

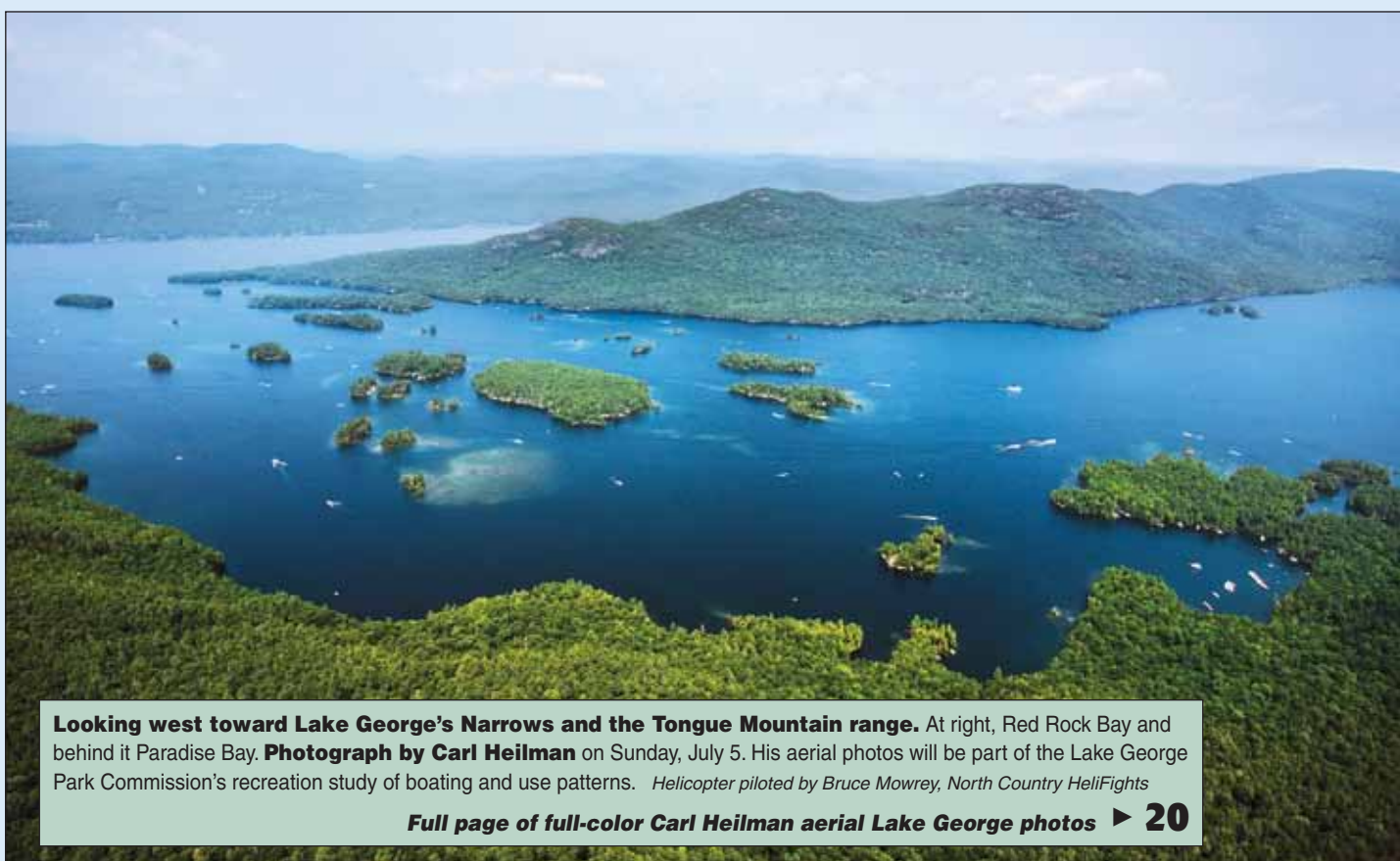
Tracking the use of Lake George

By Gordon Woodworth
Chronicle News Editor

The Lake George Park Commission is updating its 2005 study to better understand water-based recreational trends and current lake conditions.

The goal, says Dave Wick, the Park Commission's executive director: "What are the use patterns, and what is the perception of the lake? This will give us a snapshot in time to see density patterns. Everything will help the Commission make decisions go-

Bigger boats, but fewer of them; more anchoring in bays, all part of evolving use patterns



Looking west toward Lake George's Narrows and the Tongue Mountain range. At right, Red Rock Bay and behind it Paradise Bay. **Photograph by Carl Heilman** on Sunday, July 5. His aerial photos will be part of the Lake George Park Commission's recreation study of boating and use patterns. Helicopter piloted by Bruce Mowrey, North Country HeliFlights

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ing forward."

Tracey Clothier of the LA Group is coordinating the survey. She asks, "How is recreation changing? Are the boats longer, wider, more horsepower? If so, how is that impacting the lake experience for others?"

"How are the marinas coping

with demand? What is the environmental impact on shoreline erosion, wildlife and invasive species?"

Ms. Clothier notes that in past decade boat registrations on Lake George are down 10.4%, from 16,447 in 2005 to 14,741 last year. Statewide numbers

show boat registrations down 11.9%, from 510,185 in 2005 to 449,489 in 2014.

"The most significant story is that the number of registered boats is on a slow but consistent 10-year downward trend," Ms. Clothier said. "Over the next few

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Test-drove \$153,000 Maserati

By David Cederstrom
Chronicle Staff Writer

Maserati. The name conjures up images of high-performance Italian sports cars, expensive beyond the means of any humble newspaper reporter, yet there I was last Friday tooling down the Northway in a brand-new, 454-horsepower,

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Our David took wheel; DePaula adds it to their product line; charity events set at Saratoga.



David Cederstrom, slightly windblown after his test drive of a 454-horsepower, \$153,000 (sticker price) Maserati GranTurismo convertible. Photo/Guy Mastrion of Brandforming.

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