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Commander's Report



Ahoy Squadron Members!

It's getting warmer – sometimes! We're all starting to get the itch to get back on the water as the weather warms up. Can't wait for some of the fun summer events we have planned this year!

This month, the Kamrath's Starkman's and Russell's will be making the trip to Pella, Iowa to represent our squadron at the Spring District 30 Meeting. Among other things, we're hoping to see some flowers in bloom at this little taste of Holland in the middle of the Midwest. We had a very successful showing at the Grove Boat show this year, handing out 105 Life Jackets to kids, and getting attendees for two ABC classes (and hopefully a few new members as a result).

I wish to thank all of you that helped out at the Grove Boat Show.

The Grand Lake area got a lot of publicity from the recent FLW Fishing Classic at the end of the month. It was amazing to see these professionals reel and weigh in monster bass while weather conditions on Grand Lake were highly variable and challenging.

Carl Wotowis organized a breakfast meeting for those indicating an interest in joining up for some shared fishing recreation. For the first time I remember, squadron friends are getting together on the water with a common interest in fishing. If you still want to get in on this, please get in touch with Carl.

Next up is our April Dinner meeting, with a new Western & BBQ theme, and something fun in store at the dinner. I hope to see you all there and look forward more good times ahead.

Kevin Kamrath, S

Commander, Grand Lake Power Squadron



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

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





**Grand Lake
O' THE CHEROKEES
BOAT
and Sport Show**

Well another boat show is in the books! From March 7th through 10th, we fitted 105 kids with brand new life jackets and signed up 12 people for ABC classes and 12 people for Vessel Safety Checks. This year we had an additional attraction at our booth with the boating simulator. A special thanks to Earl Starkman for all your hard work to get our boating simulator up and running.

Here's a shout out of thanks to Scott & Shelley Graves, Ed & Sharon Dennis, Bob & Renae Russell, Steve & Kaye Snyder, Art & Phyllis Taylor, Diana Smith, John Boyd, Harvey & Marge Blattner, Carole & Don Chalupnik, Chuck & Sue Brandt, Larry Stout, Gregg & Michelle Hooper, Julie & Roger Jones, Pat & Frank Janiga, Mark & Sandy Hendrickson, Kevin & Micki Kamrath, Bruce & Lynda Watson, Doug McCormick, Jim & Cindy Reynolds, Carl & Rhonda Wotowis for setting up, working, and taking down the booth at the Grand Lake Boat Show. Also thank you to everyone who brought an array of delicious treats for VIP night...rumor has it that we had the best dessert items at the show.

KODE-TV Joplin was on site to interview Commander Kamrath for a news report on our squadron's work to promote boating safety. GRDA was given accolades, as well, for their \$6000 donation for purchase of life jackets.



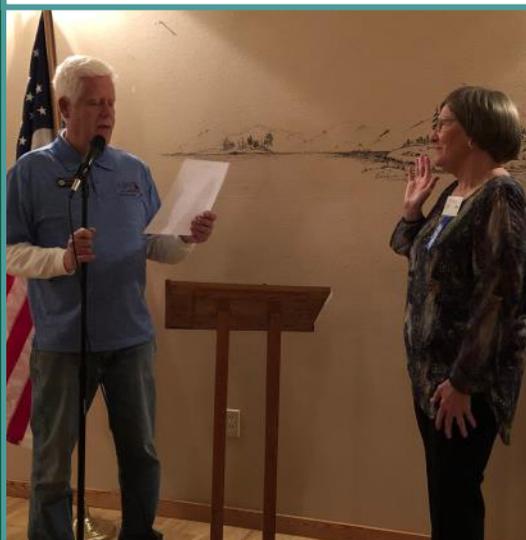
March Dinner Meeting



Mary Alice Moore checked in 51 members attending our dinner meeting on 3/21/19 at Eagle' Landing, while Michelle Hooper and Julie Jones were busy organizing the set up of the delicious Mexican buffet provided by Las Palmeras.

Commander Kamrath called the meeting to order and Lt/C Russell gave the invocation. Brad Johnston, Fisheries Biologist of the Oklahoma Department on Wildlife Conservation, gave a very informative presentation on surveying and managing fish populations in the Grand Lake watershed. You can contact Brad anytime with questions at brad.johnston@odwc.ok.gov or (918) 542-9422. Welcome to new member, Erma Hembree, who was inducted by Cmdr Kamrath.

Many exciting activities based on the results of the survey that was distributed at the last 2 dinner meetings are being planned. Look forward to a Poker Run, Dock Parties, Fishing Groups, Summer Eating Out Events, Representing America's Boating Club Grand Lake at Toes in the Grand, Camp Bandage, Pelican Fest, and Lend a Hand to Lady Grand./Shoreline Cleanup to name a few. Thanks to Frank and Pat Janiga for volunteering to organize our summer meet and eat out breakfasts/lunches/dinners. Can't wait for all the fun to begin!



Managing Fish Populations

- Electro-fishing
 - Black Bass (Spring/Fall)
 - Sunfish (Spring/Summer)
 - Catfish (Summer)
 - Striper/White Bass Brood stock (Hybrids)
- Netting
 - Crappie (Fall)
 - White Bass/Hybrid Striped Bass (Fall)
 - Walleye (Fall)
 - Catfish (Fall/Winter)
 - Paddlefish (Winter)
 - Forage-Shad (Early Fall)
- Water Quality
- Habitat Enhancement Projects




ABC Classes

Roger Zinn, AP, taught two 1-day ABC courses for the 9 people who signed up at the Grand Lake Boat Show. One class was held on March 16th and the second on March 30th. The Membership Committee organized sub sandwich lunches and cookies for these classes.



Fishing Group

A big round of applause for Carl Wotowis for organizing the first outing of the squadron's fishing group. They met for breakfast at the Indian Hills Grill and then fished in their enclosed dock. They had a lot of fish stories, but I did not see any fish pictures. They did have a great time socializing and wetting a line. Future plans include bass fishing techniques, drifting for catfish, white bass fishing, and more crappie fishing. It looks like we need to get a few more fisherwomen to join the group too. Contact Carl at cwotowis@gmail.com if interested.



Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

All boats have a hull identification number (HIN) of 12 characters. It allows an individual to check if a boat has a recall or defect just the same as with a vehicle. This number is not the same as the state registration number on the boat.

The HIN is found typically on the starboard side of the transom or the starboard hull near the stern. On pontoons, it is found on the aft crossbeam near the starboard hull attachment. Boats manufactured after 1984 will have a duplicate number in an unexposed location inside the boat or under hardware.

The first three characters identify the manufacturer or importer. The next five are the hull serial number followed with a letter indicating the month of manufacture such as "K" for November with a number for the year. The last two numbers are the boat's model year.

Article 2

A side thrust from a propeller (Prop walk) mostly occurs with boats equipped with a single engine and a single prop. Propellers that rotate right in forward gear will move the stern slightly to starboard. This effect is more pronounced at slower speeds and becomes more concerning when there are fixed objects or boats to starboard. To maintain a course, steering slightly to starboard will help counteract the stern movement.

When turning the boat at slow speeds, the natural momentum of the boat will cause it to continue the turn even after the wheel is straightened. To counter this movement once the desired heading is reached, briefly turn the wheel in the opposite direction to stop the rotation, then return the wheel amidships (neutral) position. Another option is to return the wheel amidships *before* the desired heading is reached. Be careful to not overcorrect or the stern will swing too much the other way. Each boat behaves differently, go slowly and use a gentle touch to see how it reacts.

Article 3

Many boaters enjoy flying either the National Ensign or the United States Yacht Ensign from the stern staff on their vessel. The National Ensign should only be flown from 0800 local time until sunset. A good rule of thumb for the size of either flag is one inch of fly (length) for each foot of boat length (LOA). As needed, skippers can elect to go up to the next available stock size.

Interestingly, the law states that only documented vessels may fly the National Ensign, but over time with its broader use, it has become common practice for undocumented vessels to also fly it.

The United States Yacht Ensign has 13 stripes similar to those of the National Ensign. The field is different with an arrangement of 13 white stars encircling a white fouled anchor. Outside of the territorial waters of the United States only the National Ensign should be flown.

Boat Smart from the start and take a course from the United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club. For more information visit our website at: www.grandlakeusps.com or on Facebook at GLSPS.



Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
April			
4/1	Piloting Class	8 Weeks	GLA
4/5-4/7	D30 Spring Meeting	Varies	Pella, IA
4/16	E-Board	1300	GLA
4/18	Dinner Meeting	1800	Eagle's Landing
May			
5/14	E-Board	1300	GLA
5/16	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBA
5-18-5/24	Safe Boating Week	Varies	Varies



Happy Birthday



4/3 Erma Hembree
 4/10 Barbara Zinn
 4/12 Michelle Hooper
 4/17 Mary Alice Moore
 4/18 Richard McKee
 4/22 Trudy Darby
 4/26 Al Scarriot



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 25th of the month. Thanks for your input and support., Micki

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