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Monthly Newsletter

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Commander's Report



I have run out of deep thoughts so grabbed a few quotes from other people:

"Lake hair, don't care!"

"THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE LIFE BY THE WATER." (THIS IS NOT A CATCHY PHRASE, BUT I THINK IT EVERY DAY.)

"If you're lucky enough to live at the lake, you are lucky enough!"

"I don't need therapy; I just need my boat."

"I'M ON LAKE TIME."

"NOTHING LIKE SUNSETS, ESPECIALLY WHEN ON THE LAKE."

"Lake life, cuz beaches be salty."

Happy Independence Day everyone!



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*





Three successful weekends under our belts volunteering at the Grand Lake Visitors Center! Here are a few comments on the help we provided to our guests!

- We assisted a couple looking for restaurants available by boat.
- A young man looking for public fishing spots and families looking for things to do with their kids and swimming spots.
- A few couples looking for RV camping sites.
- Helped a couple find information on trails to walk their dog.

Thanks to each of you for volunteering your time. We know you all are busy! If you have a couple free hours, please consider working on the dates that are still open. You are able to split shifts if the time frame is too long for your schedule. We will make it work! Please contact Mary Alice if you can work on any of the open spots below.

Volunteers needed!

7	July 10	Sat	10-12:30	Rhonda Wotowis	Carl Wotowis
			12:30-3		
8	July 11	Sun	12-3	Marge Blattner	Harvey Blattner
9	July 24	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3		
10	July 25	Sun	12-3	Vicki Fellhauer	Chuck Fellhauer
11	Aug 7	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3		
12	Aug 8	Sun	12-3	Renaë Russell	Bob Russell
13	Aug 21	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3		
14	Aug 22	Sun	12-3	Connie Ruzicka	Carol Rice (Wendy Trojanowski)
15	Sept 4	Sat	10-12:30		
			12:30-3		

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LYNDA WATSON, TREASURER



Where our Money Goes

Treasurer's Report to the Membership

Checking Account Balance on May 31st was \$15,803.87

That balance includes the following Specified Funds:

- \$183.67 GRDA Grant money for life jackets
- \$3,788 Education Budget for 2021
- \$570 Raffle Fund – used for guest meals

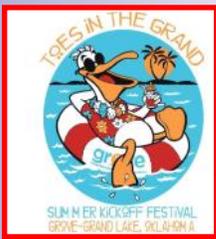
This leaves \$11,262.20 in Unspecified Funds

We have budgeted \$10,171 of that amount for expenses in 2021.

Income	
Amazon Smile	\$34.21
Ship's Store	\$50.00
Member renewals & New Member dues	\$476.00
May dinner meeting receipts	\$725.00
50/50 Raffle receipts	\$55.00
Interest earned	\$10.04
Total May Income	\$1350.25
Expenses	
Dues paid to D30 & USPS	\$227.00
Microsoft 365	\$99.99
Partners in Command material	\$257.87
Life jackets	\$2604.00
Toes in the Grand booth	\$70.00
Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Membership	\$186.00
May Dinner – Har-Ber Village Pavilion rental	\$150.00
May Dinner – Har-Ber Village Café	\$506.00
Guest Dinners x 4	\$48.00
New Member Name Tags	\$29.66
Total May Expenses	\$4,178.52

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





It was a hot - humid but successful day at **Toes in the Grand!!** Thanks to all who helped promote our boating club at the festival! We gave away 100 life jackets and numerous people signed up for our ABC class.

Families had fun enjoying the carnival booths, meeting the Air Evac team and horse back riding for the kiddos! And of course Thunder on Wolf Creek and ending the day with fire works!



Vicki Fellhauer (l) with raffle winner Paige Miller, of the Grand Lake O' the Cherokees framed picture!

Our boating club gave away 345 life jackets to kids who needed them! That's just awesome!

Thanks to each volunteer who manned our tent and helped fit each child into their new life preserver! This is what our boating club is all about - enjoying the water safely.



"Third" of July celebration!

Let's celebrate the Fourth of July at Roger & Julie Jones - 61251 E 278 Rd.
We will be grilling hot dogs. **Please bring a covered side dish or dessert.**
Hot dogs/buns, water, iced tea and lemonade will be provided. BYOB and
your own lawn chair.

RSVP to jjjulie10@gmail.com ASAP so we can get the number
attending and how many hot dogs to provide.
See you on July 3rd at 6:30 pm!

The annual shoreline cleanup sponsored by America's Boating Club (ABC) and GRDA is set for July 31, 2021. Dumpsters for lake debris will be available at Grove Springs Park in Grove and Bernice State Park. ABC members will be manning the dumpster sites, to assure only lake debris, (no tires, batteries, paint or household trash), are placed in the dumpsters. The sites will be open from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you can **Lend a Hand** or have any questions, please contact John Walter at 918-314-3773 or jwgochiefs@yahoo.com.



Don't forget about the Poker Run - set for Wednesday July 14.

The event starts at 9:30am. Seven dockside locations will be emailed to you where you will collect a poker chip at each stop. Once you have completed all of your stops, we will meet at Wolf Creek Park by noon, dock your boat, and have a "bring your own" picnic lunch. Don't forget to bring a chair.



There will be three winners this year for high Poker Hands awarded to those that collect the 7 Poker Chips at the dockside locations. There will only be one buy in fee for the event, and the monies will be awarded to the winners

If you have any questions, please contact John Walter at jwgochiefs@yahoo.com or 918-314-3773. Chuck Brandt will be helping with the administration of this event.

Did You Know?

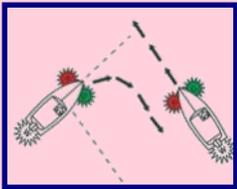
By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

Holiday weekends mean more boating activity on the lake. It's important that boaters understand that there are legally published "nautical rules of the road" and follow them for safe boating to avoid collisions.

In crossing situations when the other vessel is on your starboard (their red bow light will be visible), stay clear and pass behind it as you are the give-way boat. If it is on your port side (their green bow light will be visible), maintain your course and speed as the stand-on boat so the other vessel can slow and pass behind you. When your boat and another are on converging courses and might meet, a simple method to determine what you may need to do is to extend your arm pointing toward the other boat. If the boat is on your starboard side and the angle is decreasing relative to your bow, the boat will pass ahead of you. If the bearing or angle is increasing, the boat will pass behind you. If it stays constant, you will meet and need to follow the rules to avoid a collision. Remember the angle is related to 360 degrees of a compass. Not all boaters know the rules, so be prepared to take action to avoid a collision (It's also a rule). The danger warning signal is 5 blasts on the horn.



Article 2

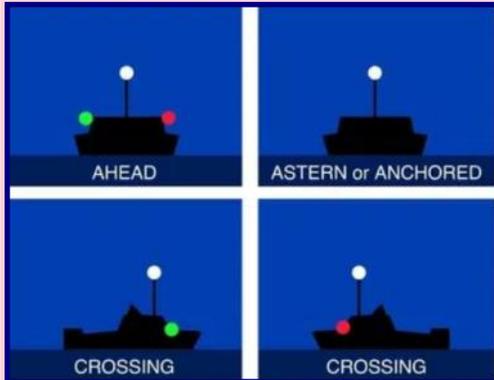
Stranding or going aground is not a pleasant situation for any boater to be in. It usually occurs suddenly and unexpectedly. Too often the first reaction is to reverse the engine to back off. Don't do it. On a powerboat put the gear in neutral and on a sailboat let your sheets run free.

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. Another option is to consider having the crew get off the boat to reduce weight but be sure to have on life jackets 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.



Article 3

If you're planning to watch the holiday fireworks from your boat, it is important to understand how to interpret lights from other vessels at night to maneuver your boat safely. It is made more difficult because boat lights will blend into shore lights. The "Rules of the road" as to the give way powerboat and the stand on (maintains course and speed) powerboat remain the same whether it is day or night. In a crossing situation, if you see a red bow light, think of it as a red traffic light signaling stop, slow down or change course to pass behind the other boat. You are the give way boat. If you see a green light, it means go, so you are the stand on boat maintaining course and speed. A white light (masthead or all-round) will also be seen both situations.



In a head-on situation, both drivers will see a red and green light plus a white light (masthead or all-round light) between them. Both boats should alter course to starboard (right) passing on the port side.

When overtaking a boat only a white light will be seen until you move to either side when the red/green side lights will be visible. The boat being overtaken will see both the red and green lights, as well as, the white light between them.

Remember, not all boaters know the rules so be prepared to take evasive action to avoid a collision. The danger sound signal is 5 short blasts with a horn or whistle.

Article 4

Pontoon and tri-toons are increasing in popularity. The difference between the two is how many logs or air-tubes each has in place of a typical boat hull. The two air-tube pontoon is fine for smaller lakes or calmer waters. It will typically have a smaller horsepower engine. Whereas, the three air-tube will handle rougher water but needs more horsepower to function properly. The newer generation of tri-toons have modifications to the air tubes to enable them to achieve lift and plane easier for a more efficient ride and pulling tubes or skiers.

Most modern pontoon boats are amazingly stable and when properly powered, the chances of flipping one over is remote. But any boat becomes less stable when encountering rough water at higher speeds and made worse by poor weight distribution of passengers and gear. This is compounded when making turns. To turn more safely, reduce speed and the tightness of the turn.

Because of the higher freeboard on "toons", they are more susceptible to wind which is compounded by their underwater surface that offers minimal resistance to the wind pushing against it. This is more pronounced when the wind is perpendicular to the vessel and noticed more at slower speeds such as when docking.



Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
7/3	"Third" of July celebration	1830	Roger & Julie Jones home
7/13	E-Board Meeting**	1300	GL Visitors Center
7/14	Poker Run	0930	End at Wolf Creek Park
7/31	Lend a Hand	Contact John Walter to volunteer	
8/13	E-Board Meeting**	1300	GL Visitors Center
10/12-14	ABC-Heartland Annual Conference (more info in upcoming newsletters)		Margaritaville Lake Resort

** All are welcome to attend



Happy Birthday



7/5	Tom Rice	7/11	Phyllis Taylor
7/6	Arlene Starkman	7/16	Don Chalupnik
7/8	Alan Ford	7/19	Ken Moore
7/8	Neal Troyer	7/23	Julie Jones
7/10	Chuck Brandt	7/23	Paul Joseph Woodul
7/10	Jeremy Schoonover	7/28	Duane Tomaszewski

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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