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Commander's Report



Ahoy Squadron Members,

Is it May already? Soon we will turn our lake over to the summer weekenders and tourists. I for one always enjoy the dawn of the hustle and bustle of boat traffic, busy resorts, and all the people out having fun after the many quiet months. The summer is a good time for all of us to impress upon others the importance of boating safety, wearing life jackets when on or near the water, and being good stewards of our beautiful lake and her shores.

It is not by chance we have many events in the late spring early summer to spread the word of our mission. Camp Bandage, Safe Boating Week proclamation and kick-off, VSC's at many marinas, and our annual Shoreline Cleanup are all on the schedule. So pony up and be a part of these events if you can. Even if you can't make time to be a part of the event, make sure you spread the word to others and encourage them to take advantage of our many services.

I would like give my sincere thanks and appreciation to D30 Spring Conference Committee Chairperson, Lynda Watson, and the many others that worked so hard to make our District 30 Spring Conference event a huge success. To say it couldn't have happened without all this help is almost laughable. More than 20 people worked many hours to make this event happen. I continue to be amazed by the can-do spirit of our membership and how they come together to make amazing things happen.

Weather did not cooperate but record rainfall couldn't dampen the spirits of our squadron or our D30 guests. Feedback received would indicate our guests were very pleased with the accommodations, the meeting, and most of all our hospitality.

Many thanks to all of our membership that turned out and showed our guests "how we roll". Given the comments received, I have a hunch a wine share/heavy appetizer event could show up on our schedule again.

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."



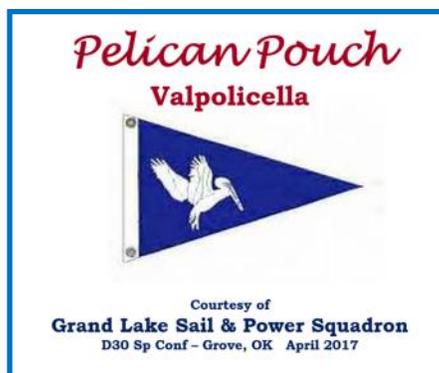
USPS DISTRICT 30 SPRING CONFERENCE

The USPS District 30 Conference was held April 28 & 29 at Eagles Landing. The event was well attended by GLSPS members, as well as 14 guests from the district and national USPS.

Thanks to Vicki Petrusa, Judy Scarriot, Renae & Bob Russell, Lynda Watson, Sharon Dennis, Carol Chalupnik, & Mary Alice Moore, the District Conference Planning Committee.



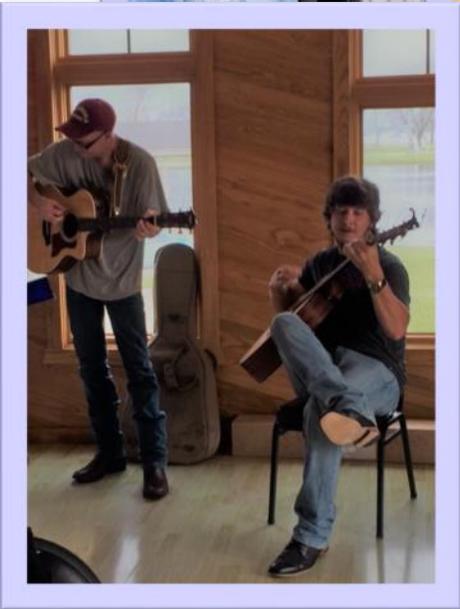
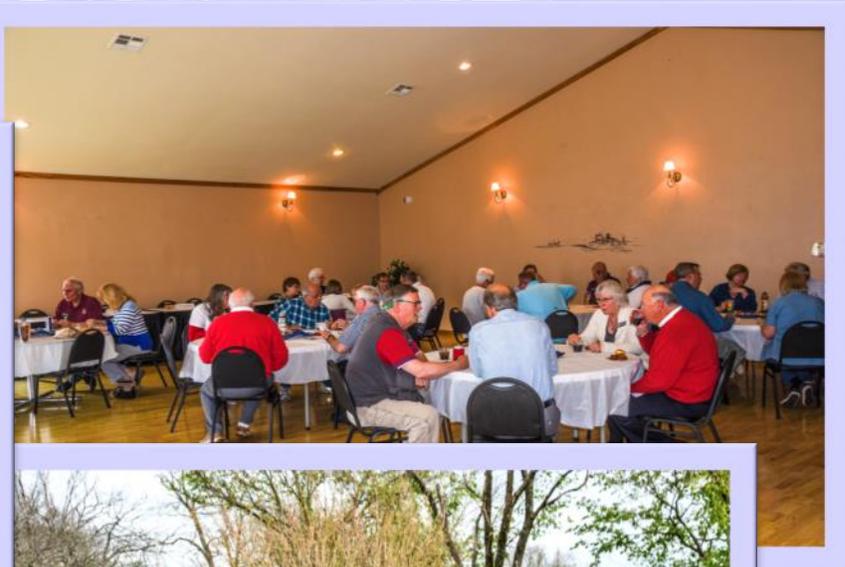
Friday - Welcome baskets were delivered to the rooms of our District 30 guests: Terry & Gus Elia, Mike & Kim Wiedel, Ed & Rosemary Bialecke, Ken & Bettie Danley, Kent & Tracy Simpson, Don & Jo Ann Fidlar, Marjorie Burgess, and William Henderson. Cindy & Mark Rosellini made special *Pelican Pouch* vintages of wine for each of our guests.



USPS DISTRICT 30 SPRING CONFERENCE

Friday Evening

A Welcome Reception kicked off the conference. Despite the dismal forecast of thunderstorms, the sun came out and we were able to enjoy drinks and appetizers both inside and on the lakeside patio. Local entertainer, Clint Walker and friend also stopped by to play a few songs for us!



John Walker
PROFESSIONAL

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Saturday Morning - District 30 Business Meeting

District 30 business was discussed and District Officers, D/C Terry Elia JN, D/L/C Jim Sweeten SN, D/Lt/C Ken Danley P-IN, and D/Lt/C Gus Elia JN-IN were sworn in by N/F/Lt Michael Wiedel, JN-IN.



Saturday Evening - GLSPS April Dinner Meeting

Plans for Grand Lake boat tours had to be cancelled due to rain. Thanks to Bob Hunt for filling in with his interesting America's Great Loop presentation. The evening finished up with a Mexican Fiesta Dinner and GLSPS business meeting.



USPS DISTRICT 30 SPRING CONFERENCE

- D** for Saturday night **D**inner meeting. GLSPS members really showed the D30 attendees our colors. Thanks to ALL!
- I** for appetiz**I**zers. There were multiple suggestions that we have appetizer night more often. Thanks EVERYONE!
- S** for margarita**S**. No leftovers! Thanks Ken, Mary Alice, and Sharon.
- T** for the dis**T**ric**T** Bridge members - Terry E., Jim S., Ken D, Gus E., Ed B. Thank you for your dedication.
- R** for **R**osselini. Each guest received a bottle of home brew in their room complete with a custom label. Thank you Mark and Cindy!
- I** for Friday night w**I**ne share & reception. What a great way to introduce GLSPS to our guests.
- C** for **C**aterers. Biscuits, quiche, rolls, fruit, pulled pork, beef & chicken, salads, cookies. Yum! Thank you Vincent and Sharon Witt!
- T** for we**T** weather. The only thing we didn't have to deal with was a tornado. Thank you God!
- M** for outstanding **M**exican food. Las Palmeras did a wonderful job. Thank you Julio and family!
- E** for **E**agles Landing. Sandra & staff are so easy to work with. Two thumbs up Eagles Landing RV Resort!
- E** for amazing d**E**cor. Much thanks to the Dennis's and Zinn's for Fri. and Sat. night decorations. (Confucius say: behind every creative woman there must be a tolerant man.)
- T** for en**T**ertainment: Bob & Kathy Hunt's Great Loop experience and documentation are priceless. The presentation was so appropriate for this audience. Thank you Hunts!
- I** for Chalupn**I**ks. Carol worked tirelessly with the caterers and Don always has a tool that we need. Love you two!
- N** for Ly**N**da and Bruce Watson**N**: planners, communicators, leaders extraordinaire. Thank you Watsons!
- G** for the out-of-town **G**uests who attended - squadrons of delightful people. Thanks for coming!

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Membership Committee

Membership Committee meets monthly to discuss ways to recruit and retain members. We brainstorm ideas, execute some, and assess their effectiveness. For example, the Safety Wheel has been used a couple times as a fun and educational activity at meetings. Since that was so much fun, we decided to do a new activity at the May dinner meeting to encourage fun and fellowship. It might involve knot tying. We are always open to suggestions from the membership, and we would welcome anyone who wants to join the committee.

Meet the 5 new members who were sworn in at the April Dinner Meeting:

Philip and Stephanie Sherwin first came to GLSPS as guests of the McNabb's at the Christmas dinner. Prior to retiring in 2011, Philip owned and operated shoe stores in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Texas for 45 years. Stephanie worked in advertising and marketing in several markets around the country, and then purchased a radio station in Little Rock AR. In 2000 they purchased a Bed and Breakfast in Sedona AZ which they operated for 5 ½ years. Philip enjoys boat maintenance and restoration, golf, and art. They attend St. Andrews Episcopal Church, and they are currently remodeling their 70's era A frame cabin in Port Duncan.

Mark & Kim Lindahl took the Seamanship class in May 2016 soon after they came to Grand Lake. They are originally from Ohio but moved to Olathe, KS in 1986 where they raised their three children. Mark was the Equipment Procurement Manager with Yellow Roadway Corp until his retirement in 2011. Kim was the middle school Principal's Secretary and retired in 2015. They now live on the west side of Wolf Point in Wolfe Half Acres. Kim volunteers at Integris in the Women's Health department, and she loves laying out on the water soaking up the sunshine, playing the piano, and enjoys a good book. Mark enjoys boating, riding his Harley Davidson, and any mechanical project. He is currently working part-time at Lowes. Mark & Kim are members of the Grove Citizens Police Academy, and Mark also serves on the VIPS squad. They attend COS where Mark serves on the building committee. Any time with their kids is the best time of all.

Diane Peterson has been a "quasi member" of the squadron for several years, attending dinners with her husband, and even volunteering at events. We are happy that Diane finally decided to become a "real" member. She and her husband John Boyd traveled the country in their RV for 7 years before settling in Grove in 2008. They live in the Wolf Creek area. Diane is a chemist. She is self-employed and provides CMC (chemistry, manufacturing & control) consulting to several clients in the pharmaceutical industry. She and John still like to travel in the RV, and Diane hopes to find time to kayak when she retires.



N/F/Lt Michael Wiedel swore in 5 new GLSPS members, Mark & Kim Lindahl, Diane Peterson, and Philip & Stephanie Sherwin.



Message from Chief Commander

"The National Boater Safety Committee would like to request that squadron general members assist their Vessel Examiners during National Boater Safety Week. This would be a great opportunity for members to see the VEs at work and have a better understanding of their value. This would also be an opportunity for members to meet and greet the boaters with "America's Boating Club" information."

Stf/C Bob Bales, AP



GLSIPS VEs

Back L-R: Debbie Sweeten, Don Chalupnik, Bruce Watson, Ed Dennis, Tom Rice, Chuck Brandt

Front L-R: John Walter, Barbara Zinn, Sharon Dennis, Jim Sweeten, Jay Spicer

Not Pictured: Bill Miller, Jim Reynolds

2017 Vessel Safety Checks

Grand Lake Marina Inspection Dates and Locations

May 13 - Elk River Landing/Marina

May 20 - Safe Boating Week - Honey Creek Landing Marina

June 3 - Terra Miranda Marina Resort

June 10 - Clearwater Bay Marina & Dripping Springs Yacht Club

June 24 - Hammerhead Marina and Willow Park Marina

July 1 - Harbors View Marina

July 8 - Cherokee Yacht Club

July 22 - Cedar Port Marina

Sept. 16 - Arrowhead Marina - Classic Boat Show

Scheduled times for all marina visitations are 1000 to 1400 (minimum)



News Blast

More than 80 First Timers attend 2017 Annual Meeting

"More than 80 First Timers attended the 2017 Annual Meeting in Orlando. What a thrill to have such a large group experience what national is all about! Congratulations to the LaRue family for winning the First Timer drawing for a nautical pillow. Thanks to all the volunteers and national officers who helped and attended the meet and greet with this great group of First Timers. Encourage your fellow members to attend their first national meeting by registering as a "First Timer" for the upcoming 2017 Governing Board Meeting in Dallas, Texas! See y'all there!

Thanks Bill and Peggy Miller for representing the GLSPS at the 2017 Annual Meeting!



Why not become a first timer at the 2017 Governing Board Meeting? Mark your calendar because the **USPS 2017 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING** will be held 10 Sep-17 Sep, 2017 in Dallas, Texas. It's only a short drive, so why not plan to make the trip to learn about the workings of our national organization? Learn more by visiting http://www.usps.org/php/reservations/meetinginfo.php?mtg_id=32.



Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center

This is the main meeting Hotel

5410 LBJ Freeway
Dallas TX 75240
Telephone: 972-934-8400
Rate: \$135.00



USPS News

Educational Department launches new website

The Educational Department has launched its new website, adopting USPS' standard template for member pages and updating its site index to help members find what they need more easily. National Educational Officer Craig Fraser said, "We hope it will help squadrons to plan and manage their educational offerings and make it easier for members to realize their boater education goals in the classroom, online and on the water. I invite you to take a moment to explore the site and to use the Contact Us function to share your comments, questions and suggestions." To find the site, go to <http://www.usps.org>, log in as a member, and under Departments, select Educational Department. **Email: [Jan Wright](mailto:Jan.Wright@usps.org)**

Join the Fun - Get Involved

- **June 3** - Volunteer to man a dumpster from 9 am-2 pm for Shoreline Cleanup. Contact David Thomas at (918) 837-0490.



- **June 10**—Volunteer to help at South Lake Camp Bandage. Contact Sharon Dennis at (303) 475-5985 or sedennis58@msn.com for more information.



- Interested in the history of the GLSPS? Why not volunteer to complete the history forms for submission to USPS? Get all the details from Peggy Miller at (918) 786-9338 or pegymiller74344@aol.com.

Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

Buying a new boat requires several questions to be answered such as what type and style will best serve your planned use of the boat. Will you be on larger lakes like Grand Lake, smaller lakes or rivers? How many people do you plan to take on your boat? Smaller boats have capacity and weight limits. Larger boats may be yacht certified allowing more capacity. The design of the boat is important for safety. Some can handle rough water better than others should the weather or boat traffic make for rougher conditions.

Other factors that should be considered along with the initial expense are operational, maintenance and storage expenses. These will all vary as to type of boat you have chosen.

Article 2

Myth: Lakes don't exhibit very rough seas. WRONG. The fact that lakes aren't vast and seemingly endless is what can make them treacherous. Shallower than the oceans, lakes (including the Great Lakes) have the potential to have waves that are steeper and closer together for any given amount of wind because of less depth. This is compounded by close shorelines where the lake waves bounce off opposing shores that can amplify the waves, creating confused seas with waves higher than would be created by the wind alone. Add in boat wakes in confined areas with heavy boat traffic and the seas can become more challenging for the boater.

Article 3

Many boaters enjoy flying either the National Ensign or the United States Yacht Ensign from the stern staff on their vessel. For flag size, a good rule of thumb is one inch of fly (length) for each foot of boat length (LOA). If needed, skippers can elect to go up to the next available stock size. The National Ensign flies from 0800 local time until sunset.

The United States Yacht Ensign has 13 horizontal stripes similar to those of the National Ensign. The field is different with an arrangement of 13 white stars encircling a white fouled anchor. The recommended size is the same as the National Ensign. Interesting, the law states that only documented vessel can fly it, but over time with its broader use, it has become common practice on undocumented vessels. Outside of the territorial waters of the United States only the National Ensign should be flown.

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 or on Face Book at GLSPS.



Upcoming Events

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
May	2	Safe Boating Proclamation	1800	Grove Community Center
	5	Short's Dock Breakfast	0830	Flatrock Cove/Short's
	5	GRDA Lake Launch	1800	GRDA Ecocenter, Langley
	9,11,15,22,25	Seamanship Classes	1800	GLA
	16	E-Board Meeting	1300	GLA
	18	Dinner Meeting	1800	St. Elizabeth's Church
	20-26	Safe Boating Week	Various	Honey Creek Marina
June	3	Shoreline Clean-up	0900	Various
	10	South Lake Camp Bandage	1000	Grand Lake RV Resort



Happy Birthday



May

5/8	Joe Harwood
5/12	Linda Dunham
5/15	James Willis
5/16	William Engman
5/18	Phillip Sherwin
5/27	James Millikan
5/28	Richard Garrett



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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