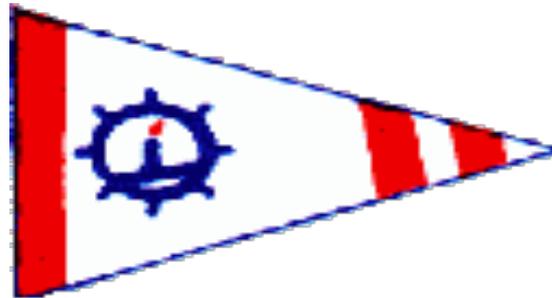


# Lake Candlewood Power Squadron

LAKE CANDLEWOOD POWER SQUADRON

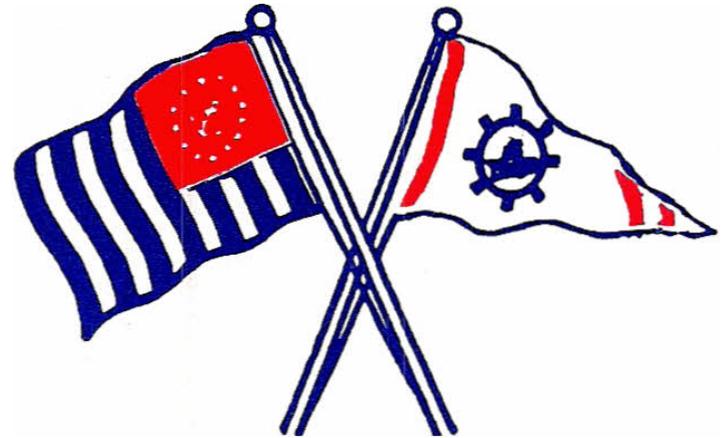


## Squadron History

# OUR SQUADRON'S JOURNEY

## From Conception to Today

- Conception
- Birth
- Childhood
- Adulthood
- Mature Adulthood
- Look into the future
- Look at the Squadron's contributions to boating and the community

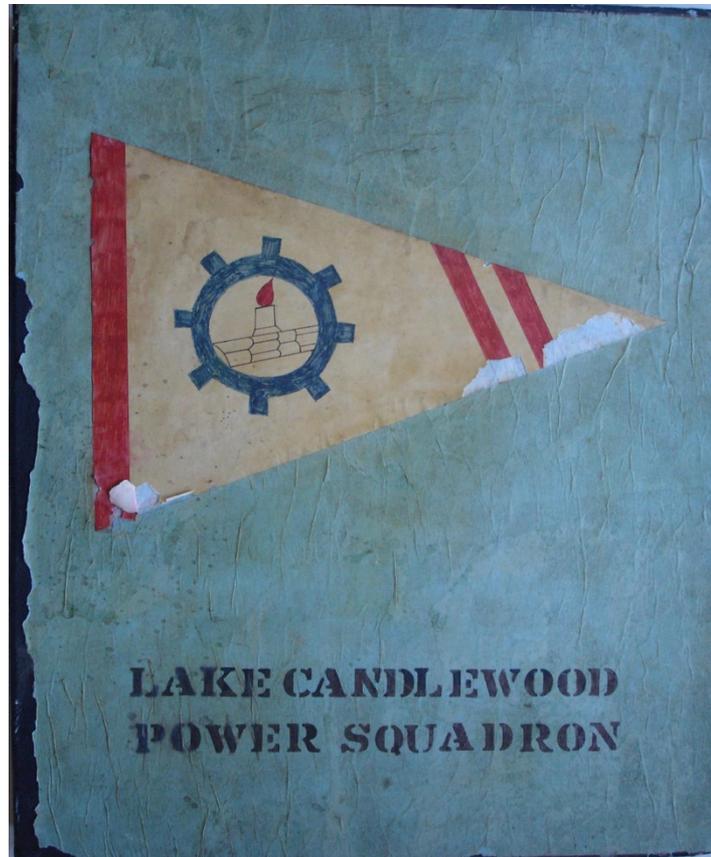


## Please Note.....

- **This is Meant to Stimulate Interest and Memories By:**
  - Tracing the Squadron's History
  - Highlighting the Years of a Number of Our Past Commanders
  - Looking at the Community Contributions of the Squadron
  
- **Apologies For Any:**
  - Inaccuracies
  - Errors
  - Omissions
  - Oversights

# SQUADRON BIRTH

MAY 20, 1963



# CONCEPTION

- 1961 - Lake Candlewood safe boating training need
- Meeting at Candlewood Shores Firehouse
- Training Program would be established
- Saugatuck Squadron would supply trainers
- Housatonic Squadron would make arrangements
- 100 Boaters take the course
- 18 men joined Saugatuck Squadron
- 7 Women received certificates
- 1962 - Piloting and Seamanship courses offered

# BIRTH

- Meeting at Little Haufbrau on April 2, 1963 led by Richard Beck
- Voted to petition USPS for a Charter
- Charter Granted on May 20, 1963
- 35 Charter Members
- Milo Hissong First Commander
- Peyton Gibson, Donald Sauer, Paul McCollum, William Knapp completed the First Bridge
- Charter Night at Candlewood Marina June 14, 1963



# CHARTER

## United States Power Squadrons



### Local Squadron Charter

Be It Known that upon application duly made and pursuant to resolution of the Governing Board of the United States Power Squadrons, a Local Squadron has been constituted, known as the

### Lake Candlewood Power Squadron

to consist of Walter H. Blake, Byron C. Booth, Frank H. Brockert, Jr., Thomas J. E. Burke, Jr.,  
Lawrence Carlson, Angus M. Cleveland, John J. Dalnumnik, Frank E. Dunham, Nelson J. Fancher,  
Alan P. Gereg, Peyton Gibson, William C. Griffing, Alfred K. Hanson, Howard A. Harris,  
Milo B. Hissong, William A. Knapp, Theodore Kwap, William C. Lathrope, Warren O. Lawson,  
John L. Lorenzo, John A. Lucchesi, Paul E. McCollum, Richard M. McDowell, James F. McGuire,  
Alexander H. Mikitch, John E. Morgan, William H. Nelson, William J. O'Brien, Donald W. Sauer,  
Edward D. Schlegel, Frank W. Schneider, Donald W. Sniffin, Harold R. Sorensen,  
Kenneth E. Stilson, Herbert Winske

and such other members of the United States Power Squadrons, as may be elected to membership therein.

This Charter is granted subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the United States Power Squadrons, now or hereafter in force.

In Witness Whereof, this Charter is issued under the hand of the Chief Commander and Secretary

this day of 20 May 1963

*W. E. Finch Tibbitts, N*  
Secretary

*Edna M. Beardsley, N*  
Chief Commander

# CHARTER MEMBERS

1900

COCKTAIL HOUR

A LA CARTE

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2000

DINNER

Hawaiian Fruit Cup

Roast Prime Ribs of Beef

or

Seafood a la Newburg

Baked Potatoes

String Beans Almondine

Hot Rolls

Ice Cream Roll

Coffee

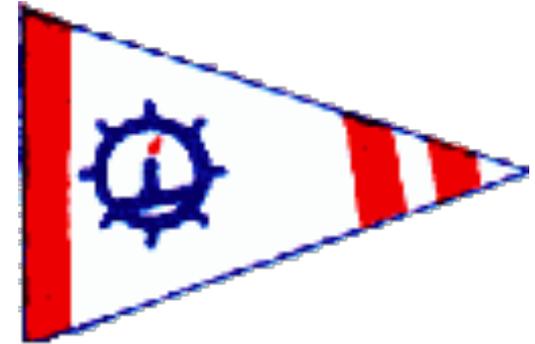
LAKE CANDLEWOOD

POWER SQUADRON

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Milo B. Hissong	Harold Sorenson
William A. Knapp	Kenneth E. Stilson
Theodore Kwap	Herbert Winsker
William C. Lathrope	

# CHILDHOOD 1964



- Burgee Design Contest
- Basic Design Submitted by John DeMunnick & was modified with suggestions from Peyton Gibson
- Final Design by William Nelson
- Key Elements
  - Safety and Education-Two Red Stripes leaning Forward
  - Boating - Symbolized as Ship's Wheel, both Power and Sail
  - Lake Candlewood - a Floating Wooden Candlestick Holder carrying a Lighted Candle
  - Patriotism - American Red, White And Blue Colors
- Burgee was approved by USPS Governing Board on May 25, 1964 at the Hotel Aster, NYC

# **CHILDHOOD**

## **1965-1966**

- **John DeMunnick - Commander**
- **Obtained the Rights from Connecticut Light and Power to open Squadron Park**
- **Clean-up Squad put Land into Useable Shape**
- **Squadron Park has been an Invaluable Asset Supporting Team Spirit and the Bonding of our Squadron Families**

# CHILDHOOD Squadron Park



# CHILDHOOD

## 1967-1968

- John Lucchesi - Commander
- Membership Grew to 82 Members
- Squadron awarded It's First District 2 Prince Henry, the Navigator, Trophy – Highest % Members passing JN and N courses for the year
- Squadron Educational Status
  - Advanced Grades
  - National 61% LCPS 75%
  - Elective Courses
  - National 26% LCPS 28%
  - N's /100 Members
  - National 5.605 LCPS 1.20



# **ADULTHOOD**

## **1976-1977**

- **Charles Reppenhagen –  
Commander**
- **Squadron had grown to 142  
Members**
- **Caryl Lucchesi became the 1st  
women in the Squadron and  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation to  
complete a full certificate**
- **Caryl Also Served as Squadron  
Historian for Many Many Years**

# **ADULTHOOD**

## **1979-1980**

- **Bob Smart – Commander**
- **Membership Requirements-  
New Member Must Earn 1  
Merit Mark or Pass Piloting or  
Seamanship in First Two Years  
or Membership Will Not Be  
Renewed**
- **28 New Squadron Members**
- **Membership Up To 160**

# ADULTHOOD

## 1983-1984



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**COMING EVENTS**

5	Jan	General Meeting, NEU, Bethel	2000
11-15	Jan	USPS Annual Meeting, Miami Beach, FL	1930
26	Jan	Executive Meeting	2000
2	Feb	General Meeting, NEU, Bethel	0830
4	Feb	Winter Council, Hilton, Danbury	1930
23	Feb	Executive Meeting	-----
3	Mar	Commander's Ball/Change of Watch	-----
24	Mar	D2 Conference, Kingston, NY	-----
7-10	June	Governing Board, Columbus, OH	-----
23-24	June	Rendezvous on the Sound	-----
9-20	July	D2 Cruise, Hudson River	-----
20-23	Sept	Governing Board, Chicago, IL	-----
9	Nov	D2 Fall Conference	-----

*Happy Holidays*

**THE BRIDGE**

COMMANDER	Cdr. John E. O'Hern, Jr., JN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Lt/C Raymond Hatzadorofian, AP
EDUCATIONAL OFFICER	Lt/C Lawrence W. Christ, N
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER	Lt/C Neilson de Almeida, JN
SECRETARY	Lt/C Geoffrey W. Richardson, AP
TREASURER	Lt/C Stanley M. Ball, JN

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Asst/Educational Officer	1st/Lt Henry C. Schum, JN
Asst/Treasurer	1st/Lt Robert R. Peterson, S
Membership Chairman	P/C Hugh S. Abbott, JN

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SAIL & POWER BOATING  
U S P S District 2 - Danbury, Connecticut

- John O'Hern - Commander
- Squadron Grew to 190 Members
- Water-Log given National Recognition Award
- Caryl Lucchesi Suggested The Name "Water-Log" back in 1963-64

# ADULTHOOD

## 1984-1985



- Nels DeAlmeida - Commander
- Squadron Membership stands at 208 Members
- Little Did he Know, He would MC at the Squadron's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party in 1998
- Or Little Did He Know He Would Be on The "Aquarius" for a Great Adventure Just a year Later

# ADULTHOOD

## 1986-1987

- Commander – Robert Vetter
- Membership Grew to 235 Members
- Nor Did Bob Think he would be with Nels on the “Aquarius” Adventure in 1986



News-Times/David W. Harple

From left, Capt. Stanley Ball of Ridgefield, Bob Vetter of Southbury and Nels DeAlmeida of Danbury.

Vetter said it was not uncommon ... Claire, or one of the other wives, col-

# **ADULTHOOD**

## **1987-1988**

- **Stan Brown-Commander**
- **Membership Continues to Grow to 229**
- **Boat Inspection Program Was Started With the Coast Guard Auxiliary**
- **61 Boat Inspections Were Performed**
- **60 Members Took and Passed Advanced and Elective Courses**

# **ADULTHOOD**

## **1988-1989**

- **Richard Corn – Commander**
- **Held Rendezvous at Mystic Seaport**
- **Hosted D2 Fall Conference and Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 257 in Attendance**
- **Great Training Year**
  - **121 Public Boating**
  - **37 Seamanship**
  - **12 Piloting**
  - **9 Marine electronics**
  - **8 Sail**

# ADULTHOOD

## 1989-1990

- Richard Fensky – Commander
- Squadron Now Had 2 Husband and Wife Teams With Full Certificates – The Lucchesi's and the O'Hern's
- 75<sup>th</sup> USPS Anniversary Ensign was delivered to Sea Plane in the Hudson By Jack Gish's Boat
- Ensign Delivered By Plane to Lake Candlewood
- Bob Smart Parades Ensign on the Lake
- Cdr. Fensky Passes Ensign to Cdr. Newton From the Housatonic Squadron



# ADULTHOOD

## 1991-1992

- Frank Cioffi - Commander
- Training Results
  - 61 Completing Advanced Grades
  - 25 Completing Elective Courses
  - 214 Completing Basic Boating
- Frank Began Program to Get CT Gasoline Taxes Refunded to Squadron in 1985
- By 1999, When the Opportunity Ended, a Total of \$7613.17 Was Contributed to the Squadron
- Frank has Also Always Been a Major Driving Force in Coordinating With CLA for the Annual Lake Clean-up Program



# ADULTHOOD

## 1992-1993

- Don Wilson - Commander
- 230 Boats Inspected
- 41 Members Completed Advanced and Elective Courses
- Don was Involved in Squadron Training for Many Years Helping to Set a High Standard for the Squadron's Training Program
- Don Was Also an Invaluable Leader and Implementer of The Boat Inspection Program



# ADULTHOOD

## 1993-1994



- Harve Druker – Commander
- Squadron Grew to Its Peak Membership of 285 Members
- Squadron won the Prince Henry the Navigator Award for the 4<sup>th</sup> Time
- Theme for the Year-”Let’ s Have Fun!” To Quote Harve “Let’ s do the Work and Then have a Party”

# ADULTHOOD

## 1994-1995



- Dennis Stubelt – Commander
- Squadron Membership down Slightly to 261
- 131 Students Passed the Safe Boating Course

# ADULTHOOD

## 1995-1996

- Thomas Lytle – Commander
- Tom is an Expert In Celestial Navigation and Is Infamous for Being Able to Teach the Subject Even to the Most Dense of Us
- Tom is also an Expert on Whaling and an Author of a Book on the History of Whaling



# ADULTHOOD

## 1996-1997

- Mary Lou Lytle – Commander
- First Female Squadron Commander
- First Past Commanders Dinner Held at Stony Hill Inn
- Past Commanders Award was Originated-Awarded for Most Active New Member
- 250 Safe Boating Certificates Awarded



# ADULTHOOD

## 1997-1998

## 2008-2009

- Virginia Gedney – Commander
- 136 Safe Boating Certificates earned
- Registered Youngsters in the Community Amber Alert Program
- Sponsored Childs Boating Safety Poster Contest – 3 Winners (Pictured)
- Ginny Missed being a part of Only 3 Squadron Bridges in over 20 years



# ADULTHOOD

## 1998-1999



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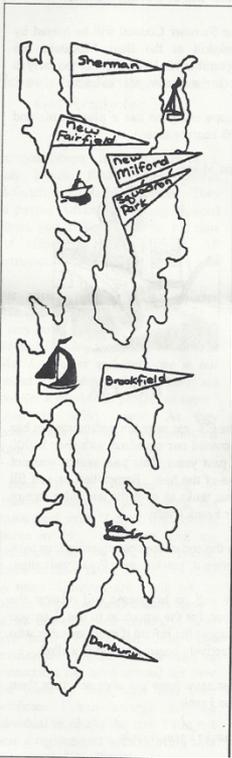
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1963-1998 USPS DISTRICT 2 - DANBURY, CT

## 35 Years of Boating Education WATER - LOG

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Danbury Memorial Day Parade  
Before the rains came  
**From the Top**

May! What a great month for Lake Candlewood Power Squadron. We had a fantastic 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, thanks to Mary Lou Lytle, Bb and Peggy Bovaird, Nels DeAlmeida and al those who brought deserts and told stories of the past. I was pleased with the tremendous turn out of the squadron members (60 plus). Wouldn't it be wonderful, if we could have this kind of an attendance at all our regular monthly meeting?

I hope everyone had a chance to see the full page coverage in the Danbury News Times, May 19<sup>th</sup> issue, on page A4 "Just 4 Kids," covering Safe Boating Week. This was made possible by Cheri Panzica. Thanks for another job well done.

We did participate in the Danbury Memorial Day Parade, rain and all. Don Mikan does a fine job of towing while Ginny Gedney, Bill Lathrope, TJ Panzica and I rode under cover. Wet is not the word for it. We all felt sorry for those without a Bimini.

The next event is the Northern Trek at Lake George. This will be May 29, 30 and 31. We have a good group attending and will do our best to have a great time(joke).

Don't Forget to sign up to assist the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Marine Examinations (Boat inspection) on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at Echo Bay Marina 0830. Help is desperately needed for this day. We will be at Echo Bay, Candlewood East, Pocono Bay marinas and Danbury Yacht Club. For more information call George Maravelas (914)279-7643 or Sid (203)264-3840. Lunch will be provided.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> we finished our 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Public Boating Class and welcomed a few new members. Thanks, to all who helped with the Spring classes.

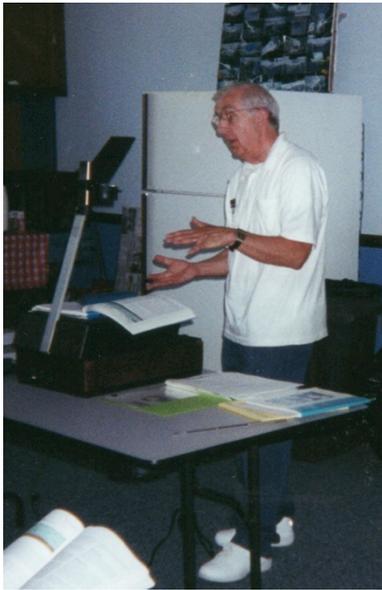
See you on the water .....  
Sid

June Meeting Speakers - The US Coast Guard with an update

- Sidney Pitcher – Commander
- Squadron Celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Another USPS National award for Journalism – Thanks to Cheri Panzica and Susan Knapp
- Awarded USPS Education Fund Certificate of Merit

# ADULTHOOD

## 1999-2000



- Don Mikan – Commander
- Don is One of Our Full Certificate Holders
- Always Ready to Hold Advanced and Elective Classes at His Home
- An Ever Present Instructor At Boating Safety Classes



# ADULTHOOD

2000-2001

2012-2013



- Joe Lynch – Commander
- USPS Finally Gets Authorization to Perform Its Own Boat Safety Inspections
- Joe Always the Educator
- Became District 2 Education officer
- 25<sup>th</sup> Certificate for 100% Participation Rate in 2012



# **MATURE ADULTHOOD**

## **2001-2002**



- **Ronald Willson – Commander**
- **Introduced the Apparel Division to build the Squadron Treasury**
- **Sale of Apparel Generated over \$4000 that year**
- **Last Year That Squadron Meetings were Held at CL&P**
- **35 Boats and 135 people Participated in Lake Clean-up**
- **Membership now at 181**

# MATURE ADULTHOOD

## 2002-2003



- Peggy Boviard – Commander
- Creativity Yielded Lots of Safe Boating Course Sign-Ups at the Danbury Fair Mall Boat Show
- Squadron Membership at 118



# MATURE ADULTHOOD

2003-2004

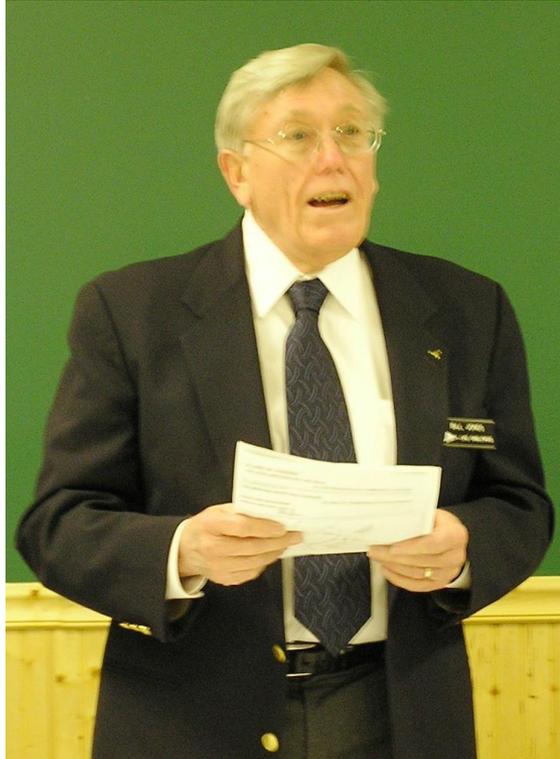
2013-2015

- Cheri Panzica – Commander
- 609 Boat Inspections
- Cheri Supporting the CLA at their Dragon Races in an Effort to Spark Interest in Lake Activities
- Cheri Is Ever Present On the Work Details at Squadron Park



# MATURE ADULTHOOD

## 2004-2005



- Bill Jones – Commander
- LCPS ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in Nation for number of Boat Smart Courses
- 42 boats including 12 From LCPS and 200 Volunteers Participated in Lake Clean-up
- This Was Another Year That the Squadron Supported Paddle Days On The Lake

# MATURE ADULTHOOD

2005-2006

2006-2007



- Pete Porrazzo – Commander
- Pete was recognized in 2003 for having performed a total of 1200 Boat inspections personally
- Pete's Leadership in Running the Program To Sell Squadron Tee Shirts and Sweat Shirts Over a Period of 7 years contributed \$13,308.34 to the Squadron Treasury

# MATURE ADULTHOOD 2007-2008



- Suzanne Marnane – Commander
- Our Own “Olive Oyl”!
- Pictured Here at LCPS Booth at Norwalk Boat Show Rounding Up Students for Boating Safety Classes
- And Also Having Fun at a Rendezvous



# MATURE ADULTHOOD

## 2009-2010

- Dick Birgler – Commander
- Membership at 101



# MATURE ADULTHOOD

## 2009-2010

## 2010-2011



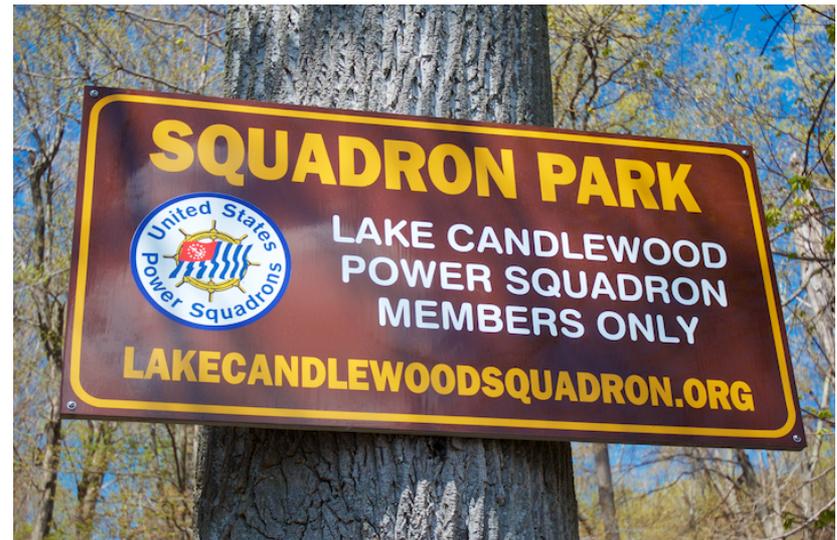
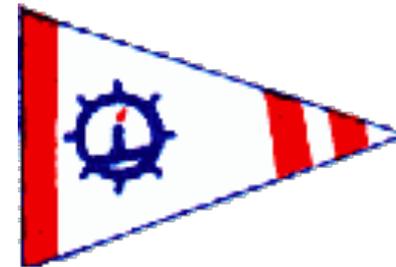
- **Matt Lombardo – Commander**
- **Squadron Hosted Very Successful D2 Fall Conference**
- **Matt Initiated the Modernization of the Squadron Web Site**

Lake Candlewood Power Squadron

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# 2016 COMMANDER

TJ Panzica



# LOOKING FORWARD

## 2016 And Onward

- We Have Had A Great 50+ Years
- Squadron Membership Is Now About 100 Members
- The Squadron is Ready for a Rebirth
- We Are Working on Getting More Active Participation of Some of Our More Passive Members To **Relight the Squadron Spark** and Carry Us Into the Future
- Our Success Will Set the Stage for Our **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party in 2038 !**

# **KEY SQUADRON CONTRIBUTION**

## **EDUCATION**

- **The Squadron was Founded Because of the Boating Education Need**
- **Boating Safety and Advanced Skills Training Provided Every Year of Squadron Existence**
- **Over 8000 Boaters Trained in Boating Safety**
- **Over 1500 Certificates awarded for Advanced Training**
- **1969-LCPS Training Program Credited BY CT Governer for Lake Candlewood being Most Complaint Free Lake in CT**
- **Second Prince Henry Award in 1974**
- **The Third and Forth Prince Henry Awards were earned in 1985 and 1994 respectively**
- **Operations Training Award in 2014**

# KEY SQUADRON CONTRIBUTION

## BOAT INSPECTIONS



- Over 5000 Boats Have Been Inspected
- Boat Inspections Have Been an Invaluable Part of Lake Candlewood Safety Program



# KEY SQUADRON CONTRIBUTION LAKE CLEAN-UP

THE JOHN MARSICANO MEMORIAL

## Candlewood Lake Clean-Up 2005

Saturday, May 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Rain date of Sunday, May 22nd



*Come join the Candlewood Lake Authority, Lake Candlewood Power Squadron, Project CLEAR students and others in cleaning up the shores of Connecticut's largest lake.*

- Prizes will be awarded at the luncheon for most unusual trash item.

- Volunteers are recommended to wear

**WE NEED TO BE THE VOICE FOR CANDLEWOOD LAKE BECAUSE THE LAKE CAN'T SPEAK FOR ITSELF**  
- HAROLD MAYER

## Volunteers remove 10 tons of trash in lake cleanup

By Lauren Emmett  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-TIMES

**"It's a kickoff of the lake season."**

Don Fleming  
President of the Warner Ridge Beach Association

A seagull skull, a crankshaft, a piece of cable, and part of a broken dock.

All of this, along with 10 tons of trash, was pulled from Candlewood Lake during Saturday's annual John Marsicano Memorial Candlewood Lake Cleanup.

For the seventh consecutive year, the Candlewood Lake Authority and Power Squadron teamed up to bring out area residents from the five towns that border the lake to clean up the debris that pollutes it every year.

"It's a kickoff of the lake season," said Don Fleming, president of the Warner Ridge Beach Association. "It's all symbolic of the boating about to begin. It's a rite of passage of the lake season."

Organizers estimated the event drew more than 500 volunteers, including about 200 local high school students.

That's a 25 percent increase from the number of people that showed up last year, and a huge increase from the 150 that helped out in 1999.

Forty-one boats that were either sponsored by businesses or driven by local residents were out on the lake, carrying people to assist in the cleanup.

Larry Marsicano, executive director of the Candlewood Lake Authority, estimated that about half the volunteers are repeats from past years.

"The same core people par-

There was also a contest for the kids to see who could pull the most unusual debris out of the water.

The cleanup honors Marsicano's uncle, John Marsicano, who died two years ago. John, who was the Danbury delegate for the Candlewood Lake Authority board, helped to get the initial lake cleanups started.

The Candlewood Cleanup was modeled after the Housatonic Valley Association's efforts.

"They involved the Candlewood community, so we used that model and thought maybe we can get more people to focus on Candlewood," Marsicano said.

The lake's new problem, he added, is having too many volunteers who want to help out.

"It gets so big, it's logistically more challenging," he said. "We want to nurture and develop community support, but the bigger it is, the harder it is to manage."

The Lake Authority still hopes to get the word out about lake

# KEY SQUADRON CONTRIBUTION

## DRAGON RACES

- CLA Sponsored Activity to Encourage Community Participation in Boating
- LCPS Provided Support and Traffic Control to Help Ensure a Rewarding and Safe Event



# KEY SQUADRON CONTRIBUTION

## PADDLE DAYS



- **LCPS Provides Members to provide Traffic Control and Training for Participants**
- **Provides an excellent Vehicle to encourage People to Get Involved in Boating**

# MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

## PROMOTE SAFE BOATING WEEK



# **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

## **MEMBER FELLOWSHIP**



- **Holiday Parties**
- **Pot Luck Dinners**
- **Rendezvous**
- **Change of Watch Dinners**
- **Squadron Park Picnics**

