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Commander's Report



Last But Not Least

A HUGE THANKS to Vicki, Micki, Lynda, Sandy, Julie, Chuck B., Chuck F., Kim, Mark, Tom, Kevin, Sue, Arlene, Bruce, Carl, Steve, Michelle, Bob, Al, Ken, Pat, Sharon, Ed – our elected officials, executive committee members, and standing committee chairs - 2020 and 2021. Your support, ideas, and leg work made this past two years fun and functional. I have no regrets and I hope you don't either.

Over and out

**Mary Alice Moore, P
Commander
America's Boating Club - Grand Lake**



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



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



September Dinner Meeting

Our September meeting was held outside at Har-Ber Village Pavilion with a delicious BBQ themed meal provided by The Cafe! 45 members were there to enjoy the good company and meeting.



Commander Moore swore in Ann Howland as our newest member. Welcome Ann!



Many thanks to our awesome club secretary, Micki Kamrath. She keeps meticulous notes and is so organized. Makes this editors job sooo much easier. We appreciate your hard work.



Results of this important meeting from Commander Mary Alice: ABC-GL does not have officers for next year. The members present at the dinner meeting did vote to keep the Club intact by applying to USPS District & National for the waiver option. A waiver allows a club the flexibility to organize in a manner that suits its needs while rebuilding. Larry Stout and Bob Hunt volunteered to co-chair the re-build committee. Current officers and committee members will have their final scheduled Executive Board meeting in October. We will hear more about plans for the upcoming year at that meeting. All members are welcome to attend.





We had such a productive year in spite of Covid!

- ◆ **We started the year on March 13th and 17th with the Knights of Columbus and America's Boating Club Food Drive for the Christian Help Center here in Grove. We had 8 members manning the collection locations and together with the Knights of Columbus, collected a total of 2,680 pounds of food.**
- ◆ **May 11th and 18th, three of our certified instructors attended a recertification class.**
- ◆ **June 5th was Camp Bandage where 16 of our members fitted and gave away 345 life jackets to children.**
- ◆ **June 11th and 12th was Toes in the Grand. Over the two days, 30 ABC members manned the booth. We again fitted and gave away 91 life jackets to children.** 
- ◆ **Several people showed interest in our ABC class set to start on June 19th. We also had a raffle and gave away a framed map of Grand Lake. Although the event was not as well attended as we hoped, we provided life jackets to some children at the Wolf Creek end of the lake.**
- ◆ **June 19th and 26th was the ABC Course. Four of our certified instructors conducted the class and 4 members provided a cookie break for the first session and lunch after the exam.**
- ◆ **During July, club members provided 3 sessions of "On the Water" training to participants of the ABC Course. Also during July, we provided volunteers to staff collection site for "Lend A Hand" on Grand Lake.**

In addition to the events above - Members volunteered their time to staff the GLA Visitor Center on alternate weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This involved staffing 14 shifts with two members each shift.

We had 5 members who volunteered to check on the loaner stations around the lake and keep them stocked with life jackets. This is a summer long commitment as the loaner stations need to be checked weekly.

We had 140 opportunities to volunteer in some way and we had 48 members who participated.

Info provided by Vicki Fellhauer



Where our Money Goes

Treasurer's Report to the Membership

Checking Account Balance on August 30 was \$15,804.61

That balance includes the following Specified Funds:

- \$3,678 Education Budget for 2021
- \$538 Raffle Fund – used for guest meals
- \$600 Walmart Grant – for life jackets and safety education

This leaves \$10,988.61 in Unspecified Funds

We have budgeted \$10,271 of that amount for expenses in 2021.

Income	
Amazon Smile	47.15
Total August Income	\$47.15
Expenses	
Web Hosting	\$144.00
Har-Ber Village pavilion	\$50.00
Bank Maintenance Fee	\$13.00
Total August Expenses	\$207.00

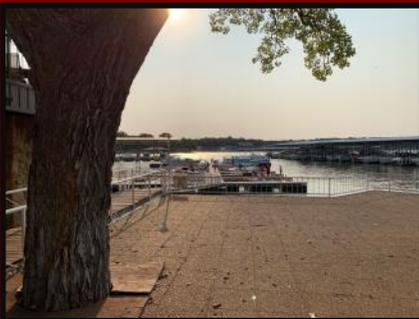
\$\$ Thank You for Shopping Amazon Smile \$\$



Thanks to our Treasurer, Lynda Watson,
for keeping her keen eye on our funds and
budget!



Carl Wotowis and Bruce Watson inspected boats at Arrowhead for the Classic Boat Show. They awarded the yellow Larson owners the Safety Award. The 1966 Larson is completely original down to the life jackets and skis at the time of purchase. WOW, beautiful boats!



Did You Know?



By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN

Article 1

Rafting up with friends is a popular Grand lake activity. When approaching an anchored boat, determine its swing behavior and approach at an appropriate angle at minimum control speed (mcs). This is the slowest speed at which control of the boat can be maintained. This is typically less than the speed accomplished when the engine is in gear and at idle rpm. It is done by the use of intermittent power going from idle rpm to neutral and back again as needed to maintain control of the boat's movement.



When the boat is about half to one boat length away, make a smooth turn to bring the boat parallel to anchored boat, shift to neutral and then reverse to stop. If necessary, increase throttle to accelerate swing if the anchored boat starts to swing away. Finally, shift to neutral and tie up.

Article 2

Wear that life jacket (personal floatation device PFD) when in an open boat. Most accidents occur in boats under 26 feet in length. At the time of the accident, the most common activity was general boating for fun and relaxation followed by fishing.

Fishermen need to reconsider their PFD usage. Many only wear the PFD when underway, taking them off when stopping to fish. Standing while casting on a low freeboard bass boat can lead to falling overboard by an unexpected boat wake, rough water or landing a fish. All boats should have a boarding ladder accessible from the water for reentry should a fall overboard occur. When fishing solo, consider staying more in the center of the boat to limit the possibility of going overboard.



Article 3

Did you know that both the Inland and the International Navigation Rules require a lookout? This is someone who is specially charged to observe any obstruction to navigation such as other vessels, hazards, swimmers and divers. Ask one of your passengers to be a lookout for you while you operate the boat. If you are single-handling the boat, you will be doing double duty as the skipper and the lookout.



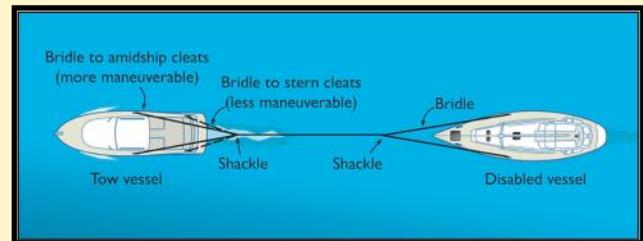
Coast Guard statistics show that the major cause of collisions is an improper lookout. Remember, the operator is responsible for the safety of the boat and everyone onboard, as well as, others affected by the action of the skipper.

Did You Know? cont.

Article 4

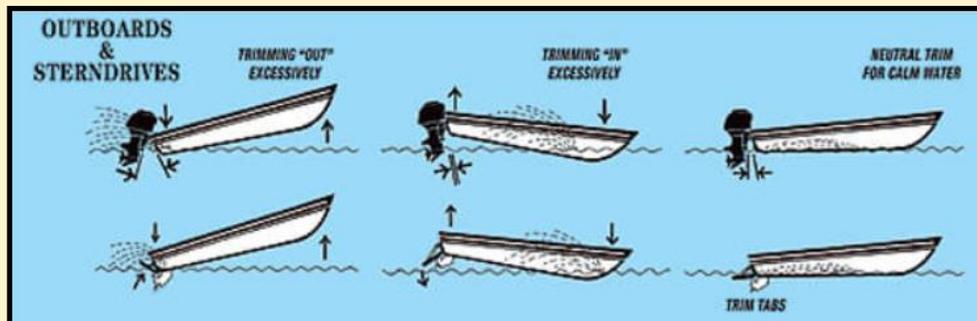
Towing another boat that has broken down requires proper knowledge to do it safely. Towing puts considerable strain on both boats and can result in injury to personnel on either boat because of towlines pulling loose cleats and deck fittings that are not reinforced with backing plates. Using a bridle on the towing boat can be helpful to reduce strain. Polypropylene line is safer than nylon because it floats and has less stretch should a fitting pull out. A rule of thumb for pleasure boats is to never tow a boat that is more than 1 ½ times its own displacement (not length). Towing speed should be around 10% less than the hull displacement speed of the towed vessel or about 7 mph for a boat with a 25 foot waterline.

A good decision for the boater may be to stand by the other vessel offering assistance as you can, until a boat more suitable for towing or a commercial service can be contacted.



Article 5

The boat's attitude affects its efficiency, steering and how it takes the waves which impacts comfort and speed. Raising the bow properly can increase speed by reducing the amount of hull in the water and decreasing drag. But if the water is choppy, getting the bow down will help the boat cut through waves providing a more comfortable ride with less "pounding" and better control. Each boat responds differently depending on its hull design, how it is loaded and the prevailing wind and water conditions. Proper trimming of the boat by adjusting the trim tabs if available, or carefully trimming the outboard or I/O drives is very important.



Upcoming Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/12 - 14	District 30 Annual Conference		Lake of the Ozarks
10/19	E-Board Meeting	???	???
10/21	Dinner Meeting	???	Royal Horse Ranch and Winery
11/16	E-Board Meeting	???	???
11/18	Dinner Meeting	???	???

*Please contact Commander Mary Alice Moore for more information regarding E-Board meetings. All are welcome to attend.

Happy Birthday to you!



10/2 Mina Herren-Hale
 10/2 Connie Ruzicka
 10/2 Cindy Tomaszewski
 10/4 Marge Blattner
 10/8 Kaye Snyder
 10/10 Alan Smith
 10/11 John Walter

10/15 Vicki Fellhauer
 10/19 Michael Swartz
 10/23 Bruce Watson
 10/23 Gary Dunham
 10/27 Victoria Perry
 10/29 Renae Russell
 10/29 Rhonda Wotowis



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! Kim

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