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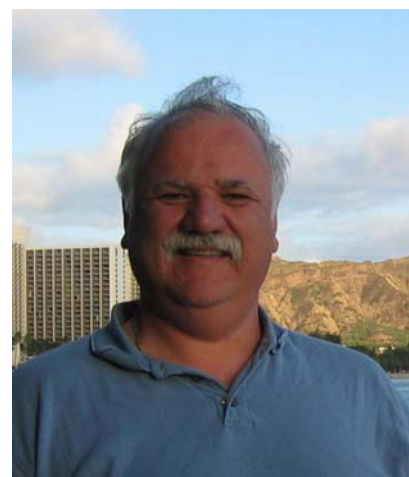
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Commanders Message

Cmdr. Armand Canestraro, P

This issue I write from position 42.9N 74.1W, yet another tropical paradise. Now that each of us has enjoyed the LGPS December Holiday Luncheon and Meeting at the Marriott, made it through the hustle and bustle of the holidays, begun yet another New Year, we must all be asking the same question over and over – winter, what winter? As most of us who stay in the Northeast for the winter months, yes I am at home in Glenville, we have been experiencing yet another record setting winter, with little or no snow, mild temperatures and that most recent Saturday reaching 72 degree – can it be January?

For some of us, we have been filing our winter days with a visit to the Jacob K. Javits Center in NYC to take in a glimpse of the newest of boating accessories or gone aboard a new megayacht to dream for just a moment of what ownership would be like. We also begin to turn our attention to the many area boat shows at area malls and recreation centers or just content with picking up a copy of the latest boating magazine while sitting in our easy chair. Fast approaching are the Squadron Change of Watch, Safe Boating Week, Public Boating Classes, and don't forget the many Vessel Safety Examinations we will be performing. Our monthly meetings call out to each member, new and not so new – come and join us and get involved – it is your Squadron too!



In closing this month, I look ahead of having only one more location to select from which I shall write this Commanders message – time certainly has flown by – until next issue – stay warm – stay safe and most of all Think Spring!

BOATING SAFETY

Lt/C Paul Kenny, JN – Safety Officer

HOW COMPLETE AND ACCURATE ARE BOATING ACCIDENT DATA?

Every year the United State Coast Guard (USCG) publishes boating accident data collected by the Boating Accident Report Database (BARD). The boating injury data can be separated into three categories: (1) fatal injuries, (2) non-fatal, hospital-admitted injuries, and (3) non-fatal, non-admitted injuries. These data are used for many purposes some of which include identifying trends, evaluating the effectiveness of existing programs and evaluating the possible benefits of new programs. Accurate data is needed to do these and other tasks properly. However, there is evidence of under-reporting accidents, especially non-fatal ones.

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The USCG sponsored a study by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) to address this issue and several other issues. This study was done with calendar year 2002 data. It used data sources other than BARD to serve as benchmark or reference data sets for comparison with BARD. The report, Recent Research on Recreational Boating Accidents and the Contribution of Boating Under the Influence, Summary of Results, July 2006, documents key findings, conclusions and recommendations. PIRE characterizes this study as exploratory data analysis that might be loosely translated as the use of "sophisticated back-of-envelope" methods to identify issues and suggest possible solutions.

The main findings and conclusions of the PIRE study on the issue of under-reporting are that:

Fatal injuries are under-reported by about 1%. The study estimated 758 fatalities while BARD recorded 750. It was noted that based on earlier USCG studies, the USCG already adjusts the fatality count upward by 1%.

(2) Non-fatal, hospital-admitted injuries are under-reported by about 20%. The study estimated 2,181 of these accidents while BARD recorded 1,752.

(3) Non-fatal, non-admitted injuries are under-reported by over 90%. The study estimated 30,000 or more while BARD reported 2,309.

(4) This pattern of under-reporting is consistent with USCG expectation. It is not unique to boating statistics and it is qualitatively similar to estimates in vehicular accidents.

One of the other issues addressed in the study was the social and economic costs of different categories of injuries.

Fatal injuries are significantly more costly than non-fatal ones and non-fatal, non-admitted are the least costly of all. Estimating the relative social and economic costs, the study concluded that the extent of under-reporting in economic terms is probably no more than 25%.

The report also provided some recommendations to improve the accuracy of the data collected and its subsequent use.

While on the topic of reporting boating accidents, let's review the regulatory requirements in New York State. The current New York State Boater's Guide on the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation website states:

If you or your vessel is involved in an accident, a report must be filed with NYS parks within 5 days if:

1. Someone is killed or missing.
2. Personal injury beyond first aid is sustained.
3. Total property damage exceeds \$1,000.

Also, failure to report an accident may result in a \$100 fine.

Hopefully, an accident report is one document none of us will have to file.

Boat Safe – Boat Smart!

LGPS Rendezvous

*Contact Admin Officer Joan
Londynsky at 793-6852 for details*

MARCH

Lake George Change of Watch
March 25 – Gideon Putnam Hotel
(see page 11 for reservations)

RENDEZVOUS NEWS

Lt/C Joan Londynsky

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?

Report of the Nomination Committee

P/C Charles E. Everson, AP

I am happy to report that the 2007-2008 Lake George Power Squadron Executive Committee has been determined and accepted by the following:

BRIDGE

Commander - Lt/C Kevin McCarthy, P
Executive Officer - Lt/C Joan Londynsky
Educational Officer - P/C James H. Kelley, JN
Administrative Officer - Stephen W. Traver
Secretary - Lt/C David J. Wilkinson, S
Treasurer - Lt/C Max Gollmer, AP

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Cdr Armand Canestraro, P
P/C Stephen J. Heenan, AP
Marvin Snyder, P
Peter R. Weil
Frank M. Beyer, P

In accordance with Section 11.1 of the bylaws of the Lake George Power Squadron, additional nominations may be made by filing with the Squadron Secretary at least fifteen days before the election, a written petition signed by at least five squadron members in good standing. Further, Section 11.3 provides that if vacancies exist in the properly formulated slate of nominees at the time of the election, they shall be filled by nomination from the floor duly made by active members.

Respectfully submitted:
P/C Charles W. Everson, AP - Chairman,
Nominating Committee

Lake George Power Squadron Holiday Luncheon and Meeting December 16, 2006



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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.



February - March Soundings

Deadline for submission of articles is February 22nd. Send your articles to LGPSinfo@nycap.rr.com in MS Word format.

Invitation to New Members

As you may know, we like to maintain a little nautical tradition and ceremony. If you are a new LGPS member and have not been sworn in, we invite you to come to the March 25th Change of Watch to be properly inducted in your squadron.

The Lake George Power Squadron welcomes the following new honorary members.

Joseph Zarzynski
Wilton, NY

Robert S. McMillen
Lake George, NY

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!

SACANDAGA POWER SQUADRON'S CHANGE OF WATCH

DATE: 10 March 2007
Place: Schenectady Holiday Inn
TIME: 6:30 PM COCTAILS
7:30 PM DINNER
8:30 – 10:30 PM DANCING TO
THE MUSIC OF
THE STODDARDS (NORM AND
JEAN)

DINNER CHOICES:
SEAFOOD STUFFED FILET OF SOLE
OR
NEW YORK STRIP STEAK
SPECIFY MEDIUM OR WELL

\$29.00

RSVP: BY MARCH 1, 2007
P/C NANCY KIELMANN AP
621 VAN PATTEN ROAD
DUANESBURG NY 12056
PHONE: 518 895 - 2066



MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 2006
LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE/EXEC. COMMITTEE

HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006 – CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, GLENVILLE, NY
(Next Meeting – Saturday, December 16, 2006 – Marriott Hotel, Wolf Road, Albany, New York.)

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The meeting was called to order by Commander Armand Canestraro at The Good Shepherd Church, Route 50, Glenville, NY at 1922 hours.

PRESENT

Cdr. Armand Canestraro
Lt/C Kevin McCarthy, Executive Officer
Lt/C Max Gollmer, Treasurer
Lt/C David Wilkinson, Secretary
Lt/C Joan Londynsky, Admin. Officer

ABSENT

Peter Weill, Member at Large
Richard Mathews, Education Officer

GUESTS

Anthony J. Rozek, P
Marvin Snyder

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Everything is running smoothly, after you leave the Adirondack Northway. Apparently, traffic was especially difficult this evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. We chose to accept the offer of our insurance agent to appear at the next meeting of the Executive Committee (January 17, 2007) to review our policies in detail.
2. A contract has been received from the Lutheran church for the use of the building. Max noted that due to mechanical issues, the locks were recently changed; however, our existing keys should still work. We have, among us, three keys to the building.
3. New member Mike Rapaport's transfer has been processed by National.
4. We received chart sales revenue from Buck. Latest chart inventory was distributed and discussed
5. Copy of the Squadron inventory will be provided to Secretary Wilkinson by the treasurer.
6. Max noted that it may be time to revise call committee assignments. A copy of the latest assignments was provided to Admin. Officer for review.
7. Overall our financial condition is in good shape.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Thanks to Lt/C David Wilkinson for his compelling account of the trip to the Coast Guard Station and ECHO museum in Burlington, Vermont. The article will appear in *Soundings*. A thank-you note was sent to the Coast Guard and it was proposed that we also send a chart for reference and to further express our thanks. May try this trip again next spring.
2. Holiday Luncheon and Meeting is set for December 16th from 12-4pm at the Albany Marriott. DJ David Wilkinson will provide entertainment at no cost to the Squadron. 24 reservations so far, with four more expected. We should enjoy good food, discussion, fellowship, and fun.
3. Post cards have been sent to the call list to inform them of upcoming events. Two positive responses were received. This may be a more effective way to communicate for some. Max asked if Joan can tell if people are responding to material in the *Soundings*. Joan confirmed that she could tell if they submit the form that comes in our newsletter.
4. Joan noted that Sunday's buffet and Lost Radeau presentation by Joseph Zarzynski could actually start earlier than the time previously announced. Attendees should simply identify themselves as Squadron members to the banquet staff. Program will start after the buffet is closed down and last about forty minutes.

EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

No report but Richard continues to speak with folks promoting courses.

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

1. Soundings will go out by the end of this week.
2. 1 new member has joined (11 in all so far this year)
3. E-mails have been sent to folks who expressed interest in buying charts on-line. Will follow up as needed.
4. Kevin, Armand, and Dick Mathews went to the recent D2 conference held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Albany, where they were well received. Our Squadron received several awards, which we will be retrieved from P/D/C Susan Darcy. Education Officer Richard Mathews attended Saturday morning sessions.
5. Nomination forms have been received from National for the Squadron Education Officer and Squadron Assistant Education Officer. Dick is of the understanding that he can be re-appointed. Tony Rozek confirmed that there are no term limits.
6. Also received anniversary billing cycle info, which was forwarded to Treasurer Gollmer for review.
7. Merit Marks have been distributed for 2006-07. Watch your mail.
8. Commander Armand indicated he would forward instructions to the Secretary for accessing our voice mail system without a PC.

CHARTS:

1. We appear to be on target for publication of the new chart for spring of 2007. Not sure when proofs will be available, however are expected.
2. If his schedule permits, Buck will attend Sunday's rendezvous and provide us with an update of the process.
3. Discussion took place about funds set aside for the charting project. It is Squadron's understanding that Buck had previously agreed to graciously make up any unexpected shortfall in order to create an accurate chart.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Motion was made by Max to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Second by Kevin. Motion passed.
2. Secretary Wilkinson shared with those present his account of the trip Burlington, VT to tour the Coast Guard Station and ECHO Museum, which will appear in *Soundings*.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Meeting adjourned at 2012 hours.

NEXT MEETING – SATURDAY, <u>DECEMBER 16, 2006</u> (HOLIDAY LUNCHEON) – 1200 ALBANY MARRIOTT, WOLF ROAD NEXT REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, <u>JANUARY 17, 2007</u> - 1900 CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, GLENVILLE, NY

Respectfully submitted,
Lt./C David J. Wilkinson, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 2006

LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON BRIDGE/EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETING and HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

HELD Saturday, December 16, 2006 – At the Marriott Hotel Wolf Road, Albany, NY (12pm – 4pm)

Meeting called to order: 1:00 PM by Commander Canestraro

Bridge/Members PRESENT:

Armand Canestraro – Commander
Kevin McCarthy – Exec. Officer
Joan Londynsky – Admin. Officer
Max Gollmer – Treasurer
David Wilkinson – Secretary
Janice Dempster – Historian
Frank Beyer
Donna Canestraro
Bruce Catrambone
Chuck Everson
Brian Gain
Stephen Heenan

John Jermano
Sarah Jermano
Coleman Kusick
Paul Kenny
Frank Preda
Tony Rozek
Ralph Rusilas
Marcia Snyder
Marvin Snyder
Stephen Traver
Peter Weill
Elizabeth Williams
George Williams

GUESTS:

Mrs. Frank Beyer
Barb Catrambone
Dottie Everson
Arlene Gollmer
Barbara Heenan
Mary McCarthy
Alice Rozek
Frances Rozek
Nancy Rusilas
Rosalyn Sollecito
Jane Traver

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Squadron is running smooth

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Finances are in order – annual audit completed and approved

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Report on success of past rendezvous and a overview of ideas for future squadron events.

SQUADRON EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

Report given by Commander on behalf of Dick Mathews regarding spring classes.

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Congratulations to Blanche Hart and Stanley Goodwin on their 25th USPS renewal. Acknowledgement of donation of DJ services for today's holiday luncheon/meeting by Secretary David Wilkinson.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion begun by Joan regarding offering of a LGPS one year honorary membership to Joseph W. Zarzynski for his work on the Land Tortoise (Lost Radeau) project and his presentation to the squadron at the November 2006 rendezvous at Hyland Country Club – Queensbury.
- Motion by Joan Londynsky – Second by Kevin McCarthy – all in favor to grant honorary membership.
- Commander invited each attendee and those not attending to join the Squadron at the upcoming rendezvous' as well as the monthly meetings at the Church of The Good Shepard on Route 50 the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.
- No additional new business.

Motion to adjourn – Chuck Everson, Second by Donna Canestraro

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 pm – lunch served.

Respectfully submitted,

Cdr Armand Canestraro, Commander

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LAKE GEORGE POWER SQUADRON

CHANGE OF WATCH CEREMONY and Sunday Brunch

SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2007

12:30 PM SUNDAY BRUNCH

GIDEON PUTNAM HOTEL
Saratoga State Park

Enjoy the famous Sunday brunch at historic Gideon Putnam Hotel. Join members of the Lake George Power Squadron for the Change of Watch and look ahead to a new season of boating. The ceremony is immediately following brunch.

Cost: Only \$25 per person

Reservations must be made by March 16, 2007. This is an RSVP, paid in advance only event. Sorry no walk-ins can be accepted. Mail your check, made payable to LGPS to:

**Kevin McCarthy
18 Aspinwall Rd
Loudonville, NY 12211
Ph 518-465-6706**

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

Member Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

___ Member + ___ Guest = ___ person(s) at \$25.00 per person = \$ _____

I have enclosed my check payable to LGPS for the Squadron Change of Watch and Sunday Brunch at the Gideon Putnam Hotel on Sunday, March 25th. (cash bar)

Return this form together with your check to: **Kevin McCarthy** at the above address

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



Name
Address
Postal Code



Ready Set Go!!! "First Day" Polar Plunge, Jan. 1, 2007 - Photo by Michael Chimiak
<http://www.lakegeorgewintercarnival.com/>