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Commander's Report



Reflection of 2015

As we close out 2015, let us remember and reflect on the past year. It is also a time to count our blessings of friends, fun times and obstacles we have overcome together. A special thank you goes out to Past Commander David Sloan who guided us with the help of his bridge. They each played a special part in making this last year a success.

During 2015, our members were involved in many Grove civic events, such as the Boat Show, Pelican Fest and Christmas Parade. It was a first time event having the boat simulator at the boat show. The simulator was a value asset to have at the show, which was enjoyed by all. A big thank you is sent to all who were involved in the various activities. None of this would be possible without member support.

As a part of the Grand Lake Power Squadron, education was a large part of last year. As members, we strive to educate the boating public while also increasing our knowledge as well. Thank you to the many teachers who spent hours preparing.

And lastly, but not least, we had many good times of fellowship and fun. These were special times at the dinner meetings, dock parties, scavenger hunt, and raft-ups. It was a time to eat, visit and get to know each other better. Thank you to all those who planned these events and opened their homes to us.

It was a very good year, but let us set our sights on making 2016 an even better year. Our goal is to bring in new membership, making all members feel welcome and involved. Let us continue to be a caring membership, who are always willing to lend a helping hand.

God bless each and every one of you in 2016!

Scott Cox, P

Commander, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron



S ————Seamanship

P ————Piloting

AP ———Advanced Piloting

JN ———Junior Navigator

N ———Navigator

SN ———Senior Navigator



January Dinner Meeting



Save the Date Blast for the January Dinner meeting. It will be held at the Hilltop Restaurant on January 21st at 6 for social hour and dinner buffet at 7pm. We will have the entire ground floor (no stairs). Price will be \$22 per person. Speaker will be Ted Allison from the GAA.

Menu will include a choice of Meats,

Chicken Teriyaki or Brisket

and sides will include

Scalloped Potato

String Beans

Green Salad w/ Ranch or Vinaigrette Dressing

Rolls & Butter

Assorted Desserts

Ice Tea and Coffee

Cash Bar for Beer and Wine...

Wishing you fair seas

and calm winds

Happy New Year!



Here is a little something for all of you history buffs. This is part two, continued from last month. Thanks to Bill Miller for the article.

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During World War I, the Governing Board ordered that Squadron boats fly a pennant of somewhat different design from the original pennant and the American Flag be flown at the taffrail or gaff. Similarly, during World War I Old Glory was flown in her proper place and the USPS Ensign at the starboard spreader.

For many years, it was said that Roger Upton and Charles F. Chapman designed the USPS Ensign. At an interview with PUC Chapman, on October 25 1975, he acknowledged that he had designed the Ensign and that C.C. Roger Upton had gotten the patent. Its design is currently protected under U.S. Copyright laws. Early on, the USPS Ensign assumed much the same dignity as the Yacht Ensign and was flown in place of the U.S. Ensign while in U.S. waters.

The USPS Ensign may be flown only when the vessel is under direct command of a USPS member.

Today most members prefer to fly their USPS Ensign at the lowest starboard spreader of the foremast, reserving the flagstaff for the National Flag. When flown from the flagstaff, gaff or head of a sail, or a substitute for the U.S. Flag, the USPS Ensign is displayed only from 0800 till sunset. The USPS Ensign is never flown in place of the U.S. Ensign in foreign waters.

There is a USPS Ceremonial Ensign. A special Ceremonial Ensign in the form of a tapered, swallow-tail USPS Ensign. This Ensign is used only under the direction of the Chief Commander. This flag is employed in situations such as presentations to Heads of State. Chief Commander William D. Seldon presented one to President George H.W. Bush in the oval office, in September 1989 for the 75th Anniversary of USPS.

At the 1989 Annual Meeting, held at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami, Florida, five 75th Anniversary Ensigns left by boat, each with a bag. Each Ensign had specific route it was to take so that one Ensign would pass through every Squadron in every District of USPS. An entry was to be made in the Logbook for every vessel that the Ensign was aboard. The Ensign had to pass from Squadron to Squadron by boat. The boat could be afloat, on a trailer, in boat on a truck, in a boat model and delivered by land or air transportation. All five Ensigns arrived at the Fall Governing Board Meeting in Richmond, Virginia aboard the replica of Christopher Columbus's flag ship, "Niña", sailing up the James River from Norfolk, Virginia.

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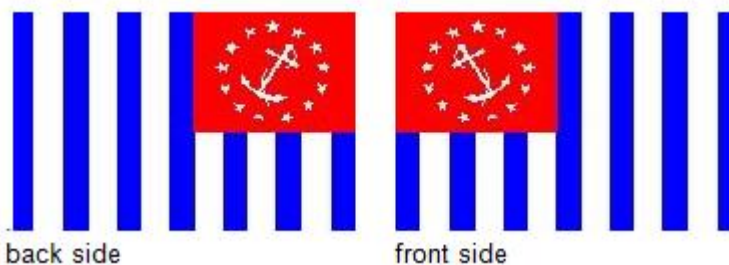
There is one special USPS Ensign in the Charles F. Chapman Memorial Library at headquarters in Raleigh, NC. That Ensign flew on a space mission during the Apollo Series.

*The term ensign historically describes a national flag in maritime use, but has been adopted to describe the flags of naval services and nation wide organizations.

Acknowledgments

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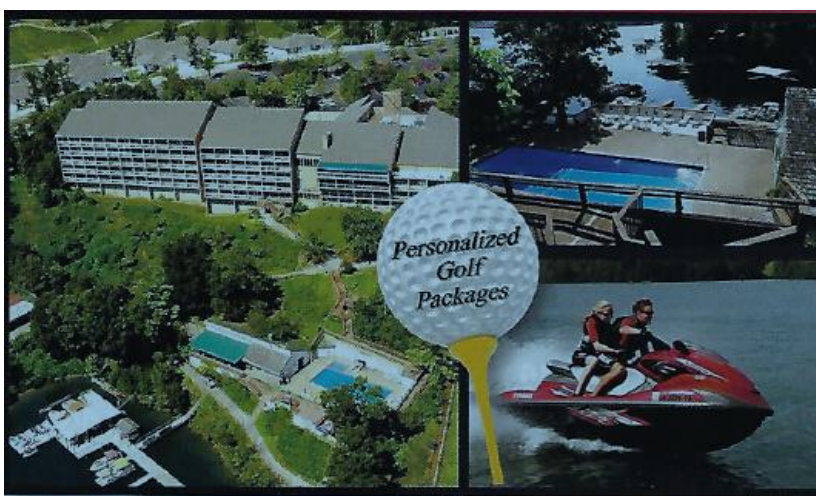


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The Eboard gets down to work after a fun weekend with the Squadron Christmas Party and Grove Christmas Parade.





Executive Committee: David Sloan, AP; Kevin Kamrath; Chuck Brandt; Barbara Zinn, Cmdr. Scott Cox, P, Debra Cox, P; Larry Stout, SN; Susie Holden, AP; Ken Moore, Roger Zinn, S; Bruce Watson, S; Jim McNabb, P; Ed Dennis, S; Marcia Pett, P; Al Scarriot, AP



Commander Scott Cox and Administrative Officer Ken Moore with gifts to be given to the FOP representative, Officer Mike O'Herin

Christmas Party Written by David Sloan

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron held its annual Christmas Dinner on December 11 at the Wyandotte Casino. A brief business meeting included the donation of toys to local youth. Officer Mike O'Herin of the Grove Police Department accepted the gifts for the Fraternal Order of Police. The FOP will distribute the toys to local needy youth.



The dinner was an opportunity to get a group picture of the new Squadron Bridger Officers and Executive Committee members.

As with most Power Squadron activities, good food was enjoyed by all. The main entrees were glazed chicken or ribeye. They were great and the cheese cake and chocolate cake only added to the to the gourmet's delight. We thank the Wyandotte Casino for the wonderful evening with good food and a courteous staff.



CHRISTMAS PARTY



Christmas Parade

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GLSPS Participates in the Grove Christmas Parade

Written by David Sloan

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron participated in the Grove Christmas Parade on December 12. Twenty-five members decorated the Zinn's pontoon boat with Christmas trees, lights, and banners on the morning of the parade. On the morning of the parade, members met at the home of Scott and Debra Cox to decorate the boat. It was more fun than work and everybody had the opportunity to sample the breakfast burritos, pecan breads, coffee, and juice.

Following the parade, the squadron members met at Rancho Viejo for dinner. They stayed at the restaurant quite some time, which makes this reporter suspicious that they were not discussing squadron business.





Carol Goodwin, S 918-786-6660

Burgees and Dock flags ...We have dock flags and burgees on sale for \$20.00. The dock flags are designed to hang on your dock or deck. It alerts people where they can reach power squadron member on the lake. Burgees are to be used on your boats. We have some really cute burgee lapel pins for \$5.00. I have a pair of USPS earrings for \$20.00.

GLSPS license tags are available for only \$10.

Lt Carol Goodwin S is planning to bring a basket of these items to dinner meetings, so bring lots of cash. If you just can't wait, just call Carol so she can reserve those items and get them to you. Carol can be reached at (918) 786-6660 Email bocago@hotmail.com

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Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

Airplane pilots go through a checklist before taking off and so should a boater before casting off for time on the water. Develop your checklist with the basics and then individualize for your own boat.

First, check the weather forecast for storms in the area, wind speeds and water conditions such as waves. Stay alert for weather changes. Never venture out into conditions that could be beyond your ability and the capabilities of your boat.

Check your chart book for hazards in the area that you plan to travel.

Even if you are going for just a few hours on your boat, let someone where you plan to be and when to expect your return.

Make sure you have your registration papers for the boat.

Be sure that you have the required safety equipment on your boat including proper number and sizes of PFD's for the crew and passengers.

Before starting the motor, check fluid levels such as oil, gear lube, power steering. Look for any leaks. Make sure the battery is charged and in good condition.

Check the bilge that it is free of fuel vapors and excess water.

Be sure you have enough fuel- 1/3 for the trip, 1/3 to return and 1/3 for reserve.

Before starting the motor, sniff engine and fuel tank compartments for fumes, turn on blower if equipped for 4 minutes (sniff air flow for fumes) and be sure air is exiting the blower vent.

Look at your gauges to see if they are working and all is well.

Allow the motor to warm up before leaving the dock to prevent stalling. (No fun in close quarters to not be able to maneuver your boat.)

Check behind your boat to be sure the motor water pump for cooling is discharging water. Look for ripples on the water for inboards, I/O and flowing water from outboards.

Be sure that you have loaded gear and passengers properly for stability.

Article 2

Navigators rely mostly on GPS instruments to determine position by using signals from satellites. But because of the possibility of electronic failure or other adverse events, many navigators have the training to determine their location using the time-honored system of taking sights on the planets, stars, moon and sun with a sextant instrument.

Of the seven planets other than earth in our solar system, four are bright enough to be used for navigation. These are Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn with Venus being the brightest. All of these planets along with the earth rotate around the sun.

There are also thousands of stars outside of our solar system; but only 57 of them are bright enough from the earth's orbit to be considered practical for use by a navigator.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	Event	Time	Location
January 2016			
1/12	OTP Training Class	1330	GLA
1/19	E-Board Meeting	1000-1200	GLA
1/21	Dinner Meeting	1800	Hilltop Restaurant
February 2016			
2/16	E-Board Meeting	1000-1200	GLA
2/18	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBD
2/15-21	US Power Squadron National Meeting	----	Orlando, FL
March 2016			
3/?	ABC3 Course	TBD	TBD
3/10	Booth Setup	1500-1900	Civic Center
3/11	Grove Boat Show	1200-1700	Civic Center
3/11	Grove Boat Show VIP Night	1800-2100	Civic Center
3/12	Grove Boat Show	900-1900	Civic Center
3/13	Grove Boat Show	1000-1500	Civic Center
3/13	Booth Teardown	1500-1600	Civic Center
3/15	E-Board Meeting	000-1200	GLA
3/17	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBD
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/?	Safe Boating Week Proclamation	1800	Rm. 5, Grove Comm. Center
5/?	Safe Boating Week	----	---
5/?	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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