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This was a good month for the squadron and those working to make it grow.

The Boat Show this year will be in Vinita on March 17, 18, and 19 because of the sale of the Grove Civic Center. We will have a booth in the Community Center on the Fairgrounds in Vinita for this. Schedule for the three days are Friday and Saturday 10 am to 8 pm, and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. We will need some assistance setting up Friday, fitting life jackets to the children on Saturday, and clearing up and putting materials back after 4 o'clock on Sunday.

Clayton Hale has taken on the job of Life Jacket Chairman with Roger Jones. Clayton ordered the life jackets, and we already have them. We will be giving out life jackets at the Vinita Boat Show, Camp Bandage, and Toes in the Grand Festival. With the very generous contribution of \$3,300 from Rotary and a future grant from Grand River Dam Authority (Ed Ferguson, Grand River Dam Authority, advised we will receive another grant for \$5,000) we surely will have enough jackets to make children safe in our community. Although life jackets are more expensive this year, we will still work very diligently to give out a life jacket for every child who needs one.

We need to keep track of life jackets used on the loaner stations so we can have a record of that as well.

Several members of the Grand Lake Newcomers Club joined us for our January 19 meeting where City Manager Debbie Botteroff told us about the new buildings and ideas forthcoming in Grove. The Civic Center has been sold and new stores will be moving in.

February 2 is the first Thursday of February. We will meet at Indian Hills Marina for lunch at 12:00 noon. No agenda, no plan, just enjoy each other. Also in February, possibly in the middle of the month we will see if we might join Patti Beth for a movie. Patti Beth sometimes arranges a movie day, with a \$7 movie charge, and popcorn and soft drink for less than usual.

P/C Dave Sloan will be talking about correct docking procedures at our February 16 meeting. Of course once you have your boat correctly positioned to tie up your boat, do you know how to tie it to the dock correctly? Using a rope is a good start. Will have a few knot boards at the meeting so we can learn or remember how to correctly tie the boat to the dock.

On March 10 we'll visit the Ruby Rose Café in Blue Jacket for lunch. Ruby Rose is a country café, very clean and nice people. Salad is fresh, and the country meals are great.

I hope this will be a year of enjoying each other and finding new things that we can learn and do about boating.

S ——— *Seamanship*

P ——— *Piloting*

AP ——— *Advanced Piloting*



JN ——— *Junior Navigator*

N ——— *Navigator*

SN ——— *Senior Navigator*



Cmdr. Peggy Miller received a \$3,300 check from Rotary. ABCGL was one of 32 recipients of \$80,000 in grants from Rotary





JOIN US FOR LUNCH

THURS. FEB 2, 2023 12:00 - NOON.

WE HAVE NO AGENDA - JUST GREAT FOOD & FRIENDS!

Everyone is welcome to come join us!

Note: Everyone pays for their own food.



415 Park Drive - Bernice OK
East side of the bridge





America's Boating Course - Edition 3
Presented by America's Boating Club® - Grand Lake
Saturday, April 1st and April 8th, 2023

America's Boating Club - Grand Lake offers a variety of courses relating to boating safety, operations, and handling and is offering a 2-day Americans Boating Course (ABC) on Saturday, April 1 and Saturday, April 8, 2023. The course will run from 8 A.M. until noon each day at the Grove Visitor's Center (9630 US Highway 59N). Lunch will be provided on April 8th while exams are being graded.

This is a general boating course that addresses boat characteristics, boat handling, boating emergencies, boating equipment requirement, and other boating considerations tailored to both new and long-time boat owners. The course also includes the option to participate in On-the-Water Training (OTW) where students will receive hands-on instruction in actually operating a boat, dates to be scheduled after class completion.

Most boat insurance companies will offer up to a 10% discount on boat insurance rates to those receiving a certificate after completing this course. This course is a NASBLA approved course that meets the requirements for training under the Kyle Williams Boating Safety Education Act of Oklahoma.

The cost of the course is \$25.00 per person or \$40 per couple sharing a text, payable before the start of class. The cost includes the optional On-The-Water-Training.

Please contact Bob Hunt at bobofgrand@gmail.com or call 918-964-0176 to register for this course or for additional information.

Also related to boating education, the program for our March dinner meeting will be a fun time designed to test the membership on boating education. We will play **Boating Jeopardy!** The game we play will be based upon the popular TV game show, "Jeopardy". We will divide into teams and test our boating knowledge...don't miss it!!



DID YOU KNOW???



By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN

Article 1

Many boats, including those on Grand Lake, are equipped with a VHF (very high frequency) radio. This type of radio can be very useful especially if you are in an area where cell phone reception is poor to contact another boater or call for assistance. The transmission distance is primarily determined by the height of the antenna of both the sending the boat and the receiving station.

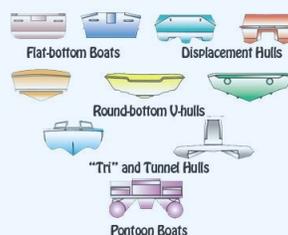
Channel 16 is the distress, safety and calling channel and should be monitored when boating if the boat has a VHF radio. This channel may also be used to call another boat but not for conversation. Once contact is made another channel should be agreed upon to continue talking. In some coastal areas Channel 9 is the calling channel to help relieve congestion on 16. Although the GRDA monitors channel 16, it is best to contact them at 918.256.0911 for emergencies.



Article 2

Hull shape, more than any other characteristic, determines how a boat will handle. There are two basic hull types, displacement and planing. However, many boats today combine both features operating at displacement at slow speeds and planing at higher speeds. This design is often referred to as a semi-displacement hull. The shape determines stability, boat speed maneuverability and seaworthiness. A pointed bow and a sharp keel help a boat maintain its course, whereas flat-bottomed boats with a square or less pointed bow will be affected by wind and rough water and are more suited for sheltered water.

Deep- V hulls are a popular design for their ability to plane, track well and respond to rougher water. The deeper the “V” shape, the more power needed to get on plane. However, one of the better designs for the recreational boat is the modified-V hull. It combines a deep-V bow and a flatter aft section. This combination allows the boats to tract well, cut through waves, have good initial stability and need less power to plane saving fuel costs.





During our recent review of the budget for 2023 one item came to light, that was donations received from Amazon.com. Amazon has a support program that donates 0.5% of every order placed on Amazon.Smile. To date the squadron has received over \$800 from this source. So how can we all sign up for the budgetary assistance of our squadron.

First, change any icon or app that you have pointing towards Amazon to point to **Smile.Amazon.Com**. This puts you in the section of Amazon that provides this assistance. THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE TO YOU FOR DOING THIS, So it should be a no brainer for all our members.

Second once in the home page of **Smile.Amazon.com** follow these instructions

How do I select a charitable organization to support with AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you will be prompted to select a charitable organization to receive donations from your future eligible AmazonSmile purchases. We will remember your selected charity whenever you shop at smile.amazon.com or with AmazonSmile activated in the Amazon Shopping app, and then every eligible purchase you make through AmazonSmile will result in a donation for your selected charity. AmazonSmile will occasionally contact you about donation amounts disbursed to your chosen charity or about the program. (on the search line enter grand lake. The squadron name is on the list of approved organizations. Choose the one for the squadron,)

That's all there is to getting started on this support of your squadron. With our austere budget of this year all help of this kind is appreciated. Remember, the sign in URL is **Smile.Amazon.com**, the rest is automatic.

HOWEVER,

We recently received the following from Amazon smile:

“Dear customer,

In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. We will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where we've seen we can make meaningful change—from building affordable housing to providing access to computer science education for students in underserved communities to using our logistics infrastructure and technology to assist broad communities impacted by natural disasters.

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.“

It appears there is a very small window of opportunity left to sign up and order from Amazon Smile in support of the Grand Lake Power Squadron.



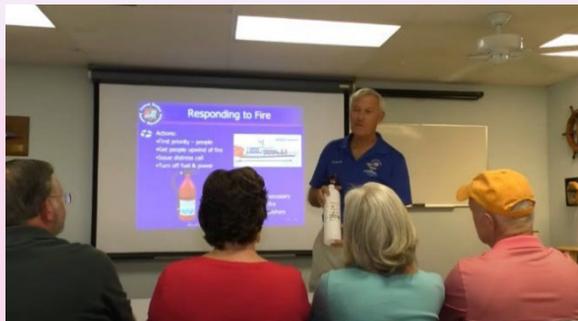
America's Boating Channel™

Promoting Boater Education to Our Members and the Public

As production of America's Boating Channel™ Season Seven gets underway, remember the channel has six seasons of videos archived and available to help educate ourselves and others.

An outstanding example is the video “Boater Education,” which underscores the importance and value of taking boating safety courses. Viewers learn about online, classroom, and on-the-water educational offerings.

Screening boater education videos is an excellent way to prepare for safer experiences on the water. “Boater Education” reminds us about required safety equipment and that we need to know the rules of the road when operating a boat.



Taking the concepts in this video a step further, America's Boating Channel produced a sequel entitled “Knowledge Versus Skills.” It covers differences between boating knowledge and boating skills and why it matters. Viewers learn approaches to take to improve their boating abilities and what pitfalls to avoid in boater education.

These videos also are an excellent tool to help recruit participants to our educational program and to membership.

Invite your friends and neighbors to watch, like and subscribe to America's Boating Channel to introduce them to what our organization has to offer.

Available on YouTube, America's Boating Channel offers quick and easy access to professionally produced high-definition safe boating and boater education videos. [America's Boating Channel™](#) is produced by the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard.



January 19 Dinner Meeting



Speaker
Debbie Bottoroff,
Grove City Manager



January 19 Dinner Meeting Continued



COME FIND YOUR FUN



CRAIG COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
915 E. APPERSON ROAD | VINETA, OK

Grand Lake
BOAT
and Sport Show
MARCH 17-19



Transport and setup display 3/17/2023	Telephone number
Harv and Marge Blattner	620-338-3453
Host Booth – Morning 9 am to 12 noon 3/18/2023	
Host Booth afternoon 12 noon to 4 pm 3/18/2023	
Harv and Marge Blattner	620-338-3453
Host Booth – Evening 4 pm to 8 pm 3/18/2023	
Host Booth – Afternoon 3/19/2023	
Teardown and transport back to Grove 4 pm	



Upcoming Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
February 2	Lunch at Indian Hills Marina	12:00 Noon	Bernice OK
February 14	ABCGL Executive Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.	GLA
February 16	ABCGL Membership Dinner Meeting	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrews Church
February 18-27	ABCLUB Annual Meeting		Orlando, FL
February ??	Movie with Patti Beth	TBD	Grove Cinema 7
March 10	Lunch at Ruby Rose Café	12:00 noon	Blue Jacket, OK
March 14	ABCGL Executive Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.	GLA
March 16	ABCGL Membership Dinner Meeting	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrews Church
March 17-18	Boat Show	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Craig County Community
March 19	Boat Show	10:00 a.m. –	Center, Vinita,



Larry Stout	2/6
Carol Grassi	2/9
Myra Noteboom	2/14
Gregg Hooper	2/15
Micki Kamrath	2/19
Kevin Kamrath	2/23



Welcome new members: Larry and Donna Graves

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