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Commander's Report



Ahoy Squadron Members!

May is here! The fish are coming in to spawn! We have seen a few brave souls on the lake in their PWC's and Water Skiing. Water is warming up ever so slowly! Safe Boating Week is coming up May 18-24th. Our Vessel Safety Check team is getting ready to go.

The annual Safe Boating Campaign & Proclamation at Grove Community Center (City Hall) is on May 7th at 6:00 pm. The Safe Boating Campaign is a worldwide effort focused on responsible boating, encouraging boaters to always wear a life jacket while on the water. Please consider joining in and bring your PFD for the short dedication by the Mayor. Afterwards, head out to dinner for a fun time, if you wish.

I wish to thank of our VSC Inspectors for their continued dedication in supporting this program for another year.

Next up is our May Dinner meeting. It will be at She-Bangs on May 16th. We had a very small (but fun) group at the April meeting. I look forward to seeing more of you at the May meeting, our last member's meeting before the summer months.

The Local "Toes in the Grand" weekend event is rapidly approaching on May 31 & June 1. I encourage members to help out by spending a little time in our booth at the event.

Finally, a very important day is coming up, May 27, Memorial Day. It's not just a three day Holiday weekend, but a time to give thanks to the ones who have made the greatest sacrifice for our country and freedom. This is the day to Remember our Troops. Have a great Holiday with a safe and prosperous summer. See you on the lake.

Kevin Kamrath, S
Commander, Grand Lake Power Squadron



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



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



District 30 Spring Meeting



Thanks to the Des Moines squadron for hosting the D30 Spring Conference. It was called to order by D/C Kent Simpson at 0900 on Saturday, April 6, 2019 in Pella, IA. There are 7 squadrons in the district with a total membership of 337 (Grand Lake-116, Colorado-93, STL-43, Des Moines-38, Four Rivers-34, KC-9, and Waterloo-4). Kevin and Micki Kamrath, Bob and Renae Russell, and Earl and Arlene Starkman represented Grand Lake.

- Earl brought our boating simulator to the meeting so others could see the finished product and try it out.
- This will be the last year for the Youth Poster Contest. All submissions for Ages 6-8, 9-12, and 12-14 must be submitted to Rosemary Bialeke, D30 Administrative Officer, by June 15, for voting on July 1. The best posters from our district will then be forwarded to the National Membership Committee.
- The D30 Change of Watch was conducted. Commander's Rep, R/C Michael Skelley inducted D/C Kent Simpson (Cdr), D/Lt Ken Danley (Treasurer), D/Lt Ed Bialecke (Education), D/C D/Lt Tracy Simpson (XO), D/Lt Rosemary Bialecke (Admin Officer), and D/Lt Gus Elia (Secretary).



District 30 Spring Meeting

Grand Lake received several recognitions:

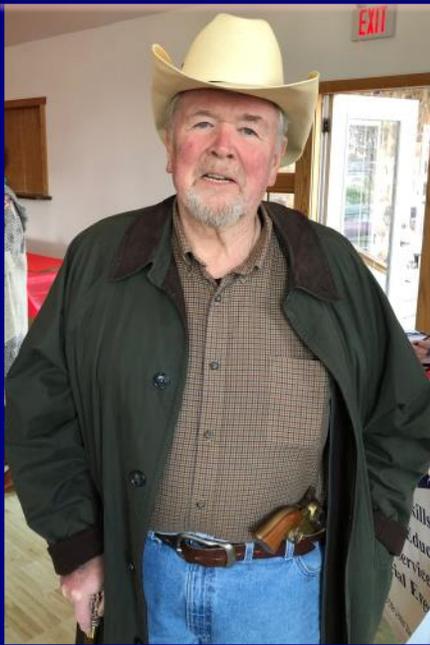
- Honorable Mention for Membership Growth & Retention (2.7%)
- Educational Fund Certificate of Merit
- Distinctive Performance for Website and Publications
- Individual Certificates of Appreciation
 - Don Chalupnik, P
 - Ken Moore, P
 - Bruce Watson, P
 - Lynda Watson, P

There was still time to enjoy camaraderie with other squadron members in our district at dinners at some of the local eateries. Pella, IA is a quaint town with a Dutch heritage. It features a genuine windmill from the Netherlands that was reassembled in Pella. We also got to sample Dutch letters which are pastries, called banketstaven or letterbanket in the Netherlands, and feature almond paste inside a puff pastry made with flour, eggs and butter.



Dinner Meeting

We had a small group for our April dinner meeting. Michelle Hooper and Julie Jones checked in 28 members who enjoyed our Boots and BBQ dinner catered by Rib Crib. There were several folks who really dressed up for the western theme. Dennis Rice wore a long coat (duster) like horsemen wore to protect their clothes from trail dust and also sported a Navy Colt pistol that he made from a kit. Carol Grassi and Micki Kamrath forgot to check what each was wearing so both donned their turquoise Reba shirts. Cmdr Kamrath called the meeting to order and Larry Stout lead the invocation. Watch your emails, because there are lots of fun activities being planned for this summer, as well as civic events to volunteer and help out. At the conclusion of the meeting, we played a game of "Name That Tune." All of the songs had a nautical theme. It was close...the winning table only won by one point! Who remembers who did "Come on Down to My Boat Baby"?



Fishing Time

Like most of ABCGL's events, our second fishing day started out with a breakfast at Nu-Taste. The weather was not very cooperative but Ken Moore offered up his dock to give some helpful tips about fishing on Grand Lake. Looks like Sadie, the dog, is on the lookout for fish too.



Partners in Command

The Grand Lake Power Squadron (America's Boating Club® - Grand Lake) offers a variety of courses relating to boating safety, operation, and handling and is offering a Partner in Command Seminar on Monday, May 6, 2019. The course will run from 1:30 PM to approximately 4:30 PM at the Grove Visitor's Center (9630 US Hwy 59N).

Are you a crew member or passenger who has no idea what's going on during a boat trip? Learn the essential skills you will need to help the skipper safely operate a recreational boat, including how to respond in an emergency. You'll become an asset on board with Partner in Command.

The Partner in Command seminar includes an introduction to boating, understanding anchoring, docking, and navigation, preparing for bad weather, first aid and on-board emergencies, and more.

What's Included?

- ◆ Boat Handling in Emergency Situations
- ◆ On the Water Communications Systems
- ◆ Calling for help
- ◆ Signaling equipment
- ◆ Safety and safety equipment
- ◆ First aid
- ◆ Starting and running the engine
- ◆ Tool kits

This comprehensive seminar comes with a full color Student Guide. The cost is \$15.00 per person payable at the commencement of the seminar.

Please contact Bob Russell by May 3, at robren95@aol.com (email) or call 918-787-9245 to register for this seminar.

Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

Anchor rode is typically a combination of a chain and rope or just chain. Some small boat skippers may only use rope connected to the anchor not realizing the rode does more than simply tie the anchor to the boat.

A proper rode forms an arc between the anchor and the boat, and is nearly vertical at the boat and horizontal at the anchor. The weight of the rode using chain at the anchor shaft produces the arc which is necessary to have the rode pull horizontal to the bottom and not straight up. This helps so that small gusts of wind and boat wakes will not dislodge the anchor as a taut line would do with any sudden movement.

Article 2

Every Boat has a pivot point. It will vary with the speed of the boat and whether it is in forward or reverse gear. At slow speed in forward gear, as when docking, the stern will swing much wider than the bow because the pivot point is located forward toward the bow. As the speed increases going forward the pivot point will move aft or toward the stern.

When the boat is in reverse, the pivot point will move aft considerably causing the bow to swing wider than the stern. This creates difficulty for many boaters attempting to back their boat any distance. Add wind working against the bow and it becomes even more difficult.

Being aware of the pivot point and how the boat will react when turning will make the boating experience more enjoyable when docking, leaving a dock or maneuvering around obstacles.

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. America's Boating Club Grand Lake 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 boating club, visit our website: grandlakeusps.com and click on more, then vessel safety check program followed with VSC request. Also check with your local marina when vessel checks are scheduled there.

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.



Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
May			
5/6	Partners in Command Class	1330-1630	GLA
5/7	Safety Proclamation	1800	City Hall
5/14	E-Board	1300	GLA
5/16	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBA
5-18-5/24	Safe Boating Week	Varies	Varies
5/31	Toes in the Grand	Varies	Wolf Creek Park
June			
6/1	Toes in the Grand	1000-1400	Wolf Creek Park
6/8	Camp Bandage	1000-1400	Grand Lake RV Resort
6/15	Lend a Hand for Lady Grand	1000-1400	Bernice & Grove Spring Park



Happy Birthday



- 5/8 Joe Harwood
- 5/12 Linda Dunham
- 5/15 James Willis
- 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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