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From the Helm



As Sylvester Stallone recently said, "Being in Oklahoma definitely prepared me for a lifetime in hell if I ever got sent there." He is in the state filming a new tv series "Tulsa King". Well, it has been hot enough the last few weeks that we haven't set up any activities. Hopefully, we can have some OTW activities September-October. The fall boating season is always a favorite for the lake full-timers.

The Phoenix boating club was approved to transfer to our District 30 at the last council meeting. They have approximately 90 members with many of them retirees from the Midwest. I understand they regularly have triple digit heat in the summer but its "dry heat". Hmmm

The fall district conference this year will be October 14-16 at the Best Western Branson Landing. Rates are King room \$114 and double rooms \$109. For reservations call 417-334-6464. Tell them you are with D30 for the special rate. An evening dinner cruise on the Branson Belle is a possibility. Arrangements are ongoing.

Thank you to our members who have volunteered to work at the Grand Lake Visitors Center in Grove this summer. Labor Day weekend will be the last one for us, and I believe, Peggy could still use some volunteers. Give her a call if you can work one of the open times.

Our first dinner meeting will be September 15th, so please save the date. We will have a new location because Events on Third is closing. Your steering committee is working on a fun location and meal. Hope to see you.



S — *Seamanship*

P — *Piloting*

AP — *Advanced Piloting*



JN — *Junior Navigator*

N — *Navigator*

SN — *Senior Navigator*





SIGN UP SHEET - G L A Host - 2022

Aug 6 - Saturday	10 AM - 3PM
	Pegy and Bill Miller
	Charles an Susie Fletcher
Aug 7 - Sunday	Noon - 3 PM
	Sue and Art Brandt
Aug 20 - Saturday	10 AM - 3PM
	Bob and Renee Russel
	Lisa and Rusty Millikan
Aug 21 - Sunday	Noon - 3 PM
	Carol and Tom Rice
	Becky and Monte Province
	10 AM - 3PM
Sept 3 - Saturday	
	Noon - 3 PM
Sept 4 - Sunday	
	10 AM - 3PM
Sept 5 - Monday	

Thanks to those who have served at the Visitors Center so far. We don't always have a lot of folks stop in, but those who do are grateful someone is there for information.

If you have any questions, please call Peggy Miller 918 964 1059 or Kathleen at 918 264 0728.

Please note there are still openings for Labor Day Weekend.

Another interesting little tip for boaters . . .

A Grand Lake favorite outing is boating to an on-the-water eatery. When approaching their docks, slow down or stop a distance away to not cause congestion and start your preparations. Get out the necessary dock lines and boat fenders to protect the boat. Attach them as needed and instruct your crew what you expect of them. If they are not experienced, the choice may be for them stay seated while you handle docking and tying off the boat.

Next look at the wind direction and its strength. Approach your chosen slip slowly at minimum control speed recognizing the effect the wind will have on your boat. Be prepared to abort docking should a wind gust occur or you have misjudged your approach. Make the necessary adjustment to your approach and try again. Gently reverse the boat if needed to stop in the slip, put it in neutral and tie-off the boat bow first, followed with the stern line. Aft and forward spring lines are helpful to hold the boat in the slip. Turn-off the engine when completed. Time to go ashore and enjoy a Grand Lake OTW restaurant.



Did You Know????

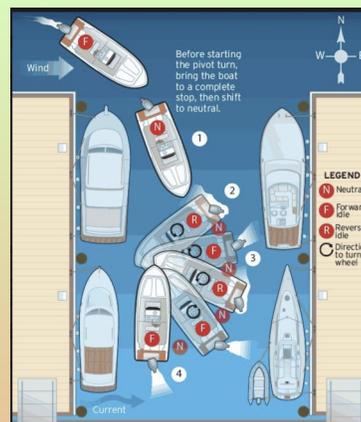


By: P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN

It is important to know how to do a pivot turn in marinas or other very confined spaces to rotate a boat within a space of one to two boat lengths. Remember when using a minimum control speed in these areas, the boat's pivot point will be forward causing the stern to swing wider in forward gear. The pivot point moves towards the stern in reverse causing the bow to swing wider.

To do a pivot turn:

- 1- Starting with the boat at rest headed into the wind when possible, turn the wheel hard over and shift into forward gear at idle rpm to initiate pivot turn.
- 2- Shift into neutral, and turn the wheel hard over in the opposite direction while counting 1-2-3.
- 3- As the turn slows or stops, shift into reverse at idle rpm to continue the turn.
- 4- Shift into neutral and turn wheel hard over in opposite direction while counting 1-2-3.
- 5- Shift into forward gear at idle rpm as the turn slows or stops.



August Birthdays

Jerry Ruzicka	8/1
Brenda Stewart	8/6
Bob Hunt	8/12
Dennis Rice	8/13



HELP WANTED

Please Help:

To date, no one has volunteered to back up your Club's Webmaster. This is a plea for help! Please consider it. Thank you.

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The ABC-GL Vessel Safety Check (VSC) Program Needs You

You might be motivated to participate in the VSC program for any number of reasons.

- Participating in VSC examinations helps you have more fun boating.
- You interact with local boat operators and see how they keep and use their boats.
- You pick up ideas for your own boat-safety projects.
- The VSC program serves our Grand Lake boating community by helping recreational boaters be properly equipped for safe boating.
- On the larger scale, participating in VSCs by both the public and by vessel examiners raises awareness of safe boating in general and helps prevent on-water accidents.
- Active promotion of VSC activities by members of ABC-GL increases the visibility of our Club and may interest boaters in educational and social events sponsored by our Club.
- Basically, a VSC provides boaters with a free inspection of their boat and equipment to ensure their boat meets the minimum safety standards required by law. A typical VSC takes about 10-15 minutes. You can look at a VSC as an educational opportunity for members of our local recreational-boating public with you as the teacher, giving a one-on-one interaction that will help the boaters you work with have a safe and fun-filled day on the water.

You become a certified Vessel Examiner (VE) through a specific training process.

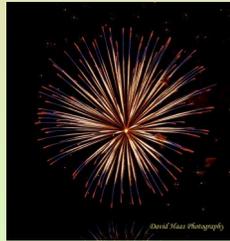
1. You study the VSC Manual to become familiar with the requirements and their applications,
2. You pass an open-book, on-line exam on how to do a VSC, and
3. You serve a practical apprenticeship by performing 5 VSCs under the guidance of an already-certified VE.

Being an examiner is not difficult, and you have support from our national organization, America's Boating Club, and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCG Aux), which is the lead agency on the VSC program.

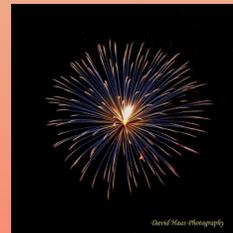
On successfully completing the course, an examiner will be provided a VE shirt and an inflatable



Had a great time at the Jones' on July 3 to watch the Grand Lake Fireworks!
Good food, good fellowship!



Thanks to my neighbor,
David Haas for sharing
some of his awesome
fireworks photos.



We're in the News!

The Grand Laker newspaper promoted our lifejacket program in a couple of their issues in June



Above, folks line up for free personal floatation devices (PFDs) at Camp Bandage. Boating education is also a priority for America's Boating Club - Grand Lake. For those interested in more information visit online americasboatingclub.org or usps.org/grandlake, on Facebook: America's boating club-grand lake.



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America's Boating Club Grand Lake keeping boaters safe

According to a recent report of the United States Coast Guard, "Where the cause of death was known, drowning was the primary cause of death — 75% — for fatal boating accident victims. The report also found that 86% of the drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket or other flotation device.

The report also drew a connection between the length of vessels and the drownings, as well as a connection between the drownings and the lack of formal safety training.

The local America's Boating Club is doing its part to prevent this happening at Grand Lake through its different programs. The life jacket give-away program provides approximately 500 free personal flotation devices (PFDs) to area youths at the Grand Lake Boat Show and Camp Bandage each year. Plus, the club provides loaner PFDs at various boat ramps around the lake for public use. A boater may pick up one to use at the station and return it after his boating day for another boater's use. These programs have been made possible from grants provided by the GRDA and others as well as the generosity of the club members.

Boating education is also a priority for the club. It provides in-class instruction locally and the opportunity for on-the-water instruction. It's national organization, America's Boating Club offers online courses as well as a video channel for the boater to learn how to handle a boat confidently.

The club also provides vessel safety checks at no charge and can issue GRDA and the Coast Guard safety decals for meeting the requirements. Because of limited vessel examiners availability is

limited. The local boating club according to Larry Stout, one of the officers, has approximately 80 members who enjoy comradery with their fellow boaters at dinner meetings and various club sponsored events. All of our members have a common interest in promoting safe boating on Grand Lake. For those interested in more information visit online americasboatingclub.org or usps.org/grandlake, on Facebook: America's boating club-grand lake



Loaner station at Bernice State Park.



America's Boating Club Grand Lake member Harvey Blattner supplying PFD at a loaner station.

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