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## Commander's Report



The official publication of the Grand Lake & Power Squadron a unit of the United States Power Squadrons.®.

The Change of Watch dinner and meeting is our squadron's premier annual event. This year was no exception. Cherokee Yacht Club provided a beautiful backdrop for the event as well as expertly prepared food all of which was delicious. The ladies went all out with handmade decorations and even put some of the men to work folding napkins into rings just so. D/C Terry Elia was in attendance to swear in the new commander and submit for approval the new bridge and e-board slate. Thanks to her and Gus for joining us. It is truly a premier event. Thanks to all that worked so hard to make it happen and send P/C Cox out with the honor in which he deserves.

Sadly, it is the time of year where most of us have to put up our boats for the winter and wait for spring. Many will be travelling to warmer climates for the winter or to visit friends and relatives in far off places. It has been a great year on Lady Grand, and a great year for our squadron.

Your commander and new bridge are excited to serve. Let's make the coming year even more fun with more participation from all. Sign up to help with our projects and events. Take a class. Come to our monthly dinners. Man the Visitors Center. No matter what you have to offer, step up and come aboard. I guarantee you will have fun anytime you are willing to be a part of our group and/or events.

*Bruce Watson, S*

*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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# CHANGE OF WATCH

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron held their Change of Watch Ceremony and Dinner Auction on Saturday, November 5 at the Cherokee Yacht Club.

### What happens at the Change of Watch?

- All elected and appointed officers give complete reports on activities within their responsibility.
- The commander's report outlines what has been accomplished by the squadron.
- A complete financial report is made by the treasurer, which is accepted after approval of the report by the auditing committee.
- All appointed officers are discharged with thanks by the retiring commander.
- The Commander then surrenders to the senior national or district officer present. The new Commander is then inducted by the national or district officer.
- The report of the nominating committee is read to the membership. The secretary then asks for any nomination as prescribed under the bylaws.
- The new squadron bridge is sworn in by the new commander and other elected officers and new members of the executive committee are introduced to the general membership.
- After an acceptance speech by the newly elected commander, new business is taken up, and the squadron moves forward under its new leadership.



New Commander, Bruce Watson, is inducted by District Commander, Terry Elia.



**Congratulations to the new GLSPS Bridge**  
 Commander Bruce Watson  
 Executive Officer Ken Moore  
 Administrative Officer Bob Russell  
 Treasurer Barbara Zinn  
 Education Officer Bob Hunt



# Enjoying the Fruits of Our Labor



## ALL HANDS ON DECK

While Renae Russell is constructing the lighthouse center pieces, Ed Dennis, Ken Moore and John Boyd are folding the dinner napkins.



Thanks to these beautiful ladies: Mary Alice Moore, Linda Watson, Deb Cox, and Sharon Dennis who spend hours coordinating this wonderful Change of Watch Celebration and silent auction. They even planned for a magnificent sunset over Cherokee Yacht Club.



# CHANGE OF WATCH



Welcome and thanks to District 30 Commander Terry Elia and husband, Gus for attending the GLSPS Change of Watch. We look forward to seeing our new friends at the District 30 Spring Meeting, which the GLSPS will be hosting April 28 & 29, 2017.



**Come for the boating education...stay for the friends.<sup>SM</sup>**

To Commander Watson and the members of the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron:

Thank you so much for your hospitality at the Change of Watch. The facilities were beautiful (kudos to the decorators). Congratulations on a very successful auction, the items for bid were awesome.

We enjoyed our stay on 'the Mother Road'. We also enjoyed cruising Grove and spending the morning at Kar-Ber Village. It was Heritage Day at the Village so we sampled 'wild grape dumplings (yum!)' and had the traditional 'hog fry' for lunch complete with beans, potatoes, and fry bread.

Thank you also for covering our expenses for the visit, the Grand Lake cutting board, and the goodie bag in the room (the York peppermint patties went fast).

Saturday night was a wonderful evening filled with great conversation, great food, and great friends.

We look forward to visiting again at the District 30 Spring Conference in Grove in April.

# Thanks to Roger & Barbara Zinn



**Power Squadron Members enjoyed a Weenie Roast hosted by the Zinns on October 29, 2016.**



# Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



## Article 1

For the boat powered by a single engine and a single prop, there is an advantage to approaching a dock on the port side of the boat. When you put the boat into reverse gear to slow or stop it, the prop walk will cause the stern to move next to the dock.

When leaving a side dock or pier depending on wind and current, turn the steering wheel towards the dock while applying brief minimal forward power (place a fender at the bow for protection). An aft spring line can also be used. This will swing the stern outward allowing you to put the boat in reverse and back away from the dock. When you are sufficiently clear, shift to forward and depart. This maneuver will prevent the stern striking the dock when leaving because of the boat's pivot point.

Interested in becoming more confident in your boating skills? The United States Power Squadrons offers many courses such as weather, seamanship, navigation, marine mechanics and marine electronics online and in the classroom. For more information visit our website at: [www.grandlakeusps.com](http://www.grandlakeusps.com) or on Face Book at GLSPS.

## Article 2

During the recent hurricane that occurred on the U.S. southeast coast, the wind speed was mentioned often. Did you know that wind can also be described by a Beaufort number or force? For example, a Beaufort number or force 3 is 8 to 12 MPH which is described by the World Meteorological Organization as a gentle breeze. On the water, large wavelets are seen with scattered whitecaps. On land, leaves on trees show movement and light flags are extended. Gale force winds of 39-46 mph is a force 8 (Beaufort number) and hurricanes winds are 73 MPH and over or force 12.

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## Article 3

Stranding or going aground is not a pleasant situation for any boater to be in. It usually occurs suddenly and unexpectedly. Too often the first reaction is to reverse the engine to back off. Don't do it. On a powerboat put the gear in neutral and on a sailboat let your sheets run free.

Next evaluate the situation. Has anyone on board been injured by the sudden stop? Is there a hole in the hull? Are you taking on water? Are you stuck in mud or on a rocky bottom? What is the best direction to deeper water? If the hull is okay, consider moving passengers to the area of the boat that is floating and then pushing off with an oar or boat hook. Consider having the crew get off the boat to reduce weight but be sure to have life jackets on plus a way to get back onto the boat. Kedging off is a procedure to free a boat. This means setting an anchor in deeper water and pulling the boat toward it either mechanically or by hand. The anchor can be floated out on a life preserver or carried out depending on the depth by someone wearing a PFD. Interested in becoming more confident in your boating skills? The United States Power Squadrons offers many courses such as weather, seamanship, navigation, marine mechanics and marine electronics online and in the classroom. For more information visit our website at: [www.grandlakeusps.com](http://www.grandlakeusps.com) or on Face Book at GLSPS.





## Safe boating videos now online - USPS launches Digital Media Library to public

To promote safe boating, United States Power Squadrons has launched its new Digital Media Library online and as a free mobile app.

A showcase and repository for digital media focused on boating safety and safe boating education, the USPS DML includes a series of original videos showing how to prepare popular recreational motorboats for departure, operate underway, dock, secure them at their destinations, and more. Slideshows and images offer additional safe-boating educational material, boating-safety messages, and tips. Materials are uploaded regularly, and new videos will be added through the end of the year.

All digital media in the library is offered to the public at no charge. Users can sign up to be notified when new material is added to the library and to request information about particular boating topics. "USPS DML videos target today's recreational boaters who can benefit from timely reminders of safe boating practices and skills," said Marty Lafferty, USPS DML project manager. "Boat operators can bookmark DML videos of most value to them for playback on their tablets or smartphones just before engaging in boat maneuvers."

The project is supported by the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. Lafferty, past commander of USPS District 5, directed many USPS members and squadrons in the production of the videos.

To access the material, visit [uspsdml.org](http://uspsdml.org). You can also [subscribe to the USPS DML YouTube channel](#) and check out videos and behind the scenes content at the [USPS DML Facebook page](#) or [follow USPS DML on Twitter](#).

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## GLSPS ABC Fall 2016 Class OTW Training



Members of the ABC class attended their "On the Water Training ." Pictured from left to right are Carl Wotowis, Mark Hendrickson, Mark Hardiman, Sandy Hendrickson, and instructor P/D/C Larry Stout, SN-IN. Dave Garcia, from Tulsa, who was also in the class was unable to attend.



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# ATTENTION GLSPS PHOTOGRAPHERS

<sup>the</sup>**Ensign**

## 2017 Nautical Delights Photo Contest

Show us what you love most about boating by sending us your favorite photos from being on the water, and you could win a prize! Just use the form below and submit **no more than four high-resolution photos**:

Photos should be at least 3 x 5 inches at 300 ppi. The larger the better! Photographs should not be altered except for cropping, color or contrast adjustment, and dust removal.

- The contest is open to amateur and professional photographers who are USPS members or subscribers of The Ensign magazine. We recommend taking the photos with a DSLR camera, or a digital single-lens reflex camera, for optimal results.
- Your entry constitutes an agreement to allow your photos and name to be used in any USPS publication or website. All photos used by USPS will carry a photographer's credit.
- Photographers must hold rights to the photos submitted and must obtain permission before submitting photos of identifiable people.

## 2015 Looking Forward Photo Contest Winning Entries



**1st Place**



**2nd Place**



**3rd Place**



**4th Place**

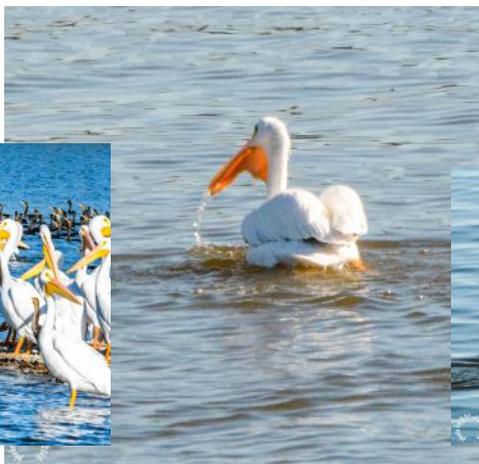
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*Photos*

## Beauty of Nature on Grand Lake

*By  
John Walter*



Every year, the American White Pelicans migrate to the Grand Lake Ok area. During the migration period, it is a wonderful sight to see them together throughout the area. The American White Pelican can weigh from ten to thirty pounds. Females and males look exactly alike, but may differ in weight. They carry the second widest wingspan among North American birds. On average, the birds live around 16 years. The record time of living is 34 years. This pelican is different than other breeds. The American White Pelican does not dive for its food, they catch food while swimming. Each bird will eat approximately four pounds of food each day.



# Happy Birthday



## December

12/1	David Sloan
12/2	Todd Elson
12/5	Stephen Duenner
12/22	Orville Edwards
12/24	Thorman Baxter
12/25	Norm Carnett
12/27	Chick Wheat
12/30	Frank Janiga



# UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>December</b>			
8	Christmas Party	1800	Wyandotte Club 60
10	GLSPS Float Decorating	0900	Miller's House 1415 N 55th , Grove, OK
	Float Line-up	1700-1800	Civic Center
	Lighted Christmas Parade	1800-2000	Downtown Grove
20	E-Board Meeting	1300	GLA
<b>January</b>			
16	E-Board Meeting	1300	GLA
19	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBA



GLSPS still has an opening for Assistant Secretary. Don't miss this opportunity to get involved in your squadron. Contact Secretary, Arlene Starkman, at 708 714-0597 or [Alene\\_Starkman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Alene_Starkman@sbcglobal.net) with your questions.

Happy  
Holidays!

### **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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**Date: December 8, 2016**

**Where: Club 60 Loft at the Wyandotte Casino**

**Time: 6 PM social hour - cash bar, hors d'oeuvres  
7 PM dinner -**

- Menu
- 1) Slow Roasted Beef Tri-Tip w/peppercorn au jus and Herb whipped potatoes
  - 2) Grilled Shrimp Skewers w/ lemon basil pesto and parmesan risotto  
Both dishes come with seasonal vegetables  
Salad and bread
  - 3) Dessert: bread pudding w/ caramel glaze or rich chocolate cake w/whiskey butter
  - 4) Water, tea, coffee

**Please RSVP with *choice of entrée* to Bob and Renae Russell, [robren95@aol.com](mailto:robren95@aol.com) by November 28th!**

Entertainment will be "F.O.G." (Four Old Guys), a Barbershop Quartet from the surrounding tri-state area.

Cost is \$36 dollars per person, payable at the door.

Our charity donation this year is to the Community Crisis Center. The CCC provides counseling, legal support, and housing assistance to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Funds from the Squadron account will match member donations up to \$500.

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