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## Commander's Report



Ahoy Squadron Members,

Spring is here! While overall we experienced a very mild winter around the lake, we were shown the wrath of nature with some brutal wind and cold just before the official start of spring. Almost everything is blooming early so don't delay getting out on the lake to see the spawn of spring with its blooming dogwoods and redbuds as our surroundings turn from brown to green.

Spread the word! We will be hosting the District 30 spring conference with a reception Friday evening, 28 April followed by our squadron dinner meeting Saturday evening, 29 April. Please RSVP for these events early. We hope ALL members will attend both the reception and the dinner meeting. This will be a chance to meet our district officers, members of other squadrons as well as our National Safety Officer, Mike Wiedel. GLSPS accounts for nearly half the membership of D30, so let's show 'em how we roll!

Thank you to all of you that volunteer your time to support our squadron's efforts. Some members fully commit and give much time and effort in organizing, planning and executing our projects, classes and functions. Others work booths, serve on committees, teach, bake cookies, inspect boats, pilot boats, set up and tear down, and other critical assignments. Others attend dinner meetings and spread the word about the good our organization accomplishes. Whatever your role, this organization could not survive without your time and support. Know that whatever your contribution, you are appreciated. I and others want you involved and insist you have fun doing so. Now get out on that boat and welcome the beauty of spring on our beautiful Grand Lake!



*Bruce Watson, P*

*Commander, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron*



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



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



**Mission Statement "To promote recreational boating safety through education."**



## USPS District 30 Conference

**Fri 28Apr—Sat 29Apr**  
**Eagles Landing, Grove OK**

**Friday Evening 5 PM -7 PM** - Reception, Wine Share and Appetizers

All members are encouraged to attend!

Bring wine or 6-pk and hearty appetizer to share.

**Saturday Morning 8:30-11:30 AM** - District 30 Business Meeting

Members are welcome to attend.

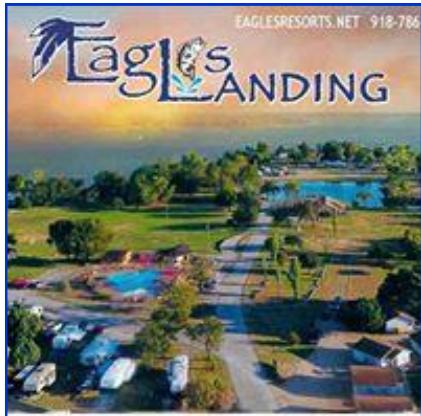
**Saturday Afternoon 1:30-3:30 PM** - Boat tour of lake for guests from Eagles Landing. If weather does not permit, America's Great Loop presentation by Bob Hunt. Members are welcome to attend.

**Saturday Evening 6 -9:?? PM** - Social hour with Margaritas and GLSPS April Dinner Meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

All events will be casual dress. We look forward to seeing you there.

[Click here](#) for further details and information.

# ***Don't Miss the Fun!***



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# 2017 GRAND LAKE BOAT SHOW!



The Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron would like to thank all of you who visited our booth at the Grand Lake Boat and Sport Show this past weekend. Our group gifted and properly fit 147 life jackets to children and infants with the assistance of a grant received from the GRDA. We also received several requests for free Vessel Inspections to be performed, had a number of individuals sign up for one of our upcoming America's Boating Course (beginning March 20), and had a Bobber Guessing game. We are extending our sincerest thanks to the winner of the Bobber Game, a very generous gentleman from the Grove area who chose to donate his cash winnings back to our Squadron.



# *March Dinner Meeting*

Cdr Bruce Watson called the Dinner Meeting to order on March 16 at the Grand Lake Casino Event Center. P/D/C Larry Stout lead the invocation. Dinner was catered by Timbered-In and included home-style pot roast or blackened chicken breast, salad, smashed potatoes & gravy, smoked green beans, and red peppers with cake for dessert. Our Guest Speaker was Scott Horton, GRDA Superintendent-Shoreline Enforcement. Scott gave a very informative presentation on clean-up plans for removal of foam from Grand Lake shoreline, need for legislation to require foam floats to be encapsulated, and adoption of an Adopt a Shoreline program similar to one in use on Lake of the Ozarks.



# Grand Lake - The Beautiful

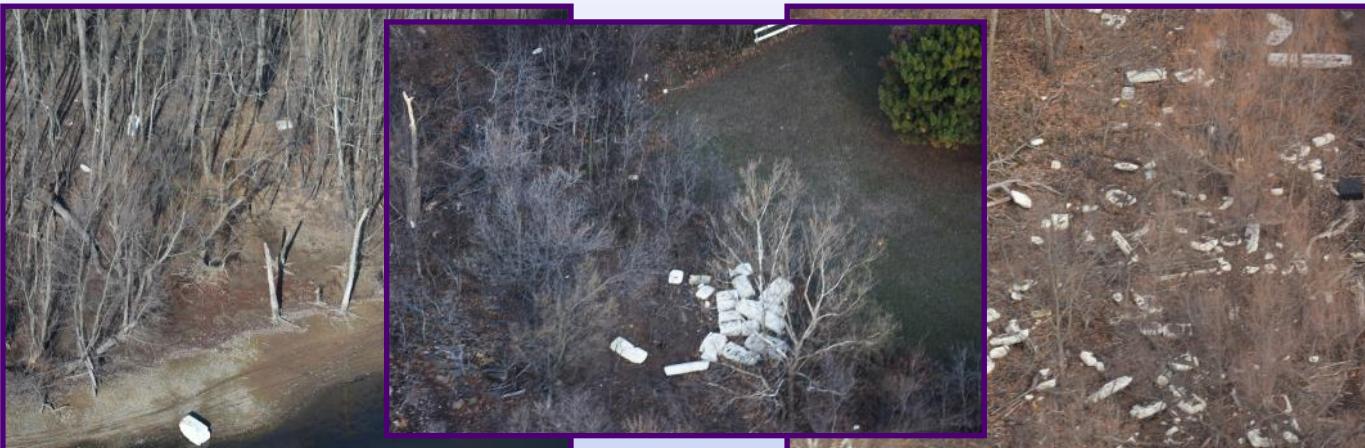
The Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA) is working with the new Grove Community Living and Learning Committee (GCLLC) on a beautification initiative. John Walter will be taking the lead in organizing the GLSPS's efforts to assist the GRDA with their Grand Lake shoreline cleanup project. Each month GRDA Superintendent of Shoreline Enforcement Scott Horton flies the shoreline of Grand Lake to identify compliance issues. John Walter boarded the GRDA helicopter on February 27 for a flyover of the lake. As a result of these flights, areas which have a high concentration of trash and old dock foam are identified. These flights then lead to the establishment of the quarterly cleanup schedule.



**Photos by  
John Walter**



# And The Not So Beautiful



# Camp Bandage Jr.

More than 600 Grove area pre-K and kindergarten students attended the 26th annual Camp Bandage Jr., on Wednesday, March 22, at the Grove Civic Center. The event included lessons on drug and fire safety, working with emergency personnel and the need for life jackets. Thanks to our GLSPS members Bob Russell, Arlene Starkman, Don Chalupnik, and Pat Janiga worked with the GRDA to provide education on water safety. Renae Russell and Brenda Stewart wrote the script. Barbara Zinn and Carole Chalupnik helped with lunch prep and serving. Funding for Camp Bandage Jr., directed by Brenda Stewart at INTEGRIS Grove Hospital, was provided by the INTEGRIS Grove Hospital Foundation. GLSPS donated \$100 to the cause.



## Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is busy hosting the breaks for the current ABC3 classes. We enjoy getting to know them, and we get to tell them about our squadron. We are also making plans for a fun member involvement activity for the May dinner meeting. Being on the Membership Committee is a great way to get involved and learn a lot about what goes on in the squadron. If you would like to join us, contact Lynda Watson at [lwatson626@gmail.com](mailto:lwatson626@gmail.com) or 913-209-4595.

# Message from Chief Commander

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Squadron Commanders:

The Vessel safety Check program is 17 years old. During that time we have performed over 425 thousand vessel safety checks. It is unknown how many lives may have been saved by our efforts.

I'm asking all of you to renew your efforts and support this initiative to increase the number of examiners and VSCs by 20% in 2017.

New members can take the required training and immediately start as a Vessel Examiner and continue to make our waters a better place.

Will you please help?

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louie".

Louie

# Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



## Article 1

Protect your boat and its contents from theft. Most law enforcement officers agree on three things that criminals try to avoid:

Time- the longer it takes, the more likely they are to get caught.

Light- They do not want to be seen and possibly identified.

Noise- They try to avoid alarm systems and/or calling attention to themselves by making noise.

Good locks require more time and difficulty. The best locks are stainless steel and use tube-type keys. Be careful with combination locks and always set the numbers the same (0000) so that only those numbers will become tarnished and not give the thief the real combination. Boat trailers should always be locked. There several types available to make theft more difficult.

Lighting should include the outside of a boat at night plus cruisers can add a cabin light on timers. Always make sure the lights are safe to prevent a fire hazard.

Noise can consist of simply using a radio to suggest someone is around. The best is a professional alarm system with motion detectors that can sound an alarm and possibly turn on security lights too. Many of the newer systems are easy for a novice to install.

## Article 2

Many will be planning on buying that new boat at the upcoming boat shows. Deciding on that boat requires several questions to be answered such as what type and style will best serve your planned use of the boat. Will you be on larger lakes like Grand Lake, smaller lakes or rivers? How many people do you plan to take on your boat? Smaller boats have capacity and weight limits. Larger boats may be yacht certified allowing more capacity. The design of the boat is important for safety. Some can handle rough water better than others should the weather or boat traffic make for rougher conditions.

Power boaters have more choices to make such as to an outboard or inboard engine. Each type has different benefits and costs. Then there are also propulsion systems such as stern drive (I/O), vee drive, straight shaft drive or jet drive depending on the boat's design and purpose.

For fishing, there are many choices to consider. Is the boat only for fishing or will it be used as the family boat for rides or towing water toys?

Other factors that should be considered along with the initial expense are operational, maintenance and storage expenses. These will all vary as to type of boat you have chosen.

## Article 3

The off season is a good time to look over the condition of your dock lines and to also make sure that you have the proper size and length for your boat. A good rule of thumb for size is 1/8 inch for every 10 feet rounded up. So a 3/8 inch line for a 26-foot boat or 1/2 inch for a 34-foot boat. The dock line should have an eye at one end for connecting to a cleat or piling.

Many experts suggest that bow and stern dock lines be at least 2/3 the length of your boat. Spring lines should be 1 1/4 the length of the boat and when used will limit forward and aft movement at the dock. Using a forward or aft spring line can also be helpful in certain situations when docking or leaving.

Nylon is most commonly used for dock lines because of its strength and ability to stretch helps absorb shock loads.

To learn more about boats and boating, the United States Power Squadrons offers many courses such as seamanship, navigation, marine mechanics and marine electronics. For more information visit our website at: [www.grandlakeups.com](http://www.grandlakeups.com) or on Face Book at GLSPS.



# Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>April</b>			
18 28-29	E-Board Meeting USPS District 30 Meeting	1300 Various	GLA Eagle's Landing
<b>May</b>			
5 16 18 20-26	GRDA Lake Launch E-Board Meeting Dinner Meeting Safe Boating Week	TBA 1300 1800 Various	Langley Ecocenter GLA St. Elizabeth's Church Honey Creek Marina



## Happy Birthday



## APRIL

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|------|----------------|
| 4/1  | William Whalen |
| 4/10 | Barbara Zinn   |
| 4/18 | Richard McKee  |
| 4/22 | Trudy Darby    |
| 4/26 | Al Scarriot    |
| 4/29 | Vicky Petrusa  |



### **From your Editor...**

Please send me pictures (with names and the activity), ideas and suggestions that are most important to you. The deadline is the 23rd of the month. Thanks for your input and support., Micki

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