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LG small vessel charter boat biz booms

By Zander Frost
Chronicle Staff Writer

Lake George charter boat tours in small vessels are very much on the rise.

There are now 56 approved tour boat operators on Lake George and the number only increases, said Dave Wick, executive director of the Lake George Park Commission, in response to a Chronicle inquiry.

Mr. Wick said three were added in recent months. "We only started tracking charter boats within the last few years," he notes. "Traditionally, we would

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ADK Boat Tours is one of 56 approved operators on Lake George. Chronicle photo/Mark Frost

only oversee marina operations that would run the full size tour boats," rather than the trending "tour boat operations that are in your standard 26-foot Cobalt."

"From a public safety standpoint," says Mr. Wick, "we think it's definitely an improvement over increasing rental fleets of the marinas that we have around Lake George. So we see that as a positive. We haven't really seen a lot of negatives from it yet."

Mr. Wick says, "We strongly prefer tour boat operators over

rental boats, because you have a licensed captain. We know where they're working out of. And we have a record of them....

"Anybody that's new, or relatively new, has to go through the commission process to essentially be operating as a tour boat on Lake George. It also helps make sure that they have insurance, that they have the regular public vessel operator's license, those types of things."

Don Daley who owns Lake George Island Boat Tours, said, "The biggest issue that we pro-

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'We love what's happening in Glens Falls,' says Florida businessman Tom Elliott, with his girlfriend Susy Westfall.

New player in downtown GF real estate: Tom Elliott to buy 2nd bldg.

By Cathy DeDe
Chronicle Managing Editor

Tom Elliott is the latest developer to enter the scene in downtown Glens Falls.

He and girlfriend Susy Westfall already bought 12 Warren Street, which once was home to JMZ architects and now has Black Anvil body art/tattoo parlor on its first floor and an apartment upstairs. They paid \$345,000, said Realtor Mark Levack.

Now Mr. Elliott — with lifelong friend and business partner Rich Kunzle — is about to close on purchase of 170 Glen Street, former home of H.R. Tyrer Galleries auction house — where he says

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Urges focus on 'the real issues' of Covid & Cuomo: Nursing home deaths; effort to 'panic public'

To the Editor:

This week, two stories have taken all of our attention: Mr. Cuomo's resignation and the return of the Covid monster.

I am disappointed that the Cuomo story seems to highlight and focus on the '11 brave women' that have come forward. Yes, the toxic workplace

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Adirondack Mountain Club headquarters in LG for sale: \$990,000

Hopes to buy, move to High Peaks ski center; office in GF/Saratoga

Chronicle managing editor Cathy DeDe writes: The Adirondack Mountain Club aims to sell

its headquarters building on Goggins Road off Lake George Northway Exit 21, with hopes to move into a new, higher profile location in Lake Placid. "As we try to reach as many hikers and

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