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From the Helm



2021-2022

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Our Holiday Season

We do have a lot to be thankful for, don't we? We have just celebrated Thanksgiving with lots of great food and good times with family and friends. And, our Club will soon join together for good times at our annual Christmas Party. As usual, and maybe even more importantly for this year, we want the Christmas Party to be a time for us all to gather and have fun together, leaving most of the business aspects of our Club to be handled at later meetings.

We want to give a big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who helped keep the Club activities front and center during 2021. A healthy America's Boating Club - Grand Lake is important to our community and it goes without saying that your help will continue to be important.

But, for now, we simply want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Your Steering Committee currently at The Helm:
Larry, Bob, Arlene, Brenda, Joel and Alisa

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



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

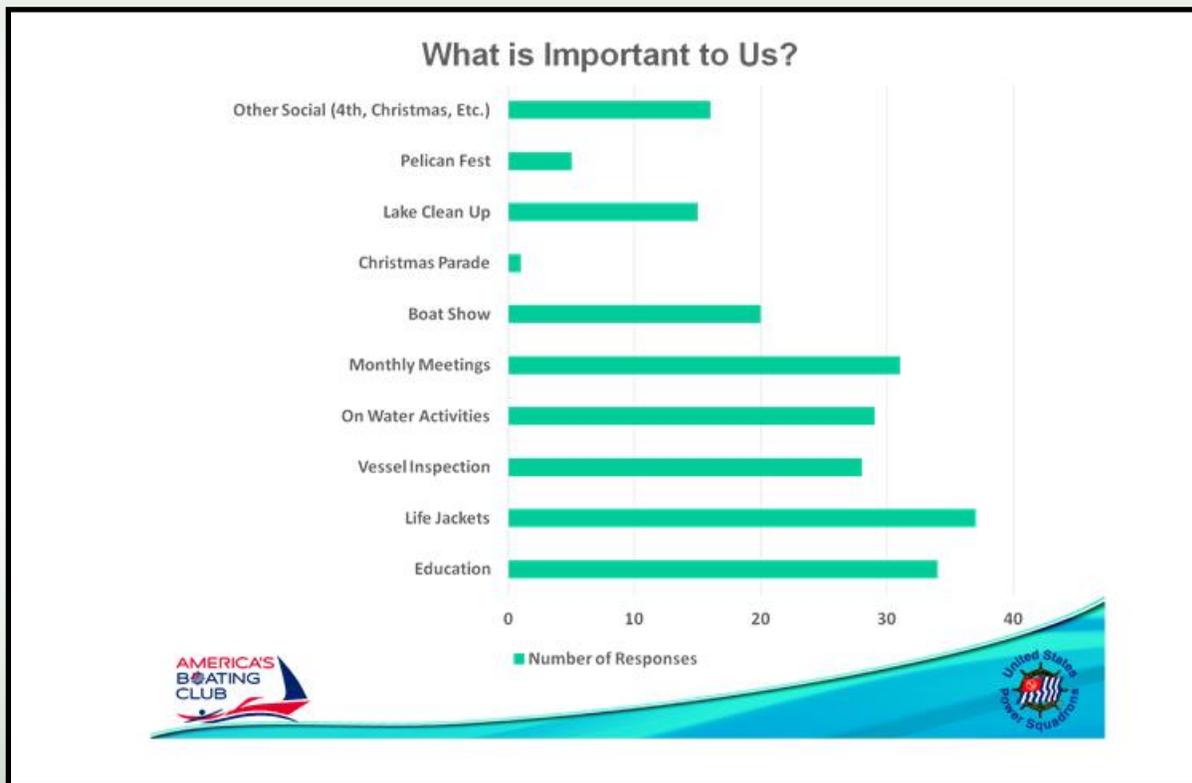


MONKEY BUSINESS

All of us received an opportunity to participate in a survey on "Survey Monkey" about our club. We were asked what was important to us as members of the club, how we might simplify as an organization, how each of us might help.

Your answers will help determine our future efforts. What did the Monkey tell us? Your Steering Committee will be presenting a program at our January dinner meeting with some detail about the survey results. But, as a teaser, let's take a look at the responses to the question "What activities are important to me as a member of the club?"

The chart shown here shows what our members believe is important to them:



So... our community programs to provide life jackets to the boating public becomes "Job One". Education on boat handling and safety was a strong second and applies to our members, as well as the boating public. To preserve these efforts requires members to volunteer and/or participate.

Surprised at what made the top of the list? Maybe we shouldn't be since success could save a life!

From your Steering Committee:

Wonderful news for Thanksgiving for our boat club! Our waiver request has been approved! We now have the opportunity to re-organize and simplify our club. Most of our members are retired and many were hesitant to commit to leadership positions at this time in their life. As we go forward, your steering committee will be looking forward to your ideas and participation to "save" our boat club and all that it does for the lake community for safer boating.

Hello DC Tracy & PDC Larry,

I have reviewed your request for America's Boating club - Grand Lake Waiver 7.3.3.

"I agree and accept the Grand Lake Steering Committee Plan (attached)"

What this means for your Squadron

1- You can propose to set up the leadership any way that works for you. One Squadron had P/CS each take a month.

Or you could have a steering committee of three or more.

2- The MOST IMPORTANT thing is that someone reliable needs to be the Public Contact for HQ to relay information etc.

In OD-2 this person can be in the Cdr' s slot or other slots as well besides the Public Contact one.

3- You can still keep your SEO and Secretary etc. as you like

4- You MUST still submit your 990 to retain your non-profit status

5- You would retain your District voting rights but would need to decide who would use the Cdr's vote and other delegate votes.

6- You would need minutes only to cover motions for legal items, such as the expenditure of money.

7- You would not have to change your by-laws

8- You can change back to a full functioning Squadron any time.

It is important that you keep DC Tracy and myself informed with the Squadron Continuation Plan and your work moving forward.

Thank you to the America's Boating Club Grand Lake - Steering Committee, the District, and all involved during your work on the Implementation Plan. I look forward to your success.

Your request is approved.

Yours in Boating,
V/C Craig D. Fraser, SN-IN
National Executive Officer
United States Power Squadrons

<http://www.americasboatingclub.org>

*From our Treasurer,
Arlene Starkman
October report prepared by Lynda Watson*



Where our Money Goes

Treasurer's Report to the Membership

Checking Account Balance on October 31 was \$14,900.64

That balance includes the following Specified Funds:

- \$3,678 Education Budget for 2021
- \$38 Raffle Fund– used for guest meals
- \$4.85 Walmart Grant – for life jackets and safety education

This leaves \$11,179.84 in Unspecified Funds

We have budgeted \$10,271.34 of that amount for expenses in 2021.

October Income	
Member Dues	\$218
Total October Income	\$218
October Expenses	
Commander Incidentals	\$50.00
Dinner Meeting Expenses	\$577.77
Har-Ber Village pavilion	\$50.00
Bank Maintenance Fee	\$3.00
Total October Expenses	\$680.77

\$\$ Thank You for Shopping Amazon Smile \$\$





ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 9, 2021
5:30 Social Hour - 6:30 Dinner

The Vista Tower's - Shangri-La - 9th Floor
Monkey Island, OK

Dinner includes a house salad with rolls and butter. Chicken piccata with fettuccini pasta.
Beef tenderloin (hand cut filets) with portabella mushroom gravy, scalloped potatoes,
stewed green beans, vegetable medley.

To top it off banana foster cobbler sauteed with 151 rum and banana liquor!

Cost is \$35 pp. Cash Bar.



CHRISTMAS CHARITY 2021 GROVE BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Steering Committee reviewed the suggestions that were submitted by the membership for our charity this year and the Grove Backpack Program received the most recommendations. Our club's funds will allow us to once again match up to \$1000 of the amount donated by our members.

Donations may be given at the Christmas party/meeting December 9th or mailed to

Arlene Starkman, 62500 E 259 Rd, Grove, OK 74344. Checks should be made to GLSPS, and we will present one check to the program.

Through the Backpack Program, children receive a backpack full of kid-friendly, non-perishable and nutritious food on Friday to sustain them over weekends and school holidays. Typically, 140 or more local students receive a backpack of food each week. Sadly, one in four children in Oklahoma lives in a household that is struggling to put food on the table. This local 501c3 program is funded entirely by donations.

Please give your donation to Arlene by December 9th so we can present our gift as soon as possible. Thank You!



We made the National magazine!!!
Look at us!



National Safe Boating Week



CAROLYN BOOTHE, PHOTOS USED COURTESY OF THE GROVE SUN

Earl and Arlene Starkman, Ed and Sharon Dennis, Chuck and Sue Brandt, Bruce and Lynda Watson, Micki and Kevin Kamrath, John Walter, Commander Mary Alice Moore, Kevin Moore and Mona Swartz

Showing up for safe boating

America's Boating Club Grand Lake/30 members donned life jackets to meet with Grove, Oklahoma, Mayor Ed Trumbull on Tuesday, May 20, to proclaim the start of National Safe Boating Week. As the proclamation states, "National Safe Boating Week is observed to bring attention to important life-saving tips to recreational boaters so that they can have a safer, more fun experience out on the water throughout the year."
-Kim Lindahl



Mayor Ed Trumbull with Commander Mary Alice Moore

National Safe Boating Week

Despite the challenges posed by an ongoing pandemic, squadrons and clubs throughout USPS turned out for National Safe Boating Week 2021, May 22-28, to share their enthusiasm and commitment to safe boating and education. Thank you to everyone who participated!

- America's Boating Club Grand Lake/30
- Mid-Ohio Sail & Power Squadron/20
- Patchogue Bay Power Squadron/3
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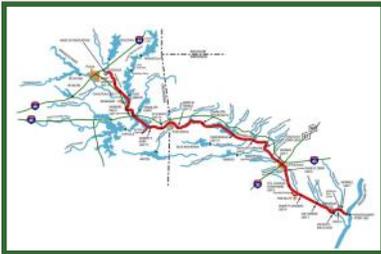
Did You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Thinking about going south for the winter? Why not go by boat. Grand Lake boaters have the option to cruise the world by transporting their boats a short distance to the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System. This waterway provides the means to reach the Mississippi River and eventually the Gulf of Mexico where destinations are limited only by your time, money and ability.

Once the decision is made on any distant cruise, the first task is reading and collecting information from as many sources as possible. There is an abundance of information on the internet including downloading charts from NOAA. Cruising guides for the area are also helpful. Also, don't hesitate to contact cruising clubs and other boating organizations for local knowledge.

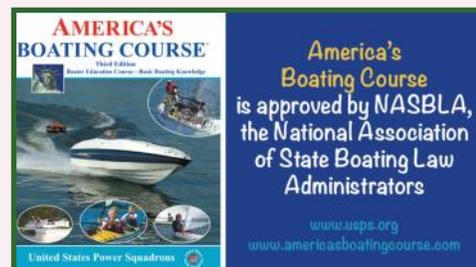


Several Grand Lakers have completed the "Great Loop Cruise" that covers the eastern United States and Canadian waterways and have a wealth of information for boaters interested in the adventure. There is even a web site dedicated to this cruise for information and planning.

Boating activity rose significantly during the pandemic. Unfortunately, accidents also increased 26% in 2020 compared to 2019 according to a recently released report by the United State Coast Guard. Where instruction was known, 77% of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction such as through a nationally-approved boating safety course.

Operator inattention, inexperience, improper lookout, excessive speed and machinery failure rank as the top five primary contributing factors in accidents.

Boat smart, take a nationally-approved course from America's Boating Club online or in the classroom to improve your boating skills and knowledge. The local Grand Lake club will be offering a course this spring in the classroom with optional on-the-water instruction. Visit online at americasboatingclub.org or www.grandlakeusps.com, on Facebook: America's boating club-grand lake for more information.



Did You Know? continued

The water pump impeller is essential for proper cooling of your boat engine to prevent over-heating. When starting your engine always look at the stern for ripples in the water showing the pump is working correctly, and on outboards that the discharge is visible at the engine outlet.

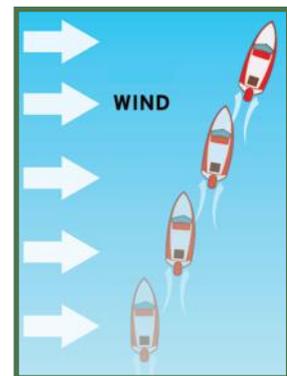
After much usage, the paddles on the impeller may crack or even break loose at the base preventing the pump from cooling the engine. Also, if the boat is not used for long periods, the paddles that are compressed may become permanent bent with loss of pumping efficiency. Mercury recommends replacing impellers every 300 hours or 3 years for most engines.



Wind has an important effect on almost all of your boat handling maneuvers, especially operating at lower speeds in moderate to strong winds. The wind's impact will vary with the amount of the boat's surface area (windage). Boats with high topsides such as tritoons, pontoons, cruisers with cabins and fly-bridges have greater windage than lower profile boats such as bass boats or many performance boats.

When drifting, the wind will usually cause the bow to "fall off" until the boat lies across the wind or even turning it until the stern is toward the wind.

Underway, the wind will affect the turning arc of the boat. Turning into the wind will reduce the boat speed and tighten the arc. Just the opposite happens when turning with the wind. The windage increases your speed and enlarges the turning arc.



Upcoming Events!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/9	Christmas Membership Dinner Meeting	1730 Social 1830 Dinner	Vista Towers on Monkey Island
12/14	Steering Committee Meeting**	1000	GLA Boardroom
12/25			
1/1	Happy New Year		
1/20	Membership Dinner Meeting	1730 Social 1830 Dinner	Events on Third 414 E. 3rd St.
3/3-6	Grove Boat Show	More info to follow	Civic Center
3/??	ABC Class	TBA	TBA

** All are Welcome to Attend **

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! Kim

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