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## Commander's Report



Ahoy Squadron Members,

Memorial Day weekend is already upon us. Squadron breakfasts are set up around the lake on both land and Grand through August. Additionally, Dock parties will spring up with dates to be announced. A consistent message I hear is that we need to do more raft ups this summer. Raft ups tend to come up impromptu so watch closely for email blasts through the week as most will occur on weekdays. If you want to schedule a raft up on short notice or long, please contact Kevin Kamrath or Bill Miller to send out an email blast on the when and where.

It's been a great year for our squadron so far this year. Dinner meeting attendees are averaging nearly 50 attendees and we are attracting new members. Please remember to tell friends and acquaintances that may be potential members about our organization and consider inviting them to an event as guest (s). There is no better way to spread the word about the good things we do than through word-of-mouth.

High water is the word of the month; okay, two words. Our dock walkways have been submerged for much of the past few weeks. That and timber floating down the lake have been a serious hindrance to our boating during one of our favorite times to enjoy the lake. Trash and limbs float into our shore, we clean it up, and then the water comes back up so we can start all over again. I am sure most of you that live on the lake are experiencing similar or perhaps worse. I always have to think about those less fortunate that have water in their crawl spaces and more and larger timber in their yards than us. Even worse, many of the businesses on the lake have been forced to shut down on multiple occasions. Hopefully the water will recede and they will be able to be somewhat back to normal by the time the Memorial Day Holiday weekend hits.

The Memorial Day holiday originated as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868, when the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans was founded in Decatur, Illinois. Memorial Day has since become a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

Although the numbers rely on various historical records and vary by source, in our country's first 100 years of existence, approximately 683,000 Americans lost their lives, with the Civil War accounting for 623,026 of that total (91.2%). Comparatively, in the next 100 years, a further 626,000 Americans died through two World Wars and several more regional conflicts (World War II representing 65% of that total).

Be sure to take a moment this Memorial Day to recognize our fallen heroes that left us with the freedoms and wealth we enjoy today.



*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



**Mission Statement "To promote recreational boating safety through education."**

# May Dinner Meeting

## Ahoy Matey!

On Thursday, May 18th, the GLSPS had its Pirate Themed May Dinner Meeting at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church Parish Hall. Dinner was catered by American Grill. We enjoyed an educational activity with a fun session of knot tying. Let it be told that there were some pirates lurking around. **Aargh!**





Meet the 4 new members who were sworn in by Commander Bruce Watson at the May Dinner Meeting:



**Jerry & Connie Ruzicka** joined the squadron in May 2016. They moved here from northern California after retiring from ownership of a KOA Campground. They live north of Grove. They enjoy traveling, camping, live music, boating, motorcycle riding, community service, and just about any kind of social activity. Jerry is a Rotarian, and Connie is on the board of 2nd Chance Pet rescue.



**Eric & Janis Pedersen** moved here from Murrieta, a small town in southern California. Eric and Janis both retired from a company known as Smart & Final (a club warehouse). They now live the SW side of Honey Creek Bridge. They are both heavily involved with charities – Eric with Rotary, and Janis with Second Chance Pet Rescue.



## **national safe boating week**

On Tuesday, May 2, eighteen GLSPS members wearing their life jackets attended the Grove City Council meeting. Mayor Ed Trumbull proclaimed May 20-26 Safe Boating week in Grove.



On Saturday, May 20, Safe Boating Week kicked off at Honey Creek Marina. In spite of the poor weather that day, our VSEs were available to perform vessel safety checks. Our squadron also provided free sloppy joes, chips, and drinks. Too bad that boating season is off to a slow start this year due to excessive rain and high lake levels.

L-R: John Walter, Tom Rice, Bruce Watson, Barbara Zinn, Sharon Dennis, Ed Dennis, and Jay Spicer.

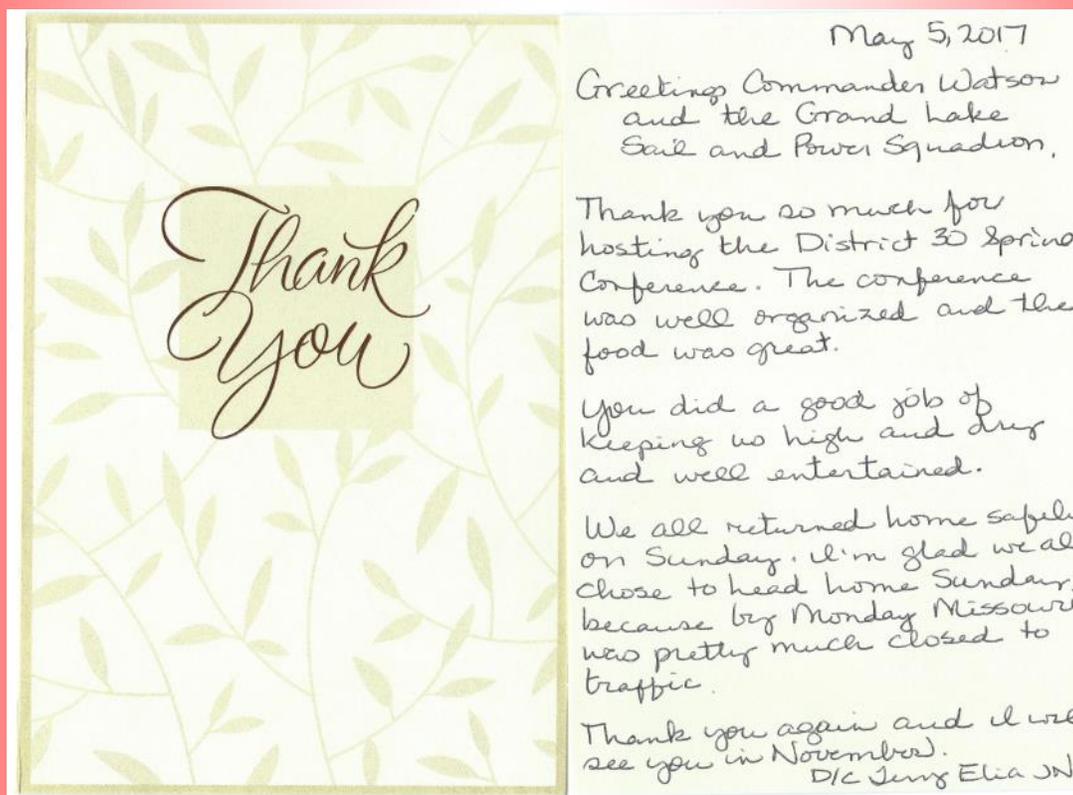


## Summer Breakfast Meets

**Come One, Come All! Come by Land or Come by Sea!**  
**Join us at 0900 for breakfast during the summer months. Here is the schedule.**

	Date	Day	Location	Address
1	7-Jun	Wed	Blue Bluff/Drake's on the Lake	63251 E 256 Rd, Grove, OK 74344
2	22-Jun	Thu	Indian Hills	415 Park Dr, Bernice, OK 74331
3	6-Jul	Thu	Hott Box	65490 E. 290 Rd, Grove, OK
4	19-Jul	Wed	Blue Bluff/Drake's on the Lake	63251 E 256 Rd, Grove, OK 74344
5	2-Aug	Wed	Cherokee Casino	24979 US-59, Grove, OK 74344
6	17-Aug	Thu	Indian Hills	415 Park Dr, Bernice, OK 74331

## Thanks from District Commander





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## Navigation rules

Know which rules apply to your boat's location!

Boaters should be aware of these two sets of navigational rules:

- International Rules, which apply to all vessels on the high seas outside established navigational lines of demarcation generally found at the entrances to harbors, rivers, and bays along the coast, and
- Inland Rules, which apply to U.S. waters shoreward of the navigational demarcation lines dividing the high seas from harbors, rivers, and other inland waters, as well as waters of the Great Lakes on the U.S. side of the International Boundary.

You can find the rules for boating on navigable inland waters in the U.S. Coast Guard's Navigation Rules and

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Regulations Handbook. Contact state and local governing agencies before boating to obtain local boat operating and navigation requirements.

You may purchase the USCG Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook from most recreational boating supply stores, book stores and mail-order marine book dealers. It's also available [online](#). While boats 39.4 feet and longer are required to carry a printed copy, having a printed copy of the handbook on your smaller boat provides a ready and valuable reference.

Below are a few of the Inland Rules:

- **Rule No. 2:** The person in charge must do everything necessary to avoid a collision.
- **Rule No. 5:** Every vessel should at all times maintain a proper lookout.
- **Rule No. 6:** Maintain a safe speed that will allow you to take proper and effective action to avoid a collision.
- **Rule No. 7:** If there is any doubt as to a risk of collision, it shall be deemed to exist.
- **Rule No. 8:** Action by the give-way vessel must be early and large enough to assure the stand-on vessel that the give-way vessel is taking action.
- **Rule No. 9:** Keep as far to the starboard side of the channel or fairway as is safe and practical. For more information about Navigation Rules, take [America's Boating Course](#).

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## Test Your Mustang Life Jacket

Stf/C Allan. B. Furtado, SN - National Safety Committee

We are always told as a Vessel Examiner to wear our life jackets to project the idea of safety to the boating public. I am sure that most VEs have done so over the past 8 years that we have had them.

Now as we head into the boating season and all of the associated activities, I would suggest that the first thing a VE should do is examine and test his/her Mustang Inflatable life jacket. It is suggested that this operation be performed every 2 to 3 months. I bet you have not even done it once in the 8 years you have had the jackets. I am suggesting this exercise because we have found a few jackets that won't hold air. If one of these is found I suggest that it be destroyed and disposed of because the total life expectancy is only 10 years.

So how do we test our jacket? Open it up along the Velcro seams as shown in Figure 1 until it looks like figure 2. Then remove the cap on the oral inflation tube (shown in figure 2) and inflate the Life Jacket orally.



Figure 1



Figure 2

Then keep the jacket inflated over night. If it fails to hold air all night it is defective. If it holds air ok, then reverse the oral inflation cap and compress the jacket to remove all of the air. Once deflated, replace the cap to its original position and fold the sides back and press the Velcro seams to hold the jacket together.

Now if you happen to really need the jacket while doing a VSC (Heaven forbid you fall into the water) the life jacket would be known to be useable.

## Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



### Article 1

Onshore and offshore local winds can be caused by the differences in the air temperature over the land and water. Onshore sea breezes are formed as the warm air rises above the land drawing in the cooler air from over the water. As the land temperature increases in the afternoon, the velocity of the wind will also increase.

During the night and early morning just the opposite will occur with the wind direction. The land cools and the warmer air over the water will rise drawing the cooler air that is over the land creating offshore wind.

### Article 2

Sound producing devices are required by law to be on your boat. This may be a horn or whistle. For small boats and personal watercraft, a plastic whistle is the simplest way to satisfy the requirement. If you request a vessel safety check from the Power Squadron or the Coast Guard Auxiliary you will be required to have a horn or whistle that can produce a 4 second sound audible for a ½ mile.

Sound signals with a horn or whistle can be very helpful for safe boating. One of the most important is the danger signal. When in doubt whether sufficient action is being taken by the other boater to avoid a collision, the boater should sound five short and rapid blasts with a horn or whistle.

Another signal that can be helpful is when overtaking another boat. One short blast indicates that you are going to overtake the boat leaving him on your port side. Two short blasts indicate that you are going to leave him on your starboard side. The other boat should respond by giving the same signal indicating that he is in agreement.

### Article 3

Most boaters use rope made of synthetic fibers. Nylon is the strongest and most elastic which makes it the line of choice for anchoring and for dock lines. The elasticity helps absorb shock loads when the water is rough. Polyester is nearly as strong but has less stretch or elasticity which makes it a good choice for rigging on a sailboat.

Polypropylene is less strong than either nylon or polyester, but its prime value is that it floats. This is the line of choice for ski lines and even towing small boats (dingy) since it is less likely to tangle with the propeller. It does deteriorate more from sunlight and is susceptible to chafe and abrasions.

To learn more about boats and boating, the United States Power Squadrons offers many courses such as seamanship, navigation, marine mechanics and marine electronics. For more information visit our website at: [www.grandlakeusps.com](http://www.grandlakeusps.com) or on Face Book at GLSPS.



## Upcoming Events

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>June</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Shoreline Clean-up</b>	<b>0900</b>	<b>Postponed-new date TBD</b>
	7	Summer Breakfast Meet	0900	Drake's on Lake/Blue Bluff
	10	South Lake Camp Bandage	1000	Grand Lake RV Resort
	13	E-Board Meeting	1300	GLA
	22	Summer Breakfast Meet	0900	Indian Hills
<b>July</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>GLSPS 4th of July Boat Parade</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>TBD</b>
	6	Summer Breakfast Meet	0900	Hott Box
	19	Summer Breakfast Meet	0900	Drake's on Lake/Blue Bluff
	18	E-Board Meeting	1300	GLA

## Happy Birthday



# June

6/19	Marilyn McKee
6/26	Lynda Watson
6/30	Bill Miller



### 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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