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Commander's Report



Ahoy Squadron Members!

As winter "Marches" on, we look forward to having some warmer weather come upon us soon. Early on we have the Grove Boat Show coming up beginning March 7th, where we hope to have a good turnout, give away lots of Life Jackets to needy kids and families, and feature our boating simulator in our booth. We will be right next to our sponsor's booth for Life Jackets – GRDA.

In this issue of the Pelican there is a page dedicated to the Boat Show and I hope a number of you will help out in our booth. Thanks to those that took the survey at our recent dinners, contributed ideas and a indicated willingness to volunteer at future Squadron events this year. We will be sharing those results soon and are working on scheduling the up and coming fun events planned for the rest of the season.

In April, there will be several couples making the trip to Pella, Iowa to attend the Spring District 30 Meeting. This looks like a fun venue and there may still be time to sign up if you would like to attend. Please see page 4 of The Pelican for registrations details.

I wish to thank all of you that lend your us time and energy by volunteering to support our squadron efforts and activities. Whether it's working a booth, serving on committees, instructing classes or just baking some cookies, whatever the contribution, know that you are appreciated!

Let's keep those batteries charged and boat tanks full, for getting out on the lake again real soon.

Kevin Kamrath, S

Commander, Grand Lake Power Squadron



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

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



Encore Geodetic Marker Hunt

Geo 2

The weather was promising, the mood was light
The Regional terminal is such a delight.

Tony lent us the golf cart in case we got wimpy
And as you might guess, with rides we weren't skimpy!

Ken grabbed the shovel, Kevin the tape
We started making our way across the landscape.

The ground was squishy, Steve zoomed ahead
Pat yelled "Come back, my GPS I have read!"

Sure enough we looked down and there was the marker
There was even a stake, it could not have been starker.

Bolstered by success and by wind that was now strong,
Down the taxiway in the golf cart we motored along.

We knew the next marker was under paved surface
So we documented LAT/LONG, that is our purpose!

To find the next marker we traveled farther east
Parking at Ferra, we prepared for "last but not least".

We walked like goats along the edge of the road,
A roadkill armadillo, Pat almost toed!

The marker we found in the top of a head wall
With instructions on a signpost to give ODOT a call.

So to date GLPS five markers has found
Let's make it eight, to Elk River we're bound!

Submitted by Mary Alice Moore, Membership Chairman



February Dinner Meeting

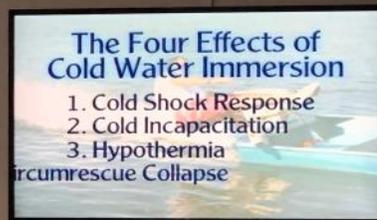


Sandy Hendrickson checked in 38 members attending our dinner meeting on 2/21/19 at Trinity Baptist Church. We enjoyed a delicious pizza and pasta buffet provided by Mazzio's. Lynda Watson was the lucky member who won our 50/50 drawing.

Commander Kamrath called the meeting to order and Lt/C Russell gave the invocation. There was a video presentation on Cold Water Safety. Recognition was given to Harvey and Marge Blattner, Michele Hooper, and Scott Graves (pictured) and Don Jones, Mark Lindahl, and Tom Pinkley (not pictured) for completing Operations Training.

The membership committee distributed a survey to find out what activities the members are interested in participating. Don't miss out on any of the fun.

Thanks to Earl Starkman and Ken Moore for their work on the boat simulator. Members got to practice their boating skills on the simulator at the meeting. It will be a useful tool at the Boat Show for attendees to try out.





D30 Spring Conference



It's not too late to register! The Des Moines Sail & Power Squadron is hosting the District 30 Spring Conference being held Friday and Saturday, April 5-6, 2019. The destination is Pella, Iowa. Check out this link, www.visitpella.com, to see visitor guide and maps. Hotel accommodations are available at AmericInn Hotel & Suites, 910 W. 16th Street, Pella, IA 50219. Mention you are with the United States Power Squadron / Des Moines Sail & Power Squadron for your discounted hotel rate, if discount is still available! Call 1-641-1421 (front desk) or reservations line 1-800-634-3444.



Friday Night

- Dinner will be at the Sports Page.

Saturday

- There will be Dutch Letters and Coffee for Coffee Break in the Business Meeting.
- At the conclusion of the Business Meeting, In't Veld Meat Market Box lunches will be served at the hotel meeting room.
- Various afternoon activities are available to choose: Pella Town Square Shopping (Jaarsma Bakery, Dutch Mill, etc.); ride to see Red Rock Marina, tour of Tassel Ridge Winery (\$5 extra), or possible Vermeer Museum Tour (which was hit by tornado in 2018)
- Dinner will be at Bubba-Q's BBQ (includes BBQ buffet of chicken or pork, mixed greens and vegetable salad, baked potato bar, dessert cobbler, tea/lemonade).



Go to <https://www.grandlakeusps.com/district-conferences.html> to get registration forms.



Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

The winter season is a good time to inventory your boat's dock lines to be ready for spring boating. Look them over for any signs of wear such as fraying or deterioration. Then be sure that you have the proper diameter of lines for your boat's length. A good rule of thumb is 1/8 inch for every 10 feet of length rounding up to the next size. For example, a 3/8-inch line for a 26-foot boat or 1/2 inch for a 34-foot boat is recommended. It's helpful if the line has an eye at one end for connecting to a cleat or piling.

Also important is the length of line and how they will be used. At a minimum, the length of line for bow and stern lines should be 1/2 to 3/4 the length of the boat. Spring lines should be 1 to 1- 1/2 times the boat's length.

Article 2

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 3

Navigators before the age of satellites and the Global Positioning System used instruments and observation to navigate the oceans and the skies. To do it, they relied on planets and stars to determine their location. Even with GPS, the military and experienced navigators continue to train using these age-old methods should there be a failure of the electronic system.

There are four planets bright enough to be used for navigation from earth. These are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn with Venus the brightest. While there are thousands of stars outside our solar system, only 57 are bright enough from the earth's orbit to be considered practical for use by the navigator.

An interesting fact in early navigation history is that only latitude was used, and it was determined by measuring the angle to Polaris, the north star or the sun. Longitude was later developed and provided a more accurate location when combined with latitude. This was made possible during the 18th century when time pieces became more sophisticated as time is used in the calculation of longitude.

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.





Message from P/C Bruce Watson: Please join us at our booth for the Grove Boat Show March 7, 8, 9, and 10th at the Grove Civic Center. There are several slots open for you to choose from!

Booth workers will be sharing our information with the public, inviting people to sign up for classes, vessel inspections, and possible membership. In addition, you will be interacting with the most precious commodity that our area has to offer:

THE KIDS!!!!



Once again, our members will be fitting and giving life jackets away to children up to 90 pounds. We expect the busiest times for life jackets will be Friday evening (after school lets out), and **ALL** day Saturday, and Sunday after church.

Want to help but unable to man the booth????????? We also need GOODIES for Thursday March 7th VIP night. If you would like to donate a dozen or 2 cookies, brownies, bars, or other finger-food desserts, please sign up.

Hope to see you all there.



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SIGN UP OR CALL HIM AT 405-317-1577



Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
March			
3/7-3/10	Grove Boat Show	Varies	Civic Center
3/16	ABC Class	0800-1700	GLA
3/19	E-Board	1300	GLA
3/21	Dinner Meeting	1800	Eagle's Landing
3/25	Instructor Recertification	2-Hour	GLA
April			
4/1	Piloting Class	8 Weeks	GLA
4/16	E-Board	1300	GLA
4/18	Dinner Meeting	1800	GLA



Happy Birthday



3/3	Toma Ford
3/10	Tom Pinkley
3/13	Lisa Millikan
3/17	Charles Fletcher
3/17	Diane Peterson
3/20	Bob Russell
3/21	Janet Sloan
3/24	Wayne Short
3/25	Jay Spicer
3/30	David Mandeville
3/30	Art Taylor



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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