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Commander's Report



Spring has sprung! We can see it by the flowers blooming, birds singing, grass growing and gardens being planted. Also we see more and more boats out on the lake. It's a Grand time of the year. It is a great time to be a member of the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron. We have many activities going on and new members coming in. It's an exciting time!

In less than 10 days it will be the start of May. It will be a busy time for members. It starts off with the safe boating proclamation in May. I would urge the members to come to City Hall for that special presentation by the mayor. It also is a time to show to the community how Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron represent safe boating, education and community service. Another event that will require assistance from many members is our Safe Boating Kickoff week. This will be held in conjunction with our garage sale. Definitely time to reach out to the community again. There will be boat inspections and free food! It will be a great time to visit with members and perspective members, once again promoting our goal of safe boating and education...

As I recall, the speaker at district conference, R/C Bill Johnson, SN, stated that we should have our elevator speech ready whenever we meet new people. He stated that when riding in an elevator, you only have a few minutes to talk, but you want to say the items that the person will remember. So we can use this whenever we meet new people.

Thank you to all of the members who have already signed up to help and also our new boat inspectors. This could not be done without you.

Scott Cox, P



Commander, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron

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



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



Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron Graduates Boating Class Written by David Sloan, JN

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron graduated its latest class of the America's Boating Course on Monday April 4. America's Boating Course is a comprehensive introduction to boating operation and safety. The students are taught docking procedures, leaving a dock, using an anchor, loading and trimming a boat. They learn how to do pivot turns and quick stops (helpful in docking). Proper trailering, storing and protecting your boat are also subjects covered in the course. An important feature of the class will be the student's opportunity to practice what was learned in the classroom during on-the-water training that will be held in the near future.

The students had comments about the course. Joe Petrusa said the course will make the boating experience more rewarding. He will know the proper gear to have for a safe and enjoyable outing. Vicki Petrusa learned a lot that will allow her to become a safer boater. Cindy Rosellini is a new boater and the training will help her avoid accidents. Mark Rosellini learned to be a better boater and will be able to handle his boat better in tight situations when docking.



On March 28th Jim Sweeten and Janet Sloan taught an ABC3 class together. Janet's section was to teach was about emergencies and first aid. When the class was over Jim came home telling me all the helpful information Janet shared about heart attack / stroke and the symptoms of each. She said to chew a full strength aspirin. We even checked to make sure we had aspirin on hand. Little did we know 5 days later Jim would have a serious heart attack. We were told by the cardiologist at Mercy in Joplin that we did everything correctly and that people die from heart attacks like this. Janet also shared how to put emergency information into a smart phone. Thanks to Janet it was all fresh in our minds and we acted quickly.

*With warm regards,
Debbie and Jim*



District 30 Spring Conference



Ten of our GLSPS members went to the District 30 conference April 15th-16th at Inn at Grand Glaize in Osage Beach, Missouri. Friday night there was a hospitality room hosted by SLSPS. Saturday morning was the conference meeting with a Change of Watch for the district bridge. Terry Elias (SLSPS) is our new commander. Saturday afternoon there were many activities provided to attend on your own. Saturday evening we joined SLSPS at JD Waddles for dinner and their Change of Watch. The food was great. This was followed by dessert in the hospitality room. R/C Bill Johnson, SN from Phoenix, AZ along with his wife Connie were there to officiate the district Change of Watch. GLSPS will be hosting the District conference in the Spring of 2017.



Awards

- ◆ Distinctive Communicator for Web site/ Pelican
- ◆ Certificate of Participation Casey Sloan for Poster Contest.



R/C Bill Johnson, SN



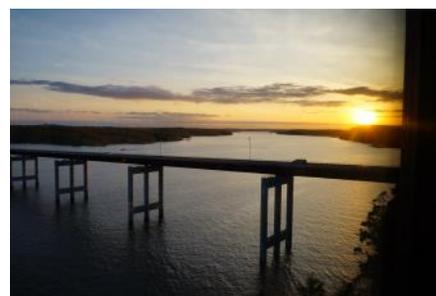
D/C Terry Elia, JN



Distinctive Communicator Award for The Pelican



2016-17 District Bridge



Save These Conference Dates!

2016 Governing Board Meeting 21-28 Aug. Pittsburgh, PA

District 30 Fall Conference Oct. 7-9 Branson, MO
(see attachment)





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We welcome you to Branson, Missouri hosted by The Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron!

Friday October 7 - Sunday October 9, 2016

Hotel : Grand Plaza Hotel

The Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center is a 3 Star hotel located just off of Branson's world famous Highway 76. Surrounded by shows, attractions, and outlet shopping, this hotel is just a short walk away! The Grand Amenities include a full service restaurant and bar with a luxurious view of the Branson strip and rolling hills. Then enjoy the full hot and cold complimentary buffet breakfast available every morning! With 200 rooms available, the Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center is your grand home away from home!

Room Rate \$93.00 + Tax for Standard Room, Group code D30SQ. Reservations for the Hotel are due by September 5, 2016. The Room Rate is good thru Tuesday if you want to come and stay a few extra days.

{This guest room is furnished with earth tone décor which offers two queen beds or 1 King, 25" TV featuring cable and HBO, mini refrigerator, desk with chair, telephone, free wireless internet, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.}

REGISTRATION/MEET AND GREET:

Friday October 7, 2016 2:00pm-7:00pm Ridgeview Room 1st floor
Dinner on your own

SATURDAY:

The Fall Council and Conference will be held in the Ridgeview Room on the 1st floor. Lunch and Dinner will be on the 9th floor in the Table Rock Room with a scenic view of Branson. Saturday evening after dinner we will go to the New Shanghai Theatre 645 State Highway 165 to see the Acrobats of China.

MEAL & ENTERTAINMENT RESERVATION FORM

Lunch:

Soup and Sandwich Buffet

{Choice of Turkey and Cheese or Ham and Cheese sandwich, two soups, salad, rolls, dessert, and tea, coffee or water.} \$16.00 x _____ =\$ _____

Supper:

Barbecue Buffet

{Barbecue Pork, Barbecue Beef, Smoked Brisket served with Baked Beans, salad, dessert and tea, coffee or water.} \$30.00 x _____ =\$ _____

Saturday Entertainment:

Chinese Acrobats

\$25.00 x _____ =\$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Squadron _____

Please send your reservation to:

Kent Simpson

403 Sycamore St. Trlr 50

Albany IL 61230.

Make Checks payable to Four Rivers Sail and Power Squadron

Reservations are due FRIDAY, September 23, 2016.



Dr. Darrell Townsend Speaks to Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron Written by David Sloan, JN

Dr. Darrell Townsend, Assistant General Manager Ecosystems and Lake Management for GRDA, spoke to Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron at their monthly meeting on April 21 at the Cedars Oaks RV Resort. He spoke about the general condition of Grand Lake with an emphasis on water quality issues. About 65% of the watershed feeding Grand Lake is from Kansas with the remainder from Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. So, managing and improving the lake is a cooperative effort with the other states.

Zebra mussels are always a major topic when talking about water quality. The zebra mussel was first seen in Grand Lake in the mid 2000's. They have no natural predators in Grand Lake, so their presence is beginning to be seen. The primary impacts so far are at the Chouteau steam plant and with irrigation systems that source water from Grand Lake. The mussels were hindering cooling water flow at the Chouteau steam plant. There was a significant cost for the initial cleanup and recurring costs for additional ongoing water treatment. The mussels can plug irrigation systems and the remedy is usually a mechanical clean-out of the system. Funds are being spent to educate farmers to reduce the use of fertilizer to reduce the nutrients that support the mussel's growth. Phosphorus, an important part of the fertilizer, is also introduced by municipal waste water treatment plants. Funding for remedies is being prioritized by looking at the economics of monitoring and cleanup cost versus reducing the nutrient source and the overall impact on local economies. The only positive impact of the zebra mussel is that the mussel will improve water clarity.

Game fish like bass and paddle fish are doing well at this time. Crappie are rebounding from a couple of poor years.

Heavy metals like lead and zinc are not a problem at this time. The metals coming from the Tar Creek run off tend to stay with the silt deposits and not the water.

The GRDA is working to make permanent the temporary lake level rule curve modification achieved in 2015. In past years the lake level was drawn down in level from 744' MSL to 741' MSL from mid-August through October. The new rule allows the water to stay at 743' MSL past the Labor Day holiday.

The summer water quality will be set by the inflow of nutrients and high temperatures.

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron is a unit of the United States Power Squadrons. For more information on the Squadron and its activities, contact Scott Cox at 918-964-8170 or www.usps.org/grandlake.



The GLSPS Garage Sale is only 4 weeks away.

Date: May 21, Saturday

Location: Honey Creek Landing

Time: 8am—4pm

ONE DAY ONLY

Donations Accepted:

Sunday May 15 1:00 pm til 5:00 pm

Monday May 16 4:00 pm til 7:00 pm

Tuesday May 17 1:30 pm til 4:30 pm

Weds May 18 10:00 am til 2:00 pm

Thurs May 19 9:00 am til 12:30 pm

Baked goods will be accepted as above and up until 3:00 pm on FRIDAY MAY 20; the fresher, the better!!!

If you want to donate items but one of these times just doesn't work for you, please contact a member of the committee and we will work it out!!!

If you are bringing 'loaner' items (tables, racks, etc), please try to get them to Honey Creek EARLY in the week.

Bring clothing clean and in good repair, household items, building supplies, cabinets, doors, electronics, nautical/boating, indoor/outdoor décor, tools, and of course the kitchen sink!! If you don't want it, we do.



You Are Cordially Invited!!!

All Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron Members are invited to a series of events this May.

Please Join us:

Tuesday May 3rd, 6:00 pm in Room 5 at the Grove Community Center for the Presentation of the Safe Boating Week Proclamation. All members are encouraged to wear their favorite Life Jacket.

Saturday May 21, Safe Boating Week Kick-Off at Honey Creek Landing Marina. Vessel Safety checks conducted from 10:00 until 2:00 pm. Free Hot Dogs, Bottled Water, & Chips will be offered from 10:00 am until they run out. Children's Life Jackets will be fitted and given away until they run out.

*Saturday May 21, Fundraising Garage and Bake Sale 8:00–4:00 pm at the Shoppes at Honey Creek Landing. Bargains Galore!!! Everything but the Kitchen Sink (**and maybe even that too **)*



SHIP'S STORE OFFERINGS!!



The new Burgees and Dock Flags are in!!

Burgees: \$25.00 Flags: \$24.50 same design 23x15



PRICE REDUCTIONS

GLSPS LICENSE PLATE	\$5
USPS LICENSE PLATE	\$5
NAVY BLU T-SHIRT SM/MED	\$3
WHITE TSHIRT SM/MED	\$3
LT WEIGHT WIND JACKET (SM)	\$12.50
NOVELTY FLAGS 12 X 18 INCH	\$1.50
BURGEE LAPEL PIN	\$2

WE ALSO HAVE 4 SIZES OF ENSIGNS!!!



12 X 18, 16 X 24, 20 X 30, AND 24 X 36

\$22

\$23

\$29

\$41

We do have 1 Ensign of each size that are USED. They vary in condition from Fair to EXCELLENT at highly reduced prices.

Contact Carol Goodwin at bocago@hotmail.com or Sharon Dennis at sedennis58@msn.com



Photos

It's Better to Wake on Grand Lake

By
John Walter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May

Joe Harwood	8
Linda Dunham	12
James Willis	15
Richard Garrett	28



WE NEED STAFFERS!!!!

OUR FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 21ST AT THE HONEY CREEK LANDING SHOPS.

Thanks to ALL who signed up at the dinner meeting to help on Sale Day, but we need just a few more helpers to make this a “GRAND” success!!!

If you can work any of these time frames, please email Sharon at sedennis58@msn.com or Deb Cox at debcox@suddenlink.net

0730—1030 1 or 2 people

1300—1600 4 people

Friday set up (May 20) any time from Noon-6-pm

Could really use about 5-6 people here

Saturday clean up (1600 til ??) 4-5 people

ALSO

We still need to borrow a few rolling racks or clothing racks to hang items and/or clothesline or rope. If you have these items to lend out for the week, please email Sharon or Deb.





Shoreline Clean Up Save the Date!



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Annual Shoreline Cleanup for Grand Lake Written by John Walter, S

The Annual Shoreline Cleanup sponsored by The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron (Power Squadron) and GRDA is set for June 4, 2016. Dumpsters for lake debris will be available at Grove Springs Park in Grove, Bernice State Park, the Church on the Lake in Ketchum, and the old Lake patrol parking lot in Langley (GRDA). Power Squadron members will be manning the dumpster sites, to assure only lake debris, (no tires, batteries, paint or household trash), are placed in the dumpsters. The sites will be open from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

We are currently seeking volunteers to staff three of the locations. GRDA will monitor the Langley location via video. It is our goal to have two sets of volunteers for each location. Shifts will be either 9:00 am –11:30 am or 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact John Walter at 918-314-3773 or jwgochiefs@yahoo.com.



GLSPS VSC Examiners on the Comeback! Written by Jay Spicer, S



GLSPS VSC Examiners Report April 2016

The Vessel Safety Check program is gearing up for the kick-off of the United States Power Squadron National Safe Boating Week scheduled for May 21 – 27, 2016.

As of this date, four more of the students passed the manual test. They are Ed Dennis, Sharon Dennis, Chuck Brandt, and Barbara Zinn.

Tom Rice, and Bruce Watson have completed their 5 supervised vessel safety checks.

Power squadron boat owners need to contact Jay Spicer at 918-791-8341 so he can schedule your vessel safety check. Please contact Jay as soon as possible so we can get all of our new vessel examiners certified prior to beginning vessel safety checks at Honey Creek Marina on May 21, 2016.



Help Needed at GLA



Mary Alice Moore, S

The Grand Lake Association (GLA) and the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron (GLSPS) - what is our relationship? GLA's role is to promote the Grand Lake tourism industry. Businesses pay the GLA to advertise their goods, attractions, and services. The GLA does this by maintaining the Visitor's Center on N. 59 Hwy in Grove, by publishing an annual Visitor's Guide, by providing an area for display of informational material that visitors can take with them, and by sponsoring/promoting various community events, e.g. Pelican Fest. ***Because Power Squadron members volunteer to staff the Visitor's Center in the summer we don't have to pay for the GLA's services. In addition, GLSPS gets to use the Visitors' Center meeting rooms for our classes, E-Board meetings, and other GLSPS committee meetings. (If you have tried to find a place to hold a meeting in Grove, you'll understand why this is a major perk.)***

Bottom line- volunteering to help visitors discover the Grand Lake area is beneficial to Lake businesses, beneficial to the Squadron, and can be personally gratifying as well! We have 20 days to staff beginning Memorial Day weekend. We have 7 slots filled at this point. So as your summer plans unfold, call or email Mary Alice Moore at ma-moore_52@yahoo.com or 405-640-4390 to see if there is a slot you can fill.

Education Update

P/C Susie Holden, AP



SEAMANSHIP CLASS

The Seamanship Class is being offered to start Monday June 6th - June 30 at the Grand Lake Association Building....6-9 pm on Mondays and Thursday's. IF you would like to enroll please let Susie Holden know by May 23. You can reach Susie @ 918.801.3717 or email at sholden47@hotmail.com



Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

Doubling a line can be very helpful when leaving a dock. It allows everyone to be onboard when leaving rather than having a crew member un-cleat the dock line and jump on board.

To double the line when docking, attach the loop end of the dock line to the appropriate cleat on the boat. Then pass the line around the dock cleat and back to the boat attaching to the same cleat on the boat where the loop end was attached. Make sure there are no knots in the line that would snag on the cleat when it is released to leave the dock.

When leaving the dock, gradually release the non-loop end as the boat leaves and then let it go free so the line will slip past the dock cleat. Quickly bring it onboard to avoid it getting caught in the propeller.

Article 2

The most susceptible boat for a lightning strike is a multihull sailboat and the least susceptible is the bass boat, runabout and pontoon. Also, larger boats are more likely to have a lightning strike than smaller craft.

Stop fishing or other water activities when you hear thunder. A lightning strike can be a mile or more in front of the approaching thunderstorm.

If you're caught out in the water during a thunderstorm, go to shore immediately and take shelter. If it is too late, stay close to shore so other objects may attract the strike. Stay low in the boat near the center or in the cabin if it is a cruiser. Lower the radio antenna and disconnect major electronic equipment.

Article 3

When changing out your batteries, take a picture with your phone camera to remember the correct connections. Label your battery cables and mark the positive post with red fingernail polish. Incorrect connections are a common cause of boat fires. Avoid shorting out the posts with a metal tool or reconnecting batteries in a series when they should be in parallel. Battery connections should be inspected and tightened at least twice each season.

Never use an automotive charger on boats. They do not have the proper float settings and many are not ignition protected which is dangerous if there are fuel fumes in an enclosed compartment.





If you have watercraft that you want to buy or sell send me the info. to include in the Pelican.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	Event	Time	Location
May 2016			
5/3	Safe Boating Week Proclamation	1800	Rm. 5, Grove Comm. Center
5/21	Safe Boating Week	---	---
5/21	Safe Boating Week Kickoff	TBD	TBD
TBD	Lake Launch	TBD	GRDA ECO Center
5/17	E-Board Meeting	1000-1200	GLA
5/19	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBD

From your Editor...

Please send me pictures (with names and the activity), ideas and suggestions that are most important to you. The deadline is the 23rd of the month. Thanks for your input and support.

Debbie

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