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S ——— *Seamanship*

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AP ——— *Advanced Piloting*



From the Helm



Welcome to the holiday season and the start of a new "Squadron Watch". Let me start by thanking everyone involved in the Change of Watch Ceremony on November 9th. All the hard work it takes to have a successful event is truly something to watch. Over the next few weeks and months, I would encourage you all to take a moment to get to know the new bridge staff as well as the e-Board. Each member brings a unique set of skills we can all benefit from to grow and enhance our squadron.

Over the past week I had the opportunity to have an unofficial meeting (jam session) with a few of the e-Board members and a member at large, Ray Fletcher, who was in town and stopped by to re-introduce himself and meet some of our new staff. It was a great chance to discuss a few ideas about the upcoming season and what we might be able to do to grow the club.

In the next few months, we want to offer classes to the membership as well as getting some new members trained to provide opportunities for classes for the community. We really want to bring education and safety to the forefront this year.

On a quick note about life jackets, the squadron has current grant requests out to GRDA and the Grove Rotary. We have discussed giving local businesses the opportunity to "scholarship" lifejackets through a partnership program with the squadron and are very excited to work on the implementation of that program. If you have any suggestions that might help with that, please feel free to contact us.

Hope to see you all at the Christmas party on December 7th at St. Elizabeths Catholic Church. You need to RSVP by December 4th by sending an email to abcgrandlake@gmail.com.

I look forward to talking to each of you in the future.

Clayton Hale
ABC-GL Commander



DID YOU KNOW???

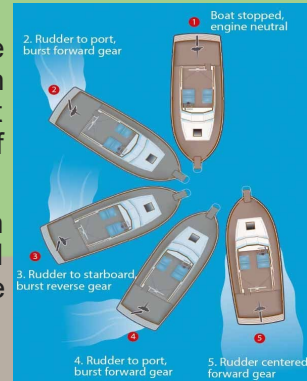
By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

When docking or operating a boat in confined areas, it is important to know how to maneuver the boat at a minimum control speed (mcs). This is typically less than the speed when the engine is in gear with the throttle at idle rpm. It is accomplished by using intermittent power. With the throttle at idle rpm, shift from neutral to forward and back to neutral. This will give a short, gentle surge of power to maintain control.

To make turns at minimum control speed, turn the wheel in the desired direction with the gear in neutral, then shift into forward gear at idle rpm to start the turn, then back to neutral near the end of the turn. This will turn the boat without significantly increasing the speed. Repeat this technique to keep the boat under control and moving slowly.



Article 2

When approaching another boat at rest where the occupants are fishing, or slowly trolling give them a wide berth to avoid your boat's wake disturbing their boat or possibly injuring the occupants. When passing a sailboat try to pass behind their stern. A large wake can put extra strain on the rigging of the sailboat, plus hamper their headway especially in light air.

Boaters are responsible to maintain a safe speed at all times so that a proper and effective action can be taken to avoid a collision or to stop within an appropriate distance. A safe speed is determined by visibility, traffic density, hazards, the boat's maneuverability, weather and water conditions.

Boating at a safe speed also requires following state and local regulations. Oklahoma state law requires an idle speed or no wake within 150 feet of a boat ramp, dock or an anchored/moored vessel. Also, a reduced speed of 10 mph is required when a vessel is within 50 feet of another vessel. On Grand Lake, the GRDA has a nighttime speed limit of 25 mph along with speed restrictions in Duck Creek and Woodard Hollow.

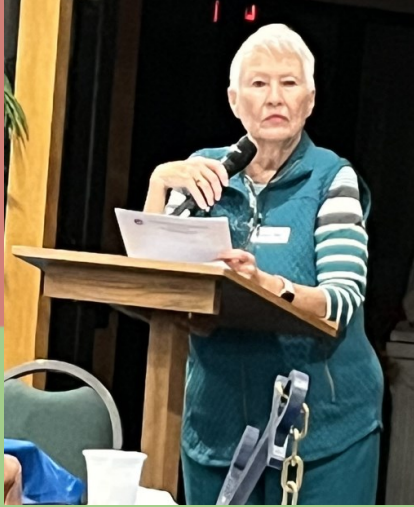


Article 3

When winterizing your boat don't neglect your batteries. If the boat is to be hauled and put in dry storage for the winter, remove the battery, clean the exterior and store it where you can periodically charge it. The cable terminals should be wiped with petroleum jelly or other nonmetallic grease to prevent corrosion.

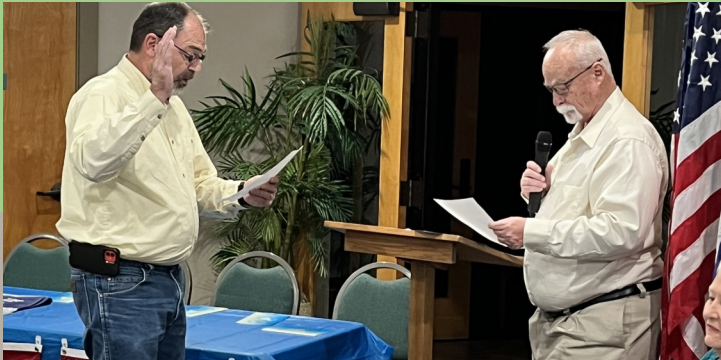
If the boat is to remain in the water, it is best to leave the battery in place to provide electrical power for all 12-volt systems such as the bilge pumps and alarms. Be sure the battery stays charged through the winter as a discharged battery can freeze, expand and explode spraying acid in the surrounding area. It is also important to not overcharge a battery in cold weather as it can damage a battery and shorten its life





Outgoing Commander, Peggy Miller, addresses the ABC-GL membership.

Outgoing 2022-2023 Bridge/ Executive Committee members, Harv Blattner, Brenda Murphy, Bob Hunt, Peggy Miller, Arlene Starkman and Sandy Hendrickson. Not pictured: Larry Stout.



Kent Simpson, District 30 Commander, administers the oath to Clayton Hale, ABC-GL Commander.

2023-2024 Bridge members: David Harder, Administrative Officer; Jeff Landburg, Executive Officer; Brenda Murphy, Secretary; Clayton Hale, Commander; Arlene Starkman, Treasurer; Marian McNeill, Assistant Treasurer; Bill Miller, Education Officer. Not pictured: Jon Murphy, Assistant Education Officer; and, Sandy Hendrickson, Assistant Secretary.



Commander Clayton Hale addresses the ABC-GL membership.

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Random pictures from the Change of Watch



MEMBERS ONLY EVENT



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CHRISTMAS
& Happy New Year

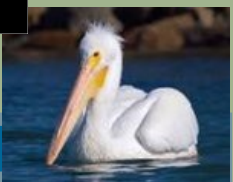
CELEBRATIONS

2023 | TUES. | 5:30 P.M.
7 DEC. |

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT OR APPETIZER TO SHARE
DON'T FORGET YOUR "DIRTY SANTA" GIFT!

PLEASE RSVP BY 12/4 TO ABCGRANDLAKE@GMAIL.COM St. Elizabeth Catholic Church
1653 113 St NW - Grove OK

HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE WE WILL BE MATCHING DONATIONS
TO THE **KIDS BACKPACK PROGRAM** MADE AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!
UP TO \$1000






DECEMBER EVENTS



December 7 - ABC-GL Christmas Party at St. Elizabeths Catholic Church



David Sloan	12/1
Todd Elson	12/2
David Harder	12/6
Orville Edwards	12/22
Harvey Blattner	12/28

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