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## THIS MONTH

### **6 May—Members Business Meeting**

Our monthly business meeting was held on 6 May 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave.

### **11 May—Hefner Lake Cleanup**

We will meet on Saturday, 11 May 2024 at **10:00 AM** at the picnic area near the site of the old police building. (It has recently been removed.) Wear appropriate clothing; tools and bags will be provided or bring your own. We will meet back at noon for RonDogs and any snacks you are welcome to bring.

### **17—19 May Lake Eufaula Gathering**

RVers, B&Bers, and Drop-inners will convene at the Belle Starr Corps of Engineers Campground on Friday, May 17 2024.

Huffs, Ellises and Bob will be camping at the Belle Starr RV Park, Campsites W25 & W26. Peggy/Lee, Steve/Glenda, and Bill have reservations at a local motel. There will be the usual Friday night RonDogs and everyone will need to bring sides and/or desserts. You will be on your own for breakfast and lunch. Ron will have morning coffee. Jeff and Dalinda have invited everyone to their lake house on Saturday. I will get hold of them for details and make sure everyone gets the information on what they need to bring. Be sure to bring your favorite drinks and your own chairs. Don't forget your sunscreen and hats!!!

Dear Friends, Belatedly, we were informed of a senior's graduation ceremony and dinner, as well as a granddaughter's soccer games conflicting with our Belle Starr camp out. So, now we will depart for Belle Starr Saturday May 11 after the Hefner cleanup and stay until that following Thursday May 16th. The campsite and lake are just too good to cancel out. We will miss seeing everyone! Double drat!! Y'all have fun!  
Danny Goss

## UPCOMING

### **3 June—Members Business Meeting**

Our monthly business meeting will be held on 3 June 2024 at **7:00 PM** at Tress Mgt Office, 15304 N May Ave. Let Marilyn know if you wish to attend by conference call.

### **13 June—Margarita & Taco Bar**

**NO JULY DINGHY PAINTER. ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!**



## COMMANDER'S REPORT April 2024



### Water

We are getting needed rains, and water levels are catching up a bit. Just in time for the Lake Hefner Clean-up.

Just a hint to make sure we keep ourselves and equipment as safe and secure as possible. As the weather warms there will be more people, mostly good people I hope, around the lakes and other recreation areas. Put it away, out of sight, lock it, keep your eyes and ears open. This includes ladders or other tools that might be useful to a thief or vandal.

Safe Boating Week is upon us. Visit America's Boating Club YouTube channel and watch at least one video for safety and one for fun!



<https://www.youtube.com/c/AmericasBoatingChannel/videos>

***Cdr David McGhee, SN***

***"To be successful at sea we must keep things simple."  
-R.D. (Pete) Culler-***

### Legislative Report

The Legislature is working toward its conclusion on May 31. As of today I cannot find any evidence of any bills that affect us having passed.

As usual the budget is not yet set, and the parties seem far apart. So taxes and spending should continue to be watched.

***Cdr David McGhee, SN***



## My View From the Boat Ramp

The boat ramp is the beginning and the end of an adventure whether it be fishing, wakeboarding, tubing, or just a pleasant cruise. Most times it is a pleasant adventure, sometimes not. To me it is more than this. It is a source of amusement.

I've been a little under the weather for the last month and haven't been out much. I did get a lot of TV time though. One of the things I discovered is that a lot of states require a state-approved safety course for all persons who operate a boat on the water. Oklahoma requires a safety course for juniors while adults are responsible for all the fatal accidents. Who says we're in a backward state. I think we should require an IQ test for all our legislators.

Time to get those boats out of storage and out on the water before the lakes dry up again.

Kayaking seems to be a very popular sport lately. Everyone is selling them, including some grocery stores. I wonder how long before someone finds a way to mount a 250 Yamaha and a boom box on one of them. After all, I did see a canoe at Lake Heffner with a gas engine mounted on it.

*A wise man knows what he doesn't know.!*

**"That's the way I see it"**

PEACE  
LOVE  
LIFE JACKET

***P/C Bob Hlubin, JN***



## From the Education Office:

I'm hoping to get a new ABC course started soon. I'll be advertising it as soon as I have a date.

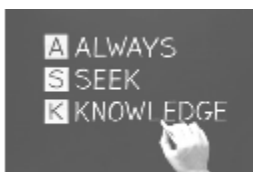
Danny is going to set up a library of all the books used in our courses. These will be used in any presentations we give to advertise our courses. Not only will he be able to tell prospective students about our course but will be able to use hands-on techniques to demonstrate them.

So far we have obtained the six primary course books. (ABC, Boat Handling, Piloting, Advanced Piloting, Junior Navigation, and Navigation). Other course books such as Weather, Cruise Planning or any of the seminar books could be used if you would care to donate them to the cause. Contact Danny or me if you have any other ideas or useful items that you think would be helpful.

Our indoor courses will be conducted in accordance with guidance from the CDC. If you have a course you are interested in, please let me know. If we can't schedule a formal course maybe you would like to study on your own. You can buy or borrow a course book, study on your own, and take the test. One of our instructors can go one on one with you to review the material before the test.

If you or someone you know is interested in a USPS course, please contact me at 405-373-2310. If no answer, please leave a message) by phone, or [bob.hlubin@cox.net](mailto:bob.hlubin@cox.net)

(It's a tough job but somebody must do it.) That's why know that I am somebody.



***P/C Bob Hlubin, JN***  
***Education Officer***

## Little Axe 2024 Spring Rendezvous

OKC Squadron had its Annual Little Axe Spring Rendezvous in April. The Huff, Ellis, & Goss crews got a head start bringing their campers to Lake Thunderbird on Thursday, a day early. Once all the campers were set up, P/C Mike got busy setting up his flagpole, proudly flying our beloved American flag along with the State of Oklahoma flag, USPS ensign, OKC Squadron burgee, and Mike's Past Commander flag. I have to say it was a pretty impressive display of flags while getting the USPS Ensign out for all to see!

Due to a cool and WINDY Friday, we had a low turnout for our RonDog feast on Friday night. However, those of us who were there had a fun evening and the RonDog Master did not disappoint!

Saturday was still WINDY, but we did have a better turnout for our potluck on Saturday night. Steve & Glenda and Bob & Jan made it out Saturday afternoon to enjoy the sunshine and---you guessed it---WIND. We also had a couple of surprise visitors: Danny and Marilyn's grandson Tucker and Mike and Roberta's son Jim came by for a visit. Because of Ron and Steve's firewood we had a nice roaring fire to keep us warm while enjoying our potluck goodies, visiting, and of course a few tall tales!

Sunday turned out to be a much better day! The WIND was still blowing, but the sun warmed us. Bill Buxton finally made it out and we were joined also by Ron & Mary's Aunt Bonnie, Aunt Dot, and cousins Pam and Sam. Ron once again set up his grill to cook some really good hamburgers and more RonDogs! Everyone chipped in with all the fixin's and sides. And how about Aunt Dot's yummy pineapple cake! After the wonderful "linner" (we Googled and this is a cross between lunch and dinner....maybe could have been called "lunner"?), most of us pulled up our chairs to watch Mike, Bill, Ron, and Danny remove and mount the new ladder on Mike's RV. Watching all this hard work as well as supplying an appropriate dose of heckling made the rest of us wonder how many OKC Squadron members it takes to change a ladder. Sure enough, the answer is four.

Ron and Mary headed home on Monday while the Gosses and Ellises stretched their stay just one more day. The wind was still howling, so everyone decided that a casino hamburger sounded pretty good to be followed by an inside movie (i.e., in the Goss's rolling party coach) once they got back to the campground. A nice ending to a nice weekend!

The OKC 2024 Little Axe Spring Rendezvous was another fun weekend with the 2024 Fall Rendezvous already on the schedule. Hopefully minus the wind, but after all we do live in Oklahoma!

**Seas the day!**

*P/C Marilyn Goss, P*



## Minimum U.S Coast Guard Requirements For Recreational Boats

National Safe Boating Week is May 18th – 24th this year. We thought a reminder of what is required for recreational boats would be in order. These requirements detail what boating safety equipment must be present on board, and other necessary features that must be installed to comply with federal laws. It is worth noting that these are only the minimum requirements. It is recommended that you exceed them if you can. Similarly, these USCG rules are only the federal requirements. Individual states may have additions to this list. Also check with your local authorities to find out additional requirements.

Boat registration is required for all watercraft, except for kayaks, canoes and paddle boats. An approved **Personal Flotation Device**, Type I, II, III or V for each person on board or being towed on water skis, tubes, etc. is required. For boats sized between 16 ft and 65.6 ft, a throwable Type IV device is required. A type V which must be worn may be used in lieu of any wearable PFD if approved for the activity in which the boat is being used. Federal Regulations mandate that youths under thirteen wear an approved and sized PFD whenever a recreational boat is underway. All boats smaller than 65.6 ft must carry an efficient **Sound Producing Device**. For boats larger than 65.6 ft: On Federally controlled waters, must carry a whistle and a bell, audible for one nautical mile. A **Visual Distress Signal** is required only for coastal waters, the Great Lakes and U.S. owned boats on the high seas, but highly recommended for all. Boats smaller than 16 ft are required to carry approved visual distress signals for night-time use. Boats above 16 ft, but no greater than 65.6 ft must carry approved visual distress signals for both daytime and night-time use. Vessels less than 26 feet and model year 2017 or older may continue to carry a dated B-I or B-II disposable **Fire Extinguisher**. When no longer serviceable, they must be replaced with newer class 5-B or greater extinguishers. Boats less than 26 feet and 2018 model year or later must carry unexpired 5-B, 10-B, or 20-B fire extinguishers. Expired extinguishers may be carried aboard for backup but do not count toward the requirement. For boats between 26 ft and 40 ft, two approved portable fire extinguishers are required. For boats between 40 ft and 65.6 ft, three approved portable fire extinguishers are required. When a fixed fire extinguishing system is installed in machinery spaces, it will replace one portable fire extinguisher. The Coast Guard requirements on **Ventilation** depend on the date your boat was manufactured. The requirements do not change depending on the size of your vessel, just the date it was built. Boats built on or after 8/1/1980 need at least two ventilation ducts capable of efficiently ventilating every closed compartment that contains a gasoline engine and or fuel tank. A power operated, **Bilge Blower** that can be controlled from the instrument panel is required. A personal note, please check for fumes after refueling before engine start. A **Back Fire Flame Arrestor** is required on each carburetor of all gasoline engines installed after April 25, 1940. All boats over 40 ft in length must carry an up-to-date copy of the ISDOT ISCG International – Inland **Navigational Rules Book** on board. Some states have requirements in addition to federal requirements.



Here is a short list of things that are essential to keep aboard, no matter what size your boat is. An **Anchor** may help in an emergency. If you can keep yourself anchored to a single point, it will be easier for authorities to find you. A **First Aid Kit** with a selection of band aids and bandages, as well as a range of medication. A **Tool Kit** including a roll of duct tape can help you out in a bind. Do not rely on pocket knives and multi-tools. No boat should leave the marina without some kind of practical communication device such as a **VHF Radio**. While some boaters are confident enough to leave with just a cell phone, a portable VHF radio may be of far more use in an emergency. **Extra Water** is always a good idea. Most large vessels will have a **Bilge Pump** as standard, a manual bilge pump may help bail out water also. A **Bucket** will also work and can be helpful. Proper sized **Dock Lines** are a must have item along with **Fenders** to protect your investment. In Summary, the U.S Coast Guard's minimum requirements are just that, the minimum requirement. More is always Good. Proper navigation lights are necessary for safe boating during low visibility conditions or at night. Check during the daytime to be ready at night.



Do not forget, these Coast Guard boat requirements are in place to keep you safe. For peace-of-mind, we recommend that you have a **Vessel Safety Check**.

**Lt, Robert G. Van Ewyk, SN**  
**Safety Officer**



## OKLAHOMA CITY SAIL and POWER SQUADRON Members Business Meeting Minutes



06 May 2024

Cdr David McGhee SN called the meeting to order at 19:04 hours via teleconference due to severe weather threat. The following members participated: Lt Peggy Anglin P, P/C Steve Bryant JN, Bill Buxton S, P/C Mike Ellis JN, Roberta Ellis S, P/D/C Danny Goss SN, P/C Marilyn Goss P, P/C Bob Hlubin JN, Lt/C Ron Huff P, and Lt/C Glenda Sims S.

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance** – P/C Ellis JN delivered the invocation.

**Secretary** – Lt/C Glenda Sims S moved to accept the April meeting minutes; Lt Peggy Anglin P seconded; carried.

**Dinghy Painter** – Editor Lt Peggy Anglin P is awaiting several routine reports.

**Treasurer** - P/D/C Danny Goss SN has sent his report online to members. Cost of materials for upcoming courses is reflected in his accounting.

**Executive Officer** - Lt/C Ron Huff P asked for the following reports:

**Website** – P/D/C Goss SN: website is up-to-date but awaiting upload of pics from Lake Thunderbird rendezvous.

**Public Relations** – P/C Mike Ellis JN is working on making new connections with local media and businesses.

**Legislation** – Cdr McGhee SN: Still nothing happening. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

**Safety** - Lt Robert (Van) Van Ewyk SN was unable to attend. See his report in the *Dinghy Painter*.

**Education Officer** - P/C Bob Hlubin JN: Piloting, Advanced Piloting, and Junior Navigation course books are being purchased for instruction anticipated for later this year. P/C Hlubin requested that if any member has old USPS / ABC textbooks not being used or wanted to please donate them to the squadron. By ruling, an ABC course must be advertised by OKCSPS by July 30, 2024.

**Administrative Officer** – Lt/C Aaron Spivey AP was unable to attend.

**Membership** – P/C Marilyn Goss P: membership is 28.

**Environmental Committee** - P/C Steve Bryant JN reminded members about the Lake Hefner Cleanup scheduled for this coming Saturday, May 11, at 10:00 am, weather permitting. The usual “drill” will be followed, i.e., clean-up followed by RonDogs followed by sides and/or desserts as chosen to be shared by members. Steve and Glenda will provide hotdog condiments and bottled waters.

**Social Activities** – P/C Marilyn Goss P outlined all social activities and dates for 2024. **\*\* SEE THE DINGHY PAINTER FOR ACTIVITY DETAILS \*\***. She has sent each member a text listing all 2024 activities & dates. See her report on our recent Little Axe @ Lake Thunderbird rendezvous in this *Dinghy Painter*.

**Commander’s Report** - Cdr McGhee SN has submitted his article to Lt Anglin P for publication in the *Dinghy Painter*.

**Old Business** – May 18-24 is Safe Boating Week, for which printed materials are available on relevant websites, e.g., “Boat Life 365” and “America’s Boating Channel. ABC YouTube videos also are plentiful and highly recommended. And Cdr McGhee still has not yet received any VSC stickers.

**New Business** – SEE DINGHY PAINTER FOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

P/C Marilyn Goss P moved to adjourn @ 19:30; Lt/C Glenda Sims S seconded; carried.

**Respectfully ,**

**Lt/C Glenda Sims S  
Squadron Secretary**



## 2024 CALENDAR

6 May	Members Business Meeting
11 May	Lake Hefner Spring Cleanup
17-19 May	Lake Eufaula Rendezvous
3 June	Members Business Meeting
13 June	Taco & Margarita Bar
JULY	NO DINGHY PAINTER
18 July	Everybody's Birthday Party @ Royal Bavarian Restaurant



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