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# Commander's Report



## Ahoy Squadron Members!

**In the coming days, our Boating Club will be celebrating our annual Change of Watch (COW) dinner and auction. It's time to turn over the helm to our new Bridge. Our ship has sailed well over the past year and we accomplished a lot, even under the most difficult boating weather year for many of us on Grand Lake. Thank you all for your support, participation in events, and the wonderful memories we made in 2019.**

**Some of our past members have left the club, but I am happy to say we had more members join the club this year, so we are still over 100 members. We look forward to getting to know and having fun with you newbies in 2020! What keeps our Boating Club afloat is having fun events, community participation, becoming more proficient boaters, and helping lead the team!**

**I want to thank everyone who helped organize and participate in the October District meeting, especially those who entertained our guests on the lake and brought food to the meeting. At the COW, it will be time to honor those that have worked above and beyond the call, have a wonderful dinner, bid on auction items to support our education program, and enjoy our friendship. Thanks to those who worked and spent so much time organizing the COW event.**

**As my tenure as Commander will soon end, I want to thank you all for your participating in events, being so supportive and making this job fun (most the time)! I could not have been successful in this role without the help and support of my better half, Micki. It has been an honor to serve and I know that you all will give your full support to our new Commander, Mary Alice Moore.**

**Kevin Kamrath, P  
Commander  
America's Boating Club—Grand Lake**



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



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



# District 30 Fall Meeting



**36 ABC-GL members welcomed our 15 guests from the Des Moines, Four Rivers, Kansas City, and St. Louis squadrons to the District 30 Fall Conference at a reception on Friday, October 4th. Our members brought heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts to share. Commander Kamrath conducted the October Member's Meeting. The evening concluded with a Sailboat Regatta, which was won by Terry Elia from St. Louis.**



# District 30 Fall Meeting

**The Fall District 30 meeting was called to order by P/D/C Terry Elia (substituting for D/C Kent Simpson). The District Bridge of Secretary Gus Elia, Treasurer Ken Danley, Executive Officer Tracy Simpson, Education Officer Ed Bialecke, and Administrative Officer Rosemary Bialecke were present. At the meeting, a motion was passed to change the requirement for two annual district meetings to at least one as well as a second motion for District 30 to be called ABC-Heartland Region.**



**Thanks to Cheryl Elson and the Indian Hills staff (Courtney, Barbara, and our own Sharon Dennis who volunteered to help serve) for hosting the D30 dinner on October 5th. Everything was perfect! The weather allowed us to socialize on the deck overlooking the lake. The food was scrumptious. The atmosphere was intimate. We are so lucky to have the Elson's as squadron members.**



# Pelican Fest



Carol Rice is manning our booth and making a raffle ticket sale for our beautiful nautical quilt, which will be raffled off at the 2020 Grove Boat Show. Thanks to Scott Graves for coordinating the set-up and take-down of our Pelican Fest booth. Thanks to Carl Wotowis, Tom & Carol Rice, Erma & Dennis Rice, Earl & Arlene Starkman, Gregg & Michelle Hooper, Roger & Julie Jones, Art & Phyllis Taylor, Bob & Renee Russell, Jim & Cindy Reynolds, Chuck & Vicki Fellhauer, and Mark & Sandy Hendrickson for giving up some time in their week-end to help out.



# Out in the Community

Thanks to ABC-GL members who attended the *Fall into a New Boat* with Safe Harbors Harbor's View & Indian Hill's Marina in-the-water boat show to informally distribute info about ABC-GL to attendees. It was held Oct. 26 from 9 am-4 pm and Oct. 27th 9 am-12 pm.



David Sloan finished the DCCSAN 0.5 K on Monkey Island on 10/12/19. Fun motivational signs were posted on route.



## Do You Know?



By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN

### Article 1

Paddle boards and kayaks are becoming very popular on Grand Lake. It is important for power boaters to be watchful for them and remember the basic rule of boating is that the boat under power has to yield to the vessel not under power.

At the same time, it is important for paddle craft to be visible by having bright colors or even reflective tape on the side of the vessel. Flying a brightly colored flag above a kayak is also helpful since the craft sits low in the water and is difficult to be seen at a distance to allow power boaters sufficient time to steer clear.

The GRDA requires all paddle craft to be operated with 150 feet of the shoreline unless in a no wake cove, hollow or creek. Also, they are to be used only during daylight hours, and all persons are required to wear a life-jacket.

### Article 2

Boats are more susceptible to wind than your car. When driving your car, you may feel strong wind gusts and need to be careful to remain in your lane. A boat can be pushed off course even with light winds and become difficult to control in strong winds.

How a boat responds to wind is based on windage which is the exposed boat structures above the water and the underwater hull shape. The direction of the wind to the boat is also a factor. A boat with the wind directly on the bow faces less windage than with the wind perpendicular to it.

A hull design with more underwater structure such as a deep keel can help counter windage by offering resistance to the wind. A flat bottom boat with minimal draft and high freeboard will be more susceptible to wind strength and direction.

### Article 3

An afternoon forecast of 20% chance of thunderstorms may sound routine, but it can change rapidly. Few weather phenomena can threaten boaters as quickly as a thunderstorm. Be alert to the formation of towering cumulonimbus (thunderheads) clouds and observe the typical anvil-shaped that indicates the direction the storm is moving. If the sides are moving in one direction, it should miss you, but if one side is streaming to the right and the other side to the left, you are likely in its path.

The rough distance to the storm may be estimated by timing the interval between the lightning flash and the thunderclap. Divide the time in seconds by five for the distance in miles.

Boat Smart from the start and take a course from America's Boating Club. For more information visit our website at: [www.grandlakeusps.com](http://www.grandlakeusps.com) or on Facebook at America's Boating Club - Grand Lake.



# ABC-GL Slate 2019-2020



## Bridge



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**Bob Russell, AP  
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**Micki Kamrath, S  
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**Chuck Fellhauer, S  
Asst Educ Officer**



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**Julie Jones  
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**Asst Treasurer  
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**Steve Snyder, S**



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**C. Brandt**



**Bill Miller**

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**S. Brandt, Chair**



**M. Kamrath**



**L. Watson**

## Nominating Committee



**K. Moore, Chair**



**K. Kamrath**



**Looking forward to seeing you at the  
Change of Watch on November 7th at the  
Cherokee Yacht Club.**

## Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>November</b>			
11/1	Auction Items Drop Off	1300	GLA
11/6	COW Set-up	1300	Cherokee Yacht Club
11/7	COW Dinner & Auction	1730	Cherokee Yacht Club
11/19	E-Board	1300	GLA
11/28	Happy Thanksgiving		
<b>December</b>			
12/5	Christmas Party	1800	River Bend Casino
12/17	E-Board	1300	GLA
12/22	Happy Hanukkah		
12/25	Merry Christmas		



## Happy Birthday



11/1	Billy Dulworth
11/12	Ed Landers
11/13	Sandy Hendrickson
11/15	Nancy Gibson
11/18	William Foster
11/19	Earl Starkman
1/20	Ken Noteboom
11/24	Pegy Miller
11/25	Mark Hendrickson
11/25	Ed Izydorek
11/25	Pat Janiga
11/27	Kathy Hunt

We are  
Thankful for  
YOU!



### 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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