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Commander's Letter Sept 2015

The cooler temperatures remind us that summer is coming to an end soon. But, there is still time to get out there and enjoy the lake. One big change is the lake level will be maintained at 743' above MSL through September, so there will be a deeper lake to boat on.

We had fun In August with three events. We had a raft-up in Flat Rock Cove on August 16. There was a dock breakfast at Indian Hills Marina restaurant on August 28. And, the big on-the-water event of the summer was the Boat Rally held on Aug 29. Thanks to everyone who helped organize these fun events. In August the Squadron Executive Board approved a new format for the Squadron name tag. See the article later in this issue for details.

September will change our focus to other events. The Pelican Fest, which was traditionally held in September, was moved to October. So Education becomes the main effort during September. The Weather course begins on September 21. This will be followed up by the Seamanship course and Marine Electronics courses in October.

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



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



FOR SALE: HOBIE KAYAK

For Sale: A yellow papaya colored Hobie Mirage Revolution 11 Kayak. It comes with additional purchased accessories: a Hobie Hatch Liner, and plug-in cart with heavy duty wheels. \$2,000,00. Excellent condition used only 4 times . Contact Terry or Jim Chastain home phone 918-787-5173

Editors note: I own one of these kayaks and it makes kayaking very enjoyable The seat is very comfortable, you can pedal it and/or paddle it. It comes with a paddle as well. The cart makes it very easy to move from one place to another.



Important Sept. 7th Deadline

United States Power Squadrons®

District 30 Fall Conference

October 23-24, 2015

Moravia, Iowa

Honey Creek Resort State Park on Rathbun Lake, 12633 Resort Dr., Moravia, Iowa

Two Queen Beds Lake View Room, \$99.00 + Taxes

Mention: Des Moines Sail and Power Squadron for discount.

Room reservations: Call (841) 724-9600 or <http://honeycreekresort.com/>

***Reservations MUST be made by Monday, Sept. 7, 2015 to reserve this rate.**

Dinner Friday, October 23, 2015 - On Your Own

Louie's on the Lake, Rathbun Lake Marina

Lunch Saturday, October 24, 2015

Chief's Italian Buffett,



Caesar Salad, Penne and Tortellini Pastas, Zesty Marinara and Alfredo Sauces, Italian Meatballs and Grilled Marinated Chicken, Garlic Breadsticks, Freshly Grated Parmesan Cheese, Iced Tea

Saturday Evening, October 24, 2015

John Anderson White Riverboat Ride & Dinner:

Beef Tenderloin medallion, shrimp skewer, tossed salad with ranch dressing, . Baked Potato, Asparagus and apple crisp for dessert. Bread and butter. Water, Iced Tea and coffee.

Cash Bar of mixed drinks, sodas, etc.



The J.A. White is a functional Sternwheeler built in 1967 by the Dubuque Boat & Boiler Company. According to a Dubuque Herald Newspaper article, this was the first vessel to pair a Diesel motor to a Paddlewheel via hydraulics. Year/ Make/ Model : 1968 Dubuque Boat & Boiler Paddle wheeler. Location of Builder: USA – Dubuque, Iowa www.port-of-desmoines.com/

Send your reservation to: Cdr. Kenneth Danley, 2706 E. Tiffin Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50317

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Saturday Lunch:
Chief's Italian Buffett

Number _____ Total: _____
\$25.00 _____

Saturday Evening:
Jon Anderson White Riverboat ride on the lake with Dinner:

Number _____ \$45.00 _____

Grand Total: _____

Hotel reservations need to be made by September 7, 2015.

Food reservations need to be made by September 20, 2015.

"Come for the Boating Education.....Stay for the Friends!"SM

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



Education



By P/C Jim Sweeten, SN



ATTENTION CAPTAINS: Does your First Mate know how to do these things????

Have you ever thought what would happen to you and your first mate if you had a medical or other type of emergency that left you incapacitated on the water? The United States Power Squadrons and the United States Coast Guard provided the following list of things all captains and their first mates should be familiar with and be capable of doing in emergency situations.

Learn how to start and stop the engine(s): every boat is different, so practice your starting procedure.

Learn about life jackets: Where are they, how do you put them on, and do they have whistles or other safety equipment?

Learn how to put the boat in gear: Knowing how to put the boat in forward and reverse may come in handy.

Learn how to get back to the dock: Should something happen to the captain, what would you do? Getting back to the dock may be the fastest way to get help.

Learn how to pull into the slip: Docking doesn't need to be pretty, but in an emergency, a little bump at 1 mph should do little to no damage.

Learn how to tie a line around a cleat: A simple figure eight will hold any boat.

Learn how to drop anchor: Dropping an anchor will most likely keep you safe and help calm things down if you can't drive the boat.

Learn how to use the radio: It's a fairly safe bet that the boat is equipped with GPS. Find out how to get your latitude and longitude positions from the GPS. With that, the U.S. Coast Guard, police and towing services can pinpoint your exact location. If latitude and longitude aren't displayed on your GPS, look for it on the small screen of your VHF radio. Most modern VHF radios display your location.

Learn how to use a fire extinguisher: Nothing is more dangerous than a fire aboard a boat. Waste a fire extinguisher or two if you have to, but practice how to handle one.

Learn how to light a flare: and how to hold it safely.

Learn how to untie the boat: It's never good to tow your dock behind you.

Learn how to disconnect the power cable from the shore power station: Water and electricity do not mix. *—From USPS Ensign by Marty Seconhouse*

Very few of these can be mastered from a book or slide show. They require actually doing it on your individual vessel and your dock as each vessel has its own particular handling capabilities and docks have "best ways" of approaching and entering without damaging you boat.



New Name Tag Information

GLSPS Name Tag Revision

We often used the initials USPS to abbreviate the name of our national organization. But, what organization do you first think of when you see USPS, right, the US Postal Service. The National Organization realized that we have an identity problem. The Power Squadron needs symbols and logos that are readily recognizable so the public will distinguish us from other organizations. If the public can be more aware of the Power Squadron and familiar with what we do, it will help us stem the decline in membership nationally. The overall effort to have common logos and formats on letter heads, nametags, signs, displays and other documents is called "branding". If you have a strong branding effort like the golden arches for McDonald's, the public can easily recognize who you are and what you do.

To help in the branding effort the Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron has changed the format of its name tag. The national logo is added and the Squadron burgee is shown to enhance our visibility as an organization. Below is an example of the new format. The change will apply to all nametags for new members or voluntarily for current members beginning in September. The cost will be \$13.75.

David Sloan, AP



September Dinner Meeting

September 17th

Shebangs: Social time at 6:00PM, Dinner at 6:45

Two items:

Crusted American Chicken, Baked potato, salad, dessert, drinks, tax and tip \$20

Fettuccini Alfredo, salad, rolls, dessert, drinks, tax, tip

There will be a cash bar

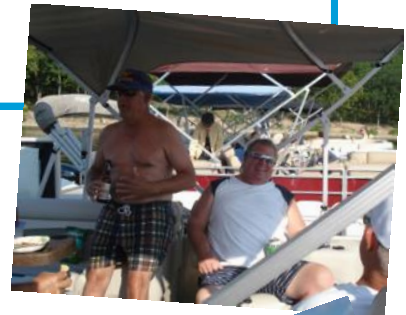


Wayne Short, S
Administrative Officer



Raft Up Was Held at Flat Rock Cove On August 16th

It was a fantastic day. 18 people attended with 9 boats. We ate, swam, floated, conversed and just had a great get together. those that attended were: Lynda & Bruce Watson, David Sloan, Roger Endo, Ed Dennis & neighbors, Wayne & Martha Short, Peggy Hopper, Ken & Mary Alice Moore, Kevin & Mic-ki Kamrath, Gene & Marcia Pett, Jim & Cindy Reynolds.



Do You Know?

By P/D/C Larry Stout SN-IN



Article 1

Swimming in a marina can be dangerous because of reversed polarity that can lead to electrical shock from one of the boats. Reversed polarity can energize all ground connections causing electrical current leakage into the surrounding water around boats. The stray current can also cause corrosion to underwater metals to your boat or the neighbor's boat. Modern electrical receptacles are polarized allowing the plug to be inserted in only one direction. However the receptacle still needs to be properly grounded. Consider checking the plugs around your boat, dock and house. Portable polarity testers are inexpensive and may be purchased in the electrical supply section in many stores.

Article 2

Never allow anyone to "bow ride" on your boat. People straddling the bow, with legs dangling over the gunwale are in danger of falling overboard. Even sitting or standing too close to the front on a pontoon boat can be dangerous. A person can easily be unseated by an unexpected wake or wave and thrown overboard, run over by the boat and mangled or killed by the propeller.

Boat Smart from the start and take a boating course.

Article 3

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Article 4

Collision bearings are very helpful including on Grand Lake when another boat is on a converging course to your boat. A simple method to take a bearing is to extend your arm and point to the approaching boat for a short period repeating as needed. If your arm moves toward the bow while pointing, the approaching boat will pass ahead of you. If your arm moves toward the stern, it will pass behind your boat. If your arm stays at the same angle, you are on a collision course so one of the boats will need to change course or speed.

The boat on the starboard (right) side has the right of way and will be the stand-on vessel. The other boat will be the give-way vessel and must alter course. Whenever possible, the give-way vessel should alter course to pass behind or astern to the stand-on vessel.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Mary Mandeville	Sep 2
Joyce Hoffman	Sep 7
Mary Ann Stout	Sep 12
Carol Rice	Sep 15
Carole Chalupnik	Sep 20
Cindy Reynolds	Sep 26

Good Eats

ÉCLAIR CAKE

Ingredients:

Graham crackers
 2 small packages instant vanilla pudding (or whatever flavor you like)
 3 cups milk
 8 oz. tub whipped topping
 1 can milk chocolate (I like more this makes a thin layer)



Line 9x13 pan with a single layer of graham crackers. Mix 2 small packages of instant vanilla pudding with 3 cups of milk. Mix in 8 oz. tub whipped topping. Spread ½ of mixture on top of crackers. Place another layer of crackers with remainder of pudding mixture on top. Top with third layer of graham crackers. Spread with icing spoon top of third layer of crackers. Refrigerate overnight. This keeps well for several days in the refrigerator.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Grand Lake Sail and Power Squadron Schedule of Events			
Date	Event	Time	Location
September-15			
9/15	E-Board Meeting	1000 – 1200	GLA
9/17	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBD
9/21,24,28	Weather Course	TBD	GLA
October-15			
10/1,5,12,15, 19,22	Weather Course	1800-2100	GLA
10/5,12,15, 19,22,(26)	Seamanship Course	1800-2100	GLA COC Room
10/9	Pelican Fest	1100-2000	Wolf Creek
10/10	Pelican Fest Parade	1000	Civic Center to Cheapo Depot or Wolf Creek
10/10	Pelican Fest	0900-0800	Wolf Creek
10/13	E-Board Meeting	1000 – 1200	GLA
10/15	Dinner Meeting	1800	TBD
10/23,24	District 30 Fall Conference	TBD	Honey Creek State Park,
10/26,29 11/2,5,9,12,16	Marine Electronics Systems	1800-2100	GLA
November-15			
TBD	Change of Watch Decorating	0900-1100	Cherokee Yacht Club
TBD	GLSPS Social Hour, Dinner, and Change of Watch	1800	Cherokee Yacht Club
11/17	E-Board Meeting	1000 – 1200	GLA
December-15			
12/11	Christmas Party	TBD	Wyandotte Casino
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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