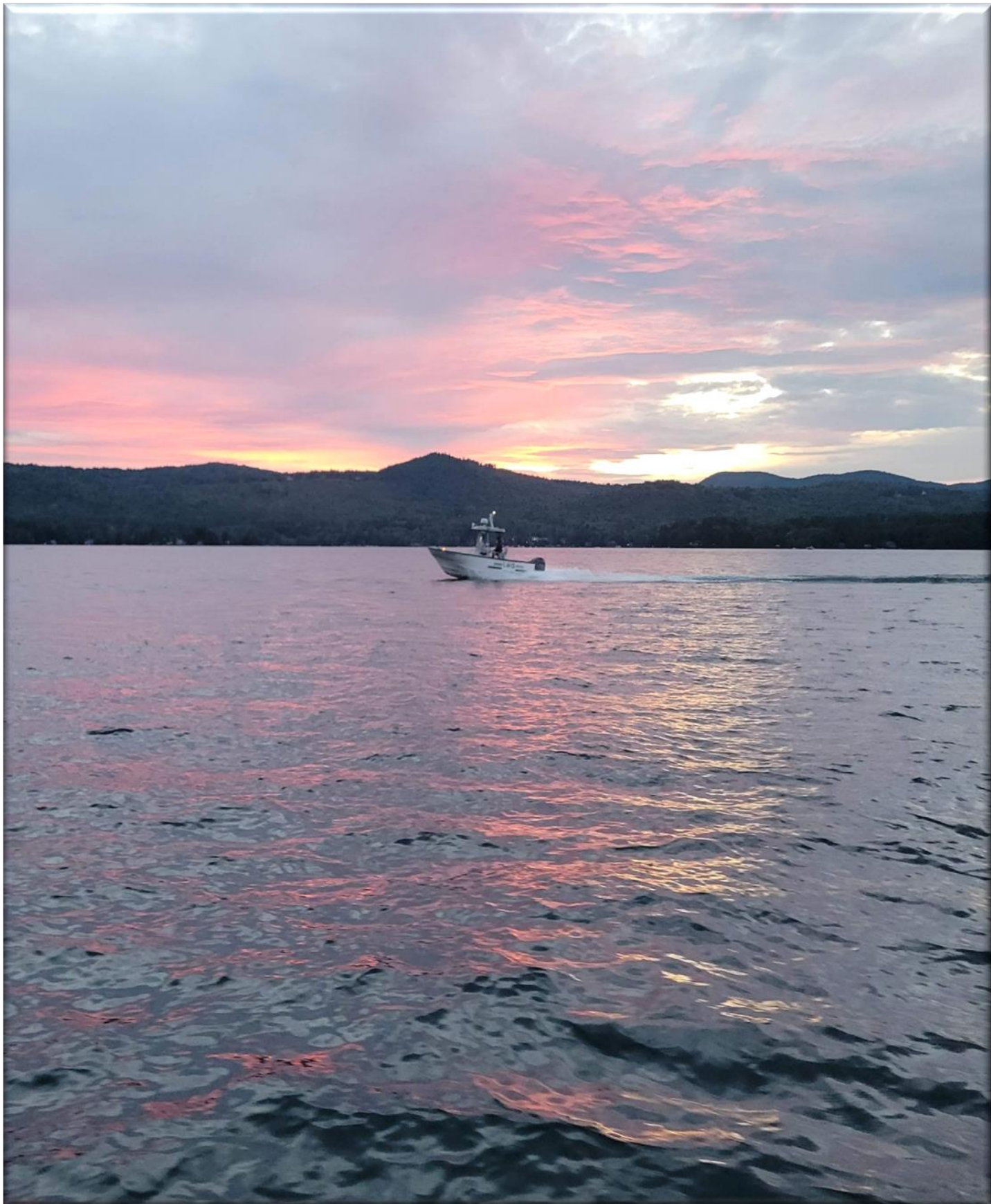


Lake George Park Commission



2022 Marine Patrol Annual Report

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I. The Mission of the Marine Patrol

Introduction

Patrolling the waters of Lake George since 1962, the Lake George Park Commission's Marine Patrol successfully completed 60 years of continuous service in 2022. Through the years, the Marine Patrol has built up a solid record of service dedicated to the protection of Lake George and its users.

The primary mission of the Marine Patrol is to promote the safe and enjoyable use of Lake George. The Marine Patrol accomplishes this primarily by protecting and educating the public. The Patrol also plays a key role in protecting the valuable natural resource of Lake George. The Marine Patrol provides a wide array of services to the boating public. These include assisting stranded boaters, emergency response and first aid, fire suppression, search and rescue, removal of hazards, recovery of lost property and boater safety training.

Additionally, the Marine Patrol enforces the New York State Navigation Law, Environmental Conservation Law, Lake George Park Commission Rules and Regulations, and all other laws.

The Patrol has a very large and diverse area to cover. At 32 miles long, Lake George presents these officers with over 44 square miles of patrol area, including 176 miles of shoreline and more than 170 islands. Lake George exists within many localities; three counties (Warren, Washington, and Essex), eight townships (Lake George, Bolton, Hague, Ticonderoga, Putnam, Dresden, Fort Ann, and Queensbury) and one village (Lake George) all of which touch the lake and have a vested interest in it.

The enforcement programs of the Commission are coordinated by the Director of Law Enforcement, a marine patrol lieutenant. This position allows the Director of Law Enforcement the opportunity to work closely with the patrol on a daily basis while maintaining consistent enforcement of the Commission's regulations throughout the Lake George Basin.

Patrol Operations

The Patrol season began on May 1st and ran through October 31st. Beginning on June 30th the Marine Patrol operated at full strength, seven days a week until Labor Day. During the summer season six to eight patrol vessels were on duty daily. A total of 6855 hrs. were logged by officers in 2022.



This new radar/GPS unit was installed in Patrol Boat 106 courtesy of New York State Parks and Recreation

Equipment Upgrades

The Commission was given a new GPS and Radar unit to upgrade the unit in one of the Parks Boats on loan to the Commission. This unit was installed on boat 106. Three new motors were also ordered this year to replace older motors with high hours. Unfortunately, the estimated delivery for these motors is 53 weeks from the time of the order. Thankfully, due to our preventative maintenance schedule, all the boats ran well this year and the older motors should make it until their replacements arrive during the 2023 season.

II. Law Enforcement and Public Safety

The Lake George Park Commission continued to work on public safety this year. The Patrol again partnered with the local marinas to improve boater safety. The marinas continue to show the rental boat safety video to all customers who rent boats.



MPO Sutphen and Lt. Johns transport William Shatner from the Mother Bunch Islands to the Sagamore Hotel after the boat he was riding in had mechanical issues.

Sound Testing

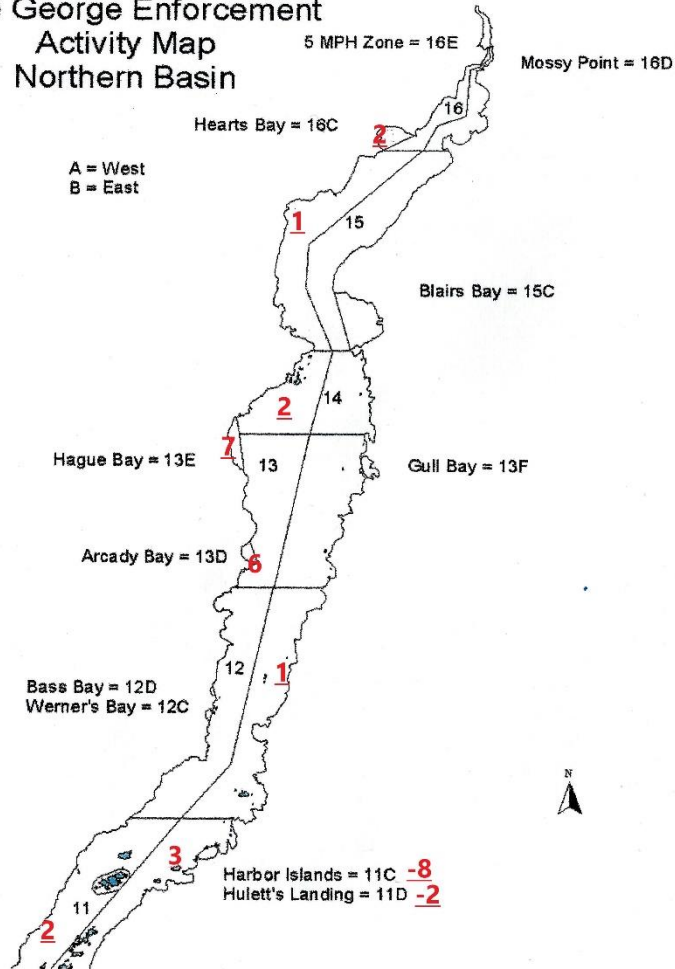
The Marine Patrol continues to monitor loud boats on the lake. Officer Ray VanAnden leads the effort working alone and with other officers to quiet down the lake. Those that are over the state's 90 decibel limit are ticketed and ordered from the lake until repairs were made.

Marine Patrol Officer Activity Statistics

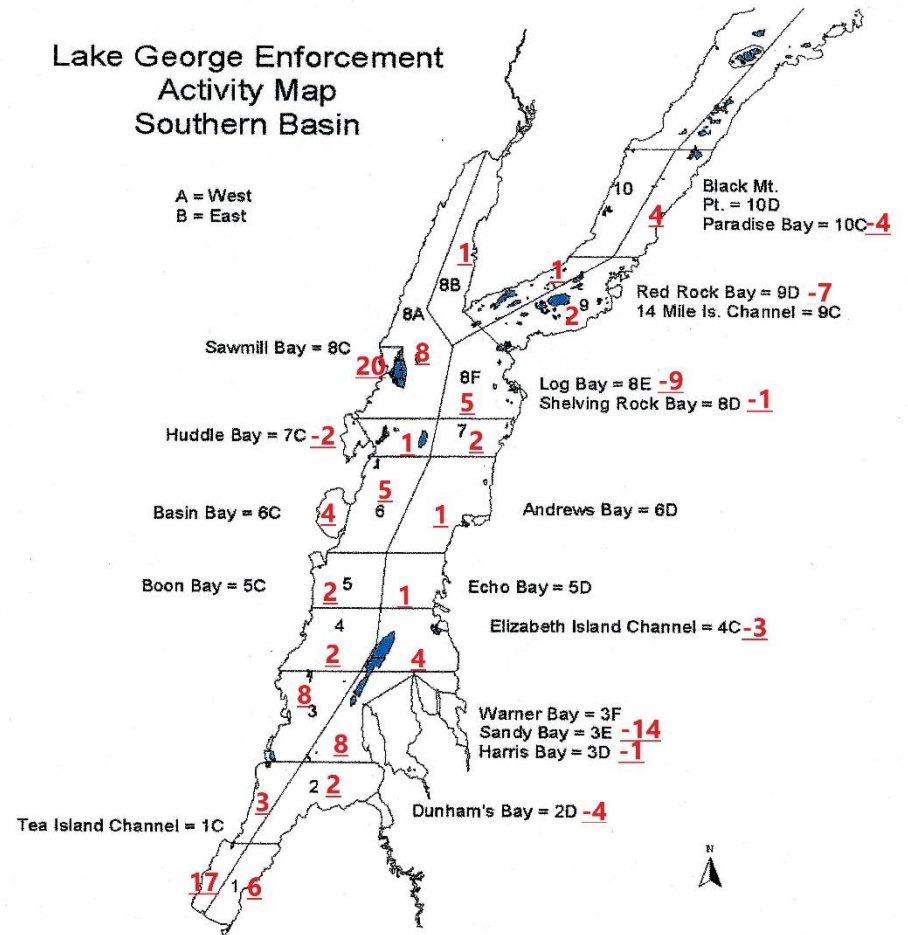
		2021	2022
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	Courtesy Gas	2	1
	Vessel Tows	42	38
	EMS/First Aid/Rescue Calls	35	61
	Searches	14	17
	Fires	1	3
	Reported Drowning	2	3
	All Other Boater Assists	91	167
	Assists to Other Agencies	73	61
	911 Hang Up Calls	138	33
LAW ENFORCEMENT	Arrests/Citations- Navigation Law	65	89
	Arrests/Citations-All Other	63	98
	Total Arrests/Citations	128	187
	<i><u>Partial Breakdown of Citations</u></i>		
	PWC Citations	33	49
	BWI Arrests	2	5
	Vessel Noise Citations	3	1
	Vessel Speed Citations (includes "No Wake" zones)	8	5
	Complaints Addressed	635	733
	Accidents Investigated	13	14
	Incident Reports Filed	16	19
	Regattas Patrolled	12	16
	Warnings Issued	1009	1101
	Vessel Noise Tests	14	2
RECOVERED PROPERTY	Total Property Value	\$72,784	\$28,400
PATROL HOURS	Total Patrol Hours	6645	6878

2022 Tickets By Location

Lake George Enforcement Activity Map Northern Basin



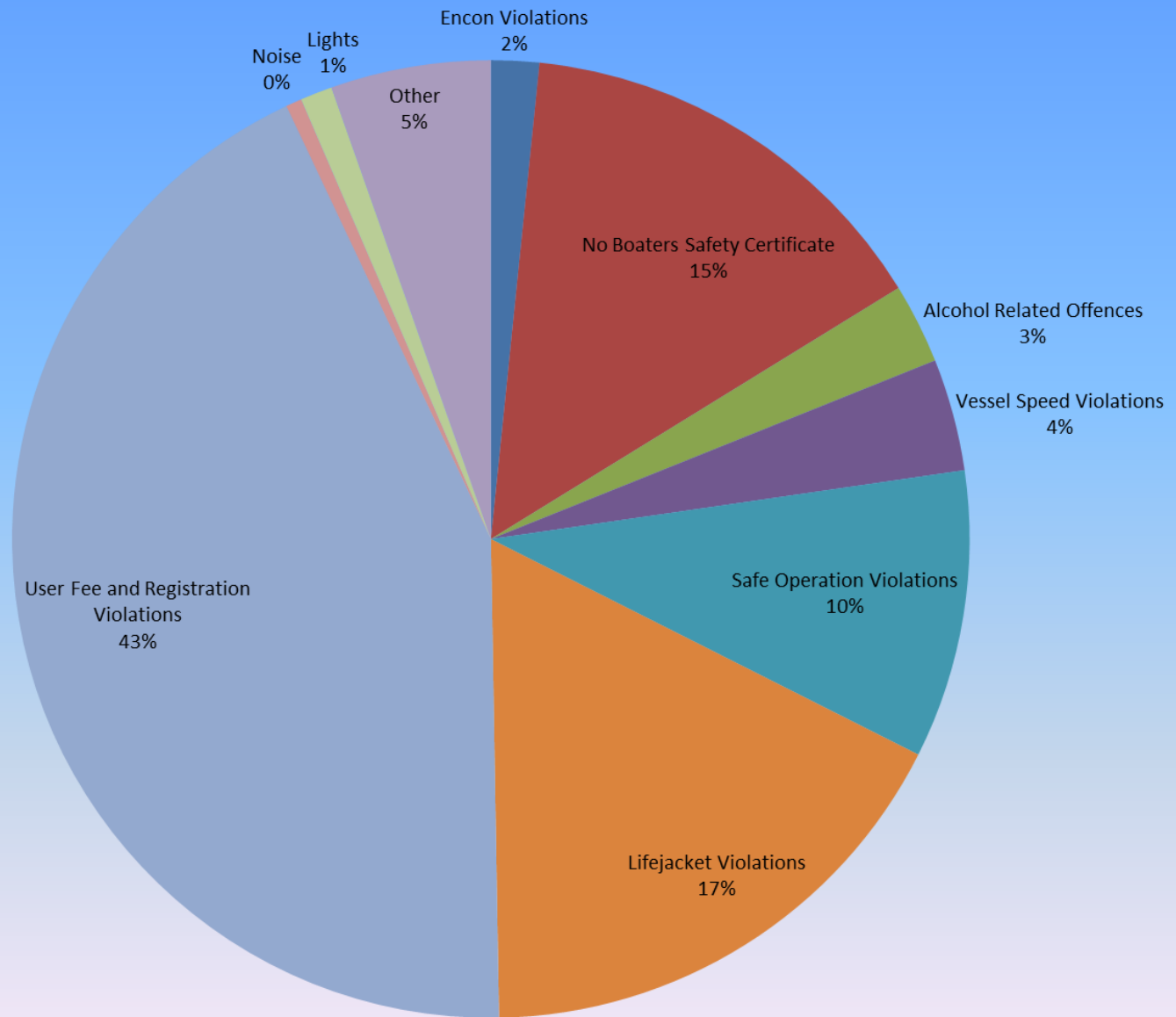
Lake George Enforcement Activity Map Southern Basin



Marine Patrol Appearance Ticket Breakdown – 4 Year Trend

VIOLATIONS	2022			2021			2020			2019		
	Total	Vessel	PWC	Total	Vessel	PWC	Total	Vessel	PWC	Total	Vessel	PWC
EQUIPMENT												
No Lake User Fee- LGPC Sticker	44	36	8	24	20	4	12	5	7	8	5	3
Unregistered Vessel- NYS Reg.	36	30	6	14	10	4	14	11	3	15	10	5
Lifejacket Violation	23	22	1	23	22	1	11	9	2	19	15	4
Other Equipment Violations	2	2	0	6	6	0	5	5	0	6	6	0
OPERATION												
Vessel Noise Violations	1	1	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	2	2	0
Speed - Restricted Limit	5	2	3	5	4	1	4	3	1	9	4	5
Exceed Speed Limit	2	2	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	2	1	1
Boating While Intoxicated	5	5	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	7	6	1
Reckless/Unsafe Operation	4	2	2	1	0	1	4	3	1	3	1	2
Skiing/Towing Violations	21	17	4	8	7	1	11	5	6	7	6	1
No Boater Safety Certificate	27	1	26	19	3	16	16	0	16	31	3	28
PWC After Hours	3	0	3	4	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	1
Other Operation Violations	3	2	1	0	0	0	4	3	1	0	0	0
OTHER												
Water Quality, Littering, etc.	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	0
Fishing, State Lands, etc.	3	3	0	13	12	0	7	7	0	7	3	0
Underage Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Disorderly Conduct, Assault, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others	6	5	0	3	2	1	2	2	0	4	3	0
TOTALS	187	132	54	128	94	33	96	56	40	124	68	51

2022 Violations by Type



Invasive Species



The Marine Patrol is actively engaged in the education of the boating public and enforcement of existing invasive species regulations. The marine patrol also inspected the unattended launches around the lake. The patrol's goal was to help educate the public about the inspection program as well as ensure that all vessels were properly inspected prior to launching into the waters of Lake George.

III. Public Assistance and Education

New York State Safe Boating Course Instruction

Brianna's Law: New York State has passed a new law which will require everyone who operates a boat to have a safety certificate by January 1, 2025. This law is being phased in as follows:

If you were born on or after:	You will need a boaters safety certificate when operating a motorized vessel during:
January 1, 1993	2020
January 1, 1988	2022
January 1, 1983	2023
January 1 1978	2024

All operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate by January 1, 2025

The Patrol currently has 9 Officers certified to teach boater safety classes in New York. There were 4 classes taught by members of the Patrol this year. Classes took place in Lake George, Bolton Landing and Ticonderoga. If you have a group interested in hosting a class, feel free to give the Lake George Park Commission a call.

Recovered Property

The Marine Patrol recovered lost and or stolen property valued at more than \$28,400 during the 2022 season. Every year an assortment of missing vessels, canoes, and PWCs are routinely located by the patrol. In addition, a wide variety of smaller items such as knee boards, water skis, lifejackets and tubes are recovered. Any lake user who loses an item on or around the lake should check with the Patrol to see if the item has been found or turned in. At the end of each season, all recovered property is turned over to the Warren County Sheriff's Department.

Officer Rogan checks out a found paddleboat.



V. Real Stories from the Marine Patrol

Unusual Incidents, Accidents and Rescues



MPO Knoop patrols the lake in patrol boat 106

Domestic Disturbance: On Saturday May 28th, at approximately 10:50 p.m. a call was placed to Warren County Sheriff's Department about a domestic disturbance on a neighboring site from the caller with one person possibly being unconscious. Officers Webster and Andersen were called in to respond to Big Burnt Island site #8. Warren County sent Sheriff's Officer Long to ride with and assist the patrol and Bolton EMS was put on standby until the scene was secure. Upon arrival, officers found 2 subjects on the site. They confirmed that no one was hurt or unconscious. EMS was then cancelled. The two subjects, boyfriend and girlfriend, were separated and interviewed to see what was going on. Both individuals admitted they were yelling and screaming at each other but there was nothing physical. The female did have a bruise on her lip but stated that she fell getting into her tent. Both individuals were asked separately if they wanted a ride back to shore and if they felt safe staying on the island. Both subjects wanted to stay until

morning when they were leaving anyways. Officers then went to the complainant's site and spoke to them to see if they saw anything or only heard an argument. The caller did say she heard yelling and screaming but she did not actually see anyone get hit. She assumed someone was hurt because the arguing stopped abruptly. Officers arrived back at Green Island at 12:45 a.m.



A small sailboat with the sail up washes up on the shore in Northwest Bay.

Found Sailboat with the Sail Up: On Tuesday June 7th just before 4 pm, Warren County Sheriff's Department received a call from a resident of Northwest Bay about a small sailboat that washed up on her property with the sail still up. Lt. Johns was dispatched to respond to the scene. Lt. Johns and the caller spoke and were both concerned that someone could have possibly fallen from the boat due to the sail still being up and the very rough water that day. Lt. Johns called in MPO Webster and the two conducted an extensive search of Northwest Bay to ensure that no one was in the water or on shore. It was discovered the next day that someone did fall from the sailboat earlier in the day further south and swam to shore. The sailboat traveled several miles before it was discovered. The owner of the sailboat was able to find his sailboat thanks to the caller posting a picture of it on social media.



A boater misjudged where he was on a hazy night and ended up hitting Elizabeth Island.

Know Where You Are: On Friday morning June 24th MPO Andersen was dispatched to Elizabeth Island for an accident that happened the previous night. Upon arrival, he found a boat partially onshore at Elizabeth Island. The operator told Andersen that he was coming out of Sandy Bay the previous night around 11:00 p.m. He said he was an experienced boater on Lake George both during the day and night and thought he was far enough away from the shore to proceed up the lake to his residence. He stated that it was very hazy out and he misjudged where he was. After he hit, he called a friend to come get him and reported the accident the next morning. The gentleman had cuts and bruises on his arms and face that his wife took care of, and the boat sustained damage to the hull and lower unit.

From a Fireworks complaint to a Man with a Gun: On Saturday July 2nd at 9:55 p.m. MPO Sutphen and LT. Johns were issuing a ticket for speeding after 9 p.m. near Basin Bay when a call came in for a fireworks complaint in Huletts Landing. Upon arrival in Huletts at 10:19 p.m., officers found the end of a dock on fire from the fireworks. While officers pulled up to the dock, they observed one man trying to put out the fire with a beer can and another using a fire extinguisher. Both men were intoxicated and neither would admit to setting off the fireworks. During this time there was a large crowd that had been watching the fireworks show on shore and in boats further up the dock. While the officers were interviewing those on the dock, someone from the shore began yelling “Help! He has a gun. Help! Police, he has a gun!” Officers immediately got on the radio and alerted the county to the situation and requested back-up and proceeded down the dock to find the man with the gun. Along the shoreline officers saw an older man approaching the dock with a shotgun. He was quickly disarmed by officers and placed into custody. He was brought down the dock and placed on a bench next to the patrol boat. Officers Webster and Andersen arrived shortly after by water to assist with interviewing witnesses followed by Washington County Sheriff’s Department, who had to come from the Hudson Falls and Fort Edward area. The results of the interviews with the suspect and witnesses showed that he pointed the shotgun at several people’s faces and chests because he thought the fireworks were going to set his boathouse on fire and they were scaring his service dog. He was turned over to Washington County Sheriff’s Department and charged with several crimes. Also assisting at the scene was Huletts Landing Fire Department’s First Responders who evaluated the subject due to health concerns.



Thursday night fireworks in the village are patrolled each week by Officers from The Lake George Park Commission and The Warren County Sheriff’s Department.

Another Domestic Disturbance: On Monday July 4th shortly after coming on duty, Sgt. Ross was dispatched to Mohican Island dock #2 at 8:22 a.m. for a 911 hang up call. While on his way to check to see if there was an emergency at the island, the call was upgraded to a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, Sgt. Ross attempted to interview the husband and wife who were staying at the site with their young children. The husband was extremely agitated using profane language and was very difficult to talk to. He stated that he was arguing with his wife. Sgt Ross worked to get him to calm down until the State Police boat showed up to assist. Upon the arrival of the State Police, Sgt. Ross was able to speak to the wife while the Troopers continued the conversation with the husband. She stated that her husband was asleep in one of the tents when one of the children unzipped it. This woke her husband up and made him very angry and a verbal argument ensued. She stated that he has not been physical with her or the children and it was just verbal. Sgt. Ross asked her if she wanted to leave the island and she stated that they had 2 vehicles at Norowal Marina and that she would like a ride there with the children. Sgt. Ross then loaded her and the children in his patrol boat and transported them back to the marina so they could head home. The husband, still not happy, was left to pack up the family's belongings and clean the site before returning to the marina. A little alone time must have calmed down because he waved to Sgt. Ross and Lt. Johns a couple hours later as they passed him as he was headed towards the marina.

Swimmer vs. Prop: On Saturday July 9th at 6:27 p.m., Officer Webster was dispatched to a call where a swimmer was struck by the prop. Officer Webster found that the swimmer entered the water from the rear of the boat. No one realized that the boat was in reverse at the time. The swimmer was struck in the head and back with the prop causing deep lacerations. The victim was transported to Glens Falls Hospital by Bolton EMS. The prop is the most dangerous part of the boat for swimmers. It can still be turning when the boat is in neutral and is sharp even when not turning. It is taught in the boater's safety class that the boat should always be turned off and the keys removed from the ignition whenever anyone is entering, exiting or swimming near a boat.

Personal Injury: At about 4:30 p.m. on July 15th, Sgt. Paccione was dispatched to the Million Dollar Beach Boat Launch for a personal injury. Upon arrival, Sgt. Paccione found that while docking the victim attempted to get off the boat and slipped between the dock and the boat. Her leg got caught on the cleat and caused a deep puncture wound. Sgt Paccione assisted in getting the bleeding controlled until EMS arrived and transported her to Glens Falls Hospital.

Possible Drowning: On Tuesday July 19th at approximately 2:50 p.m. a call went out for a possible drowning at Huddle Beach. MPO Andersen was the first to arrive at the scene to find a woman up on shore with CPR in progress. Officer Andersen immediately went up to assist and was told that the 2 women doing CPR were nurses. They told Andersen that they were ok for the time being. Andersen began asking witnesses what had happened. He was told that the woman told her friend she was very hot and was going to go for a swim to cool off. Minutes later someone

noticed her face down in the lake. Several people entered the water to pull her out and CPR was immediately started. Unfortunately, she could not be saved. It was later confirmed that her death was the result of a medical emergency not drowning. Assisting at the scene were Sgt. Ross and MPOs Mazzacano and Kneeshaw.



LGPC, WCSO, North Queensbury Fire and Ticonderoga Fire boats are seen at the scene of a drowning at Rogers Rock Campsite.

Another Possible Drowning: On Sunday July 24th at 1:31 p.m. MPO Webster was dispatched to a call reporting a possible drowning with 2 victims off Rogers Rock Campsite. While enroute, Webster was advised that one of the victims, a female, had been rescued and there was still one victim unaccounted for. A large search ensued between the Rogers Rock Beach and an area call Rock Beach. MPOs Webster, Knoop, Mitchell, Kneeshaw, Sgts. Paccione and Ross and Lt. Johns all from the LGPC were on scene assisting in the search. Also on scene were Sgt. Dunn and Officer Mazzicano from the WCSO as well as Troopers Frego and Buchanan, Fire companies from Hague, Ticonderoga, Bolton, North Queensbury and Putnam were on scene searching as well as a State Police Helicopter. Divers from the Putnam Fire Department found the victim at 3:07 p.m. in approximately 42 feet of water and 60 yards from shore.

It was learned from interviews that the victim jumped in the water from his rental boat. As he surfaced, he yelled he couldn't breathe. His girlfriend, still on the boat, threw him a rope that he could not grab so she jumped in to try to save him. While trying to save her boyfriend, they both began to go under water. She was forced to let go and as she surfaced, she began yelling for help. Someone from shore heard her cries and came out and assisted her getting to shore. It was learned the victim had suffered a medical emergency while in the water causing him to drown.

Tubing Accident: On Wednesday July 27th at 11:30 a.m. MPO Rogan was dispatched to a tubing accident. Upon arrival near Dome Island, MPO Rogan found that the victim was being pulled in a tube when he fell and dislocated his right arm. He was turned over to Bolton EMS and transported to Glens Falls Hospital.

Underage Possession of Alcohol: On Sunday July 31st at 6:34 p.m., MPO VanAnden conducted a vessel stop in Saw Mill Bay. While speaking to the operator, an alert Officer VanAnden noticed the presence of alcohol in the vessel. VanAnden checked the ID of all individuals onboard and no one was 21. Being that they had not been drinking yet, MPO VanAnden took the alcohol and called the father of the operator so he could turn it over to him. Had VanAnden not found this alcohol, the youths could have consumed it while operating the boat and there could have been a tragic ending to their night if they were in an accident.

Possible Larceny of a Boat: On Saturday August 6th at 1:06 p.m., patrols were called for the possible larceny of a boat from a local marina. A description of the boat was given out and multiple patrols searched the area around Bolton. Shortly thereafter, MPO Webster spotted the vessel in the area of Shelving Rock Bay. The boat was escorted back to the marina. It appeared the individuals left the marina without completing the checkout process. They were charged for the boat and their rental was terminated before being evicted from the property.



MPO Knoop and Andersen assist with the annual stocking of fish in Lake George.



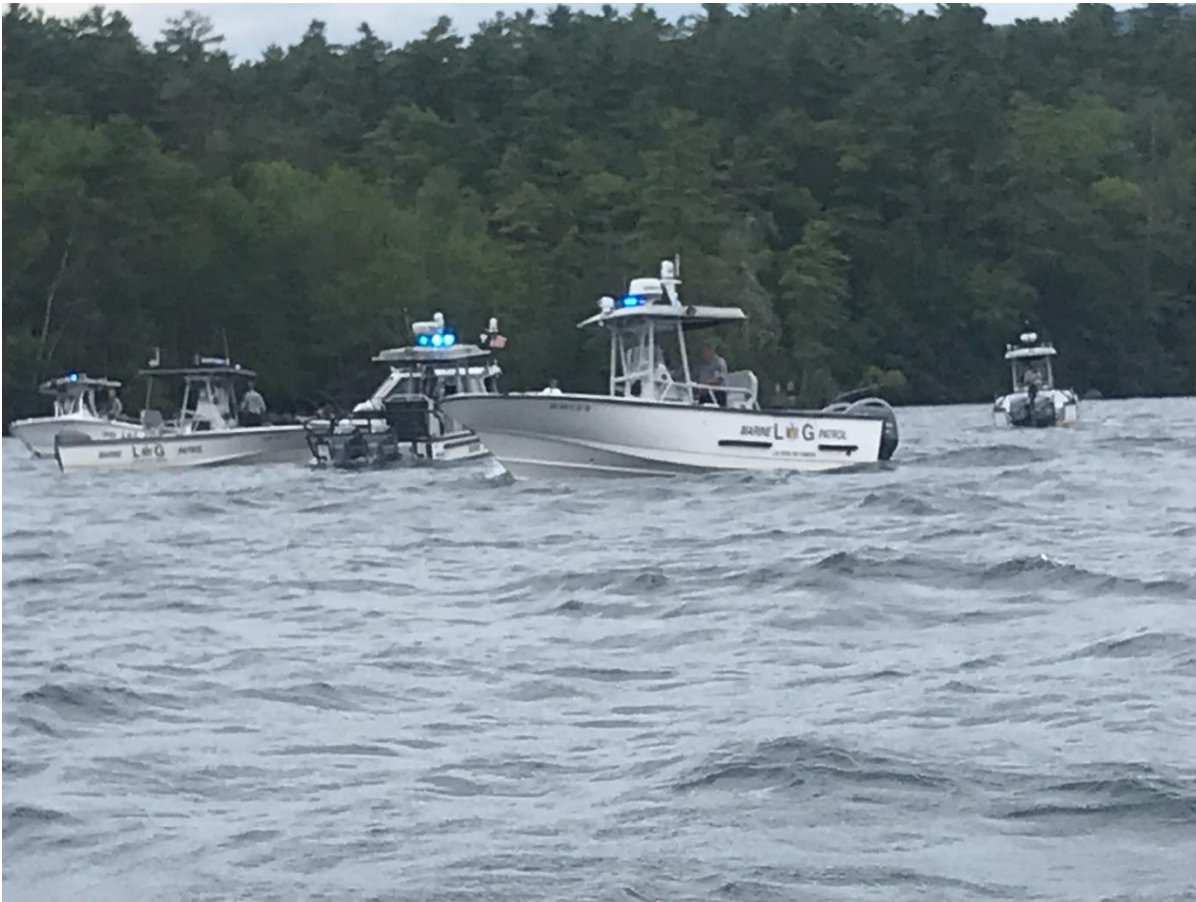
An officer pulls into Sandy Bay to remove 2 of the 3 boats illegally moored together

Drone Arrest: On Saturday August 13th at 11:45 a.m. Sgt. Paccione and Trooper Frego took a call for a drone flying at a high rate of speed very close to the water and boaters in Saw Mill Bay. The officers responded to the bay and observed the drone for about 5 minutes flying very low and very fast. The drone buzzed by the patrol boat twice and circled it. The officers were able to locate the operator of the drone up on the bridge that leads onto Green Island. They parked the patrol boat and walked up to speak to the pilot. Sgt. Paccione told the pilot that he needed to fly his drone higher as people were afraid that it was going to hit them. The pilot then told Sgt. Paccione that he cannot tell him how to fly his drone, only the FAA regulates his flights. Trooper Frego then asked the pilot if he thought it was safe to fly the drone so low and close to people at about 25mph to which the pilot said it was not going 25mph, it was going 90mph. Based on the circumstances Sgt. Paccione issued the pilot a summons for Reckless Endangerment under the NYS Penal Law. Reckless Endangerment is when someone acts in a reckless manner that put other people's lives at risk. Being hit by a drone at 90mph could be fatal or cause serious physical harm.



Operator inattention caused this boater to not see the danger buoys and end up on the rocks.

Unconscious male down not breathing: Also on Saturday August 13th at approximately 1:28 p.m., a call was dispatched from Warren County for an unconscious male not breathing with CPR in progress on the shoreline at the southern end of Rogers Rock Campground. MPO Sutphen responded to the scene, also known by locals as Rock Beach. Upon arrival, Sutphen pulled the patrol vessel as close to shore as possible as there are no docks in the area. Two bystanders held the boat off the rocks while Sutphen jumped in the water to make his way to shore. Once on shore Sutphen directed several people to go up the path to Rt. 9N to flag down incoming EMS and police vehicles. He then took over and performed CPR on the male until EMS arrived. It was later learned that the 32-year-old victim had a medical emergency while swimming. He was able to exit the water before collapsing on shore. Unfortunately, he did not survive. Sgt. Paccione also assisted at the scene.



5 LGPC boats and a WCSO Boat assist divers and block off the area at the July 24th drowning at Rogers Rock Campsite. The choppy water made for more a difficult search and recovery effort.

Injury in Log Bay: On Sunday August 7th at 3:55 p.m., Sgt. Paccione and Officer Mazzacano were dispatched to Log Bay Island for a report of an injured female on the dock. Upon arrival the officers found a woman who had a large laceration to her leg and had uncontrolled bleeding. She had tried to climb up a ladder from the dock onto a large cabin cruiser parked at the dock. While climbing the ladder she slipped and went down the ladder between the boat and the dock. During that fall, she suffered a deep cut to her leg. Sgt. Paccione and Officer Mazzacano were able to pack the wound and wrap the leg to control the bleeding while waiting for the Bolton Fire Boat to arrive with EMS personnel. The victim was transported to Glens Falls hospital by Bolton EMS and later to Albany Med.

Near Drowning: On Sunday August 14th at approximately 3:28 p.m., patrols were called to the scene of a sinking vessel near Hiawatha Island with multiple people in the water and one unaccounted for. When patrols arrived at the scene, they were able to determine that everyone was accounted for. It turned out that a family in a rental boat was out for the day when an 18-year-old woman decided to go for a swim. Her father told her not to go without a PFD because

she was not able to swim well. The woman entered the water without the PFD and immediately began having trouble staying above the water. Thankfully, another passing boat noticed the swimmer in distress and was able to help her get back in her boat. During all this, the rental boat became swamped. Sgt Ross was able to transport the victim to Bolton EMS on shore who checked her out and released her. Assisting Sgt. Ross at the scene were MPOs Knoop, Rogan and Kneeshaw.

Injury at the Calf Pen jumping rock: On Wednesday August 24th at 5:00 p.m., MPO Mazzacano was called to locate and lead a boat coming from Calf Pen headed to Rogers Park for an injured swimmer. Officer Mazzacano located the boat and led them into Rogers Park in Bolton. An investigation revealed that the victim on the boat had jumped off the rocks at the Calf Pen and when he hit the water, he dislocated his shoulder. He was assisted in the water by an unknown female who threw him a PFD and helped him get into the boat. Bolton EMS transported him to Glens Falls Hospital.



Officer Mazzacano Patrols the lake in patrol boat 102

Overdose on Perch Island: On Saturday September 17th at approximately 3:30 p.m., A call went out to patrol and EMS about a possible overdose on Perch Island. MPO Kneeshaw was the first to arrive and found a semi-alert 28-year-old male on the dock who had consumed 2.5 grams of hallucinogenic mushrooms. He was aware of his location and could answer simple questions. Officer Kneeshaw contacted dispatch and told them it was secure to send EMS to the scene. Bolton Fire and EMS arrived and evaluated the individual before transporting him back to a waiting ambulance at Green Island. He was brought to Glens Falls Hospital for treatment. Officers Kneeshaw and Andersen interviewed the rest of the group and determined there were no other drugs at the site. A water taxi was called and the group packed up and left the island.



These damaged props and skegs are on a 40' boat that ran onto the rocks in the Narrows. It is always important to maintain a proper lookout so you see danger buoys.

Hunting Accident: On Saturday October 15th at approximately 4:55 p.m., MPO Webster was dispatched to Shelving Rock Bay for a report of a man with a gunshot wound. While enroute, dispatch called and told Webster that the complainant was hiking back to his car and was given his cell phone number. Officer Webster called the complainant who said that he was hiking with his dogs and a friend when he heard gunshots. After the gunshots, he felt pain and burning in his arm and shoulder. He had been hit with pellets from a shot gun. He said he yelled to the people shooting that there were people up in the woods and to stop shooting. He made his way down to the water saw 2 men in a boat that were duck hunting. The younger of the 2 was holding a gun. He spoke to them briefly and told them he was going to call the police. The 2 men in the boat then left the area and headed in a northwest direction. The complainant also gave Officer Webster a description of the men and boat. Environmental Conservation Officer Alan Brassard was on duty in the county that day also and called Officer Webster to ask if he needed assistance and to keep him informed of the situation. When Webster made it to Shelving Rock Bay, he spoke to a couple who were anchored in the bay. They informed Webster they had heard shots and gave him a description of the boat, a small metal boat with blue stripes. Webster remembered seeing a similar boat earlier in the day in the Narrows in the cove south of Fox Island. He headed that way and found the boat.

When Officer Webster approached the 2 men, he took possession of their shotgun as one was carrying it as he approached. He then asked them if they had been hunting in the Log Bay/Shelving Rock Bay area. They stated that they had been. He told them that they had hit someone up on the hiking trail with their gunfire. The younger of the 2 said he did not believe that they had. Officer Webster got each person's information and wrote it down and told them he was going to transport them to Green Island to give a statement to an Environmental Conservation Officer. At first, they resisted going with Webster but then decided to go. ECO Brassard and Lt. Higgins from the DEC met Webster at Green Island and called for DEC Investigator Panipinto who arrived shortly thereafter. Both subjects were interviewed by the DEC and at the conclusion, Officers Webster and Andersen transported the 2 men back to their site. The case was turned over to the DEC who later interviewed the complainant. Charges are pending.

These are just a few of the stories from the patrol during the 2022 season. Due to the ever-changing conditions and job responsibilities, the patrol members must be prepared for whatever comes their way. This year we saw more BWIs, two instances where people had to have guns taken away from them and someone acting recklessly with a drone. Our patrol members are always ready to go out 24 hrs. a day when needed.

2022 Accidents investigated by the Patrol

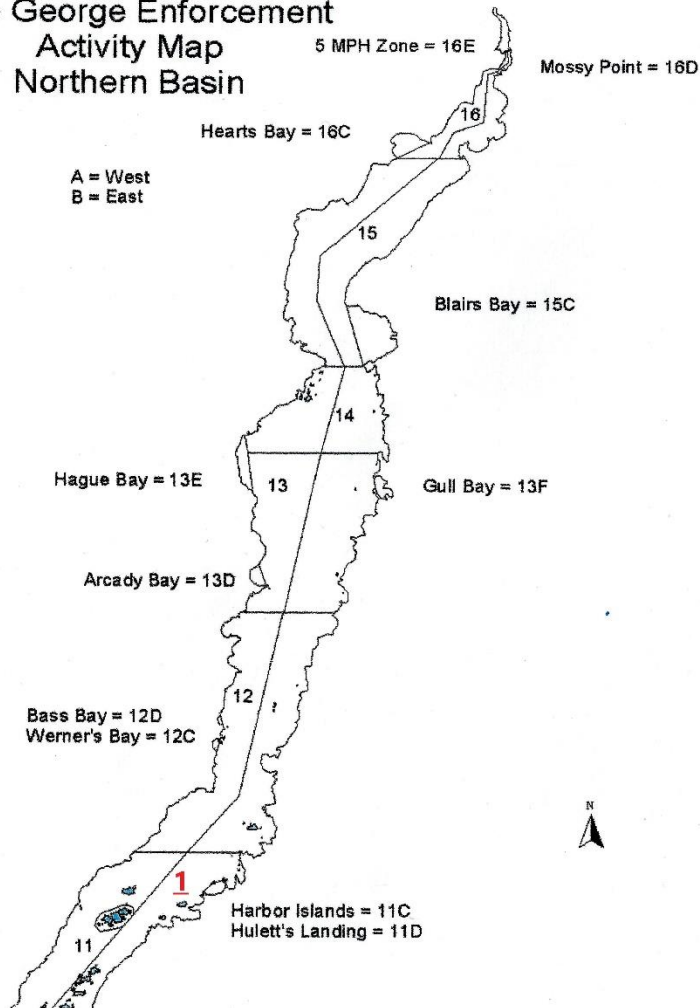
Date	Time	Location	Officer	Injuries	Description of Accident
6/18/22	2:26 pm	Narrows	MPO Knoop	No	A 40' vessel was travelling through the Narrows when it ran aground in "The Fields".
6/21/22	5:15 pm	Huletts Landing	MPO Mazzacano	No	A vessel attempting to dock to get gas hit a parked vessel causing a 3' gouge in the fiberglass.
6/23/22	11:00pm	Elizabeth Island	MPO Andersen	Minor Injuries	Operator heading North in the hazy darkness misjudged where he was and ran aground on Elizabeth Island.
7/1/22	3:35 pm	Shelving Rock Bay	Lt. Johns	No	On a windy day, the operator was unable to anchor in the bay and struck another vessel when attempting to leave. Both boats scratched.
7/9/22	6:27 pm	Northwest Bay	MPO Webster	Yes	A swimmer from a boat entered the water at the rear of the boat. No one realized the boat was in reverse at the time. Swimmer was struck in the head and back with the prop. Transported to Glens Falls Hospital.
7/15/22	4:30 pm	Million Dollar Beach	Sgt. Paccione	Yes	While docking at the boat launch, the victim attempted to step off the boat and slipped between the dock and boat catching her leg on the cleat causing a puncture wound. Transported to Glens Falls Hospital.
7/25/22	1:30 pm	Bolton Bay	MPO Webster	No	Two boats were tied to a dock in strong winds and rough water. One boat came loose and hit the second boat causing damage to motor cover and lower unit.
7/27/22	11:30 am	Dome Island	MPO Rogan	Yes	Victim was being pulled in a tube. When he fell, he dislocated his right arm. Transported to Glens Falls Hospital.
7/30/22	2:10 pm	Basin Bay	MPO Knoop	No	While attempting to back out of a dock with many other boats around, Operator backed into a second vessel causing damage.
8/7/22	4:40 pm	Narrows	Lt. Johns	No	Traveling South through the Narrows, operator did not see danger buoys and ran aground.
8/9/22	2:45 pm	Rogers Park Bolton	Sgt. Ross	No	While docking in the wind, a passenger attempting to assist in docking was thrown into the water. The boat then got caught in the swim ropes.
8/24/22	3:25 pm	Rogers Park	MPO Kneeshaw	No	Rental vessel struck a second vessel while attempting to dock causing damage.

8/28/22	5:35 pm	Rush Island	MPO VanAnden	No	Rental Vessel went through the danger buoys and stuck Rush Island becoming grounded.
9/3/22	2:00 pm	Sawmill Bay	MPO Mitchell	No	While attempting to dock for gas, the operator of the vessel struck a second vessel causing damage. The investigation resulted in the arrest of the operator for Boating While Intoxicated.

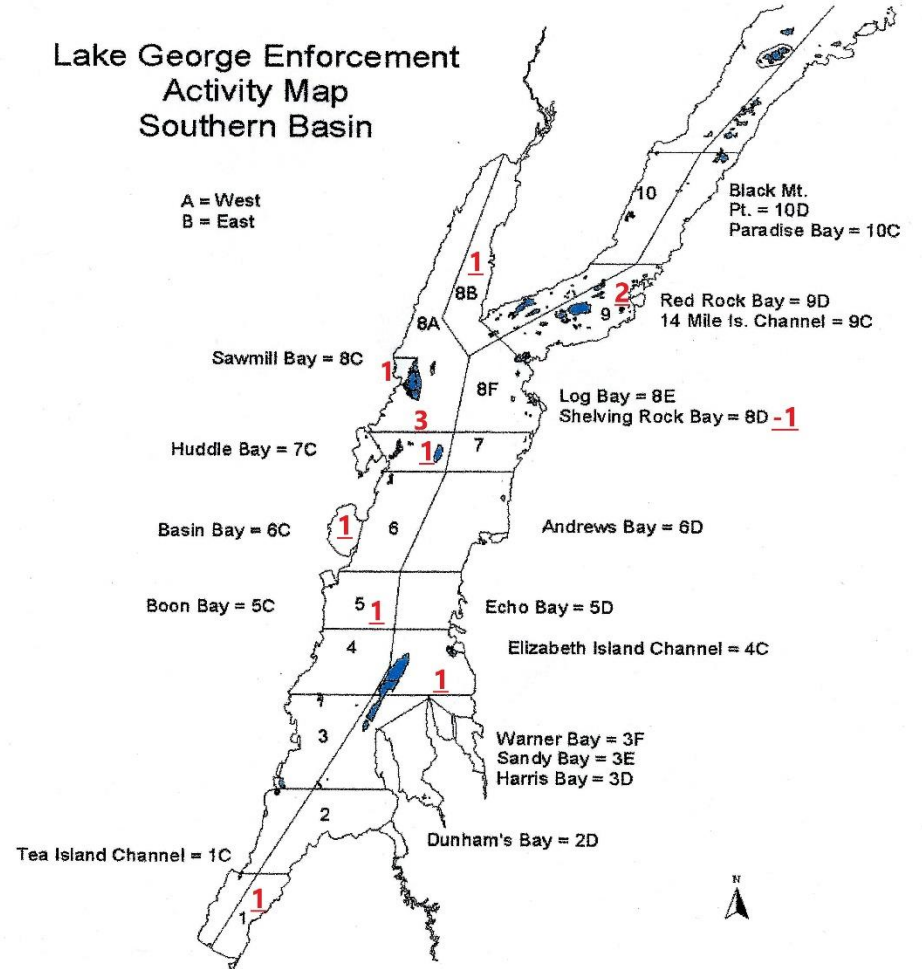


2022 Accidents by Location

Lake George Enforcement Activity Map Northern Basin



Lake George Enforcement Activity Map Southern Basin



BWIs

In 2022, the patrol continued to focus on removing intoxicated operators from the lake. In 2022, there was 4 BWI arrests and 1 BWAi Arrest on Lake George.

Saturday July 2nd at 4:13 p.m. Officer Webster received a call from dispatch about a boat dumping garbage in the area of the Green Island bridge. Sgt. Paccione located and stopped the vessel in Saw Mill Bay. Being right in front of the patrol's Green Island office, the boat was pulled into the patrol's dock for further investigation. During that investigation it was discovered that the boats top also hit the bridge when it was going under it. While questioning the operator, it was noticed that there was an odor of an alcoholic beverage. Sgt. Paccione conducted field sobriety tests, which the operator failed. He was placed under arrest for Boating while Ability Impaired by Alcohol and littering.

Saturday July 30th at 10:19 p.m. Officers Andersen and Webster were patrolling just north of Tea Island when they noticed a boat operating recklessly. The vessel was stopped. While talking to the operator, officers noticed his eyes were red and glassy, a smell of an alcohol beverage and his motor coordination was impaired. The operator was given field sobriety tests which he failed and was arrested for BWI. Officers towed his boat to Scotty's Motel then transported the man to Green Island for Processing. His BAC Level was 0.17% more than double the legal limit. After processing, Officer Sutphen transported him back to his motel and released him to a sober third party.

Saturday August 27th at 6:05 p.m. Officer Sutphen and Lt. Johns received a call from a Marina in Bolton Bay about a blue and white vessel leaving the marina with an individual driving that appeared to be intoxicated. The officers were very close and found the vessel quickly. As the patrol boat approached the vessel in question, officers noticed the vessel was in gear moving with the operator sitting behind the console while throwing up over the side of the boat. The operator could barely speak to officers when questioned. He stated that he only had 2 beers that day and was most likely sick from something he ate. Based on the smell of an alcoholic beverage and the condition of his eyes and mobility impairments, Officer Sutphen conducted field sobriety tests which the operator failed. He was taken into custody and charged with BWI with a BAC level of 0.13%. Assisting at the scene were Officer Webster, The NYS Police and WCSO Officers Campano and Mazzacano.

Saturday September 3rd at 2:45 p.m. Officers Mitchell and Webster were dispatched for a report of a property damage boating accident at a marina in Saw Mill Bay. Officer Mitchell was the first to arrive and began to interview the operator about how he hit the second boat. During this interview Officer Mitchell noticed that the operator appeared to be intoxicated. Once Officer Webster arrived, the 2 officers took the man aside and administered field sobriety tests which he

failed. He was arrested and placed in custody before being transported to Green Island for processing. He was charged with BWI with a BAC level of 0.11% and issued a ticket for an unregistered vessel.

Wednesday September 21st at 4:45 p.m. Lt. Johns received a call from an off-duty officer about an individual who was refused service at a bar because he appeared intoxicated. That individual exited the bar and left in his boat. Lt. Johns was in the area and was able to locate and stop the vessel in Bolton Bay. Upon questioning the operator of the vessel, it was noticed that he had glassy eyes and smelled of an alcoholic beverage. He was administered field sobriety tests and placed in custody after failing them. Officer Andersen arrived at the scene during the testing and was able to tow the boat to shore while Lt. Johns transported the operator to Green Island for processing. Officer Webster, while working for the Bolton PD, arrived and assisted in processing. The operator was charged with BWI with a BAC level of 0.13%. It was also found that he had 2 prior DWIs.



VI. Acknowledgements

The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has always provided the Marine Patrol with valuable training opportunities in addition to equipment and cost reimbursement through federal boater safety programs.

The Town of Lake George again donated a dock for Patrol use during the 2022 season.

The Warren County Sheriff Deputies work closely with the patrol throughout the summer. They also provide multiple training opportunities for the patrol including annual range certification.

New York State Troopers work closely with the Marine Patrol all summer and provide critical support. The State Police also do daily patrols.

The Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Law Enforcement assists in providing support when needed.

The Department of Environmental Conservation's staff at the Green Island Maintenance Facility does an excellent job servicing and maintaining all the Marine Patrol vessels every year.

Enough can't be said about the professionalism and dedication of Lake George Park Commission's Marine Patrol Officers. The Marine Patrol has been charged with a great responsibility. They provide assistance, education and quality enforcement to all of the lake's visitors. This is a responsibility that these exceptional men take very seriously, and it shows. Year after year, positive comments regarding the Marine Patrol are both common and well deserved. They are the most visible ambassadors of the Lake George Park Commission and are directly responsible for the continued success of the Marine Patrol program.

2022 Patrol Roster



Officers pictured from left to right: MPO Bob Sutphen, MPO Keith Knoop, MPO Glenn Mitchell, MPO Skip Kneeshaw, MPO Scott Andersen, MPO Michael Rogan, Lt. Joe Johns, Sgt. Shane Ross, MPO Ray VanAnden, Sgt. Angelo Paccione, Warren County Officer Ron Campano, MPO Gary Mazzacano and MPO Jeff Webster

Returning this year were:

Lieutenant Joe Johns (22nd year)

MPO Glen Mitchell (15th year)

Sergeant Angelo Paccione (15th year)

MPO Skip Kneeshaw (11th Year)

Sergeant Shane Ross (11th year)

MPO Keith Knoop (6th Year)

MPO Scott Andersen (30th year)

MPO Gary Mazzacano (5th Year)

MPO Bob Sutphen (19th year)

MPO Mike Rogan (4th Year)

MPO Ray VanAnden (17th year)

MPO Jeff Webster (4th Year)

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To Contact the Patrol

EMERGENCIES

MARINE RADIO CHANNEL 16	Request “Marine Patrol”
LG MARINE PATROL DISPATCH (Warren County Sheriff’s Department)	518-743-2500 or 911

NON EMERGENCIES

LG MARINE PATROL HEADQUARTERS (Monday – Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm)	518-668-9347
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OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

TO REPORT ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES	800-TIPP DEC
LAKE GEORGE CAMPGROUND INFORMATION	800-456-CAMP
NYSDEC – Warrensburg Office	518-623-1200

Marine Patrol statistics have been accumulated and categorized to provide a snapshot of the activities going on around Lake George. They provide crucial data on areas of special concern and help determine future patrol needs.

Pictures from the Patrol



Another boater who did not pay attention to
the danger buoys



A blow up dinosaur goes for a boat ride



MPO Glenn Mitchell enjoys fishing in Lake George on his days off





A Rainbow over Shelving Rock Bay



The end of the season. The boats are wrapped and put away for the winter. We would like to thank The Commission's Mechanic Chris Mueller for his hard work keeping the boats in top shape for us.