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# Commander's Report



## The Good of 2020



January: our beautiful display at the Grove Public Library.



February: a great dinner meeting at Lee's Resort.



February: BINGO was fun and lucrative for our club.

March: the journey of our nautical quilt was over as we drew the winning ticket at the Boat Show.



As the pandemic progressed we all agreed that we are among the luckiest people on earth for where many of us live – on a lake. The summer saw increased activity on the water where people could escape to enjoy the freedom of the great outdoors.



July: our poker run was enjoyed by over 50 members and friends.

November: We enjoyed miniature golf - our last get-together as a group for the foreseeable future.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK. By now, all of us know someone who has been sickened or quarantined by COVID-19. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or all three, be smart, be safe.



**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*



On November 19th, ABC-Grand Lake presented a check in the amount of \$3,210.00 to "Santa's Old Broads" to help with their Christmas shopping for local children in need. This awesome and giving group of women were sincerely grateful and thrilled with the check. They could not stop talking about how much the donation would help and at the large amount! This check will provide a great Christmas for 32 children in our community.



Thank YOU for your giving hearts!



This was a **WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN** situation!

Our "impromptu" November get together.

**WIN:** Some of us walked away with a new challenging puzzle.

**WIN:** The truck bed was full with donations of food for people.

**WIN:** There were several sacks of bedding and food for shelter animals.

**WIN:** It was good to catch up, even just a little, with those participating.



Doesn't get any better than that!

**SWAP! DONATE! CHAT!**

We use the retractable as backdrops, if we put up a tent, or indoors at the Boat Show.

**TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW RETRACTABLE!**



The latest revision included updating the photos to show more diversity, updated logo, and the ability to separate into 3 panels if we so desire.

Looks Great!

## Honey Creek Hive Mini Golf

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, fifteen members took advantage of the beautiful fall weather to play miniature golf. The event took place at Honey Creek Hive Mini Golf.

It certainly was not the Masters Tournament but at least the skill levels were competitive. Congratulations go to Art Taylor with a winning score of 42, course par is 40. Honorable mention goes to Kevin Kamrath scoring a 49. Not meaning to embarrass anyone but the highest score award goes to Arlene Starkman with a 75, only 33 more strokes than Art. The rest of the group averaged between 54 to 64 strokes, mediocre at best. The course is challenging. Fun was had by all and everyone wore a mask!

Thanks to Chuck Brandt, Mary Alice Moore and Bruce Watson for organizing this outing. Its' safe to say that playing again will be on the list for 2021.

Honey Creek Hive Mini Golf opened this past August. The course is designed around landmarks at the lake: Pensacola Dam, Sailboat Bridge, etc. The facility is located just south of Honey Creek Bridge on Hwy 59.



# Did You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



When changing out your batteries, 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.



Never use an automotive charger 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.

If you reduce throttle too quickly entering a turn or turn too sharply, your boat may come off plane. This will cause the pivot point, a point which your boat rotates around, to move toward the bow. The boat will spin around the new pivot point resulting in bow steering and slow suddenly. It will then sit lower in the water especially at the stern with the possibility of a deluged of water coming over it from your boat's wake, or if the boat spun out in the turn, it could be broadsided by the wake.

To avoid bow steering, consider a wider radius for the turn to stay on plane, or do not reduce the throttle too much before entering the turn. Apply throttle as needed to stay on plane because the boat naturally slows in a turn. Another option is to gradually reduce to displacement speed before turning the boat.



Single hull boats less than 20 feet long must be manufactured with floatation. Inboard and I/O boats must have enough floatation to keep some portion of the boat above the surface of the water after flooding or capsizing accident. Outboard boats must float level at or just below the surface of the water if holed or swamped, even when loaded with passengers and gear. Sailboats, canoes, kayaks and inflatable boats are exempt from compliance with this standard.



Each boat should have a certification label stating that it meets USCG Safety Standards. It may be a separate label or combined with the maximum capacities label.

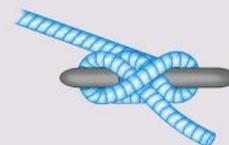


## Did You Know? continued

Boating has its own language for some things. For example, you may buy some rope at the store, but when it goes onboard the name changes. It is referred to as line and may assume a specific name such as anchor rode or docking line. In sailing, there are names such as a halyard or sheet. There are even names for parts of line such as the working part which is the portion under a load or the running part. The bitter end is the end of the line that hangs out of a knot and carries no load unless you pull on it. A common name for it is the free end.

An interesting fact is that when we tie knots to use a line, it actually weakens it. Many common knots reduce the line strength as much as 40%. Splicing a line only reduces the strength 10% to 15%. Even a simple bend or kink will weaken it.

Cleat Hitch



Boaters are responsible to maintain a safe speed at all time so that a proper and effective action can be taken to avoid a collision or to stop within an appropriate distance. A safe speed is determined by visibility, traffic density, hazards, the boat's maneuverability, weather and water conditions.

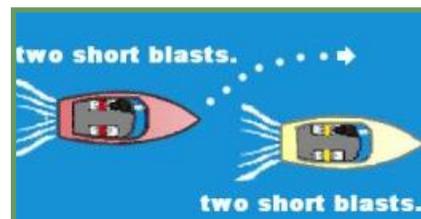


Boating at a safe speed also requires following state and local regulations. Oklahoma state law requires an idle speed or no wake within 150 feet of a boat ramp, dock or an anchored/moored vessel. Also, a reduced speed of 10 mph is required when a vessel is within 50 feet of another vessel. On Grand Lake, the GRDA has a night time speed limit of 25 mph along with speed restrictions in Duck Creek and Woodard Hollow.

Sound signals are very important for safe boating and all boaters should know how to use them. There are two variations of the signal, a short blast of about one second duration and a prolonged blast for four to six seconds duration.

When meeting or overtaking another boat, one short blast indicates that you intend to alter your course to starboard passing the other boat on your port side. Sounding two blasts indicates that you intend to alter course to port passing the boat on your starboard side.

The danger signal is five short blasts to warn another boater of a maneuver that he is attempting to do that may be dangerous such as someone in the water that he cannot see.



A prolonged blast is sounded when nearing a blind bend in a channel or when departing a slip.



# Upcoming Events!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/10	Hanukkah begins		
12/15	E-Board	1000	TBD
12/25	Merry Christmas		
1/1	Happy New Year		
1/19	E-Board	TBD	TBD

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



## 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
12/28	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! Kim

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