

# LAKE CANDLEWOOD POWER SQUADRON

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### SQUADRON PARK BOOSTER FUND

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We can use your help.....

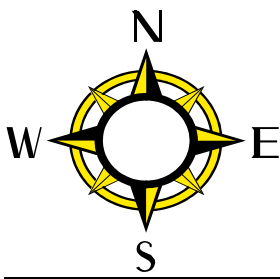
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**GET INVOLVED.....**  
**VOLUNTEER!!!**



### COMMANDERS MESSAGE

We hope to welcome back Pete and Marcy this month. I spoke to Commander Pete the other day and it appears that both he and Marcy are well along the road to recovery. Pete has indicated that he hopes to be able to resume command, starting with this month's Bridge Meeting and the General Meeting. This month's General Meeting will be held at the Bethel Fire House (Rt. 25 Bethel).

It's that time of year again when most of our boats are out of the water, winterized and covered waiting for next years' boating season to begin. However, as Power Squadron members, we can look forward to a number of Squadron Sponsored events between October and April. The Pot Luck supper held in October was most enjoyable and successful. We are now anticipating our annual Holiday Party on December 5<sup>th</sup> (which promises to be quite an event; see enclosed flyer) and also Change of Watch in March. The Squadron also offers many advanced courses during the winter and spring, i.e. Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, etc.

To be a viable Squadron, we need a **Bridge!** To have a **Bridge**, there are several positions that we will need to fill. The Nominating Committee will be approaching members looking for candidates to fill these positions. Remember it's your Squadron! In order to keep it functioning, your time, energy and involvement are needed.

I know I'm not alone in wishing Pete and Marcy a speedy recovery.

Hope to see all of you at the November General Meeting.

Executive Officer

Bill Jones

## SQUADRON PARK NEWS

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The Park is officially closed. There is always a lot of hard work that goes into opening and closing the park each year. This year is no different. The crew of 8 this year got together on October 11, 2008 early in the morning. They start with planning on who will do what and where to store certain things for the winter.

They took each dock section and detached it from each of the other docks, got them into shore so they won't get ruined during the winter storms. The tables are either turned on end, or snuggled under the lean-to. The grills are turned off, and everything secure.

In the end, they'll sit a while and reminisce about the fun they all had.

Looking out on the lake, the trees, feeling the crisp fall air, and saying to each other, see you on the lake next year. Hilary will say, see you at the next meeting, or event because the party doesn't stop here!

**Thank you to all who helped with closing Squadron Park.**

Charlie Belardinelli

Jeff Mose

Tom Gartrell

Phil Miller

Hilary Czerniawski

Matt Lombardo

Mark Chisholm

Steve Botelho

Don't be strangers all winter long, come to a meeting, or join us at the Holiday Party. We'd love to see you !

Cheri

Admin. Officer



### **ROSTER**

For corrections, changes and additions  
To your listing in the roster, contact  
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## TOYS FOR TOTS!

**We will be collecting toys at our Holiday Party  
December 5, 2008. Please, your help would  
be greatly appreciated. Help a child enjoy  
the season this year.**

**Kathy Keaney will deliver them to the Ridgefield Toys for Tots.**



## ***NAUTICAL BOOK MARKS***

**Designed by Marcy Kramer**



Marcy will have her hand made beaded bookmarks for sale at the next meeting. They're great for gift giving, or just for yourself, while reading a book and having a beautiful hand made nautical book mark on your page, so you don't lose your place. You can call Marcy and place an order at (203)730-9294. \$7.50 for 1 / \$13.50 for 2

## ***SQUADRON EDUCATION CORNER***

We are looking to do Cruise Planning this winter. Anyone who is interested in attending can e-mail me with their name and preference of weekday for the class, we will then arrange the class time and day.

I am happy to announce that we have a number of students who have taken on the challenge of the Seamanship, Piloting, JN and N courses. If you have any interest in these we can arrange for you to work together or you can self study with a tutor.

Ginny Gedney  
SEO

## **ON THE WATER TRAINING & BOAT OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

For decades USPS has emphasized book learning over hands-on training. Given the trend of increasing regulation, formal certification, and (eventual) licensing, techniques for organizing and conducting on-the-water education need to be developed. USPS has developed two programs that hopefully answer this call to action. One is “On-The-Water” training (OTW) program the other is the “Boat Operator Certification” or BOC.

Based on work done by the Niagara Power Squadron (D6) some years ago, the Seneca Power Squadron (D6) has embarked on creating a permanent and sustainable on-the-water (OTW) Program now being put into the Educational programs of the USPS.

The Seneca OTW program has been extremely successful to date. Student feedback has been very, very positive. Instructor feedback has also been very positive. Enthusiasm among squadron members is up. ***It is believed that these factors are at least partially responsible for Seneca Squadron’s steadily increasing membership (roughly doubled in 3 years).***

The OTW program is primarily aim at a squadrons Safe Boating program and is used in conjunction with a Public Boating course. Squadrons are free to expand the program under the new insurance policy to include their member courses as well.

The BOC program is directed toward members. Here a member after completing a series of required courses and seminars, perform certain skill sets they have learned from their classroom activity as well as their own boating experience. A member becomes certified at different levels ranging from Inland water (lakes, rivers) on a 23 foot (max) boat to eventually becoming a certified “Blue Water Open Ocean” sailor.

District 2 is looking for members that would be interested in becoming OTW instructors and BOC. National has put together an insurance program that would cover us while instructing on our own boats or on student boats. Here is the opportunity for you to show off your boating skills and education. A chance for you to help your squadron and the USPS. Help people become better boaters, and best of all help keep someone from getting hurt or even killed on the water.

Joe Lynch  
D2 Education Officer



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
JOIN

LAKE CANDLEWOOD POWER SQUADRON  
FOR THE HOLIDAYS  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

AT THE DANBURY ELKS  
345 MAIN ST. DANBURY

COCKTAILS & HOR D'OEUVRES 1900-2000  
SIT-DOWN DINNER @ 2000  
(CHICKEN MARSALA, ROAST BEEF AU JUS OR  
SHRIMP SCAMPI OVER LINGUINI)  
THE TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY GRAB BAG  
(PARTICIPATION OPTIONAL BUT  
ENCOURAGED - BRING \$10 GIFT / COUPLE)  
RAFFLE

\$24.00 PER PERSON  
CASH BAR (AT ELKS PRICES)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Menu</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Choice</i>		
	<i>Chicken</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<i>Fish</i>	_____	\$ _____
	<i>Beef</i>	_____	\$ _____

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Date	Event	Location	Time
NOVEMBER 20	General Meeting	Stony Hill Fire House	1930
DECEMBER 5	Christmas Party	Tarrywile Mansion	1800

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