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Commander's Report



Well Spring weather is finally here!! The water temps are warming up and its time to jerk the covers of the boats, check them out and get out on the lake again! The Bassmasters Elite Series visited our lake last week. The sound of screaming V6's coming out of Wolf Creek, along with copious amounts of coffee, was my morning ritual that got me up and going. It was fun to watch these guys in action. They are the best of the best bass fishermen and can hold a conversation while making 100 casts to every square inch of a dock. I attended all of the weigh-ins and heard nothing but compliments regarding the lake and launch facilities! Way to go Grove! As you can tell, bass fishing is my passion and the fishing is GREAT right now!

We had a great time at Eagles Landing at the April dinner meeting and feasted on Fajitas and Margaritas! Kevin and crew did another fine job and had record attendance. We had a great turnout last night at the City council meeting and accepted the Proclamation from the Mayor of Grove declaring the week of May 19-25 2018 as National Safe Boating Week, so lets all remember to do our part in promoting safe boating habits and wearing of life jackets the entire year. I swore in 4 new members at the April meeting and so far will have at least 2 more at the May meeting!!! Make them feel at home and encourage them to participate in our activities..

Next up is breakfast at the Shorts, always a great time and goes without saying, Great Food! Thanks in advance to Wayne and Martha. I hope to see you at Harbors View Marina May 19th from 10am-2pm for Hotdogs and to Kickoff Safe boating week.

That's all for now. My Ranger/Yamaha is idling down in the dock and the big bass are calling my name. In the words of Don Wallace (you had to grow up in Oklahoma), "Good Luck and Good Fishing!"

Ken Moore, P

Commander, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron



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



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



DISTRICT 30 MEETING



The District 30 Spring Conference was hosted by the St. Louis Sail and Power Squadron and held at the Drury Plaza Hotel in St. Charles, MO on April 13-15, 2018. The Grand Lake Power Squadron was represented by Jim Sweeten, DXO; Ken Moore, Commander, P; Bruce Watson, PC, P; Lynda Watson, Treasurer, P; Mary Alice Moore, P; SN; and Debbie Sweeten, S.

P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN inducted the New Bridge at the Change of Watch for District 30.

District Commander: D/C Kent Simpson, AP (Four Rivers SPS)

District Executive Officer: D/Lt Tracy Simpson, AP (Four Rivers SPS)

District Educational Officer: D/Lt Ed Bialecke, SN (St. Louis SPS)

District Administrative Officer: D/Lt Rosemary Bialecke, P (St. Louis SPS)

District Secretary: D/Lt Gus Elia, JN-IN (St. Louis SPS)

District Treasurer: D/Lt Ken Danley, P-IN (Des Moines SPS)



General Committees

Rules Committee

1 year—D/Lt Marjorie Burgess, Chair (Des Moines SPS)

2 year—D/C Kent Simpson, AP (Four Rivers SPS)

3 year—D/Lt Ed Bialecke, P-IN (St. Louis SPS)

Nominating Committee

1 year—P/D/C Bettie Danley, S (Des Moines SPS)

2 year—D/Lt Bruce Watson, P (Grand Lake SPS)

3 year—P/D/C Terry Elia, JN (St. Louis SPS)

Auditing Committee

1 year—D/Lt Lynda Watson, P (Grand Lake SPS)

2 year—D/Lt Robert Steffe, AP (St. Louis SPS)

3 year—D/Lt Harry Hammond, JN (Boulder Valley SPS)



DISTRICT 30 MEETING



2017
National Membership Committee
Squadron Growth Award

Honorable Mention

Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron
District 30

*In Recognition of Outstanding
Membership Growth & Retention
Among All Squadrons of Size 75-114 Members*

The Grand Lake Power Squadron received recognition in four areas for outstanding performance.

- Membership Growth and Retention
- Furtherance of Education in Navigation & Small Boat Handling
- The Pelican Distinctive Communicator
- Website Distinctive Communicator



DINNER MEETING



Lisa Millikan and Pat Janiga registered 53 members and 3 guests at the April 19th Dinner Meeting at Eagle's Landing. It was Fiesta time with a catered Mexican dinner from Las Palmeras, as well as margaritas donated by members of the bridge.



Commander Ken Moore called the meeting to order. Please sign up to work a weekend at GLA Visitor Center, *Lend a Hand to Lady Grand* Clean-up, Adopt a Shoreline, and Camp Bandage.

Welcome to our 4 new members, Mike & Mona Swartz and Don & Jean Jones, who were inducted by Commander Ken Moore.

Amelia Chamberlain, Director of Har-Ber Village Museum, gave a very interesting update on upcoming events at the museum. 2018 is their 50th Anniversary since being founded by Harvey and Bernice Jones. Starting in May, there will be monthly displays celebrating each decade from the 1960s to 2000s. Walking trails have been added featuring beautiful forest and lake views and in 2019 a boat dock will be installed for access to the grounds by the water. If you have not been to Har-Ber Village recently, you will be amazed at the changes. There are multiple membership packages available go to their webpage: <https://www.har-bervillage.com/> for more information.

HARVEY & BERNICE JONES



You are welcome as long as you conduct yourselves as Ladies & Gentlemen

Open Thursday through Monday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. CLOSED Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Café at Har-Ber Village same days hours 9am to 3pm.



EDUCATION

Come for the boating education...stay for the friends.SM



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ABC CLASS GRADUATES!

(Pictured from L to R)

Jean Jones & Don Jones
Michelle Hooper & Gregg Hooper
Roger Zinn (Education Officer)
and Steve Snyder.

CLASSES

Be a safe boater, so don't forget you can take one free class every year! Whatever the situation, if you are in need of learning safe boating principles and Oklahoma/GRDA Boating Requirements, the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron has THE course for you! A course that, once completed, may get you up to a 10% reduction in your boat insurance premiums.

- Four squadron members are in the process of completing Advanced Piloting.
- Engine Maintenance just started April 24th with eight members attending this class.

The course, SEAMANSHIP, is scheduled for the following class dates: 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, and 24 May 2018. The course will be taught on those dates at the Grove Visitors Center on Hwy 59 at 6:00 PM. The Seamanship course presents material applicable to both power and sail, covering such topics as the construction and functioning of a boat, the skipper's responsibilities, preparing the boat for use, handling and maneuvering a vessel under various conditions in close quarters and on the open water, rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinespike/basic knots. This course in addition to classroom instruction also includes actual hands-on on-the-water training where the students are shown how to handle a boat in tight situations, emergency maneuvers, as well as docking/undocking practice and other hands-on maneuvering techniques.

Each student will receive a text book, a copy of the *One Minute Guide to the Nautical Rules of the Road* by Charlie Wing, learning materials, personalized On-the-Water Training, and the use of other training aids provided by the instructors. All of this for only \$64.00 per student (payable the first class). Remember - members in good standing get one course per year free of charge. It should also be noted that a prerequisite for holding most of the Squadron E-Board and committee positions is completion of the Seamanship Course - so if you really want to get involved in the Squadron activities, please attend this course.

So sign-up now while there are still seats open by calling/e-mailing Roger Zinn at (918) 676-3254 / roger-zinn601@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you in class for this "Every Boater Should Have" course!



The movement to create a safe boating culture in all our communities has set sail, and the new BoatLive365.org website is live!

Boat Live 365™ (pronounced like “alive”) is a movement to help raise awareness about boating safety 365 days a year, not just during boating season.

The website is a critical step to enable recreational boating advocates to more effectively educate our boating public year-round and lower the rate of boating accidents, incidents and fatalities nationwide.

BoatLive365.org includes a collection of educational and promotional materials and best practices created and curated by United States Power Squadrons and other leading safe boating advocates, such as the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Safe Boating Council and the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

Topics on the website reflect key areas of interest prescribed by the U.S. Coast Guard (e.g., the dangers of cold-water immersion, the importance of wearing a life jacket, boating under the influence, etc.) to ensure that prioritized dangers, small and large, are kept top of mind for the boating public.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard’s Boating Statistics, 77 percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator did not receive boating safety instruction. In contrast, only 13 percent of deaths occurred on boats where the operator had received a nationally approved boating safety education certificate.

Help us spread the word and save lives with the power of the Boat Live 365 movement. Visit BoatLive365.org today!



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DO YOU KNOW?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN

ARTICLE 1



Most boats 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 to 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.

ARTICLE 2

Many boaters and fishermen have added equipment to their boats in the off-season requiring electrical connections for power. Be sure the wiring is adequate to carry the load. Inadequate wiring and overloading of cables or outlets may cause overheating with the potential of fire. A common error in small boats electrical systems is the use of wire too small to carry the current load. Too small a wire causes a voltage drop between the source and the load which can lead to poor performance of the equipment or damage and possibly overheating the wire.

The start of the season is also a good time to look for loose connections and corroded terminals that can add resistance to the electrical flow and build up heat. If a wire, cable, or terminal connector feels hot to the touch it is a potential hazard and requires immediate attention. Avoid using fuses rated too high for the equipment. They can decrease overload protection with fire a possibility.

ARTICLE 3

If your boat suddenly loses power, a quick decision is necessary to determine if the boat is in danger. Will it drift on to rocks or into too shallow of an area? Can it hit another structure? Are you in a busy boating area? If you are in a safe area, you can attempt to fix the problem or call the local towboat rescue service. If the water is shallow enough for anchoring, consider anchoring so you can maintain your position. Another alternative if your boat is not too large and is reasonably close to a safe shore, is to paddle or rig a sail from the boat's canopy if the wind is favorable. Remember to always stay with the boat and put on your PFD.

Daytime distress signals are slowly raising and lowering arms, an orange distress signal flag with a black square and a black circle on it, continuous sounding of your horn or an orange smoke signal/flare. For night time, use red flares for a distress signal or as a last resort the SOS signal with a light. To call for help, use channel 16 on the VHF radio or use a cell phone to call for assistance. Grand Lake boaters should keep the GRDA Police number and the local towboat service in their phone address book.

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.



BREAKFAST PAJAMA PARTY

**You're invited to Short's Home
Wednesday, May 9th at 8:30am**

Get in your Boat, Car or Golf Cart and drive over to the Short's for a Pancake Breakfast. Please bring a breakfast side dish to share. Please coordinate your dish with Martha. Coffee and water will be provided.



**Don't worry about early morning prep, just roll out of bed and
COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS!**

Directions & RSVP

Flat Rock Cove

Boats use the 8 slip dock on the west side.

30101 S 587 Circle

South of Patricia Island Golf Course

316-249-5451

MarthaAnnShort@gmail.com

AMERICA'S BOATING CLUB



Grand Lake Power Squadron



MAY DINNER MEETING

Date: **Thursday, April 19**

Time: **6:00 pm** Social Hour, **7:00 pm** Dinner

Location: **Mulligan's at Patricia Island**
4980 Clubhouse Road
Grove, OK 74344

Cost: **\$21.00 per person, payable at the door.**



This month we are having our dinner at a new venue - Mulligans at Patricia Island Golf Club. This will be a meal served at your table by the staff of Mulligans with bar drinks for sale from Mulligan's Bar.

The Theme for this meeting will be called the Denim and Diamonds Dinner. Your meal will include both a 6oz seasoned chicken breast and slow roasted beef brisket, with sides of roasted red potatoes, braised green beans, side salad with assorted dressings, rolls and butter. Included drinks will be tea, lemonade or any fountain soda. Dessert will be mini assorted cheesecakes.



Please make your reservation by replying to this email, or to me at kevkamok@gmail.com.

Please Note: You must purchase the dinner to attend. Cancellation after making your reservation will be needed 72 hours in advance, otherwise you will be asked to pay for your dinner.



UPCOMING EVENTS

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
May	5/1	Safe Boating Week Proclamation	1800	Community Center
	5/7-24	Seamanship Class* (M & Th)	1800	GLA
	5/8	Zone 7 Shoreline Cleanup	0900	Patricia Island Boat Ramp
	5/9	Zone 5 Shoreline Cleanup	0800	South Winds Marina
	5/9	Breakfast Pajama Party	0830	Short's House
	5/15	E-Board	1300	GLA
	5/17	Dinner Meeting	1600	Mulligan's Patricia Island
	5/19-25	Safe Boating Week	TBA	Harbor's View Marina
June	6/1-2	Toes in the Grand	TBA	Wolf Creek
	6/2	Lend a Hand to Lady Grand	0900	Various Locations (sign up)
	6/9	Camp Bandage	0900-1400	South Grand Lake

*Please contact Roger Zinn, our Education Officer (call 918-676-3254) or email rogerzinn601@yahoo.com).



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 Rusty Millikan
 5/28 Cheryl Elson
 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 25th of the month. Thanks for your input and support., Micki

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