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### THE COMMANDERS MESSAGE

The time has arrived for this Commander to pass on the torch, or more aptly said, pass it back over my shoulder, since your next Commander had just preceded me! Yes, Pete Porrazzo is ready to energize our squadron along with some of the bridge members who were with him previously and to my good fortune had remained on board with me, such as:

Treasurer, Hillary Czerniawski, efficient, energetic and always offering to pitch in with all ongoing activities. Education Officer/C Ginny Gedney, another member who was at the helm on two separate occasions, always just a phone call away and who was invaluable to me as I assumed many of my challenging responsibilities.

Secretary Kathy Keaney. a most competent and dependable individual, regrettably due to other obligations will not be returning to the Bridge at this time but there certainly is promise there for future positions!

Chaplain, Joan Druker, our first female at this post, I believe, started each meeting with a nicely prepared inspirational message. Joan continued to greet all new members with her warm engaging manner even after this was no longer her official role. That is just who she is!

Many past commanders serve as educators, as well as advisors, namely: Ginny Gedney, Don Wilson, Don Mikan. Bill Jones and Joe Lynch.

February's meeting started off well with the budget, accepted by the Bridge, unanimously approved!

P/C Peggy Bovaird' presentation on Emergency Preparedness, outlined important measures to take during an emergency situation and the equipment to have on hand. Nice job Peggy and well received.

Following Peg, we had Nels DeAlmeida give an update of his adhoc committee meeting, a lively discussion ensued between lake and sound boat enthusiasts which indicated that our Squadron's fraternal position does need further attention regarding social activities.

I have enjoyed a rewarding purposeful year. Thank you Lake Candlewood Power Squadron members!

And so P/C Pete Porrazzo, with your unique leadership qualities and persuasive personality, I wish you the BEST!

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**SEO Report:** Our Boat Smart Classes will begin April 12,26 2008 followed by May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 -	Bill Jones
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.

## ARE YOU PREPARED?

Peggy Bovaird did an outstanding job on "Are you Prepared" at our February 21 General Meeting.

Her presentation started out with Why should we be prepared? She stated that 91% of Americans live in an area at risk for one of the following disasters. Hurricane, Flood, Tornado, Fire, Terrorism, Winter Storm, Nuclear, Earthquake, Pandemic. Connecticut is at risk for all of these situations. Only 38% of the population admits to being prepared for an emergency.

Once Peggy had us convinced, we needed to know what was next. Plan for the disaster with practice, a prepared disaster kit, an emergency evacuation plan and understanding local procedures. The Disaster plan is based on Family communication. Determine how you will contact one another. Shut off the utilities and know where they are located and how to do it. Learn how to use the fire extinguisher. Keep some cash on hand and plan for pets if you have some.

The disaster Supply Kit should consist of Water, 1 gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation. Food, a 3-day supply of non-perishable food. Peggy talked about the safety part of the supply kit. Making sure you have flashlights with extra batteries. A battery powered radio, matches and or lighter. Don't forget the First Aid kit. This list is long. Peggy did an outstanding job and we thank you Peggy for an insightful evening.

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See below a Thank You from T.J. Panzica



Dear Squadron Members,

My self, members of ALPHA Section HPU (Harbor Patrol Unit) would like to Thank You so much for your generosity in the amount of supplies you have sent. All the food, wipes, games and every thing else help us stay full, keep us busy and comfortable while on duty. As soon as there's a package with the name Panzica, from Gedney on it, the section knows our food locker is full. Since our HPU Compound is not near NSA Bahrain's Base, we are not fully supplied, we get MRE's, but you can only eat so many of those before your sick of them. So we buy food on base and bring it down, everything we get saves us time and money. We Love It.

Then just the act of sharing and receiving mail boost moral, any service member knows moral is what gets you through a long duty day on post. Again, ALPHA Section and myself appreciate everything. I am truly proud to know and be a part of such a great organization such as the Power Squadron.

TJ Panzica

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General Meeting @ BSC

Change of Watch

7:30pm

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