

2022-2023

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From the Helm



A big thank you to everyone for supporting our boat club this year! It would not have been possible without members stepping up to help. A special thanks to the steering committee, Bob Hunt, Arlene Starkman, Brenda Murphy and Harv Blattner, who met each month to organize our civic service projects, club dinners and activities; to Marge Blattner, who not only produced our Pelican newsletter each month, but also completed our entry for the BoatUS Civic Service Award; and to Kevin Kamrath who maintained our website and mailings to the membership.

Julie Jones jumped right in and oversaw Camp Bandage where we fitted over 300 free life jackets for our Grand Lake youth. It was quite a workout for Marge & Harv, Roger, Clayton & Mina, Art & Phyllis, Arlene & Earl and myself.

Grand Lake Boat Show booth and PFD give away was possible because of the efforts of Pat Janiga, Bob & Kathy Hunt, Jon & Brenda Murphy, Bob & Ranae Russell, Roger & Julie Jones, Gregg Hopper, Bill & Peggy Miller, Connie Ruzicka, Tom & Carol Rice, Arlene Starkman, Sandy Hendrickson, Harv & Marge Blattner and Mary Ann & Larry Stout.

Stocking the PFD loaner stations was done by Harv Blattner, Chuck Brandt, Tom Pinkley, Art Taylor, Earl Starkman and the Stouts.

Thank you to Jim & Cindy and Roger & Julie for hosting dock nights at their homes. And to Julie and Michelle for checking members at the dinners.

Vessel Safety Checks were minimal this year for a lack of examiners, but thank you to Mark Hendrickson and Chuck Brandt for helping.

Boating education is important to our organization. Bob Hunt, Kevin Kamrath and David Sloan taught our public ABC this year.

I am sure that I missed naming some of you that helped, please accept my apology.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Peggy Miller for stepping up to be commander this year and to her bridge and board. Let's support them by volunteering to help when needed.

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



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





MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER!

SANDY HENDRICKSON

Sandy joined the Power Squadron in 2016 after taking the ABC Course. She was on the Executive Committee in 2017 & 2018 and served as the Executive Officer in 2019.

THANKS, SANDY, FOR STEPPING UP TO SUPPORT OUR CLUB.

Sandy Hendrikson
Nancy Gibson
Earl Starkman
Ken Noteboom
Pegy Miller
Mark Hendrikson
Pat Janiga
Kathy Hunt



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Did you Know???

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Delaying refueling until closer to the time of winterizing your boat will give more room for fresh fuel and reduce the aging process of fuel in your tanks. Filling the tank(s) to almost full, but allowing room for expansion as the temperature warms, will help prevent condensation of moisture in the tanks as air moves into and out of the tank due to temperature changes. The moisture will settle to the bottom and eventually quantities of water will accumulate that can cause trouble next boating season. Don't forget to add a fuel stabilizer to reduce problems caused by condensation of water, gums and fungus (in diesel engines). Preventing a problem is easier and less expensive. Always use a cloth or absorbent tissue at the fill tube to prevent fuel spills into the water.



October 27 ABC-GL dinner meeting at Bella Donna's at Grand Lake.



Action taken at the meeting:

The current steering committee served as the nominating committee and the following slate was presented. There were no nominations from the floor.

Commander – Peggy Miller

Education Officer – Bob Hunt

Secretary/Treasurer – Arlene Starkman

Executive Board/Committee:

Harvey Blattner

Sandy Hendrickson

Brenda Murphy

Larry Stout

Motion to approve the slate was made by Jim Reynolds and seconded by Julie Jones. Motion carried. New officers and board took the oath and were installed.



Larry Stout administered the oath to incoming Commander Peggy Miller



Previous steering committee Brenda Murphy, Harv Blattner, Arlene Starkman and Larry Stout, along with Bob Hunt, will continue on the board and be joined by Sandy Hendrickson.



Commander. Peggy Miller addressed the group

- Other items of note:
- The bank balance as of September 30, 2022, was \$8,267.48
- No classes are scheduled but home study is available to all members and Bob will assist. Bob and David Sloan are working on some mini courses.
- The next dinner meeting will be in January, and we will try to have Debbie Bottoroff, Grove City Manager as a speaker.
- The Backpack Program was again approved as our Christmas charity with the club matching donations up to \$1,000.
- Brenda Murphy announced the Christmas Party will be December 2, at St. Elizabeth's social hall and will be appetizers and desserts .
- Everyone is invited to attend the next board meeting, November 8, at 10:00 a.m.at the GLA visitor center.



ABC-GL Christmas party!

Join us for a party to celebrate the season. Let's eat, drink, and be merry! BYOB!

Dec 2, 2022 | 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Last name starts A-L please bring an appetizer. If your last name starts with M - Z please bring a dessert to share!

Bring a "white elephant" gift (\$10 or under).



St. Elizabeth's Church Hall

Donations will be accepted for the back pack program.
Club will match up to \$1,000.



Getting to know your squadron

By Peggy Miller

Does Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron have a history.? (Americas Boating Club-Grand Lake) You bet it does. Tulsa squadron members first talked about the idea of a new squadron in 1982. From that year until 2000, Classes were taught by Tulsa squadron members driving and flying to Grand Lake to teach classes and push for a new squadron. In 1998 Grand Lake became a division of Tulsa Power Squadron and the charter for Grand Lake was granted January 29, 2000. Since that date, this squadron has accomplished many things.

Read a list of some of the things in which we have participated.

Education Classes

Boat show participation each year gave the squadron a chance to meet people, talk about our classes, and often signed up people for boating education classes. Beginning classes for boating education called "Boat Smart" all the way to Senior Navigation has been offered to members.

Community Service

Shore line cleanup was a great activity for many years until the new shoreline cleanup program was developed by GRDA. We have been active at the boat show. We fit and give life jackets away. More recently we have fitted and given life jackets to children at Camp Bandage. All of this was possible through grants from Walmart and GRDA. Another community service we do is work at the Visitor's Center. From Memorial Day to Labor Day members work there to greet visitors wanting to know activities around our area.

Socials

Activities have been developed by members for years. Some of the activities have been:

Special events such as virtual fishing was offered at the Boat Show for several year. We had activities such as card nights, Jug races, Blessing of the Fleet during Safe Boating Week and boat rallies. A Scrapbook was developed each year by members and the trophies they won are on displayed at the Visitors Center. There was a Special boating trip down the Kerr McClellan Water way and members learned how to pass through a lock. Poker runs have been offered and members with personal watercraft have had tours of parts of Grand Lake developed by members. Boat raft-ups, Participation in various community parades, Semi- weekly lunches at restaurants, breakfast and dinner dock nights and ice cream socials have been enjoyed by all the members.

The Mayor of the City of Grove read the Safe Boating Proclamation at City Hall each year for 20 years recognizing the importance of safe boating on Grand Lake.

The activities were great but one of the major benefits was making friends. Anywhere we go we see friends from the past or still working together.

What has the squadron done for us. Taught us how to boat safely, taught us the rules of the lake, and gave us a chance to make friends.

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Larry Stout SN-IN, Commander
District 30
69 Members

2022 BoatUS Distinguished Civic Service Award Application

Category One – Short Term Community Activities

Grove Backpack Program

Through the Grove Backpack Program, children receive a backpack full of kid-friendly, non-perishable, and nutritious food on Fridays to sustain them over weekends and school holidays. Typically, 140 or more local students receive a backpack of food each week. Sadly, one in four children in Oklahoma lives in a household that is struggling to put food on the table. This local 501c3 program is funded entirely by donations.

On Tuesday, December 21, America's Boating Club-Grand Lake (ABC-GL) presented a check in the amount of \$2,205 to Randy Mathews, Coordinator of the Grove Backpack Program. \$1,205 was donated by ABC-GL members and the club matched up to \$1,000.

Thirty-three member donors plus \$1,000 matching from the ABC-GL club.



Category Two – Partnerships and Long Term Projects:

Grants from Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) to purchase Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) to hand out to youth. (Hours spent preparing grant requests not determined . . . total amount of grants received \$5,000 from GRDA; \$3,200 from ABC-GL treasury).

Serving at the Grand Lake Visitors Center since 2001 (between Memorial Weekend and Labor Day Weekend 2022; forty members served a total 191 hours)

Early during this relationship, we were asked if we could act as hosts for the facility during the summer months on a bi-weekly basis. Since 2001 we have fulfilled this obligation - greeting visitors to Grand Lake.



As many of the members will relate this has resulted in an interesting experience for us. The visitor center draws people from the four states area around the lake as well as visitors from around the world.

The draw of the lake is for many reasons: visitors wanting information concerning events during the weekend; those who have relatives past or present who have lived on the lake; and those looking for a retirement home on or near the lake. There are also those just wanting information about the lake.

PFD loaner stations at five parks since 2019. Six couples frequently check their station and replenish PFDs as needed which requires driving to and from plus into town to pick up needed PFDs in storage. This is repeated as needed from May through September.



Category Three – Youth Outreach

PFD handouts at Boat Show and Camp Bandage

Camp Bandage: ten members; 62 hours



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.



ABC-GL fitted and gave away 300 PFDs at Camp Bandage

Grand Lake Boat Show: seventeen members; 56 hours



ABC-GL fitted and gave away nearly 100 PFDs at the Grand Lake Boat Show



Category Four: Promoting Boat Safety at Community Events:

Grand Lake Boat Show



Category Five – Presentations and Publications

“Did You Know” weekly articles in “The Grand Laker” newspaper. 2 hrs. per week for 52 weeks; 104 hours.

August 25, 2022 The Grand Laker

Did You Know?

With the larger boats on Grand Lake, it is not uncommon to encounter large wakes and multiple waves when boating. Always take wakes at an angle for better comfort. It may vary from 10 to 45 degrees depending on the wake's size. When encountering multiple large waves on the lake, there is a risk of running down the back side of one and burying the bow in the front side of the next one. If it appears the bow will hit and possibly bury, immediately throttle back. If no action is taken, the boat could continue to submarine under the wave and be swamped. A good rule is one hand on the steering wheel and one on the throttle. Always be alert for wakes and remember when crossing a large boat's wake, the further you are away from the boat, the less severe is the wake. Changing your course temporarily until passing the wakes can be more comfortable for your passengers and easier on your boat.

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Did You Know?

Towing another boat that has broken down requires proper knowledge to do it safely. Towing puts considerable strain on both boats and can result in injury to personnel on either boat because of towlines pulling loose cleats and deck fittings that are not reinforced with backing plates. Using a bridle on the towing boat can be helpful to reduce strain. Polypropylene line is safer than nylon because it floats and has less stretch should a fitting pull out. A rule of thumb for pleasure boats is to never tow a boat that is more than 1 1/2 times its own displacement (not length). Towing speed should be around 10% less than the hull displacement speed of the towed vessel or about 7 mph for a boat with a 25-foot waterline.

A good decision for the boater may be to stand by the other vessel offering assistance as you can, until a boat more suitable for towing or a commercial service can be contacted.

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AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB
GRAND LAKE



The Pelican



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Monthly Newsletter



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 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.

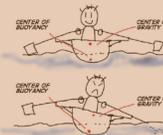
Did you know????

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



The stability of smaller boats is influenced by how they are loaded with persons and cargo. Even someone standing in the boat shifts the center of gravity. But all boats are subjected to the same forces. A shifting load on a freighter can cause it to capsize. The stability of cruisers with a large flybridge to accommodate several passengers can also have a problem if everyone were to move over to one side causing the center of gravity to shift outward making it heel or lean excessively.

The two forces involved with stability are referred to as the center of gravity (downward force) and center of buoyancy (upward force). The center of gravity is a fixed point and its location is determined by the way in which the boat has been constructed and how it is loaded. The center of buoyancy shifts sideways when the boat lists or rolls and the distance between these forces is called the "righting arm". When the center of gravity passes outboard of the center of buoyancy, the righting arm becomes negative and the boat will capsize. The actions of wind and waves can also influence the dynamic stability.



ABC-GL Website www.grandlakeusps.com

The club also developed and maintains its own website and a social media page on Facebook. Content and pages on the site are updated regularly to add activities, club documents, meeting records, events, and changes to Bridge Leadership. The site provides contact access to members and the outside community.

Kevin Kamrath P is the club's webmaster and spends approximately 30 hours per year keeping the website updated and making necessary changes.

Summary Statement:

Drowning is always a top cause for water-related deaths. ABC-GL's PFD programs are a helpful service to our community to help prevent these incidents. Fitting & giving, at no charge, these life-saving devices to children and youth at the Grand Lake Boat Show and Camp Bandage is invaluable.

The life jacket loaner stations are well-received at the boat ramps, and the PFDs are not only used, but create an awareness of the need to wear these devices. We are fortunate to be able to provide this service with a grant provided by the local GRDA and the generosity of our members.

Listing of Educational Classes and Seminars:

Name and Number of Classes: America's Boating Course - 3rd Edition (ABC-3) April 2 and 9, 2022

Number of Students: ten

Delivery Mode: Face to Face



Past Commanders David Sloan JN, Kevin Kamrath P, and Bob Hunt N presented the America's Boating Course - 3rd Edition (ABC-3) to ten students (shown below) on April 2 and 9, 2022.



Harv and Marge Blattner and Carol Williamson participated in America's Boating Course (ABC) On The Water Training with Past Commander Bob Hunt on May 16. We practiced the Person In The Water (PIW), many boat maneuvers, anchoring, docking the boat and many other basics of operating a boat on the water. It was a fun time and we all learned a lot.

Three instructors spent 6 hours face to face, plus prep time; one instructor spent 3 hours on the On the Water training.

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