

Dear Editor,

The Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron (LSPS) will offer four boating seminars this fall. On Thursday October 15, the seminar topic will be *How to Use a Chart*. On October 22 the seminar topic will be *Boat Handling Under Power*. These seminars will be offered at the Montville Senior Center from 7 PM to 9 PM. Registration closes October 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost of each seminar is \$25.00 LSPS is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 educational organization.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### LACKAWANNA SQUADRON OFFERS BOATING SEMINARS

**MORRIS COUNTY, NJ** – Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron will offer four seminars this fall. Two seminars, *How To Use a Chart* and *Boat Handling Under Power* will be offered at the Montville Senior Center. Two other seminars, *Using GPS* and *VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio* will be offered at the Library of the Chathams. Cost for each seminar will be \$25.00. For more information, please call 973-635-7576 or email [education@lackawanna.org](mailto:education@lackawanna.org) .

#### **How to Use a Chart – October 15** Montville Senior Center

Can you operate your boat safely under all conditions? This seminar covers how to depart and dock under a variety of conditions, as well as handling the boat underway. A waterproof McGraw-Hill Captain's Quick Guide *Boat Handling under Power* and slide notes are included.

#### **Boat Handling under Power – October 22** Montville Senior Center

Can you operate your boat safely under all conditions? This seminar covers how to depart and dock under a variety of conditions, as well as handling the boat underway. A waterproof McGraw-Hill Captain's Quick Guide *Boat Handling under Power* and slide notes are included.

#### **Using GPS – November 4** Chatham Library

Do you know how to use a marine GPS? Using GPS on the water is different from using an automotive unit in your car. This seminar explains waypoint navigation and relating GPS to your charts; the seminar shows you how to operate your marine GPS – buttons, screens, and functions. The USPS *GPS Guide* and the waterproof McGraw-Hill Captain's Quick Guide *Using GPS* are included.

#### **Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio – November 11** Chatham Library

VHF radio is the mainstay of coastal communication and essential for emergency communications. This seminar answers questions on the use of the radio and explains basic

VHF operation. A handy waterproof McGraw-Hill Captain's Quick Guide *Using VHF* is included with essential information that you should have aboard, which will explain to anyone on your crew how to use the radio

For more information, call 973-540-8949 or e-mail [education@lackawanna.org](mailto:education@lackawanna.org).

To register, visit [www.lackawanna.org](http://www.lackawanna.org) and select the link under Upcoming Public Boating Classes ([http://www.lackawanna.org/public/public\\_courses.htm](http://www.lackawanna.org/public/public_courses.htm)). Registration for each seminar closes on the Monday of the prior week; no applications will be accepted past the registration deadline.

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### **CALENDAR NOTICE**

#### **LACKAWANNA SQUADRON OFFERS BOATING SEMINARS**

**MORRIS COUNTY, NJ** – To promote safe operation of boats and reduce risk of accidents and fatalities on the water, Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron (LSPS) is offering new **two-hour safe-boating seminars** on *How to Use a Chart, Boat Handling under Power, Using GPS* and *Using the VHF/DSC Marine Radio*. The seminars are held on October 15, October 22, November 4, and November 11 (7:00–9:00 pm) at Montville Senior Center and Chatham Library. The cost including materials is \$25 for each seminar. For more information, call 973-635-7576 or e-mail [education@lackawanna.org](mailto:education@lackawanna.org).

To register, visit [www.lackawanna.org](http://www.lackawanna.org) and select the link under Upcoming Public Boating Classes ([http://www.lackawanna.org/public/public\\_courses.htm](http://www.lackawanna.org/public/public_courses.htm)).

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### **FACTS ABOUT THE LACKAWANNA SAIL & POWER SQUADRON**

[www.lackawanna.org](http://www.lackawanna.org)

Lackawanna Sail & Power Squadron (LSPS) is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS).

USPS and LSPS are tax-exempt 501(c)3 educational organizations.

The mission of LSPS is to promote safe boating.

LSPS teaches courses on boating safety to the public at the Montville Township Public Library. In the *America's Boating Course*, students receive the certificate required to operate a power vessel or personal watercraft in New Jersey.

The next courses for the public are:

- Two one-night seminars on Thursday nights October 15 and 22 at the Montville Senior Center, NJ. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the topic will be *How to Use a Chart*. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the topic will be *Boat Handling Under Power*.
- Two one-night seminars on Wednesday nights November 4 and 11 at the Library of the Chathams, Main Street, Chatham, NJ. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the topic will be *Using GPS*. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the topic will be *Using VHF & VHF/DSC Marine Radio*
- *America's Boating Course* – Four Tuesday nights starting September 29 in Montville, NJ.

For information about seminars, call (973) 635-7576 or e-mail [education@lackawanna.org](mailto:education@lackawanna.org). For information about public courses, call (973) 402-2672 or e-mail [publiced@lackawanna.org](mailto:publiced@lackawanna.org).

LSPS teaches advanced boating courses to its members. Topics include seamanship, coastal navigation & marine GPS, celestial navigation, marine electronics, engine maintenance, sail, weather, and cruise planning.

There are over 150 members of LSPS. The members of LSPS reside chiefly in Morris, Union and Essex Counties. This year the officers are Rich Pfaff (Montville), Steve Cohen (Summit), Kevin Wanner (South Orange), Meg Smith (Chatham), Maureen Medure (Morristown) and Mike DiStefano (Oak Ridge).

About half of LSPS members own boats. The boats are located in New Jersey (from Toms River up to Liberty Landing), New York and Connecticut.

Approximately half of LSPS members are sailors, and half are power boaters.

Every year LSPS has two membership meetings, a festive officers' installation, and a holiday party.

LSPS has its monthly Executive Committee meetings at the Madison Community House.

LSPS members have raft-ups of boats in Raritan Bay and in Barnegat Bay.

LSPS members cruise together, often going through the East River to Long Island Sound and then beyond.

LSPS members obtain boat insurance at discounted rates, with discounts that increase as additional courses are completed.

Visit [www.lackawanna.org](http://www.lackawanna.org) for more information about LSPS and [www.usps.org](http://www.usps.org) for information about USPS.