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Commander's Report



2016 was a great year for our squadron picking up 14 new members. New members give us all new vigor and enable us to reach even more people with our commitment to boating education and safety. Let's keep our focus and continue to grow our squadron membership. Invite friends and acquaintances to a dinner or event and introduce them to our group. We continue to rely greatly on our tenured members and former officers for their leadership, direction and participation. We must also focus to retain members and continue to include experienced members in our events and activities as well and recognize them for their efforts both past and present.

I can tell you from my short experience doing business in the Grand Lake area, places of business, local government, news media, and many others step up when you tell them you are with the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron. I must say, it is a warm feeling for your organization to be recognized with such dignity and appreciation. This comes from the efforts and leadership of those before us and we now carry the weight to continue promoting boating safety and education in the Grand Lake area. I urge you to become involved in the many ways we have for you to contribute.

I sincerely hope that each of you have the opportunity to share in the love of family and friends this holiday season. For those of you that travel off to far away warm places, or to visit family and friends near or far, please travel safe. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Bruce Watson, P

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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CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING



The December Dinner Meeting/Christmas Party was held on December 8 at the Club 60 Loft at the Wyandotte Casino. Entertainment was provided by "F.O.G." (Four Old Guys), a Barbershop Quartet from the surrounding tri-state area.

Welcome to Our New Squadron Members

Lisa and Rusty Millikan were sworn in as new members of the GLSPS by Commander Bruce Watson at the Christmas Dinner on Dec 8, 2016. The Millikans moved to Grove from Wichita KS. Rusty manages several central states, upgrading energy systems for large commercial projects with Schneider Electric. Lisa owned a Farmers Insurance Agency in Wichita for 16 years; she is not currently working. They live in Quail Run subdivision on a cove in Carey Bay. Rusty enjoys golf, and Lisa likes to walk the dogs, quilt, and paint. They enjoy spending time with their grandchildren, which is easier now that they are closer to family in Tulsa OK and Springfield MO.



Decorating Float for Grove Lighted Christmas Parade



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COMMITTED TO ENDING VIOLENCE SINCE 1981

“Our mission is to empower individuals and families to end domestic and sexual violence through client services, prevention education, community collaboration and public awareness.

Our non-profit brings hope to Northeast Oklahoma victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking while working with community partners to promote healthy relationships and end abuse. We are certified by Oklahoma’s Office of the Attorney General and host the State’s only certified safe house in Delaware County.

We’re dedicated to commemorating the memory of Oklahoma native, Fern L. Holland, who worked internationally for human rights. We opened our first shelter in 1982. This safe place has welcomed thousands of victims and children with food, clothing, and supportive understanding. Today the 18-bed shelter and single-family safe house are filled to capacity 350 days a year.

Recognizing a need for neighborhood services outside the City of Miami, we launched offices in Vinita and Jay in 1997. Today, these satellite locations host trained advocates prepared to help victims access our full scope of services. Our Peace Wing permanent housing program opened in 2007 to complete the path for victims choosing to live free from violence.

Violence will not end if we focus solely on its victims. Our state certified Batterer’s Intervention Program was initiated in 2002, followed by aggressive prevention, education, and outreach programs that touch the community at large.

Community Crisis Center programs and services for victims are provided at no-charge. Our Batterer Intervention Program includes fees. Our annual operating budget is supported by grants and donations.”



Commander Bruce Watson presents the \$1242.00 check to Kelsey Samuels and Shelly Forkman from the Community Crisis Center of NE Oklahoma. Squadron members donated \$742.00 and the GLSPS donated an additional \$500.00. Thank you all for your generosity. Also pictured (L to R) are GLSPS members Kevin Kamrath, Linda Watson, and Mary Alice Moore.



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

Call for Volunteers! Several USPS national committees are looking for volunteers with these technical skills: graphic design, desk-top publishing, technical editing, proofreading, marketing and social media. We need volunteers who have expertise in Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, PhotoShop), Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Publisher) and CorelDRAW. Boating expertise is not required: This is a great opportunity to learn while sharing your technical skills to help USPS develop products and services that benefit squadrons and the boating public. Committee chairs will work with you to ensure assignments are clear and respect your time availability. Contact: Nominating Committee chairman, R/C Bill Selden V, AP, bill@cpdean.com, 804-240-1401.

A WORD FROM YOUR EDUCATIONAL OFFICER

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron Education Department has been busy getting ready for what we hope will be an exciting 2017 with respect to educational opportunities for members and non-members alike. We have a tentative schedule worked out and are canvassing members as to their interest in taking a class, or two, during the year. The schedule as we have it so far is shown as follows, and we anticipate adding more classes as interest dictates.

<u>START DATE</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>SESSION</u>
Jan 12	Operations Training	Afternoon session
Feb 9	Engine Maintenance	6 Sessions
March 6	Advanced Piloting	8 Sessions
March 20	ABC3	5 Sessions
TBD	Instructor Development	TBD
May 8	Seamanship	5 Sessions
Oct 23	ABC3	5 Sessions

All of the dates are tentative at this point and can be adjusted to accommodate students' needs. Also, remember that all members receive a free class every year. So, if you are interested in one of these scheduled classes or another class, please contact Bob Hunt, SEO (call 918-787-8908 or email bobofgrand@gmail.com) or Roger Zinn, ASEO (call 918-676-3254 or email roger-zinn601@yahoo.com).

One last thing: If you are interested in an advanced course or elective that is not yet scheduled, let us know and maybe we can schedule your desired class. Also, there is always the option of home study. Home study students will be assigned an instructor to help schedule study pace, schedule face to face help sessions, etc. This is a great way to study at your own pace.

Bob Hunt, N
SEO



Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

The boat's attitude affects its efficiency, steering and how it takes the waves which impacts comfort and speed. Raising the bow properly can increase speed by reducing the amount of hull in the water and decreasing drag. But if the water is choppy, getting the bow down will help the boat cut through waves providing a more comfortable ride with less "pounding" and better control. Each boat responds differently depending on its hull design, how it is loaded and the prevailing wind and water conditions. Proper trimming of the boat by adjusting the trim tabs if available, or carefully trimming the outboard or I/O drives is very important.

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 or on Face Book at GLSPS.

Article 2

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. 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.

Did you know that knots actually weaken a line? 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.

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Article 3

When winterizing your boat don't neglect your batteries. If the boat is to be hauled and put in dry storage for the winter, remove the battery, clean the exterior and store it where you can periodically charge it. The cable terminals should be wiped with petroleum jelly or other nonmetallic grease to prevent corrosion.

If the boat is to remain in the water, it is best to leave the battery in place to provide electrical power for all 12 volt systems such as the bilge pumps and alarms. Be sure the battery stays charged through the winter as a discharged battery can freeze, expand and explode spraying acid in the surrounding area. It is also important to not overcharge a battery in cold weather as it can damage a battery and shorten its life.

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Star Calendar January 2017

the Ensign[®]

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1  Venus	2  Mars	3  Venus	4	5 	6	7
8  Pleiades	9	10  Gemini Twins	11	12  Moon After Yule	13	14 
15	16	17	18  Jupiter	19 	20	21
22 Scorpius	23  Scorpius	24  Saturn	25  Mercury	26	27	28 
29	30 Mars	31  Mars				

USPS member Arnold Medalen belongs to California's Diablo Sail & Power Squadron. He has been boating in San Francisco Bay and the California Delta since childhood. The Stargazer first came to appreciate the night sky while boating in the Delta far away from city lights.

Today he boats with his wife, Patricia, aboard *Shelly C*. He also volunteers on the United States Power Squadrons Communications Committee. He has been writing The Ensign's Stargazer column for more than 10 years.

- 1 Jan** Magnitude -4.3 **Venus** is 2 finger-widths to the waxing crescent moon's upper left at dusk.
- 2 Jan** Tonight the moon lies between magnitude -4.3 **Venus**, less than 4 finger-widths to the lower right, and magnitude 0.9 **Mars**, less than 2 finger-widths to the upper left.
- 3 Jan** The moon slides past **Mars** this evening and forms a straight line with **Venus** low in the southwest at dusk. Mars is 4 finger-widths to the moon's lower right, and Venus lies 1 fist-width beyond Mars.
- 4 Jan** At **perihelion**, Earth is 0.98331 AU from the sun, its closest approach for the year.
- 8 Jan** At dusk magnitude 0.85 **Aldebaran** is 4 finger-widths to the moon's lower left. The **Pleiades Cluster** is the same distance above or to the upper left. Magnitude 0.24 **Capella** is more than 3 fist-widths to the left.
- 9 Jan** The moon is to **Aldebaran's** lower left tonight, and magnitude 0.5 **Betelgeuse** is 1½ fist-widths below the moon near the horizon.
- 10 Jan** The moon rises about 1½ hours before sunset, and **Betelgeuse** rises a few minutes after the moon 1 fist-width to the lower right. Later, they are high in the south with the **Gemini Twins, Pollux** and **Castor**, 2 fist-widths to the moon's left. The moon is at **perigee**, 363,000 kilometers away.
- 12 Jan** By late evening, magnitude 0.46 **Procyon** is 1½ fist-widths to the right of the full moon, with the **Gemini Twins** the same distance to the upper left.
- 14 Jan** High in the east by midnight, **Regulus** is less than 1 finger-width above the moon.
- 18 Jan** Low in the south before dawn, magnitude -2.0 **Jupiter** is less than 1 fist-width to the waning gibbous moon's left or lower left. Magnitude 0.98 **Spica** is less than 2 finger-widths to Jupiter's lower left.
- 19 Jan** **Jupiter** is less than 2 finger-widths to the lower right of the last-quarter moon, while **Spica** is below Jupiter. **Mercury** is at its **greatest elongation**, 24.1 degrees west of the sun, rising more than 1½ hours before the sun.
- 22 Jan** The moon is at **apogee**, 405,000 kilometers away.
- 23 Jan** Magnitude 0.96 **Antares**, the heart of the **Scorpius**, is less than 1 fist-width to the moon's lower right, low in the southwest before dawn. Magnitude 0.6 **Saturn** is 1 fist-width to the moon's lower left. Magnitude -0.2 **Mercury** lies 1½ fist-widths beyond Saturn.
- 24 Jan** Low in the east before dawn **Saturn** is 1½ finger-widths to the moon's lower right.
- 25 Jan** Magnitude 0.2 **Mercury** is less than 3 finger-widths to the moon's lower left before dawn.
- 31 Jan** The moon, **Venus** and **Mars** form a tight triangle low in the west at dusk. Magnitude -4.6 Venus is less than 3 finger-widths to the moon's right or lower right, and magnitude 1.1 Mars is 1 finger-width to the moon's upper right.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
January			
16	E-Board Meeting	1300	GLA
19	Dinner Meeting	1800	Eagles Landing
February			
13	E-Board Meeting	1300	GLA
16	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBA



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January

1/1	Dennis Ray
1/3	Ed Dennis
1/4	Debbie Sweeten
1/9	Donna Killion
1/17	Jim Reynolds
1/24	Carol Goodwin
1/29	Jim Sweeten



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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GLSPS January Dinner Meeting

Date: January 19, 2017

Location: Eagles Landing Resort (Formerly Bear's Den Resort)
25301 US Hwy 59 North
Grove, OK 74344

Time: 6:00 pm - Social Hour
7:00 pm - Dinner - Soup/Chili Pot Luck

Cost: \$5.00 per person to cover cost of Club House Fee and supplies.



Since it will probably be Chilly outside, we thought it would be great to have some Chili inside. Some nice folks from the Squadron have volunteered to bring a crock pot full of chili or soup. **So we're asking everyone else to bring salad or dessert to share. Please let us know what you will bring in case we need to balance things out a bit.** The Squadron will provide shredded cheese, crackers, Fritos, etc. Tea or water will also be provided (BYOB if desired).



Guest Speaker: Dr. Doug Cox - Dr. Cox was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives in 2004 and has represented District 5 and the Grand Lake region for the past 12 years.

Please RSVP with what dish (salad, dessert, etc) you plan to bring to Bob and Renae Russell, robren95@aol.com by January 13.

