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From the Helm



While working at the Visitor's Center last Saturday I came across two books you should open. The first book is called, "The Secret Life of the Grand Lake Pelican." Pictures and information are written by R.C. Livesay. The second book is "The Will Rogers Archway." I imagine the entire squadron has gone under the archway one time or another on Interstate I-44 or Will Rogers Turnpike

All squadrons of USPS have three areas we try to fulfill, community service, boating education, and fellowship. Our community service includes working at the Visitor's Center. We need to make sure we have members work every other weekend. Sometimes you are quite busy at the visitor's Center and sometimes the opposite. You can always find something to do. it is a great help to the workers at the Visitor's Center. The Visitor's Center is planning to buy a new television as the other one died. I did say there was a television there. Sorry it is gone. New one will be there for us to enjoy at a future date.

Thursday, July 13 is an important date for the squadron. It will be a time all of us can wish Larry and Mary Ann Stout happy new adventures and safe passage. They are moving to North Carolina to live closer to one of their daughters. Larry will continue to send articles to the Pelican editor, writing about all the boating information he has accumulated through the years. Not only will this give all of us information about boats, boating and proper lake etiquette, we will have a chance to hear about his time in his new state. This will also give Larry a chance to earn his 25th merit mark and be recognized by the United States Power Squadrons as a life member in Orlando in 2025.

Who is interested in finding a great BarBQ place, time for a picnic, and fishing on a lake or river? The last part of August might just give us a chance to go on a car expedition to do just that. August 25 is a good time to plan such an activity. Mark it on your calendar and we will see how that fits for a short trip to see a bit of Oklahoma.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July.



JN ——— *Junior Navigator*
N ——— *Navigator*
SN ——— *Senior Navigator*



S ——— *Seamanship*
P ——— *Piloting*
AP ——— *Advanced Piloting*

DID YOU KNOW???

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN

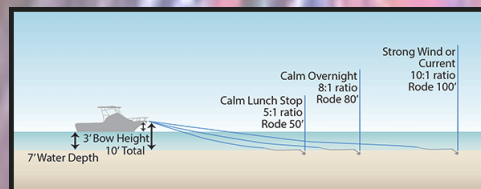


Article 1

When choosing an area to anchor your boat, check the water depth to be sure that you have sufficient anchor line to secure the boat. Typically, a 5:1 ratio of water depth plus freeboard is sufficient except in rough water or higher winds. For example, a water depth of 10 feet and freeboard of 5 feet would equal 75 feet of anchor line or rode.

Try to anchor in calmer protected coves or in the lee (downwind) from land or a breakwater. Check the chartbook for underwater obstacles and pass around the area to check for uncharted hazards. Do not anchor in channels, high traffic areas or near underwater cables.

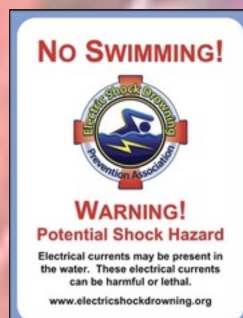
Remember the boat will rotate on its anchor with wind and current changes, so make sure your swing circle will keep you clear of all obstructions including neighboring boats. Once the boat is anchored securely, take a bearing on two fix objects on land such as a tree or building. From time to time check the bearings to see if your position has changed which would indicate the anchor is not holding and will need to be reset.



Article 2

Swimming in a marina can be dangerous because of reversed polarity from a boat in the area having an improperly wired electrical receptacle. When the boat is connected to shore power or using a generator for the electricity source, the reversed polarity can energize the ground connections leaking an electrical current into the surrounding water.

The same holds true for private docks when the electrical outlets are improperly wired and connected to a shore power source. Modern electrical receptacles are polarized allowing the plug to be inserted in only one direction, however the receptacle still needs to be properly grounded. To be safe, consider checking the electrical receptacles around your boat, dock and house. Portable polarity testers are inexpensive and may be purchased in the electrical supply section of many stores. To be extra safe, turn off the power to the dock when persons will be swimming.



Treasurer's Report- May 2023	
May Income	
Amazon Smile	\$80.68
Ship's store receipts	12.00
New Memberships	136.00
Name Tag payments from members	72.00
Total May Income	\$300.68
May Expenses	
Bank Maintenance Fee	\$3.00
Dinner meeting espense {April caterer/May venue)	434.70
Microsoft office software	99.99
Name tag expense	185.81
New member meals	30.00
Chamber membership	171.00
Total May Expenses	\$924.50
Checking Account Balance end of May 2023: \$7,689.74	

Upcoming Events

August 5: Boat rally and Pizza Party at Bill and Peggy Millers' home on Wolf Creek.



August 18: Social at Cindy and Jim Reynolds' home on Grand Lake . There is an area to dock boats, or you can attend by car. A map will be provided before the event. Cindy and Jim will furnish hot dogs (cooked of course,) and hot dog buns. Members are asked to bring whatever they like to serve with the dogs. Call Cindy (918 706 1270) or Peggy Miller (918 964 1059) if you have any questions.



- How many lights are on Sailboat Bridge?
- What marina is named after a natural formation?
- Are there any ice cubes at Ice Box Coves?
- How many fingers in three finger cove?

These are just some examples of what you may have missed on Grand Lake.

Join us to find out about these and other items of interest.

Mark August 5, 2023, on your calendar NOW! The 2023 Americas Boating Club – Grand Lake Boat Rally is planned, and the course checked. We will have the start and finish of the rally at the boat dock of Peggy and Bill Miller on Wolf Creek. The course is of a similar length to past rallies that is estimated to take two hours. However, the ability to read a chart will be helpful. The course will be in a different part of Grand Lake and will probably cover some waters that many of you have never visited. As in the past, don't plan to follow the boat ahead of you as they may be going in some other direction.

If you are coming from the south end of the lake or from another location and are towing a boat, the Wolf Creek Park (the city boat ramp) is an ideal place to put your boat in the water. It is about two miles up the lake on the west side to the Millers dock. There are lots of parking spaces for your tow vehicles at the city boat ramp.

At the end of the rally, Miles VanDusen, and Darrin Cunningham, directly from Springdale will be cooking homemade pizzas. You are all asked to bring a dish to pass for this event. You will be able to leave them at the Millers before the rally, as adequate storage is available for the items that need to be kept cool.



Equipment needed includes a compass, a Grand Lake Chart book (available at Grand Lake Sports Center, at 3rd and main. You should have one of these for your normal boating activities.), binoculars (optional), a clipboard for holding the instructions, and PFDs for everyone in the boat. Any other equipment you bring is your option.

The schedule: 0900 - 1000 Arrival and check of PFDs in boat. There are three docks available to tie up prior to and after the rally. We have cooperative neighbors.

- 1000 The captain's meeting, everyone is invited. Here is where you will hear the last-minute updates to the condition of the course(s)
- 1030 - 1045 First boat starts the rally. Boats will depart every minute thereafter.
- 1500 The official end of the rally, if you don't have it figured out by now, come on back for the meal.

Please call Peggy or Bill at 918-314-7680 or email at wmmiller@aol.com to let us know if you plan to participate. The deadline for entry is July 29, 2023. We need to know how many will be attending to allow purchase of the food. Leave a message on the voice mail if no one answers.

Look forward to seeing all of you.



Camp Bandage was a washout . . . literally . . . it started raining about 30 minutes in and never stopped. We loaded everything up and headed for Honey Creek Outdoor to store the lifejackets until Toes In The Grand a couple of weekends away.



We had a better day at Toes In The Grand. Handed out all of our Child and Youth lifejackets. We also handed out a lot of Infant and Adult Universal lifejackets. We had a raffle for a bucket of fishing "stuff". A lady, Diane, won it. We made \$211 on the raffle for the Club "kitty".





There are still a few spots open at the Visitor's Center. Please plan to volunteer and call Carol Rice (918 786-5750) to sign up.

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	Arlene & Earl Starkman Trudy Richardson
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		



Tom Rice	7/5
Arlene Starkman	7/6
Alan Ford	7/8
Neal Troyer	7/8
Jeremy Schoonover	7/11
Julie Jones	7/23
Paul Joseph Woodul	7/23

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