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Commander's Report



Spring came and went in a hurry this year. We had a record cool April and a record warm (hot) May! At least the Lake has been at normal levels and the wind has been light for the most part. Great for boating and enjoying our beautiful Lady Grand.

Activities began with Breakfast at the Shorts, followed by proclamation of Safe Boating Week at the City Council meeting, then Safe Boating week kickoff at Harbors View Marina and Cherokee Yacht Club. Thanks for hosting us again Judy! Vessel inspections were done, along with an interview by the Living Grand on Grand Lake crew about our Squadron. Watch for it in late June on KRSU TV. The breakfast/lunch schedule has been set and dock parties and raft-ups are being planned so watch your email to stay informed.

Looking forward to playing games and fitting kids with PFD's at Camp Bandage on June 9th. It's a great time, so come on down support the Squadron.

That's all for now.

Be safe and have fun....

Ken Moore, P

Commander, Grand Lake Power Squadron



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



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



SAFE BOATING PROCLAMATION

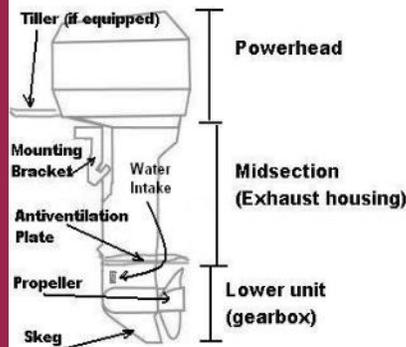
Ed Trumbull, Grove Mayor, proclaimed April 19-25 as Safe Boating Week. Squadron members attended the May 1st city council meeting wearing life jackets.



ENGINE MAINTENANCE CLASS



These Squadron men are ready to fix all the engines around the house after completing the Engine Maintenance Class. Pictured from L to R are Don Jones, Mark Lindahl, Gregg Hooper, Frank Janiga, Kevin Kamrath, Bill Miller (instructor), and Roger Jones.

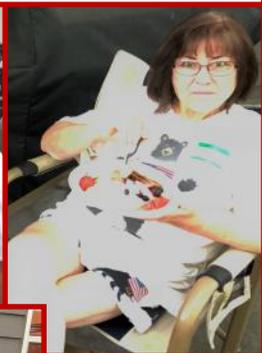




BREAKFAST PAJAMA PARTY



Thanks to Martha and Wayne Short for opening their home to the Power Squadron for a wonderful pancake breakfast. Some of the members were good sports and came in their pajamas. As always, there was a delicious sampling of breakfast fruit salads, casseroles, and sweets from our good cooks. The Shorts' home offers the most beautiful garden surroundings for a relaxing and fun place to dine with friends.



DINNER MEETING

54 members attended our May Dinner Meeting at Mulligan's. It was a busy evening!

- The meeting began with a presentation by Bruce Watson detailing all of the upcoming activities that the Squadron will be participating in this summer. Join the fun and volunteer for Lend a Hand to Lady Grand, Manning the GLA Visitor Center, and Camp Bandage Life Jacket Fittings for area children. In addition, host and/or attend the 3rd of July Hot Dog Cook Out/Fireworks Display at Wolf Creek, Ice Cream Social, Raft Ups, and Dock Parties. Think about a leadership position in the future.
- City Manager, Bill Keefer spoke about the Grove/Grand Lake future plans ending with a Q&A.
- Commander, Ken Moore inducted new members, Harvey and Marge Blattner, to our squadron. Extend a big welcome to them!



Commander Ken Moore presented an Excellence in Teaching award to long time member Jim Sweeten. Jim has given much to our Squadron and District, having held most every bridge position including Commander and SEO. Jim will tell you his true love is teaching, and teach us he certainly has. We will miss Jim and Debbie as they embark on yet another journey in their lives with their move to South Texas. Thank you both for your friendship and all that you have given back to our organization.





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A Life Jacket Primer

Choosing the perfect life jacket

Federal and state regulations require that recreational boats carry a minimum of one readily accessible wearable life jacket of the proper type and size in serviceable condition for each person on board. Boats over 16 feet long must also carry an immediately accessible throwable flotation aid.

Nine out of 10 drownings occur in inland waters, most within a few feet of safety. Most of the victims owned life jackets but died without them. A life jacket can save your life if you wear it.

Get the right size life jacket

Most adults only need an extra 7 to 12 pounds of buoyancy to keep their heads above water. A life jacket gives you that extra lift, and it's made to keep you floating until help comes. It's important to get the right size personal flotation device.

Your weight isn't the only factor in finding out how much extra lift you need in water. Body fat, lung size, clothing and whether the water is rough or calm, all play a part. Read the label on your life jacket to make sure it's made for someone your weight and size.

Try on and test out your life jacket

Try on your life jacket to see if it fits comfortably snug. Then test it in shallow water to see how it handles.

To check the buoyancy in the water, relax your body and let your head fall back. Make sure your life jacket keeps your chin above water and you can breathe easily.

Be aware: Your life jacket may not act the same in swift or rough water as in calm water. The clothes you wear and the items in your pockets may also change the way it works. If your mouth is not well above the water, get a new lifejacket with more buoyancy.

Before you shove off, make sure everyone on board is wearing a life jacket with all straps, zippers and ties fastened. Tuck in any loose strap ends to avoid getting hung-up.

Caring for your life jacket

1. Don't alter your life jacket. If yours doesn't fit, get one that does.
2. Don't put heavy objects on your life jacket or use it as a kneeling pad or boat fender. They lose buoyancy when crushed.
3. Let your life jacket drip dry thoroughly before stowing it in a well-ventilated place.
4. Don't leave it on board for long periods when the boat isn't in use.
5. Never dry your life jacket on a radiator, heater or other direct heat source.
6. Put your name on it if you're the only wearer.
7. Practice throwing your Type IV personal flotation device. Cushions throw best underhanded.



To learn more, take one of our in-depth boating [courses](#).

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DO YOU KNOW?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



ARTICLE 1

Propellers that turn clockwise when the transmission is in forward gear are called right-handed propellers and those that turn counter-clockwise are left-handed propellers. The most common is right-handed. A single propeller boat will create what is called “prop walk” and requires a slight correction of the wheel to counter the “pull” or “walk” to make the boat go straight. An easy method to determine the prop walk direction while the boat is tied to the dock is to center the wheel and put the boat in reverse at idle speed. A right-hand propeller will “walk” the stern to port in reverse and a left-hand propeller will “walk” the stern to starboard.

Many of today’s inboard/outboard engines have both a left-handed and a right-handed prop mounted on a coaxial shaft which is designed so that the two props rotate in opposite directions eliminating “prop walk” in the single engine installation.

ARTICLE 2

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 go online to www.usps.org/grandlake and click on vessel safety check. Then click on VSC request and complete the form.

ARTICLE 3

Each year for the last 50 years, the United States Coast Guard has been compiling accident reports. The most recent compilation of accidents reported for 2016 revealed the number one accident in frequency was collision with another recreational vessel that resulted in 38 deaths and 708 injuries. Number two was collisions with a fixed object resulting in 63 deaths and 432 injuries. Number three was flooding/swamping of the vessel with 90 deaths and 156 injuries. Grounding was fourth with 13 deaths and 246 injuries. Number five in frequency was capsizing, but it had the most deaths at 175 and 200 injuries.

Many of the deaths were a result of drowning and could have been prevented by wearing a life jacket. Another finding is that many of the individuals involved in accidents had not taken a boating course to enhance their skills.

Boat Smart from the start and take a course from the United States Power Squadron, America’s Boating Club. For more information visit our website at: www.grandlakeusps.com or on Facebook at GLSPS.



A CALL TO ACTION!!

Attention : All GRAND LAKE POWER SQUADRON MEMBERS

This is a request for all members to come together and support the National Safe Boating Council's safe boating initiatives, specifically in submitting your boat for a Vessel Safety Inspection. **(See Schedule Below)**

The Squadron has a staff of very qualified volunteers who would be more than happy to certify your boat. This is a free service to any and all participants.

As part of an organization that is involved in boating education, promoting enhanced boating skills, environmental responsibility, and safety on the water, it is up to us, the members, to lead by example. What better way to show the public that our membership operates safe watercraft than the proud display of Federal and GRDA certification stickers? How can YOU help??

1. Bring your boat to one of the scheduled marina Inspection Events, or to one of the many Squadron social events. **(See Schedule Below)**
2. If unable to bring your vessel to an event, contact one of the inspectors who will come to you!!

SHARE, SHARE, SHARE!!! Let your friends, neighbors, family, anyone know of this service and encourage them to take part. If you see a notice on social media, share it there too!

The Kick-Off to Safe Boating Week was Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Harbor's View Marina (by Marine Max). Our inspectors were on hand from 10 am – 2pm and a free Hot Dog Lunch was offered beginning at 11:30. You could sail or motor in to the courtesy docks at Harbor's View for a good time and a great opportunity to support the NSBC and the Squadron. Vessel Inspections were also conducted at Cherokee Yacht Club on May 19th from 10 am—2 pm.

Squadron Safety Officer Ed Dennis and Your Vessel Safety Inspectors look forward to seeing you there.

2018 VESSEL INSPECTION SCHEDULE

All inspections from 10 am—2 pm

Saturday	May 19	Harbor's View Marina (includes Hot Dog Lunch)
Saturday	May 19	Cherokee Yacht Club
Sunday	May 20	Honey Creek Marina
Saturday	June 2	Tera Miranda
Saturday	June 16	Elk River Landing Marina
Saturday	June 16	Indian Hills Marina
Saturday	Sept 18	Arrowhead Yacht Club (Wooden Boat Classic)

Other locations TBA.

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Ed Dennis	303-888-7788	Jim Sweeten	918-964-0849
Sharon Dennis	303-475-5985	(limited availability 2018)	
Mark Hendrickson	918-831-4248	John Walter	918-314-3773
Tom Rice	918-786-5750	Bruce Watson	913-689-9944
Jerry Ruzicka	918-314-3762	Barbara Zinn	918-676-3254
(will have observer on some)			



SUMMER DINING OUT MEET-UPS



Don't miss the fun! There are no monthly dinner meetings during the summer, but don't loose touch with your squadron friends. Join us at our bimonthly dining out meet-ups. This year there will be some breakfasts, lunches, and one dinner. No reservations needed... just get in your boat or car and meet at the restaurant on the list at the designated date and time! A second notice will be sent out about a week ahead of each date to remind you of the date, time and location. Please note any changes in the second notice in case a restaurant has changed the date that they are available, etc. Thanks to Renae Russell and Arlene Starkman for organizing this event.

Date	Day	Time	Location	Address
6-Jun	Wed	9:00 AM	Blue Bluff Café-Breakfast	63251 E 256 Rd, Grove, OK 74344
21-Jun	Thu	9:00 AM	Café at Har-Ber Village	4404 W. 20th St, Grove, OK 74344
11-Jul	Wed	9:00 AM	Hott Box Café-Breakfast	2151 US-59, Grove, OK 74344
19-Jul	Thu	5:30 PM	Tera Miranda-Dinner	28251 S. 561 Rd, Afton, OK 74331
26-Jul	Thu	11:00 AM	Grill at Indian Hills-Lunch	415 Park Dr, Bernice, OK 74331
8-Aug	Wed	9:00 AM	All Day Café-Breakfast	1623 Main St, Grove, OK 74344
23-Aug	Thu	11:00 AM	The Parrot-Lunch	2530 S. Main St, Grove, OK 74344



William H. Sherman, SN
12/12/1931 – 5/31/2018



It is with regret that we inform you of the passing of one of the USPS members who had significant impact on the early days of the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron. William H. Sherman, known to his friends as Bill, was born on December 12, 1921. During his lifetime he lived for a period in Tulsa, OK during which he became associated with the United States Power Squadron. He was a Past Commander of the Tulsa Power Squadron as well as a Past Commander of D31. He was a member of the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron prior to his final transfer to the Galveston Bay Power Squadron. He was an USPS member for 34 years earning a total of 27 Merit Marks.

Bill was instrumental in the educational effort of USPS and the development of the education program for the GLSPS. During his membership in our squadron he was the mentor of many of our members who went on to the higher education grades of AP, JN and SN. Even after his move to Houston, he maintained membership in the squadron and occasionally would spend a week to assist in the fine art of “shooting the Stars” with his sextant training of some of our present members shown here with Baxter Thorman and Larry Stout.



In 2003 he was recommended for the prestigious USPS Educator of the Year Award by the squadron, which was supported by a recommendation by D31. In January 2004 he was presented with the Educator of the Year award at the USPS 2004 Annual Meeting. Here he is shown receiving the certificate for the award as well as a Sextant, which is also part of the award from USPS. This was certainly one of the highlights of his USPS history. Bill subsequently presented the Sextant to the GLSPS, which is in use today.

Besides his involvement in the educational program of USPS he was also an active member of the squadron's Vessel Safety Check. Due to his residence in Houston he would schedule a long weekend during the summer at which time he would fulfill his requirements of 10 VE's. He also helped develop the criteria for the William Foster VSC award for the District 31 of which we were the final recipients.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
June			
6/1-2	Toes in the Grand	Varies	Wolf Creek
6/2	Lend a Hand to Lady Grand	0900	Various Locations (sign up)
6/6	Breakfast Meet-Up	0900	Blue Bluff Café
6/9	Camp Bandage	0900-1400	South Grand Lake (sign up)
6/19	E-Board	1300	GLA
6/21	Breakfast Meet-Up	0900	Café at Har-Ber Village
July			
7/3	Hot Dogs & Wolf Creek Fireworks	TBA	Roger & Julie Jone's Home
7/11	Breakfast Meet-up	0900	Hott Box Café
7/17	E-Board	1300	GLA
7/19	Dinner Meet-up	1730	Tera Miranda



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



JUNE

6/13 Roger Jones
 6/18 Jean Jones
 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 25th of the month. Thanks for your input and support., Micki

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