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From the Helm



Labor Day holiday may mark the end of summer for most boaters, but most of us know that the coming fall season is one of the best for boating. It is also time for us to resume our dinner meetings. With the closing of "Events on Third" event center, we will have our meetings at different facilities.

Our September 15th dinner meeting will be at the Quarterdeck at Tera Miranda for a pizza & salad buffet. Load up your boat with members and guests pizza and cruise over for a pleasant evening on the water. We will finish early enough to get you home before dark. Watch your emails for more information.

Your leadership and membership committees are planning an on-the-water fun event. Watch for a future email on it.

A big thank you to those who volunteered to work the Grand Lake Visitors Center this season and to Peggy Miller for heading up this civic project.

All clubs and organizations need members to assume leadership roles to function. We are no different...can you help? Let either Bob Hunt, Larry Stout, Arlene Starkman, Brenda Murphy or Harv Blattner know if you can help out for a few months. It really doesn't take that much time especially as we continue to simplify our club. We recognize members want the freedom to travel and are hesitant to take on obligations, so we are structuring the club to allow flexibility.

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



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



Did You Know???

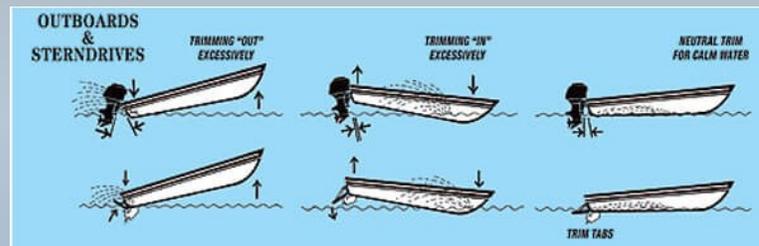
By P/D/C Larry Stout, SN-IN



Article 1

Porpoising is the repetitive dipping and rising of the bow. It occurs most often with relatively new boaters in smaller boats who do not understand how to properly trim their boat. It can become severe enough that it reduces control of the boat. The usual cause of this action is too much trim which causes the bow to rise out of the water. Then the weight of the bow forces the bow back down again with the momentum pushing the bow deep into the water. The buoyancy of the bow and drive trim then bring the bow back out of the water with a strong upward force.

To avoid porpoising of the boat, adjust the trim by using the drive trim, and if equipped, using trim tabs or interceptors. An unbalance load in the boat can also cause porpoising that is easily resolved by balancing the load or moving passengers to help trim the boat.



Article 2

America's Boating Channel is an online video program created by our national organization with support of the membership including local clubs helping with the production of the videos.

In 2021, the Boating Channel recorded 10,711 hours of viewing, with 253,819 video view, leading to over 2 million impressions. These numbers include 6,130+ subscriptions, 96% of which were non-subscribers. 46% were ages 35-54, 38% 18-34, and 16% 55+.

The 10 most popular America's Boating Channel videos, from least to most viewed are: 10. MMSI 9. Getting on Plane and Operating on Plane 8. Anchoring a Boat 7. PWC Docking 6. Choosing the Best Life Jacket 5. Life Jackets for Children 4. Docking 3. Stopping a Boat on Plane 2. PWC Person Overboard and Roll-overs 1. Navigation Rules FAQ

The 2022 Current focus is on Season 6 with new titles such as "Defensive Boating" This is a video

To access the channel on your device, go to America's Boating Club, select learn, then educational resources, then America's Boating Channel from the drop-down menus.



From Bill and Peggy:

At various meetings of our squadron, I'm asked what a merit mark is. The following was taken from a Power Point program presented to the squadron members at the 2015 Christmas Party.

What is a Merit Mark? The following are a few of the comments received.

I received a email from USPS with a merit mark certificate. Why me?
How did I get picked to receive a Merit Mark?

These questions indicated we needed to explain the Merit Mark system to our members.

Merit Marks

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 member's efforts may be recognized during a dinner meeting **OR**

A member's efforts may be recognized with a personal note from the Commander **OR**

A member's efforts may be recognized with a pat on the back for a job well done. **OR**

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** is a formal method of recognizing those members who have given of themselves during the year to assure the squadrons various programs are a success. A "**merit mark**" (MM) is awarded by the Chief Commander 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

Value of Merit Marks accumulated -- Quantity of Merit Marks earned; 5 merit marks = Senior member, 25 merit marks = Life Member

How are Merit Marks awarded?

Records are maintained during the year for each members contribution to the various squadron activities.

The data is collected on a program specifically designed for this purpose. This program formats the information collected and generates reports for use in the determination of a member's contribution to the squadron and USPS.

Prior to November 15, of each year, a list is compiled and sent to the squadron Commander for review and recommendations to the USPS Chief Commander.

IF accepted by the Chief Commander a Merit Mark Certificate is awarded.



It's almost Labor Day Weekend . . . A very busy boating weekend on Grand Lake. Here are photos taken recently (a couple of weeks ago) at all the Loaner Stations . . . Honey Creek, Elk River, Twin Bridges, Bernice and Wolf Creek. They look pretty well stocked with some of our donated life jackets as well as some orange PFDs, which were placed there by an anonymous donor, and other various life jackets . . . obviously trade-ins.



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| Mary Mandeville | 9/2 |
| Mary Ann Stout | 9/12 |
| Carol Rice | 9/15 |
| Clayton Hale | 9/16 |
| Jon Murphy | 9/25 |
| Cynthia Reynolds | 9/26 |



D30 Fall Conference

Reservations The D30 Fall Conference will be Oct. 14-16, 2022 in Branson, MO. The Conference will be held at the Branson Best Western Landing, 403 W. Main, Branson, MO. The phone number for reservations is 417-33 4-6464, we have a block of 10 rooms held under District 30. Rates are on king Jacuzzi room at \$122, king rooms at \$114 and double rooms at \$109. Please make reservations by September 15, 2022 so we may get an accurate head count. We are going to request the 4pm Dinner Cruise on Oct 15, 2022. Reservations for the Cruise need to be in by Sept 15th, 2022. This enables us to purchase tickets prior to the cruise selling out. If it does sell out we can attempt the later 8 pm cruise or choose another show. If you desire to Cruise, fill out Cruise Reservations form and mail with check to Ken Danley at 2706 E Tiffin Ave, Des Moines, IA 50317.

A great Branson dinner cruise allows guests to relax and unwind while enjoying amazing sightseeing opportunities along the sparkling Table Rock Lake. The cruise is 2.5 hours and includes dinner and a show. The general seating menu includes a salad, honey citrus chicken, slow-cooked pot roast, garlic mashed potatoes, and Silver Dollar City's Lemon Berry Ice Cream Pie. There are also vegetarian, allergen-free, and vegan meal options available upon request. The Showboat Branson Belle is a non-alcoholic cruise. We are going to request the 4pm Dinner Cruise on Oct 15, 2022. Reservations for the Cruise need to be in by Sept 15th , 2022. This enables us to purchase Tickets prior to the cruise selling out. If it does sell out we can attempt the later 8 pm cruise or choose another show.

Cruise Reservations

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cruises

Tickets: _____ x \$64.00=\$ _____ Total Tickets: _____ Total enclosed \$ _____



G L A Host - 2022

Sept 3 - Saturday	10 AM - 3PM
	Larry and Mary Ann Stout
Sept 4 - Sunday	Noon - 3 PM
	Sandy Hendrickson
Sept 5 - Monday	10 AM - 3PM
	Kathleen (from GLA)

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