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THE COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Lake Candlewood Power Squadron as many other USPS, is facing the issue of a steady declining membership which ultimately impacts the financial status for all Squadrons. This is a priority that this Bridge is addressing. Here are the two approaches:

- 1. A brainstorming committee of comparatively younger members to look at options that would meet the interests in today's environment. P/C Nels DeAlmeida, a long-standing member who knows the history of our Squadron, surely an asset, has volunteered to head this committee.*
- 2. Our Squadron is solvent at this time, primarily due to classes given by our knowledgeable instructors. In addition there have been a few promotional items introduced by P/C Pete Porazzo that were purchased by members of the Squadron. P/C Frank Cioffe and his finance committee has always submitted a balanced budget, however, the financial philosophy for LCPS needs to be discussed by the Bridge which in turn would be shared with the association. Member at Large, Bob Kisker has volunteered to work with a committee to present a position paper on this subject matter.*

Another important concern is the need to complete the slate for the year 2008-2009. Again, may I encourage you to take this step and volunteer. Please notify P/C Bill Jones, Chairperson of the nominating committee, for more information. (845-878-9578) I will ask P/C Harve Druker to repeat his informative presentation of the Occupations Training Program for anyone who is interested in filling one of the positions.

Come join us at our February meeting. P/C Peggy Bovaird will give her presentation on Emergency Preparedness. Don't miss this.

The budget for the coming year will be presented for adoption.

Hope to see you at our meeting, Thursday, February 21st at 7:30pm. We will celebrate Chinese New Year by serving appetizers.

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SEO Report: Our Boat Smart Classes will begin April 26, 2008 followed by May 31st and June 7th. So mark your calendars to help volunteer for set up, making lunch and take down. We usually set up the night before.

P/C Ginny Gedney, SEO

LCPS WEBSITE: We would like to thank Bob Bovaird for updating our website. If you have anything of interest, that you would like on the Web Site, just e-mail Bob Bovaird at bbovaird@charter.net

Volunteers Needed: We're casting out the fishing line to reel you in. Jump on board and bring in new ideas, this is your organization and we need all of you.

1. We need someone who would be interested in doing long range (5yr) planning for LCPS finances. This person would come up with ideas on how we would allocate the money in our bank, such as Property Procurement, Education, Community involvement.

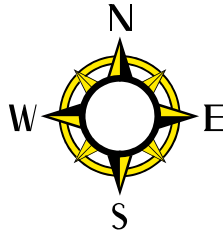
2. We need to fill our slate of Officers. Here is a tentative slate:

Commander –	Pete Porrazzo
Admin Officer	- ??
Treasurer -	Hilary Czerniawski
Executive Officer -	??
Secretary -	??
SEO -	Ginny Gedney
Asst: SEO -	Don Wilson

We have 3 openings on our Bridge. If you would like to be a part of this great organization and bring on new ideas, come aboard!

3. We need a chairperson who would be able to scout around for Speakers at our monthly meetings. If you're personable, and outgoing, Sail on in and come join the fun, we'd love to see you.

Lake Candlewood Power Squadron



So, you're all looking at page 2 and saying to yourselves, gee, this was in the January newsletter, why is it in again? Did the Editor forget what she did last month? Is the Editor forgetful? Is the Editor lazy and didn't want to change a page?

Page 2 is repeated, because it needs to be. You see, we need help within our own Squadron. The same 30 to 40 members in this Squadron, (that is made up of about 120 members), are the ones that volunteer.

When we open and close **Squadron Park**, the same 5 to 10 people show up year after year to maintain the park for all of us to enjoy.

When we have a booth at the **Boat Show**, the same 3 to 5 people show up to man the booth, so we maintain a presence and show our support for National.

When we have a **Rendezvous on the sound**, the same 4 to 8 people get involved and make sure there is enough food, fun and laughter to go around all day.

When we have our **Oktoberfest**, the same 3 to 6 people volunteer to set up, clean up and make sure that things run smooth.

When we have our **Holiday Party**, the same 2 to 4 people pitch in and find ways to decorate and make sure a good time is had by all.

When we get involved with **Paddle Days**, the same 5 to 10 people are there to make sure the public is safe in the water.

When we show up in the **Memorial Day Parade**, the same 3 to 6 people are there to decorate the boat, and make sure the public knows whom we are.

When we have our **Monthly Meetings**, the same people show up to set up, clean up and maintain a quorum for any decisions that need to be voted on.

When we hold our **Boating Classes**, the same people volunteer to be instructors, to teach the public about safe boating.

So, go back and read page 2 again. You also might see it again in March. You see, if we don't have a Bridge, we don't have a Squadron. If we don't have a Squadron, we don't have a park. Some of the Sound Boaters could care less about the Park. (not such a big deal to them. They could start their own Squadron on the Sound). If we don't have a Squadron we can't teach our boating courses. If we can't teach our boating courses, then our waterways are not safe. We are a Fraternal Boating Organization with Civic Service and Safe Boating through Education. We need your Help.

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General Meeting @ BSC
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