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## Commander's Report



Ahoy Squadron Members,

With the summer months nearly in our rear view mirror, our squadron year will soon come to a close. As you know, each year we elect a new slate of officers. All positions are open and must be filled for the coming year. Soon, our nominating committee will be actively seeking volunteers and nominations.

Our squadron has experienced excellent growth and participation over the past few years. This has enabled us to expand our efforts and make a real difference promoting safe boating in the Grand Lake community. YOU, yes YOU, have made a difference!

However, without volunteers to fill these very critical positions we fail to be solvent. I encourage you to take on a leadership role or other position in support of our squadron. I am certain we have the people that can step up and help us to be an even stronger organization and continue to make a difference promoting safe boating and education on our Grand Lake waters.

With new leadership come new and fresh ideas for our squadron to grow and thrive upon.

Your commander,

*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



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# RAFT UP TIME

GLSPS members found a fun way to beat the heat as seven boats tied up on a very warm summer day.



 **RaftUp**

**DATE:** July 20, 2017  
**TIME:** 2:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Carey Bay  
**TEMPERATURE:** 95°F



# SUMMER BREAKFAST MEETS



**16** GLSPS Members met for breakfast at the **Hott Box Café** on July 6.



**25** GLSPS Members met for breakfast at the **Fairland Café** on July 19. Birthday wishes were extended to EO Ken Moore. Join us at 0900 for our next breakfasts on August 2 at Cherokee Casino and August 17 at Indian Hills Grill.



**The Cafe**  
700 W Conner Ave.  
Fairland, OK 74343  
(918) 848-5000



## ANOTHER WAY TO SPEND A DAY DURING THE WEEKEND

Not that coming up with things to do is difficult, but at times doing something different that benefits others and is enjoyable at the same time would be nice. Well here's an idea.

*But first a bit of background:* Back many years ago, a fledgling organization had foresight to recognize the importance of a visitor center in Grove, not just part of a store front but a separate facility capable of displaying for the public to see all the various aspects of our lake and what it had to offer the visiting public. Accordingly, during the fund-raising effort for the new GLA visitor center, the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron became a silver member donator. Since it's dedication in 2000 we have become intertwined with this facility and the Grand Lake Association. We have subsequently supported the organization by addition of window treatments in the main display area to keep out the afternoon sun. We have provided more comfortable chairs for use in the C of C conference room, which certainly improves the comfort of our many students during boating training. We have also contributed to the fund for the building of the new GLA Visitor Center sign which is so prominent on Highway 59. This cooperative effort between the two organizations have not gone unnoticed over the years and resulted in the GLSPS being awarded at two different annual banquets the Grand Lake Organization of the Year award, see them in our display cabinets at the center.



This relationship has gone two ways, we have enjoyed having such a facility available for many functions, primarily a permanent training facility and display area for our organizations many awards. We have assisted the GLA in our support of their many efforts.

One of our supportive efforts has been the providing of volunteers to staff the visitor center during the summer months, Memorial Day to Labor Day. So, what happens during a typical staffing day? There is not such a thing as a typical day. Sometimes during bad weather or other reasons it



can be quite slow, with just a few visitors. Other times, most usually on Saturdays there can be quite a flurry of activities as visitors to the lake want to know what there is to do, see and where is the closest beach? (can you answer that question). Visitors come from all over the world. During the time Peggy and I have hosted the facility we have had visitors from many of our European countries, Mexico and Canada. We have had young families with children, young couple on a weekend getaway and lots of other folks that are looking at our lake as a future retirement area.

Having a knowledge of the lake and what it has to offer is helpful, but after being at the center and being asked these questions, from the amount of information available you quickly become an expert. Remember the first time you visited the lake and wanted to know something about where to visit, where to eat and if you were to move here where would you suggest looking. This experience is also a learning process for you to become familiar with just what the area has to offer. Everyone you meet has a different bunch of interests, some of which you may never have considered, but here is an opportunity to share thoughts. Just today, July 15, we had the opportunity to:

- Give a retired couple from Wichita some suggestions as to where to explore what properties were available on the lake for a move from Kansas.
- Give a couple from Joplin some information on a driving route that would give them some idea as to what the lake looks like during a different route home.
- Give a family from Lawrence Kansas some guidance on what to do and see during a long weekend at the lake. Some thoughts included a visit to Har-Ber Village and Lendonwood Gardens. Their initial stay included a couple of nights at the new Shangri La Hotel.
- Share some experiences of driving the old Highway 66 through Oklahoma with an old cowboy from Eastern Kansas.



One thing for certain, every day at the visitor center is different. So how about you, come join us in one of our more enjoyable civic duties and support of the GLA Visitor Center. There's still time to sign up for a day, just five hours on Saturday and three hours on Sunday. Or if you are a bit hesitant of trying a whole day on your own, stop in during one of the days we are there and join us, you will get the hang of it very quickly and find yourself as an expert on our lake.



*Bill and Peggy Miller*



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are very sorry to lose Joe & Vicky Petrusa as GLSPS members. In case you didn't hear, they have relocated to Florida. Best Wishes Friends!

Douglas McCormick, P has reinstated his membership in the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron. Welcome back Douglas!

We welcome three new members who joined us over the summer - Wes & Penny Garber and Carl Wotowis. They will be sworn in at the September meeting.

As we approach the fall season and monthly dinner meetings begin again, please think about joining the Membership Committee. We need more people with new ideas to help us welcome new members and retain our current ones. Contact me if you are interested – Lynda Watson [lwatson626@gmail.com](mailto:lwatson626@gmail.com) / 913-209-4595.

## GOVERNING BOARD



### Governing Board Event Tickets

If you're planning on visiting Dallas, Texas, for the 2017 Governing Board Meeting from September 10–17, you'll want to get your event tickets soon.

You can find more information about scheduled activities on the National Meetings Committee Registration Page ([right click to open hyperlink](#)). Registering online is fast, easy and secure, but if you need help, you can call Stephanie Ford at 888-367-8777 ext. 230 to register by phone.

While you're at it, don't forget to book a room at our meeting hotel, the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre ([click to open hyperlink](#)).

See you in Texas!

# DISTRICT 30 FALL CONFERENCE

**September 29—October 1, 2017**

Hosted by the Kansas City Sail & Power Squadron



**Double Tree Hotel**  
**10100 College Blvd.**  
**Overland Park, KS 66210**

*Call for Reservations*

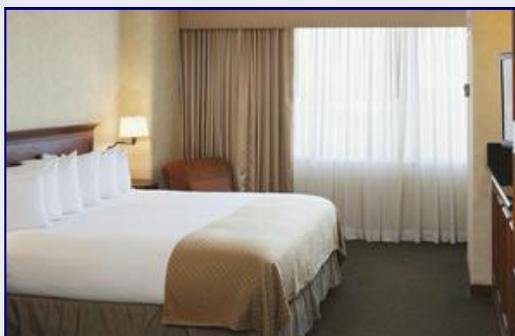
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**Special King Room**  
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*Up to 2 per Room*



**Planning to Drive  
 Your Motorhome?**

The Double Tree hotel will allow motorhomes in our group to “dry camp” for free in the hotel’s parking lot.

## Tentative Schedule

- Friday:** Register, Commander’s Reception  
 Dinner on your own, Double Tree Hotel Restaurant
- Saturday:** Breakfast at Double Tree
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| <b>8:30-12:00</b> | D30 Spring Conference  |
| <b>12:00</b>      | Buffet Lunch at Double Tree (\$20)   |
| <b>1:00-4:00</b>  | Afternoon Off  |
| <b>4:30</b>       | Drive or Shuttle to the New Theatre  |
| <b>5:00</b>       | Cash Bar, Private Room in New Theatre (\$55)   |
| <b>6:00</b>       | Dinner and Show (6:00 Seating / 6:30 Dinner / 7:30 Curtain)<br><i>Driving Miss Daisy</i> (starring Michael Learned and Reginald Veljohn) |

*Conference Information and Registration Forms will be sent via email to all members.*



**TO:** ALL UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS MEMBERS  
**FROM:** Tammy Brown, USPS Director of Marketing  
**RE:** America's Boating Club™



In June the Board of Directors approved the use of the name America's Boating Club™ in marketing United States Power Squadrons®. The support for this new direction from our members has been overwhelmingly positive! In addition, the Board of Directors approved a new logo for America's Boating Club™ and a new tag line, "For Boaters, By Boaters". This tagline was chosen after we surveyed both members and nonmembers.

Camera-ready artwork will be made available through the National Marketing Committee website and details found in the brand standards manual. In the interim, national committees, squadrons, and districts may use America's Boating Club™. We suggest that if you choose to incorporate it then use one of the following ways:

1. United States Power Squadrons® is America's Boating Club™
2. United States Power Squadrons®. We are America's Boating Club™
3. (Your Squadron Name). We are America's Boating Club™
4. America's Boating Club™, trademark of the United States Power Squadrons®
5. Do you have another idea? Please contact one of us for assistance.

The work to be accomplished now is time extensive and we need help; our launch date is the Dallas Governing Board. We will be hiring a PR firm to help develop a communications plan and implement the official introduction of United States Power Squadrons® as America's Boating Club™. Please be advised that we will send you regular updates on this important project. You can help us by sharing this information with your fellow officers and members.

Thank you for your support during this process!

Project Ad Hoc Committee Members:

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, R/C Paul Mermelstein, Stf/C Glen Sherman, P/R/C John Malatak, USPS Director of Marketing Tammy Brown

## Get America's Boating Club Promotional Videos

Here's the new "Introducing America's Boating Club™" promotional video for exclusive use by squadrons a month before its national debut at the 2017 Governing Board Meeting in Dallas, Texas, on the internet and in social media.



"Introducing America's Boating Club™" (Full Length) – [Stream](#) / [Download](#) (Click to  
 "Introducing America's Boating Club™" (0:30 Version) – [Stream](#) / [Download](#) Open Hyperlink)

In June, the Board of Directors approved the use of the name America's Boating Club™ in marketing United States Power Squadrons®. "Introducing America's Boating Club™" was produced in three-and-a-half-minute full-length and thirty-second "pull-out" versions to help attract new members through public communications. Target audiences are "outdoor enthusiasts" and "sociable adventurers" — comprising over 15.5 million US boaters — the next core demographics for us to recruit after "baby boomers."

The purpose of the videos is to arouse awareness, interest, and desire in adopting the safe-boating lifestyle and taking action by joining USPS. The videos can be played at public meetings, embedded in squadron websites, and posted on squadron Facebook pages. Links can be emailed to prospective members for playing and sharing with friends and family. —**Marty Lafferty**

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## DO YOU KNOW?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



### ARTICLE 1

Eighty percent of all lightning is within a cumulonimbus cloud or between them. It is called sheet lightning. The most dangerous and dramatic lightning strikes are those that strike the surface. The electrical discharge is enormous, about 100 million volts. The flash is really a series of 3 or 4 strokes separated by about 50 milliseconds. The discharge heats the surrounding air then quickly cools causing sound waves or thunder.

By dividing the time (number of seconds) between the flash and the first sound of thunder by 5, the distance in miles from the lightning can be estimated. Remember the National Weather Service rule of 30/30. Seek shelter if the delay between the lightning flash and the thunder is 30 seconds or less. Remain in the shelter for 30 minutes after the last thunderclap.

### ARTICLE 2

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.

### ARTICLE 3

How well an anchor holds is determined by the type and size of the anchor, bottom type (i.e. mud, sand, clay or rocky) and the amount of scope.

A lightweight popular anchor is the Danforth that holds well in sand, hard mud or clay, but not in grass or rocky bottoms. The mushroom anchor is good for mud and silt bottoms, but it depends on its weight for holding. The plow-type anchor holds well in most types of bottoms.

It is important to have the correct scope. The "rode" or anchor line should be a minimum of 5:1 for calm conditions to 10:1 for severe conditions. A scope of 7:1 is suitable for most situations. To figure the length on Grand Lake (no tides), determined the depth of the water and the distance of your bow to the water. For example: 10' of water depth with the bow 3' above the water means  $10+3=13 \times 7$  (scope) = 91 feet of rode. A short length of chain from the anchor to the rode or anchor line will help the horizontal pull of the anchor on the bottom.

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.grandlakeusps.com](http://www.grandlakeusps.com) or on Face Book at GLSPS.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>August</b>			
2	Summer Breakfast Meet	0900	Cherokee Casino
15	E-Board	1300	GLA
17	Summer Breakfast Meet	0900	Indian Hills Marina Café
22	Dock Party / Tie Up	1400	Kamrath's Dock on Courthouse Hollow
<b>September</b>			
10-17	USPS Governing Board	Varies	Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center
19	E-Board	1300	GLA
21	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBA
9/29-10/1	District 30 Fall Conference	Varies	Kansas City Double Tree Hotel



# AUGUST

8/2 JoAnn Gregory  
8/3 Kim Lindahl  
8/6 Brenda Stewart  
8/8 Penny Garber  
8/9 James Carroll  
8/12 Sharon Dennis  
8/12 Bob Hunt



8/12 Jim McNabb  
8/13 Kay Ray  
8/13 Dennis Rice  
8/18 Janice Pedersen  
8/19 Candace McNabb  
8/21 Jerry Ruzicka  
8/26 Judy 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 23rd of the month. Thanks for your input and support., Micki

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