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The summer is upon us and the boating season has underway. And, we can look forward to many hours of fun out on the water.

Welcome to the new Pelican. This is the first issue by editor Debbie Sweeten. We wish her well.

May was a busy month. The dock parties were kicked off at the Endo's on May 2. The Safe Boating Week proclamation was presented at the Grove City Council on May 5. The Lake Launch, sponsored by GRDA, was held on May 8. And, the Safe Boating Week was kicked off was held on May 16 at Harbor View Marina.

The Shore line clean-up will be June 6. This is our biggest civic service project of the year. Please contact Nate Beall and volunteer to assist with this project.

Our Administrative Officer, Wayne Short, S has arranged for dock parties and breakfasts and other summer events for the summer. There will be a dock breakfast at the Short's on June 19 and a dock party at the Scarriot's on July 3. The ice cream social will be at the Reynold's on July 12. And, the boat rally will be at the Pett's on August 29.

We have two boat parades to look forward to. Pegy Miller will organize the Flag Day boat parade on June 12. Janet Sloan will organize the Independence Day Parade

on July 3. This is a fun event and, as always, food is involved. We will stop by a restaurant on the water to finish each parade.

Finally, the Squadron will affiliate with District 30 in August. The story is included in this issue. Be safe on the water and watch out for the other boat.

David B. Sloan, AP Commander, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron





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

Policy Changes Decided Important Information

The Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron Executive Board and Bridge, at their April 14, 2015 meeting approved the following change concerning new members' dues and membership to become effective beginning with the next America's Boating Course (ABC3):

After successfully passing the end-of-course examination, those individuals will be offered a one-time eighteen (18) month membership for the price of a twelve (12) month membership. They will be required to pay that one year's membership at the current rate of \$67.00 for a single membership or \$97.50 for a family membership. In both cases there is an additional one-time \$20.00 administration fee to be added to those rates. Full payment must be submitted at the conclusion of the fifth class period.

Education by P/C JIM SWEETEN, SN

The Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron offers a wide variety of educational opportunities for its member's needs.

The advanced courses in order of study are: Seamanship, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, Navigation and Senior Navigation (To achieve this grade the individual must have passed Navigation plus all of the elective courses).

Elective courses that allow for in-depth study within a specific area are: Cruising and Cruise Planning, Engine Maintenance, Instructor Development, Marine Electrical Systems, Marine Communication Systems, Electronic Navigation, Sail and Weather.

Seminars may be given in the areas of: Advanced Powerboat Handling, Anchoring, Basic Coastal Navigation, Basic Weather and Forecasting, Boat Handling Under Power, Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes, Emergencies on Board, Fuel and Boating, How to use a Chart, Hurricanes and Boats, Knots, Bends and Hitches for Mariners, Marine RADAR, Mariner's Compass, Mastering the Rules of the Road, Paddle Smart, Partner in Command, Sail Trim and Rig Tuning, Tides and Currents, Trailering Your Boat, Using GPS and Using VHF and VHF/DSC Radio.

Detailed information concerning content of each course may be found at the following Internet link: <u>http://www.usps.org/education/</u>

For the brave at heart, self-study under my mentorship is always available.

Call or email me if you have questions or have an interest in a specific course. P/C Jim Sweeten, SN

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Hi everyone from the editor's desk.

I just wanted to tell you a little about myself. I've been a retiree -in-training for the past 8 yrs. and now it's finally "my time" to have fun and play in the wonderful world of retirement. I will retire June 4th and will then have the opportunity to do some things I haven't had time to do while I was in the working world. For those of you that don't know me, I have been teaching special education children English for 33 yrs.

I have watched all of you having fun along the way and I've been taking mental notes for the past 8 yrs. while my husband Jim has been retired. I like writing and graphics so I thought being *The Pelican* editor might be fun.

I'm adding birthdays to the newsletter (relax I'm not putting the year) in addition, I'm adding recipes. If any of you have a quick and easy recipe you would like to add I'd love to have it. Anything else you think might be interesting, to read about, let me know I'm always looking for new ideas. I'm looking forward to being more active in the squadron now that I will be free as a bird! See you on the lake! *Debbie*





The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron staffed a booth at the Lake Launch sponsored by GRDA on May 8 at the GRDA Eco Center in Langley. This is the fourth year for this public event

which opens the summer season on Grand Lake. The GLSPS booth provided information on Power Squadron goals and objectives and activities of our Squadron. Tom Kimball, chairman of the GRDA Board of Directors stopped by the booth to state his appreciation for what GLSPS does for the Grand Lake community in boating education and civic service. The Squadron members sampled the food provided for the event by the Artichoke from Langley. Dan Sullivan, CEO of GRDA presented a brief status of the lake and introduced GRDA personnel present. Scott Cox, the GRDA lake relations manager, concluded the evening with awarding many very nice door prizes. Many squadron members took home some of the booty.



Proclamation Safe Boating Week





May 16-22 is Proclaimed Safe Boating Week in Grove

Mayor Marty Follis read a proclamation before the Grove City Council on Tuesday May 5 that designated the week of May 16 - 23, 2015 as Safe Boating Week in Grove, OK. The activities during this week will raise the awareness of boaters to what can be done to reduce boating related injuries and deaths. The proclamation was sponsored by the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron who had 24 members in attendance. The Power Squadron wore life jackets to signify the importance of life jackets as the key to reducing deaths by drowning. The Power Squadron works to improve boat safety through classroom and on-thewater training courses, constructing and managing life jacket loaner station at four location on Grand Lake, and through vessel safety inspections.

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron, a division of the United States Power Squadrons, emphasizes boating safety and education. If you have any questions about the GLS&PS, contact Commander David Sloan at 918-786-4871.







GLSPS Joins District 30

GLSPS Will Affiliate with District 30.

On May 4 I officially notified District 31 Commander, Bill Miller, AP that the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron requests to affiliate with District 30. The decision was based on a very favorable experience of our representatives at the District 30 Spring Conference and Change of Watch, Gene and Marcia Pett and Jim and Debbie Sweeten. The report from that meeting follows.

David Sloan, Cmdr. GLSPS

The Squadrons in District 30 are located in the Midwest. They currently have six Squadrons with one dissolving and one in distress. They have 270 members with a growth rate of 0.4%.

The District has a Spring and Fall Conference hosted by the different squadrons. Council meetings are conducted using electronic communication means. Their COW is held during the Spring Conference and is a part of the conference afternoon meeting. The evening was left for fun and entertainment.

Jim and Debbie Sweeten visited with the District during their Spring Conference and Change of Watch along with Marcia and me. Everyone was very welcoming and very interested in what we have to offer their district and also wanted to know how they could help us. The twenty plus members that were there seemed to enjoy each other's company and wanted to be there to work toward the success of the district. During the meeting the Commander relayed a lot of information from National and provided ways for the squadrons to use it to their success.

We all four feel District 30 would be a good fit for Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron for the reasons listed above as well as their location to us. They are also more interested in inland lake boating as we are here on Grand Lake.



Mission Statement "To promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members'

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE: May, 2015



Welcome Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron! We are excited and looking forward to the official re-districting and transfer to District 30 of Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron effective at the Fall Governing Board. Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron is becoming part of the D30 family! We so enjoyed your representatives that attended the D30 Spring Conference in Platte City, Missouri! We can hardly wait to meet all of your membership! Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

The Sweetens and Petts were a delightful part of our meeting and we were overwhelmed with your expertise and friendliness. We are so looking forward to your team joining ours to make the UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS® D30 an even better TEAM of hard workers pursuing the mission of safe boating!

We are celebrating our new beginnings with you and look forward to new experiences and discovering new friendships and new locations to celebrate our meetings. We are anxious to come visit your lake and see how things are done in Oklahoma.

We are a unique district because our membership covers many states: Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and NOW Oklahoma! What a great diversity of people and educational opportunities! Not to mention the great traveling in the future! We are looking forward to meeting all of your members and interacting with each and every one! Opportunities abound!

The future of the UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS® lies in your hands. Our membership is the future of our organization. If you are not on the Bridge and would like to be considered for the Bridge, please see your Commander! We want YOU on our TEAM!

In closing, I wish you all safe travels to our next meeting in Iowa on October 23-24, 2015 and a **SAFE BOATING SEASON**! If you would have any questions or concerns before then, please give me a call anytime at 515-240-0332 (Cell). I would love to chat with you!

Warmest Regards,

Commander Bettie Danley, S.

D30 Commander Bettie Danley, S. UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®



District Commander Bettie Danley takes the oath of office from V/C Gary Cheney, SN



Hot Dog Roast at Endo's

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron kicked-off the boating season in style with a hotdog roast at the home of Roger and Janice Endo on Saturday May 2. More than 34 members attended to enjoy hotdogs cooked over a wood fire and many salads, side dishes, and desserts brought by the members. Almost a third of the members came by boat. The week prior to the hotdog roast had very good weather and gave members a chance to clean their boats and ride them to the hotdog roast.

Many additional events are scheduled through the summer from shoreline cleanup, dock breakfasts, an ice cream social, boat parades, and a boat rally. Read the Pelican, the Squadron newsletter, and the schedule of events found and the squadron website, <u>http://www.usps.org/</u> <u>grandlake/</u>, and members watch for email notices to learn details so you



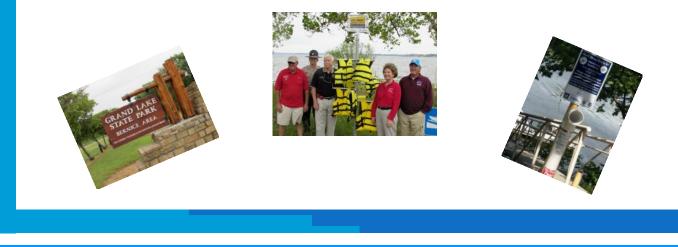
Life Jacket Loaner Station Dedicated

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron (GLSPS) and GRDA dedicated the five life jacket loaner stations that have been installed on Grand Lake by the Power Squadron. The stations are located at Grand Lake State Park, Honey Creek State Park, Twin Bridges State Park, Wolf Creek boat ramp, and the Elk River boat ramp. The Dedication took place at Grand Lake State Park. The program is an honor system. If a person needs a life jack for an activity around Grand Lake, they can borrow one from the loaner station, free of charge. When the person is through with the life jacket, they return it to the loaner station. The representatives of the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron were (l to r) Jay Spicer; David Sloan, Squadron Commander; Janet Sloan; and Ken Moore. GRDA was represented by Tyler Brown of the GRDA Marine Police.

The idea for the loaner stations came from Janet Sloan. For many years she and her father went to Alaska to fish. There she saw life jacket loaner stations at many of the docks and marinas as part of a program called "Kid Don't Float". The stations and life jackets were provided by the State of Alaska Fish and Game, the Coast Guard, and local communities. Janet researched the designs for a loaner station and a sample was built of wood by David Sloan. The sample was used several years by GLSPS at the Grove Boat Show as part of the life jacket giveaway program sponsored by GRDA with the assistance of the Grand Lake Association.

In 2014, Janet learned that the Sea-Tow Foundation offered a grant for 50 life jackets and a loaner station to initiate a loaner program. The application was submitted and approved. The Sea-Tow loaner station design was not suitable for Grand Lake conditions, so a new design was developed with Sea-Tow Foundation permission, which used fencing materials for the station. A meeting was held in August 2014 with Bill Keefer, Grove City Manager, Brian Edwards, Chief of the GRDA Marine Police, then commander Gene Pett, and Janet at the Grove City boat launch on Wolf Creek where the first station was installed. With approval of all parties and a scan for underground utilities, the first station was installed in September, 2014, by Larry Stout, Al Scarriot and David Sloan. This was too late in the season to determine if the program would be successful.

Ken Moore and Ken Noteboom of GLSPS worked with State Park officials, GRDA, and others to



Life jacket once-over



Prep your inflatable life jackets for the season

With their small size, inflatable life jackets keep you cool on a hot day; allow you to freely move around the boat, cast a line or raise sail; and come in a variety of belt and harness styles.

While inflatables have a reputation for comfort, they require a little preparation that's best done at least a day before your first outing. Here's a quick five-step prep for your inflatable life jacket;

1. Open it up and look. Gently open the life jacket, usually by pulling apart any Velcro covers or flaps, and then unfold. This thin-walled bladder could be the only thing keeping your head above water, so take your time looking for any tears or abrasions, and check the waist strap and buckles.



- Remove the cartridge. Unscrew the CO2 cartridge and ensure it hasn't been discharged, sometimes indicated by a small puncture in the center of the threaded end. Check the cartridge and inflation mechanism for corrosion. Some inflator mechanisms have a little pill or bobbin that dissolves in water allowing for automatic inflation. It should be in good shape. If not, purchase a rearming kit. Some inflators will have a green ready-to-go indicator.
- 3. Blow up the life jacket. Using your mouth, blow into the manual inflation tube found on the upper left front of the life jacket. This tube may also be used as a back up to fill the jacket with air, so familiarize yourself with how it works.
- 4. Get busy. Go wax the boat, organize a tackle box or do some other busy work while you leave the fully inflated life jacket alone for 24 hours.
- Recheck the jacket. If the life jacket still holds air, deflate and repack according to the instructions, which can usually be found on an inside flap.

You can watch videos instructing you on how to inspect and repack belt pack and harness-style inflatable life jackets at BoatUS.org/Inflatables. -BoatUS -ompass,

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Safe Boating Week Kick Off





The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron kicked off National Safe Boating Week on May 16 with free hotdogs and free vessel inspections at Harbors View Marina on the Duck



Creek branch of Grand Lake. Safe Boating Week runs from May 16 through 22. Three of the Squadron's Vessel Safety Inspectors were on the docks to provide free inspections for the marina patrons as they prepare their boats for the upcoming boating season. The inspectors were Don Chalupnik, Bill Miller, and the Squadron Safety Officer, Jay Spicer. They completed 14 inspection that day. Seven other members of the Squadron cooked and dispensed 65 hot

dogs and snacks for the patrons to emphasize the need to wear a life jacket; it is the greatest safeguard to prevent drownings during water activities.

The Squadron's event was part of the international recognition of the May 16 as "Ready, Set, Wear It" Life Jacket Record Day. This is part of a yearlong campaign of the National Safe Boating Council and Canadian Safe Boating Council to promote boating safety and the voluntary wearing of life jackets.

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Karen Hatcher 618 Marilyn McKee 619 Lynda Watson 626 Bill Miller 630



I enjoy making these with my grandson anytime he comes to visit, not just at Christmas.

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Rudolph Treats

12oz. vanilla-flavored candy coating or almond bark, cut into pieces.24 Caramel Corn-Flavored miniature rice cakes (from 4-oz. pkg.)48 Chocolate chips24 Red Cinnamon Candies

1. Line cookie sheet with waxed paper. In medium saucepan, melt candy coating over low heat, stirring constantly

For each Rudolph, dip rice cake in candy coating; place on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet. Dip rounded side of 2 pretzels in candy coating; place on cookie sheet on each side of rice cake to resemble antlers.
Decorate with chocolate chips for eyes and cinnamon candy for nose. Let stand 15 minutes or until set. Carefully remove from waxed paper; store in tightly covered container.
24 Treats



What is the United States Power Squadrons® and how it affects the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron

What is USPS? Seems like a simple enough question, however, each day as a member one must question if we really give it any thought. We enjoy the activities of the squadron, conduct education programs, conduct Vessel Safety Exams, cleanup our shoreline and many other activities. It seems, however, that at times we really do not understand what USPS really is and how it interacts with the squadrons.

Most of us have probably been exposed to various description of what is USPS, but what does it mean as far as support by one entity (USPS) to the other (the local squadron) All too often we hear it said, all we do is support USPS and what do they do for us? USPS doesn't provide us with any members, we do all the work of recruiting new members for USPS. Why doesn't USPS financially support us, after all we send them our dues money? So in this context, what is USPS?

We are USPS, for without the national organization what would we be? We have a pretty good understanding that our mission is "To promote recreational boating safety through education and civic activities while providing fellowship for our members." How would we do that without the National Organization? The National Organization is:

- Volunteers who work tirelessly to develop and update the volumes of training manuals that we use to promote and educate boating safety.
- Volunteers who spend thousands of man hours per year promoting vessel safety by providing complimentary vessel exams.
- Volunteers are constantly reviewing and suggesting methods of increasing the squadrons' membership offerings
- Volunteers spend countless hours keeping records of the activities of all the individual squadrons should they ever need input regarding their past history.
- Others volunteers provide support for such efforts as maintaining and upgrading the navigational charts of US waters through our Coop Charting program.

The relationship between USPS and the squadrons is of mutual support. Neither would survive in the present manner without the other. Without the numerous support programs noted above all the squadron would become would be social organization on the water.

There would be no official relationship between such organizations as;

The Coast Guard, Safe Boating Council and other like organizations.

We would not be allowed to inspect vessels,

We would not conduct classes, as there would be no material to use.

Establish a cadre of instructors

We would have to find a source of liability insurance to cover any other activities. This is now provided to the squadrons as part of the USPS affiliation.

The Staff at headquarters provides;

- A. basic bookkeeping, data management, membership management
- B. overall organizational functions.

The cost of these services at the present level is almost a fixed cost. A reduction in membership has little impact on the expenses still associated with USPS. Yes, there are other variable expenses such as;

Paying for district commanders to travel to the two National meetings per year.

The cost to have a representative from the Chief Commander come to our district conferences, Costs associated with the routine meetings of the Board of Directors.

Bear in mind that being a member of the Board does not come with any compensation other than actual expenses.

Presently the USPS budget is operating at a loss of about \$50K for this year. Thus there needs to be some other means of generating revenue. The main sources of revenue for USPS are membership dues, education material sales, sales from the ships store and grants from other organizations to help support our educational program. Thus as membership drops the revenue needs to be generated from other sources.

Many of you had the opportunity to witness or maybe even try your hand at our virtual boating simulator. USPS has acquired 12 of these for loan to various groups within USPS at no cost other than shipping. Would we, as an independent squadron have access or could we afford such an item? The cost for one of these exceeds our total net worth.

We complain about having to pay for education material from USPS. Shouldn't our dues cover that? Not really, there are administrative cost associated with shipping the items and receiving and grading the test for the advanced courses. In an effort to increase revenue from education materials, USPS has entered into agreements with various organizations such as BoatUS, several state boating organizations, and the Canadian Power Squadrons to sell our classes to them.

What is the United States Power Squadrons® and how it affects the Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron (continued)

Yes in the local areas we are then competing against our local organizations. USPS does give the local squadron a small percentage of the sale. Well it's up to us to provide a class/service that is of greater value than taking a course on line. We do that by having trained instructors that can provide the material with more personal and hands on experience that can be gained from a computer. We need to sell these courses locally to be the provider of choice. Which then comes to the latest situation. Why doesn't USPS provide funding for advertising for us to promote the classes locally? How could it be administered fairly and within any kind of cost guidelines? Presently there are 450 squadrons in USPS. To be practical USPS can't do that. For years there was a program which provided some assistance to the local PR effort but it finally ran out of funds. It is questionable what positive effect it had.

We still have a problem with local identity in many cases. We were still looked at with some skepticism when we announce we were part of the Grand Lake Squadron. What is that? Within this past six months USPS has announced a new marketing program to improve our brand identity. What is brand identity? It is when a brand name is stated and is automatically recognized for the product or service it provides. Famous brand names include such items as Coke, Pepsi, GM, Ford, ATT and Verizon. These are nationally recognized brand names. If we are to improve our product viability the name United States Power Squadrons® needs to be recognized as the leading private organization which provides boating education in the USA. Once this is done it will be much easier for the local squadron to play off that name and sell our services locally. If successful, it will provide access to more members for the organization. You will be seeing much more of this effort in the coming days and weeks. It has already started with the design of the home page of the GLSPS web site. It is also incorporated in the header of the next issue of the Pelican. USPS is about to become much more of a focal point in everything that we do. This effort is not without costs. USPS has established a marketing fund with an aim of \$100,000 to get this program going. It is a voluntary program hoping for support from the local squadrons and personal who want to make USPS flourish rather than wither away. So to answer the question "Who Is USPS?" It's all of us for united we stand.

Bill Miller 5/23/2015





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



BOAT PARADES JUNE 12TH AND JULY 3RD







FIREWORKS AT SCARRIOT'S HOME JULY 3RD

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT REYNOLDS' HOME JULY 12TH



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



Name Tags http://www.**UniversalImages**.biz/ 918-786-9554 \$8.50 1500 S. Main, Grove, OK 74344

Grand Lake Chart Maps \$15 at the Grand Lake Visitor's Center

Carol Goodwin, S 918-786-6660





The trim of an outboard runabout is primarily affected by two factors: 1. Tilt of the outboard motor and 2. Loading of the boat.

When the motor is tilted inward, the bow is pushed downward causing the stern to rise. When the motor is tilted outward, the bow rises. When the propeller shaft is parallel to the waterline, the boat becomes flatter in the water and runs more efficiently

Seating of passengers is especially important in small boats because of their weight. Just one more person can greatly affect the trim and performance of the boat. Place passengers so that the boat is trimmed with its designed waterline parallel to the surface of the water. Generally passengers should be behind the point of contact of the hull with the water. Capacity is usually listed on the boat, otherwise a rough estimate is length X width (in feet) divided by 15 = number of passengers.

The United States Power Squadrons offers many courses such as seamanship, navigation, marine mechanics and marine electronics. For more information contact Jim Sweeten, Grand Lake Sail & Power Squadron, at 918.964,0849 or e-mail <u>idsweeten2@suddenlink.net</u> Also visit our website at: <u>usps.org/grandlake</u>



6/6	Shore Line Cleanup Details will be sent to the members via email	Nathan Beall
6/12	Flag Day Boat Parade Details forth coming in emails	Pegy Miller
6/16	Eboard Meeting, GLA Building, 10 AM	Dave Sloan
6/20	Dock Breakfast at the home of Wayne & Martha Short come by boat or car bring a dish to go with pancakes & Sausage also, bring a lawn chair starts at 0830 (8:30 am)	Wayne Short
July		
3	Independence Day Boat/flag parade	Janet Sloan
	Watch the fireworks from the banks of the Scarriotts home. Watch here for more details	Wayne Short
12	Ice Cream Social an annual event of culinary delight at the home of Jim & Cyndi Reynolds come by boat or car bring your favorite ice cream to share or other desert specialty Hot dogs will be served also, bring a lawn chair starts at 1700 (5 PM)	Wayne Short

From your Editor...

Please send me pictures (with names and the activity), ideas and suggestions that are most important to you. If you haven't written an article about yourself, please send me one. Deadline is the 23rd of the month. Thank you for the opportunity to be your editor.



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