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Commander's Report



Once again, the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron members stepped up to the task. It happened this weekend at the Grove Boat Show. This organization is known for our community service and promotion of safe boating practices. That was witnessed by many this weekend as our members reached out to the community.

The response was positive as the members greeted and informed people coming to the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron booth. It was rewarding to see the smiles on all the children's faces as they were fitted for life jackets, as well as the smiles of those doing the fittings. At the same time, parents were appreciative of our concern to keep their children safe in and around the water.

The boat simulator was a big success as participants tried their luck at operating a boat, some for their first time. It was great watching members work and explain, the simulator to each participant. Speaking and educating the community about GLS&PS was a huge part of the weekend. Community members walked away from the booth realizing what a wonderful and friendly organization we are.

Last, but not least, a big thank you goes out to the Executive Officer, Bruce Watson, and all the many volunteers who helped with the booth. Thanks also for the many goodies that were donated for VIP night.

Scott Cox, P



Commander, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron

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



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N ———Navigator
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GARAGE SALE NEWS



Save the Date!!
The GLS&PS Garage and Bake Sale
Saturday May 21, 2016

LOCATION:

HONEY CREEK LANDING (shown below)

TIME: **8:00 am -- 4:00 pm ONE DAY ONLY!!**

What Should You Bring??

In addition to the usual garage sale items, we are going to accept clothing that is in **GOOD REPAIR & CLEAN**. This event will feature a **BAKED GOODS SALE** as well. Details will follow in April, but start saving those donations **NOW!!** We will also need plastic grocery bags and newspaper to wrap sold items.

We will need to **BORROW** some items from membership to help make this a success. If you have any of the following items to lend to our effort, please contact Sharon Dennis 303-475-5985:

- Folding card tables and/or long tables**
- Portable clothes racks (with or without wheels)**
- HANGERS!!!! Wire or plastic will work.**
- Clothesline or rope**



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It's Better to Wake on Grand Lake

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By
John Walter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



April

Bill Whalen	1
Barb Zinn	10
Mac Macdonald	16
Mary Alice Moore	17
Dick McKee	18
Trudy Darby	22
Al Scarriot	26



GLS&PS helps with

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Bassmaster Classic

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Because of the potential for an influx of visitors during the Bassmaster Classic tournament, Bill Keefer, Grove City Manager, asked the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron if we would staff the Grand Lake Association Visitors Center that weekend. We were able to do that thanks to the Shorts, Sweetens, & Dennis Rice!

Written by Mary Alice Moore, S



Mentoring Program Begins



Become a Mentor!

We hope to have several people/couples join the squadron after completing ABC course in late March. As a Mentor, you would be matched with a new member/couple when they join. You would:

- Personally invite your new members to meetings and activities
- Get to know them and their interests
- Assist them with directions if new to the area
- Introduce them to others at the meetings and activities
- Be a resource

New members have told us they feel left out and ignored out at dinner meetings and events. That makes them hesitant to get involved. Let's be sure our new members feel welcome!!

Contact Lynda Watson, Membership Committee
913-209-4595 or lwatson626@gmail.com





Shoreline Clean Up Save the Date!



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Annual Shoreline Cleanup for Grand Lake Written by John Walter, S

The Annual Shoreline Cleanup sponsored by The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron (Power Squadron) and GRDA is set for June 4, 2016. Dumpsters for lake debris will be available at be Grove Springs Park in Grove, Bernice State Park, the Church of Christ in Ketchum, and the old Lake patrol parking lot in Langley (GRDA). Power Squadron members will be manning the dumpster sites, to assure only lake debris, (no tires, batteries or household trash), are placed in the dumpsters. The sites will be open from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

We are currently seeking volunteers to staff three of the locations. GRDA will monitor the Langley location via video. It is our goal to have two sets of volunteers for each location. Shifts will be either 10:00 am – 12:00 pm or 12:00pm – 2:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact John Walter at 918-314-3773 or jwgochiefs@yahoo.com.



GLSPS VSC Examiners on the Comeback! Written by Jay Spicer, S



As you know, GLSPS recently held a vessel examiners class. There were eleven students who attended and to date 5 have passed the online test to be a vessel examiner. Those individuals are Jim Sweeten, Debbie Sweeten, Bruce Watson, John Walter, and Tom Rice. Six other students are waiting to take the test manually. Of the five who passed the online test, Jim Sweeten is now a certified examiner and Debbie Sweeten has completed her 5 supervised vessel safety checks. John Walter and Tom Rice have each completed one supervised vessel safety check.

Power squadron boat owners need to contact Jay Spicer at 918-791-8341 so he can schedule your vessel safety check. Please contact Jay as soon as possible so we can get all of our new vessel examiners certified prior to beginning vessel safety checks at marinas in May.





March Dinner Meeting



The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron held its monthly membership meeting on March 17 at Eagle's Landing Resort. Following a social hour and a delicious pot luck dinner, we had a program presented by Wes Kreie of Marine Max Vacations. He is associated with Harbor View Marina. Wes spoke about their vacation charters out of Tortola, British Virgin Islands. They offer fully equipped small or large boat charters. The charter can be chartered or bare boat. The decorating committee helped to make the meeting more festive with the St. Patrick's Day decorations



GRAND LAKE BOAT SHOW

2016 Grand Lake Boat Show
Written by Bruce Watson, S
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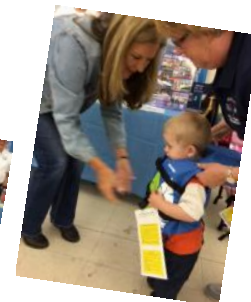
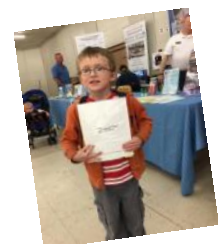
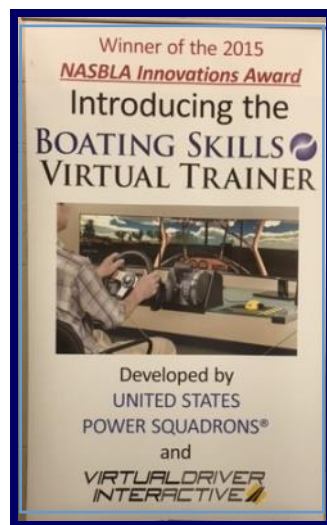
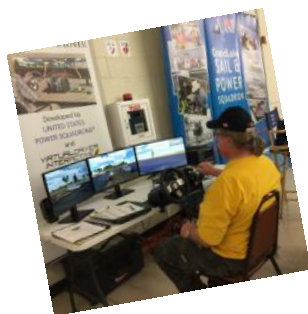
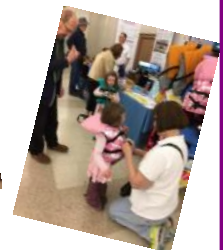
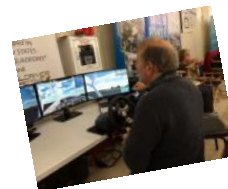
Thanks to all that volunteered in setting up and manning our booth at the show!

Everyone did an outstanding job of sharing what we do and what we're all about with the public. We fitted ~160 children with brand new FREE life vests. This is not only an important service to our lake community, but also reflects the importance of what we do to passersby and potential new members. We had 9 people sign up for vessel inspections and several more took our information looking to line up an inspection in the future, to include at least a couple of small (RV) marinas around the lake. We also had 16 people sign up for upcoming classes, most of who have been verified. Again, we had many take our information that may turn up a few additional students for the future. We had ~35 people practice their boating skills on the simulator. Most were ladies and children; all thought it gave them a higher degree of confidence and a realistic experience.

We had COOKIES, COOKIES and more COOKIES for VIP night. Thanks to all who brought cookies. Besides feeding our booth, many attendees came back for seconds, and thirds. Our membership committee gathered up the leftovers and are keeping them in freezer storage for the upcoming ABC classes. Our new students will learn about boating and also that we really like to eat!

With a keen awareness of Commander Cox' goal of increasing membership, I came away from the show with confidence that we will garner some new members through our efforts of showing and explaining to attendees what we are all about. There were several couples new to the lake that stopped by, some at the show looking to purchase their first boat. Many were very interested in joining us to get to know people in the area and to get involved with our activities.

Thanks again to all for making it a GREAT show!





Ship Store



SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE

The Ship's Store is open and ready for business. This month's deals include:

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| Burgees | \$20 each | HURRY!! ONLY 1 LEFT AT THIS PRICE |
| Ensigns | \$22 to \$50 | All sizes/ New and Used |
| **the used Ensigns range from fair to excellent condition and were inherited from Tulsa Squadron | | |
| License Plates | \$10 each | GLSPS |
| License Plates | \$ 5 each | USPS |

New Burgees and Dock Flags are on order and should be available in about 2-3 weeks. Prices have gone up; **Estimated** cost \$25-\$30.

Come to the Dinner meetings to browse the entire stock or if interested in making a purchase sooner, **contact Carol Goodwin 918-786-6660 or Sharon Dennis 303-475-5985.**

NAME TAGS: New name tags can be ordered at



Have Embroidery Needs??? Dar-Lynn's has the NEW & IMPROVED GLSPS designs. **Be sure to ask for the new logos when ordering.** 203 S. Center St 918-786-5679. Open Mon-Fri 9am—5pm.

Scrapbook Help Needed

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SCRAPBOOKERS WANTED!

We are still looking for someone to lead a group to compile a book of newspaper clippings and events of the year. This book is typically passed on to the current commander for appreciation of their service to the squadron. The scrapbook may be entered in the USPS national Chapman award contest, but this is not a requirement. Entries **DO NOT** have to be digitized to enter the contest. Please consider taking on this important project., contact Bruce Watson



Education Update

P/C Susie Holden, AP

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ABC 3

We are so happy to have Vicky and Joe Petrusa and Mark and Cindy Rosellini attending the ABC 3 Class this quarter. The ABC3 Class started March 21...Please introduce yourselves and make them welcome at our Dinner and Business Meetings.

Thank you to Bob Hunt, Jim Sweeten and Dr. Larry Stout, instructors.

SEAMANSHIP

The Seamanship Class is slated to begin April 18th. Please sign up with Roger Zinn at zinnres@yahoo.com or 918.676.3254 so that we will be sure to have enough books.

Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

To avoid ruining a great day for boating, a properly charged battery is important. There are several types of batteries available for the boater such as the lead-acid battery, the so-called maintenance free battery and gel batteries. Marine batteries differ from automotive types in that they are ruggedized for the shock and vibration of the marine environment

For the lead-acid battery checking the charge is typically done with a hydrometer that measures the specific gravity of each cell. This method can find locate a weak cell that may be cause of reduced starting power. Rapid loss of water from a single cell indicates time for battery replacement. A rapid loss of water in all cells could indicate an overcharging regulator.

The "Maintenance free" battery and Gel type can be checked effectively with a digital voltmeter. Remember that gel cell batteries require a multi-stage charger vs. a high constant voltage battery charger for the lead-acid type. Regardless of the battery type keep the battery posts and cable clamps clean and free of corrosion.

Article 2

The Beaufort scale is a method of describing wind speeds and consists of 13 wind forces counting 0 as calm or mirror-like seas. Boaters frequently use the scale to log wind speed and the condition of the sea.

A Beaufort number or force 3 is 8 to 12 MPH which is described by the World Meteorological Organization as a gentle breeze. On the water, large wavelets are seen with scattered whitecaps. On land, leaves on trees show movement and light flags are extended.

Gale force winds of 39-46 mph is a force 8 (Beaufort number) and hurricanes winds are 74 MPH and over or force 12.

Article 3

The boats 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.



Safe Boating Week May 21-27th

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- ◆ Safe Boating week will be May 21 to May 27
- ◆ Kick off will be Saturday May 21 at Honey Creek Marina
- ◆ Vessel Safety Inspection will be done from 10 to 2
- ◆ Hot Dogs and Chips will be served from 11 until we run out
- ◆ Safe Boating Week Proclamation Presentation will be May 3 at the Grove Community Center at 6pm room 5

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	Event	Time	Location
April 2016			
4/19	E-Board Meeting	1000-1200	GLA
4/21	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBD
4/22	Earth Day	TBD	GPS
May 2016			
5/3	Safe Boating Week Proclamation	1800	Rm. 5, Grove Comm. Center
5/21	Safe Boating Week	---	---
5/21	Safe Boating Week Kickoff	TBD	TBD
TBD	Lake Launch	TBD	GRDA ECO Center
5/17	E-Board Meeting	1000-1200	GLA
5/19	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBD

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.

Debbie

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