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Commander's Letter Nov 2015

We have enjoyed some beautiful boating weather this fall. The temperatures will be getting a little cooler, but, there is still time to get out there and enjoy the lake before our boats are winterized.

November is a big month for our squadron. On November 14 a great slate of new officers will be installed. Many of you have been contacted regarding taking an appointed position within the Squadron for next year. Please consider taking an appointed position when you are contacted. The Squadron runs on volunteer effort and if everybody takes on a job, it will not be a burden placed on a few. Please do your part.

This is my last commander's letter, so I have taken a little time to reflect on what we have done. During my term I have stressed the three legs of the USPS triangle to focus our efforts in improving our squadron. I think we have made strides, but we have room to improve in all areas. Give your support to the officers so our improvements will continue.

Remember, all members are invited to attend Eboard meetings if they have concerns and issues or if they are only curious to what goes on. Be safe on the water and watch out for the other boat.

David B. Sloan, AP

Commander, Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron



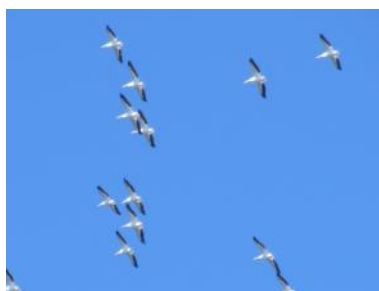
S ————Seamanship
P ————Piloting
AP ———Advanced Piloting



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

The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron Participates in Grove Pelican Fest

Fall brings the Pelicans back to Grand Lake and Grove celebrates the occasion with the annual Pelican Fest. This year the Pelican Fest included a parade on Saturday October 10 along Main Street and 3rd Street. Vendor and craft booths were located at the Wolf Creek Boat Launch on Friday and Saturday along with a midway of carnival rides. The Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron was there to participate in the parade and with a booth at Wolf Creek. The Power Squadron also contributed by staffing the GLA Visitor's Center while GLA staff setup Wolf Creek for the Fest.





Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron
Change of Watch
Cherokee Yacht Club
14 November 2015



You are invited to the Change of Watch and Annual Meeting of the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron. The dinner and meeting is the high point of the squadron year. New officers will be voted into office. There will be a silent auction which is one of the big fund raising events for the Squadron. The cost of the evening for dinner is \$32 per person, gratuity included. Please place your reservation by sending your payment and the form below by November 4, 2015.

- 1800-hr Social Time and Silent Auction
- 1900-hr Dinner and Annual Meeting
- Dinner: Green Salad Green Beans
- Natural Chicken Pasta Carved Prime Rib
- Chocolate Cake Cherry Cobbler
- Coffee and Iced Tea
- Cash Bar Wine \$8 Beer \$3 and up



For those who need overnight accommodations

1. Stonebrook Inn [918-786-9799](tel:918-786-9799), 10400 US-59, Grove, OK 74344, Senior rate \$69 plus tax, king or two queens, breakfast to 9 am
2. Best Western Timber Ridge Inn [918-786-6900](tel:918-786-6900), 120 W 18th St, Grove, OK 74344, Senior rate \$89.39 plus tax, breakfast
3. Cherokee Queen Motel [918-786-7755](tel:918-786-7755), 61991 E 315 Rd, Grove, OK 74344, Group rate (3-rooms) \$55, cont breakfast
4. Lees Grand Lake Resort [918-786-4289](tel:918-786-4289)

For the RVers:

1. Eagle Landing [918-786-6196](tel:918-786-6196)
2. Cedar Oaks RV Resort [918-786-4303](tel:918-786-4303)

Send your check payable to Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron and this form by November 4, 2015 to:

Janet Sloan
704 Lakewood Drive
Grove, OK 74344

Name	Squadron	Address	Email

Total Number _____ x \$32 = _____

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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

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



District 30 Fall Conference

Scrapbook



3rd place at National

Janet Sloan (Chair)

- Janice Endo
- Susie Holden
- Candice McNabb
- Arlene Starkman
- Marcia Pett
- Terry Chastain

Awards



Charles Chapman Award



Boating Award for Public Education



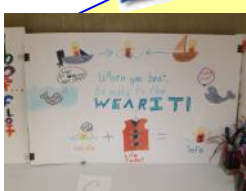
Civic Service Award Re-Alignment for Bill Miller

Facilities



7 New Members

Poster



1st place winner Casey Sloan from Falls Church, VA age 10.




Fun Times



District 30 Spring Conference

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SPRING CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT
LAKE OF THE OZARKS IN OSAGE
BEACH, MO. MORE DETAILS TO COME.**

Chuck Perry Speaks to the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron

Chuck Perry was the speaker for the October 15th meeting of the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron at the Rancho Viejo Mexican Restaurant. Chuck is a one of seven members of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission. The Commission's role is to promote tourism in Oklahoma from within the state, nationally, and internationally. Tourism is the third largest economic engine in Oklahoma after energy and agriculture. Over 18,000 people are directly employed in tourism in the state. State Parks are a big tourism draw. There are 35 state parks and they are in need of additional capital improvements. The commission faces a 10% reduction in funds next year as a result of the reduction in revenue from the energy sector. Chuck urged the audience to contact their legislatures to voice our interest in supporting tourism and the need for additional funding.



Jim Chastain	1	Ken Noteboom	20
Scott Cox	4	Pegy Miller	22
Ed Landers	2	Kathy Hunt	27
Connie Spicer	15	Bill Reese	27
Earl Starkman	19		



Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron Teaches Weather and Seamanship Courses

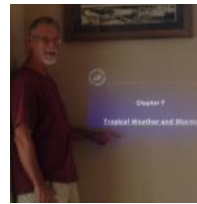
In October five members of the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron are completing the Weather course. In this course students will become keener observers of the weather, but weather observations only have meaning in the context of understanding the basic principles of meteorology — the science of the atmosphere. The course focuses on the principles of how weather systems form, behave, move, and interact with one another. The course concentrates on accessing all sorts of weather reports and forecasts particularly from the Internet.

Also in October 2014 four members of the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron course and three student from the public will complete the Seamanship Course. This course is the first step into building boating confidence and competence for safe and fun on-the-water adventures. Seamanship presents material applicable to both power and sail, covering such topics as the construction and functioning of a boat, the skipper's responsibilities, preparing the boat for use, handling and maneuvering a vessel under various conditions in close quarters and on the open water, rules of the road, anchoring, emergencies, and marlinespike/basic knots. As a part of the course the students will be offered an on-the-water experience where course members will practice the skills learned under the guidance of our highly qualified instructors.

By P/C Jim Sweeten, SN



Weather Class



Seamanship Class





Silent Auction

Dear Members

It is time once again to prepare for our Silent Auction fundraiser held during the Change of Watch. This event will take place at Cherokee Yacht Club on November 14, 2015.

If you are interested in sitting on the Silent Auction Committee, please contact Deb Cox at 316-772-7340 or email slcox@suddenlink.net or Sharon Dennis at 303-475-5985 or email sedennis58@msn.com

Committee members will be helping with contacting and securing donations for the auction, as well as picking up donations and delivering receipts.

Keep in mind that donations can be products from businesses, services, gift certificates, handmade items, baked goods, trips or accommodations, recreation activities, etc.

No item is too small!!! No item is too large!! Everyone is invited to donate. If you know or have business contacts in our community, please feel free to approach them to help support the Squadron and our educational endeavors.

Thank You in Advance for your help!!!

Here
are
pictures
from
past
silent
auctions.



Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur with the “station wagon effect” on boats. When running your boat under power, make sure that the stern ports are closed and the cockpit has some positive air flow through it. People have gone below to nap in the aft cabin and been overcome by the CO fumes that were sucked in the open ports of the cabin. Without positive air flow through the cockpit from an open windshield, the same effect may occur. Be cautious about rafting up with another boat that is running a generator or motor. The exhaust fumes may enter your boat depending where the exhaust is exiting. Avoid going under a swim platform if the generator or motor is running and the exhaust outlet is located under it as the concentration of carbon monoxide can be so great one large breath can be fatal.

If you have a carbon monoxide detector, check it periodically to make sure it is working. If you don't have one, it is time to install one. For many cruisers it is wise to install at least two. Put them in the sleeping areas and salon. The symptoms of mild carbon monoxide poisoning are nearly the same as motion sickness or flu-like with nausea, weakness, dizziness and headache. Confusion may occur and if the concentration is heavy enough one will become almost immediately unconscious and stop breathing leading to death.

Article 2

Rafting up on the lake is fun, but setting the anchor to hold properly can be a challenge for the boater. To help your anchor hold properly, it is important to have the correct scope. The “rode” or anchor line should be a minimum of 5:1 for calm conditions to 10:1 for severe conditions. A scope of 7:1 is suitable for most situations. To figure the length on Grand Lake (no tides), determine the depth of the water and the distance of your bow to the water. For example: 10' of water depth with the bow 3' above the water means $10+3=13 \times 7$ (scope) = 91 feet of rode. A short length of chain from the anchor to the rode or anchor line will help the horizontal pull of the anchor on the bottom.

After setting the anchor, pick out some reference points on land to check from time to time so you can tell if your anchor is dragging. If so, it may be necessary to reset the anchor.

Article 3

Part of the fun operating a PWC is jumping wakes. However cutting to close to the sterns of other boats to jump their wakes is dangerous. Stay at least 100 feet behind the boat. This should give you sufficient room to observe traffic conditions in all directions. Avoid jumping wakes in areas of high boat traffic. If you fall, you may not be seen in the water, and you could be injured by an approaching boat. Remember, the GRDA's lake rule of no wake jumping in any arm of Grand Lake that has a name ending in Creek, Cove or Hollow or in the Cowskin and Elk Rivers.



The Prince Henry is the most prestigious award that a squadron can receive. There are only 33 such statues in the world, one for each of the 33 United States Power Squadrons' Districts. It is awarded by a district to the squadron that has members elevated to the rank of Junior Navigator, Navigator or Senior Navigator within an educational year. Grand Lake Squadron received the award 3 consecutive years and at the disillusion of District 31 retained the right to permanently keep the award for permanent display.

A display cabinet will be purchased to display the award in the map room of the Grand Lake Visitors' Center.

The following members' educational achievements contributed to the squadron receiving the award: Junior Navigators P/C Jim Chastain, P/C Baxter Thorman and Orville Edwards; Navigator P/C Bob Hunt; and Senior Navigators P/C Jim Sweeten and P/D/C Larry Stout.

Prince Henry the Navigator

In the early 15th century Prince Henry started a school of navigation in Sagres, Portugal to advance the science of navigation. Prince Henry, like other European mariners, wanted to find an alternative to the passage to the lucrative trade in the Orient. The obvious passage was through the Mediterranean, but hostile Islamic powers and the equally hostile Venetian empire made it difficult to follow this route. So Henry proposed to go south around Africa to reach the Orient. A minor problem however was that in those days the coast of Africa had not been charted and no one knew how far south the African continent extended. Unlike other navigators of the day, such as the Vikings and Spaniards that basically sailed east and west, the Portuguese needed to sail south if they were to round the tip of Africa. To do this they needed to be able to find their position through Celestial Navigation. As a result much advancement in Celestial Navigation took place. Henry began to send Portuguese sailors south to chart the coast of Africa. These sailors came back to Portugal and increased the data base at the Prince Henry School of Navigation. Henry did not live long enough to see his dream accomplished. He died in 1468 and the Portuguese did not reach the tip of Africa until 1488.²

In the early 1960s the government of Portugal, at the embassy in Washington D.C., discussed creating an award in honor of Prince Henry the Navigator commemorating the 500th year of his death. In 1965, P/R/C James D. Paris, SN, then commander of District 4, was approached by the Portuguese agency in New York. Ultimately the Portuguese government awarded an alabaster replica of Prince Henry to each of the Districts of USPS. After presenting the Award to District 4, Commander Jose Cabral, representing the Portuguese government, accompanied Jim to present the award to 20 USPS districts at their conferences. The deed of gift gave each district the authority to establish its own criteria for earning the award.

In 1965, Jim Paris led an expedition of 65 members and their wives to the Prince Henry School of Navigation in Sagres, Portugal. While there, the government made Jim a commander in the order of Prince Henry the Navigator. The secretary of the Navy placed a gold cross with a colorful ribbon around Jim's neck. For many years, Jim entertained the winners of the previous year's award at a luncheon at the Portuguese Embassy in Washington, DC. In 1985 Jim led another group of 200 USPS members to the Portuguese School of Navigation where they were received by the President of Portugal. Jim was presented with a swallow tailed Ensign® for his meritorious service to USPS.³

¹ Photo courtesy of D/28

² Excerpt from Sandusky PS *Lookout* 3/95.

³ Information obtained from an interview with Jim Paris in 1998 by P/C Michael J. Frigano SN

Compiled Feb 2008 by R/C Patricia Governale S

UPCOMING EVENTS

November-

11/14	Change of Watch Decorating	1000-1200	Cherokee Yacht Club
11/14	GLSPS Social Hour, Dinner, and Change of Watch	1800 1900	Cherokee Yacht Club
11/17	E-Board Meeting	1000 – 1200	GLA

December-

12/11	Christmas Party	TBD	Wyandotte Casino
12/12	Decorate Parade Float	1000-1130	Cox's
12/12	Grove Christmas Parade	1800	Civic Center
12/15	E-Board Meeting	1000 – 1200	GLA

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.

Debbie

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