, P  
465-6706

## ASST. EDUCATION OFFICER

Lt/C James Kelley  
843-0839

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Anthony J. Rozak, P  
Max Gollmer  
Joan Londynsky  
Peter Weill

## RULES COMMITTEE

James Kelley  
Paul Kenny

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

P/C George Williams  
P/C James Grzybowski  
P/C David Stafford

## SAFETY OFFICER

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P/C John R. Jermano,  
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Production Editor: Peter Weill

## New Officers installed at Change of Watch

**Stephen Traver takes helm at Commander  
Bruce Catrambone is new Executive Officer**

### Commander's Message

*I am pleased to assume command of the Lake George Power Squadron and to follow in the footsteps of so many able past commanders. Under the command of now P/C Joan Londynsky we began distribution of the newly updated "2008 Chart of Lake George." The charts are a huge success and the Squadron has recouped its initial investment.*

*As I begin my command, I recognize three major areas critical to the success of the Squadron.*

*First, and foremost, and vital to the financial stability of the organization is the continuation of Lake George Chart sales to our cooperating vendors in the area. To do this, we need volunteers to "roll" a few hundred more of the charts and insert them in the tubes. A date for this activity will be announced shortly. In addition our resident chart sales representative, Buck Bryan has retired from chart deliveries and the chart committee. We owe him a lot for his efforts over the years and his service was recognized at our C. O. W. I have designed a system to ensure our vendors will have access to charts as they need them, beginning with a "drive around" before Memorial Day to deliver a start-up batch of charts to each vendor who requests them. My Executive Officer Bruce Catrambone has volunteered to go with me on this trip, and I will have room for two more folks See "Commander's Message," p. 2*



Cmdr. Stephen Traver

**Commander - Stephen Traver  
Executive Officer - Bruce Catrambone  
Secretary—David Wilkinson**

**Assistant Treasurer - Max Gollmer  
Education Officer - Kevin McCarthy  
Asst. Education Officer - James Kelley**

**Members at Large - Max Gollmer; Peter Weill; Joan Londynsky; and Anthony Rozak  
Rules Committee - James Kelley and Paul Kenney  
Audit Committee - P/C George Williams, P/C James Grzybowski & P/C David Stafford  
Nominating Committee - Joan Londynsky**



**Commander's Message** if you're interested. It should be fun to drive around the lake and visit the marinas as they get ready for the boating season. I also promise to buy lunch for the team!

Second, we need new members! The Squadron is fortunate to have a large group of dedicated members who've supported the Squadron for years. However, as time goes on we need an influx of new members to keep activities going and insure succession planning works effectively. With the new chart and other priorities, the Squadron hasn't made a focused effort to bring new folks aboard, and the time has come to make membership a priority. Until recently, some potential boaters may have considered the requirement of taking a boating course as a barrier to membership. As it turns out, the courts have agreed and banned this policy. In the past we have recruited people by getting them to take a boating course, and then tried to recruit them to join the Squadron. I believe that instead we should get people to join the Squadron, and then offer them a boating course. There are many people out there who are just interested in the social aspects of the Squadron or perhaps interested in Lake George, but not necessarily even owners of a boat. These folks can contribute a lot to the Squadron and enjoy being members without taking a boating class. Growing up on the shore of Lake George I have seen many boating accidents which could have been avoided had the operator taken one of our classes. I feel that we are a membership organization first. To attract members effectively, we'll need to organize some form of campaign, and we'll work on that. In the meantime, please reach out to folks you know and see if they would like to become members and join us on our rendezvous. We especially need members in the Lake George area. I also hope that our alliance with the Lake George Association with expose the Squadron to more people who value the lake and may become members.

Third, we have a big event this fall with the D2 conference at the Fort William Henry complex in Lake George. This conference will be held over the weekend of October 23 through the 25<sup>th</sup> and bring Power Squadron folks from all over to visit the Lake George area. If we plan it well, we should get great publicity and also attract members. Joan and Armand have already worked very hard to negotiate the venue and infrastructure we need for our guests and meetings. As plans develop I will have more information for you. In the meantime, spread the word and make note of those dates!

Lastly I want to mention our Bridge meetings. These will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at the offices of the Lake George Association, just west of the Northway off exit 21. I want to encourage anyone who is interested to attend. Though we will have an agenda the format will be informal, so please come and share your ideas!

Thank you again for the opportunity to be the Squadron Commander. Now let's hope the ice goes out by April 15<sup>th</sup>!

## OUTGOING COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The theme of this year's Change of Watch is appreciation. First on all, we must acknowledge our appreciation of this fine organization to which we all belong.

Next, I want to thank the members of the bridge for their work this year as well as those of you who have made the effort to attend rendezvous' or work on special projects. I want to honor those of you who have contributed their time and effort to this fine organization for without you, nothing is accomplished.

I want also to acknowledge the accomplishments of the chart committee. Buck Bryan, Chairman, Steven Traver and John Wainwright have produced a chart we can all take pride in. The success of this new edition has done much to reestablish our squadron in the Lake George area.

Senior membership is earned through active involvement in the Squadron



P/C Joan Londynsky

## Remarks by Past District Commander Susan D'Arcy

P/D/C Susan D'Arcy, who is also the Staff Commander for Leadership Development, offered a "thank you" to the Squadron officers for what they have done this past year. She indicated that she could tell from our stats that we are a dedicated group. Susan also noted that she uses the Lake George chart in the boating class she teaches and was quite surprised to see one of her students actually fold the chart, despite the fact that the chart comes rolled in a plastic tube. Susan offered to present a Leadership Workshop for the Squadron. This could be either a two-hour or longer program and she hopes to have a presentation ready for the middle of April.

for five years. Donna Canestraro has achieved this level this year. I thank her and all of our senior members for their on-going support of the Lake George Power Squadron. We are deeply grateful for all you have done.

Our new President, Barack Obama has urged us all to participate, to be involved in these hard times. I urge you to step forward to fill the vacancies on the Bridge and to recruit new members who can step up to leadership positions.

In October we will be hosting the Division conference. This project will need a lot of membership support as the season progresses. To paraphrase another President, "Ask not what your Squadron can do for you but what you can do for your Squadron."

Congratulations to Steve Traver who passed the Vessel Safety Check examination. There will be a hands-on practice session after the boating season opens.

Welcome back to Armand Canestraro who has rejoined the ranks after a long and arduous recovery from a fall.

I heartily wish Steve Traver, who takes over the helm, clear sailing for the year ahead. We will be in good hands.

## Lake George Power Squadron

### Annual Meeting & Change of Watch

Sunday, March 22, 2009

#### Ringin' of the Bell

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Call to Order.....Commander Londynsky

Pledge of Allegiance...P/C Armand Canestraro, AP

Invocation.....Alice Rozek

Introduction:  
District 2 Guests.....Commander Londynsky

Past Commanders.....P/C Kevin McCarthy

Memorial Service.....P/C Chuck Everson

Secretary's Report.....Lt/C David Wilkinson

Treasurer's Report.....Lt/C David Wilkinson  
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Squadron Recognition/Awards

Call Person

Merit Marks

25Year Membership USPS

Commander Londynsky

National & District Recognition and Awards

Stf/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

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Report of Audit Committee

Tony Rozek

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Final Remarks & Discharge of All Appointed Committees  
2008-2009

Commander Londynsky

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Discharge of Bridge Officers 2008-2009 and Remarks of  
Officiating District Officer  
Stf/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

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Report of Nomination Committee

P/C John Jermano

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Installation of 2009-10 Commander  
Installation of 2009-10 Bridge Officers  
Stf/C Susan L. Darcy, JN

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Acceptance of Command 2009-10  
Appointment of Committees 2009-10  
Presentation of Officer Flags  
New Business  
Adjournment

Commander Stephen W. Traver



Steve Traver is sworn in as Commander by P/D/C Darcy.



Steve Traver accepts Comdr's ensign from Susan D'Arcy.



John Jermano is belatedly awarded Senior Membership.



PHOTO LEFT: P/D/C Susan D'Arcy administers oath of office to Bridge officers (l to r) Kevin McCarthy, David Wilkinson and Bruce Catrambone.

PHOTO RIGHT: Secretary David Wilkinson reads LGPS Annual Report

Photos by Traver



## Dates to Remember

**May 15-17 D/2 Northern Trek, Bolton Landing**  
**May 16-22 National Safe Boating Week**  
**May 13 Chart Rolling Party, Lake George Assn., 5pm**  
**Oct. 23-26 D/2 Fall Conference, Ft. William Henry**  
**July 24-26 2009 D/2 Rendezvous, Bridgeport, CN**

## Commander needs

### Trek names

Commander Traver is planning to attend the Northern Trek in Bolton next month. The District is asking him for a list of those attending from Lake George Power Squadron. If any of you plan to attend this event please let him know as soon as possible.

## Lake George Association Office Address &

**Driving Directions**The office is located at 2392 Route 9N, Lake George, NY.

**From Exit 21 off the Adirondack Northway, turn left onto Route 9N. Proceed .4 miles to 2392 Route 9N. From Schenectady, it's about 58 minutes/50.76 miles according to Mapquest.**

## Chart Rolling Volunteers Needed

A chart rolling party will take place at Lake George Association at 1700 on May 13. Commander Steve Traver says that "we could really use some volunteers to help. We need to prepare more charts in tubes or we won't have enough for the season."

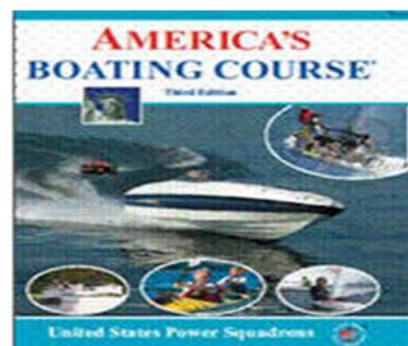


## Boating Course might become mandatory says D/2 Exec. Officer: Robert Shivokevich, SN

Did you know that the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has asked the Congress to authorize the Transportation Secretary to establish requirements for standards of proficiency for recreational boaters?

We intend to have USPS certification accepted as the above proof and be accepted as the national certificate for the USA.

Now how exciting is that! USPS taking the lead to help the public with on the water training! Are you excited yet? Are you ready to get involved? You should be or you'll be left behind. National is developing on the water training that will allow you to take your students to the next level, some-



**Compass**, an informative and colorful on-line mazazine is easily available. Just enter **USPS Compass** on your browser.

**Soundings**, our squadron newsletter, is also available on line, at **Lake George Power Squadron**. The website, maintained by P/D/C Susan Darcy, is full of other important information.



*P/C Stephen Heenan's restaurant, Altieri's, destroyed by fire*  
 By David Wilkinson

Feb. 17 I regret to mention that Altieri's Restaurant, formerly owned by P/C Stephen Heenan, recently suffered a devastating fire. The fire has been determined to be accidental/electrical and the owners plan to rebuild.

## 2009 NORTHERN TREK 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Trek

MELODY MANOR and NORTHWARD HO RESORTS  
 LAKE GEORGE - BOLTON LANDING, NEW YORK

FRIDAY, MAY 15, Saturday, May 16 and Sunday May 17, 2009



A CASUAL BUSINESS WEEKEND WITH D/2 FRIENDS, A LOT OF FUN AND GAMES, SATURDAY AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT IN THE PLANNING STAGES. THE PRICE (PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) IS \$200.00 for two nights lodging and five meals including steak or lobster for Saturday Dinner.

**\$200.00 PRICE PER PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY - TOTAL FOR TWO (\$400). SINGLE OCCUPANCY RATE PER PERSON including all meals and activities is \$300.00 A DEPOSIT OF \$100.00 (Please make the check out to: D2 Northern Trek Rendezvous) will hold your reservation.**

For additional information and to confirm your reservation, send your deposit check of \$100.00 made out to the D2 Northern Trek Rendezvous to:

ST/C SUSAN L. DARCY, JN  
 7 Hutchinson Lane, Lenox, MA 01240-2217  
 eMail: [Susan@darcy-systems.com](mailto:Susan@darcy-systems.com)

Your final payment is DUE by APRIL 15, 2009 along with your Friday and Saturday night meal choices. BY POPULAR DEMAND, THE SATURDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE THE RAFFLE AND WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION. So bring some entertaining items for the auction. [This will be a good time to clean out the boat, the basement, the attic, and/or the recreation room.]

Please save us a Room:

Clip and Send with Deposit

Name(s)			
Address			
City/Town	State	Zip	
Phone	Squadron		
eMail			
Friday Dinner Choices ( Please Indicate Choices )		Chicken	Fish
Saturday Dinner Choices ( Please Indicate Choices )		Lobster	or Steak

### Additional Details from Susan d'Arcy

- If someone comes for the day - and they want the breakfast buffet, it's \$ 8 - lunch is \$10. And a combination would be \$15.
- The meeting is usually at 9AM
- The afternoon activities haven't been priced yet as I need to have a contract in hand.
- If one stays for dinner - steak or lobster or vegetarian on request - (and of course the auction) is still up in the air because the restaurant doesn't have lobster/steak prices as yet but have been about \$35 - last year the steak cost more than the lobster..
- Everyone can come just for the meeting without any cost at all. And there usually is coffee (I bring my travel mug so I always have some).





**AMSTERDAM WATERFRONT FOUNDATION**

# **2nd Annual Spring Fling**

Come kick off your winter blues and put some **SPRING** in your step at our 2nd Annual Spring Fling Dinner Dance to help support the Amsterdam Waterfront Foundation.

**Saturday, April 25th 2009**  
6 p.m. Cocktails, Dinner served 7 p.m.

**At Pasqualli's Catering & Banquet Facility at the Americas Best Value Inn Hotel**

**Dinner Choices include Prime Rib au jus, Crab Stuffed Haddock Fillet or Savory Stuffed Boneless Chicken Breast.**

**Dancing Music by the Michael Thomas Band**

The ticket price includes 3 drinks, cocktail hour with scrumptious appetizers, delectable dinner, dessert, and dancing to your hearts content! Cash bar available.

Raffle prizes will also be awarded during the event.

A limited number of tickets will be available for presale from January 10 to April 18, 2009 for \$65.00 per person or \$120.00 per couple. Corporate tables of eight (8) are also available for \$450.00 each table, limited to 10 tables.

Tickets are available at Pasqualli's Steakhouse, Alpin Haus of Amsterdam, The UPS Store Amsterdam and Easy Home Amsterdam.

Hotel rooms will be available at a special rate for individuals that want to join us but don't want to drive after the event. Just mention the Amsterdam Waterfront Foundation Rate (49.99 + taxes) when booking with the hotel.

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**FRIDAY THE 24<sup>TH</sup>, SATURDAY THE 25<sup>TH</sup>, AND SUNDAY THE 26<sup>ST</sup> OF July**  
**RAIN OR SHINE!**

UPON ARRIVAL IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A USPS RENDEZVOUS PARTICIPANT.  
Dolphin Cove is just off I-95 exit 29 Seaview Ave right ½ mile on right

**Friday Evening:** Restaurant available for dinner.  
**Saturday Morning:** 0945 -- D/2 Council upper private room  
**Lunch available on deck**

**SATURDAY DINNER MENU:**

**Musical show after dinner with music we all love**

**P/C Eugene R. Boone, Jr., AP  
498-B Niantic Lane  
Stratford, CT 06614**

*and mailed to >>>>>>>>>>*

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**TRICT 2 RENDEZVOUS RESERVATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_

Slip required? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Boat name: \_\_\_\_\_ LOA \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: PLEASE CALL GENE AT 203-380-9964 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS**

NUMBER OF TWIN LOBSTER DINNERS @ \$43. TOTAL:

NUMBER OF CHICKEN SMORGASBORG DINNERS @ \$33.\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL:\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_\_\_



Lake George Power Squadron

## Winter Luncheon



Photo by Everson

Breaking bread are (l-r) Exec Officer B. Catrambone, Sec'y Dave Wilkinson (back to camera), George Williams, Ed. Officer Kevin McCarthy, Treasurer Max Golmer and Admin. Officer Steve Traver.



Education Officer Kevin McCarthy gets materials from a smiling Commander Joan

Our Lake George Power Squadron Winter Luncheon, planned by Administrative Officer Bruce Catrambone and ably assisted by his wife Barbara, was the high point of the winter social season. Those who arrived at The Inn at Saratoga on Saturday, January 17 suffering from the winter blues left with smiling faces. What could be better: camaraderie in gracious surroundings, good food and to top it off, a program of Adirondack folk music by well known Adirondack singer-songwriter Dan Berggren. Sandwiched in was also a painless Executive Committee meeting.



### Dan Berggren

Dan Berggren has been collecting, writing and singing folk music of the Adirondacks for the past 30 years. He grew up in the mountains on the land farmed by his mother's family and worked in the woods on a forest ranger's crew and a survey crew. Hearing stories and songs from local friends and neighbors, Dan has developed a style that captures the spirit of the mountains.

His music has been featured nationally on public radio and television, earning praise from near and far. Vermont Public Radio calls Dan's music: "A genuine treasure. Fresh and timeless, full of courage and down to earth richness."

Sleeping Giant Records has released twelve albums featuring Dan's music. In 2002 the anthology *One with the Water* was released featuring recordings previously unavailable on CD. *Songs of Irishtown, Olmstedville, Leonardsville and Minerva* is Dan's 2005 tribute to his hometown. The latest release *Fresh Territory*, builds on Adirondack roots and explores the many dimensions of home, hard-working folks, taking care of our planet and each other.

Dan is professor emeritus of audio and radio studies at the State University of New York College at Fredonia, where he received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1992. In that same year the New York State Outdoor Education Association presented him with its Art and Literary Award. Dan was recognized in 2001 by St. Lawrence University as a Distinguished Alumnus, by the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks with its Heritage Award and most recently, he was the recipient of the Adirondack Mountain Club's Education Award.

Among the songs Dan performed for us was an unforgettable ballad that captured beautifully the harmony felt while paddling on an Adirondack waterway, "One with the Water"; "Minerva," an ode to his hometown; "Barns," an allegorical poem set to music that compared the strength of old barns' "big beams hand-hewn out of hemlock" to the strength we can muster to get through life; a humorous ballad, "Pat Malone Forgot He Was Dead"; "My Old Green Sweater," a nostalgic ballad; and "Mountain Air," a celebration of the Adirondacks.



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