

# The Pelican



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## THE PELICAN EDITOR

Marge Blattner, S



## From the Helm



### New Pelican Editor

A big THANK YOU to Marge Blattner for volunteering to be our new editor. Be sure to show your appreciation to her at our dinner meeting for keeping our award-winning publication going.

### March Dinner Meeting

Spring is almost here and so is St. Patrick's Day. Put on a little green and join us for dinner March 17<sup>th</sup>. We won't have any green beer, but you can bring your own. Be sure to read the information in this issue and send your RSVP. Bob Hunt is putting together some educational boating videos for our program including one from Mercury on electric outboards.

### Adopt a PFD Loaner Station

All of us are familiar with a family or clubs adopting an area along a road to keep it clean. Well, we are not adopting a road, but are asking a member or members to adopt a PFD loaner station for April through September for one year. The loaner stations are located at Bernice State Park, Honey Creek State Park, Wolf Creek Park, the boat ramp near Cowskin Bridge and Twin Bridges. The job requires one to check periodically to see if PFDs need to be restocked. The club will store replacements at the Grand Lake Association (Visitors Center) in Grove. Just pick up what you need to restock and keep track of the number and size used, so we can anticipate future needs. Adopt your station at the dinner meeting or by contacting Larry Stout at 918.284.7165 or email [drlstout@yahoo.com](mailto:drlstout@yahoo.com)

### Free Boating Course for Members

Be sure and read the information on a special offer and a benefit for being a member of our boating club in this issue.

### Grand Lake Boat Show

Thank you to Harv & Marge Blattner, Sandy Hendrickson, Frank & Pat Janiga, Bob & Kathy Hunt, Jon & Brenda Murphy, Bob & Renae Russell, Roger & Julie Jones, Gregg Hopper, Bill & Peggy Miller, Jerry & Connie Ruzicka, Tom & Carol Rice, Larry & Mary Ann Stout, plus those of you that dropped by to help with the Grand Lake Boat Show.



S ——— *Seamanship*

P ——— *Piloting*

AP ——— *Advanced Piloting*



JN ——— *Junior Navigator*

N ——— *Navigator*

SN ——— *Senior Navigator*



# AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS- NEW ADDITIONS



America's Boating Club Members can save up to 50% on UPS shipping.  
Lower your shipping costs, not your expectations.

## Program details:

- Flat Discounts on Shipping
- Members now save up to 50% every time you ship.
- US Power Squadrons / America's Boating Club and UPS® took the guesswork out, and put the easy in.
- Members now have access to new flat discounts that include savings of
  - ◆ 50% on Domestic Next Day/Deferred,
  - ◆ 30% on Ground Commercial / Residential,
  - ◆ up to 50% on additional services and the UPS Smart Pickup® service for free.
- Open a new account, or if you are already taking advantage of our UPS savings program: re-enroll and apply the new discounts to your existing account by visiting: [savewithups.com/usps/](http://savewithups.com/usps/); or call 1-800-MEMBERS (1-800-636-2377), M-F 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., ET.
- Visit [savewithups.com/usps/](http://savewithups.com/usps/) for specific services and discounts.

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- Visit [MyMedic.com](http://MyMedic.com) and use promo code **USPSABC** to save 25%

We were recently informed that Baxter Thorman has passed away in Tulsa. Baxter was the first Commander of the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron in 1999. During his leadership, we went from a provisional squadron (Sponsored by the Tulsa Power Squadron) of the United States Power Squadrons to receiving our charter in 2000. Baxter taught several of our advanced navigational courses. He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta (Bobbie) who passed in 2008. She was also an active member before her illness.

Baxter Lee Thorman obituary:



Baxter Lee Thorman left this life on December 18, 2020 following a brief illness. He was a devoted and much-loved father, proud brother, cherished friend, faithful Lutheran and staunch Florida Gator. In his final days, Baxter faced death as he had life, with bravery and dignity. Baxter was born on December 24, 1935 to Paul and Beulah Thorman in Winter Park, Florida. He grew up in Winter Park spending summers helping out on the family farm outside of Iola, Kansas. He graduated from Winter Park High School in 1954. After one semester at the University of Florida Baxter entered the service in the United States Army ultimately returning to UF to study mechanical engineering. It was here he met the love of his life and engineering match in Roberta Kyle. In 1961 he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and proudly wore his class ring until his death. Following graduation, Baxter and Roberta went to work at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company where they were involved in the building of the USS Enterprise. Baxter then entered Georgia Tech and received his Master of Science in mechanical engineering.

In search of the perfect place to raise a family, Baxter visited Bartlesville in 1965 for a job at Phillips Petroleum Company. He once stated it was the drive from Tulsa to Bartlesville past the rolling green hills and open skies that helped make up his mind to accept the job. Baxter worked for Phillips for 30 years with assignments in R&D, Applied Automation, Phillips Pipeline and Corporate Engineering until his retirement in 1996. In his last years at Phillips, Baxter and Roberta built their dream home on the shores of Grand Lake. **Baxter volunteered with the Grove Rotary Club, where he was named a Paul Harris fellow, and with the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron in which he was the founding Commander.** Roberta's illness in 2005 prompted them to move to Inverness Village (aka Covenant Living at Inverness) in Tulsa in 2005 where Baxter lived at the time of his death. Baxter lovingly and tirelessly cared for Roberta throughout her illness until she passed in 2008. During his time in Tulsa, he volunteered in his church, Christ the Redeemer, and at Inverness. He was a proud member of the OWLS – Old Wise Lutherans. Baxter is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, David and Jo Ann Thorman, of Greenville, SC and his daughters, Kathy Piersall of Tulsa and Susie Wall of Missoula, MT, and their husbands, Mark Piersall and David Wall. As his final act of compassion for others, Baxter chose not to hold a service to protect his love ones from gathering during the COVID-19 pandemic. Kathy and Susie take great comfort in knowledge that Mom and Dad are finally together again cheering on their beloved Gators.

His service will be March 19 at 11 am, at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church (2550 E 71st St, Tulsa OK 74136). It will be live-streamed at <https://m.facebook.com/ChristTheRedeemerLutheranChurch/?tsid=0.5119014841272378&source=result>

Twenty-five ABC-GL members attended the meeting on February 17 at Event on Third. We enjoyed a dinner of our choice, lasagna or chicken alfredo, with salads provided by Todd at Har-Ber Village Café and yummy cherry cobbblers provided by Arlene, Mary Ann and Brenda Murphy.



# Did you know???

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



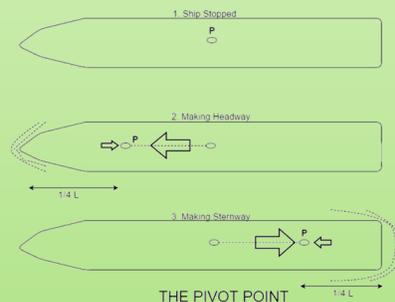
Every boat has a pivot point from which the boat appears to turn around. It will vary by the boat's speed and direction. To avoid hitting obstacles or another boat, it is important to understand how a boat turns, and why one will frequently see boats with damage on the rear quarter by the stern.

Normally the pivot point is located from 25% to 40% aft from the bow. As the boat starts to move forward, the point will shift slightly forward and then move aft as the speed increases. The bow will rotate toward the direction of the turn and the stern will swing away from it. At slow no wake speeds around docks or crowded anchorages, the pivot point will be more forward causing a wider swing of the stern possibly hitting something if done incorrectly.

When the boat is moving backwards, the pivot point appears to move aft causing the bow to swing in a wider arc than the stern. Add in some wind and backing a boat can be more difficult.

Consider yourself invited to join the local boating club to have fun, plus the opportunity to take courses online or in the classroom to improve your boating skills and knowledge.

- Visit us online at [usps.org/grandlake](https://usps.org/grandlake) and send us an email with your contact information.



## America's Boating Class Scheduled

Our club will be sponsoring America's Boating Course - 3rd Edition (ABC-3) on two successive Saturday mornings, April 2 and April 9. Enrollees will need to attend both sessions. The classes will be held from 8 AM - Noon on both days at the Grove Visitor's Center.

This year, we are offering the ABC-3 course **free** to America's Boating Club members who have not already completed a safe boating class. You will be taking the class along with enrollees from the public. We ask that partners share a text. Deadline for members' enrollment is March 15.

If you have boating friends, be sure to invite them to attend. Cost for the public is \$25 per person or \$40 for a couple sharing a text. The cost includes an optional On-The-Water Training session.

ABC-3 is a general boating class that addresses boat characteristics, boat handling, boating emergencies, boating equipment requirements, and other boating considerations. The class is tailored to both new and long-time boat owners. The class includes an optional On-The-Water Training (OTW) session where students will receive hands-on instruction in actually operating a boat. Dates for OTW to be scheduled after class completion.



## Treasurer's Report – February Membership Meeting

January Income	
GRDA grant	\$5,000
<b>Total January Income</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
January Expenses	
USPS Member dues	\$27.50
Rockwood Storage	\$495.00
Bank Maintenance Fee	\$8.00
<b>Total January Expenses</b>	<b>\$530.50</b>

Checking Account Balance end of January 2022: \$17,619.44

Includes: \$3,678 Education Budget for 2021  
\$38 Raffle Fund– used for guest meals  
\$5,004.85 GRDA Grant – for life jackets

\$8,898.59 left in Unspecified Funds

\$6,935.00 of that amount budgeted for expenses in 2022.

January expenses and uncleared checks:

Grand Lake Sports Center \$4,976.00  
Events on Third \$150.00

### Highlights from the February Meeting:

- October and December Dinner meeting minutes were approved
- The Treasurer's Report shown above was approved
- We have received a \$5,000 sponsorship grant from the GRDA for lifejackets. 311 life jackets have been ordered and received which will be fitted and distributed at the Grand Lake Boat Show and Camp Bandage
- We received the VSC decals from national. Examiners who were qualified for 2021 but did not complete their five inspections during 2021 are still qualified for 2022.
- The 2021-2022 budget was approved and is posted on the website
- David Sloan addressed the group regarding the GRDA-FERC Shoreline management plan for Grand Lake. The plan is 170 pages and is available at GRDA web site.
- Bob reviewed results of the survey sent to all members in October:
  - There were 39 responses
  - life jacket fitting and distribution, education and dinner meetings were listed as most important club activities.
- The next dinner meeting will be at Events on Third on March 17.

# ABC-GL March Dinner Meeting

When: March 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Patrick's Day)  
Time: 5:30 pm Social Hour, 6:00 pm dinner  
Where: Events on Third, 414 E Third, Grove  
Dinner: Choose one  
Corn Beef and Cabbage with roasted rosemary potatoes, or  
Old fashion pot roast with mashed potatoes and green beans  
Both come with salad and fresh bread, water or tea  
(Catered by the Café at Har-Ber Village)  
Cost: \$15

**RSVP BY MARCH 13 TO:** [ABCGRANDLAKE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ABCGRANDLAKE@GMAIL.COM)  
(Cancellations after March 13<sup>th</sup> will be charged to the member)



Toma Ford	3/3	Erma Hembree	4/3
Tom Pinkley	3/10	Michelle Hooper	4/12
Lisa Millikan	3/13	Mary Alice Moore	4/17
Charles Fletcher	3/17	Richard McKee	4/18
Diane Peterson	3/17	Al Scarriot	4/26
Bob Russell	3/17		
Janet Sloan	3/20		
David Mandeville	3/30		
Art Taylor	3/30		

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