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## Commander's Report



### May is Here

May is here and just about gone. The weather is warming, the grass is growing, and the flowers are blooming. It has been a busy month.

The Mayor of Grove, Marty Follis, proclaimed "Safe Boating Month" for Grand Lake on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. Many of us, with our life vests, joined together at City Hall to attend this event. And when members of Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron get together, we always find somewhere to eat afterwards.

Three days later, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Grand River Dam Authority, (GRDA) held their annual Lake Launch, with give aways and plenty of food and frozen yogurt to spare. Again, members and food. We had our booth set up, and thanks to Bill Miller, a great video playing featuring GLSPS.

Our last Dinner Meeting, before Summer Recess was at Lee's Resort. Great food (seems to be a theme) and wonderful time for member reunions. Welcome to our newest members. Safe Boating Kickoff was the 21<sup>st</sup> of May and open to the public. It was time for a Yard Sale!!! With the month of May came the task of spring cleaning. I hope everyone took advantage of the yard sale at Honey Creek Landing and Marina to get rid of the clutter you've been wanting to do something with, but didn't know what. A great fundraiser for the squadron. Thank You Sharon Dennis and all who participated. Available were our Vessel Inspectors led by Jay Spicer. Thank You all for the great job inspecting boats and equipment. The remaining life vests left over from the boat show were fitted and given away to the kids. It's always a great time making sure children are safe on the water. Oh, did I mention there was food? Hot Dogs on the grill for give away. Thanks to our Grill Master!

Finally, probably the most important day in May, Memorial Day. It's not just a three day Holiday weekend, but a time to remember the ones very special to us we've lost. This is the day to honor what they meant to us. Remember the Troops.

Have a great Holiday with a safe and prosperous summer. See you on the lake.

*Scott Cox, P*

*Commander, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron*



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

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



# Important Information

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17 May 2016

TO: GLSPS Members

FROM: GLSPS Executive Board

RE: Education Membership Waiver

The Executive Board (Executive Committee) after much study and discussion has approved a waiver to the education requirement for membership for a period of three years as allowed and confirmed by the USPS Rules Chairman.

Rationale:

USPS removed the education requirement for membership by waiver in 2006. There is no plan to reinstate the requirement in the future. Our waiver will make us consistent with our national organization's requirement for membership. (USPS did provide for an option for squadrons to retain it if so desired.) The E-Board will still need to approve applicants for membership as required by the bylaws.

We are losing prospective members because of the lack of timely squadron educational courses to meet our requirement to join. This has been an ongoing problem for several years. We recognized there are other educational options available to meet the requirement, but they have not proven satisfactory for gaining members.

New members are essential if GLSPS is to continue to exist. The natural attrition because of age, members moving, developing other interests or unwillingness to continue to accept squadron or district positions of leadership led to the demise of several squadrons in D31 and the eventual dissolution of it.

The Board believes that we should welcome new members so they will become safer boaters by observing the emphasis that USPS and GLSPS puts on safe boating and our education opportunities. This will be a better alternative than not having them exposed to our practices. New boaters will be encouraged to take ABC or Seamanship with an on-the-water session.

Thank you for your support.



# Executive Officer's Report

Written by Bruce Watson, S



The month of May has been full of fun events building fellowship amongst our members while promoting safer boating through civic service. Our squadron members continue to amaze me in how many people turn out for our events offering help in every way while ensuring a fun time doing it.

Firstly on May 3, 27 of our members converged on City Hall donning their PFDs for Mayor Marty Follis' reading of the proclamation declaring May 21-27 as Safe Boating Week. TWENTY SEVEN of us showed up! The City Council indicated we made up the largest group in attendance at their meeting in quite some time. If you missed it this year make time for next year as most all gathered at Rancho Viejo afterwards for margaritas, dinner and camaraderie.

Next was the GRDA Lake Launch on May 6. There were 11 of us working the booth and getting to know some of our contacts at GRDA, including their newly appointed Community Relations Officer, Ed Ferguson. Officer Ferguson made it very clear that he intends to work closely with us in making our lake safer.

We had yet another fun night at the dinner meeting on May 19 at Lee's Resort. We had 40 members along with 6 guests in attendance. Social hour, dinner, two speakers and a fun game for a nice surprise. Commander Cox swore in SEVEN new members at the event. Everyone had a great time and the food catered by American Grille was delish!

Finally came the Safe Boating Week Kickoff at Honey Creek Marina and Landing on Saturday, May 21. Special thanks go out to Ed Dennis, Safety Officer, for organizing the event, Sharon Dennis and her staff for collecting, sorting, pricing, etc. all of the goods that were donated for the Yard Sale, and Jay Spicer for leading the charge on the dock with the VSC's getting their inspections in and certified.

Let's all take advantage of the education requirement waiver and attract more new members. Get them signed up and we'll make sure they add value to our organization by educating them and getting them involved in our community events.

XO's tip: When a fellow squadron member is encouraging you to get more involved don't be tentative, when you look over your shoulder you'll find they are always there to lend a hand.

## Lake Launch



May 6th



# GARAGE AND BAKE SALE IS A ..... HUGE SUCCESS!!!!!!!

*Thanks to all who participated in our recent fundraising Garage and Bake Sale.*

*Written by Sharon Dennis, S*

*Attention all!! The Garage and Bake Sale held May 21<sup>st</sup> at Honey Creek Landing was a major accomplishment. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of many of our members, more than \$2,000 was raised for our General Fund. We received donations of merchandise, baked goods, and/or loaner tables and clothing racks from over 30 families in the squadron. 25+ members staffed the sale throughout the day.*

*The unsold items will be offered to a buyer for additional income and the remaining clothing is to be donated to the Community Crisis Center and/or Second Chance Thrift Shop. Left over bags and newspapers have been delivered Second Chance as well. We also have a wheelchair that will be donated to either a local nursing home or local church. Our baked goods have been carefully prepared and preserved for future GLSPS events and upcoming classes.*



*Lots of items to choose from!!!!*

*Admin Officer  
Ken Moore checking  
out the Home Décor*

*Ken Noteboom  
modeling hand  
bags for a buyer!*



*Mary Alice M, Sharon Carole C, MaryAlice M,  
D. and Carole C. and Deb C.*

# Dry Dock Breakfast

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Wayne & Martha Short hosted a Squadron dry dock breakfast on April 30. The Short's yard & patio are perfect for such an occasion. The weather looked like it was going to be an issue but it wasn't. Martha's pancakes were hearty & tasty with or without berries & whipped cream! The breakfast casseroles, sausages, and sweet rolls that members brought were also phenomenal. Everyone agreed that we do a good job with potluck parties and no one leaves hungry! Thank you Wayne & Martha!



Martha and Wayne Short





# May Dinner Meeting

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Our dinner meeting was on May 19 at Lee's Resort. Our speaker was Hoyit Bacon, Chairman of the GLA board. GRDA Community Relations Officer Ed Ferguson was also on hand to introduce himself and present a check for \$2,450.00 for the GRDA/GLSPS Shoreline Cleanup day, Saturday, June 4. We had 40 members along with 6 guests in attendance. Social hour, dinner, two speakers and a fun game for a nice surprise. Commander Cox swore in SEVEN new members at the event. Everyone had a great time and the food catered by American Grille was delicious!



# Safe Boating Week Proclamation

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# New Members Sworn In

## We are excited to swear in 7 new members to GLSPS at the May dinner meeting!

Joe & Vicky Petrusa moved here from Chicago area where Joe retired from UPS and Vicky retired from oncology nursing. They live in Buffalo Shores South. Joe is involved in Rotary, and Vicky frequently volunteers at the Second Chance Thrift Store. They completed the ABC3 Class in April.

Mark & Cindy Rosellini moved here from Chicago area where Mark retired from the Chicago Police Department, and Cindy retired from nursing / medical equipment sales. They live in Buffalo Shores South. Mark is very involved in the Grove Rotary, and Cindy's new hobby is making wine. They completed the ABC3 Class in April.

Frank & Pat Janiga moved here from Chicago area where Frank retired from sales with Orkin, and Pat retired from teaching. They just moved into their new home in Courthouse Hollow (The Reserve) a few months ago. Frank is learning to fish, and Pat is active in Newcomers Club. They are enrolled in the Seamanship Class in June

Micki Kamrath has attended several of our dinners and events with her husband Kevin, who joined the squadron last summer. They moved here from southern California and live in Courthouse Hollow (The Reserve). Kevin is now assisting Bill Miller as Webmaster and enjoys fishing. Micki is very involved in Newcomers Club. Both are enrolled in the Seamanship Class in June.

If you know someone interested in joining our squadron and would like to give them an application, I would be happy to email it to you or them, or you can download one from the national website at: [http://www.usps.org/national/membership/memcom/forms\\_index.html](http://www.usps.org/national/membership/memcom/forms_index.html).



# Safety Wheel What Is it?

We introduced the Safety Wheel of Fortune at the May dinner meeting, and it seemed to be a big hit. We hope to use it at the GLSPS booth at the Pelican Festival and other event. You will get another chance to try it out in September.

## History of the Safety Wheel of Fortune

While volunteering at the GLSPS booth during the Pelican Festival in 2015, we were discussing ways to get more people to interact with the Power Squadron's booth. Brenda Stewart had an idea of using a "Wheel of Fortune" type game to promote water safety questions with event attendees. Membership Committee agreed it would be good to have a fun tool to interact with people during both the Grove Boat Show and Pelican Festival events, and even with members at our dinner meetings.

Renae Russell mentioned this idea to Bill Conrad, (whose hobby was woodworking), and it sparked Bill's curiosity. Bill spent many hours designing, coming up with a way to cut out a perfectly round wheel, and then building the frame. Brenda painted the colorful front of the wheel, and then Renae sealed it.

We hope this wheel will be enjoyed for many years to come and that it will draw people to the booth to promote boating safety. It truly was a labor of time, talent, and love that went into making it for the GLSPS.



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# It's Better to Wake on Grand Lake

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By  
John Walter  
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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## June

Marilyn Mc Kee	6-19
Lynda Watson	6-26
Bill Miller	6-30



## Shoreline Cleanup Project

Written by John Walter, S



On May 19, 2016, Ed Ferguson, Community Relations Officer, GRDA attended the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron (GLSPS) monthly meeting and presented a check to John Walter for \$2,450 to cover cost of the Grand Lake Shoreline Clean-up project set for June 4, 2016. This project is a joint effort between GRDA and the GLSPS.

Dumpsters for lake debris will be available at Grove Springs Park in Grove, Bernice State Park, the Church on the Lake in Ketchum, and the old Lake patrol parking lot in Langley (GRDA). GLSPS members will be manning the dumpster sites, to assure only lake debris, (no tires, batteries, paint or household trash), are placed in the dumpsters. We **STILL** need volunteers to staff these sites. The sites will be open from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact John Walter, Environmental Officer, GLSPS at 918-314-3773.



## GLSPS VSC Examiners on the Comeback!

Written by Jay Spicer, S



Inspectors and inspections.

I am pleased to let you know we now have 9 new inspectors that have completed their 5 supervised inspections. Congratulations!! We completed 15 inspections today. Keep up the great work.



# Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



## Article 1

When a power boat is moving, it will operate in one of three speed modes, displacement, semi-displacement and planning.

In displacement speed, the boat will be almost level and easy to steer.

When giving the boat more power to increase the speed, the boat will progress into the semi-displacement mode. The stern will squat and the bow will rise as the boat's bow wave increases in size creating a maximum wake. The boat will operate inefficiently with high resistance pushing water. At this speed, the boat is sluggish to steer and requires more power to counter the bow wave. Also because the stern will tend to squat more, it can be a problem when in shallow water.

In planning speed, the boat rides on top of the water at close to a level trim. The wake will decrease in size, the speed will increase and the boat responds quickly to small steering changes.

## Article 2

Did you know that both the Inland and the International Navigation Rules require a lookout? This is someone who is specially charged to observe any obstruction to navigation such as other vessels, hazards, swimmers and divers. Just ask one of your passengers to be a lookout for you. It is too easy to become distracted while visiting increasing the chance for an accident. If you are single-handling the boat, you will be doing double duty as the skipper and the lookout.

Coast Guard statistics show that the major cause of collisions is an improper lookout. Remember, the operator is responsible for the safety of the boat and everyone onboard as well as others affected by the action of the skipper.

## Article 3

The most cautious boaters can sometimes experience unexpected problems on the water. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters, including personal watercraft and paddle sport users, take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check program every year.

The Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron has certified vessel examiners that can do a courtesy safety check at your boat – whether in a slip, at the launch ramp, or in your driveway at a mutually-convenient time. It usually takes 30 to 45 minutes depending upon the size of your boat. They are also qualified to issue the GRDA safety inspection decal. If your boat does not pass, no report is filed. Instead you are provided a written report that aids you in correcting any discrepancies noted.

To arrange a vessel check by the local power squadron, call Jay Spicer at (918) 791-8341.





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**We welcome you to Branson, Missouri hosted by The Four Rivers Sail & Power Squadron!**

**Friday October 7 - Sunday October 9, 2016**

### **Hotel : Grand Plaza Hotel**

*The Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center is a 3 Star hotel located just off of Branson's world famous Highway 76. Surrounded by shows, attractions, and outlet shopping, this hotel is just a short walk away! The Grand Amenities include a full service restaurant and bar with a luxurious view of the Branson strip and rolling hills. Then enjoy the full hot and cold complimentary buffet breakfast available every morning! With 200 rooms available, the Grand Plaza Hotel and Conference Center is your grand home away from home!*

**Room Rate \$93.00 + Tax for Standard Room, Group code D30SQ. Reservations for the Hotel are due by September 5, 2016.** The Room Rate is good thru Tuesday if you want to come and stay a few extra days.

*{This guest room is furnished with earth tone décor which offers two queen beds or 1 King, 25" TV featuring cable and HBO, mini refrigerator, desk with chair, telephone, free wireless internet, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board.}*

### **REGISTRATION/MEET AND GREET:**

Friday October 7, 2016 2:00pm-7:00pm Ridgeview Room 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Dinner on your own

### **SATURDAY:**

The Fall Council and Conference will be held in the Ridgeview Room on the 1st floor. Lunch and Dinner will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor in the Table Rock Room with a scenic view of Branson. Saturday evening after dinner we will go to the New Shanghai Theatre 645 State Highway 165 to see the Acrobats of China.

## MEAL & ENTERTAINMENT RESERVATION FORM

### Lunch:

#### Soup and Sandwich Buffet

{Choice of Turkey and Cheese or Ham and Cheese sandwich, two soups, salad, rolls, dessert, and tea, coffee or water.} \$16.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Supper:

#### Barbecue Buffet

{Barbecue Pork, Barbecue Beef, Smoked Brisket served with Baked Beans, salad, dessert and tea, coffee or water.} \$30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday Entertainment:

#### Chinese Acrobats

\$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please send your reservation to:**

**Kent Simpson  
403 Sycamore St. Trlr 50  
Albany IL 61230.**

**Make Checks payable to Four Rivers Sail and Power Squadron**

**Reservations are due FRIDAY, September 23, 2016.**

# FOR SALE

## 2011 Harris 22 ft. Tritoon

150 hp Mercury Vorado  
 Full gauges  
 Radio  
 Color GPS/Depth & fish finder  
 Bimini top  
 Full cover  
 Changing room enclosure with porta potty Boat hook, anchor, anchor line, fenders, mooring lines and life jackets included.  
 Low hours on boat / motor.  
 In water ready to go. \$23,000  
 Hydro hoist 5000 lb. boat lift available also. 2 years old.  
 \$5,200 new \$4,000 but needs to be moved.  
 Both located @ Melody Point Marina.  
 Jim Chastain 918-787-5173 or 918-801-6717

# TRITOON



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
to be determined			

**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.

*Debbie*

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