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Commander's Report



Thank you!

Kevin and Micki Kamrath and C.O.W. Committee: The Change of Watch was a special event and the Auction was awesome.

To all of last year's leaders - I really appreciate you and look forward to your continued support.

To all of this year's leaders - Thank you for stepping up in your roles. Don't hesitate to ask questions of your predecessor or of current leadership. Most of all, SPEAK YOUR MIND and DON'T TAKE OPPOSING OPINIONS personally. This is how we will grow as a Club.

I am grateful!

To everyone who takes an active role, small or large, in this organization.

To those who have newly joined or taken a new role - DON'T BE INTIMIDATED BY ANYTHING YOU SEE! Just barge right in there. We are ALL IN THE SAME BOAT! (haha) Your life experiences, background, and interests are valuable, and the Club looks forward to your participation.

Job Openings

Someone to lead the invocation at dinner meetings, starting January. Talk to Mary Alice.

A backup for Kevin Kamrath, our email masseur and distributor. Talk to Kevin.

**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





CHANGE OF WATCH



Thanks to all those who came to help set-up at Cherokee Yacht Club for the COW: Kevin & Micki Kamrath, Ken & MA Moore, Sharon Dennis, Lynda Watson, Julie Jones, Michelle Hooper, Steve Snyder, Scott Graves, Sandy Hendrickson, Alan & Diana Smith, Earl & Arlene Starkman, Bob Russell, Vicki Fellhauer, and Bill & Peggy Miller. Thanks Bill Miller for making the great slide show highlighting all of the squadron's activities for 2019. The room was transformed into the lovely venue that you saw when you arrived for the Change of Watch dinner and auction. Thanks to those who helped our educational fund by donating and soliciting items from the local businesses. Thanks for buying all of the auction items that were displayed. We ended up with an auction grand total of \$1788.





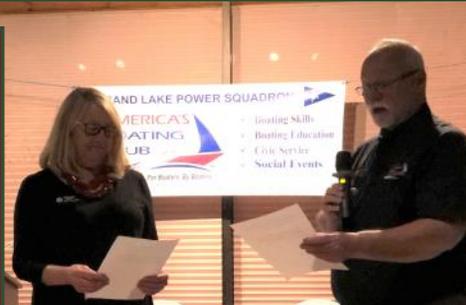
CHANGE OF WATCH



The Change of Watch was held at Cherokee Yacht Club on Thursday, November 7 with 47 members and guests attending. Thank you to D/C Kent Simpson and DXO Tracy Simpson for attending. There was time for socializing, bidding on some great auction items to support our education program, watching Bill Miller's slide show for a trip down our 2019 memory lane, and partaking in a delicious buffet. Congratulations to Chuck and Vicki Fellhauer and Jerry Murphree for successfully completing the Boat Handling (Seamanship) Class.

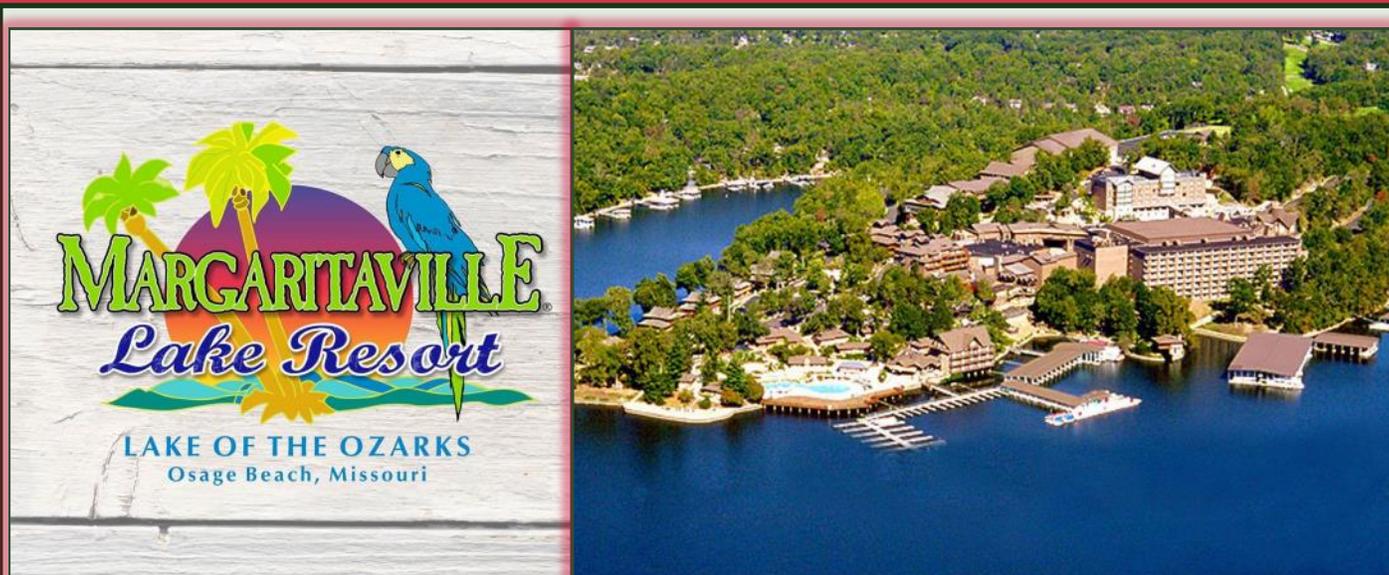


Then it was time for the Change of Watch. D/C Kent Simpson inducted Mary Alice Moore as our new Commander. P/C Kevin Kamrath presented Cdr Moore with the Commander's Flag. Then the new bridge was inducted: Bob Russell-Education Officer, Sandy Hendrickson-Executive Officer, Micki Kamrath-Secretary, Julie Jones-Administrative Officer, and Lynda Watson-Treasurer. Please help the new Bridge to make the upcoming year successful.



Grand Lake 





**United States Power Squadron District 30
America's Boating Club—Heartland Region
Annual Conference—September 15-17, 2020**

**Margaritaville Lake Resort
Lake of the Ozarks
Osage Beach, Missouri**

Mark your calendars! Make your reservations as soon as possible because the rooms fill up fast at this fun and exciting location.

The meeting room is located in the Anchor Building. The rooms in the Anchor Building are all 2 King Beds with dual sinks in the bathroom. The room rate is \$119 per night plus state and local taxes. A \$20 resort fee per person is also charged. This building has an elevator to move between the floors. The Tuesday meet and greet will be in the bar next to the lobby.

If you wish to stay in one of the out buildings there is a golf cart shuttle to pick up and return. There is a desk right inside the lobby to arrange for the shuttle to any of the restaurants not in the Anchor Building or to any of the other activities such as horseback riding, swimming in the pools, etc. Further details will be announced at a later date.

**IMPORTANT: GET YOUR RESERVATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
BECAUSE MARGARITAVILLE IS VERY POPULAR.**

CALL: 1-573-348-3131 When you make your reservation tell them you are with the District 30 United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club—Heartland Region.



DO YOU KNOW?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



ARTICLE 1

The fall boating season is here on Grand Lake, but so will be the lower lake level. Boat smart and study the charts for the area you are boating and watch your depth finder to prevent grounding. Slow down when in shallow or unfamiliar areas. Striking hard bottom or rock at high speed can severely damage the boat, prop and drive system.

If the boat becomes grounded, first check the crew for injuries from the sudden stop, then examine the boat for holes. For serious problems contact the authorities for assistance. To re-float the boat, it may be possible to have a crew member wearing a life vest and safety line to get out of the boat and push it off. Another method is to use a float or a dinghy to set a kedge anchor to pull the boat to deeper water.

ARTICLE 2

Towards the end of the boating season, delay refueling until closer to the time of winterizing your boat. This will give more room for fresh fuel and reduce the aging process of fuel in your tanks. Don't forget to add a fuel stabilizer to reduce problems caused by condensation of water, gum deposits and fungus (in diesel engines). Preventing a problem is easier and less expensive. Before fueling the boat, mentally go through a checklist to be sure that you have done the following:

- Fuel in daylight, if possible.
- Tie your boat securely to the fuel dock.
- Shut off engines and any electrical equipment that might create a spark, including blowers and radios.
- Close all windows, ports, doors and hatches on boats so equipped.
- Have an operable fire extinguisher close by.
- Have crew and passengers not needed for fueling go ashore.
- When pumping fuel, keep the hose nozzle in contact with the tank or fill pipe to avoid static electricity buildup that could cause a spark.

ARTICLE 3

When changing out your batteries or removing them for winter storage, take a picture with your phone camera to remember the correct connections. Label your battery cables and mark the positive post with red fingernail polish. Incorrect connections are a common cause of boat fires. Avoid shorting out the posts with a metal tool or reconnecting batteries in a series when they should be in parallel. Battery connections should be inspected and tightened at least twice each season.

Automotive chargers should not be use on boats. They do not have the proper float settings and many are not ignition protected which is dangerous if there are fuel fumes in an enclosed compartment.

Boat Smart from the start and take a course from America's Boating Club. For more information visit our website at: www.grandlakeusps.com or on Facebook at America's Boating Club - Grand Lake.



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
December			
12/5	Christmas Party	1800	River Bend Casino
12/17	E-Board	1300	GLA
12/22	Happy Hanukkah		
12/25	Merry Christmas		
January			
1/1	Happy New Year		
1/14	E-Board	1300	GLA
1/16	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBA



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 12/1 David Sloan
- 12/2 Todd Elson
- 12/5 Stephen Duenner
- 12/5 Donald Shroff
- 12/18 Carl Wotowis
- 12/22 Orville Edwards
- 12/24 Baxter Thorman
- 12/28 Harvey Blattner
- 12/30 Frank Janiga



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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