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Commander's Report



LEADERSHIP – WILL YOU HELP MOVE THE CLUB FORWARD IN 2021?

OFFICERS

This Club only survives because every year twenty or so members volunteer to take on a task that they know will help sustain the Club. The duties of Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer are traditional, but we have two more positions whose duties may not be as straightforward. The "Administrative Officer" is responsible for organizing the monthly dinner meetings & program. The "Executive Officer" is responsible for organizing external activities, particularly those of our booth at various local shows. The Squadron Educational Officer is just that – responsible for organizing educational opportunities.

BOARD MEMBERS

The Officers and seven other elected volunteers are known collectively as the Executive Board, or "E-Board". This group makes decisions that directly affect all members. That is why all members are always welcome to come to E-board meetings – that's where it happens.

We don't know how our activities will look in 2021. But if you anticipate having some time on your hands and you are happier when you are busy, consider taking a role. Ken Moore and Kevin Kamrath would welcome a call to answer your questions.

ALL LINES ARE OPEN – CALL NOW!

Mary Alice Moore, P
Commander
America's Boating Club - Grand Lake



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



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





There will not be organized raft-ups or any lake activities for the boat club, but if you decide to go out for a sunset ride around Carey Bay, lay out in the sun under the cliffs at Blue Buff, or enjoy lunch on the lake, etc, let us know! Maybe we will join you for a fun, but distance-safe get together. We can still enjoy the lake and all the beauty

around us if we maintain the recommended safe distance. If you DO get members together, take a photo or two to share in our newsletter.

A NOTE FROM TREASURER LYNDA WATSON.....



A BIG Thank You to all of our AmazonSmile shoppers!!

In June, the club received \$52 from Amazon Smile for the quarter. We have now received a total of \$430 in donations from Amazon Smile since September 2016 – that's more than \$100 per year of **FREE MONEY!** For those who haven't signed up yet, it's easy

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. They will remember your selection, and every eligible purchase you make at Amazon Smile will result in a donation.

You will need to select: Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to a non-profit organization.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile (you can't tell the difference in the websites.) Your Shopping Cart, Wish List, Registry, and other account settings are also the same.

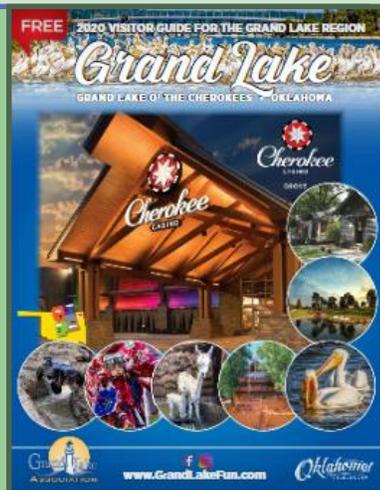
How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will **donate 0.5% of the purchase price** from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

So, while you are pandemic shopping, raise some money for the club the easy way! Learn more at <https://smile.amazon.com> – click on "About Amazon Smile."



Has a free weekend opened up for you?? There are still dates needing filled at the Grove Visitors Center. Saturdays can be split between two couples for a shorter day. It really is an easy job, the time goes by fast, and it's fun to share about our beautiful lake. Please let Kim know if you are able to work in August and thanks to all who have volunteered so far. 913-522-8773



DATE	SATURDAY 10:00am to 3:00 pm	SUNDAY Noon to 3:00pm
1-Aug	NOT FILLED	XX
2-Aug	XX	Dennis Rice & Erma Hembree
15-Aug	Chuck & Vicki Fellhauer	XX
16-Aug	XX	Carl & Rhonda Wotowis
29-Aug	CAN YOU HELP OUT HERE?	XX
30-Aug	XX	Bob & Renae Russell
SATURDAYS SHIFT CAN BE SPLIT BETWEEN TWO COUPLES! EASY DAY!		
PREFER TO HAVE TWO PEOPLE WORKING THE CENTER. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CELL NUMBER FOR TEXT REMINDER AND EMAIL ADDRESS FOR PRINTED INSTRUCTIONS.		
EMAIL KIM AT kim.lakehouse@gmail.com TO VOLUNTEER. THANK YOU!		

Saturday, July 18th was a really busy day at the Visitors Center. They had 15 people stop by for information and to look around. "It was rewarding to be able to help people from neighboring states as well as from other parts of Oklahoma. Everyone coming in had a mask. It's a great opportunity to refresh your knowledge of the lake and what our area has to offer." from Mary Alice Moore.





POKER RUN



It was a great day to be on the water for our Poker Run! Roughly 53 lucky people participated in this fun event. \$795.00 was collected with the winners walking away with smiles on their faces and money in their pockets!! Thanks to Kevin and Micki Kamrath and Sandy Hendrickson who organized this great time! Beautiful day, fun times, good food and great company We all walked away winners!



← Event organizer Kevin Kamrath as "master" dealer!





Event co-organizer Micki Kamrath with the best hand winner - Vicki Fellhauer! Her pockets were FULL!
Mark Hendrickson came in 2nd (far left) Gregg Hooper—booby prize and Tom Pinkley came in 3rd (on the end)



Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

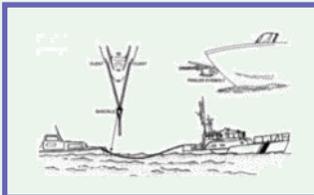
A boater should always be alert and take appropriate action when approaching boat wakes. Larger boats can produce 3 to 4 feet wakes that can be compounded from wind action on the water or by extra boat activity. Striking an unnoticed wake or approaching it incorrectly can unseat people on the boat resulting in possible injury, dislodge items tossing them around and even damage your boat.



To stay safer and make the ride more comfortable for those on your boat, position it as far away as is safely possible from the path of the other boat to minimize impact. Then turn into the wake just before you reach it at about a 45 degree angle and reduce throttle. Once you have crossed the wake turn back toward your original course and speed.

Article 2

Towing another boat that has broken down requires proper knowledge to do it safely. Towing puts considerable strain on both boats and can result in injury to personnel on either boat because of towlines pulling loose cleats and deck fittings that are not reinforced with backing plates. Using a bridle can be helpful to reduce strain. Polypropylene line is safer than nylon because it floats and has less stretch should a fitting pull out. A rule of thumb for pleasure boats is to never tow a boat that is more than 1 ½ times its own displacement (not length). Towing speed should be around 10% less than the hull displacement speed of the towed vessel or about 7 mph for a boat with a 25 foot waterline.



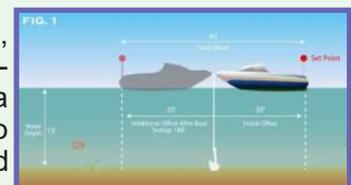
A good decision for the boater may be to stand by the other vessel offering assistance as you can, until a boat more suitable for towing or a commercial service can be contacted.

Article 3

When choosing an area to anchor your boat, check the water depth to be sure that you have sufficient anchor line to secure the boat. Typically, a 5:1 ratio of water depth plus freeboard is sufficient except in rough water or higher winds. For example, a water depth of 10 feet and freeboard of 5 feet would equal 75 feet of anchor line or rode.

Try to anchor in calmer protected coves or in the lee (downwind) from land or a breakwater. Check the chartbook for underwater obstacles and pass around the area to check for uncharted hazards. Do not anchor in channels, high traffic areas or near underwater cables.

Remember the boat will rotate on its anchor with wind and current changes, so make sure your swing circle will keep you clear of all obstructions including neighboring boats (See fig.1). Once the boat is anchored securely, take a bearing on two fixed objects on land such as a tree or building. From time to time, check the bearings to see if your position has changed which would indicate the anchor is not holding and will need to be reset.





Thanks go to Roger and Julie Jones who opened their home for our "Third" of July celebration! The party was a great success starting with a beautiful night, awesome fireworks and good company! We sure know how to celebrate our Nations birthday, even when social distancing!



Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.



If these last few weeks have taught us anything - it's that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet.

Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them. Those would be helpful right now.

If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal once we reopen everything... Raise Your Hand. Now slap yourself with it.

GUESS I STILL NEEDED A GIGGLE!
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS LITTLE TO REPORT...

your Editor!



The Spread of COVID-19 Is Based On Two Factors:

1. How Dense The Population is
2. How Dense The Population is

Just wait a second - so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this, is directly linked to the Common Sense of others?

Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever. Well, Wish Granted. Happy Now?

LIFE IS BETTER WHEN YOU'RE LAUGHING.



Anyone else getting a tan from the light in the fridge?

BELOW IS A LETTER FROM CHIEF COMMANDER MARY PAIGE ABBOTT. PLEASE NOTE THE DISTRICT MEETING IN MARGARITAVILLE HAS BEEN CANCELED BY THE DISTRICT COMMANDER. SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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07 July 2020

MEMBERSHIP IS JOB ONE

Following are highlights of actions, discussions, and decisions made during the past month; please share this information with your committees, squadrons, districts, and members.

- 1) **2020 Fall Conference:** As of today the event remains on the calendar for Wednesday, September 9 through Sunday, September 13. As stated previously, we are constantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation, discussing the status weekly, and comprehending alternatives. Watch for updates especially where to find uploaded presentations, join a conference call and more!
 - a) The current [schedule of events](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations/documents/202006131640340.2020FallRaleighAgenda05222020.pdf) is posted on the website:
 - b) The June issue of the [Fall Conference Newsletter](https://www.usps.org/php/reservations_new/meetings.php?mtg_id=39) and more is available, too:
- 2) **BOD Actions**
 - a) **MMSI Update:** The MMSI program oversight has been moved to the National Safety Committee (Executive Department) from the Educational Department. We are awaiting the final revision needed to reinstate the MMSI service of online assignment for members and non-members. America's Boating Club will again offer this service at NO CHARGE once reinstated. You will be notified when it is accessible.
 - b) **SailAngle status:** The MOU relationship and service has been officially terminated effective June 30, 2020. All national sites referencing SailAngle are being deleted. We ask that all squadrons and districts do likewise.
 - c) **VSC/VSE Update:** Due to ever-changing directives and the national scope of this program, please consult the National Safety Committee webpages for the most up-to-date information regarding member involvement with Vessel Safety Checks, whether virtual or live or other: <https://www.usps.org/departments/12000/12900/12900-vessel-safety-check>. Keep in mind that each USCG District works independently and therefore each USCG District could have a different set of directives as it pertains to conducting a VSC. Also, take the time to distinguish between USCG District numbers and our USPS/ABClub District numbers - trust me it can be confusing if you are in a hurry to sort information.
 - d) **Travel Reimbursement Policy Update:** The Travel Reimbursement policy has been updated as it pertains to the use of frequent guest awards points, frequent flier points and similar programs. The information is on the National Treasurer's webpage and in the Operations Manual (G6). <https://www.usps.org/images/secretary/opman/opsmanag.pdf>
 - e) **National Awards:** this section of the Operations Manual is now current. Please review Appendix C at <https://www.usps.org/images/secretary/opman/opsmanac.pdf>

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3) Cost-savings Implemented: Due to the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic our revenues are down and therefore we are "attacking" both variable and fixed costs. Following are some of the steps taken with more to come:

a) Headquarters Initiated:

- i) The Ensign will be sent to all members electronically rather than printed starting with the final issue of 2020. Currently published only four (4) times per year due to costs, going electronic saves the printing and mailing costs while allowing for innovations in member communications, such as more current information and increased contact.
 - (1) 2020 printing & mailing savings per Issue: \$14,000
- ii) Personnel: staff hours reduced due to the corresponding work reductions then reinstated for the duration of the awarded SBA Payroll Protection Program loan.
 - (1) SBA PPP Loan secured which is paying our headquarters staff during the allotted time span. We are examining the personnel requirements for the remainder of 2020 and projecting needs for 2021.
- iii) Recurring costs like utilities and other services are being reviewed and changed for monthly savings. These may be smaller savings opportunities, yet it all adds up.

b) Travel Expenses

- i) Due to the travel restrictions and directives imposed by states and local agencies, all but five (5) District Spring Conferences were changed to virtual conferences or other. Of those five, the majority of Chief Representatives did not submit for travel cost reimbursement. Those budgeted travel reimbursement funds not used this year are a "savings".
- ii) Travel reimbursement to national meetings is a very large annual expense which needs to be reduced now and more fully for 2021. In the interim...
 - (1) I ask each member volunteer eligible for reimbursement to attend a national meeting to voluntarily forego reimbursement for hotel and travel this year
 - (2) I ask each district to financially support the attendance at national meetings of at least the District Commander and the District Educational Officer. If you need to know what amount to budget for 2021 then please contact the National Budget Officer Joe Gatfield (joe@wmmconstruction.ca).

Thank you in advance for your fiscal support!

I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July and that our CPS-ECP friends and Canadian members enjoyed Canada Day on July 1st. I found it a bit disheartening to have both of those days pass like any other day of late. I miss those chance encounters with strangers and friends alike, the sharing of a smile or laugh (cannot see those while wearing a mask), a reassuring pat on the shoulder, and so much more.

Stay safe, smart, and healthy: wear those face masks when in public, practice best hygienic practices, and maintain social distancing.

Wishing you fair winds and calm seas as we continue this unplanned journey together,

Mary Paige Abbott
Chief Commander

"It always seems impossible until it's done."

Nelson Mandela

Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
8/18	E-Board Meeting	TBD*	TBD*
9/15	E-Board Meeting	TBD*	TBD*
10/13	E-Board Meeting	TBD*	TBD*

*Please contact Commander Mary Alice Moore for more information regarding E-Board meetings.
No events are scheduled at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Happy Birthday



8/1	Jerry Ruzicka
8/1	Diana Smith
8/3	Kim Lindahl
8/6	Mark Lindahl
8/6	Brenda Stewart
8/9	James Carroll
8/12	Sharon Dennis
8/12	Bob Hunt
8/13	Dennis Rice
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 25th of the month. Thanks for your input and support! Kim

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