

# The Pelican



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## From the Helm



The squadron covered most of the projects and activities in April, at the dinner meeting.

Bob Hunt presented the America's Boating Course Edition 3 on April 1 and April 8. George Lawrence and Joe McNeill attended.

Sandy Hendrickson arranged a tour of the Paddlefish Research Center on April 13. Over 30 of our members attended this very informative tour.

Marge Blattner organized an Earth Day cleanup on April 22 along North Cherokee. Workers Roger and Julie Jones, Harv and Marge Blattner, Carrie and Maya Carmichael, Jon Murphy, Earl Starkman, and Peggy Miller picked up around 50 bags of trash.

A Motion was made and passed at the April dinner meeting by members of the squadron to join the Chamber of Commerce this year.

Life jackets were purchased with grants from Grove Rotary and Grand Lake Dam Authority (GRDA). At the Grand Lake Boat Show in Vinita we gave away approximately 75 from the Rotary Grant. We will give away remaining life jackets from the Rotary Grant and the ones purchased with GRDA grant monies at Camp Bandage on June 3 and Toes in The Grand on June 17-18. The loaner stations will also be kept loaded with life jackets thanks to the GRDA grant. Many thanks to Julie Jones for her assistance with the life jacket distribution.

A new name tag was on display at the dinner meeting. Some members purchased theirs at the April meeting. There will be an additional opportunity at the May meeting to purchase a new name tag.



May 16 at 4:30 we plan to go to the Grove City Council Meeting with our life jackets and banner. Mayor Ed Trumball will read the Proclamation for Safe Boating Week. After the proclamation is read, we can leave and go to Rancho Viejo for dinner. Always a fun thing to do.

Our last dinner meeting of the spring will be at Tera Miranda on May 18 beginning at 5:00. Social hour will be from 5:00 until 6:00. Dinner will be served by the restaurant personnel. We will be on the patio. This meal was arranged so members could go by boat. The dinner will be pizza. That was determined at the April meeting by a vote of the membership attending the meeting.

During the social hour a film will run about Boating Education. After dinner, our speaker will be Clayton Hale, a member of the club who often participates in fishing tournaments. He will explain how to get involved with these tournaments and other things related to the events.

**2022-2023**

**Commander  
Peggy Miller, S**

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Bob Hunt, N**

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**Brenda Stewart-Murphy, S**

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Marge Blattner, S**



*S* — *Seamanship*

*P* — *Piloting*

*AP* — *Advanced Piloting*

*JN* — *Junior Navigator*

*N* — *Navigator*

*SN* — *Senior Navigator*

# DID YOU KNOW???

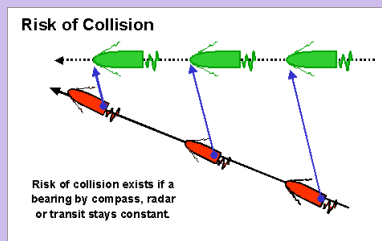
By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



## Article 1

Collision bearings are a series of bearings taken when your boat and another are on converging courses and might meet, resulting in a collision. A simple method of taking a bearing is to extend your arm pointing toward the other boat. If the boat is on your starboard side and the angle is decreasing, the boat will pass ahead of you. If the bearing or angle is increasing, the boat will pass behind you. The opposite is true if the boat is on your port side. Remember the angle is related to 360 degrees of a compass. If the angle remains constant, collision is a certainty and the rule to determine the give-way vessel should be followed.

If the other vessel is on your starboard, stay clear and pass behind it as you are the give-way boat. If it is on your port side, maintain your course and speed as the stand-on boat so the other vessel can slow and pass behind you. Unfortunately, not all boaters know the “Nautical Rules of the Road”, so the ultimate rule is to avoid collision taking action as needed. The danger horn signal is five short horn or whistle blasts.



## Article 2

With the large cruisers and the popularity of wakeboard boats on Grand Lake, it is not uncommon to encounter large wakes and multiple waves when boating. When crossing a large boat's wake, the further you are away from the boat, the less severe is the wake. Changing your course temporarily until passing the wakes can be more comfortable for your passengers and easier on your boat. Always take wakes at an angle for better comfort. It may vary from 10 to 45 degrees depending on the wake's size. When encountering multiple large waves on the lake, there is a risk of running down the back side of one and burying the bow in the front side of the next one. If it appears the bow will hit and possibly bury, immediately throttle back. If no action is taken, the boat could continue to submarine under the wave and be swamped.

A good rule is one hand on the steering wheel and one on the throttle.



## What is a Merit Mark?

During past years I have been asked several questions pertaining to Merit Marks:

*I received an email from USPS with an attachment. Should I open it?*

*I received an email from USPS with a merit mark certificate. Why me?*

*How did I get picked to receive a Merit Mark?*

That indicated we needed to explain the Merit Mark system to our members. So what is a Merit Mark, how does it affect you as a member of ABC-Grand Lake, is there anything you can do to enhance your chances of receiving one?

During the year, the efforts of many individuals are required to make a squadron successful. How do we thank a member for their efforts during the year?

*With a verbal "Thanks" OR During the year a members efforts may be recognized during a dinner meeting, OR A members efforts may be recognized with a personal note from the Commander, OR A members efforts may be recognized with a pat on the back for a job well done.*



The United States Power Squadrons has developed a program to formally recognize those members who have contributed over and above what is expected of them. A "merit mark" (MM) is awarded by the Chief Commander of USPS to a member for substantial personal effort in furthering the interest, programs and objectives of USPS, its districts and squadrons. It is a coveted award; It is the only official recognition members receive for their efforts. Only one merit mark may be awarded in a year to a member, no matter how extensive their contribution.

## How are MM awarded?

Records are maintained during the year for each member's contribution to the various squadron activities. Data is collected electronically throughout the year. This program formats the information and generates reports for use in the determination of a member's contribution to the squadron. Prior to November 15 the list is compiled and sent to the squadron Commander for review and recommendations to the USPS Chief Commander. The squadron Commander is not included on this list. IF accepted by the Chief Commander a Merit Mark Certificate is awarded.

Is there a value for each item or is the list subjective in nature? There are only two activities that have a specific requirement that will result in the awarding of a Merit Mark. One is Completion of ten (10) vessel safety exams. The other activity is Teaching or proctoring two (2) or more classes during the year with some other involvement in the squadron will result in a Merit Mark. Here is a sample of a USPS Merit Mark Award certificate.



So, get involved with squadron activities and watch your email in late November for your certificate of merit. Twenty-five awards are recognized as a Life Member, which results in National dues being waived.

Following are three pages of opportunities to serve the community and the lake by taking a turn at the Grove Welcome Center and serving at Camp Bandage and Toes on the Grand handing out free lifejackets. Please consider signing up.

Call Carol Rice (918 786-5750 ) to sign up for the Welcome Center; and, Julie Jones (620-271-1047) to sign up for Camp Bandage and Toes on the Grand.

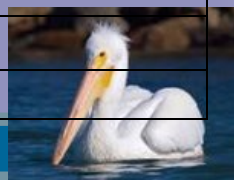
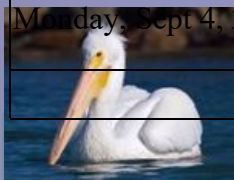


## 2023 Assignment Dates to Host GLA Visitor Center

Date	Time	Name
Saturday, May 27, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	
Sunday, May 28, 2023	Noon – 3 pm	
Monday, May 29, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	
Saturday, June 10, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	Jim Reynolds Cindy Reynolds
Sunday, June 11, 2023	Noon – 3 pm	Marge Blattner Harvey Blattner
Saturday, June 24, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	
Sunday, June 25, 2023	Noon – 3 pm	Brenda Murphy Jon Murphy
Saturday, July 8, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	
Sunday, July 9, 2023	Noon – 3 pm	Marge Blattner Harvey Blattner
Saturday, July 22, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	
Sunday, July 23, 2023	Noon – 3 pm	Kevin Kamrath Micki Kamrath
Saturday, August 5, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	Roger Jones Julie Jones
Sunday August 6, 2023	Noon – 3 pm	Joe McNeill Marian McNeill
Saturday, August 19, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	
Sunday, August 20, 2023	Noon – 3 pm	
Saturday, Sept 2, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	
Sunday, Sept 3, 2023	Noon – 3 pm	Joe McNeill Marian McNeill
Monday, Sept 4, 2023	10 am – 3 pm	

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING**

For Boaters, By Boaters™



# ABC - GL Sign Up for Camp Bandage 2023 June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sheet 1

Saturday 9 to 10:30	Name	Hours
<b>Booth Set Up</b>	<b>9 to 10:30</b>	
1	Roger & Julie Jones      620-271-1047	
2	Sandy H	
3	Joe + Marian McNeill      405-432-6572	
4	HARV & MARGIE Blatter      620-338-3453	
5	Brenda + Jon Murphy      314-605-2661	
Saturday 11 to 1:30	Name	
1	Roger & Julie Jones      620-271-1047	
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Saturday 1:30 to 4	Name	
1	Roger & Julie Jones      620-271-1047	
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Julie Jones phone # 620-271-1047

Grand Lake RV Resort  
31527 S. 4510 Rd  
Afton, OK



**GLSPS Schedule for 2023 Toes n Grand Booth  
Wolf Creek Landing**

FRIDAY JUNE 16TH		Hours 3
11 am - 2 pm Booth Assembly	Roger Jones	620-271-1047
	Julie Jones	.. . .
	<del>Sandy H</del>	
	BLATTNERS	620-338-3453
2 pm - 5 pm		
5 pm - 8 pm		
SATURDAY June 17 <sup>th</sup>		Hours 2
12 pm - 2 pm	Joan Naran McNeill	405-432-6572
	Sandy H	
2 pm - 4 pm		
4 pm - 6 pm		
6 pm - 8 pm		
TEARDOWN		





# AMERICAS BOATING COURSE EDITION 3

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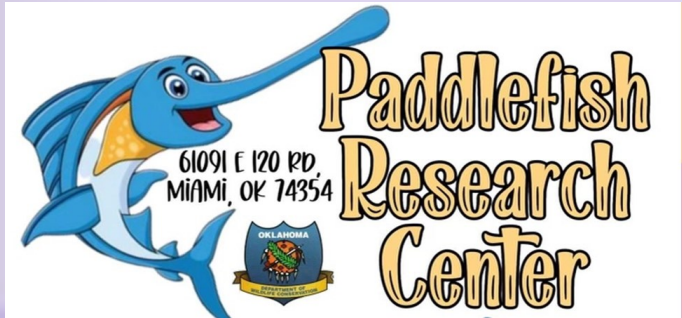
George Lawrence and Joe McNeill attended Americas Boating Course Edition 3 training on April 1 and April 8. Shown here with Larry Stout, past GLPS Commander.



Joe Harwood	5/8
Linda Dunham	5/12
Marian McNeill	5/27
Rusty Millikan	5/27
Larry Graves	5/28
Cheryl Elson	5/28



Two groups attended Lunch at High Winds Casino and Paddlefish Research Center Tour arranged by member Sandy Hendrickson. Our research center guide explained how they harvest the roe from the female paddlefish to sell wholesale. They also filet the fish, packaging the meat to return to the angler who caught it. They use other parts of the fish, like the jawbone to determine the fish's age, to collect data for biologists in managing the species. The research center is open during March and April. You must have a special license to fish for paddlefish.







# **DINNER MEETING**

**MAY 18, 2023**



**28251 S. 561 Road  
Monkey Island, OK 74331**

**COME BY BOAT OR CAR  
DINNER WILL BE PIZZA**

**DINNER IS ONLY \$15 PER PERSON  
JOIN THE CLUB AT THE MEETING AND DINNER IS ON US!**

**PLEASE RSVP TO MICHELLE AT 580-704-7991  
BY NOT LATER THAN MONDAY MAY 15, 2023**



Seven ABC-GL members (Harv and Marge Blattner, Roger and Julie Jones, Peggy Miller, Earl Starkman and Jon Murphy) and two guests (Jones' daughter, Carrie and granddaughter Maya) helped with the Earth Day Clean Up along North Cherokee Street. We left 50 bags of trash for the Delaware County folks to pick up. Several people slowed/stopped to say "thank you" and many honked their horns. One lady stopped and gave the Jones crew bottles of water. We received kudos, for our effort on our Americas Boating Club - Grand Lake and [Grove Oklahoma Community Connection](#) Facebook pages . . . and, Carrie found a \$10 bill. It pays to do good things for Mother Earth!



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