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## NEWS RELEASE

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The Lake George Park Commission, Tuesday, gave conditional approval for a demonstration powerboat race on a course adjacent to the Village of Lake George on May 22, 2010. The simulated race will be part of the Queens Great Boating Weekend which will also include a rowing regatta, boat show and other family activities. "This is a much more confined, better planned and therefore safer event than the lake-spanning powerboat regatta we rejected to last fall," said Commission Vice-Chairman, Thomas K. Conerty.

The event will be the subject of a public notice to coordinate with businesses near the race course in the extreme southern part of the Lake. Additional details are to be developed but the action Tuesday grants an exemption to Commission vessel speed and noise restrictions for those vessels participating in the event. "There will be some extra noise, commotion and safety issues but the event will be well patrolled and limited in terms of area and time," Mr. Conerty said. The Commission is accepting public comments on the event plan.

Commission members asked event sponsor, Norman Dascher, to increase the number of navigation inspectors and to provide written notice to participants that lake-wide speed and noise restrictions apply outside the race course. In reaching an agreement, event sponsors also eliminated a practice run that would have conflicted with a planned rowing regatta. Communication among event inspectors and law enforcement and vessel inspections were also discussed. The Commission agreed to start its marine patrols a week early to help patrol the event and protect public safety.

The Lake George Park Commission is a New York State agency with special authority to enact and enforce regulations protecting the Lake's water and recreational quality. The Commission enforces the navigation law and its own special regulations on boating, anchoring, rentals, tour boats, parasailing, boat sanitation and other aspects of water-based recreation. The Commission's marine patrol, public education programs and special regulations are designed to reduce conflicting uses, promote safety and avert environmental problems on the Lake. Lake George is generally recognized as one of the busiest waterways in the country with as many as 430,000 private boating excursions each year.